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Dear Camp Napowan and Owasippe Troop Leaders,

We’re writing to inform you of some changes to the summer schedules at Camp Napowan and Owasippe’s Camp Wolverine for the 2020 camping season. Please share this information with other leaders in your unit.

Pathway to Adventure Council works to provide best-in-class summer camping experiences for our Scouts through our programs offered at our camps. To achieve this goal, we focus on high-quality in our program, staffing, food service, and facilities, all while ensuring fiscal responsibility and fully-funded operations. Aside from food service costs, most of the expense of operating a camp are “fixed,” meaning the cost remains the same each week regardless of the number of campers in attendance. These fixed costs include utilities, staffing, and maintenance.

Currently, Camp Napowan operates for seven week-long sessions that serve approximately 1000 youth - an average of 143 scouts per session. Camp Wolverine operates for six week-long sessions that serve approximately 740 Scouts - an average of 123 scouts per session. Camp Blackhawk also operates for six week-long sessions that serve approximately 1750 Scouts - an average of 292 Scouts per session.

When camp sessions have only a small number of campers in attendance, the operating costs of the camp surpass the revenue, meaning the camp is not running in a financially sustainable manner. Operating sessions in this manner reduces our ability to invest in our facilities and program and impacts the long-term success and sustainability of the entire camp operation.

In order to ensure we can continue to provide the same high-quality experience you expect of Pathway to Adventure Council’s camping operations, we will be reducing the number of sessions offered at Camp Napowan and Owasippe’s Camp Wolverine for the 2020 summer camp season. These decisions are based on usage at each camp and the financial viability of the operations. The schedule changes are as follows:

**Camp Napowan:** Session 7 (Currently July 28-August 3, 2019) will be eliminated from the 2020 Scouts BSA camping schedule.

**Camp Wolverine:** Session 2 (Currently June 30-July 6, 2019) and Session 6 (Currently July 28-August 3, 2019) will be eliminated from the 2020 Scouts BSA camping schedule.
We expect that this schedule change will cause some disappointment and frustration from troops impacted by the reduction of these sessions. We hope there is understanding regarding the need for these changes in order to continue to provide successful summer camp programs - long term - for our Scouts. We will work with each unit effected by this schedule change to find an alternative session for your troop to attend summer camp.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please feel free to contact us.
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