



May 4, 2020

Dear Scouting Friends and Families,

After careful deliberation and with heavy hearts, we have made the difficult decision to cancel all 2020 Pathway to Adventure Council summer camp programs at Camp Betz, Camp Napowan, and Owasippe Scout Reservation, and Cub Scout Day Camps. This includes Scouts BSA camps, Webelos Camps, Family Camps, Day Camps and National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT). This decision was not made easily. While we are saddened, we believe that it is the right decision, with regards to the health and safety of all Scouting families who love and enjoy our summer camps.

Some of the factors that lead to this decision include our ability to adequately train and prepare camp staff, including access to required-National BSA trainings and in-person certifications; our ability to access and secure appropriate PPE, medical supplies, sanitizer, and cleaning supplies; our ability to prepare and serve meals safely; and, above all else, our ability to ensure participant and staff health and safety by reasonably implementing and maintaining health screening, cleaning, sanitization, and social distancing protocols regarding COVID-19 in a summer camp environment.

All fees collected for these summer camp programs will be fully refunded. Information regarding refunds can be found in the FAQ below.

Although in-person summer camping programs are canceled, we are blessed to have an energetic and enthusiastic program team and camp staff who are currently developing opportunities for Scouts to engage in virtual camp programs, such as merit badges and activities, throughout the summer. Information on these opportunities will be forthcoming.

We are committed to our summer camping programs and properties. We continue to invest in improvements to our facilities and programs and look forward to future opportunities for Scouts and Scouters to return to camping at all our council camps.

We value the partnership of all our Scouting units and families. We understand that there are many questions you may have as a result of these cancelations and have provided some information below that may be helpful. If you have any questions regarding a current summer camp program reservation, please contact us at ptac.camping@scouting.org.

Yours in Scouting,

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Council President

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2020 Camp Closure FAQ

What happens with our camp fees?

All camper fees will be refunded to whomever made the payment to PTAC (typically the unit or parent). No action is needed to begin this process. Refunds will be processed by reversing/crediting the payment method made (such as credit card or e-check), when possible. All others will receive a paper check. If you made your payment directly to your troop/pack, you will need to seek a refund from the troop/pack.

What happens to our campsite deposit for Owasippe and Napowan Scouts BSA Camps?

We strongly encourage and welcome troops to “roll-over” their site deposit to 2021. In the coming weeks, each unit’s registration contact will be emailed. Through that email, your unit can request to reserve your site for 2021 or can request the site deposit be refunded to the troop. No action is required until you receive an email with more information on this option.

How do we register for 2021 summer camps?

Scouts BSA Camps Napowan and Owasippe: If your unit is currently registered for 2020 camps and wishes to reserve the same campsite during the same session for 2021, your unit will have the option to do that. If your unit isn’t registered for 2020, the 2021 camp registration will open in mid-June, 2020.

Webelos Camp, Family Camp and Fun Days/Day Camp: Registration for 2021 Webelos Camp, Family Camp and Cub Scout Fun Days will open in January 2021.

NYLT: Information on the next available course will be sent to all Scouts who were signed up for summer 2020 courses.

What happens with my Popcorn Camp Cash?

Popcorn Camp Cash earned during the 2019 popcorn sale will be available for use at ANY Pathway to Adventure Council event or PTAC district event in 2020 or 2021, provided the event is one that uses our online registration system (Blackpug, aka 247scouting.com). Questions about Camp Cash should be directed to ptac.popcorn@scouting.org.

If I was awarded a campership (camp scholarship), will that be available for 2021 summer camp?

Due to changing financial needs of families, a new application for a 2021 campership will need to be submitted. The campership application only takes a few minutes to complete and will be available in early 2021. 2020 Camperships will not “roll over” to 2021.

How do I request a refund?

Any reservation or payment already made for a 2020 camp program will automatically be refunded. Please direct any questions about refunds to ptac.camping@scouting.org.