



# THREE FIRES COUNCIL OUTDOOR PROGRAMS

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**To:** Scouting families, leaders and community members  
**From:** Clint Scharff, Scout Executive,  
Council Program Committee and Health & Safety Committee  
**Subject:** Three Fires Council Summer Programming Update

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Summer Camp and Cub Scout Day Camp play an important role in the physical, social and emotional health of young people, and for that reason camp is perhaps more important this summer than any other in recent memory. Our Scouts and their families have been remote learning and largely isolated from friends, family and neighbors. Camp is a special place to connect in tangible ways that form deep social connections, learning and memories.

### **Council Leadership**

Our Program Cabinet and Health & Safety committees have been carefully evaluating best available guidance from State Health Departments, Centers for Disease Control (CDC), American Camp Association (ACA) and the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). Our decision to operate summer programs this summer is based on three criteria:

1. **Can we operate camp program and facilities that meet and or exceed the guidelines established by local health department and the BSA?**
2. **Can we deliver a meaningful and enriching camp experience?**
3. **Can we execute in a fiscally responsible manner?**

Our team of dedicated volunteers and staff have met

weekly to review our plans and progress along these three criteria. Key to our current decision making process is that the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidance for operating summer programs under phase 3 has not yet been created by IDPH, and that Kane County and DuPage County may not reach phase 3 until sometime in June.



Therefore, we have made the decision to further delay the start of our 2020 camp season. Previously, we had announced Webelos Resident Camp Session I at Camp Freeland Leslie (CFL) would delay by one week and eliminated Scouts BSA "week 0". Listed below are further modifications to the 2020 Summer schedule.

### Camp Schedule Modifications

- **Troops scheduled to attend CFL week 0 and week 1 will be notified directly and encouraged to take an available campsite at CFL in July or August.**
- **An additional week of Scouts BSA camp will be added the first week of August.**
- **CFL Webelos Resident Camp Session 1 at CFL will be rescheduled to July 26 – July 29, 2020.**
- **Cub Scout Day Camps scheduled for June will be rescheduled to July (or August). As soon as new dates are confirmed with host sites they will be shared.**

### Refund Policy

If you already signed up for camp, and the rescheduled dates no longer work for your family you are eligible for a full refund, however we encourage you to consider the following options:



- **Transfer your registration fee to another 2020 session by June 15, 2020.**
- **Donate your camp fees to the Council's emergency fund.**
- **Transfer your camp registration to a 2021 camp session (your 2020 rate will be locked-in).**

To request a refund, transfer or donate your camp fees, please contact the Program Department at [TFCProgram.Admin@Scouting.org](mailto:TFCProgram.Admin@Scouting.org).

This is a challenging time; unlike anything we have experienced. Our hope is we all emerge from this challenging moment stronger than before.

We look forward to providing the full range of Scouting programs this summer, including outdoor adventures at Camp Freeland Leslie, as well as Camp Big Timber - Day Camp, Webelos Resident Camp and Family Camps.

We hope all our Scouting families stay healthy and positive and join us in preparing for great summer camp experiences. We will continue to engage with local health departments and will provide all our members with relevant updates as soon as possible.

If you have additional questions please do not hesitate to contact the Program Department.

[Contact Program Department](#)

[Additional Safety Measures](#)

Yours in Scouting,

**Clint Scharff**

**Tim Fortier**

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## Resources

National Boy Scouts of America  
COVID-19 FAQs

Centers for Disease Control &  
Prevention

Department of Education COVID-19  
Resource Page

American Camping Association

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