



THREE FIRES COUNCIL OUTDOOR PROGRAMS

June 15, 2020

To: TFC Cub Scout Families and Leaders

From: Clint Scharff, Scout Executive

Re: Cancellation of 2020 Day Camps

For the past several months our Camping Leadership Team has been working diligently on modifying Day Camp to deliver a safe, fun and meaningful program in a fiscally responsible manner. This team of dedicated and experienced volunteers have successfully designed a meaningful program that meets all the new safety guidance issued by Illinois Department of Public Health. On an average year, more than 1,300 families register to attend our local day camps; unfortunately given the unprecedented times created by COVID-19, less than 200 families have enrolled for Day Camp this summer.

This week we would have to begin to spend thousands of dollars to rent facilities, equipment, and acquire supplies and with the limited enrollment we cannot do so in a fiscally responsible manner. I am very sorry that we must announce the cancellation of Day camp for summer 2020 and understand that this cancellation may cause you some stress with your summer plans.

We want to ensure that your family has the opportunity to experience a different style of camp this summer. We will be holding the following camp opportunities this July.

Family Camp

July 11-12 & July 18-19

Family Camp at Camp Big Timber is two days and one night of unforgettable family adventure. Conveniently located in Elgin, there are activities for you and your child to enjoy together including archery, BB guns, Games, STEM activities, rock climbing, a campfire and more!



[Register Here](#)



Webelos Camp

Webelos and parents can experience three days and two nights at Camp Big Timber in Elgin, IL. Perfect archery, hike the winding trails and participate in nature activities, plus develop outdoor camping and survival skills.

Experience many great programs at Camp Big Timber, where you'll explore the brand new Lodge and facilities. Space is limited and fills up fast, so register today!

[Register Here](#)

Backyard Scouting

Starting on July 6, **Backyard Scouting** is designed to get your Scout outside and active. This new day camp program brings Scouting adventures like STEM, nature activities, Scout skills, crafts and shooting sports to your own backyard. The activities are designed to get your kids outside as much as possible in the confines of your own backyard. Some of the activities even offer advancement! This at-home day camp is self-paced and can be accessed at your family's convenience.



Learn more and sign up today at www.BackyardScouting.org

[Learn More](#)

The Program team is also planning several adventure days held on Saturdays in August at Camp Big Timber. More information will be announced soon.

Refund Options

1. Please consider transferring your Day Camp registrations to one or more of the above options.
2. Transfer for your Day Camp registration to next summer and lock in at this year's price.
3. Consider donating your camp fee to the Council's emergency fund.
4. Request a refund.

Please contact Patrick.Seeden@Scouting.org to choose one of the options above as soon as possible.

Again, I am very sorry that we are cancelling Cub Scout Day Camp this summer and are already hard at work making our remaining Cub Scout programs as fun and safe as possible for all our Scouts.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Yours in Scouting,

Clint Scharff
Scout Executive/CEO
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