

Dear Scouting family,

First and foremost, we hope that this email finds you and your family well. It goes without saying that we are living through an unprecedented and concerning time.

As always, your safety and the safety of all our members, volunteers, and employees is the Heart of Virginia Council's top priority. As such, we have taken a careful and informed approach in evaluating whether to run our summer camps this year. Since the spread of this pandemic, we have been continually monitoring the situation, and consulting with health experts, government officials and other camp professionals.

On May 5th we postponed the opening of our summer camp programs until after July 4th.

We are currently working with our Council Program Committee, Risk Management Committee, and Camping Committee to modify our Scouts BSA program at Camp T. Brady Saunders to meet the health guidelines expected by the state. This will include social distancing and changing the way many of our traditions and merit badge station have been done. We do not know what this summer will look like yet, but we are preparing different options based on the CDC and Governors Executive Orders.

However, on the Cub Scout program, it is with a heavy heart that we inform you that after a thorough review, the Heart of Virginia Council has decided to suspend our Cub Scout Resident multiday camp programs at Cub Adventure Camp for the 2020 summer season. We are preparing a possible one day/one-night family option. This is all based on whether the CDC and the state of Virginia guidelines that would allow this format.

On July 11 – 12 & on July 25 – 26 we are preparing plans to offer a Fun with Summer cub program, based on our Fun with Spring program model. This will keep families as separate participation groups who can maintain social distancing and allow them to come to camp. They would have the option to stay overnight in their own tents or just come out for the day. However, we are making plans so that our program areas operate even more safely. Updates will be on the camp website: www.cubadventurecamp.net.

If you have already signed up for camp, please reach out to Cindy Morris to discuss refunds. Her contact information is Cindy Morris at 804.355.4306 or via email at cindy.morris@scouting.org

Further details will be sent as we get information from the state and the CDC.

Other updates

1. Cardinal Day Camp has been postponed and we are looking for a date in August to reschedule.
2. The Huguenot Trail Day Camp has been cancelled.
3. We are still preparing for the Crater Day Camp, Battlefield Day Camp, and Arrohattoc Day camps.

Finally, we need your help in planning our Day Camp programs. If you are a Cub Scout parent, regardless of whether or not you are planning to attend a Day Camp this year, please fill out our survey by clicking the link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7DVR67T>

We need your input to determine how we proceed if we have these Day Camps in late summer.

We hope all our Scouting families stay healthy and positive in our current environment.

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