

**Heart of Virginia Council, BSA is developing plans to open camps on July 5, 2020, providing that the Commonwealth of Virginia regulations allow this action**

If the Commonwealth of Virginia allows us, the Heart of Virginia Council is excited to present our plan to deliver safe opportunities for our Scouts to have a summer camp experience in 2020. Our Summer Camp programs bring Scouts together from all over Virginia and beyond to deliver the promise of Scouting. Yet as our state, region, and the entire world continues to deal with the evolving COVID-19 pandemic, we realize the nature of this virus, and how it spreads, presents significant challenges for Camp T. Brady Saunders and Cub Adventure Camp. Your safety, health, and well-being remain our top priority.

In light of the Commonwealth of Virginia's stay-at-home order through June 10th and decisions that other community and public entities have made to close, we have made the difficult decision to begin planning the opening of Brady Saunders and Cub Adventure Camp for July 5<sup>th</sup> if the state allows it. Packs, Troops, and Crews that were planning to come to camp with us prior to July 5 are being contacted now to determine if they would like to attend a later session of Cub Camp at our Cub Adventure Camp, or camp at TBS or possibly travel to the Summit if you are a Scouts BSA Troop or Crew, or ask to receive a full refund. **Right now, we can fully accommodate all pre-July 5 campers during our post-July 5 sessions, including units that were going to other camps that changed their weeks as well.** You can also contact Cindy Morris at [cindy.morris@scouting.org](mailto:cindy.morris@scouting.org) to change or cancel your reservation.

We will continue to follow updates and recommendations from the CDC, the Governor, and state and local health departments, and monitor data and decisions from other states and entities across the country. Additional updates will be provided on May 15 and June 1.

The July 5 opening of camps affects the following programs:

- Camp T. Brady Saunders
  - Week 1 – June 14 – 20
  - Week 2 – June 21 – 27
  - Week 3 – June 28 – July 4
- Cub Adventure Camp
  - Session 1 – June 21 – 24
  - Session 2 – June 24 – 27
  - Session 3 – June 28 – July 1
  - Session 4 – July 1 - 4

Again, know that if the Commonwealth allows us, we plan to open on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Our programs will look different to allow for appropriate social distancing and safety. The Heart of Virginia Council has begun implementing the following steps to provide a safer environment:

- Developing pre-travel protocols
- Pre-arrival screening
- Extensive on-site screening
- Increased cleaning and sanitization in shared spaces, buildings, vehicles, and program areas
- Large gatherings, Merit Badges and programs that cannot accommodate social distancing, campfires and chapel services, will be limited or eliminated
- Adjustments in our dining hall operations
- Any participant or staff member in a high-risk category for protection from COVID-19 should not attend summer camp this year, because of established protocols by our country's medical experts.
- Additional measures will be implemented per CDC guidelines.

We fully understand that this is very inconvenient for our Units, Volunteers, and Scout Families who were planning to attend camp prior to July 5. We agonized over this decision. In the end it was not convenience or income or pride that guided us, but concern for the safety and well-being of our staff, volunteers, and Scouts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "George M. McGovern". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

George M. McGovern  
Scout Executive/CEO  
Heart of Virginia Council  
Boy Scouts of America

May 5, 2020