Updates regarding Camp Karoondinha and the COVID-19 situation
Frequently Asked Questions
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What changes are being made to the summer camp schedule?
Camp is a safe place. As we review available information and guidance from the local and state governments and health officials, it is clear to the members of the Susquehanna Council Executive Board and the Council Camping Committee that we are not able to safely open Camp K for resident camp this summer. There is simply too much risk based on all available data for us to continue to plan for these events to take place. However, we are working on alternative program opportunities for our scouts, including Day Camps for Scouts BSA and virtual camping weeks with specific advancement choices for our scouts.

Will there be more changes to come?
The COVID-19 pandemic is a fluid, ever-changing situation. As we learn more about the virus and obtain further guidance from federal, state, and local governments and agencies, we will adapt our response as appropriate for our late summer and fall activities.

With camp cancelled, will I get a refund?
Yes, as a result of the cancelation of resident camp this summer, all units who have paid fees for camp will be eligible for a full refund. However in addition to a refund, you also have the opportunity to apply part or all of your camp fees to one or more of the following choices:

- 2021 Resident Camp – by applying your fees paid towards the 2021 summer camp season, you will lock in the 2020 camp pricing for everyone in your unit.
- Cub Scout Day Camp
- Scouts BSA Day Camp
- Weekend Cabin Rental(s) at Camp K anytime starting this fall where a cabin is available
- Camp in A Box
- Donation to Camp Karoondinha to help cover the costs of keeping camp open for years to come

Do I need to request a refund?
All funds paid to us for 2020 Resident Camp will be automatically refunded to your unit unless we are told otherwise by you. If you want to apply a portion of balance of your fees paid for summer camp to 2021, or to an alternative option outlined above, please email us at susq.camping@scouting.org. Susquehanna Council units have the option to receive their refund either as credit added to their Unit Account or as a paper check mailed to their Committee Chair. Out-of-Council Units will receive their refunds as a paper check mailed to their Committee Chair or main camp contact point.
What are the 2021 Resident Camp dates?
We will be providing opportunities for units to roll over their deposits into the 2021 camping season by May 15. Below is the anticipated schedule for the 2021 camping season.

- Staff Week: June 13-19
- Scouts BSA Week 1: June 20-26
- Scouts BSA Week 2: June 27-July 3
- Scouts BSA Week 3: July 4-10
- Staff Development for Cub Scouts: July 11-13
- Cub Scout Week 1: July 14-19 (Wednesday start)
- Cub Scout Week 2: July 21-26 (Wednesday start)

Why has the start of Cub Scout Sessions moved to Wednesday?
By starting our Cub Scout Sessions on Wednesday, we are able to provide more time to the staff to develop and implement a high-quality program geared specifically towards Cub Scouts. Additionally, by starting mid-week, we are able to use the weekend as part of our program time. This will result in our leaders not having to use as much PTO or vacation time in order to spend time up at camp with their scouts.

What is the 2021 Registration Rollover Bonus?
Any Pack or Troop that chooses to rollover their fees already paid for 2020 into 2021 will receive the additional bonus of us locking in 2020 pricing for your scouts. This will mean that your unit’s scouts will pay the 2020 price for summer camp in the event that there is a fee increase for the 2021 season. This bonus is at the unit level; fees are transferrable to other scouts in the unit that will be attending in 2021 and will not be lost if a camper signed up for 2020 doesn’t attend with your unit in 2021.

Where can I find more information about the Scouts BSA Day Camp and Camp in a Box programs you’re running this summer?
As of May 12, these programs are still in the development phase and we are working hard to finalize key details. More information will be available soon and will be found on our Council Website as well as on our Susquehanna Council Facebook Page.

I saw that the Governor of PA announced that private campgrounds can open May 1. Does this mean Camp K can open?
Unfortunately, no. Private Campgrounds in this case, are defined as a place where individuals have their own designated plots for an RV, tent, or other accommodation. Under the government restrictions, these campgrounds are not permitted to operate banquet or other dining facilities, nor are they able to provide public restrooms and they are discouraged from opening areas that risk social distancing not being possible, such as a basketball court. The limitations put in place by Pennsylvania prohibit Camp K from opening at this time.
With Camp K now unused in June, July, and first part of August, will the cabins and campsites be open to rent?

Because we do not have the staff available to continually disinfect all of our buildings and facilities at camp as well as be available to enforce social distancing, we are unable to open camp to group rentals in the absence of resident camp.

How will Camp Karoondinha and the Susquehanna Council communicate any further updates or changes to the summer camp schedule or other events/activities?

Communication of further announcements will be posted on our Susquehanna Council and Camp Karoondinha Facebook Pages, as well as included in our Eagle’s Nest Newsletter. If you do not receive our newsletter and would like to, please follow this link to sign up: https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/emf/Susquehanna/Newsletter.

Where can I watch the official announcement from May 12?

The original video recording of our announcement is available to watch on both the Camp Karoondinha Facebook page as well as on YouTube at this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vx5-8y3v7Vs

Where can I turn if I have other questions?

Be sure to check out our website for more information. Items specific to Camp Karoondinha Resident Camp can be found at: https://susquehannabsa.org/resident-camp/. Items specific to the Susquehanna Council’s response to COVID-19 as a whole can be found at: https://susquehannabsa.org/covid-19/. Be sure to also check out https://susquehannabsa.org/scouting-at-home/ for some great resources for you and your scouts to do while at home during this time.

For all items regarding Camp Karoondinha, please contact Jake Horner at jacob.horner@scouting.org. If you have a question about events in the Bald Eagle District, please contact Brian at brian.vanvrestraut@scouting.org. Seven Bridges District questions can be sent to Walt at walter.howell@scouting.org. All other questions may be sent to our Scout Executive at dennis.dugan@scouting.org.