Dear Susquehanna Council Scouts, Parents, and Volunteers:

As most of you know, we have been working very hard to see if there was a path that would allow us to hold Scout Resident Camp and Cub Resident Camp in July at Camp Karoondinha. Based on CDC Guidelines, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Phased Reopening and Stay at Home Orders, and other regulations and requirements related to COVID-19, we just don’t see a path that will allow us to hold our traditional summer camping programs this year.

Therefore, we are making the difficult decision to cancel our traditional Summer Camp programs at Camp Karoondinha for 2020. As a result, we will be refunding money collected for this year’s summer camp. If you wish to apply your fees toward the 2021 Summer Camp and lock in at the 2020 rates, you may do so. Just let us know at the council office that you would prefer to do that. Otherwise, we will plan to send refunds out around June 15th.

Currently, our Cub Scout Day Camps in July and August are NOT cancelled. We hope to be able to add Scouts BSA Day Camps as well. We will keep you posted regarding Day Camps as we move forward. We are also investigating a week long “Virtual” Camp option.

We are hopeful that we might be able to allow units and individual families to reserve campsites later this summer for primitive camping, while practicing social distancing. Our Camp Staff Key 3, including Jake Horner, our District/Camp Director, are working together to see if we can possibly provide some limited programs at camp for our Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA members in late summer/early fall.

We never imagined we would have to make these difficult decisions. We prayed and prayed that there would be a path to allow us to open up camp this year. Right now, there just isn’t. We are so sorry. We are very grateful to all of you for all you are doing to remain active in Scouting during these trying times!

May God bless you all and keep you and your loved ones safe in these difficult times.

Yours in Scouting,

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