

# **Lake Erie Council Cub Scout Summer Camp FAQ**

## **How did you come to the decision to cancel Cub Scout Summer Camps?**

- Over the last few months the Lake Erie Council has been in consistent communication with our Cub Scouting families at large about our intention to hold summer camp if allowed by state policies. We laid out the additional health and safety measures we intended to take and held two Q&A sessions to address concerns. We were also transparent about the time needed to plan and prepare for camp, including hiring and training staff, securing materials, and more. Several weeks ago, we explained the need for additional campers in order to run a financially sustainable program and therefore extended the early bird deadline and reduced the (refundable) camper deposit to just \$25 to gauge remaining interest in camp. We also talked directly to Packs in each service area to listen to concerns and again find out what families were thinking. Over the weeks of reduced camp deposit, very few new registrations were made, and those conversations confirmed that while there were some families still considering summer camp, the vast majority were planning to sit this summer out. We simply don't have enough campers interested to run a traditional summer camp.

## **We signed up for Adventure Camp or Webelos Exploration Camp, how will we be refunded our payments?**

- We will immediately begin the refund process for all Cub Scout Camps registrations. Payments will be returned to the payment method by which they were made, wherever possible. This means to either the Pack if paid in bulk or individual families. If we are unable to return to the original method, a paper check will be mailed.

## **My Scout was awarded a campership for this summer. How will that be handled for the ACAH or a future summer camp?**

- If your Scout was awarded a campership for this summer and is still in need of financial assistance for the reduced-cost ACAH, we are happy to work with you to transfer those campership funds. To be considered for a campership for future summers, a new application will be required.

## **Will Firelands be sold since there are no camping programs happening there?**

- No. The decision to pause traditional Cub Scout camping at Firelands does not mean we are in discussion to close or sell the property. In fact, there will still be weekend camping programs at Firelands this summer.

## **There was talk about camp being open for groups to reserve a campsite this summer. Is that still an option?**

- Yes. In accordance with the campground guidelines laid out by Governor Dewine, Firelands Scout Reservation will have campsites available for reservation this summer.

## **When does Adventure Camp at Home start?**

- The first week of camp will start on July 5. We'll kick off with an orientation and opening campfire on Sunday, and activities and nightly "campfire chats" on Monday-Thursday. Weekend Family Camping as part of ACAH will begin July 10.

**What will I receive as an ACAH camper?**

- High quality materials to complete all activities and adventures from home as part of the program. If you need to stock up on the basics like glue, markers, scissors, etc., you can also order an Essentials Kit. Campers will also get access to written and video instructions for the activities through an exclusive Google Classroom. Campers will get a camp patch and t-shirt.

**What will happen with the camp staff that you've already hired for this summer?**

- We broke the news to our existing camp staff shortly before this letter was published. There will be some opportunities for some of the adult staff to transition to facilitating Adventure Came at Home, and others have been offered positions at Scouts BSA Resident Camp.

**Can my unit rent Firelands for a private summer camp?**

- No. In accordance with guidelines from the BSA National Office, any summer programs this year apart from weekend camping should be run under the standards of, and with accreditation from, the National Camp Accreditation Program.

**Can our spot at Cub Scout Summer Camps be held until next year?**

- No. While we appreciate the support and wanting to get ahead for next summer, the transient nature of Cub Scouts means that it doesn't make sense to hold spots for Scouts that may age out, etc. We will consider giving first priority for 2021 camping to Packs who had registered for the 2020 camping season.

**When can we expect more information about Adventure Camp at Home?**

- We expect to have registration open next week, along with more information about activities offered, pick-up and delivery options, and promotional materials to be shared with all our Cub Scout families.

**Who can attend Adventure Camp at Home?**

- ACAH will be designed for any youth going into first through fifth grade. Older and younger youth could sign up to participate, but the activities will be made for the Cub Scouting ages. Younger and older siblings are welcome to attend and participate in the Family Camping Weekends. While our activities will be done through a "scouting lens", the activities will be great for non-scouts too!