Why did the Council decide to cancel all summer programs?

Ultimately the need to ensure the safety of our members outweighed our desire to continue our resident camp programs as planned. After countless hours developing contingency plans that would have required considerable program, staffing, safety, and sanitation, alterations to maintain the recommended standards, we were uncomfortable with the level of risk that remained.

Will I receive a refund for the fees that I paid for camp?

For those of you who have already made payments for camp, we’ll begin processing full refunds this week (beginning 5/13) and send them to the leader or adult who initiated the payment. There is no action you need to take at this time. Those that paid via Campmaster will have their credit card refunded. Those that paid by check will be paid by check (this process will take a little longer).

My Scout(s) earned free camp for 2019 popcorn sales, will they be able to use that for summer camps in 2021?

Free camp incentives for this summer will be extended to the summer of 2021. If Scouts would prefer to utilize their rewards now, they can redeem them for our 2020 Day Camp in a Box or Virtual Summer Camp opportunities. Details will be communicated directly with qualifying Scout families about these opportunities.

My pack/troop would like to get together and camp at Cary Camp/Camp Buffalo this summer, is that possible?

Currently Cary Camp and Camp Buffalo are closed for both Scout and non-Scout usage until June 15th. At that point, we will open to limited use with Social Distancing and enhanced sanitation practices.

What is my Scout supposed to do to continue to work on their advancements if they can’t go to camp?

The council will continue to increase the program opportunities available for our Scouts BSA members including Merit Badge Monday, and a virtual Summer Camp Program. As opportunities present themselves, we’ll develop more “hands on” in person events in small group settings, utilizing the great physical assets and resources of our camp properties.

My Scout’s Pack hasn’t met in person since mid-March and they haven’t finished their rank advancement for the year, what should they do?

All Cub Scouts can continue to work on their rank advancements from home through July 31, 2020. If The requirement says they need to do something with their pack or den you may substitute your family for those requirements.

Will the council have any virtual summer camp options for my Scout?

Yes, there will be a Day Camp in a Box for Cub Scouts that is currently being developed with a go live date of June 15th. We will also be increasing opportunities for Scouts BSA Scouts to have a summer camp experience from home.

Can my pack/troop (alone or with other packs/troops) conduct our own summer camp?

Based on recommendations from the State of Indiana and the CDC, unit programs should remain virtual until June 14th. Council properties will reopen June 15th.
Other questions regarding COVID-19 affected spring/summer programming:

The District Pinewood Derby was postponed, what should we do with the car we made?

Hang on to it and keep it in a safe place. When it is safe to get a large group of people together, we will have races!

The Scouting 4 Eggs Adult Easter Egg Hunt was so successful in 2019, will it be rescheduled for 2020?

Yes, we are looking at the calendar to determine when is the time to reschedule this event.

Will the Law and Order Merit Badge Skill Center be rescheduled?

Yes, we are working with the Lafayette Police Department, Legal Aid, and Tippecanoe County Courts to find a date for this event. They are excited to host the event but there are a lot of moving parts.

Will the districts still be conducting Spring Camporees?

No, Spring Camporees have been cancelled but plans are already in the works for a council wide fall camporee. More to come!

Will the Council Annual Dinner still be held?

Yes, recognizing the many great volunteers of the Sagamore Council important. When the dinner is rescheduled we will publicize that date.

Will the Wood Badge and IOLS/BALOO courses still be held this year?

Yes, we are looking at moving them both to the fall. Dates will be rolled out as soon as they are available.

Will the popcorn sale and fall recruitment be affected by COVID-19?

We hope by the time we recruit new Scout families in the fall and subsequently kick of popcorn sales, the threat of COVID-19 will be minimized and we can proceed safely. Click here for a promo flyer for the Popcorn and Fall Recruitment trainings. Unit Leaders/Popcorn Kernels should RSVP accordingly to Allison.Wisler@Scouting.org. Units should register to sell popcorn (if they haven’t yet for 2020) at https://www.trails-end.com/unitregistration

How can I stay up to date on what the council is doing with regards to upcoming programs and events?

Make sure that you like the Sagamore Council on Facebook, frequent the www.sagamorebsa.org website, tune in to the Sagamore Shorts Newscasts, and attend Virtual Roundtable.

Sagamore Shorts Episode 4: Monday, May 18 at 6 PM at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84291768075

June Roundtable: Wednesday, June 3 at 7 PM EST at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82682623065