Hello my unit leaders and Happy St. Patrick’s Day ~

Our kids will need the outdoors this summer more than ever!! Camp Read is going to be part of the healing process for them, and for you.

The biggest concern I have been hearing is regarding the refunds should we be forced to close, or if the parents decide they are not ready to send their Scouts into group settings. Please know that all monies will be refundable in either instance for this year.

That being said, we also know that your Troops are not meeting right now, and although we still offer to take the payments directly from the parents, we understand that you may prefer to still collect the funds from the parents to be able to accurately account for each of your Scouts. Therefore, the deposit requirement to register for camp is suspended this year. Merit badge classes will open for registration on April 1st as usual, but you will be able to register your Scouts for camp without the $50 deposit. We trust that you won’t register Scouts that you are not sure are coming to camp.

Full payment will still be required by May 15th in order to secure the $460 rate. All Scouts who are not paid in full by that time will be paying the additional $20 late fee (unless they are new to your troop in 2020).

• The Council Service Center in Hawthorne will be closed effective March 17th. The staff will be working remotely and will return all voicemails and emails. We hope to return to the office on April 15th, but will follow the safest course of action as the environment dictates and CDC recommends.

• You may still continue to mail (41 Saw Mill River Road, Hawthorne, NY 10532) or scan Campership forms. Please remember that any payments mailed to our office require the
following to be accurately applied:
• Scout’s name/s that the payment is for
• Troop #
• Troop Community
• Week that Scout is attending

Please follow the Council’s facebook page for updates and program activities your Scouts can do from home. We encourage you to use webinars, teleconferences and other technology to engage your unit.

We recommend that you stay updated on CDC guidelines regarding keeping yourself and your family healthy. We will continue to update you regarding critical information and further impacts to the local Scouting Program and operations. Thank you for your patience, support, and commitment to Scouting.

DOH Website: https://health.westchestergov.com/2019-novel-coronavirus
CDC Website: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html

Just a quick reminder, please include your Troop# and Community in all communications with me, as it will help me to answer your questions much more quickly!
As always, thank you for all that you do!

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