

May 20, 2020

Dear Scouting family,

First and foremost, we hope that this email finds you and your family well. It goes without saying that we are living through an unprecedented and concerning time.

As always, your safety and the safety of all our members, volunteers, and employees is the Boy Scouts of America's top priority. As such, we have taken a careful and informed approach in evaluating whether to run summer camp this year. Since the spread of this pandemic, we have been continually monitoring the situation, and consulting with health experts, government officials and other camp professionals.

It is with a heavy heart that we inform you that, after a thorough review, the Piedmont Council has decided to suspend our resident camp programs at Camp Bud Schiele for the 2020 summer season. We know camp is an important part of every Scout's summer, and this decision was not made lightly.

If you have already signed up for camp, you are entitled to a full refund of all fees and deposits. You may choose one of three options:

1. Roll your deposit to 2021
2. Request a full refund (check or deposited into your troop's unit account)
3. Donate your deposit and/or fees to camp for 2020

To communicate your choice, please contact Kara Miller @ kara.miller@scouting.org.

Our council and staff are saddened that we are not able to serve you at Camp Bud Schiele this summer. This is an extraordinarily challenging time; unlike anything we have experienced. Our hope is we all emerge from this challenging moment stronger than before.

Most importantly, we look forward to providing the full range of Scouting programs, including outdoor adventures, as soon as we can and as the situation allows.

If you are looking for Scouting programming throughout the summer, the Piedmont Council will be providing virtual summer camp opportunities. If you would like to share ideas for your unit needs or if you'd like us to provide you with updates about upcoming efforts please contact Mark Belli at 704-824-7489 or by email at Mark.Belli@scouting.org.

We hope all our Scouting families stay healthy and positive in our current environment and join us in preparing for future great summer camp experiences at Camp Bud Schiele.

You can reach us at [704-864-2694](tel:704-864-2694) or by email at Kara.Miller@scouting.org

Sincerely,

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