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NARRAGANSETT COUNCIL

## 2020 Camping Season Updates – May 6, 2020

As always, your safety and the safety of all our youth, volunteers, and employees is our top priority. We know there are questions and concerns about how COVID-19 will affect summer Scouting programs in Narragansett Council. We are monitoring the developments at both the state level as well as through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The Narragansett Council understands that in these uncertain times you want to know something certain in this situation as quickly as possible and would prefer a decision be made as soon as possible about whether your session of camp is happening. Honestly, so would we!

We want to use the most recent information available to make the best decisions to ensure the health and safety of our campers while also providing the best opportunity at enjoying programs at our camps.

Rhode Island has formed a task force that is currently meeting to discuss guidelines for camps and we are in communication with that task force. We expect further guidance from Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and the CDC in the next 2 weeks.

**It is our goal to roll-out decisions about summer camp programs in May once guidance is received from our states and the CDC.**

CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP & FAMILY CAMP – programs at Camp Norse, Camp Champlin and Camp Aquapaug are under evaluation. We are preparing to offer programs assuming that the guidance we receive will permit. We will provide further updates at our May 12<sup>th</sup> Council-Wide Virtual Roundtable for Cub Scouts on Cub Camp Programs for 2020.

CAMP YAWGOOG (Scouts BSA and Webelos camps). We are evaluating several possibilities for programs this summer and fall and are waiting for guidance from the state and CDC on what options will be possible. It is possible that no on-site camping will be allowed during the summer. We will provide further updates about Yawgoog programs at our May 13<sup>th</sup> Council-Wide Virtual Roundtable for troop leaders.

Above all, please know that we will proceed throughout this crisis with the safety of our Scouts, leaders and staff as our top priority, meeting or exceeding all health and safety standards. As we get direction from the Rhode Island, Massachusetts and the CDC, we will adjust our plans accordingly and communicate those plans with each of you. We will continue to do everything possible to be prepared during these uncertain times.

We look forward to the day when we can, once again, join together around the campfire!

