



CAMP SHENANDOAH

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Fellow Scouts and Scouters,

First and foremost, we hope you and your family are doing 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 COVID-19, we have been continually monitoring the situation while consulting with local health experts and physicians, government officials and other camp professionals.

It is with a heavy heart that we inform you that, after a this review, the Virginia Headwaters Council Executive Board approved suspending our resident camp programs at Camp Shenandoah for the 2020 summer season. We know camp is an important part of every Scout's summer and we appreciate how many of you share our love of Camp Shenandoah, so this decision was not made lightly.

REFUNDS: If you have already registered for camp, you have the option to receive a full refund of all youth and adult registration fees. Very soon, we'll provide you an easy to complete online refund form. We will begin issuing refunds in early June.

SUPPORT: If at all possible, we ask you to consider making a donation to Camp Shenandoah even though you are not attending. We're already planning ahead for whenever we can welcome you back. A small donation will directly go to the many health and wellness enhancements we'll be adding to keep Camp Shenandoah the special place it is. Thank you!

OPTIMISM: We are striving to develop safe and rewarding outdoor adventure opportunities for Scouts! As Virginia slowly moves forward, we're hoping to present mini-camp weekends late summer! We are reimagining how camp might look by offering select camp focused merit badges and first year Scout requirements on weekends, just as soon as we are able to safely do so. We'll keep you posted if this can become reality.

REACH OUT: Our council Scout Shop reopens on 18-MAY with ample safety precautions in place. Our Service Center staff continues working remotely. Until this changes, the best way to reach us is by emailing director@campshenandoah.org.



SUMMER 2021: We appreciate you choose to join us this summer. We want you back with us in 2021 and will guarantee your 2020 summer rates if you tell us to apply fees paid in Tentaroo to 2021! This guarantees your troop will pay the exact same registrations next year. Let us know if you're interested.

We are appreciative of the planning and preparation your unit invested to be ready for camp, and we are eager to partner with you to plan for future summers. We know camping is an iconic experience, but the health and wellness of everyone in our Scouting family always is our shared priority. We are deeply grateful for your commitment to Camp Shenandoah and our Scouts.

Yours in Scouting,

James Battaglia,
Scout Executive/CEO

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Program and Camp Director

Joshua Holsinger,
2020 Camp Director



Stay Strong Scouts. We Will Cook Around the Campfire Again!