

Scouting Friends,

We want to let you know that we have put together a COVID-19 Committee made up of volunteer Board Members who are constantly monitoring the ongoing situation and how it relates to our camps and activities. We post decisions and updates on our website homepage- www.goldenspread.org

We continue to plan for the adventure of Scouting to occur, we're also planning for multiple contingencies. We are aware that a variety of issues may impact summer programming, including

- Some families are facing economic challenges due to furloughs and layoffs.
- Some parents and leaders are concerned about spread of COVID-19 at a camp program.

Please know that our Scout camps meet or exceed Boy Scouts of America national standards as well as state and local regulations for youth camps. We pass an annual inspection at each camp from both the Boy Scouts of America and state health authorities. Scout Camp is safe.

We realize these are extraordinary times and parents and leaders are concerned. This is why we've not jumped to conclusions but rather continue to study and gather information. The COVID-19 situation is fluid and its impact is changing daily.

Our primary goal is always to provide safe programs for our Scouts, leaders, and staff. Our secondary goal is outdoor adventure, and we know that our Scouts crave it – especially right now.

We are at a critical time in camp planning and we know that parents and leaders are asking questions.

While we don't have complete and final answers, here is information that you may find helpful:

- If the Golden Spread Council is forced to cancel Scouts BSA Summer Camp, we will provide full refunds to units for all funds paid including deposits.
- If we're forced to cancel Scouts BSA Summer Camp we will also provide an option for units to roll over their funds to 2021 to secure 2020 pricing.
- Camperships are available to assist families that are struggling with expenses. Campership information is on our website.
- For our Cub Scout Activities and Camps, we will also provide full refunds of any fees paid if they are cancelled. Camperships are available for the Cub Scout Resident Camp if needed.
- If we are able to offer summer programs, we will increase our health & safety training and protocols even further than normal and will communicate our additional plans to leaders and parents so they can be assured of the safety of their campers.

We anticipate having more information that can be communicated by mid-May.