



Dear Scouting family,

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

Your safety and the safety of all our members, volunteers, and employees is the Narragansett Council's top priority. As such, we have taken a careful and informed approach in evaluating whether to run summer camp programs this year. Since the spread of this pandemic, we have been continually monitoring the situation, exploring various program scenarios and consulting with health experts, government officials and other camp professionals.

After a thorough evaluation, we have concluded that based on the information available to us of likely restrictions, we will NOT be able to conduct on-site Cub Scout Day Camp or Family Camp at Camp Champlin, Camp Norse or Camp Aquapaug and we will NOT be able to conduct on-site Scout Camp at Camp Yawgoog.

Instead, we will be launching in the near future plans for virtual camps with a combination of program materials mailed to Scouts in advance, fun outdoor activities that Scouts can do at home or with other Scouts and supplemented by virtual programs. We will roll-out these program options in the next few weeks.

We will continue to evaluate options for small groups to come to camps later in the summer if we can do so in a safe manner. We are also planning to offer a variety of fall weekend programs at Camp Yawgoog and at Adventure Base Camp if the situation at that time allows it. We will be discussing Scouts BSA program options at our Roundtable on Wednesday night. You can tune into this roundtable on our Narragansett Council Facebook page live at 7:00 pm.

The pandemic situation is evolving and information changes daily. We are working closely with our local health department officials, our Council Health Supervisor and our council's Enterprise Risk Management committee to make informed decisions as efficiently as possible that prioritize the health and safety of our staff, participants, and communities. We will adjust plans as needed.

We look forward to providing the full range of Scouting programs as soon as we can and as the situation allows. We hope all our Scouting families stay healthy and positive in our current environment and join us in preparing for great and innovative Scouting experiences.

We understand these decisions will have a significant impact on individuals and families. We are looking forward to the day when we can all gather again around the Scouting campfire!

This is an evolving situation and this information is subject to change.

Yours in Scouting,

Tim McCandless
Scout Executive & CEO

