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Revised Summer Camping and Outdoor Adventure Refund Policy

Effective immediately, 100% of monies paid to Erie Shores Council for a Council-sponsored summer camping event or leadership development activity will be returned if a registered participant/camper cancels or is unable to attend for any of the following reasons:

- A. A family or a unit has concern for their own safety related to coronavirus/COVID-19.
- B. A family encounters financial hardship due to unemployment / underemployment, and camperships are not available
- C. A participant has contracted coronavirus/COVID-19 or because an immediate family member has contracted the virus.
- D. A participant's school year is extended into the specific camp session for which the participant is registered.
- E. Erie Shores Council cancels/closes camp in response to mandates from governmental entities, the Boy Scouts of America, or if at its own discretion, Erie Shores Council determines that closing a camp is in the best interest of our participants.

Concerns, Questions and Answers:

Excitement grows as the summer season of Camping and Outdoor Adventure in Erie Shores Council draws near. Erie Shores Council is moving forward with the intent of delivering a rich and rewarding camping experience for all of our summer events and activities. Right now, the summer camping preparation throttle is set to "*Full Speed Ahead!*"

As parents and leaders, even as we look forward to a great summer, we know that we must temper our enthusiasm with caution and careful planning. These are uncertain times. We understand that changes can come quickly and in unexpected ways. Each of us is concerned about our immediate family's health, and about the health of everyone in our extended Scouting family.

Accordingly, we want to address a number of questions and concerns you might have as you consider registering for one or more of our camping opportunities.

1. **Priorities:** First and foremost, the health and safety of everyone in our camps is our highest priority. We will conform at all times to guidelines issued by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), applicable state health departments (part of Camp Frontier is in Ohio and part is in Michigan), local health departments, law enforcement, and the Boy Scouts of America. Please bear in mind that in doing so changes may occur without advance notice; we appreciate your understanding and support in this matter as we work together to keep everyone safe.





2. **Registration procedures and deadlines:** Packs and Troops should register for camp as normal, working within published registration procedures and deadlines. If Erie Shores Council should decide to change registration procedures or deadlines for a specific event, we will provide updated information at that time. Additional information regarding registering for camping events and leadership development activities is available at erieshorescouncil.org, psrweb.org, or by contacting the Erie Shores Council Camping Program Assistant, Samantha Andreas via email at Samantha.Andreas@Scouting.org.

In the interest of clarity, this document only addresses policies and concerns related to Erie Shores Council Summer Camping Registration Fees and the associated Refund Policy. We understand that you also have questions related to scheduled events and activities which are not part of our summer camping opportunities. There are also questions related to processes and procedures to be followed when interacting with Council when Council offices are closed. And there are many other questions related to offering a quality Scouting program when in-person meetings are not possible. These are important topics and we will address these questions and concerns in as timely a manner as possible.

Thank you for your continued support of our Scouting youth and our Scouting families. Now more than ever, America needs Scouting.

Yours in Service,

Erie Shores Council Leadership Team

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These are the 2020 Erie Shores Council camping events and leadership development activities to which this policy revision applies:

- Scouts BSA Long-Term Camp (Camp Frontier at Pioneer Scout Reservation)
- Cub Scout Day Camp (Camp Miakonda)
- Cub Scout Day Camp (White Star Park)
- National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) (Camp Miakonda)
- Tiger Overnighter (Camp Miakonda)
- Webelos Overnighter (Camp Miakonda)
- Webelos Overnighter (White Star Park)
- Arrow of Light Long-Term Camp (Camp Frontier at Pioneer Scout Reservation)

