

# Camp Winton and Camp Lassen Resident Camp 2020

## Status Update

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

Thank you for making plans with the Golden Empire Council for Summer 2020. First and foremost, we at the Golden Empire Council hope your families are healthy and safe during the CoVID-19 Shelter in Place. It has been our goal to keep you as updated as possible on the Summer Program plans for the Golden Empire Council and we now feel that we have enough information to make the decision timeline as detailed below public. We know that having a clear understanding of our plans to move forward with all camp programs gives our families the knowledge they need to do what is in their best interest.

Our primary focus in this process is to make sure we can provide for the health and safety of our Scouts, Scouters, and Staff while in camp and at our day camp facilities. For resident camp, regardless of when camp opens, we will be altering our dining hall and food service practices to reinforce cleanliness at all levels. This may include requiring Units to eat all meals in camp sites, but we are still working out all of those details. In addition to the Shelter in Place restrictions, we are also working with our local health departments and our Council Health Supervisor and the U.S. Forest Service to meet their requirements for a safe and healthy camping experience for all. Updates will follow on this process as camp nears.

Here are the possible scenarios that will help us to make the decisions needed to host our summer programs.

- Scenario #1—If the Shelter-in-Place Order is lifted by midnight on May 18<sup>th</sup>, Camp Lassen and Camp Winton resident camp programs will open on schedule without any interruption to the week-long programs. Our Day Camps will also be held as previously planned unless local ordinances restrict usage of our scheduled Day Camp facilities. These will be decided on a one by one basis for each of our Day Camps on this date.
  - In this scenario, the payment deadline will be moved to May 31<sup>st</sup> for all existing registrations.
  - No late fees will be assessed for payments received up through May 31<sup>st</sup> under this scenario.
- Scenario #2—If the Current Shelter-in-Place Order is extended between May 18<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>, we will cancel the June sessions at Camp Winton and Camp Lassen. June Day Camps will be re-scheduled to take place in late July/early August. Our Resident Camp staff would report to camp on June 28<sup>th</sup>, and we would have three weeks of Scouts BSA camp starting, Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. Troops who are impacted during the first three weeks will be able to shift their reservation to one of the other weeks of camp for Camp Winton. Troops effected by this shift at Camp Lassen are eligible to shift to Camp Winton during one of the July weeks.
  - The payment deadline for all Scouts, Webelos Crossovers and Adults would be pushed back to June 15, 2020 without late fees. Refunds will be honored up to 100% of paid amount for only seven (7) days after announcement. After this point, refunds will be provided based on the regular Golden Empire Council refund policies which can be found on our refund form here:  
<http://www.gec-bsa.org/document/2020-golden-empire-council-refund-sheet/198820>
  - For Resident Camp at Camp Lassen and Camp Winton, Units who wish to cancel their reservation for 2020 and not seek a refund may use the amount paid to date as a deposit for 2021 **AND** will have their 2021 fees guaranteed to be the same as 2020. This option will only be available by Unit and not by individual Scout.
- Scenario #3—If the Shelter-in-Place Order is extended past June 1<sup>st</sup>, Camp Winton and Camp Lassen resident camp programs will not open for camp in 2020. See Scenario #4 for information about Day Camp cancellations. Refunds will be honored up to 100% of paid amount for only seven (7) days after announcement. After that point, all refunds will fall

under the Golden Empire Council Refund policy:

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- Scenario #4—If the Shelter-in-Place Order is extended past June 15th, all Day Camp programs that were re-scheduled for late July/early August will be canceled. Refunds will be honored up to 100% of paid amount for seven (7) days after announcement. After that point, all refunds will fall under the Golden Empire Council Refund policy:  
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In the event of either Scenario #2 or #3, the Golden Empire Council will host Summer Camp Merit Badges to help keep your Scouts engaged and involved during the summer months. This will be an online program where Merit Badges will be taught by Camp Winton and Camp Lassen Summer Camp staff and will have a familiar feel as we offer as many of the hands-on badges as possible. For those badges that require kits, we will be shipping kits to your Scouts ten (10) days before the program begins. We are currently working on costs for the program and kits shipped to our Scouts and will release more details on the program as of June 1<sup>st</sup> when the Scenario #2 and #3 decision deadlines have passed. We will offer many of our camp badges but also badges which can be completed online that might not be traditional “camp” badges.

- The Summer Camp Merit Badge program fee structure is still being determined as to whether it will be a weeklong registration or if it will be registration based on the merit badges chosen by each Scout. The most likely fee structure will be a flat registration fee of \$25 then fees for each merit badge and kit that meets a Scout’s needs.
- We anticipate this program to begin June 15<sup>th</sup> if we are under Scenarios #2 or #3.

***Please note that no cancellations will be processed before May 18<sup>th</sup> and that refunds will be processed on June 5<sup>th</sup> for Summer Camp and June 20<sup>th</sup> for Day Camps if we must cancel or adjust our programs.***

For program ideas to keep your Cub Scouts engaged, please see our Scouting at Home resource page at: <https://www.gec-bsa.org/scouting-at-home/72880> Please don’t wait until summer camp is cancelled to visit this great resource. We will be continually updating and adding links, plans, programs, etc. throughout the time when are all under the Shelter-in-Place Order.

Scouting has been fortunate throughout this pandemic to see so many great Scouts, Scouters, parents, and alumni develop new ways to continue Scouting virtually. We have also seen an increase in community outreach from all levels of Scouting. Thank you for your role in this process, our movement’s mission is to teach young people to make ethical and moral choices throughout their lives; in these times we have seen our program work and our Scouts paving the way.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us directly at [camping@gec-bsa.org](mailto:camping@gec-bsa.org) for more information or assistance where needed. You may also call us at 916-333-5434 but emailing will get you the fastest response.

Thank you again for all you do to support our movement.

Yours in Scouting,

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