

**Camp Wolfeboro 2020
Status Update
Monday, April 13, 2020**

Dear Scouters,

Thank you for making Camp Wolfeboro your summer camp for 2020. First and foremost, we at the Mt. Diablo Silverado Council, hope your families are healthy and safe during the COVID-19 Shelter in Place (SIP). Now that we are moving through our first extension of the SIP order, we feel we have enough information to update you on Camp Wolfeboro's Status for 2020.

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. 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 Troops to eat all meals in campsites. In addition to the SIP restrictions, we are also working with the Calaveras County Department of Environmental Health 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.

As far as Camp Wolfeboro opening, there are several scenarios that appear most likely:

- Scenario #1—If the SIP is lifted by midnight on May 14th, Camp Wolfeboro will open on schedule without any interruption to the week-long program.
 - In this scenario, the payment deadline will be moved to May 15th for existing Scouts, and May 31st for Webelos and Adults.
 - If your Troop is currently seeing a late fee on your account, we will remove it prior to your payment.
- Scenario #2—If the Current SIP is extended between May 15th and June 1st, we will cancel the first three weeks of the summer session at Camp Wolfeboro. Our Camp staff would report to camp on June 28th, and we would have three weeks of Scouts BSA camp starting, Sunday, July 5th. Troops who are impacted during the first three weeks will be able to shift their reservation to one of the other weeks of camp.
 - The payment deadline for all Scouts, Webelos Crossovers and Adults would be pushed back to June 15, 2020.
 - Refunds will be honored up to 100% of paid amount for only five (5) days after announcement. After that point, all refunds will fall under the MDSC Refund policy: <https://www.mdscbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/MDSC-Refund-Policy-1.1.19.pdf>
 - Troops 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 fee guaranteed to be the same as 2020. We anticipate the 2021 fee to be at least a \$25 per scout increase over 2020 to keep up with minimum wage. This option will only be available by Troop and not by individual Scout.
- Scenario #3—If the SIP is extended past June 1st, Camp Wolfeboro will not open for Scouts BSA camp in 2020.
 - Refunds will be honored up to 100% of paid amount for only five (5) days after announcement. After that point, all refunds will fall under the MDSC Refund policy:

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- Troops 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 fee guaranteed to be the same as 2020. We anticipate the 2021 fee to be at least \$25 more to keep up with minimum wage. This option will only be available by Troop and not by individual Scout.

In the event of either Scenario #2 or #3, the Mt. Diablo Silverado Council will roll-out a program called Web-oro 2020. This will be an online Summer Camp where Merit Badges will be taught by Camp Wolfeboro Summer Camp staff and will have a familiar Camp Wolfeboro Merit Badge Schedule. We will not offer every badge that camp offers but the ones which can be completed online as well as additional new badges that are not traditional “camp” badges.

- Web-oro’s 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 badge. The most likely fee structure will be a flat registration fee of \$25 then fees for each badge which will be around \$30 each.
- Please remember this option is what would allow us to retain summer camp staff for 2020 and in the future and with minimum wage being \$12 a five-hour merit badge class costs us \$60 in staff overhead.

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 me directly. E-mail is the best way to reach me which is joe.barton@scouting.org. I will warn you I have been averaging 97 new emails a day in my inbox since the SIP began so I may not reply right away but I will reply within a few days.

Thank you again for all you do to support our movement, Scouting survives and shines brightly because of all you do.

Yours in Scouting,

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