



# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council

Dear Scouting family,

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

As always, your safety and the safety of all our members, volunteers, and employees is the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council's top priority. As such, we have taken a careful and informed approach in evaluating whether to run summer camp this year. Since the spread of this pandemic, we have been continually monitoring the situation and consulting with health experts, government officials, and other camping professionals.

It is with a heavy heart that we inform you that, after a thorough review, **the council has decided to cancel our resident camp programs at Camp Hi-Sierra for the 2020 summer season** (including International Rendezvous). We know camp is an important part of every Scout's summer and this decision was not made lightly.

Our council board, camp leadership, and staff are saddened that we are not able to serve a traditional summer program at Camp Hi-Sierra. This is an extraordinarily challenging time unlike anything we have experienced. Our hope is we all emerge from this challenging moment stronger than before.

This extremely difficult decision was made by a dedicated group of volunteers, professionals, and camp leadership. We all agreed that we would like to hold summer camp, but the restrictions and uncertainty are too difficult to overcome. We believe that the changes that would need to be made for this year would greatly jeopardize the high-quality program you have all grown to love.

If you have already signed up for camp, we have two options for your unit:

- Any troop currently registered for CHS can roll over their balance to 2021 and keep their 2020 pricing until August 8<sup>th</sup>.
- OR-
- Receive a 100% refund.

As restrictions are lifted, we will be communicating different opportunities for you to use at Hi-Sierra and Chesebrough. We are exploring the idea of small council-led programs, as well as unit, family, or individual camping. Just getting outdoors and camping with your friends and fellow Scouts will be a great way to continue our mission of developing citizenship, fitness, character, and leadership in youth.

If you are looking for Scouting programming throughout the summer, the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council will be providing various virtual opportunities for programming. Please email Anthony Burson-Thomas at [Anthony.Burson-Thomas@scouting.org](mailto:Anthony.Burson-Thomas@scouting.org) if you'd like us to provide you with updates about upcoming efforts.



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We hope all our Scouting families stay healthy and positive in our current environment and join us in preparing for future great summer camp experiences at our two amazing camping facilities.

If you have questions or comments for us, please contact the Scout Executive Jason Stein at [Jason.Stein@scouting.org](mailto:Jason.Stein@scouting.org) or (408) 638-8307.

Sincerely,

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