



CHIEF SEATTLE COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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Dear Scouting friends,

It is difficult to pass on news to you that, after months of preparing for summer camps, we have decided that it is in the best interest of all Scouts, leaders and staff to suspend our summer resident and day camp programs for 2020. That is indeed sad news to share, and we waited as long as we could in hopes that all agencies we work with would provide us promising news. But they haven't.

For 10 weeks, volunteers and staff have monitored news coming from Washington State Department of Health as well as Jefferson, King, and Snohomish Counties where we operate. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Camping Association established very good camp guidelines, and working with our team of camp managers, we established well thought out protocols, purchased protective equipment and supplies and developed sound methods to deliver great program to Scouts and leaders.

We know some Scouts, leaders and parents will be disappointed with our decision. Some will be relieved and still, others may be angry. Now is the time, however, to demonstrate that safety and care for members is far more important than disappointment. We are already imagining how great summer 2021 will be at our camps and we believe there will be many opportunities to explore the great outdoors between now and next summer, so don't put away your hiking shoes just yet.

Finally, we anticipate the reopening of the Scout Service Center and Puget Sound Scout Shop on or near June 9th. This of course is dependent on King County moving from phase 1 to phase 2 of Governor Jay Inslee's Safe Start plan. We intend to operate from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Tuesday-Friday. The Scout Shop will follow those hours and additionally open Saturday mornings beginning 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. We will be following social distancing, face coverings and limit visitors so please call the Scout Service (206-725-5200) and Scout Shop (206-721-5945) prior to heading over and /or to place an order.

Thanks for your continued faith in Scouting and dedication to Chief Seattle Council...where the Scouting flame burns bright.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Michael S. Quirk
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