



May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear Hudson Valley Scouting Families & Volunteers:

Summer camp is the highlight of the Scouting year. Key volunteers across several council committees, along with the summer camp and council leadership teams, have spent a tremendous amount of time and effort monitoring updates and projections by several government, Scouting, and camping organizations from the local to national levels. Our goal is to find a way to conduct our summer programs at Camps Bullowa and Nooteming in a manner that will keep our Scouts, leaders, and staff members safe.

**We have come to the difficult decision to cancel all in-person summer camp operations for 2020.** This decision was not arrived at lightly, but it is aligned with and supports the council's ongoing commitment to the safety of our Scouts, leaders, and staff above all else. Knowing how important an outdoor experience is to our youth, we will continue to monitor state and local guidance with the hope of being able to offer small-group gatherings later in the summer.

**We are excited to announce that while we are not able to meet in person this summer, we will bring summer camp to you. Our Outdoor Program team has developed "Camp In A Box" where Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA members can experience a summer camp program at home. This will include activities for the week, merchandise, and more, PLUS merit badges, advancement, virtual campfires, video demonstrations and guest speakers! (and more!).**

Please visit [hudsonvalleyscouting.org/CampInABox](https://hudsonvalleyscouting.org/CampInABox) for more details and registration. For questions about our summer camps, Camp In A Box, and their programs please email Council Program Director, Jon Whitaker: [Jon.Whitaker@Scouting.org](mailto:Jon.Whitaker@Scouting.org)

We want to thank Scouters Kim Gifford & Dan Decker for their dedication and energy, the Camp Staff hired for Bullowa and Nooteming, and Izak Breslauer for his tireless work.

We are already preparing for Summer Camp in 2021, ready to deliver the best Cub Scout and Scouts BSA Day Camp Program at Camp Bullowa and the grand opening of Cub Scout Resident Camp at Camp Nooteming.

Stay home. Stay Safe. Scout On.

Yours in Scouting,

Michael Caporlingua, Council Vice President of Camping

Jon Whitaker, Council Program Director

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