



High Adventure Base Update Regarding Summer of 2020

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Status of summer 2020 operations

COVID-19 has brought unprecedented uncertainty, financial challenges and impact to our daily lives. The leadership of the BSA and the National High Adventure Bases (HAB's) recognize that Scouts and leaders have been planning for many months to enjoy a life changing High Adventure experience

The health and safety of our participants and staff is our utmost concern. At this time, the HAB's plan to operate in the summer of 2020 *if we can do so safely and within the guidelines of the CDC.*

On May 1st we will provide an update on the 2020 season specific to each National High Adventure Base. We understand that crews need to make travel plans. However, by applying a metered approach to the summer season, it allows the most flexibility in adjusting programs to serve participants.

Refunds for summer 2020

The National Executive Committee will review the refund policy for the HAB's and information regarding those policies will be posted on May 1st.

Additional programs for summer/fall/Holiday 2020

HAB's have added additional late summer/fall and Holiday 2020 programs and we encourage you to review those.

Wilderness First Aid and other required courses

We understand that courses such as Wilderness First Aid are currently unavailable. We are working with the organizations that provide those trainings to have options for Crews which will be posted on May 1st.

BSA Annual Health and Medical Record

We are evaluating all options while being mindful of those who have valid exams as well as those new members and adults who may have never completed a Part C exam, state and local authority requirements, and the special review required by high adventure programs. In the interim, we recommend that council health supervisors, camp staff and volunteers begin a conversation on local availability of well exams and alternatives that could be put in place.



Payments

If you have a summer 2020 payment coming up and are either unsure if you should make the payment or are having difficulty collecting payments, please contact the Registrar at the HAB you are planning to attend.

Summer Staff

Those who have been hired for summer 2020 are being contacted by their respective HAB with specific updates. If you are interested in being on staff, please contact the HAB for more information regarding staff training dates or other factors.

State “Lockdowns” or “Stay at Home Orders”

We are monitoring the status of state “Lockdowns” or “Stay at Home Orders” that would interrupt travel during the time you are scheduled to attend an HAB. We will work with units to fill openings later in the summer should a state order preclude you from travel.

Where do I get updates regarding status of 2020?

Please refer to each HAB’s websites, listed below for updates on a bi-monthly basis

The Summit Bechtel Reserve

<https://www.summitbsa.org/>

Philmont Scout Ranch

<https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/>

Northern Tier

<https://www.ntier.org/>

Florida Sea Base

<https://www.bsaseabase.org/>