



## Announcement on Camp Babcock-Hovey Summer 2022

### Frequently Asked Questions

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**My Unit paid a deposit for summer 2022 at Camp Babcock-Hovey. What happens now?**

All units with paid deposits have been directly contacted by a Seneca Waterways Council staff member with options to (1) transfer the deposit to Massawepie Scout Camps, (2) leave your deposit at Babcock-Hovey for extended weekend camping in July or August or (3) be refunded.

**What kind of options will be available at Camp Babcock-Hovey for the summer of 2022?**

Scouts BSA Troops, Cub Scout Packs and Scouting families will all be able to rent sites for short-term camping (up to four days) at Camp Babcock-Hovey. Family and unit camping will be on their own with no formal program activities, staff or dining hall access. However, we know that summer camp has been a prime opportunity for Scouts to satisfy and/or complete merit badge requirements. Therefore, we are exploring the possibility of continuing to offer merit badge and activity programming throughout the summer during family/unit camping.

**How do families and/or Scout Units Reserve campsites for the 2022 summer at Camp Babcock-Hovey.**

Campsite registrations may be made through the Black Pug Campsite Facility Rental System found in the Council's website camping section (<https://senecawaterways.org/outdoors-2/>). All reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Is the Council planning on selling Camp Babcock-Hovey?**

No. The Executive Board voted only to suspend Scouts BSA resident camp for the 2022 summer at Camp Babcock-Hovey. The camp facility will remain open with expanded access for unit and family camping throughout the year with limited black-out dates.

**Was this decision driven by the Boy Scouts of America Bankruptcy?**

No. There were several factors that led to the, however, the BSA's bankruptcy was not a major factor.

**What was the driving factor in making this decision?**

The impact of the global Covid-19 pandemic including its effect on membership (as many units did not recharter) and challenges in hiring short-term summer staff had more to do with the Executive Board's decision to suspend Camp Babcock-Hovey's Scouts BSA summer resident camp than the BSA Bankruptcy. The decision is one of sustainability. Nationwide Covid-19 had a higher impact on Cub Scout membership than Scouts BSA which means there are potentially less Scouts BSA members available to attend camp.

**Why not suspend summer camp at Massawepie Scout Camps instead?**

Historical attendance and current registration projections at Massawepie Scout Camps exceed Camp Babcock-Hovey's capacity.