

# Lincoln County, Missouri

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF



John Cottle

SHERIFF

"Publicus. Pro populus. Per populus."

636-528-8546

May 4, 2020

Dear Campers and Parents,

As we continue to monitor local developments with the Novel Coronavirus Covid-19, the Sheriff's Office is planning to hold our annual Youth Summer Camp but with some major modifications. According to the guidance Governor Parson's Office put out under his Show Me Strong Recovery Plan Guidance, "traditional summer activities such as utilizing aquatic facilities, community centers, fitness centers, libraries, organized athletics, and camps offer a variety of recreational opportunities for Missouri citizens.

If these services are offered, we encourage adjustments be considered to mitigate the risks of contracting or spreading COVID-19 between participants, patrons, and staff, such as limiting the number of participants, modifying activities, restructuring programs, and increasing sanitization measures for facilities and participants."

Based on this guidance, the Sheriff's Office cannot mitigate acceptable social distancing with an overnight camp. Therefore, we will offer a day camp. Campers will get the meat and potatoes of camp but lose the evening program. The Sheriff's Office will alter meal plans and how the camp functions to mitigate the risks of contracting or spreading COVID-19. Daily medical screenings will occur and the camp will have onsite medical staff in the event a camper does not feel well.

In addition, we had to alter the weeks and times of camp. Week 1, day 1 of camp will now fall on Monday, June 8, and end on Thursday June 11, 2020. If there is enough participation we will host a second week of camp starting on Monday, June 15 and end on Thursday, June 18. Camp times will run from 8:30am to 6:30pm.

To accommodate working parents, for campers drop off between 7am and 8am breakfast will be provided. Parents needing to drop off earlier because of work need to let us know so we can accommodate your child. Camp will include lunch and dinner and we do ask you feed your child breakfast prior to drop off; however, breakfast will be available to the early drop-offs.

In these unprecedented times with more than 30 million unemployed, I am waiving all camper fees. The 2020 Youth Camp is free of charge for your graduated Fifth Grade child.

By May 13, please call the Sheriff's Office at 636-462-6530 or 636-462-6529 to confirm your child's attendance for camp. If attending, please specify which week. If your child will be joining us at camp, please bring the enclosed paperwork (completed) with you to registration on the first day of camp.

Yours in Service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Cottle".

Sheriff John Cottle