



POARCH BAND *of* CREEK INDIANS

July 1, 2020

Dear Parents,

In response to the unprecedented public health emergency presented by COVID-19, the Tribe has made the very difficult decision not to reopen the Boys & Girls Club for summer programming. While we understand that this will have a tremendous impact on your daily routine, we simply feel that at this time we are unable to carry out our primary mission, which is to keep our children safe.

Beginning Monday, July 6th, we will begin virtual club programming on our Facebook page, and we urge your children to participate. Familiar faces from the Club will conduct fun, online activities such as story time, academic enrichment, Creek language lessons, etc. In addition to this, we are working on providing a drive-thru afternoon meal service for your children. Additional information will be posted soon with more details.

Anyone who does not have childcare is urged to call the Family Services Department at 251-368-9136, 2024. Financial assistance is available to those who qualify to assist with childcare costs for Tribal member and First Generation children.

Please know that we are working diligently to develop a plan that would allow us to safely reopen the Boy & Girls Club later this fall, but as this crisis continues to evolve, we find it difficult to develop long-range solutions. We urge you to consider alternate plans for after-school transportation and child care should this pandemic continue.

Further instructions will be emailed to the address on file for our member families. In the meantime, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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