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GREEN MOUNTAIN COUNCIL

November 5, 2020

Dear Popcorn Kernels,

I've got no way to sugar coat this (or caramel coat it, or sweeten it with chocolate), we've run into a snag with the delivery of our popcorn from Campmasters. Monday, November 2nd, Campmasters notified the Council office that due to COVID related delays in getting several popcorn products into their distribution centers, they would not be able to meet the expected delivery dates of November 12th for delivery to our Scouting units on November 13th.

Laurie appropriately pushed back. We had been assured earlier this summer that our order would be able to be filled, because we committed to Campmasters early. She tried to work out an arrangement where we might be able to have all, but one or two products shipped on the original timeline. No luck. Over the last few days, Campmasters has tried to schedule our full delivery on time and simply does not have the products in the quantities we need.

Campmasters is expecting delivery to their warehouse November 19th, then the products will have to be put into the tins, then boxed and loaded on to pallets. That would push their ability to ship popcorn until Thanksgiving week, so we opted to move it out one more week. Campmasters will be shipping the week beginning Monday November 30th. Deliveries to the locations in VT will happen on the 2nd or 3rd. We are now planning to do unit deliveries on Friday December 4th.

On behalf of the entire Popcorn crew, I apologize for this delay. I know that arranging to pick up and deliver the amount of popcorn all your units sold takes lots of organizing and preparation. Please know that we have done everything possible to make the original dates work and it just isn't possible. I wanted to get this word out ASAP to give you as much time as possible to reschedule your pickups and distributions.

On a positive note, this year's sale included about 70% of the units that typically participated selling nearly 60% of last year's amount of popcorn. This will be a huge help to Scouting in VT at both the local unit and Council levels! Feel free to be in touch with me at 802-899-3411 or dmanzvt@gmail.com if you have questions or unit specific concerns about this.

Sincerely,

Dan Manz, Popcorn Kernel
Green Mountain Council

P.S. If you are sitting on a pile of popcorn money in your unit bank account and want to mail a check to pre-pay for your order, feel free to be in touch with Laurie and she can tell you what your payment will be. It would really help the Green Mountain Council if you could do this and would save you time at the popcorn pickup.

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