



March 17, 2020

Dear 2020 Rockets for Schools Teams, Students, Mentors, and Parents:

After much consideration and deliberation, it is with heavy hearts the Rockets for Schools Planning Committee has decided to cancel the Rockets for Schools event scheduled May 8 and 9, 2020 at the Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

The decision was made based on the ongoing advisories and direction from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), The United States government and Midwest State governments asserting any and all non-essential meetings and/or activities should cease normal operations to help mitigate the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19). With multiple Midwest State School Systems closed and the guidance of the CDC to not hold events for the next eight weeks, the decision was further weighted. COVID-19 is a designated pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO). These advisories and designations are rooted in personal safety and for overall world population protection.

In acknowledgement of the cancelled event and teams' investments, all 30+ teams will be refunded \$280. This covers the registration fee minus the cost of each team's rocket and rocket motor, which have already been purchased and can be used next year. All rocket kits will be allowed to be used in the 2021 Rockets for Schools event with the rocket motors used at that time. Rocket motors will remain in the possession and secured by the Rockets for Schools Planning Committee. Teams will be sent a refund check to the respective team contact. Refund checks will be mailed within the next 7 to 10 days. Teams not receiving a check in the mail by March 31, 2020, please contact Ms. Barb Bishop by email at jbishop@charter.net.

We have reached out to the Blue Harbor Resort and informed them of the event cancellation. Blue Harbor Resort fully supports this decision and will cancel all individual hotel lodging bookings in their system under the Rockets for Schools room block. Registered guests will receive an email noting your room cancellation. Rockets for Schools understands Blue Harbor Resort is providing a full refund of all deposits including waiving the \$25 cancellation fee for all event guests. Registered guests should expect to receive cancellation notifications starting as early as Tuesday, March 17, 2020. If you do not receive notification within a few days, please contact Blue Harbor Resort's Ms. Sunshine McNerney at (920) 457-9803. Blue Harbor Resort is looking forward to seeing us back in 2021. Please note schools, teams, and individuals not registered with Blue Harbor Resort, will need to coordinate any reservation cancellations directly with their hotel.

The Rockets for School Planning Committee encourages all teams from this year to return to the Blue Harbor Resort for the 2021 Rockets for Schools event on Friday May 7 and Saturday May 8, 2021. There will be a \$280 registration fee at that time, but your rocket and motor are already paid for. Additionally, we are pleased our key-note speaker scheduled for this year's event, Astronaut Ms. Susan Kilrain, has penciled in our event on her calendar for 2021. We are very excited to have Ms. Kilrain back.

We appreciate your support and understanding of this decision and most of all look forward to seeing each of you next year! If you have any further questions, please contact either of us by the means shown below.

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