



BAC Communication #3 for COVID-19 Response

(Please visit the home page of the council website at www.bacbsa.org for updates as they become available.)

Dear Scouting Family of Bay Area Council,

The leadership of the Bay Area Council would like to present this third update on our response to the COVID-19 outbreak and protocols for Scouting operations going forward.

Following the announcement yesterday by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) regarding large gatherings, the following will be in effect:

- **The Council Camp-O-Ree scheduled for April 3 - 5 has been postponed.** We will work to reschedule based on current calendar and availability of other dates. Refunds will be processed for postponed and/or cancelled activities and events within 30 days.
- **All district and council meetings, activities, and events from Monday, March 16th through April 30th are cancelled.** Meetings that can be rescheduled over teleconference or online are approved.
- **Units should continue to consult with their chartered organizations to determine the best path forward for their Scouting programs.** We strongly encourage units to comply with all current recommendations of the CDC. Follow the link below for suggested unit programming options.
- If you have an Eagle application that needs immediate approval, please contact kristi.hamelmann@scouting.org. If it is not an immediate need, we ask that you wait to have it approved. Additionally, we expect new guidance this week from BSA National regarding special circumstances around Eagle application deadlines during COVID-19. We will share that information once we receive it on our website.

This situation continues to be dynamic and changing daily. Our Council Leadership Team is working regularly and diligently to determine our plans going forward. If you have any questions regarding the COVID-19 response for the Bay Area Council, please contact Charlie Tinsley, Scout Executive, at charlie.tinsley@scouting.org. **The council remains committed to keeping our constituents updated regularly with new information as we have it.**

We will continue to communicate through two main mediums - **Constant Contact** and bacbsa.org. Please consult our website for regular updates. We will issue refunds for postponed events in 30 days or sooner, and encourage all to re-register when new dates are set.

Thank you for all you do for Scouting.

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