

## BAC Communication #5 for COVID-19 Response

Dear Bay Area Council Scouting Family,

The leadership of the Bay Area Council presents our fourth update on our response to the COVID-19 outbreak and protocols for Scouting operations going forward. The following recommended updates are based on information from the White House, CDC and the State, and input from local health professionals, council program and risk management volunteers, and council executive leadership.

The health and safety of our members and families is our greatest priority. This includes protections like adhering to social distancing, wearing safety masks around non-family members, consistent disinfecting and handwashing and monitoring and checking temperatures.

**Units** - 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, the state, and local jurisdictions. There are several great resources available regarding Scouting program during this period of social distancing. Our Council does not endorse any physical Scout meetings other than those among immediate family members within the same household. Check our website for ideas on Scouting from home. Click the link and scroll down to Scouting News. <http://www.bacbsa.org>.

**Council and District Activities and Events** - All council and district in person program meetings, events and activities are canceled through **July 31st**.

This includes Cub Scout Day Camps, National Youth Leadership Training, and Scouts BSA Summer Camp.

All council level and district committee meetings will be held only using video or phone conference through **July 31st**.

**Camp Karankawa** - Camp Karankawa is closed with limited operating hours through **July 31st**.

**Scout Shop** - The Scout Shop is still closed to foot traffic through **July 31st**, however Support Staff is working from the office on a rotating schedule. You can reach us at 409-744-5206, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. on Monday-Friday.

- Orders will be fulfilled and shipped from 10 a.m.-Noon on Fridays.
- Orders will be mailed via USPS, and include a small shipping fee.

Include the following in your email:

Name  
Unit type and unit #  
Mail/shipping address  
Phone number (Include Area Code)  
Payment method

**Advancements** - While the Scout Shop is closed currently through April 30th, leaders who need to purchase rank advancement items should use the following steps. Unit Leader will email in their Scoutbook Advancement Report, and purchase report, to [sonya.harvey@scouting.org](mailto:sonya.harvey@scouting.org).

**Professional Staff (district executives)** - Professional staff will continue to work from home through **July 31st**.

**Eagle Scouts** - The processing of most Eagle Scout applications will be limited during this time. All pending Eagle applicants should consult the updated Advancement information for COVID-19 from National BSA. If there is a critical timing issue regarding a scheduling of a board of review or an extension beyond a Scouts 18th birthday is needed, please contact your District Executive or Registrar Kristi Hamelmann at [kristi.hamelmann@scouting.org](mailto:kristi.hamelmann@scouting.org).

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](mailto: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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Council Commissioner

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