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Dear Marin Council Scouting Volunteers and Families,

As a result of continued efforts slowing the spread of the coronavirus, California Department of Public Health is classifying Marin County in the Orange Tier. This change does allow a relaxing of many restrictions for key industries - **it does not however markedly change restrictions currently in place on youth groups such as Scouting. We can continue to follow the “Cohort model” and hold face-to-face meetings and activities, but larger social gathers are not permitted...yet.** We would ask all our Marin Council families to continue to be mindful of all governmental advisories and to please follow them. Council leadership is following the guidance of our local and state health departments.

Details of health department orders can be found on Marin County Health and Human Services website: <https://www.marinhhs.org/>. Details regarding reopening of businesses and activities in Marin County can be found at: <https://marinrecovers.com/>

Every member, volunteer and family must evaluate their unique circumstances and make an informed decision before attending in-person activities. We hope this information will be helpful as you make that choice.

Scouting Meetings and Activities:

Thanks to the diligence of our community in adhering to guidelines, we are able to conduct in-person Scouting activities. Specific guidelines including guidelines for camping and meetings can be found on the council's webpage.

What is currently allowed?

- Scouting is able to operate as a stable, consistent group of 14 youth or less. This might be a den or a patrol structure; it is possible that an entire crew, troop, or pack might fall within the 14-youth limitation. Total cohort size is limited to 16 persons – up to 14 youth and two adults. (Or less youth and more adults but not to exceed 16 persons)
- Scout meetings and activities can be conducted using cohorts such as den or patrol meetings. Hikes, service projects, meetings, and camping using the cohort model are all permitted.
- Pack and Troop meetings that would involve more than 14 youth or youth from different cohorts should continue to be conducted virtually or spread over greater distance with staggered timing.
- It is permitted to reorganize the members in cohorts after a period of time; groups should remain stable with no changes for two to three weeks.
- Adult Volunteers should work with just a single cohort.
- Ideally all activities, meetings, and programs should be conducted outdoors. Indoor meetings are allowed, however guidelines related to ventilation, hygiene and masks need to be followed.
- Facemasks, distancing, health screenings, and proper hygiene are to be adhered to for all.
- BSA Youth Protection policies must be followed.
- Participants in Scouting Activities must be in good health.

- Attendance rosters are to be kept for all activities for a period of thirty days to aid in contact tracing as a precaution.
- In addition to Scouting activities, youth are entitled to participate in an additional Youth Program or other Childcare Programs.

What is still limited or not allowed at this time?

- Large group activities (those for more than 14 youth) are to be conducted virtually or split into smaller components that can be conducted over different times or separate sites / locations.
- Adult meetings such as committee meetings should still be conducted virtually.

Marin Council Offices and Trading Post:

- Effective April 1, 2021 The Marin Council Office and Trading Post will return to “normal” hours. Our office is open M-F from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM; Trading Post M-F 10 AM to 4:30 PM.
- We will continue to be staggering staff working in the office vs. working remotely; if you need to contact a specific staff member it is suggested you schedule an appointment.
- Customers who would prefer curbside pick-up from the Trading Post will be accommodated.
- It is recommended large orders be placed in advance by calling 415-454-1081 or emailing **both** mvasser@boyscouts-marin.org and cmueller@boyscouts-marin.org.

Use of Camp Tamarancho:

- Camp Tamarancho is available for unit camping following current COVID-19 guidelines.
- Camp Tamarancho is also available for limited day use for all Marin Scouting units following the Marin County Youth Program Guidelines.
- Shooting sports ranges and aquatics will not be available for use at this time.
- Reservations can be made by calling the council office and must be made in advance for camping as well as day use.

Use of Camp Marin Sierra:

- Due to restrictions on indoor gatherings for large groups as well as the inherent risk of virus transmission of extended carpooling outside of household units, Camp Marin Sierra is currently not available for use. We plan on re-opening Camp Marin Sierra with our 2021 Summer Camp season.

Future 2021 Council Activities:

- We continue to monitor state and local health department guidelines related to upcoming activities however we project that most all council level events will be conducted virtually during the coming months.
- We hope to return to council-wide face to face activities in the second half of the year.
- Your District Executive is the best source for your unit on the status of upcoming council events.

For more information:

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California Department of Public Health: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/>

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