



Updated: August 19, 2020

Dear Marin Council Scouting Volunteers and Families,

On Tuesday, March 17, 2020, the health departments from the six Bay Area counties instructed residents to shelter in place. The basic Shelter in Place directive continues in place in Marin County until rescinded. However, as progress continues in limiting the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), local, state, and federal agencies have updated their guidance related to what members of the public can do to protect themselves as well as steps we can all take to attempt to mitigate the impact this virus will have on society as a whole. We would ask all our Marin Council families to be aware of those governmental advisories and to please follow them. Council leadership is following the guidance of our local and state health departments.

Details of shelter in place 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/>

There has been recent changes in restrictions for many activities and businesses. The following update covers current guidelines as it pertains to Scouting and the Marin Council in the areas of:

- **In Person Scout Meetings and Activities**
- **Use of Camp Tamarancho & Camp Marin Sierra**
- **Fall 2020 Council Activities**
- **Council Office and Trading Post Operations**

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, progress continues to be made in many areas and we are seeing a controlled reopening of many businesses in Marin. Due to that progress, the Shelter in Place directive has been slightly expanded as it pertains to Youth Programs. It is important to recognize that slightly expanded restrictions may not necessarily equate to resuming all Scouting meetings and activities, but they do allow a very positive step forward for our Scouting program. These changes are effective Thursday, August 20, 2020.

What is now allowed?

- Youth Programs such as Scouting are allowed to function as a stable, consistent group of 15 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 15-youth limitation.
- In addition to Scouting activities, youth are entitled to participate in an additional Youth Program or other Childcare Programs.

- Those stable groups (den, patrol, etc.) are to be siloed for periods of at least three consecutive weeks and are not to interact with other groups from their unit during that period. After three weeks, it is permitted to reorganize the members in those silos; that is not required if not necessary.
- The 15-member limit per stable group applies to youth members; adult volunteers are classified as Youth Program Personnel and are not included in the 15 member count. Adult Volunteers should however work exclusively to the greatest extent possible with just a single group. For Scout Patrols that might equate to an Assistant Scoutmaster working only with one patrol from the troop and not meeting with any youth from any other patrols. For Dens, Den Leaders would work exclusively with their respective Dens.
- These guidelines allow Scout meetings and activities to resume on the den or patrol level. This would include meetings, hikes, service projects, etc. Pack and Troop meetings that would involve more than 15 youth or youth from different cohorts should continue to be conducted virtually.
- Overnight camping is allowed within these stable groups. The Marin Council is placing a limit on the total number of participants (youth and adult volunteers) allowed at a camping event to not exceed 25.
- Ideally all activities, meetings, and programs will be conducted outdoors. Indoor meetings are allowed, however strict guidelines related to hygiene and mitigation need to be followed.
- Facemasks, distancing, health screenings, and proper hygiene are to be adhered to for all participants and leaders.
- 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 sixty days to aid in contact tracing as a precaution.

What is still limited or not allowed at this time?

- Large group activities (those for more than 15 youth) are to be conducted virtually or split into smaller components that can be conducted over different days.
- Adult meetings such as committee meetings should still be conducted virtually.

Marin Council Offices and Trading Post:

- The Marin Council administrative office is currently closed to the public. Council support is available via phone, email, or virtual meeting.
- During the state mandated closure, we will 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 phone appointment.
- The Trading Post is open for “inside retail sales” Monday through Friday, 10 AM to 2:30 PM. Prepaid orders may be picked up after hours curbside.
- Customers who would prefer curbside retail 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.

- Customers must wear facemasks and will be asked to sanitize their hands when entering as well as have their temperature taken. When visiting, please adhere to designated physical distancing floor markings.
- Clothing cannot be tried on before purchase.

Use of Camp Tamarancho:

- Effective July 6, 2020, Camp Tamarancho campgrounds will be available for Marin Council Scouting families for household camping. This is an exclusive benefit for Marin Council families and will continue as we phase in smaller unit camping experiences.
- Effective August 20, 2020, Camp Tamarancho will be available for unit camping following the Youth Program Guidelines detailed above. Groups are limited to a stable group of no more than 15 youth. The maximum group size is 25.
- Camp Tamarancho is also available for limited day use for all Marin Scouting units following the Marin County Youth Program Guidelines.
- While our families and Scouts are able to enjoy Tamarancho for hiking and nature-based program, facilities such as shooting sports ranges and aquatics will not be available for use at this time.
- Camping is based on a stay of 3 days / 2 nights. Single night camping is permitted but fees will be based on a two-night rate.
- Reservations must be made in advance for camping as well as day use. Space is limited.

Use of Camp Marin Sierra:

- As of 6/22/2020, Nevada County is strongly discouraging the crossing of county lines to partake in recreational activities. As a result of that directive, we are still not able to offer Marin Sierra as a destination to our Scouting families. We hope that situation will change in the fall.

Future 2020 Council Activities:

- We continue to monitor state and local health department guidelines related to upcoming activities however project that the majority of council level events will be conducted virtually during the coming months.
- In light of the cancellation / postponement of many council activities, council staff is directing additional resources to assist Packs, Troops, Crews, and Posts in support of unit level activities.

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

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