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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 and Marin County HHS have made some significant changes in restrictions. **It is important to note that Scouting activities fall under a series of different guidelines and depending on the activity, group size limitations may differ from one type of activity to another.** We would ask all our Marin Council volunteers and families to continue to be mindful of governmental advisories and to 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.

What is currently allowed?

Scouting Meetings and Day Activities:

- Scout meetings and activities are to follow social gathering guidelines depending on State of California COVID-19 Color Tier. While allowed, inside meetings are strongly discouraged.
 - Orange: Outside – 50 people maximum; inside 25 people (25% room capacity)
 - Yellow: Outside – 100 people maximum; inside 50 people (50% room capacity)
- Day hikes, service projects, unit & committee meetings, short duration events are permitted.
- Ideally all activities, meetings, and programs will be conducted outdoors. Indoor meetings are allowed, however guidelines related to ventilation and capacity limits must be followed.

Overnight Camping and Longer Duration Activities:

- Camping and longer duration activities are to continue to follow the cohort model with 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).
- Specific camping guidelines during the pandemic can be found on the Marin Council website.

For all Scouting Activities:

- 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.

Marin Council Offices and Trading Post:

- The Marin Council Office and Trading Post have returned 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 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.
- 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:

- We plan on re-opening Camp Marin Sierra with our 2021 Summer Camp season.

Future 2021 Council Activities:

- 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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