

STAY STRONG, WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS TOGETHER! Scout On!

All Scouting units should continue to comply with their chartered organization's policy on meetings and gatherings regarding unit-level activities. Many organizations have considered reopening their doors for meetings or functions. Our Scout's safety is our number one priority. Please utilize guidance provided by the CDC, your local authorities, and chartered organizations in determining whether to restart your events.

If you do choose to have meetings, please follow all local guidelines and if anyone is sick STAY HOME. Please consider safe hygiene practices, as well as social distancing recommendations, learn more about it from the CDC website. Taking a hike outdoors may be great, but many restroom facilities in parks might be closed, so do your research before heading out. Please make sure all persons attending are wearing a mask and have their own hand sanitizer for personal use.

Many of our units have already moved to virtual, web-based meetings and this is a recommended solution. Look for communications and resources to be provided to units on how to continue to serve their members and families during this challenging time. The national organization and our local council is working to develop these needed resources.

The 2020 summer camp season will be impacted by this pandemic. Please be sure to stay in communication with leadership and note that some payments and reservation deadlines could change in the future if necessary. As is our practice in Scouting, our efforts are focused on preparation and responsiveness guided by official health organizations, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization. Remaining vigilant in hand hygiene and social distancing are some of the most important practices, especially in communities where there is confirmed community spread of the virus.

As Scouts and Scouters, I know we will all use the principals of the Scout Oath and Law, along with our Slogan and Motto to guide us through these challenging times. Please know that we look forward to resuming normal Scouting activities as quickly as possible!

A Scout is clean, wash your hands! Stay healthy.

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