

Updated: May 30, 2020

Dear Marin Council Scouting Family,

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.

Effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020, the health departments from the six Bay Area counties instructed residents to shelter in place. While there has been some recent lightening of some activities, the Shelter in Place directive continues in place in Marin County until rescinded.

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/>.

Scout Meetings and Activities:

Thanks to the diligence of our community, great progress has been made and we are seeing a controlled reopening of many businesses in Marin. While that is a benefit to us as individual family units, it is important to remember the Shelter in Place directive is still in effect. That SIP directive does not allow for social gatherings and as such **Scout Units are to continue to suspend in-person meetings and events:**

- Scouting Units should continue to meet “virtually” through Zoom or other platforms.
- Individual Scouts should continue to work on advancement either with a parent or online with a leader.
- Board of Reviews, planning meetings, etc. should continue to be conducted online for the near term.
- Youth Protection Guidelines for online meetings are to be adhered to.

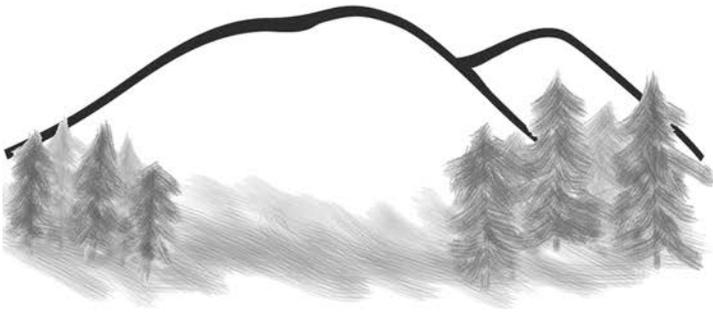
It is anticipated with our county continuing to make this forward progress, we should probably be allowed to begin face to face meetings within a matter of weeks. When that is permitted there will undoubtedly be limitations on the number of individuals allowed at a gathering / meeting. When appropriate, the Marin Council will provide all of our leaders clear checklists of Marin County and Scouting requirements to help you return to normal meetings and also ensure that safety concerns are being met.

Marin Council Offices and Trading Post:

Effective Tuesday, June 2, 2020, the Marin Council office will be open to the public. Please be aware:

- We have temporarily limited our public office hours to Monday-Friday from 9 AM to 3 PM.
- When visiting the office, wear a mask. Non-employees are asked to remain only in the lobby.
- We will be staggering staff physically working in the office; if you need to see a specific staff member it is suggested you schedule an appointment.
- Whenever possible, business should be conducted over phone or email.
- Marin Council Executive Staff (Michael Dybeck, Nancy Rozell, Michael Andrews) are always available via email.

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MARIN COUNCIL
Boy Scouts of America

Effective Monday, May 18, 2020, the Marin Council Trading Post opened for “Curbside” pickup:

- Temporarily Trading Post hours are Monday through Friday, 10 AM to 2:30 PM. Prepaid orders may be picked up after hours.
- Walk-up as well as orders placed in advance can be accommodated. It is recommended large orders be placed in advance.
- Orders can be placed in advance by calling 415-454-1081 or emailing **both** mvasser@boyscouts-marine.org and cmueller@boyscouts-marine.org.
- Customers are not able to physically enter the store; an employee will pull your order.
- Clothing cannot be tried on before purchase.
- We are not accepting merchandise returns until after SIP is lifted.
- Credit / debit, check, or unit account charges are preferred forms of payment; payment can be accepted at time of pick-up or when placing an order.
- Please wear a facemask when visiting the pick-up window.
- Practice physical distancing if waiting in line.

Camps and Council Activities:

- On May 27, 2020 we announced the difficult decision of cancelling our 2020 Marin Sierra Summer Camp and Camp Tamarancho Day Camp. Information on those cancellations can be found on our council website.
- All other council activities have been rescheduled or postponed into August or later including NYLT. We will continue to evaluate those activities based on guidance from state and local health departments.
- We continue to explore making both of our camps available later in the summer for unit and also Scout family camping. At this time overnight camping is not allowed by Marin or Nevada Counties.
- We are also evaluating current recreational business guidelines regarding highly limited day use at Camp Tamarancho that might present opportunities after mid-June for some den or patrol day use.
- While the “interior” of Camp Tamarancho is closed for use, the Tamarancho mountain bike trail was reopened for access 5/18/2020. Please note trails are rated for intermediate and advanced riders.
- Camp Marin Sierra remains closed to the public by directive of Nevada County COVID-19 regulations related to tourism and campgrounds.

We are aware that the protracted nature of SIP and disappointment regarding cancelling camps and not being able to meet as Scouting units has been extremely difficult. But we also could not be more proud of our Scouts and Scouters who are Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind & **Obedient**. The steps taken and the sacrifices made have limited the transmission of COVID-19, reducing its spread and saving lives.

For more information:

Marin Council – Michael Dybeck at 415-454-1081

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

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