



Greetings Piedmont Council Scouting Family,

The health and well-being of our Scouts, volunteer leaders, families, and staff continues to remain our number-one priority. As COVID-19 (coronavirus) and its impact continues to persist, we know we must maintain constant communication with you to address the growing concern by many in our communities.

As we all know, the information coming to us from state and national public health officials is fluid. So, we are discussing frequently all of our options. As the emphasis is currently on prevention strategies and protecting the overall public health of our communities, we are changing ALL council and district meetings change from in-person to conference call and/or video conference call for a period of 30 days (through April 13, 2020). This time frame may be extended depending on local conditions.

Additionally, North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper announced state officials will begin recommending people postpone or cancel events of over 100 people to help combat the coronavirus. We have factored in this recommendation as it pertains to Scouting activities listed below.

Council Meetings Scheduled/Changing to conference call/video conference format:

- Council Executive Board Meeting March 19th @ 6:30 p.m.
- Advancement Committee Meeting March 17th @ 6:30 p.m.
- Council Commissioner Meeting March 18th @ 6:30 p.m.
- Training Committee Meeting March 26th @ 6:30 p.m.
- International Committee Meeting April 8th @ 6:30 p.m.

Council Activities That Are Still Being Held (at this time) (Each under 100 participants)

- **OA Spring Fellowship (March 20-22)**

Council Activities Postponed:

- Council Recognition Banquet/Silver Beaver March 25th (Rescheduled to May 27th)
- Eagle Banquet April 7th – Working with CVCC to establish new date and will communicate by March 20, 2020.

District Indoor Meetings and Activities

Additionally, all other indoor district meetings and activities scheduled through April 13, 2020, will be postponed and rescheduled for a later date and time effective today (Friday, 3/13/20). Group meetings that can be conducted by telephone or other digital means are encouraged. If you have any questions about specific meetings or activities in your district, please contact your District Executive.

Outdoor District and Council Activities (Postpones and Rescheduled)

The following outdoor activities will be postponed and rescheduled.

- **Webelos Woods (Postponed)**
 - This activity will be held in conjunction with Cub Scout Odyssey (May 1-3).
- **District Camporees (Will be postponed and rescheduled. Updates will be communicated.)**
 - Battleground, Chimney Rock, Gemstone, Lake James/Foothills, Lakeland, Two Rivers
- **BALOO Training (Cancelled)**
 - Current registration can be transferred to fall BALOO training (October 3)

Activity Refund Policy for Cancellations and/or Postponements Due To COVID-19

Refunds for activities

- If an activity has been cancelled, you should expect a refund within the next 2-3 weeks.
- If an activity is rescheduled, you may transfer your registration to the new date.
- If you cannot make the rescheduled date and/or would like a refund, please notify Kara Miller Kara.Miller@scouting.org and we will honor your refund request.

Unit Meetings

Decisions about unit meetings and activities should be made by unit leadership and chartering organizations based on the unit's individual circumstances and current CDC and local health department guidelines. Please contact your chartering organization about their meeting space policy.

Camp Card Sales

For the health and well-being of our Scouts, volunteer leaders, and families, the Piedmont Council recommends that all face-to-face, door-to-door, and store front sales **be suspended** for a period of 30 days effective immediately. We will closely monitor local conditions to determine a sales restart date. Any suspension period for the sale will be added to the scheduled end date. (For example, the current sales end date of May 2, 2020 will be extended to June 2, 2020.)

Also, it's important to note that additional information will be forthcoming to address future meetings and activities for our council and districts. We will be doing so based on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) recommendation to reconsider hosting public events that could put our communities at risk.

We are cognizant of the effect this causes for those involved in these meetings and activities. We appreciate your partnership in helping to address and mitigate this outbreak for all.

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