Troop and Crew
Back to Scouting

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7pm via Zoom

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Agenda

• Welcome
• “Back to Scouting” and “Back to Outings” Checklists
• Advancement
• Social Media
• Question/Answer
Checklists

*Back to Scouting & Back to Outings* checklists for Troops, Crews, and Packs are posted on the Council website at:

[www.longbeachbsa.org/covid-19](http://www.longbeachbsa.org/covid-19)

National Updates:

From the Guide to Safe Scouting

In situations not specifically covered in this guide, activity planners should evaluate the risk or potential risk of harm, and respond with action plans based on common sense, community standards, the Scout motto, and safety policies and practices commonly prescribed for the activity by experienced providers and practitioners.
Back to Scouting Checklist

- Read current CDC, local government, and LBAC Coronavirus guidelines.

- Meet with your Charter Organization Representative to ask for permission to resume meetings. Share current guidelines and your unit's plans to safely meet. Ask about additional precautions or measures the organization requires for your unit.

- Survey family interest in resuming in-person activities.

- Discuss with your adult leaders and parents when, and with what additional precautions, your unit will use to resume meetings and activities.

- Contact your District Executive regarding any questions you may have.
Plan your first meeting

- Verify location meeting requirements laid out by current CDC, local government, and LBAC Coronavirus guidelines.
- Discuss with parents what type of activities they are comfortable with.
- Ask your youth what activities they are interested in.
- Plan your unit's first in-person activities.
- Ask the Scouts to make up their own personal COVID hygiene kit to bring with them.
- Revise your unit calendar and budget for the rest of the year.
- Ask volunteers and parents to complete or update their position-specific and YPT.
Share the Information

- Share with your parents and families, your unit's plan to restart unit meetings/outings.

- Clearly lay out all precautions required by your Chartered Organization, and all guidelines you will be following.

- Encourage families to continually review the LBAC Covid-19 website for current Coronavirus updates.

- Make clear that all participation is voluntary.
Back to Outings

Currently Not Allowed:
- Meetings or gatherings with people *not in your own household*  
  --Long Beach Health Order

Currently Allowed:
- Camping with family members of the same household
- Day Camps

Resources online:
- [www.longbeachbsa.org/covid-19](http://www.longbeachbsa.org/covid-19)
Participation in all activities is at the discretion of the parents or guardians.

Those at significant risk for infection should consult a physician prior to participating in an activity.

All participants should review their current health prior to participation of any activity. Only those feeling well should participate. Whenever possible, temperature checks of Scouts and leaders should be made prior to participation.

All units should keep a detailed roster of participants for all meetings and activities, so they are prepared if contact tracing is required.
• All those who have been exposed to Coronavirus must quarantine for 14 days prior to participation in any Scouting activity.

• Individuals must always maintain social distancing of six feet or more.

• For camping events, make sure overnight camping is allowed for the region/county you will be camping in.

• Transportation to and from activities are with family members of the same household only. No carpooling or ride sharing is allowed.

• On outings, a Troop should be separated into patrol groups, limited to 10 Scouts or less.
• While doing activities that prohibit social distancing, such as patrol cooking or food serving, it is mandatory that masks must be worn.

• Handwashing and the sanitation of shared supplies must be done before and after use.

• Families/siblings from the same household, do not need to maintain social distancing for transportation, sleeping or meeting.

• Hikes, bike rides and other follow the leader activities, a minimum 6-foot distancing should be maintained.

• Sleeping should be limited to one person per tent, unless they are family.
Liability

Coverage assumes following guidelines

But what if we want to meet regardless?

- All adults must understand the risks to your scouts and their families posed by Covid-19
- You are all responsible for safely conducting your unit meetings and outings

What about an outing to another County/Region?

- Understand Covid risks associated with travel
- Know and follow all rules in place at your destination
- If you're not sure – ask
Advancement

• Quick highlights
  ✓ Can we still earn merit badges and advance? Yes!
  ✓ How is this tracked? Scoutbook.
  ✓ Merit badge counselors via Zoom? Yes.
  ✓ Swimming? At the sea base or private pool.
  ✓ Rank requirements – look online
  ✓ Leadership service during COVID? Yes.
  ✓ Backyard camping – 3 nights per month
  ✓ Scout shop: paper advance. report (1-5pm)

• Look for more details online here:
  www.scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-faq
Eagle Boards & Projects

Eagle Boards
1. Scout turns in project workbook to Sandy Van Wyk
   a) Include copies of rank and blue cards if possible
2. Sandy verifies and requests recommendations
3. When verified, Sandy notifies parties
4. Matt arranges Zoom meeting

Eagle Projects
• Scout contacts Sandy or Matt when ready
  Subject to safety guidelines
  Prep time and complete safely
  3-month extension through Sept 30
  Extension begins on 18th birthday
Unit Fundraising

General Fundraising
  • Same guidelines: follow local orders

Popcorn
  • Online sales already open
  • Ships direct to customer
  • Scout gets credit online
  • We have door hangers and order forms
  • Unit orders due mid-Aug, arrives Sept 2

Camp Cards
  • Money and cards due end of Aug.
Social Media

- Communication: two deep
  - Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, Google, Zoom, Email

- Using video platforms
  - Passwords, waiting room, monitor participants

- Recording meetings with youth – BSA says no

- Recording adults – ask in advance

- We could use your help posting in Facebook moms groups, PTA, Nextdoor
Next Call

• Tuesday, August 25

• Topics:
  • Troop activities on video platforms
  • Troop role in fall recruitment
  • Meeting locations

• We will likely be in touch individually before then

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