



COVID #7 UPDATE

Dear Bay Area Council Scouting Family,

Many of you have asked when will in-person Scout gatherings begin again. The council leadership team believes we have evaluated safety protocols and are able to begin a limited, phased approach to starting some council-level gatherings in September.

The Bay Area Council has canceled most in-person Scout meetings, activities and events through September 31st, with the following exceptions.

- 9/12/2020 Show & Sell Popcorn Distribution
- 9/26/2020 Bobcat in the Park

These gatherings will be limited by the number of participants allowed in a specific time period and family-focused.

We strongly advise that before your unit resumes any in-person Scout gatherings, your unit leadership take a Safety Pause and evaluate how to best plan to mitigate the risks associated with your in-person Scout gathering, including camping while COVID-19 is still present. This includes all dens and patrols, packs, troops, crews, ships, posts or unit committees. **Share your plan with your chartered partner to get their approval.**

If your unit cannot mitigate the risk of exposure, your unit should not do anything in-person until the risks are mitigated by a significant decline in COVID-19 numbers.

Virtual meetings are still strongly recommended, however, one local troop used the Safety Pause and evaluation plan and were able to attend an out-of-council summer camp. They stayed safe from start to finish and returned home without incident. They put the work in to keep their Scouts, families and leaders safe.

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[Restarting Scouting Checklist](#)
[CDC Camps & Events Decision Tree](#)
[Medical Screening](#)
[Pre-event checklist](#)
[Prevention of Communicable Diseases](#)

Thank you for all you do for Scouting. Let's keep our Scouts safe today so they can enjoy more Scouting in the near future.

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