



August 26, 2020

Dear Scouting Family,

The San Diego - Imperial Council continues to closely monitor safety guidelines from the various governing agencies. As always, the health and safety of our Scouts, Scouting families, volunteers, and staff is paramount. As such, we have taken a careful and informed approach in evaluating the viability of in-person programs for this fall. We know the importance of providing Scouts with program opportunities and we are in communication with our local council board, health supervisor, and risk management committee to determine how we can best serve our Scouting community during this difficult time. We would like you to know the following:

1. **Unit Meetings** – We are excited to provide units with the information and documentation needed for any unit to re-engage in-person meetings and activities. **There are some new required procedures before re-engagement in in-person Scouting can occur.**
  - Units can only hold meetings and activities at reopened businesses who have youth programs as a part of their business function.
  - Units can only meet after creating a unit safety plan and getting the approval of their chartered organization and meeting location.
  - Unit leaders must read and comply with the Restarting Scouting Leader’s Guide posted on the [SDICBSA website](#).
  - Unit meetings and activities must follow all state, county and city guidelines and orders regarding COVID precautions.
2. **Properties** – Reservations are required for all activities at our properties. Please contact the Camping department at [sdiccamp@scouting.org](mailto:sdiccamp@scouting.org) or 619-298-6121 after September 1 to make your reservations.
  - Camp Balboa will open September 1 for day use and overnight camping.
  - Youth Aquatic Center will open September 1 for day use. Campsite reservations are handled through the City of San Diego and remain closed.
  - Mataguay Scout Ranch will open by October 1 for day use and overnight camping.
3. **Camping** – At this time the requirements set by the State only allow for overnight family camping. Units may make reservations for overnight camping provided they camp in household groups and follow all guidelines listed in the Restarting Scouting Leader’s Guide posted on the [SDICBSA website](#).





4. **Fall Programs** - Weekend in-person day camp opportunities for Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA youth members will be announced soon on our Council Website. In addition to day camps, there will be family camp weekend opportunities throughout the fall. All camps continue to be operated in accordance with state and county guidelines for operations as well as the camping standards established by the Boy Scouts of America.

Thank you for everything you have done to keep Scouting alive during the unprecedented times we have faced this year. The determination, resourcefulness and servant leadership you have all shown during the COVID-19 pandemic has been awe-inspiring. We look forward to seeing you in-person at Scouting meetings throughout the Council very soon!

Yours in Scouting,

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