June 11, 2020

To Our Scouting Family and Friends,

The San Diego - Imperial Council has been closely monitoring safety guidelines from the various governing agencies. As Scouts, we have a responsibility to our community to do everything in our power to limit the spread of the COVID19. Fortunately, our Scouts have stood strong throughout this pandemic and continued their adventures in new ways by following local safety guidelines. Thank you to our volunteers and staff for their work to keep Scouting alive and prepared for the time we can get back to more traditional Scouting. We believe that time is drawing near. Please keep in mind that safety is our top priority and we will continue to monitor the COVID19 situation and make adjustments as appropriate.

Service Center & Scout Shop Reopen Their Doors
Effective Tuesday June 16th, the Council Service Center will open during regular business hours. The Scout Shop will resume operations with reduced hours. In order to maintain limited social circles, in-person district and council meetings, activities, and programs are still closed through June 30. Virtual meetings will continue as scheduled. All other council properties remain closed through June 30.

Unit Meetings and Activities
San Diego and Imperial Counties most recent health orders do not currently allow for any gatherings. Therefore, in compliance, units must continue to meet virtually.

Camp Fiesta Island Summer Camp for all weeks have been cancelled. If your Scout or Unit was scheduled to attend Camp Fiesta Island you have several options. You will have the option to transfer to an alternate summer programs described below, transfer their monies on deposit to Summer 2021 at Camp Fiesta Island or Mataguay Scout Ranch and lock in 2020 pricing, or receive a full refund for all monies not transferred.

Mataguay Scout Ranch and Camp Balboa will open for unit camping when the County of San Diego has expanded county camping beyond “household.” Reservations are being accepted at this time. National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) has been cancelled for Summer 2020.

Summer Program Update
Our summer programs by necessity will be formatted differently this summer and all will adhere to the state and county guidelines for operations. Visit our Council Camping page after June 15th for more details on these and other exciting programs.

- In-person Merit Badge Programs – In July, we will be hosting merit badge track programs for Scouts BSA in variety of subjects.
- Go-IT Virtual Summer Camp – The San Diego – Imperial Council is pleased to announce a new partnership with Tata Consulting for a hands-on experience in Computer Science and program development. This is open to all youth entering 6th grade and up.
- In-person Cub Scout Day Camps are being coordinated at district level as permissible by local authorities.

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Thank you again for helping strengthen the Scouting program. Together, we continue to make a difference in the lives we touch and the communities we serve.

Be Safe. Be Strong. Social Distancing is keeping us apart, but Scouting is keeping...