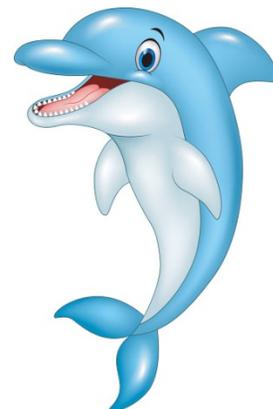


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## “Fun with a Porpoise”

### August 2020



Scouters can “Ask Artie” questions that are on their minds by posting a note at Roundtable, asking your Unit Commissioner, or emailing District Commissioner Nancy Hodgkiss at [nancy.hodgkiss@pacificabsa.org](mailto:nancy.hodgkiss@pacificabsa.org).

#### **Can we start meeting in person?**

No. In the interest of keeping our Scout families safe, and to comply with County Health Orders that prohibit gatherings, units cannot hold in-person activities that include members of multiple households—even if they are held outside. However, we are ramping up activities at Council properties under the supervision of Council employees under the Orders’ provisions for day camp/day care operators. Save the date of August 17<sup>th</sup> for our Council Program Update webinar.

#### **Can we take a hike?**

You can’t gather as a unit, but current public health orders allow households to hike, so try a distributed, or “shotgun” start hike. Each family can start from their own home, or you can pick a long route (last month, we talked about the [PV Loop trail](#)) and have everyone start at a different place or time. You might even try a [Mystery Hike](#) or a [Square Foot](#) hike.

#### **What will recharter fees be this year?**

Over the next two years, we are resetting the charter year to better align with the program year. This fall, we are renewing members for the period of 1 Jan-30 Sep 2021. This has the advantage of lowering your registrations costs for this year! Budget \$99 per youth and \$54 per adult to cover all National and Council fees, and plan to pay by mid-November. If you have a Scout who needs financial assistance beyond what your unit and Chartered Organization can offer, please contact your [Unit Commissioner](#).

#### **How do I convince parents to stay in or join Scouting if we can’t meet in person?**

Keep program going! Families are looking for engaging programs for their kids, even if they’re online. You may need to focus on small den- and patrol-level activities for now. Scouting’s methods (see chart [HERE](#)) don’t happen at school, and [research](#) shows that Scouting works—we help build young people who are healthy, caring, and responsible.

#### **Are Eagle projects on hold?**

Not necessarily, but projects may need to be altered. You can find the Council guidelines for Eagle projects [HERE](#). *Be advised that Council’s authority to grant extensions expires September 30.* If you have questions, contact District Advancement Chair [Jim Matsushita](#).

**Artie, how do dolphins get home from the airport?** They w-hale a cab! Sea you next month!