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.

**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 17th 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!