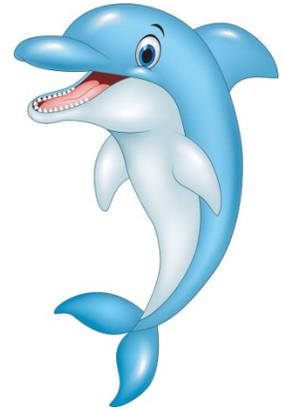


aRTie's mailbox

“Fun with a Porpoise”

November 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.

Online Registration seems to be broken. The application button doesn't work.

Council has temporarily turned off Online Registration, since it was charging applicants for 14 months, rather than only the remaining two months of 2020. While this will work beautifully when our recharter year is re-set, it wasn't so great when families had already paid recharter fees directly to the unit. We'll turn it back on in January. If you need to add new members, use [“digital paper” applications](#).

When do 18 year olds who are staying with the Troop need to turn in adult paperwork? Transitioning a youth to an adult member of BSA is essentially a position code change. Please send [adult paperwork](#) as soon as practical—preferably within a few weeks before or after the Scout turns 18. 18 year olds can be registered as UP/Unit Participants (if they're still in the Eagle Process) or as 92U/College Scouter Reserve or SA/Assistant Scoutmaster if they're ready to leave youth program behind.

Is there a tool to help families find a unit that's a good fit? Yes! Whether families are joining BSA for the first time or transitioning from one program to another, check out National's new [How Do You Scout survey](#).

With the National help desk down, how do I get help resetting my password to get access to My.Scouting tools? If you've already tried the “reset password” link and the chat bot in the lower right hand corner, email a password re-set request to nancy.hodgkiss@pacificabsa.org. Please include your unit and My.Scouting user name, as well as your BSA ID if you have it.

I'm having trouble getting a current YPT certificate. What do I do? First, make sure to follow the [tips on the Pacifica website](#): 1) take the mandatory, NOT the recommended lesson plan; 2) screen shot each of the 4 modules upon completion, and 3) DO NOT CLICK NEXT after each module. If you're still having trouble, contact your Committee or Training Chair, who will “bundle” the problems your unit is having and work with [District Training Chair Casey Jones](#) to clear them up.

How to dolphins learn to swim?
By podcast.

Sea you next month!