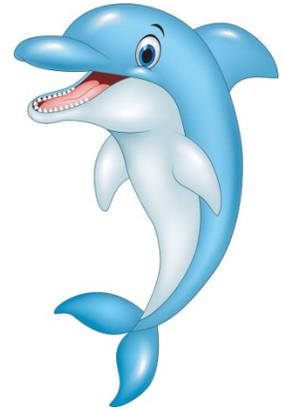


aRTie's mailbox

“Fun with a Porpoise”

December 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.

Artie Poses your COVID questions to Paul Wong, Council Health Commissioner

Artie: What's the right COVID symptom screening form to use? The appropriate LA County health order includes a list of symptoms to ask. The health order includes a checklist with symptoms described. For example, the youth sport protocol states: *Checks must include a check-in concerning fever, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing and fever or chills, and whether the person has had contact with a person known or suspected to be infected with the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) within the last 14 days.*

Artie: Do we need a special consent form acknowledging COVID risks?

Part A of BSA's Annual Health and Medical record is a general consent/authorization. A separate waiver wouldn't add anything to the consent form.

Artie: Where can cohort leaders keep up-to-date on the current situation?

Every cohort leader (and families) should regularly review the current health situation so that they can make informed decisions about participation. LA County Department of Public Health has difficulty summarizing the complex nature of COVID exposure and GLAAC lacks sufficient capacity to provide separate analytics regarding the pandemic. Continue to refer families to the [LA County website](#).

Artie: Is there a checklist we can use to ensure an activity complies with County and BSA guidelines?

The appropriate County health order is the final say on compliance. The health order includes a checklist. GLAAC has set forth more generalized guidance that is meant only to supplement and further address Scouting-specific issues.

Artie: How about a checklist with all the pre- and post-activity steps needed?

Paul: Again, the appropriate County health order is the final say on procedures & post-activity reporting.

Artie: What are the guidelines if a Scout has symptoms that may preclude participation or present during/after participation? The appropriate County health order is the final say as it relates to participation. Until the County revises its health orders on this topic, other suggestions (including CDC's reduction of quarantine time), do NOT supersede the County orders.

Artie: Who keeps the forms and for how long? The unit maintains the paperwork based upon instruction from the Chartered Organization, and should verify the Chartered Organization's retention policy. If the Chartered Org retention policy doesn't exist, paperwork should be kept for at least two year.

Artie: Can the Pacifica website be updated more frequently with COVID information? Districts should not be posting COVID restrictions since health orders have been changing rather frequently. Unless GLAAC authorizes posting of restriction summaries, the best source of information remains the County website.

Now on to topics of a more general nature. . .

How difficult is it to add back a lapsed member?

Not difficult at all. Just use Online Registration after January 1st. The online system can't backdate, so have them apply as soon as they re-commits.

I seem to have lost my access to Scoutbook. Help!

National is working on the issue, but try these workarounds:

1. Clear your cache. See [How to Clear Cache for All Major Browsers](#) and clear cookies for the [scoutbook.com](#) domain. See [How to Clear Cookies for a Specific Site](#).
 2. Use an incognito or private window to access Scoutbook at <https://scoutbook.scouting.org/mobile>. See [Finding Your Browser's Private Browsing Mode](#) for instructions for various browsers.
- More about this issue and when it is resolved will be posted on <https://discussions.scouting.org>.

My Scoutbook account says my email address is "changemyemail@scoutbook.com". What is the best way to resolve this?

Try [this solution](#) suggested by the Scoutbook User Advisory Council.

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 with in 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.

With the National help desk down, how do I get help resetting my password to get access to My.Scouting tools? The best way is to use the "reset password" link, and if that doesn't work, the chat bot in the lower right hand corner of the login screen will walk you through the reset process. If you're still having trouble, 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.

What did the dolphin detective say to his partner?

Something smells fishy!

Sea you next month!