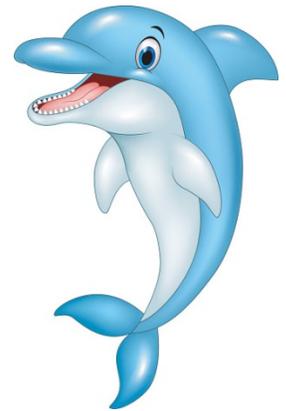


aRTie's mailbox

“Fun with a Porpoise”

February 2021



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.

Due to COVID, have the requirements (particularly the “attend Cub Scout day camp or Cub Scout/Webeles Scout resident camp”) for the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award changed?

The [COVID-19 FAQ from National](#) states: *Packs and dens should do their best to meet the intent of the awards. If a required activity (such as day camp or resident camp) is not possible due to the COVID-19 pandemic, packs can utilize an alternative option of their choosing. Units should continue to follow any restrictions outlined by their state and local health departments or other local officials regarding gatherings, etc.*

Have your Pack Committee discuss this issue to select an alternative(s). We are optimistic that GLAAC will be able to run Cub camps this summer, but if conditions don't allow, perhaps as combination of camp ins and day camps (such as Pinewood Ready to Race) will work for you.

Are Eagle projects on hold for now?

It depends. Candidates and their coaches should consult with the [County Health Orders](#) and [this reference](#) from the Council Advancement Committee. For more information, contact Mr. Cortenbach of the [District Advancement Committee](#).

Are there any flyers we can use to help with recruiting?

Yes! The [BSA Brand Center](#) has a Marketing Library with flyers, photos, video clips, trifold, and much more.

We received an email solicitation that suggested we should incorporate as a 501(c)(3). Would doing so better protect our volunteers?

No, it wouldn't. As part of rechartering, your unit pays for [Comprehensive General Liability Insurance](#). [BSA Fiscal Policies](#) explicitly state that units should not incorporate.

The 2021 JTE Scorecard calls for service hours to be entered into the JTE website to earn points. Where is that website?

The JTE service hours tracker has been integrated into Scoutbook/Internet Advancement [Activity Logs](#), so you no longer have to make a duplicate record in a separate website.

Artie, when you met your wife, how did you know you were meant to be together?

We just clicked.

Sea you next month!