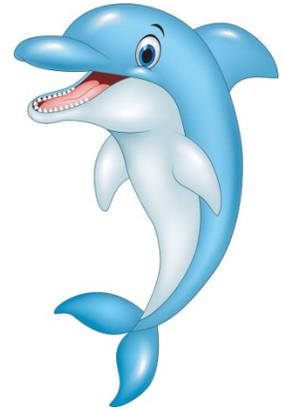


aRTie's mailbox

“Fun with a Porpoise”

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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.

My Scouting Position Manager won't let us put adults in multiple positions. Can an adult only hold one position?

Adults can only hold one registered position (e.g. ASM, Den Leader, New Member Coordinator, etc.), but they may serve in multiple functional roles (e.g. Training Chair, Advancement Chair, etc.). [This article](#) from Bryan on Scouting, explains why.

Some of our Scouts want to earn the BSA Distinguished Conservation Service Award. How do they get their projects approved?

The [Distinguished Conservation Service Award](#) for youth in Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouts will follow a process very similar to our District [Eagle process](#). Mr. Cortenbach is the point of contact to kick off project approval.

I'm reviewing medical records and notice that we have two scouts who do not have a tetanus shot. Is that required to participate in den activities?

Yes, a current tetanus shot is the only [immunization required by BSA](#). If families do not wish to be immunized, they will need to file an [Immunization Exemption Request](#).

One of our Eagle candidates took Merit Badges during COVID with Counselors in other states. His badges were approved in Scoutbook, but he doesn't have Blue Cards. Do we need to create them so he can put them in his book?

In short, no. Your Scout can work with his book reviewer to discuss how to pull the records from Scoutbook to document his completion.

We moved here from out of state. Our old Troop didn't use Scoutbook, and my daughter's early advancements aren't showing—e.g. there's no earned date for Tenderfoot. How can I fill in the dates?

Your Scout should work with her Troop Advancement Chair and/or Scoutmaster. If her handbook has the dates earned, these Scouters can add the dates to her Scoutbook record.

I'm a Merit Badge Counselor, but the badges I counsel aren't in Scoutbook, so I can't connect to Scouts. How do I get this fixed?

These records are administered at by Council, so please work with our Dean of Merit Badge Counselors, Alison Crompton, at meritbadge@pacificabsa.org.

Artie, what do baby dolphins do when they're cranky?

They whale!

Sea you next month!