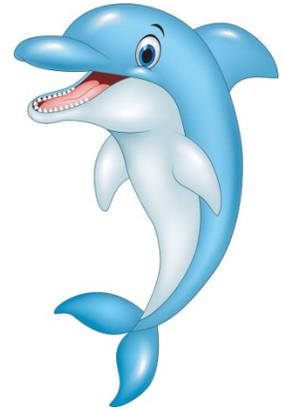


aRTie's mailbox

“Fun with a Porpoise”

June 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.

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

CORRECTION FROM LAST MONTH The [Distinguished Conservation Service Award](#) for youth in Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouts. Ross Arnold is the GLAAC point of contact. He can be reached at rossarnold1213@gmail.com or (323) 605-2740

Our Troop is planning a family campout as soon as we can go camping again.

Can the Scouts tent with their parents? No. In Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouting, adults and youth must tent separately. In addition, youth sharing tents must be no more than two years apart in age. See more info in the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#).

Do we have capability to (Have encryption or digital protection) to electronically have health forms stored? Can we save them electronically, not send via email? Sorry, [BSA policy](#) prohibits digital storage or transmission of health records.

How often do Scoutbook and My.Scouting sync? The databases sync daily, but the primary database is My.Scouting. If you have data (such as membership or advancement) in Scoutbook that's not showing in My.Scouting, it's only in your unit's files, and hasn't been stored to National's database. Ask your Commissioner if you need help getting Scoutbook and My.Scouting to reconcile.

If our unit is conducting a family camp and parents/scout want to go bungee jumping as a family during free time, is that allowable? No. Bungee jumping, paintball, laser tag, parasailing, etcetera, are [prohibited activities](#) and should not be included in any unit event, even during “free time.”

How do we get a Certificate of Insurance? Fill in [this form](#) and email to annette.haslam@scouting.org at least 2 weeks prior to your deadline.

Artie, I hear the local aquarium has a great rate for campers and dolphins this month. Is that true?

Yep, for all in tents and porpoises, it's free!

Sea you next month!