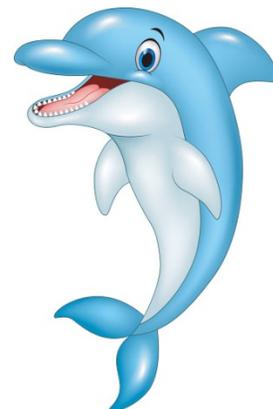


aRTie's mailbox

“Fun with a Porpoise”

September 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.

We ordered recruiting materials. How will we receive them?

The first batch has been delivered. We'll get the flyers and Kickstart cards to you as soon as we can!

Can units use PayPal to collect fees? Yes! In fact, you can even track payments via Scoutbook. See this article from the Scoutbook Knowledge Base for instructions: <https://help.scoutbook.scouting.org/knowledge-base/paypal-payment-utility-sb/>

Under current COVID constraints, can we serve communal food at our meeting? In July, our Council Health Commissioner answered this question via email with this advice. You can serve food “family style,” but have volunteer servers rather than letting everyone get their own food. Servers should wear masks and disposable gloves. Ideally, serve outdoors. If indoors, remember that everyone will need to be masked when picking up food.

Are there any public campgrounds that are Council-approved for Cub Camping? Yes! You can find a list of Council approved camps on the Pacifica website: www.pacificabsa.org.

Did I hear that Fourth Graders can get into National Parks for FREE? Not only National Parks—ALL public lands! Visit www.everykidoutdoors.gov for more information.

Can a Boy Troop and a Girl Troop share the same committee? Troops can share a Committee, but they must have different Scoutmasters. See [this article](#) from Bryan on Scouting.

We're a Family Pack. Can we have co-ed dens? Dens must be single gender. If you don't have enough Scouts (generally at least five) to fill a Den, consider multi-age dens or collaborate with a neighboring Pack.

Will there be a fall Camporee? Not for our District. Pacifica is planning a spring Camporee the weekend of 22-24 April 2022.

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, how do dolphins send messages?

By sea mail.

Sea you next month!