

Hello Commissioners and Chairs,

As we all navigate through these very fluid times, The Spirit of Adventure Council remains committed to the health and safety of our Scouts, Scouters, and Staff. The Council has put together some guidelines for Council and District activities and events. To keep up to date with the latest, please visit; <https://www.scoutspirit.org/coronavirus/>

There are some key items I wanted to share with you, and in turn for you to share with your respective committees and commissioners corps:

- **Woburn Service Center**
 - Effective Monday 3/15-Monday 4/6, the Woburn Service Center is closed to the public. Staff will be splitting time working from home. The Scout Shop is remaining open at this time. Anything that needs to be dropped off, can be done so at the Scout Shop.
- **Roundtables**
 - All April Roundtables should be moved to an online platform, or postponed. The council is working on setting up a bunch of online platforms for districts that need assistance.
- **District Pinewood Derbies**
 - March activities are to be cancelled or postponed to a later date. Efforts should be made to minimize the total number of participants and spectators at any given time. Specific time shifts for the different ranks and races should be set up, with strict rules on who can remain and watch.
- **District Dinners**
 - The key items to keep in mind for the District Dinners is:
 - Considering capping the size of the group
 - Food distribution – boxed or plated servings is preferred, rather than family style or buffet.
- **Eagle Board of Reviews**
 - If at all possible, these should be done by Skype, or Facetime, or some other online platform. Another suggestions is to conduct them outdoors, rather than in a small room.
- **Advice for Units in regards to whether they should meet or not**
 - Please refer them to the Scouting Activities & Meetings Section of the Council Corona Updates Page:
 - **Indoor Activity/Meeting Considerations**
 - Indoor meetings or activities with more than 12 participants should be postponed or broken down into smaller groups
 - Consider the size of the room and the ventilation for the room
 - **Outdoor Activities**
 - Camping is considered a low risk activity because of its remote nature and ease of creating social distance
 - Kids would have a space 3x the size of a classroom for their patrol sites
 - The ventilation of the outdoors is far better than any indoor ventilation
 - Adults should monitor behavior/activities to ensure hygiene and social distance

- Outdoor activities should still follow the same methodology-
small groups (patrols, dens and crews under 12 people)
- This can be an outstanding opportunity for our Scouts BSA Troops to practice
the Patrol Method and conduct business in their Patrol Meetings.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility through this all. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. Also, please share this with your respective district teams to spread the word.

Stay safe everyone!!

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