



CALIFORNIA INLAND EMPIRE COUNCIL

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

SUBJECT: CIEC, COVID-19 UPDATE 08-04-2020

The California Inland Empire Council is dedicated to the safety of our leaders, Scouts, and their families. Unfortunately, we are still under the state “stay at home order”. Our Council leadership remains vigilant in monitoring state and county safety conditions. We will continue to work alongside our local health officials to determine the most appropriate response to the conditions at hand and for a safe return of in-person Scouting. Therefore, in-person meetings, activities, service projects, and Eagle projects are still not permitted by the California Inland Empire Council per Riverside and San Bernardino County Health Departments. Scouting through a family “household” (all living together) may be permitted with approval from the California Inland Empire Council. **As we prepare for the return of in-person Scouting, it is important that everyone continue to operate in accordance with all restrictions outlined.**

Fortunately, the Boy Scouts of America, California Inland County Council, and its core of great volunteers are finding new ways to deliver programs, raise operating funds, and recruit new members. From Roundtables, unit leader trainings, creative unit meetings and activities, and the development of Camp CIEC (www.campciec.org), Scouting is evolving and adjusting to our new environment. We will continue to plan for fall and winter events and adjust our annual popcorn campaign accordingly. The current Council popcorn plan is online (www.ciecpopcorn.org) for online sales, take orders, and a limited show and sell. While show and sell opportunities may have slightly changed, there are new opportunities for site sales on the horizon for late September or early October.

Like good Scouts we will continue to plan for future events and Be Prepared for the time when our County guidelines change allowing for in-person Scouting. If there is one positive that we can take from this pandemic and that we can learn from, it is that under the face of adversity, Scouting has found a way to keep Scouts connected, resilient, and innovative. COVID-19 has challenged each of us as families, volunteers, and staff to find new ways to deliver the life changing experiences and the life lessons our Scouts have come to expect in environments where they can thrive, learn, and have fun.

Sincerely,

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