

# Five Rivers Council

## FAQ

3/19/20

### Council

#### **What is happening with Scouting for Food?**

It is currently suspended. We are hoping to reschedule after the current health crisis?

#### **What about Summer Camp, Day Camp, Cub Adventure Camp?**

We will be continuing to monitor the ongoing health crisis and make decisions as we can. Currently all camps are planning on full operation. The Council has extended early bird rates for all camps due May 1<sup>st</sup>. with full Regular rate payment due June 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Can we meet as a Patrol/Den?**

No, during this health crisis there is no in person contact for Scouting activities. However virtual meetings are strongly encouraged.

### District

#### **Will the District Roundtable be happening?**

Yes! We are looking at dates to run this as a Council wide Roundtable via Zoom for both Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA & Venturing.

#### **Will District Committee Meetings be happening?**

Yes, via Zoom. Look for connection information from your Committee Chair or Staff Advisor

#### **Will District Events/Activities be happening?**

All current events during the health crisis are canceled. Events past that time frame are currently planned to run as schedule, however may change as the health crisis changes.

## Unit

### **How do we handle crossover or awards?**

Scouts at all levels should receive immediate recognition for the work that they have done. Recognition ceremonies can be done as a virtual ceremony or at a later date after the health crisis is over.

### **How do we get awards, recognition and other items like Merit Badge Books?**

An ordering process is being put in place. Please check out the Scout Store page on the Council Website for the most current operation. **NOTE: During this time there is absolutely no in store sales or in store service. NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

### **Can we go on a campout or hike?**

No, during this health crisis there is no in person contact for Scouting activities. However family hikes are encouraged. Remember to stay safe.

### **Can our Committee still meet?**

YES!!! All committees should still meet to plan Unit operations. However, this needs to be done either by conference calling or videoconferencing.

### **How do I do a Scoutmasters Conference?**

Using either conference call or videoconferencing is certainly appropriate. NOTE: Youth protection policies still apply.

### **Can we do a Board of Review?**

Yes using either conference call or videoconferencing is accordance with the guidelines put forth by the [Council Advancement Committee](#)

### **We already have a fundraiser planned and approved; can we still do it?**

No, all Scouting activities that have face to face contact are suspended until further notice.

### **How can I find resources or ideas for projects, requirements, leadership, etc?**

Please join The Watercooler on Facebook hosted by the Five Rivers Council. This is a place to exchange good ideas and ask questions.

## **Free videoconferencing options**

Note: Each of the options below has a paid option, but outlining the features of the free tier.

- [Google Hangouts](#): Easy to use, no time limit, allows up to 10 participants
- [Zoom](#): Great features, 40-minute time limit, allows up to 100 participants
- [Skype](#): Good stability, four-hour time limit, allows up to 50 participants
- [UberConference](#): Excellent video quality, 45-minute time limit, allows up to 10 participants

## **YOUTH PROTECTION GUIDELINES: DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS**

One-on-one contact between adult leaders and youth members is prohibited both inside and outside of Scouting.

- In situations requiring a personal conference, the meeting is to be conducted with the knowledge and in view of other adults and/or youth.
- Private online communications (texting, phone calls, chat, IM, etc.) must include another registered leader or parent.
- Communication by way of social media (Facebook, Snapchat, etc.) must include another registered leader or parent.