



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

GOLDEN GATE AREA COUNCIL

The Allowable Scouting Activities described herein are designed to meet the guidelines and/or requirements of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), California Division of Occupational Health (Cal/OSHA), and the various local county health orders of the impact Golden Gate Area Council and its properties.

This update is effective beginning: **Sunday, October 15, 2020** and shall remain in effect until updated or removed by the Golden Gate Area Council.

Please note that the COVID-19 situation and guidelines are frequently changing; all scouters should stay informed of the current situation from news reports, as well as, regulatory and health official guidance.

For all general inquiries regarding this policy please contact Joe Barton, Director of Support Service at: joe.barton@scouting.org

Activity Locations and Types:

The following are the usages allowed at the specified GGAC properties, as well as, guidelines for Unit Based Activities, regardless of their location:

- Camp Herms, Camp Royaneh and Rancho Los Mochos
 - Camp Work Parties
 - Household Family Unit Camping
 - OA Service Projects
 - Den & Patrol-Based Service Projects
- Camp Wolfeboro & Wente Scout Reservation
 - Camp Work Parties
- Council Service Centers
 - Remain closed
- Unit Based Activities
 - See definition and sample activities below

Definitions:

Camp Work Parties - Adult only work parties prescheduled by the Camp's Ranger and their Property Team with each attendee having RSVP'd at least 48-hrs prior to coming to camp and having completed a health pre-screening process. Food Service may only be conducted through individuals bringing their own food, cooking equipment, and cleaning supplies. *Camp kitchens and dining halls will not be open.* If food is to be provided as

part of the event, it must be prepared by an outside county approved restaurant or facility and served in individual to go containers. No sharing of food or serving in a “buffet” or “family style” formats are allowed. All food consumption must be done outdoors.

Household Family Unit Camping - Overnight camping by Household Family Units are allowed only at Camp Herms, Camp Royaneh or Rancho Los Mochos. A Household Family Unit is defined as a combination of persons who reside in your household or dwelling. Together you may utilize a single-family site at one of the three above mentioned camps. Two adults are required to attend with each reservation.

- *Supervision* - At least one adult over the age of 21 is required to be registered with the Boy Scouts of America and all adults in attendance are required to have taken [BSA Youth Protection Training](#).
- *Campsite* - The camp will provide a location for your Household Family Unit to set up its tent(s) and picnic table as well as access to a toilet facility.
- *Duration of Stay* - All reservations entitle your household to its designated site from 5:00pm on Friday through 11:00am on Sunday. Fees are based per weekend and not day due to guidelines on sanitation.
- *Food* - All food, cooking equipment, and cleaning equipment must be brought to camp by individual Household Family Unit and cannot be shared amongst separate households.
- *Fees* - Payment will be made at the time of reservation and all reservations are nonrefundable as the entire experience is contactless with the Ranger.
- *Reservation Process* - Reservations are made by filling out the Short Term Facility Use Form and submitting it to Camping Assistant, Melissa Yarns at melissa.yarns@scouting.org once reviewed she will contact you to finalize your reservations.

Your Household Family Unit may coordinate with other Household Family Units from your Pack or Troop to hold a Pack or Troop-based camping experience.

Den or Patrol-Based Activities & Service Projects

Your Den or Patrol may utilize Camp Herms, Camp Royaneh or Rancho Los Mochos for Meetings, Activities or Service-Based Projects. Prior to registration, please review the Golden Gate Area Council COVID-19 Unit Service Project Guidelines. To make a reservation fill out the Short Term Facility Use Form and submit it to Melissa Yarns at melissa.yarns@scouting.org for review. She will then contact you to finalize your reservation.

OA Inductions - OA Inductions have been reformatted to be COVID-19 compliant. These events will be sponsored by OA Lodges with specific guidelines presented by the Lodge to the Arrowmen prior to registration for the event.

Unit Based Activities

Unit Based Activities are those hosted or put on by the Pack, Troop, Crew, Ship or Post that start and end on the same day, with no overnight camping options.

All Unit Based Activities must adhere to the guidelines below:

- In-Person Meetings or Activities shall not exceed the lesser of the county or state guideline (current California State Guideline is 14 youth and 2 adults maximum).
- All BSA regulations remain in effect. Two-Deep Leadership must be maintained at all times and current [BSA Youth Protection Training](#) should be on file.
- Social distancing of at least 6-ft whenever possible and masks should be worn if closer contact is needed.

Sample Unit Based Activities include, but are not limited to:

- Den or Patrol meetings where Scouts are all socially distanced, for example:
 - Meet at a park, have each scout bring a beach towel. Scouts to stay on their towel spaced 6-ft apart during the meeting.
 - Meet on a farm/ranch and sit on hay bales spaced 6-ft apart.
- Drive-in Movie meetings
- Day Hikes - GGAC has amazing [Hiking Trail Programs](#), earn those patches! Or put together your own History Hike with Parents dressed up as key figures in History (pick a theme Scouting, STEM, Sports, etc.) and space out close enough to see the Scouts walk from station to station.
- Games and Activities where each person brings their own equipment or can observe something as a group such as:
 - Scavenger Hunts
 - Cloud Watching
 - Bingo!
 - Star Party
 - Pool Noodle Tag
 - Simon Says....stay 6-ft apart!
 - Sidewalk Chalk art or games
 - Name-that-Knot (bring sections of rope, teach first then quiz)
- Cycling/Scooter/Skating etc. parades
- Community-Based Service Projects
 - Scouting for Food
 - Community Clean-ups where each Scout can bring/given their own equipment

References:

[Boy Scouts of America](#)

[State of California](#)

County COVID-19 Links

- [Alameda County](#)
- [Calaveras County](#)
- [Contra Costa County](#)
- [Lake County](#)
- [Mendocino County](#)
- [Napa County](#)
- [San Francisco County](#)
- [Solano County](#)
- [Sonoma County](#)
- [Tuolumne County](#)

[Centers For Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)

[Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19, OSHA 3990-3 2020, OSHA, March 2020](#)

[Golden Gate Area Council COVID-19 Page](#)

[List N: Disinfectants for Use Against SARS-CoV-2 \(COVID-19\), US Environmental Protection Agency](#)

[Restart Scouting Checklist, #680-693](#)