

March 17, 2020

Dear Scouting Family,

For the safety of our employees, volunteers, and participants, the South Plains Council shall support local government and community efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19. After thoughtful consideration, the following will be implemented and/or recommendations have been updated regarding our Council. Please know that we are monitoring developments regarding COVID-19 both locally and through the <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)</u>. The following information regarding local events and prevention measures is based on the latest available guidance. As this is an evolving situation, this information is subject to change. We will continue to provide updates on relevant developments.

Lott Scout Service Center - Effective immediately, the Lott Scout Service Center and McMillian Scout Shop will be closed to all customers. Our staff remains available by phone and email. Procedures are being developed to handle daily business and we will make every effort to support our Scouting family during this unprecedented time. We anticipate this closure will remain in place until at least March 31st.

<u>Status of Council Events</u> - All in-person council & district events, activities, and meetings will be cancelled and/or postponed through at least April 30, 2020. This decision has been made from an abundance of caution and concern for the health of our Scouts, Scouters, and their families. The following events will be impacted:

March 28th - BALOO Training - POSTPONED

April 4th - Chaparral District Pinewood Derby - CANCELLED

April 9th – Chaparral District Roundtable – CANCELLED

April 18th – IOLS Training - POSTPONED

April 25th – Scouts BSA Camporee at Camp Post – POSTPONED

Although a final decision has not been made, the upcoming Wood Badge Course will likely be POSTPONED as well.

<u>Unit Activities</u> - We are strongly urging units to follow the recommended guidelines by suspending weekly meetings until at least April 1st. These recommendations will help protect our Scouts, leaders and families to the best of our ability. The final decision on continued unit activities will be the responsibility of the unit committee in consultation with their chartered



organization and, in some cases, their meeting facilities until such time as new guidance is issued by the CDC. We encourage your unit committee to plan for and take the opportunity to utilize virtual options as listed below.

As this is an evolving situation, this information is subject to change. We will continue to update you on relevant developments, and we appreciate your understanding of any necessary adjustments in the interest of health and safety. You may monitor all South Plains Council Scouting event updates here: www.southplainscouncil.org

Should you have any questions or concerns about a specific upcoming event or activity, please call the Lott Scout Service Center at (806) 747-2631 or email questions@southplainscouncil.org. We will do everything we can to answer your question using the information available to us.

Yours in Scouting,

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