To: Longs Peak Council Scouters and Families  
From: Council Key 3  
Date: May 15, 2020  
Subject: LPC Office Updates Regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The safety of our Scouts, volunteers, families, and employees is paramount in the Longs Peak Council (LPC). We support local government and community efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19. We have updated council operations in support of the Safer-at-Home health order issued by the State of Colorado Governor Jared Polis, health orders by the State of Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts and the State of Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon. As this is an evolving situation, information is subject to change.

Please know that we are monitoring developments regarding COVID-19 both locally and through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

**Scout Service Center openings:**

The Farr Scout Service Center (Greeley) and all council camp properties opened up on May 8, 2020. We are open with 50% of our employees working at the Greeley Scout Service Center and have implemented social distancing protocols, installed a protective barrier for our Registrar and customers, utilized a professional cleaning company to provide a deep cleaning, and we will ask our employees and customers to wear facial coverings when visiting the Farr Scout Service Center.

We will continue to share updates through email, social media and our council website as we make progress toward opening all of our offices soon.

The Reichenberg Family Scout Service Center (Louisville) will open on Friday, May 22. The Louisville Scout Store will have modified hours of Tues- Fri, 1:00 – 5:00 pm. Lockwood Scout Service Center (Scottsbluff, NE) will open on Wednesday, May 20 and will be open Mon – Thurs, 12:00 – 3:00 pm.

**National Scout Shop (Loveland)**

The National Scout Shop in Loveland is now open to our Scouting volunteers. They have modified hours of Tuesday – Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm. Please contact Isola in advance if you would like her to pull your rank advancement orders and have ready for you, upon arrival to the store. Isola can be reached by email at Joaquina.Sotomayor-Seurer@scouting.org or by phone at 970-617-2230.

Contact Regina Swanson or Bryan Davidson, to arrange to pick up merchandise by curbside delivery. Shipping is an option from the Louisville Store.

In the interim, please contact Regina Swanson at Regina.Swanson@scouting.org in Louisville or Bryan Davidson at Bryan.Davidson@scouting.org in Scottsbluff, NE to order advancement awards.

1. Unit Leader will email in their Scoutbook Advancement report or merchandise list to Regina, Bryan.
2. Please include contact phone number so that the LPC staff team member can contact you for payment information.
3. Customer Service Rep will contact Unit Leader for credit card information, ship to and bill to address, and verify the correct unit number along with the actual advancement needed.
Additional Scout Services:

1. If you have documents for processing (Youth Applications, Adult Applications, Eagle Applications, Advancement Reports) please email them to Dennisa.Prince@scouting.org
2. Any youth protection issues contact: John.Coleman@scouting.org
3. Any questions regarding the council “Spring into Scouting” product sale: Dawn.Baumgartner@scouting.org

The LPC is still here to support Scouting. Likewise, council governance will continue. While our professional staff is working remotely from home, email is the recommended form of contact with any questions. Contact information for administrative staff, district staff, and all other LPC staff is available from our council staff directory on the council website.

Summer Camping Programs:

Ben Delatour Scout Ranch:
Longs Peak Council keeps the safety of our Scouts, Scouting families and volunteers as the highest priority. Making the decision to open camp for the summer is one we are not taking lightly.

We are working diligently with the Colorado Governor’s office and County Health Authorities to get the approval for our request to host resident camp this summer. At this time, we have not received an answer and have been informed we will not receive an answer until May 25, 2020. Receiving the decision this late does not provide us enough time to prepare to host camp in June. **We will send our next communication out on May 26, 2020.**

Due to receiving the decision on May 25th we have decided to cancel the first two weeks of camp June 14-16 and June 21-27 at BDSR. We plan on open with our first week of camp being July 5-11, upon receiving approval from the Governor and Larimer County Health Department.

With the cancelation of the first two weeks of camp we would like to provide those units affected some choices:

1. Move reservation to a week at Camp Laramie Peak.
2. Roll reservation over to 2021, at 2020 rate, leaving a $50 per person deposit.
3. Move reservation to another Colorado camp at the Ben Delatour Scout Ranch price. (Peaceful Valley, Camp Alexander, San Isabel, Spanish Peaks)
4. Full Refund.

As we have continued to move forward with preparations, we have had to make some hard choices, aside from canceling the first two weeks of camp we have decided to cancel our horse program this year. Therefore, we will not be offering the following programs should we hold camp in July, Horsemanship, Trail Rides and Horse Overnights. Refunds will be provided for anyone signed up for these programs.

Camp Laramie Peak:
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We are working diligently with the Wyoming Governor’s office and County Health Authorities to get the approval for our request to host the 100-year Centennial Celebration at Camp Laramie Peak this summer. At this time, we have not received an answer and have been informed we will not receive an answer until May 25, 2020. We will send our next communication out on May 26, 2020.

**Cub Resident Camp at Camp Nicol and Webelos Camps at Camp Laramie Peak:** Due to concerns surrounding COVID-19 and the low registration, Longs Peak Council has made the difficult decision to cancel Camp Jack Nicol Summer Resident Camp. Please consider signing up for our Day Camp in a Box summer programs and consider our fall cub programs.

If you have any questions regarding summer camps, don’t hesitate to contact Jennifer Ball. The best way will be via email at Jennifer.Ball@Scouting.org. You can also contact her by phone at 970-584-2202, should you reach her voicemail please leave the following information, Name, phone number, Troop number and which week you are attending.

**Day Camp in a Box:**

Ahoy Mates! We have GREAT NEWS!!! Have you heard about our newest adventure? We are going on an expedition Beneath the Sea! Would you like to join us? It is going to be fathoms of fun!! We have taken all the fun and excitement of Cub Scout DAY CAMP and stuffed it into a box, just for you! Since we cannot meet in person for this adventure, your Cub Scout Day Camp Crew have been diving deep to create exciting, fun, and wonderful day camp activities to be delivered directly to you, so we can still have fun at DAY CAMP!

Each box will include outdoor, STEM, craft, and Scout rank adventures specifically for each rank. You will have the option to tread lightly and spread the activities out over a couple of weeks or dive in deep and immerse yourself in all the wonderful fun. Boxes will be available for pick up at designated locations tentatively set for June 13th and June 20th.

Once you register for your box you will receive information to join a DAY CAMP Google Classroom where you will find all the resources to make your time Beneath the Sea AMAZING!!

[Click here to register for Day Camp in a Box.](#)

**Keep Scouting Going!**

We strongly recommend that districts, units, and council committees comply with the state and local health orders and use technology to continue with as many of their normally scheduled meetings and events as possible through June 30. ZOOM is one FREE resource available for virtual meetings. The FREE option hosts up to 100 participants for up to 40 minutes.

Share your creative ideas on what you have done to Keep Scouting Going in your unit, so we can share with our Scouting community. We love to share ideas, such as how to conduct a virtual campout, with Scouting families and leaders. Please share your unique ideas to help other troops and packs Keep Scouting Going by providing information to your district staff whose emails are available in our council staff directory on the council website.

**Community Service Ideas!**

We have developed a list of community service ideas your youth and adult volunteers can deliver safely during these unprecedented times. Please visit our council website to visit this list.
Online Merit Badge University!
To continue Scouting activities. Visit our council website and Facebook page for details and ideas, as well as to sign up for online Merit Badge classes offered by the LPC.

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.

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