



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: How can Eagle projects be completed with the restrictions in place?

A: Because the pandemic has been a problem for over a year now, Eagle Scout projects should be selected with these restrictions in mind. Some traditional Eagle Scout leadership service projects are not currently possible.

Eagle Scout candidates may complete **Outdoor** projects utilizing VHC outdoor protocols. This means that projects involving members not of the same household are prohibited from taking place at a person's home.

Eagle Scout candidates may complete **Indoor** projects under the following guidelines: Eagle Scout candidates will not be able to execute indoor projects in the traditional sense of having a group of non-family volunteers assemble at the same time and place to work on projects. Projects may be able to be completed by utilizing shifts of volunteers from individual family groups to eliminate all interactions where feasible. *If interaction with non-family members is necessary for the INDOOR project to be completed, the project should be postponed or changed.*

VHC will work with Scouts approaching their 18th birthday to obtain an extension to complete their project. Scouts should proactively reach out to the Advancement Chair (Scott.Wadler@vhcbsa.org) regarding the necessary paperwork and process to obtain an extension. Candidates should choose their projects with the restrictions in mind to avoid, whenever possible, any delays. Scouts will also need to demonstrate that they have continued to work on advancement and their project during their extension, when possible.

Q: Will the council conduct in-person activities and meetings including Eagle Scout Boards of Review and Order of the Arrow meetings?

A: Yes, provided that all protocols for outdoor meetings and activities are followed. This would include being held outdoors, cohort guidelines, masking, social distancing, etc. Eagle Scout boards of review will continue to be held through live video conferencing for the time being.

Q: Will small groups be allowed to go camping as of February 1, 2021 (e.g., the 10 youth plus two adults)?

A: NO, Scouts will NOT be allowed to go camping until reopening guidance is received from the County Health Department which allows overnight group (non-family) camping. Reopening plans will be communicated as information becomes available.



Q: What about BSA Part C Medical Forms? Many health offices are limiting services and parents are having issues obtaining this form.

A: Parts A & B are required for stays of less than 72 hours. A Part C Medical Form will be required for this summer's camping activities over 72 hours.

Information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. If you are in this group, please ensure you have approval from your health care provider prior to attending camp.

We also encourage anyone whose medical condition or history has changed significantly since their last physical exam to get approval from their health care provider prior to attending camp.

Q: When will the COVID-19 training be available for unit leaders?

A: The training is currently being developed by BSA National office. We expect it to be finalized soon. Until then, see the resources at <https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/>

Q: Parents have paid for an entire year of Scouting, yet the Scouts are not getting the traditional program. How do we deal with this?

A: The council has and will continue to operate and provide resources, advancement processing, training (online), roundtables, and merit badge programs all year. Unlike many other youth serving organizations, we are also refunding 100% of camping fees for events that have been cancelled, but we have not cancelled the Scouting program.

Q: Are we encouraging (or discouraging) electronic temperature checks at Scout activities?

A: Temperature checks are recommended as part of your pre-meeting/activity screening.

Q: How do I report if someone in a group cohort has tested positive for COVID-19?

A: Contact Andrew Sislack (Andrew.Sislack@scouting.org), VHC Scout Executive, and submit your roster of all people who attended the outdoor meeting or outdoor activity. Remember: before you have an outdoor meeting or activity, you must register it with the council. The protocols are at <https://vhcbsa.org/protocols-for-outdoor-scouting-activities-and-outdoor-scouting-meetings/>.

Q: Do I have to register every outdoor meeting or outdoor activity?

A: Yes. Every meeting and activity must be registered with the council.