



****Coronavirus Update 3****

Dear Scouts, Scouters, Family Members and Supporters.

The Inland Northwest Council, Boy Scouts of America continues to carefully monitor the rapidly evolving situation regarding COVID-19. As Scouts, volunteers, parents and employees, helping our communities in times of need is foundational to who we are. It is now time for us to each do our part to minimize the impact of the disease, especially since health authorities underscore that the spread of the coronavirus can be slowed down, which will save lives and avoid overwhelming our local healthcare infrastructures.

Throughout today, the updates from our National, State and Local authorities have been continuous but the message is clear; curtail all unessential meetings, events and reduce the risk to exposure. Effective immediately, and through April 30, 2020, all district and council level meetings will only be conducted online. All other district and council activities are hereby postponed. This includes all events below, or any district or council level event that may not be listed. Decisions about unit meetings and activities should be made by unit leadership and chartering organizations.

Date	Event	Location
March 14, 2020	Three Rivers MB College	Whitworth U.
March 14, 2020	Adult Leader Training	Whitworth U.
March 14, 2020	Commissioner Training	Whitworth U.
March 14, 2020	Mtn Lake Volunteer Luncheon	CDA Bible Church
March 14, 2020	R&R Merit Badge College	WSU, Pullman
March 18, 2020	Leadership Breakfast	CDA- Best Western Plus Inn
March 21, 2020	Big Foot District Dinner	Millwood Presbyterian Church
March 21, 2020	EDGE Training	Valley Hospital
March 27, 2020	NRA Basic Pistol Shooting Course	Cowles Scout Reservation
March 28, 2020	NRA Instructor Pistol Shooting Course	Cowles Scout Reservation
March 28, 2020	R&R Pinewood Derby	Church of the Nazarene
March 28, 2020	Big Foot Pinewood Derby	Redeemer Lutheran Church
March 28, 2020	Three Rivers Pinewood Derby	Northtown Mall
April 10, 2020	Spokane Area Day Camp	Pasadena Park- Church of the Nazarene
April 10, 2020	NRA Basic Rifle Shooting Course	Cowles Scout Reservation
April 11, 2020	NRA Instructor Rifle Shooting Course	Cowles Scout Reservation
April 17, 2020	O/A Spring Fellowship	Cowles Scout Reservation
April 17, 2020	Three Rivers Spring Camporee	Sunrise @ Cowles
April 25, 2020	Council Awards Banquet	Redeemer Lutheran Church

Please know that the organization puts the health and safety of our members, volunteers, and employees first, and all organizational decisions concerning COVID-19 will continue to be made with that commitment top of mind. As stated previously, these are trying times for the Inland Northwest Council and our communities. We truly appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we move forward.

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Additional Resources

As is our practice in Scouting, our efforts are focused on preparation and responsiveness guided by official health organizations, including the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) and the [World Health Organization](#). Remaining vigilant in hand hygiene and social distancing are some of the most important practices, especially in communities where there is confirmed community spread of the virus. The CDC offers helpful aids to guide these efforts, including:

- [Keeping Workplaces, Homes, Schools and Commercial Establishments Safe](#)
- [Framework for Mitigation](#)

Everyday Preventive Measures

Even with those important policies in place, it is critical that we all take these everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases:

- **Stay home when you feel sick.**
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth, and wash your hands before and after doing so.
- **Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve/elbow, not your hands.**
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Do not share personal items such as cups, water bottles, eating utensils, etc.
- Avoid shaking hands.
- **Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.** If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

If you have a fever, cough, or other symptoms associated with COVID-19, or if you believe you may have been exposed to COVID-19, you should isolate and not attend any Scouting events. People who think they may have been exposed to COVID-19 should contact their healthcare provider immediately.

Should you have any questions or concerns about a specific upcoming event or activity, please reach out to your local district executive. We will do everything we can to answer your question using the information available to us.