

## How COVID-19 Impacts MDSC & the BSA

**In this** unprecedented time the Mt. Diablo Silverado Council (MDSC) wants each one of you to know that you, your families and your extended network of colleagues and friends are of our utmost concern. Under the order of the Health Officer of Contra Costa County we are asking all units to cease its meetings and activities through April 7, 2020. The Council Service Center will remain closed to the public through that date as well. The professional staff is still here to serve you and you may contact them through their office lines and they will receive it as there desk phones are all set to forward to their cell phones. The staff will also be available to respond via email to your needs. Please subscribe to our Facebook page and check out our website [www.mdscbsa.org](http://www.mdscbsa.org) for the latest information from your council.

**All applications** and Eagle paperwork we assume will be approved for an automatic extension from our National Office and will work with them to make it so. If you are able to make a Friends of Scouting donation to keep the essential services of Scouting running you may donate at: <https://www.mdscbsa.org/donate2020/>

**Further, MDSC** will honor requests for refund for Camp Wolfeboro and Day Camp. We also will be postponing the deadline for Camp Wolfeboro Payments until April 30<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, Day Camp late fees are waived for those who wish to register for the summer. After this drastic change in our youth's lives this Spring it is imperative, we do what we can to give them a fun and safe summer.

**Districts** are encouraged to reschedule their activities currently scheduled through May 11, 2020 to this fall. Camp Herms will also have its drive-in gate closed at least through April 7, 2020.

**As Scouts** we are expected to be leaders in our community, we need to obey the laws and regulations that have been put in place to protect our community. Utilize virtual methods to conduct your business – Facebook Live can be used through unit and District web pages to communicate. You are also able to correspond with Merit Badge Counselors or your Den Leaders to earn achievements. While the current situation represents a change from or normal operations standard it presents an opportunity for us to break out of our comfort zone and embrace new ways of delivering the promise of Scouting to one another.

**Thank you** all for what you do to support our community through Scouting, we all benefit from your involvement.