

**SILICON VALLEY MONTEREY BAY COUNCIL**  
**Boy Scouts of America**  
COVID-19 Participant Agreement

Your safety and the safety of all our members, volunteers, and employees is the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council's top priority. In light of COVID-19, we are taking additional precautions for Scouting activities on top of our long-established health and safety measures.

First, our Council Risk Management Committee and health supervisor, a physician, is coordinating with state and local public health departments to ensure we understand and follow applicable public health guidance to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 at in-person Scouting activities.

Our mitigation plan includes:

- Pre-attendance awareness of COVID-19 and safety protocols;
- Pre-activity health screening conducted by your unit prior to travel to the activity;
- Face coverings acceptable to the health officer (e.g., neckerchiefs or gaiters are generally considered insufficiently protective face coverings) must be worn by participants while traveling to the activity, throughout the time they participate in the activity, and while returning home from the activity;
  - If the activity is for more than one day, participants must bring and wear a clean face covering for each day;
- Social distancing will be practiced to the extent possible; we also know the very nature of Scouting activities makes social distancing difficult in many situations and impossible in others.
- Health screening upon your arrival at the activity conducted by our health officers;
  - Note: Because of the contagious nature of COVID-19, should anyone in the unit not pass the arrival screening, the entire unit will not be allowed to participate in the activity;
- Limits on visitors at the activity;
  - All visitors will be screened upon arrival before entry to the activity;
- Hand Hygiene reminders throughout activity experience;
  - Extra handwashing /sanitizer stations throughout the activity;
  - Dedicated staff to clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces and shared program equipment;
- An emergency response plan that includes isolation and quarantine protocol should a person at the activity develop symptoms of COVID-19 or other communicable disease;
- Check-ins with each participants, either individually or through unit leaders, one week and two weeks after the unit leaves the activity to determine if any participants have developed symptoms.

These precautions are important, but they do not remove the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness while at this Scouting activity. Some people with COVID-19 show no signs or symptoms of illness but can still spread the virus, and people may be contagious before their symptoms occur. These factors mean that an infected person may pass the required health screenings and be allowed to participate.

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 this activity.*

## Assumption of Risk Agreement

I acknowledge that I am aware of the contagious nature of COVID-19 and that I will take all reasonable public health precautions to avoid becoming infected by it, including avoiding crowded places, wearing a face covering, practicing social distancing of at least six feet, hand hygiene by frequent hand washing or use of hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, and by limiting in-person contact with others to the maximum extent possible, particularly those who are not following the foregoing public health precautions.

I voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending this activity, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and, in extreme cases, death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense of any kind that I may experience or incur in connection with (“Claims”).

I hereby release, hold harmless, and covenant not to sue the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council, the Boy Scouts of America, and each of their employees, volunteers, agents, and representatives (collectively, “Released Parties”) from any and all Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, obligations, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the Released Parties, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in program.

This Assumption of Risk Agreement shall be construed under the laws of the state of California. If any provision of this Assumption of Risk Agreement is deemed unenforceable by law, (a) the Released Parties shall have the right to modify such provision to the extent necessary to be deemed enforceable, and (b) all other provisions of this Assumption of Risk Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

I HAVE READ THIS WAIVER, UNDERSTAND IT, AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY IT.

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Parent Signature  
(if Participant is under the age of 18)

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Signature of Participant

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Printed Name

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