

## **Unit Meetings During “Green” Phase Frequently Asked Questions:**

### **Q: Should we hold in-person Scouting meetings, outings, or activities?**

A: With safety in mind and based on guidance from state and national health officials, units may resume in-person Scouting meetings, outings, camping trips and activities in counties that are in the “green” phase of the governor’s plan. As outlined above, all Scout gatherings must comply with the guidelines. Units do not have to resume in-person activities or events just because these restrictions are being lifted in their communities. Units can continue the use of virtual platforms of some or all their meetings during the “green” phase.

### **Q: We are in the “Green” phase, but my Chartered Organization will not let us meet in-person. What can we do?**

A: The Chartered Organization “owns” the unit and annually signs a [Charter Agreement](#) with the Hawk Mountain Council. If a Chartered Organization is not comfortable with a unit resuming in-person Scouting activities even after moving to the “green” phase, then the unit must follow the guidance of the Chartered Organization. This applies to meetings, service projects, fundraising, camping, trips, and any other Scouting activities and events whether they take place physically at the chartered organization or not.

### **Q: If meeting locations are open, can units meet or do other in-person activities?**

A: Unit in-person activities may resume under the guidelines listed above. If in-person activities take Scouts out of their immediate communities, unit leaders need to consider both the regulations of their county and regulations for wherever they intend to travel.

### **Q: What do we do about Scouts’ fundraising activities?**

A: Fundraising activities may be held if those activities are conducted within the guidelines outlined above. Before units decide to do in-person fundraisers, please be mindful that there may be traditional locations that have changed their usual fundraising policies due to COVID-19.

### **Q: If my summer camp is canceled, can my unit get together with other units and have our own camp?**

A: No. Chartering organizations play an essential role in the program and activities for their chartered units. Chartering organizations promote a well-planned unit program for the units they charter and encourage their units to have active outdoor unit programs. Chartering organizations are not authorized to plan and deliver programs for units outside of their charter.

It is the role of the council to plan summer camps and the role of councils or districts to plan camporees and other outings during the year that give youth an opportunity to test their knowledge and skills in competitive events with other troops and/or patrols.

When units with different chartered organizations conduct activities together, this becomes a district or council event and requires council approval. In fact, some states require such activities to be licensed.

Should your troop, crew or ship decide to do a long-term summer camping program for their own unit (Cub Scouts units are prohibited from this activity) please note that the Scouter Code of Conduct and

relevant program safety and training requirements are still in place, e.g., Safe Swim Defense, Hazardous Weather, Wilderness First Aid, etc.

**Q: What is the BSA's policy on social distancing in a tenting environment when camping?**

A: Camping should only take place following the guidelines outlined above. There is no formal national policy on social distancing in tents. The Hawk Mountain Council strongly recommends following the [CDC guidelines](#) as it relates to camping. There is no prohibition on tenting alone if logistics can accommodate that request. As always, all BSA youth protection policies must be followed.