aRTie's mailbox "Fun with a Porpoise" April 2020

Scouters can "Ask Artie" questions that are on their minds by posting a note at Roundtable, asking your Unit Commissioner, or emailing District Commissioner Nancy Hodgkiss at nancy.hodgkiss@pacificabsa.org.

Here are some questions from the mailbox:



What's the latest guidance on unit meetings & activities, summer camp, and High Adventure bases?

In keeping with guidance from public health authorities and BSA, GLAAC has suspended all inperson Scouting activities through at least May 1st. (Subscribe to the Council newsletter to stay abreast of the latest news.) Planning continues for an on-time opening of summer camps. Should it be necessary to suspend summer camp, the current cancellation guidance can be found HERE. Each High Adventure base has its own COVID response page. You can link to each base from BSA's Outdoor Adventures page.

How can Scouts earn camping nights in this time of physical distancing?

This is a great question! We're still working on an answer—stay tuned.

A lot of families have financial challenges right now. Are camperships still available?

Yes! Go to the Council Camping website (glaacbsa.org/camping) to download an application. Camperships are generally awarded first come, first served, so don't delay!

Will *Boys' Life* be renamed?

There had been discussions last fall about changing the name to Scouts' Life. I haven't heard anything since, but I sent your question in a note in to the editors. I'll keep you posted!

I earned two knots as a Scouter in my Pack. Now that our family has bridged, how do I get duplicate knots for my new shirt?

Our local Scout Shop can get them for you! Give them a ring and see if they need your "credentials." If so, just bring along the certificates that came with your knots.

Artie, what's your favorite television show?

Whale of Fortune!

Sea you next month!