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## ***Embrace the “Outing” in Scouting!***

Churches, schools, and other organizations are considering policies and procedures related to mitigating risk associated with the Covid-19 pandemic of 2020. As a result, unit leaders should speak with their meeting location and charter organization regarding their meeting schedule for the Fall. If the traditional meeting location is unavailable for a time, *a great Scouting program can be scheduled!* Think outside and inside the box to ensure a terrific outdoor program. Here are some thoughts to consider as you address this challenge:

### **Types of locations (emphasis on the outdoors)**

**Leader’s Home** (Garage, Backyard, Playroom): *Youth Protection 2-deep leadership & charter org. Approved*

<i>Parks</i>	<i>The Beach</i>	<i>Community Centers</i>	<i>Homeowner’s Associations Clubhouse</i>
<i>Other Churches</i>	<i>VFW</i>	<i>Various Club Facilities</i>	<i>Other Locations Specific to Your Community</i>
<i>Wildlife Sanctuary</i>	<i>Zoo</i>	<i>Conservation Centers</i>	<i>Outside at your Current Location</i>

### **Meeting style alternatives**

**Scouts BSA/Venturing:** Patrols can meet monthly at a member’s back porch under supervision of their patrol advisor(s). Or at an HOA pavilion. Troops could meet monthly at a park. Similar to Cub Scout style den/pack meeting schedules.

**Cub Scouts:** Dens can meet anywhere, any time! Dens can form their own schedule and locations. Possibly one “go see it” and one meeting per month. Packs can meet at any of the locations above following CDC, local health department, and BSA guidelines under the direction of the charter organization.

### **Charter Organization’s Role**

The charter organization guides the pack using its own organization’s guidelines to make decisions in agreement with the unit committee. If a charter organization’s other youth programs meet, a Scouting unit can meet under the same guidelines as well. If the charter organization or unit leaders have questions about the critical role the organization fills, please contact your District Executive.

### **Resources (Google items)**

BSA Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist: [https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-102\\_PreEventChklist.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-102_PreEventChklist.pdf)

BSA Meeting Place Inspection Checklist: <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/mpinisp.pdf>

BSA Covid-19 Webpage: <https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/>

Certificate of Insurance (COI) request: Contact your District Executive directly.