



Dear Scouting Family,

at this moment, when we are all adapting to our new reality: social-distancing, home-schooling, and Zoom-conferencing, the Ventura County Council is here to support you as you continue to provide Scouting to our youth.

Many have reached out to ask how they can help – this is not surprising as this is what Scouters do! You can help by staying in contact with Scouting families and promoting the online Scouting programs “Scouting at Home” and the “30-day Scout rank challenge”. If your unit hasn’t done so already, get setup on Scoutbook. This will help everyone stay connected and continue the Scouting adventure.

Units can hold virtual meetings, on-line merit badge classes, and coordinate back-yard camping events. Service projects for rank advancement can include writing letters, making calls, and sending emails to those who can use some human contact. You might even consider organizing "thank you" notes to local fire and police stations or greeting cards for a nursing home and other assisted living facilities.

Look for future announcements about council programs, Summer Camp opportunities, leader training and other ways you can stay involved.

Thank you for all your efforts juggling family commitments while investing in our future generation. While we are physically separated, we are in this together and will get through it just fine.

If you have any needs or concerns, please reach out to me personally.

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