

**To:** Golden Spread Council Members  
**From:** Brian Tobler, Scout Executive  
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**Subject:** GSC Updates due to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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The Golden Spread Council has determined the following timeline for reopening in accordance with State and Local guidelines:

### **Harrington Scout Headquarters & Scout Shop**

The Service Center is currently open by appointment and available via phone during regular business hours (M-F, 8:30am to 5:30pm) to support you with your Scouting needs.

The Scout Shop is open by appointment, to take orders over the phone, and provide curbside pickup during normal business hours.

Beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, the Scout Shop and Service Center will be open to the public at 25% capacity. We will additionally resume our Scout Shop Saturday schedule starting in June. You can view the 2020 and 2021 Scout Shop Saturday Schedule on our website under the Council Scout Shop tab.

### **Camp Don Harrington and M.K. Brown**

Camps Don Harrington and M.K. Brown will be open to units starting Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Reservations to camp can be made now with the service center pending availability. All units will be required to monitor and adhere to social distancing guidelines as outlined by the CDC, local, and federal government.

### **Scouts BSA Summer Camp at M.K. Brown**

Scouting is committed to keeping kids safe. The Golden Spread Council has made the difficult decision to cancel Scouts BSA Camp at M.K. Brown in June. At this time, we are unable to accommodate the safety regulations of State, Federal, and Local guidelines for our scheduled Scouts BSA Summer Camp due to COVID-19. The health and safety of our staff, volunteers, and Scouts is our top priority. Every impacted Troop has been contacted to discuss options, make alternate plans, or receive a full refund.

We realize how important camp is to inspire, motivate, and retain Scouts. We are excited to offer alternative programs this summer in a safe, fun, and healthy environment. By Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, we will share details on alternative camping experiences for our Scouts BSA Program including:

- June 26-28: Shooting Sports Camp at M.K. Brown. Rifle and Shotgun Merit Badges will be offered
- July 6-11: Merit Badge Class Camp at Don Harrington – Several Merit Badges will be taught by local experts at Camp Don through one day events. Come to one or come to all!
- July 14-16: Polaris Camp at M.K. Brown– Specially designed for your first-year campers who need to have camping and instruction on requirements for Scout through 1<sup>st</sup> Class.
- August 14-16: Aquatics Camp at M.K. Brown – this will include several merit badges including Canoeing, Kayaking, Swimming, and more!

Look for detailed information by the end of next week on these opportunities as we focus on developing a quality experience with the highest health and safety standards.

## **GSC Activities**

All Council Activities will resume June 26<sup>th</sup>, starting with the new Shooting Sports Camp for Scouts BSA. The District Day Camp scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup> at M.K. Brown has been rescheduled for July 11<sup>th</sup>.

Updates for all scheduled activities that have been modified due to COVID-19 can be found on the homepage of our website – [www.goldenspread.org](http://www.goldenspread.org).

## **Unit Meetings/Activities**

We are continuing to provide alternative Scout Programming for Scout units and families on our [Facebook Page](#) and [council website](#).

As your Scouting unit begins to phase back to in person meetings and activities, we ask everyone to monitor and follow the social distancing guidelines provided by the CDC, state and local governments.

## **Scouting Will Continue**

We will continue to monitor and abide by guidelines provided by the CDC and government. We will share any updates or changes to our reopening plan through email, our [Facebook Page](#) and [website](#).

We thank all of you who have put in time and effort to see Scouting continue and we look forward to getting our Scouts back in the outdoors!

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