Dear Scouting Family,

As our nation’s current situation and the country’s response to it have continued to change, we want to ensure that, as always, your safety and the safety of all our members, volunteers, and employees is our top priority. Our President and Governor have given recommendation that we limit our exposure over the next 15 days due to the COVID-19, commonly known as the coronavirus. Due to these recommendations, I have decided that all Scouting unit, district, and council-level events should be postponed until April 6, 2020.

As this is an evolving situation, this information is subject to change. We will continue to update you with relevant developments, and we appreciate your understanding of any necessary adjustments in the interest of health and safety.

**Canceled or Postponed Council Events:**

At this time, the following events have been canceled or postponed:

- The Council Annual Recognition Banquet scheduled for Friday, March 13th at University of Southern Mississippi has been postponed until Friday May 29th.
- PBAC Executive Committee Meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 19 has been cancelled.
- Spring Family Camp scheduled for March 28-29 has been postponed until May 23-24.
- Order of the Arrow Spring Ordeal at Camp Tiak on April 3-5 has been postponed and the date is to be announced.
- Camp Card Sale will be extended until June 1 for all units, and any unit-level selling events should be postponed. We do, however, encourage individual Scouts to concentrate on selling to family, friends and neighbors.

**Continuing to Monitor:**

- Forestry Day at Camp Tiak on April 18

We will be closing the Council Office and Coast Scout Shop until April 6th. Personnel will be in the office every Tuesday and Thursday to open mail and handle paperwork such as recharters and bills, Friends of Scouting pledges, and payments, etc. We will continue to answer emails and communicate through our Professional Staff and Facebook. Please reach out to us at the emails below and through your District Executive:

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You may also continue to call us on our automated voicemail at (601) 582-2326 with questions, and we will return your calls every Tuesday and Thursday.

I hope you understand that these actions are unprecedented and that we will work to continue to grow Scouting in South Mississippi. I would also encourage you to continue to work with unit-level leadership using Scoutbook updates, emails, and other tools to communicate with your Scouts and leaders through this process.

Your Friend in Scouting,

Casey D. Norwood

Scout Executive