

**SWFL Council, B.S.A Hurricane Irma Recovery Plan**  
(Camp Operations- School Night Recruitment - Popcorn Sale - District and Council Meetings-Events)

**Council Property Operations**

**HURRICANE DAMAGE – INITIAL ASSESSMENTS**

**Council Service Center** received minor building damage and moderate down tree damage. As of 9/19 AM still no internet access other than limited remote service. Phone service returned 9/18 PM.

**Camp Miles** received minor building damage and *significant* down tree damage throughout the camp. As of 9/19 CM main camp is still without power.

**Camp Flying Eagle** received minor building damage and *extreme* down tree damage throughout the camp with heavy tree damage in all campsites.

**ALL Camp Properties are Closed and No Access on to Property is Available without Prior Arrival Ranger Permission.**

Our goal is to return to normal camp operations AS SOON AS POSSIBLE when conditions are deemed SAFE! Camp Flying Eagle received significantly more tree damage and as such will take longer to reopen.

**TENTATIVE CAMP EVENT OPENING SCHEDULE**

Our goal is to have each camp open for each of their first major Scouting season events which is **CUB Extravaganza** at CM on October 20-22 and **Webelos Adventure Week-end** at CFE on November 10-12 **(A final decision for the CFE Event will be made on Monday, October 9 at 9:00 am as to safety readiness for opening).** **No other currently scheduled district or council events will take place at each of our camps prior to the targeted opening dates.** The possibility of rescheduling district or council events at camp that are canceled will be under review by our volunteers and staff.

**Cub X Event registration deadline** has been extended to Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> with payment due in the council office by Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. **Webelos Adventure Week-end registration deadline** has been extended to Friday, November 3 with payment due in the council office by Wednesday, November 8.

**VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED**

We appreciate the many volunteers anxious to assist with camp clean-up. Phase 1 & 2 of our camp recovery has included detailed property damage/risk assessment and elimination of critical safety issues. Phase 3 of our camp clean-up prior to re-opening will be to engage volunteers across the council through 2 work-weekends at each camp. The work week-ends are as follows:

Camp Flying Eagle: **Saturday, September 30 & Saturday, October 7 – Lunch will be provided – No Overnight Camping.**

Camp Miles: **Saturday, September 30 & Saturday, October 14 - Lunch will be provided – No Overnight Camping.**

Times: 8:00 am until each day. Any amount of time is welcomed and appreciated.

**Volunteers:**

General volunteers are needed for general debris pick-up and building clean-up. Volunteers need to be either Cub Scout Leaders/Parents (No C.S. youth), Boy Scout -Venturing-Exploring Leaders/Parents and responsible, capable youth.

**Additionally**, if you or parents in your unit have specific skills such as electrical, carpentry, screen replacement **or** equipment such as hauling trailers-trucks for brush/trees removal on-site, Bobcat with claw, hoist, wood chipper, stump grinder **please contact the camp ranger via email.** The Camp Rangers prefer to be contacted by email at this point and will be returning only priority phone calls during the recovery period.

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## **2017 School Night Membership Recruitment Re-Organization Plan**

Each county school system has experienced various degrees of damage impacting school reopening dates in each district. The following school opening dates are as follows: Manatee Co. – Sept. 18, Sarasota Co. – Sept. 18, Charlotte Co. – Sept. 18, Desoto Co. – Sept. 20, Hendry Co. – Sept. 20, Lee Co. – Sept. 25 (**Tentative**) Collier Co. – Sept. 25 (**Tentative**).

*Your local District Scout Professional is coordinating with all principals and school system personnel the rescheduling of day and evening presentation dates. We ask your cooperation in not contacting your schools as they return to normalize their school schedule and allow your professional to be the point of contact. In the interim, we would ask all units to develop an *Invite-A-Friend* plan to your next unit meeting or activity. *Peer to Peer* recruitment by youth and parents is our best way to share with our families the fun and value of being a member of Scouting. Potential Scout-age youth and adults attending a unit or council activity under the auspices of joining are covered under the council/sickness insurance policy.*

## **2017 Fall Popcorn Sale**

Many thanks to Trails-End for working with the SWFL Council on a revised schedule. The 2017 popcorn revised sales dates have been extended as follows:

**Thursday, November 30:** Unit Sale Ends

**Monday, December 4:** Take Order forms due in council office by 12:00 pm.

**Saturday, December 16:** A.M. **Popcorn Distribution** to Units. **Prize Orders** Due.

**Friday, January 12, 2018:** Show and Sell and Take Order Invoice Payments Due in Council Office.

As of now, all pick-up sites are the same, however, this may change due to site availability. You will be notified accordingly if delivery locations should change for your district.

This extension may give your unit two opportunities we have not had in the past. The first is the opportunity to sell over the Thanks-Giving holiday to family and friends. The second is the opportunity to attend Veteran's Day events on November 11 to promote the **Support Our Military** sales program. (*No actual product - just the military option*) A new special *Support Our Military Council Shoulder Strip* has been added for individual Scout military sales of \$250 or greater. This is in addition to the Mega-Corn Patch.

## **District Meetings, Activities and Events**

All district meetings, events and activities that are not on council-owned camp properties on the calendar are scheduled unless you have been contacted otherwise by your local District Scout Professional or communicated via district websites-Facebook or standard district communication channels.

## **Council Meetings, Activities and Events**

All council meetings, events and activities that are not on council-owned camp properties on the calendar are scheduled unless you have been contacted otherwise by the council professional staff advisor for the event.

**Many thanks to our camp rangers, volunteers, executive board and staff who have been proactive in developing and giving leadership to the SWFL Council Recovery Plan while dealing with their own family, business and community recovery needs!**