

Oakland Gear Library Summer 2020 Protocols

Please note that our San Francisco and Milpitas gear libraries will not be open this summer as they are both in locations that remain closed and available only for essential services. However, our Oakland gear library is open to all gear users across the Bay Area.

The Oakland gear library will be open on Thursdays and Fridays, by appointment only between the hours of 9 AM - 5 PM. Please email gear@bawt.org to schedule your appointment and for any questions.

Gear Library Protocols during Phase 2 restrictions:

- Gear library users may borrow gear for 1, 2, or 3-month increments. This will allow BAWT staff to plan appointments so they are staggered and prevent constant traffic of people going in and out of the gear library.
- For BAWT-trained leaders, gear will continue to be free to borrow. For non-BAWT trained leaders who are renting gear, they will be charged for the number of days they report using the gear (as opposed to the entire 1, 2, or 3 months that they had the gear.)
- We ask that people make their request a minimum of 2 weeks in advance.
- Anyone who is coming in for an appointment must wear a face mask and gloves.

Pick-up Procedures:

- We will place the gear in a disposable trash bag a minimum of 72 hours before the pick-up appointment, labeled with your name. When you arrive for your appointment, we will open the gear library door and direct you to your bag(s) of gear for a no-contact pick-up. Note that this means we will not be able to help you load your gear into your vehicle, so if you need help please make sure to bring someone with you.
- We will not be able to make last-minute changes for numbers or sizes, so please plan ahead and request extra if you are not sure.

Drop-off Procedures:

- You will be asked to do all of the counting of the gear, setting up tents, and handling gear during the appointment. You may want to bring another volunteer to help you, depending on the amount of gear that you have.
- We will also ask that there are no more than 3 people in the gear library at a time to help with social distancing (not including BAWT staff).
- Make sure to wash and dry any clothing that does not have waterproofing material on it. This means you are responsible for washing:
 - Sleeping bag liners
 - Polypro tops and bottoms
 - Fleece tops and bottoms

- Winter hats
- Socks
- We will ask you to count the gear so we can guarantee it has all been returned. If you borrow a tent, we will ask that you set it up so we can inspect it, and then you will take it down.
- During your drop-off, we will ask you to place all of your gear (both washed and gear that cannot be washed with a standard detergent such as rain gear and sleeping bags) on a designated shelf so we can isolate the gear for a minimum of 72 hours before we interact with it.

Below are the descriptions of California's phases for re-opening businesses. The guidelines above are for Phase 2.

Phase 1: Safety and Preparedness: Make workplaces safe for essential workers.

Phase 2: Lower-Risk Workplaces: Early stages allow retail to reopen with only curbside pickup, child care, manufacturing and logistics. Later stages relax retail restrictions, adapt and reopen schools, offices and limited hospitality, personal services.

Phase 3: Higher-Risk Workplaces: Adapt and reopen movie theaters, religious services, and more personal and hospitality services.

Phase 4: End of Stay-at-Home Order: Reopen areas of highest risks: concerts, conventions, and sports arenas.