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From the District Chairman

My inspiration for this message comes from an incident that took place over 20 years ago when I was a Scoutmaster. A big storm had just hit the Burke area and knocked out all the power, including to the stores and restaurants at Rolling Valley Mall. In the late afternoon, a mother and father stepped outside to survey their front yard and were trying to decide what they would do for dinner. They knew they had no power and that the surrounding restaurants were closed. Then, they heard a hissing sound of cooking and smelled food cooking. As they looked in front of their garage, they noticed their son had set-up his Scout patrol's cooking kit and was preparing dinner. The son was a 13-year-old 1st Class Scout and patrol leader in Troop 698. Back then, patrol leaders were responsible for securing patrol equipment in their homes. Without speaking to anyone the young Scout set up the equipment and started cooking dinner for his family of four. Soon after the discovery, the family was enjoying a nice warm home-cooked meal. The parents were very pleased. Yes, they had enjoyed a great dinner, but even more gratifying was the fact that their young son had taken the initiative to cook for the family. Prior to this, their son had never cooked for the family and rarely helped at home. The parents were proud as they watched their young son show what it meant to "Be Prepared" and "Do a Good Turn Daily."

Last fall, the theme for the Patriot District Camporee was cooking. Each scout learned to cook two main dishes and one dessert. During this time of "isolation" I challenge each Scout to volunteer to cook a family meal. They can demonstrate to their family that they are prepared and believe in doing a good turn. I also encourage them to cook a dessert because desserts are comforting during stressful times. The dessert may be a "Scout cobbler" which is a dump cake with a can of fruit added, or some other type. While Scouts normally cook it in a Dutch oven with charcoal or over a fire, it easily can be cooked in a kitchen oven. Next month, we plan to publish Cooking Honor Roll in the Patriot Press, and we are asking parents of our Patriot District Scouts to nominate their Scout if they cook a family meal. Please submit their name (or initials or anonymous) Troop/unit and what they served by Friday, May 1st. Please send your Honor Roll nominations sent to the Patriot Press editor, Bill Snowden, at bsnowden419@gmail.com.

In times of stress, historical precedents are helpful. I recommend Scouts and parents read *The Diary of Anne Frank*. The book is a true story of a Scout-age Jewish girl who, with her family, hid (self- isolated) in an attic in Holland for five years as they sought to avoid detection and persecution by the Nazis. In her diary, Anne recorded the stress and her emotional feeling that the isolation caused. It was written completely from her prospective. I won't reveal the ending – read the book.

During this period many units are keeping Scouting active in innovative ways. For the May Patriot Press, I request that you submit an article describing what you are doing to the editor at bsnowden419@gmail.com. He will publish your article so that other units can duplicate your success. Please include a Point of Contact so other units can communicate with you for advice. The suspense for submissions is Friday, May 1, 2020.

Finally, I am proud to be a member of the Patriot District as I learn of all the great things our units are doing. I thank you for your hard work on behalf of our Scouts.

Bill Dexter
Patriot District Committee Chair





From the District Commissioner

What a difference a month makes! Last month I was addressing the issue with National's bankruptcy and its impact on our Scouting programs. This month that seems like ancient history compared to what we're now facing in moving Scouting forward...and we are moving forward. To that end, both National and the Council have been putting out information that seems to be located in various places. My intent in this short piece is to provide a summary of all the information we have on policy, guidance, and advisories. The complete documents are provided in the following pages.

The first guidance came from National entitled *Q & A Regarding COVID-19 Related Advancement Difficulties*. This document contains several questions and answers concerning advancement. Probably the most important for Scouts BSA advancement is the question of Eagle extensions. As you can see, National has given Councils the ability to deal with this issue until September 30, 2020. If your unit or Scout needs help applying for an extension to Eagle, a board of review extension, or permission to hold a videoconference board of review, contact the Chair, NCAC Advancement and Recognition Committee (alandeter@verizon.net).

With the sudden surge in our use of digital conversations and videoconferencing, the BSA put together *Digital Safety in a Time of Online Activity* and provided it to every council. Key to this document is the need for YPT compliance. Also, National legal has advised we are NOT to use the recording features of videoconferencing applications such as Zoom. Check terms of usage on other platforms to see if youth under 13 can use it.

Another document we produced at Council is *Holding Virtual Meetings with Zoom*. This document has some of the same material as in the above document, but it also provides session settings that we've tested and are using with the online merit badge program offered through the Council. These settings ensure YPT compliance. Key to this process is the waiting room where you can keep Scouts until the second adult is in the session with the host.

Council Advancement has been getting numerous questions about whether doing various requirements for both rank and merit badges that involve a visit to a museum, attend a public meeting, camp with your patrol, an Eagle project, etc. are acceptable to be done virtually. The Council has produced *Virtual Visit Guidance* in response to that question.

The Council is now offering online merit badges for about eight different merit badges. Whether you are a merit badge counselor or a Scout who would like to participate in this program, you can sign up at <https://www.ncacbsa.org/merit-badges-at-home/>. A Scout should use the blue "sign up for merit badge" button and a counselor will fill out the information and submit. We are trying to recruit more counselors as every merit badge offered currently has a waiting list. Many of our units are beginning to replicate the Council program, and I would suggest you read the material I've provided to help you do it successfully and YPT compliant.

David Astle
District Commissioner



Important National and Council Documents

Questions and Answers

Cub Scouting/Scouts BSA/Venturing/Sea Scouting Rank Advancement and the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The following questions regarding advancement have arisen as we deal with closures, cancellations, or other issues caused by the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). Although there are difficulties and constraints, advancement can continue. Youth, parents, and leaders should work together to implement creative, common sense ways to facilitate advancement while adhering to the Guide to Safe Scouting and following the rules of Youth Protection training.

Please follow this link to the [Guide to Advancement \(GTA\)](#), which remains the primary source for information related to Scouts BSA advancement. It is referenced throughout the answers below.

Please send additional questions to advancement.team@scouting.org

All Scouting Programs

Q: How can advancement be tracked remotely?

A: Scouting units should use ScoutBook to record and track advancement.

To track advancement remotely, parents should:

- 1) Connect with their child's member profile via an invitation that the unit leader sends within ScoutBook.
- 2) Once a connection is made, the parent should use the Scouting app, found in both the App Store and Google Play, to stay connected with their unit.
- 3) The Scouting app provides parents the ability to report any advancement that was completed at home.

Go to <https://help.scoutbook.com> to learn more about how to start using ScoutBook and how to connect parents to their Scouts.

Cub Scouts

Q: May parents sign off on Webelos and Arrow of Light requirements?

A: Yes. Through July 31, 2020, parents and other adults in the Cub Scout's family, may sign off on Webelos and Arrow of Light requirements. We strongly encourage that parents use the Scouting App or ScoutBook to record completion of their child's requirements.

Q: If my den is behind in advancement due to COVID-19, can my Cub Scout continue to work on advancement through the summer?

A: Yes. Cub Scouts can continue to work on their current den's advancement through July 31, 2020. This is to provide any additional time a Cub Scout needs to complete their badge of rank; if they earn their badge of rank prior to July 31, 2020, they may advance to the next rank.

Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts

Q: May merit badge requirements or rank requirements be modified?

A: No. All requirements must be completed as written. If meetings or activities are canceled or limited, youth should continue to work on requirements as far as possible. By employing common sense and creative solutions, many requirements—even Scoutmaster conferences—can be fulfilled through videoconferencing or telephone calls.

Q: Can merit badge counseling or Nova/Supernova counseling be done using digital technologies like Zoom or WebEx?

A: Yes, registered merit badge counselors or Nova counselors/Supernova mentors may work with youth using digital platforms, ensuring that all youth protection measures noted in the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#) and [BSA's social media guidelines](#) are in place. In addition to youth protection, the advancement guidelines in GTA Section 7 are required.

Q: May time missed due to canceled unit meetings count toward active participation requirements?

A: Yes. If youth are registered and in good standing, a disruption from COVID-19 virus can be the “noteworthy circumstance” that prevents participation. This policy has been in place for many years and is explained in GTA Topic 4.2.3.1.

Q: May time missed due to canceled unit meetings count toward position of responsibility requirements?

A: Yes. If youth are registered and unable to meet the expectations of their positions because of COVID-19 disruptions, then units may need to waive or rethink the expectations. Just as youth must not be held to *unestablished* expectations, they must not be held to expectations that are impossible to fulfill. See GTA Topic 4.2.3.4, “Positions of Responsibility,” with its six subtopics.

Q: Does the National Council grant extensions of time to complete rank requirements beyond the 18th birthday for the Eagle or 21st birthday for Summit or Quartermaster?

A: Yes, but only for the Eagle Scout rank as described in GTA Topic 9.0.4.0 or for Venturing Summit or Sea Scout Quartermaster as described in GTA Topic 4.3.3.0. Unit leadership must become familiar with the five tests under 9.0.4.0. The tests were designed to accommodate such obstacles as those presented by COVID-19 disruptions.

Q: Will youth who are not yet Life Scouts be allowed to apply for an extension to earn the Eagle Scout rank?

A. Extensions are considered only for Scouts who are Life rank. If, once a Scout achieves Life rank, the COVID-19 disruptions along the way have left them with insufficient time to complete Eagle requirements, then this may be cited when the time comes to submit an extension request.

Q: May local councils grant extensions?

A: Normally, that is not allowed. However, due to the current situation—effective immediately and through September 30, 2020—council Scout executives may grant extensions, or delegate authority to the Council Advancement Committee to grant extensions under the following limitations:

1. It can be established that COVID-19 disruptions were the only circumstances that delayed work on Eagle Scout/Summit/Quartermaster advancement requirements, such as the service project or merit badges. If any other causes were involved, the extension request must go to the National Council following the process outlined in the GTA.
2. Extensions shall only be granted to youth in Scouts BSA who have already achieved Life rank.
3. When the council receives a COVID-19-related request for a time extension, the council reviews the request and approves it if appropriate. A written response stating the outcome of the extension request must go to the youth. If approved, the notification must be attached to the youth's Eagle/Summit/Quartermaster rank application. For Eagle, the extension must not exceed 3 months from the youth's 18th birthday; for Summit/Quartermaster, the extension must not exceed 3 months from the youth's 21st birthday.
4. Upon turning 18, the Scout must submit a completed adult application and successfully complete YPT; their participant code will now be UP for SBSA or VP for Venturing and Sea Scouting.
5. Extension requests for more than 3 months beyond the youth's 18th/21st birthday must be sent to the National Service Center following the process outlined in the GTA.

Note: A "month" in BSA advancement is defined as a day from one month to the next.
For example, March 5 to April 5.

The authority for councils to grant extensions is temporary, lasting only through Sept. 30, 2020.

Q: If youth have already received an extension, can they request additional time due to COVID-19?

A: Yes. Council Scout executives may grant extensions, or delegate authority to the Council Advancement Committee to grant extensions under the limitations listed above.

Q: What should be done while an extension request is being considered?

A: Youth should continue to work on advancement in so far as they are able—e.g., independently, or over the phone or videoconference—and at Scouting activities once they resume.

Q: Are extensions required when an Eagle/Summit/Quartermaster board of review must be delayed?

A: No. Councils may grant Eagle/Summit/Quartermaster boards of review up to six months after the youth's 18th/21st birthday. See GTA Topic 8.0.3.1, "Eagle Scout Board of Review Beyond the 18th Birthday."

See also, GTA Topic 8.0.1.6, "Boards of Review Through Videoconferencing."

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See also, GTA Topic 8.0.1.6, "Boards of Review Through Videoconferencing."

Q: Are electronic or digital signatures acceptable for rank advancement or for the Eagle/Summit/Quartermaster packets/applications?

A: Yes. Electronic or digital signatures will be accepted through September 30, 2020.

Q: How can a youth continue to work on advancement requirements if they don't have internet or high-speed internet for videoconferencing?

A: Youth may take a picture of their completed activity/requirement and share the work with unit leaders. In keeping with Youth Protection Training policies, all communications from youth should be sent to at least two adults. Parents or guardians may send advancement work on behalf of their child.

Local Council Advisory

Digital Safety in a Time of Increased Online Activity

As local councils and units use digital and online resources, such as video conferencing, to continue Scouting meetings, projects and advancement during the COVID-19 outbreak, the National Council is providing the following guidance. Note this guidance is not comprehensive and if it differs from the legal requirements of your state or local jurisdiction, please consult with your local council attorney.

- **BSA's youth protection policies apply to all online activities.** All online activities, including video and audio conferencing through platforms such as Zoom and Skype, must adhere to the BSA's current youth protection guidelines for digital communications, including the BSA's Digital Privacy guidelines (<https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/>) and the BSA's Social Media Guidelines (<https://scoutingwire.org/social-media-guidelines/>). Because safety features and privacy controls vary widely from platform to platform, and out of respect for families' own preferences concerning social media usage, we strongly recommend using business-oriented conferencing platforms—for example, Zoom, Skype, GoToMeeting and others—to conduct online group activities instead of platforms intended for online gaming (e.g., Discord, Robolux, Twitch).
- **Safeguard personal information.** If you collect a person's personal information online—for example, through web forms used to register people for online meetings—then you should post a notice or disclosure at the point of collection describing how you will use the information. The notice should be conspicuous and written in plain English. Keep in mind, video conferencing platforms (e.g., Zoom) have their own privacy policies that apply to data collected through the platform (e.g., if the platform is hosting your web form). Organizers of Zoom and Skype

meetings—for example, unit leaders and Merit Badge counselors—may obtain personal information about a youth, such as his or her name, phone number or email address. Meeting organizers must keep such information private and not share a youth’s personal information with anyone else except that youths’ parent or guardian or the unit leader responsible for recording advancements. For example, a Merit Badge counselor should not publicly post or otherwise disclose a roster containing personal information of Scouts who the counselor has worked with.

- **Recording online meetings is not authorized.** As a reminder, Scouting’s Barriers to Abuse (<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss01/#a>) prohibits any one-on-one contact between an adult leader and youth members – in person, online, through a web conference, over the phone, via text, or in any other form. Electronic communication between adults and youth should always include another registered leader or parent. We believe our existing policy is the best way to protect youth and volunteers, and we do not believe recording online meetings would provide any additional material benefit. To the contrary, recording calls would *increase* personal risk as call recording is subject to various legal requirements under U.S. law and the laws of individual states, some of which require all parties to a call consent to recording. Considering those potential regulatory risks and the effect of BSA’s existing policies, we are not authorizing the recording of online meetings.
 - **Collecting personal information from youth under 13 is not recommended.** We advise against collecting personal information *directly from* youth under 13 years of age due to the parental notice and consent requirements under the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act (“COPPA”). COPPA does not restrict the collection of personal information *about* a youth from his or her parent or guardian. For the purposes of COPPA, “personal information” includes first and last name; home or other physical address; screen name or username that functions as online contact information; telephone number; a social security number; or a photograph, video, or audio file containing the child’s image or voice.
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Holding Virtual Meetings with Zoom.us

The challenge with holding virtual meetings is that they need to provide a way for scouts and leaders to interact but must do so in a way that adheres to our Youth Protection guidelines.

Recommendation for compliance

The use of a Zoom account for conferencing with Scouts and Scouters. A description of services and support can be found here – <https://zoom.us/>

Zoom allows for users in K-12 programs and is broadly approved for use in schools. Services like Skype and Google Hangouts do not allow users under the age of 13.

All youth members should only use services with the knowledge of their parent or guardian and parental supervision is suggested.

Free or Paid Account

The Free account is compliant with needed youth protection policies but is limited to 40-minute meetings which would then need to be restarted.

If a longer meeting is needed, the Pro plan at \$14.99 per month is the best option.

A unit can create one plan with a single host for its activities, provided that only one meeting at a time is scheduled. Be mindful of sharing usernames and passwords for the account and consider using a new email account tied to the troop committee or leader that is not used for other accounts.

For example, setting up a new GMAIL account for the service and then sharing the login information to schedule and host meetings with the appropriate adults.

Recording your meeting

BSA's youth protection policies apply to all online activities, including video and audio conferencing. As a result, BSA issued a Local Council Advisory on Digital Safety in a Time of Increased Online Activity and made it clear recording online meetings is not authorized when Scouts are present.

Electronic Communication

Additionally, electronic communication, such as texting and e-mailing between adults and youth should always include another registered leader or parent.

Adult Supervision

Online meetings require the presence of adults that are in compliance with BSA Policy. Be sure to review the Guide to Safe Scouting for adult Supervision requirements — <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss01/>.

Personal Information

The BSA advises against collecting personal information directly from youth under 13 years of age due to the parental notice and consent requirements under the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act ("COPPA"). COPPA does not restrict the collection of personal information about a youth from his or her parent or guardian.

If you collect a person's personal information online—for example, through web forms used to register people for online meetings—then you should post a notice or disclosure at the point of collection describing how you will use the information. Meeting organizers must keep such information private and not share a youth's personal information with anyone else except that youths' parent or guardian or the unit leader responsible for recording advancements.

Recommended Meeting Options

- **Meeting Password** – Require meeting password so the meeting is secure. Impress on Scouts the need to not share the password.
- **Audio** – Use of computer audio is best, so you have a clear record of who is speaking and listening as they are required to login.
- **Enable join before host** – disable so early callers cannot access before required adult supervision is present
- **Mute participants upon entry** – to keep the noise down, unmute speakers as it is their turn to talk per the agenda
- **Enable waiting room** – To keep early arrivals in a queue. You can then add everyone when the adult supervision requirement is met
- **Record the meeting automatically on the local computer** – Save a copy of the call. If using a paid plan you may also have cloud storage

Additional Settings

For further compliance please adjust these settings here – <https://zoom.us/profile/setting>

- Host video — ENABLE
- Participants video — DISABLE
- Join before host — DISABLE
- Embed password in meeting link for one-click join — ENABLE
- Require password for participants joining by phone — ENABLE
- Mute participants upon entry — ENABLE
- Chat — ENABLE
- Prevent participants from saving chat — DISABLE
- Private chat — DISABLE
- Autosaving chats — DISABLE
- Automatically save all in-meeting chats so that hosts do not need to manually save the text of File transfer — ENABLE
- Allow host to put attendee on hold — ENABLE
- Allow hosts to temporarily remove an attendee from the meeting — ENABLE
- Screen sharing — ENABLE
- Remote control — DISABLE

- Breakout room – ENABLE if Enough adults present for patrol or den meetings (or set up a separate online meetings for this)
- Far end camera control — DISABLE
- Identify guest participants in the meeting/webinar
- Waiting room — ENABLE
- Show a "Join from your browser" link — ENABLE
- Mask phone number in the participant list — ENABLE

Online Help

Useful video quick tutorials are provided here —

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206618765-Zoom-Video-Tutorials>

Full support is here — <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us> <https://basecamp.com/learn>

National Capital Area Council Virtual Visit Guidance

The BSA has long held to the principle every Scout needs to complete every requirement as written in order to complete a merit badge or rank requirement. None of the rank requirements have changed to allow virtual visits or campouts.

Virtual tours have been around for quite a while and the BSA has only modified a few “visit” requirements to include “virtual tours” such as Animation or Exploration.

The rationale for a requirement to actually visit a site centers around intent. What are the skills and knowledge the Scout should be learning through making the visit? Is the Scout missing an opportunity for adult association (e.g., meeting the museum docent and asking questions, talking to the dispatcher at the truck terminal, being in the audience to observe reactions to statements and rebuttals throughout the room, etc.) Is the Scout missing an opportunity to work in person with their patrol using the patrol method and follow the leadership of the Patrol Leader? How is experiential learning occurring in these situations?

These are a few of the cornerstones making up the methods of Scouting. These methods support the mission and aims of the BSA which is the key to success stressed in the Guide to Advancement.

The bottom line is the requirement to visit a site, camp overnight with your patrol, or attend a meeting isn’t going to change or get altered by current events. When a question of intent arises, the unit leader or merit badge counselor, as appropriate, must look at the requirement on a case by case basis, assess the intent, and then structure the activity so each Scout receives a quality experience.



From our District Executive

I hope you and your families are staying safe as we continue Scouting from home. Our Council office, camps, and Scout Shops continue to remain closed, but our program is still open for business and it is great to see how flexible units have been at finding ways to provide programs virtually. Be sure to check out the “Scouting at Home” Resource page on our website (<https://www.ncacbsa.org/scouting-at-home/>) for additional ideas to support Scouting at home.

One plus that has come out of having to hold our District meetings virtually is that we are getting higher levels of participation and able to have those volunteers on who aren’t usually able to fit the monthly Roundtable or Committee meetings into their schedule due to scheduling conflicts or driving restrictions. These new faces have brought new ideas and renewed enthusiasm to the meetings, and we are grateful for that.

On that note, thank you to all of Patriot’s volunteers. Having been in my new role as Patriot District Executive for just shy of three months, I have had the opportunity to meet many of you. I have marveled at the knowledge, experience, and commitment of our volunteers. When first starting out I was told by many what a great and supportive district Patriot is, and I couldn’t agree more. Our District is made up of many passionate and committed individuals who are constantly furthering the BSA mission and shaping young people’s lives for the better. Thank you for what you do for Patriot District’s program.

Yours in Scouting,
Sarah McKee

Important Date Changes

- Sale of Camp Cards extended through June 15th.
- Application for camperships extended to April 15th, requests received after the due date will be considered if funds are still available. <https://www.ncacbsa.org/day-camp-campership-application/>
- Early Bird sign up for camp extended to April 30th, this includes Cub Scout Day Camp at Gesher, Camp Snyder, and Goshen. Reminder: If camp is canceled by NCAC due to COVID-19 restrictions families will receive a 100% refund.
- Marriott Scout Service Center and both Scout Shops are to remain closed until further notice.

Useful Resources for Units Operating Under COVID-19 Restrictions

Virtual Meeting Options

- Use business and other conference call tools like Webex, Google Hangouts, freeconferencecall.com, Zoom, Skype, Facetime, etc. Be sure that any meetings involving youth follow YPT guidelines (<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/>).
- For how avoiding one-on-one contact also applies to digital communication: <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2015/04/06/no-one-onecontact-provision-applies-digital-contact/>.
- Finally, always provide adult supervision and record the meeting if that is available.

BSA National Statement on COVID-19: <https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/COVID-19>

FAQ: <https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-faq/>

Dan Beard Council Video Series: Scouting at Home

<https://www.danbeard.org/scouting-at-home/>

Boy's Life: BSA releases a year's worth of issues - free for a limited time

https://boyslife.org/subscribe-now/freeaccess/?fbclid=IwAR0dINKjHZuDNCOsYkevE8T61CIeV8c9RvPHG_f9XjPD_mC74LQnOUPTneA

Scouting Service from home: <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/03/18/good-turns-during-the-coronavirus-acts-of-scouting-service-you-can-do-from-home/>

Bear Grylls teams up with Scouts for indoor survival activities:

<https://news.google.com/s/CBIwxomVnEU?r=12&oc=em>

58 Merit badges Scouts can complete at home:

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/03/20/merit-badges-for-socialdistancing/>

Fun projects Scouts can do from home:

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/03/19/fun-projects-for-kids-that-youcan-do-from-home/>

Other Scouting-from-home resources:

<http://www.nfcscouting.org/resources/scouting-at-home/72763>

<http://scoutshare.org/Resources/Articles/category/remote-scouting?>

Guide to Safe Scouting: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss01/#a>



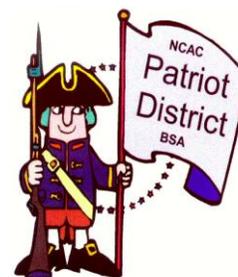
Patriot District Events

Web Calendar: www.ncacbsa.org/patriot

Due to the Covid-19 virus emergency, all in-person Council and District events, activities, and meetings are being postponed through at least the end of April 2020. This calendar is thus tentative in many respects. Please note, however, that some events (marked *virtual*) will still be held remotely using Zoom.

April 2020

- 5 Patriot Press Deadline - April
- 8 Passover begins (sundown)
- 12 Easter
- 14 Commissioner Meeting (virtual)
- 16 Roundtable (virtual)
- 23 Ramadan begins (sundown)
- 25 Life-to Eagle Seminar (*virtual*)
- 28 PD Committee Meeting (*virtual*)
- 30 Early Bird Deadline/Goshen & Snyder (*extended*)



May 2020

- 1-3 OA Spring Ordeal (TBD)
- 3 Patriot Press Deadline – May
- 10 Mother’s Day
- 10 OA Chapter Meeting
- 12 Commissioner Meeting
- 14 Roundtable/Program Launch
- 16 Council Court of Honor
- 23 Eid al Fitr begins (sundown)
- 25 Memorial Day
- 26 PD Committee Meeting
- 31 Patriot Press Deadline - June

June 2020

- 5-7 Celebrate Fairfax (Government Center)
- 9 Commissioner Meeting
- 11 Roundtable
- 14 District Awards Picnic (Burke Lake)
- 14 OA Chapter Meeting (at District Awards Picnic)
- 15 Camp Card Turn-in Deadline (*extended*)
- 21 Father’s Day
- 23 PD Committee Meeting

BALOO Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation	NYLT National Youth Leadership Training
BCOLS Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills	OA Order of the Arrow
CPST Cubmaster Position-Specific Training	SPST Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training
IOLS Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills	VAPST Venture Advisor Position-Specific Training
JSN Join Scouting Night	VCPST Varsity Coach Position-Specific Training
NLE New Leader Essentials	VOA Venturing Officers Association



All Cub Scout Leaders, Come Out and Join us for Fun & Fellowship and to Pick-Up some New Ideas for your Pack and Den Programs!

The Purpose of the Roundtable:

To provide the skill to do – skills, techniques, information, program ideas – and the know-how that makes for successful unit operation.

To provide unit leadership with the will to do – the morale, enthusiasm, inspiration, and vision that periodically renew the desire to serve youth.

When: Thursday, April 16, 2020 (Note one-week shift)

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Connection instructions will be sent via email.

Midway: 7:30 PM (via Zoom) **Roundtable:** 8:00 – 9:00 PM (via Zoom)

Topics: Going virtual, Cyber Chip and Online Safety/Security

Word of the month: Cheerful

Cory Okouchi, Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner

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Patriot District Scouts BSA Roundtable

Not just for Scoutmasters

Thursday, April 16, 2020 (Note one-week shift)

Virtual Meeting

Connection instructions will be sent via email.

Midway: 7:30 PM via Zoom

Scouts BSA Breakout: 8:00- 9:00 PM (via FreeConferenceCall.com)

Topics: Virtual Meetings, Cyber Chip/Video Conference Security, Can You Draw? (have pen and paper handy)

Randy Witter, Scout Roundtable Commissioner

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Asst. Scout RT Commissioners: Justin Day, Joe Margraf, Rick Priest

Patriot District Life to Eagle Seminar & Discussion Roundtable For Life Scouts and Parents



**Saturday, April 25, 2020
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

Online Meeting: Details Will be Provided after Registration

**Hosted by
Former Patriot District Scoutmasters
And Featuring a Cast of Eagle Scouts and Adults
Ready to Answer All Your Questions!**

Register at: <https://www.scoutingevent.com/082-PatriotOnlineLifetoEagle>



**What are the requirements? What counts as a position of responsibility?
Where do I get a project idea? How do I get my project approved? How
long is this going to take? How do I get the money for my project? What is
a life purpose statement? How do I fill out the application? What role does
the Council play? Where do I get more information? What are letters of
reference? Who's on my Board of Review?**

Scouting under STAY AT HOME Restrictions

Troop 697 is having great success in maintaining Scouting activities during this challenging period of social distancing by holding virtual Troop Meetings using Zoom software, which was purchased and donated by a Scouter. Scoutmaster Nick Bartoo reports that in their most recent meeting on March 26th, over 40 Scouters and Scouts logged in, with participating Scouts wearing their uniform to reflect their Scout Spirit. The Troop has also figured out all summer camp merit badge selections over email.

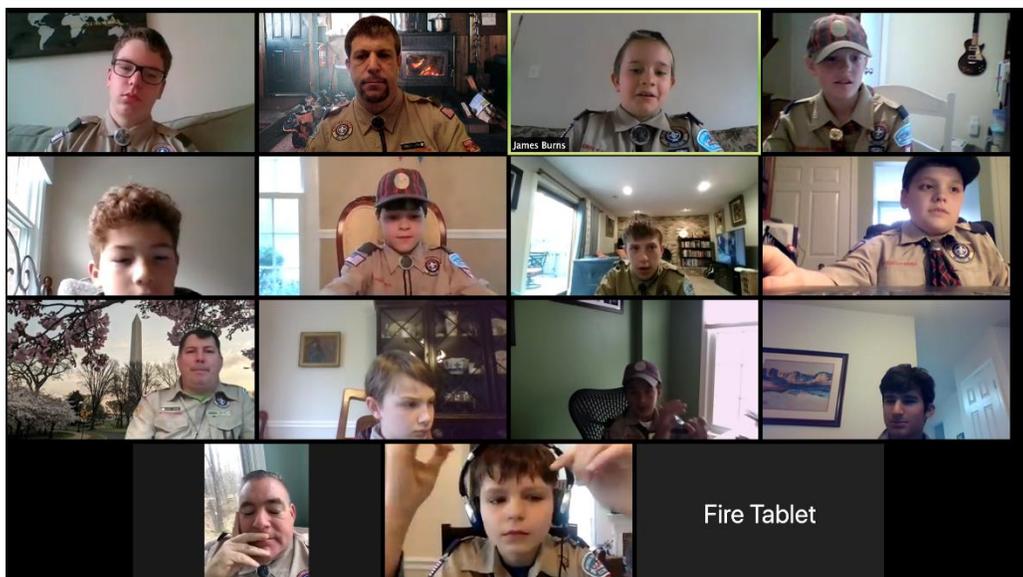
Girls Troop 1533 has held three successful virtual Troop meetings, including working on the Public Health merit badge. They are also planning a virtual campout with all the elements of usual troop camping, except in isolation.

Pack 873 recently conducted a productive virtual Tiger Den meeting. Since all of the Tigers were on mute, it was extra easy to convey information to the Den.

Troop 1346: Over the weekend of March 28 – 29, Troop 1346 Troop Guides Zach Summer and Mitchell Feigenbaum, along with Scoutmaster Bob Sweeney and Assistant Scoutmasters Greg Summer and Dave Ashby, led the Troop’s first-year Scouts in the Troop’s first ever virtual New Scout Orientation. These new Scouts and their Troop Guides reviewed several of the initial Scout rank requirements and learned about how the Troop operates.

The orientation was held using the Zoom video conferencing app. In an effort to combat (some) short attention spans and online fatigue, the Troop conducted the event over two days, a 90-minute session on Saturday (although 10-15 minutes of that time was spent just getting Scouts acclimated to Zoom) and a 60-minute session on Sunday.

Kudos to all these new Scouts for being active participants and for being good citizens by displaying necessary flexibility in finding an effective way to maintain important Scouting activities under difficult conditions due to the current coronavirus emergency and restrictions.



Troop 1346 Scouts Conducting a Virtual New Scout Orientation Session Using Zoom

From Afghanistan to America: How Two Scout Troops Reached Across Cultures

What happens when you put two Scout Troops from across the globe together with an internet connection and a combined desire to learn and engage? You get an amazing dialogue of discovery and a realization that as Scouts, they're more alike than different.

Earlier this month, Scouts from Troop 1345G in Burke Virginia met over video with Scouts from Troop 2 in Kabul, Afghanistan to learn, share, and discover. In that 90-minute meeting over webcams, microphones, and videoconferencing app Zoom™, they learned so much regarding not only what makes them so different but also what makes them so similar.

The special meeting, organized by one of the Troop 1345G's First Class Scouts, was inspired by Lt Col Natalie Trogus of the United States Marine Corps and Kabul-based nonprofit, PARSA, who led the effort starting in 2008 to restore the Scouting movement in Afghanistan following years of conflict. Lt Col Trogus, currently deployed in Kabul as a Gender Advisor to the Afghan Ministry of Defense, is a parent of one of Troop 1345G's Star Scouts and serves as one of the Troop's Assistant Scoutmasters.

Aided by an interpreter, the Scouts shared examples of each country's traditions, values, and holidays. They spoke about favorite foods and hobbies, about school subjects and sports. They struggled a bit with unfamiliar expressions and explaining traditional foods but soon realized they had so much in common.

You see, as Scouts under the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), these young women in Afghanistan and the United States are both learning and experiencing the essence of Scouting. Over the course of the meeting, they quickly recognized that Scouting in both countries focuses on life skills, environmental conservation, service to community, and leadership. They learned that they all work on merit badges and strive toward similar advancements and ranks. They could see that their uniforms were more similar than different. They also realized that despite the different languages and cultures, they share the values and passions of Scouting.

The connection across these two Troops is just starting, with traditional recipes being shared and relationship starting to form, both Troops plan to stay in touch. Through events such as the worldwide Jamboree on the Internet and on future videoconferences, these two sets of young women will continue to break down national and cultural barriers all under the umbrella of Scouting.

About Scouting in Afghanistan (www.afghan-scouts.org)

Scouting is a tradition in Afghanistan which goes back nearly 90 years. At its height, there were over 36,000 Afghan youth actively participating in troops around the country, however the program disappeared after the Soviet invasion of 1979 and subsequent years of conflict. Fast-forward to 2008, when the movement was relaunched by a group of dedicated Afghans leaders working together under the guidance of a local nonprofit called PARSA. PARSA raised funds to start two troops in local Kabul orphanages, and the modern Afghan Scouts were born.

Today, PARSA’s Afghan Scouts have over 2,000 youth active in 18 of Afghanistan’s 34 provinces. In January 2020, Afghanistan rejoined the World Scout Movement as the 171st member, which sets the stage for the Afghan Scouts to become the primary youth leadership program in the country. Their goal is to have 100,000 Afghan youth participating in Scouting by 2030.

Afghan Scout troops are led by enthusiastic volunteer Scout Masters who are trained by senior PARSA Scouts and supported by WOSM. Scouts participate in similar activities to their peers around the world: troops meet weekly, earn merit badges, host an annual camporee in the summer, and conduct regular community service activities such as tree planting, distributing cloth shopping bags as part of the “Say No to Plastic” campaign, donating libraries and science laboratories to local schools and orphanages, and distributing care packages to hospitals.

About Scouts BSA Troop 1345G (www.troop1345.org)

Scouts BSA Troop 1345G, sponsored by the Burke Centre Conservancy, was founded in February 2019, following the announcement from Boy Scouts of America that girls were permitted to become full participants in the BSA program. The all-female Troop follows the same curriculum and leadership model as Boy Scouts of America has for over 100 years. The troop is led by the girls, elected by their peers and mentored by adult leaders, and focuses on adventure, leadership, learning and service. Girls will also be able to earn the well-respected Eagle Scout award.

In the year since its founding, the Scouts of Troop 1345G have backpacked, canoed, climbed, swam, and volunteered their way on the journey towards Eagle Scout, all under the historic Boys Scouts of America program. Scouts BSA is a year-round program for youth 11-17 years old that provides fun, adventure, learning, challenge, and responsibility to help them become the best version of themselves.



Scouts from Troop 2 (Kabul, Afghanistan) share Information on Their Scout Ranks



A Scout from Troop 1345G Shares Information on her Favorite Recipe

Kate Mattice
Scoutmaster Troop 1345G





Order of the Arrow News Summary: April 2020

Status of elections

Patriot Chapter has completed and uploaded elections for 18 units and are only aware of two units that had asked for an election before the "shutdown." The Lodge is extending all of the timelines for elections and ordeals; however, we will try to schedule elections for those units that still need one as soon as we know when units can meet again.

Congratulations letters to newly elected candidates

We have sent a mail-merged candidate "Congratulations Letter" to all youth candidates asking them to confirm their contact information and to add additional parent/youth emails and phone numbers. When things break free we will want to communicate quickly. Letters of Congratulations will be sent to adult candidates as soon as they have been approved by the District and the Lodge.

Spring Ordeal and "Welcome Session"

Because of the Governor's most recent "Stay at Home" order, our ordeal, currently scheduled for May 1-3 will be postponed. The new date will be announced when conditions allow a re-evaluation of our calendars; it will likely be in the fall. However, we plan to hold an on-line Welcome Session for candidates on Sunday, April 19, at 3:00 PM via Zoom. We will send invitations with the URL/password and instructions on how to join after we confirm the details. We will be reaching out to current members, primarily youth members to help with that. This session will describe the Induction Weekend, opportunities available in the OA and answer youth and parent questions.

Message to current OA members

- We will be sending out an email to all current dues-paid members during the first two weeks in April. If you do not receive one, you can contact us at patriotchapter@wipit470.org. We will check your dues status and possibly correct the emails we have for you. Anyone may visit our Lodge website at wipit470.org for the latest news.
- NOAC 2020 is still on, and slots are still open. It is an opportunity to learn, compete and party with 10,000 of your closest friends at the National Order of the Arrow Conference in Michigan State August 3 – 8. For more info visit <https://noac2020.org/>
- Section Conclave scheduled for mid-May has been re-scheduled to October 9 – 11 at Rodney Scout Reservation.



Cub Scout Day Camp 2020

Theme: Down on the Farm

Day Camp registration is currently open.
Packs can register at www.gotodaycamp.org

Here are the specifics for the camp this year:

Dates: July 6-10, 2020

Location: Gesher Jewish Day School, 4800 Mattie Moore Ct., Fairfax, VA

Time: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM each day

Pack walk-through: TBD

Registration: Please note that early bird pricing for day camp has been extended to **April 30, 2020**. Packs are encouraged to register together as a unit for ease of tracking at both the Pack level and the administration level. Additionally, Packs still need to provide at least one adult den walker per five (5) registered Scouts (excluding Tiger Scouts who need an individual adult partner). We have several Packs that haven't signed up yet so please take advantage of the opportunity to get on board at a lower cost!

Pack paperwork turn-in: TBD

Camp Staff:

- **Adult Staff**
 - Slingshot station – no certification required
 - Climbing Wall station – certification required to run the station; however, to help on the wall certification is not required. Training TBD
 - Archery station – certification required. Training TBD
- **Youth Staff**
 - Require 15-20 youth to fully staff the camp. Troops and Crews are encouraged to consider coming out to help.
 - Youth staff will have to attend the in-person training

Please direct any questions to patriotdistrictdaycamp@gmail.com

Stay safe. See you *down on the farm!*

Zohra Sharief
Day Camp Director



Patriot District Awards!!

To go along with our new court of honor and celebration, the Patriot District awards committee is proud to announce that we will be recognizing our amazing Patriot District Scouts and Scouters with the following awards at this year's court of honor and picnic. The tentative date is Sunday, June 14, but it is likely to be rescheduled due to the current coronavirus situation. Nominations for all awards are now open and will be open until June 1, 2020. There will be no forms needed this year, rather please send an email to the committee with a write-up on why you are nominating that person. You are welcome to include as much or as little information as you want to share about the nominee.

Please send the nominations to: patriotdistrictawards@gmail.com

Now on to the awards!!

- **Distinguished Patriot Scouter Award** – This award is meant to recognize patriot Scouters who have given exceptional service over a period of time at the unit and/or District level. These Scouters regularly go above and beyond to put on an excellent program for Scouts in the District.
- **Patriot Spirit Award** – This award is meant to recognize 1 to 2 adults from each unit in the District. These individuals do not have to be uniformed leaders and each unit can decide who they would like to receive this award. Each unit simply needs to let the awards committee know who should receive the award.
- **Outstanding Scoutmaster** – This award is meant to recognize our amazing Scoutmasters who are delivering the Scouts BSA program in unique, innovative, and inspirational ways. Nominations are open to all Scoutmasters who served during the time period from June 2019 to May 2020, so they do not have to currently be the Scoutmaster.
- **Outstanding Assistant Scoutmaster** - This award is meant to recognize our amazing Assistant Scoutmasters who are helping to deliver the Scouts BSA program in unique, innovative, and inspirational ways. Nominations are open to all Assistant Scoutmasters who served during the time period from June 2019 to May 2020, so they do not have to currently be in that role.
- **Outstanding Cubmaster** - This award is meant to recognize our amazing Cubmasters who are delivering the Cub Scout program in unique, innovative, and inspirational ways. Nominations are open to all Cubmasters who served during the time period from June 2019 to May 2020, so they do not have to currently be the Cubmaster.
- **Outstanding Den Leader** - This award is meant to recognize our amazing Den Leaders who are delivering the Cub Scout program in unique, innovative, and inspirational ways. Nominations are open to all den leaders who served during the time period from June 2019 to May 2020, so they do not have to currently be a Den Leader.

This year we will also be introducing two new youth awards to recognize some of Patriot's amazing Scouts:

- **Eagle Scout Project of the Year** – Is there a Scout in your unit who went above and beyond for his or her eagle project? If so, nominate them for the Patriot Eagle Scout Project of the Year! We want to recognize these amazing projects.

- **Den Chief of the Year** – The den chief is a very important role in the scouting program and can have an amazing impact on both the Cub Scouts and the den chief. We want to recognize those den chiefs who have gone above and beyond in helping their den leaders to deliver the Cub Scout program at the den level.

Once again, if you would like to nominate someone for any of these awards, please send a write-up stating why you are nominating that person to patriotdistrictawards@gmail.com. The awards committee is very excited to be able to recognize our amazing Scouts and Scouters!



Patriot District Fall Cuboree

Coming this Fall will be the first annual Patriot District Fall Cuboree. This will be a one-day event to be held at Geshar Jewish Day School where Cub Scouts will have the opportunity to participate in exciting different scouting activities like BB shooting, Archery, the climbing wall, and other fun activities to be determined. Think of this as similar to a day camp lite experience and will be a great opportunity for new scouts to have a fun first experience in scouting. More information will be coming over the next couple months, including timings and pricing but for now, please save the date on your pack’s calendar!

- **What:** Patriot District Fall Cuboree
- **Date:** Saturday, September 26th
- **Time:** All day; more information will be provided soon
- **Location:** Geshar Jewish Day School, 4800 Mattie Moore Ct., Fairfax, VA



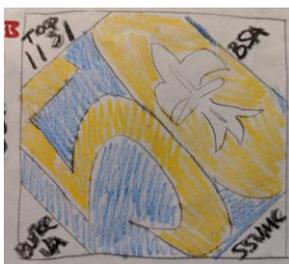
Troop 1131 Celebrates its 50th Anniversary



Troop 1131 celebrates its 50th Anniversary this year. The troop has been chartered to St. Stephen's United Methodist Church for all these years. One of the ways the Patrol Leaders Council opted to celebrate the anniversary was to hold a patch design contest. Scouts were asked to submit their drawings and a panel of judges selected and announced the winners at the Winter Court of Honor on March 4th. The plan is to make a banner of all 11 entries and produce pocket patches and stickers. In addition to the patch designs the Troop also modified its neckerchief with a gold border and 50th Anniversary wording.



Neckerchief Design



Patriot District Training

Every Scout Deserves A Trained Leader!!

With everyone being at home, this period of social distancing provides a great chance for leaders to work on their required training (or check out some of the other online courses!). Most of the trainings are broken down into bite size segments, so you can do them in 5-10 minutes bursts or dedicate a couple hours at one time: it's up to you! But please take advantage of this chance to catch up on your trainings! All online trainings can be found by going to the **BSA Learn Center** link found on the my.scouting.org homepage.

Cub Scout Leader Basic Training

Cub Scout leaders are considered trained and eligible to wear the official *Trained* emblem once they have completed:

1. Youth Protection Training **Online at my.scouting.org**, and
2. Leader Specific Training for their position:
 - Den Leader Position-Specific Training
 - Pack Committee Challenge - Pack Committee Position-Specific Training
 - Cubmaster and Assistant Cubmaster Position-Specific Training
3. Hazardous Weather Training **Online at my.scouting.org**

Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters are considered trained and eligible to wear the official *Trained* emblem once they have completed:

1. Youth Protection Training **Online at my.scouting.org**,
2. Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training, and
3. Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)
4. Hazardous Weather Training **Online at my.scouting.org**

Troop Committee Members are considered trained and eligible to wear the official *Trained* emblem once they have completed:

1. Youth Protection Training **Online at my.scouting.org**, and
2. Troop Committee Challenge **Online at my.scouting.org**

Venturing Leader Basic Training

Venturing leaders are considered trained and eligible to wear the official *Trained* emblem once they have completed:

1. Youth Protection Training **Online at my.scouting.org**, and
2. Venturing Advisor Specific-Position Training
3. Hazardous Weather Training **Online at my.scouting.org**

Program Safety

This section, found in expanded learning, has courses related to safely running our various programs, including:

1. Hazardous Weather
2. Safe Swim Defense
3. Safety Afloat
4. Climb on Safely
5. Drive Safely

Justin Day
Training Chair

Patriot District Fall Camporee

Patriot District will conduct the Fall Camporee on October 16-18, 2020 at New Market Battlefield in New Market, Virginia. Registration will be on-line and will open up in August 2020. The Projected cost will be \$25 per person. The camporee will be a multi-district under the leadership of Patriot District. It will be similar to the Spring 2015 Camporee held on the same battlefield.

The theme for the camporee is Civil War history. Join over 1,000 Scouts and Scouters as we re-enact the Civil War battle of New Market. Scouts will participate in the re-enactment of the battle, participating as either Union or Confederate soldiers. During the camporee scouts will:

- Camp on the battlefield
- Re-enact the battle
- Participate in a Civil War “Grand Review” where each troop will be announced and parade in front of the reviewing stand.
- Visit the battlefield museum
- Tour the Bushong farmhouse and supporting buildings
- Walk the battlefield
- Train as a Civil War soldier

Additionally, Scouts will attend a camporee opening ceremony and a fantastic evening campfire. Scouts will have a chance to attend an outdoor church service with several hundred other Scouts. There will be Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, and Interfaith services. On Friday evening, there will be a Cracker Barrel for Camporee Staff, Senior Patrol Leader and Scoutmasters.

The Patriot District Camporee Director is Bill Dexter. His home phone is (703) 978-2632 and his e-mail is wtdexterjr@gmail.com.



Demonstration of Musket Loading and Firing



VMI Cadets with Camporee Director Bill Dexter



Grand Review: Patriot District Scouts on Parade

Scenes from the Spring 2015 Camporee at New Market



B-P Still Wants You!



To Join the Patriot District Committee Great Jobs for Great Volunteers

Take your Scouting leadership to an exciting and rewarding new level.

Work with other great Scouters providing great programs for great Scouts.

Contact Bill Dexter: wtdexterjr@gmail.com

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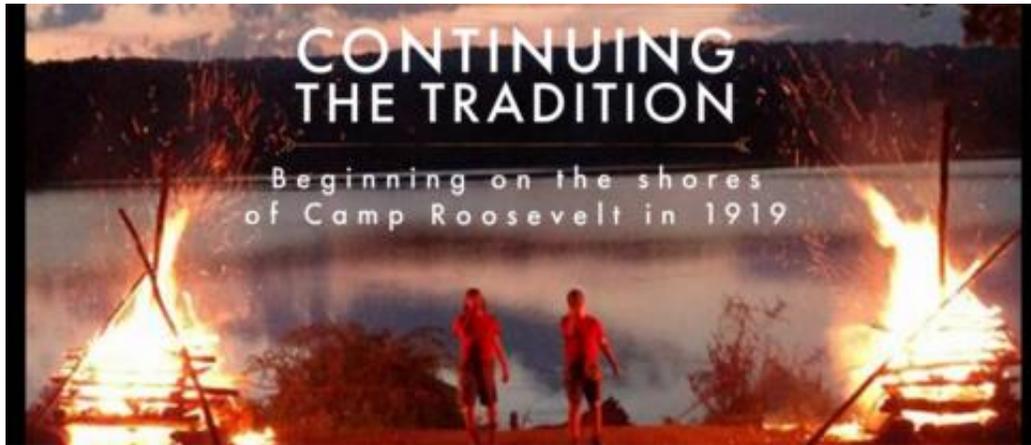
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Deadline for articles to be included in *The Patriot Press* is two Sundays prior to Roundtable. Articles for publication, in MS Word, may be emailed to the editor at bsnowden419@gmail.com.

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Honor and Celebrate 100 Years of Camping in the National Capital Area Council!

The NCAC’s first summer camp, Camp Roosevelt, opened the summer of 1919 on the Western Shore of the Potomac River. We are planning several events in the 2019-2020 program year to celebrate and encourage continuation of this Scouting camping tradition.

A Centennial patch can be earned at one of several events throughout the council. These include participation in a Klondike Derby, in your district’s Day Camp as a participant or a staff person, Family Camp days at Snyder and Goshen, participating in a week long Summer Camp at one of our council camps – Snyder, Goshen, Wall, or Camp Airy. Participate in a Service Weekend at one of our camps, participate in a District Camporee or Webelos-O-Ree or participate in a Sea Scout Short Cruise.

The Kickoff for this Centennial year was a Scout Skills weekend at Snyder on 14 September 2019 and the year will climax at a Grand Fellowship put on by the Order of the Arrow at Camp Snyder on 13 September 2020. Scouts and Scouters from all units are invited.

See the Council web site for more information:

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/100-years-of-ncac-camping>



Camp Staff Opportunities at Camp Snyder and Goshen Scout Reservation

What Are You Doing this Summer?

There are lots of opportunities to serve as a staff member at Council Summer Camps:

- These opportunities include jobs in Aquatics, Shooting Sports, Handicraft, Scoutcraft, Culture Craft, and more
 - **At Camp Snyder:** Cub Scout and Webelos Scout camps
 - **At Goshen:** 3 Scouts BSA camps, 2 Webelos Scouts camps, 1 high adventure camp
- Staff positions are paid for Scouts at least 15 years of age
- For Scouts 14 years of age, unpaid Counselor-in Training positions may be available
- Other benefits: Make lifelong friendships, learn new skills, develop and practice leadership skills that will serve you well in any future career path
- Have other plans for summer Scouting activity? If so, you can negotiate time off for your own unit's summer camp or high adventure.
- For more information and application forms visit these websites (also see page 29 of this issue)

Gotoshen.org or Gotosnyder.org

There are also staff opportunities available with individual District Cub Scout Day Camps.

For more information, visit Gotodaycamp.org



High Adventure Opportunities for this Summer!

The Council has several openings for individual Scouts interested in joining Council-led crews for a fun-filled high adventure at both Philmont and Sea Base.

For specific information regarding these opportunities, please check the Council High Adventure Committee website:

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/council-committees/outdoor-adventuring/high-adventure/>



JOIN CAMP STAFF 2020!



General Information

Every year, Camp Snyder and the seven camps of Goshen Scout Reservation employ close to 300 highly motivated individuals to participate in the experience of a lifetime.

Goshen is comprised of two Webelos Resident Camps, three Scout & Venturing Resident Camps, one High Adventure Base, and one Administrative Camp. Camp Snyder offers day and overnight resident camps for Cubs Scouts, Tigers through Webelos.

For all positions, the primary focus is delivering program to youth and adult participants, whether that's in a program area or a wilderness outpost. Other responsibilities include general duties based on the operations of camp.

Job Requirements

We're seeking motivated and enthusiastic people who enjoy the outdoors. Prior experience in the Boy Scouts of America is not required.

Applicants must be 15 years of age or older to work at Camp Snyder, the Webelos Camps, and the Scout/Venturing Resident Camps and 16 years of age to work at Lenhok'sin High Adventure Base. We are also seeking those 18 years and older for leadership and other positions.

Are you 14 years of age? Be a Counselor-in-Training at one of our Resident Camps.

Employment dates are from June 13 to August 4, 2020 for Goshen Camps and June 29 to August 14, 2020 for Camp Snyder.

Learn more and apply!



Goshen Camps
www.gotogoshen.org

Camp Snyder
www.gotosnyder.org



Looking to be part of the volunteer staff for Day Camp or Camp Airy?
Check out www.gotodaycamp.org and www.airybsa.org.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA SCOUTER CODE OF CONDUCT

On my honor, I promise to do my best to comply with this Boy Scouts of America Scouter Code of Conduct while serving in my capacity as an adult leader:

- 1. I have completed or will complete my registration with the Boy Scouts of America, answering all Questions truthfully and honestly.**
- 2. I will do my best to live up to the Scout Oath and Scout Law, obey all laws, and hold others in Scouting accountable to those standards. I will exercise sound judgment and demonstrate good leadership and use the Scouting program for its intended purpose consistent with the mission of the Boy Scouts of America.**
- 3. I will make the protection of youth a personal priority. I will complete and remain current with Youth Protection training requirements. I will be familiar with and follow:**
 - BSA Youth Protection policies and guidelines, including mandatory reporting: www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/
 - The Guide to Safe Scouting: www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss
 - The Sweet Sixteen of BSA Safety: www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/sweet16
- 4. When transporting youth, I will obey all laws, comply with Youth Protection guidelines, and follow safe driving practices.**
- 5. I will respect and abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America, BSA policies, and BSA-provided training, including but not limited to those relating to:**
 - Unauthorized fundraising activities
 - Advocacy on social and political issues, including prohibited use of the BSA uniform and brand
 - Bullying, hazing, harassment, and unlawful discrimination of any kind
- 6. I will not discuss or engage in any form of sexual conduct while engaged in Scouting activities. I will refer youth with questions regarding these topics to talk to their parents or spiritual advisor.**
- 7. I confirm that I have fully disclosed and will disclose in the future any of the following:**
 - Any criminal suspicion, charges, or convictions of a crime or offense involving abuse, violence, sexual misconduct, or any misconduct involving minors or juveniles
 - Any investigation or court order involving domestic violence, child abuse, or similar matter
 - Any criminal charges or convictions for offenses involving controlled substances, driving while intoxicated, firearms, or dangerous weapons
- 8. I will not possess, distribute, transport, consume, or use any of the following items prohibited by law or in violation of any Scouting rules, regulations, and policies:**
 - Alcoholic beverages or controlled substances, including marijuana
 - Concealed or unconcealed firearms, fireworks, or explosives
 - Pornography or materials containing words or images inconsistent with Scouting values
- 9. If I am taking prescription medications with the potential of impairing my functioning or judgment, I will not engage in activities that would put youth at risk, including driving or operating equipment.**
- 10. I will take steps to prevent or report any violation of this code of conduct by others in connection with Scouting activities.**

SCOUT OATH

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
And to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
Mentally awake, and morally straight.

SCOUT LAW

Trustworthy
Loyal
Helpful
Friendly
Courteous
Kind
Obedient
Cheerful
Thrifty
Brave
Clean
Reverent

