

Virtual Campout 1965G Style

So, we have a virtual campout on May 9th. What does that mean?

Well, for us, it means that we'll be sleeping, cooking, and doing fun scout stuff together!

National Capital Area Council (NCAC) has approved virtual camping nights for rank advancement and up to three nights per month for Order of the Arrow. Unfortunately, it does not apply for merit badges.

If you want to count the virtual campout for rank advancement, you have to be outside in a structure that you build yourself. To count any camping nights, tell an adult leader before camping and attend the evening and morning zoom calls.



That's actually not too bad. It can be anything you make yourself, which includes...

- Tent
- Hammock
- A tarp and a blanket
- Rock piling
- A blanket fort on your porch
- A mound of pine needles

Anything you put together. You can lay out your sleeping pad on your back porch, as long as you are outside. However, for whatever structure you use, I recommend having a tarp underneath you and over you to protect yourself from the elements.

To secure a tarp above you, use rope and attach it to a tree using two half-hitches or taut-line hitch. If your tarp doesn't have holes to loop through, one tip is to take a small rock (or something similar in size) and wrap the tarp around it for an anchor point.

If you don't want to camp outside, building a blanket fort or sleeping in the comfort of your bed are also options (note: wouldn't count as camping nights). Whatever works for you.



Cooking Requirements: If you can, cook outside on a camp stove, grill, fire pit, magnifying glass to maintain the spirit of scouting! If you need to cook outside for rank requirements check with your patrol leader before preparing your meal.

Photo Contest

We are having a photo contest! Yay! We will be making a Google slide for you to submit your pictures...

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/...>

You can submit one photo per category, the categories are...

- Funny
- Scout Skill
- Cute Pets/animals
- Nature
- Unique Sleeping Set-Up

The winner will get bragging rights.



Rank Advancements

We will have a slotted time when you can sign up for rank advancements. Each patrol leader and assistant patrol leader will have a twenty-minute time slot that you can sign up for. Each time slot will be five minutes so if you need more time than that, sign up for another one as well. As a reminder, both the person passing off and the person getting something signed off will have to write the day, the person who signed it off, and the requirement checked off.

Workout!

Lead by Violet and Madison. It will not be over an hour and you won't need equipment. All you need is a positive attitude!

Lunch Doodles

While you eat lunch Kiersten will screen share a video teaching you how to draw a nature scenery.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9VJJSCVH_Wk

Materials:

- Pencil or black colored pencil
- Paper
- Tissue or smudging tool
- A circular object that you can trace or a compass



Mother's Day card origami



We are going to create simple origami cards for Mother's Day!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4FfjCZhqfyc>

Materials:

- A single sheet of printer paper
- Pens and pencils

Campfire

We are planning on having a virtual campfire! If you have a fireplace, fire pit, or would like to build one that would be great. You can have s' mores and enjoy the fire with your family and the troop. It is going to rain in the next few days so I recommend storing wood in a dry area.

If you would like to, you can prepare any songs or skits that you would like to share with the troop! If you don't know any, there are tons on YouTube and Google that you can learn, or you can just enjoy other performances.



Star Gazing (if possible)

If you would like to, go outside and look at the stars! See what you can identify.

Try to locate the stars on the following list and send in pictures:

- North star
- Big dipper
- Moon
- Any other stars/planets you can identify

There are also phone apps that can identify stars and planets (most you have to buy)



Gratitude and Meditation Session (optional after breakfast)

Led by Sarah. Script: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OCorEILKFQE>

Schedule

Photo contest throughout the day! (view above)

IMPORTANT! For all zoom calls, you have to show your face. If you do not have a working camera, let us know.

Friday:

Optional camping

8:00-8:30: Evening Zoom, make sure to tell a leader before camping and participate in the call showing your face, otherwise, it will not be counted.

Saturday:

9:30 AM: Login to zoom: Pitch tents or set up campground area; share your setup

10:30 AM: Login to zoom: Workout lead by Violet

12:30 PM: Login to zoom: Make/eat lunch and Lunch Doodles led by Kiersten

1:30-2:30- Siesta (Free time)

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2:30-4:30 PM: Login to zoom: Rank requirements (Sign-ups below)

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/...>

4:30 PM: Login to zoom: Origami mother's day card

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4FfjCZhqfyc>

6:30 PM: Make/Eat dinner (share a photo of your meal if you want) :)

7:30-8:30 PM: Login to zoom: Virtual campfire; skits, songs, jokes, etc. (Evening call)

8:00-9:00 PM: Stargazing (send in photos and share what stars you found)

Sunday:

7:30-9:00 AM: Login to zoom: Breakfast and clean-up; discuss camping experience/Roses and Thorns (Morning Call)

9:00 AM: Login to zoom: Gratitude and Meditation lead by Sarah

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