Cranberry Harbors District May Roundtable

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April Roundtable: More Remote Programming ideas

Thank you to all Cub Scout leaders that joined us for both the April 2nd Virtual Roundtable and the Cub Scout Check-in virtual meeting on April 22nd. We appreciate everyone sharing their ideas and plans for remote programming for their Units!

Below is an update to our working document of Scouting at Home ideas for Cub Scout Packs:

Cub Scout Program Ideas: COVID-19

- Build a Kahoot game for different activities/adventure loops/scouting history
- Virtual scavenger hunt
    - Ex. The first person to bring me a/an ___ gets a point. The person with the most points gets bragging rights
- Paper airplane contest
- Outdoor scavenger hunt
    - Send out a list of objects/items to take pictures of and bring to the next virtual meeting. Ex.

pinecone, round rock, 5 different shaped leaves, etc.

- Virtual Pack/Den meeting openings: put together different recordings of scouts saying the pledge, oath, and law and use them for meeting openers.
- Scout law in action:
    - My family is doing ___ to be **Trustworthy** during quarantine.
- Invite people to your den/pack meetings
    - This includes firefighters, nurses, ecotarium employees, police officers, etc.
- Make up a secret code and have scouts try and decode it.
- Prepare a meal (older) or make a nutritious snack (younger)
- Write thank-you notes
- Be Prepared: Create/update an emergency preparedness kit for the house
- Plant a seed: Start a mini in-home garden/plant a flower inside. Discuss what makes plants grow and how to care for plants.
- Energy-saving projects to do around the house: Discuss what it means to conserve energy and why it's important.
- Make a puzzle out of paper (draw/print out a picture and cut it into different pieces. Then number the pieces and try to solve the puzzle with the den)
- Family history/family tree: discuss where your family comes from and draw your immediate family on a family tree. Share what you found out about your nationality
- Make a den/pack cookbook with the favorite thing you've had/baked during quarantine
- Take a virtual tour of an aquarium. Talk about the things you've learned. https://www.neaq.org/visit/at-home-events-and-activities/
- Host a song/story night with the pack/den and have scouts share stories or songs they know. Ask in town

troop(s) to help put on a skit, story, or song.

- Take a virtual tour of a National Park. Talk about the things you've learned. https://www.travelandleisure.com/trip-ideas/national-parks/virtual-national-parks-tours
- Create a piece of art, whether a 4 box comic strip, self-portrait, or freestyle image and share with everyone what you did. Host a virtual art show with the art and invite teachers, parents, and local town officials.

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Zoom Meeting Scavenger Hunt:

A scout is trustworthy. This means you are honest and can be relied on. For example, if your neighbor went on vacation, you could be trusted with their spare key. Bring me a key.

A scout is loyal. This means you are dedicated to a person or group. Bring me something that shows you're loyal. It can be an award, belt loop, trophy, or medal.

A scout is helpful: you are giving and ready to help. I bet you and your family have donated money to a charity. Bring me a bill of any kind: 1, 5, 10, 20, 50, or 100.

A scout is friendly: you are kind and pleasant to your friends. Bring me a picture of or a gift from a friend.

A scout is courteous. You are polite and have good manners. For example, when you are eating, you always use a napkin. Bring me a napkin.

A scout is kind. You always behave in a way that shows you care. If a family member were sick, you would bring them something to make them feel better. What is it? Go get it. (medicine)

A scout is obedient. You are willing to follow directions or

orders. A scout will clean his room if told to do so. A dog will sit when told to sit. Show me a picture of a dog.

A scout is cheerful. You are happy and a joy to be around. You smile and make others smile. Show me your happy face.

A scout is thrifty. We are learning how to use our money and resources carefully, not to be wasteful. Many families use coupons to help save money. Bring me a coupon.

A scout is brave. Many scouts have or will need to face danger or fear. When a scout gets hurt, they will be brave and keep going but may need first aid. Bring me a Band-Aid or gauze.

A scout is clean. You all are learning to keep your home and belongings safe from germs and dirt. Bring me a broom.

A scout is reverent. This means you show respect. Some show reverence to God or a group of people. Everyone shows reverence to their family. Bring me something that represents your religion or bring me a family photo.

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We have ALSO posted ideas for remote programming at the following links:

April Roundtable: Remote Programming Ideas

Scouting At Home

Rank Advancement and Covid-19: April Update

COVID-19 FAQ
UPDATED 4/13/20 – The most recent updates are indicated by a diamond in front of the question.

Advancement

Q: How can advancement be tracked remotely?

Scouting units should use Scoutbook to record and track advancement.

To track advancement remotely, parents should:

- Connect with their child's member profile via an invitation that the unit leader sends within Scoutbook. You may also connect to your youth via the Scouting app "Add a Parent connection."
- Once a connection is made, the parent should use the Scouting app, found in both the App Store and on Google Play, to stay connected with their unit.
- The Scouting app provides parents the ability to report any advancement that was completed at home.

Learn more about how to start using Scoutbook and how to connect parents to their Scouts at Scoutbook.com.

Advancement – Cub Scouts

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

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?

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.

♦ Q: Can the Arrow of Light (fifth-grade dens) requirements fulfill the requirement to visit a troop or attend a troop outing to function as a patrol?

Yes. Two things to keep in mind, the standard of completion for Cub Scout advancement is "Do Your Best," so given the circumstances, we want to look at the purpose behind the requirements. Remember that doing nothing is never doing your best.

Dens can visit a virtual troop meeting to see the patrol method and youth leadership in action. Since the den cannot attend a troop campout or outing, the idea is for the den to function as a patrol while attending the virtual troop meeting. During this time, a virtual den meeting where the den functions as a patrol can be done. Elect a patrol leader, pick a patrol name, play a virtual game together as a patrol. Plenty of opportunities to Do Your Best to meet the intention of the requirement. Remember to maintain all youth protection standards online.

Advancement – Scouts BSA, Venturing and

Sea Scouts

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

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 Guide to Advancement (GTA) Section 7 are required.

♦ Q: Are merit badge counselors allowed to provide online instruction?
Yes. Merit badge counselors should follow the guidelines in the Guide to Advancement 7.0.3.2 and ensure you are adhering to all youth protection requirements and online communications guidelines. It is acceptable—and sometimes preferable—for merit badges to be taught in group settings, including online instruction. We currently allow group instruction at camp and merit badge midways, fairs, clinics, or similar events. These can be efficient methods, and interactive group discussions can support learning. Gathering a group online can also be beneficial. Guest experts and speakers that assist registered and approved counselors may be more willing to speak to a larger online audience. Slide shows, skits, demonstrations, panels, and various other techniques can also be employed, but as any teacher can attest, not everyone will learn all the material. Therefore, the standards we use to verify that each Scout has fulfilled requirements must not be relaxed. Merit badge counselors must be sure that each Scout has individually gained the knowledge intended. When accomplished, counselors can easily sign off requirements via ScoutBook.

Q: Can I connect directly with my Scouts/Venturers/Sea Scouts if I am a merit badge counselor?
Yes. In ScoutBook, merit badge counselors can now connect

directly with the Scouts they are counseling; see https://discussions.scouting.org/t/march-23-2020-scoutbook-updates/165970 NOTE: Scouts/Venturers/Sea Scouts still must get approval from their leader, according to Guide to Advancement 7.0.3.0.

Q: How will I know if a Scout/Venturer/Sea Scout has obtained approval from their leader to work on a merit badge?
In the member profile, you will see if the leader has signed off with their approval.

Q: What if my member profile shows that my merit badge counselor status has expired:
Check with your council. Local councils may need to upload their latest list of approved merit badge counselors.

Q: Will unit leaders know that a merit badge counselor has connected with one of their Scouts/Venturers/Sea Scouts?
Yes. The unit Key 3 will receive an email that includes the name of the merit badge counselor, the Scout, and the name of the merit badge.

Q: What if I have other merit badge/ScoutBook questions?
See https://help.scoutbook.com/knowledge-base/scoutbook-merit-badge-counselor-council-upload-faq/

♦ Q: What changes have been made to rank advancement/camping requirements given the need to maintain social distancing during this time?
We have implemented temporary changes, detailed below, to allow Scouts to complete rank requirements, detailed below, by video conferencing through September 1, 2020. This deadline will be re-evaluated as needed.
The goal when using video conferencing must be to preserve the ideals and intent of each requirement as best as possible. Scoutmasters or their designee(s) should remain mindful of the Methods of Scouting, such as the Patrol Method, before implementing the modified requirements listed below. Some

advancement activities can be completed by video conferencing but not all. For example, virtual visits to a city council meeting, national historic landmarks, museums, and art galleries may be acceptable, but swimming, rifle shooting, and motorboating merit badges cannot be completed virtually.

Even when using video conferencing, all virtual campouts and activities should consist of as many elements found on a normal outdoor campout or activity as possible. The most significant difference is that patrol or troop members are not all in the same location. All existing youth protection policies and digital safety guidelines must be followed.

Tenderfoot rank requirements

1b. – Virtual patrol or troop campouts via video conferencing will be permitted.

2a. – During the same day as your virtual patrol or troop campout, assist in preparing one meal with the help of those with whom you live. Tell your patrol or troop why it was important for each person to share in meal preparation and cleanup.

2b. – During the same day as your virtual campout, demonstrate the appropriate method of safely cleaning items used to prepare, serve and eat a meal.

5a. – Explain the importance of the buddy system as it relates to your personal safety on outings and in your neighborhood. Verbally commit to following the buddy system on your next troop or patrol outing.

7a. – Tell how to display, raise, lower, and fold the U.S. flag.

Second Class rank requirements:

1a & 1c. – Virtual patrol or troop activities via video conferencing will be permitted.

3b. – Using a compass and map together, **plan** a 5-mile hike approved by your adult leader.

4. – Evidence of wild animals can be demonstrated with information or photos of your local area found online.

5c. – May be completed virtually via video conferencing on dry land.

7c. – Learn about the dangers of using drugs, alcohol and tobacco and other practices that could be harmful to your health. Discuss what you learned with your family and explain the dangers of substance addictions. Report to your Scoutmaster or other adult leader in your troop about which parts of the Scout Oath and Scout Law relate to what you learned.
8a. – May be completed virtually using video conferencing.
8d. – May be completed by comparing costs at three (3) online sites or locations.
First Class rank requirements:
1a – Virtual patrol or troop activities via video conferencing will be permitted.
2e. – On the same day as your virtual campout, serve as the cook. Supervise your assistant(s) in using a stove or building a cooking fire. Prepare the breakfast, lunch, and dinner planned in First Class requirement 2a. Supervise the cleanup.
4a. – By drawing, computer software, or other virtual methods, plan an orienteering course that would cover at least one mile. Explain why measuring the height and/or width of designated items (tree, tower, canyon, ditch, etc.) is helpful. Explain how you would complete your course using a real map and compass.
4b. – Scouts do not need to follow their route.
5a. – Evidence of native plants can be demonstrated with information or photos of your local area found online.
6e. – May be completed on dry land.
9a. – Visit may take place virtually or by phone.
9c. – Outings can include past or future plans.
10. – Invite the potential new member to a **virtual meeting or future activity using video conferencing.**

♦ Q: Will virtual camping count toward Order of the Arrow nights camping?

No, virtual camping will not count toward the 15 nights camping required for membership in the Order of the Arrow.

♦ Q: Can merit badge requirements be adapted since some elements can't be completed as stated right now?
The published guidelines for the methodology of the merit badge program and the role of the merit badge counselor is found in the Guide to Advancement, Section 7.0.0.0. It is important to remember that leaders and merit badge counselors must not make additions or deletions to requirements. The Scout is expected to meet the requirements as stated; however, in some cases, virtual "visits" may fulfill the intent of a requirement. When the requirement's intent cannot be reached virtually, the requirements cannot be completed, and the Scout must wait to complete that badge/requirement. Merit badge counselors signing off on requirements must determine to the best of their ability if the Scout has demonstrated the intended outcome.
All existing youth protection policies and digital safety guidelines must be followed.

♦ Q: Does a Scout need a hard copy of a Blue Card when working on merit badges?
No. Since the introduction of Scoutbook, the BSA has offered Scouts two ways of recording merit badge requirement completion: The Blue Card and Scoutbook. Both remain authorized methods to record merit badge work. Scoutbook is a part of the BSA Internet Advancement system, which means that entering an advancement record in Scoutbook is the same as entering it in Internet Advancement. Anyone with a BSA member ID automatically has access to a Scoutbook account through their my.scouting account.

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

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?

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?

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?

Extensions are considered only for Scouts who are Life rank. If, once a Scout achieves Life rank, it turns out that 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?

Mayflower Council is granting extensions for Eagle Scout, Summit Award, and Quartermaster. Please look at the information at the following link:

https://www.mayflowerbsa.org/petitioning-advancement-extensions/

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.

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

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?

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?

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.”

Q: Are electronic or digital signatures acceptable for rank advancement or for the Eagle/Summit/Quartermaster packets/applications?
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?
Youth may take a picture of their completed activity/requirement and share the work with unit leaders. In

keeping with youth protection policies, all communications from youth should be sent to at least two adults. See our Barriers to Abuse for details. Parents or guardians may send advancement work on be

Source for this information: https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-faq/?utm_source=scoutingwire&utm_campaign=swvolunteer4152020&utm_medium=email&utm_content=

Inaugural Class of Female Eagle Scout Extension

Details on Extension for Eagle Boards of Review for Those Who Wish to Be in the Inaugural Class of Female Eagle Scouts

These are historic times for our Movement. The coronavirus pandemic is having a direct impact in many Scouts' ability to continue on their trail to Eagle – especially having completed all their requirements prior to the boards of review that are to be held from 10/1-31/2020.

Because we want all girls who joined in 2019 and wish to be a part of the Inaugural Class of female Eagle Scouts to have the benefit of such an experience, and after carefully considering recommendations from stakeholders, including feedback from volunteers and professionals, we will be extending the period for boards of review from 10/1/2020 – 1/31/2021. To further support the Inaugural Class, all boards of reviews will be dated with the same date by the National Service Center.

While this notice discusses the Inaugural Class of female

Eagle Scouts, the lengthening of the Eagle board of review window is applicable to all Scouts who were granted the inaugural extension, regardless of gender.

As a reminder, all requirements must be completed while the individual is a registered member of Scouts BSA, or as a member of a Venturing crew or a Sea Scouts ship after achieving First Class in Scouts BSA, per the Guide to Advancement.

2021 Jamboree Informational Night

Scouting At Home Award

Scouting At Home Award For Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturers & Leaders



Mayflower Council would like to recognize Scouts and adults who are Scouting at Home with a patch that is sure to be a collector item. Requirements for Scouts and leaders to earn this award are simple.

Guidelines:

1. Complete the requirements for the appropriate rank
2. Complete online award completion form
3. Order your patch.
    - The link to order your patch will be provided when you submit your online completion form
    - Patches are $4 each
    - Our patch design is above and we think it’s so cool

4. Award is available for a limited time requirements must be completed by June 30 and patches must be ordered by July 15.
5. Contact Joe Livingston or Rick Riopelle if you have questions about the award.

We ask the parents work with the Scouts to please post a picture on social media of each requirement and share it with pictures of these completed requirements in a style like this:

Scouting taught me about my Duty to Self. Because of that I took time for myself today outside reading (insert picture reading) #mayflowerscoutsinaction

Scouting taught me to be Friendly. Because of that I cooked this delicious dessert for my family (insert photo) #mayflowerscoutsinaction

Scouting At Home Award Requirements

To earn the patch, complete the following requirements inspired by the Scout Oath and Law:

Mandatory Requirements (Complete all 3, applicable to all levels of the program)

1. *Duty to God/Country*: Stay home and only visit with friends virtually
2. *Duty to Others*: Track a chore that you do around the house
3. *Duty to Self*: Spend as much time as you can outside everyday (weather permitting)

Program level specific requirements (Complete requirements for your program)

Cub Scout Elective Requirements (complete 5 out of this list)

- *Trustworthy*: Honestly report your progress on this patch
- *Loyal*: Participate in 2 virtual den meetings
- *Helpful*: Help prepare one meal or snack for your family
- *Friendly*: Complete an activity loop or pin with your family
- *Courteous*: Invite a friend to a virtual pack event
- *Kind*: Help sew a protective face-mask for yourself or a family member.
- *Obedient*:Help your parents complete a home or automobile repair or project.
- *Cheerful*: Spend one hour playing a non-electronic game or games with your family
- *Thrifty*: Find a way to repurpose something in your house
- *Brave*:
    - (Bears – AOL) Camp one night out in your yard with your parent(s) or family.
    - (Lions – Wolves) 'camp out' one night in a room of your house without TV or electronics.
- *Clean*: Help clean up your yard, a room of your home, or your bedroom (as chosen by your parent)
- *Reverent*: Participate in a virtual service for your religion

Award Completion Form

Scouts BSA Elective Requirements (complete 7 out of this list)

- *Trustworthy*: Honestly report your progress on this patch
- *Loyal*: Participate in 2 virtual troop meetings
- *Helpful*: Cook supper for your family using basic ingredients
- *Friendly*: Lead your family in a game night(s) totaling three hours of non-electronic gaming
- *Courteous*: Perform a service project for your family approved by your parents
- *Kind*: Help sew a protective face-mask for yourself or a

family member.
- *Obedient*: Complete a merit badge virtually
- *Cheerful*: Entertain your family with your favorite skit
- *Thrifty*: Find a way to repurpose something in your house
- *Brave*: Teaching another scout a new skill virtually
- *Clean*: Help clean up your yard, a room of your home, or your bedroom (as chosen by your parent)
- *Reverent*: Participate in a virtual service for your religion

Award Completion Form

Venturing Elective Requirements (complete 7 out of this list)

- *Trustworthy*: Honestly report your progress on this patch
- *Loyal*: Participate in 2 virtual crew meetings
- *Helpful*: Perform a service project for your family approved by your parents
- *Friendly*: Cook a breakfast, lunch, supper and a dessert for your family using basic ingredients.
- *Courteous*: Create and perform a ‘safety checklist’ for your home. This should include things like checking smoke detectors, fire extinguishers and identifying hazards in the home.
- *Kind*: Help sew a protective face-mask for yourself or a family member.
- *Obedient*: Grant your parents 1 wish, and fulfill it without complaint
- *Cheerful*: Lead your family in game nights totaling five hours of non-electronic gaming.
- *Thrifty*: Find a way to repurpose something in your house
- *Brave*: Create a 10 minute instructional video about something that interests you. Share this video on a social media platform with the #mayflowerscoutsinaction
- *Clean*: Help clean up your yard, a room of your home, or your bedroom (as chosen by your parent)

- *Reverent*: Participate in a virtual service for your religion

Award Completion Form

Adult Leader Elective Requirements (complete 7 out of this list)

You thought we forgot about our amazing volunteers? Scouting has a fun opportunity for you to earn this patch as well!

- *Trustworthy*: Provide feedback on how Mayflower Council can better support you utilizing this form.
- *Loyal*: Attend your virtual district roundtable.
- *Helpful*: Find a way to help your neighbor.
- *Friendly*: Interact with the council's or district's Facebook pages- find a new Scouting friend and share an aspect of Scouting you are passionate about.
- *Courteous*: Help your troop engage in virtual meeting or merit badge classes.
- *Kind*: Help sew a protective face-mask for yourself or a family member.
- *Obedient*: Follow the Mayflower Council guidelines for social distancing while Scouting.
- *Cheerful*: Post your best tips on staying upbeat during this difficult time for other Scouts and Scouters.
- *Thrifty*: Help your Council identify a business or donor willing to help fund Scouting (social media post will be worked out with donor or business).
- *Brave*: Have a conversation with someone you disagree with. Find common ground on a topic.
- *Clean*: Pack/organize your backpack and gear for your first Scouting adventure post COVID-19. Share where you're planning to go on the council Facebook page.
- *Reverent*: Participate in a virtual service for your religion.

Award Completion Form

Summer Camp Pre-meeting Video

A pre-camp meeting was held virtually in March. If you happened to miss the meeting, please view the video below. You will also find questions and answers that were compiled from this meeting.

Book Your Summer Camp Experience Now

Questions and Answers

Virtual Training

Opportunities – April and May

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Virtual Training Opportunities

April and May 2020

Mayflower Council has canceled or postponed all in-person training courses until it is safe for groups to gather again. In the meantime, we've set up a series of free online workshops to help Scouts and Scouters complete training requirements and gain skills and tools to run a successful program—even in challenging times. Please join us!

Online Training Workshops

Date and time	Course	Who it's for	Details
Wednesday, **April 22, 2020** 8:00-9:00 PM Register	**Tools and Tips for Virtual Scouting**	All adult leaders	During this pandemic, many packs and troops are finding creative ways to run online den and pack meetings, troop and patrol meetings, merit badge classes, and even virtual camping trips! Join us as we share some tips and success stories from the first month of "virtual Scouting." This one-hour session will be a great chance to learn about what other units are doing, which online tools work best, and how to set your online meetings up for success. This session will be useful for packs and troops who are trying to get started online, as well as those who are already doing it but are interested in learning new tips!
Thursday, **April 30, 2020** 7:00-8:30 PM Register	**Troop Committee PST**	Scouts BSA Troop Committee Members (and anyone interested in becoming one)	Learn how an effective Troop Committee can support a successful youth-led Scouts BSA troop. This course covers all the important functions that the Troop Committee should provide. If you're a member of the Troop Committee, this course is part of the requirements to earn the "Trained" patch. This course covers the same material as the version at https://my.scouting.org, but we're going to try to include the benefits of our in-person version, with more interactivity and the chance to meet and share ideas with fellow leaders.
Sunday, **May 3, 2020** 7:00-8:00 PM Register	**Merit Badge Counselor PST**	Scouts BSA Merit Badge Counselors (and anyone interested in becoming one)	Learn how Scouts BSA merit badges work, the roles and responsibilities of a merit badge counselor, and tips for helping Scouts learn skills and grow as individuals through the merit badge process. This course covers the same material as the version at https://my.scouting.org, but doing it together means we can have more useful interaction and discussion. We'll also share ideas for teaching merit badges online during the pandemic. At the end of this course, you'll be trained for your position and entitled to wear the "Trained" patch.
Tuesday, **May 12, 2020** 7:00-8:00 PM Register	**Intro to ILST**	Scoutmasters, ASMs, SPLs, and ASPLs	Introduction to Leadership Skills (ILST) for Troops is the first stage of the Scouts BSA youth leadership training program. It's designed to be taught within each troop, led by the Scoutmaster and SPL. This course (also called "Junior Leader Training" and many other things through the years) sets your Patrol Leaders and other youth leaders up to succeed by helping them understand their roles and responsibilities in running a youth-led troop. Our one-hour webinar on May 12 is *not* the actual ILST course (the actual ILST is 4 to 5 hours of material, and it should be taught within your troop). But it *is* an opportunity for Scoutmasters, ASMs, and top youth leaders (SPL, ASPL) to learn more about ILST! We'll talk about the course materials, suggest resources, and share examples and tips from troops about when and where to run ILST and how to make it successful and fun. If you'd like to "up your game" on youth leader training, join us on May 12!

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Date and time	Course	Who it's for	Details
Sunday, **May 17, 2020** 7:00-9:00 PM Register	**Cub Leader Basic Training: Part 1 of 2**	All Cub Scout adult leaders	Join us for the official "position-specific" training for all Cub Scout positions! If you haven't taken the online training at https://my.scouting.org yet, join our webinar version instead. We'll try to include a lot of the interactivity that we get when we do this training in person, including the chance to meet and share ideas with fellow leaders. The national curriculum covers almost 4 hours, so we've split it into two evenings. After you complete both parts, you'll be considered trained for your position and entitled to wear the "Trained" patch. Part 1 includes aims and methods, pack and den structure, advancement, and other basics of the Cub Scouting program.
Sunday, **May 24, 2020** 7:00-9:00 PM Sunday, **May 31, 2020** 7:00-9:00 PM	**Cub Leader Basic Training: Part 2 of 2**	All Cub Scout adult leaders	This is the second half of the training we're starting on May 17. In Part 2, we'll split into breakout sessions with more detailed topics for each position (Den Leader, Cubmaster, Pack Committee). We'll also come together to talk about ways to build stronger dens and packs with active programming and family involvement. We're offering Part 2 twice to make sure to provide an extra opportunity for anyone who can't make it on May 24. Also, if you want to get trained for more than one position, you can attend on both May 24 and May 31 and join a different breakout group each time.

What About Other Training Courses?

Adult leaders can still take many training courses available on demand from the BSA at https://my.scouting.org. Scouts BSA and Venturing youth can take Den Chief training online at www.scouting.org/training/youth/den-chief-training. We normally run in-person versions of many of these courses, but some are hard to deliver well in a custom webinar. For example, our in-person Den Chief course focuses on hands-on group activities (crafts, wide games, role plays), and it's hard to do this well online. For this reason and others, we encourage you to take the standard BSA training for now.

A few other training courses like BALOO, IOLS, and Wilderness/Remote First Aid require a lot of physical hands-on skill practice. It's just not possible to meet the learning objectives effectively in a virtual setting. Regrettably, this means we can't offer these training courses right now. We look forward to offering live courses again when it's safe to do so!

What Else Can I Do From Home?

1. **Renew Youth Protection Training (YPT)!** This two-hour training expires every two years. If you've been registered as a leader for a while, chances are you took it in 2018 when the BSA made everyone take the new course. That means you need to retake it in 2020. Get it done! Visit https://my.scouting.org.
2. **Take other position-specific training (PST) online.** If you're a Cub Scout leader (any position), Troop Committee member, Merit Badge Counselor, or many other positions, you can complete basic training for your position at https://my.scouting.org. See the requirements to be Trained for your position in our Quick Guides at www.mayflowerbsa.org/training. Every Scout deserves trained leaders!
3. **Fix your training records!** Some old courses may be missing, especially for longtime Scouters. Log into https://my.scouting.org to check your training completions. If something is missing, please contact your district training chair or the council training chair (see below) to start. We generally ask for proof via certificate or course director confirmation.
4. **Earn a training knot!** See application forms with requirements at www.scouting.org/training/adult.aspx (scroll down to "Training Awards"). Forms can be signed electronically or scanned and emailed to awards@mayflowerbsa.org. From there, they'll be routed to your district training chair for approval.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- *Council training "Quick Guides" and online registration:* www.mayflowerbsa.org/training
- *BSA online training:* https://my.scouting.org
- *Council training chair:* Chris Lamie: chris.lamie@gmail.com
- *Staff contact:* Rick Riopelle: rick@mayflowerbsa.org

April Roundtable: Remote Programming Ideas

Hello Headwaters,

Below are some of the notes and topics that were discussed at our Virtual District Roundtable at the start of the month. We had a long conversation about remote programming ideas and what both Troops and Packs can be doing to keep their Scouts engaged and connected.

Headwaters District is also here to help your Unit! We can help you host meetings for your Unit or for your Committee. Get in touch with Headwaters@mayflowerbsa.org to talk with our Key 3 (listed on our District Webpage) and we can help set up a Google Hangout meeting.

Resources for Units:

- Check out our Webpage on Scouting From Home: https://www.mayflowerbsa.org/scouting-at-home/
- Check out our Webpage on Covid-19 updates: https://www.mayflowerbsa.org/covid-19
- Share your cool ideas for Scouting from Home on our Facebook Page!
    - https://www.facebook.com/groups/167191867249406/?ref=bookmarks
- **Share what your Unit does on social media and tag #MayflowerScoutsinAction**
- Troops: Life Scouts can petition extensions to work on Eagle Scout – see this link HERE: https://www.mayflowerbsa.org/petitioning-advancement-extensions/

Ideas for Remote Programming from April Roundtable:
(These ideas were suggested by those in attendance in the chat)

- April is Child Abuse Prevention month, some Units are going to try presenting the Learning For Life videos to the troop via Zoom. https://www.youtube.com/user/lfldigitalvideo/playlists
- Are people talking with their Unit about the current COVID19 situation? If so, how deep into it do you go
    - Asking people in the Health care field to join a virtual meeting is a Win-Win! They get to tell young people and families about health safety and your Scouts get informative programming
- Scavenger Hunt idea, have Dens, Patrols or Scouts attend a Zoom call and tell them common household items that they need to go and get and return to the screen – patrols or dens earn points for who gets them the quickest
- Kahoot is a great way that you can create trivia games that all your Scouts can join with a personalized room code: https://kahoot.it/
- A good website for Merit Badge Requirements and workbooks: http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/list.asp
- Drawful 2 is free from Microsoft right now https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/p/drawful-2/c1mp1qhqfvj5?SilentAuth=1&wa=wsignin1.0&activetab=pivot:overviewtab
- Multiplayer .io games at https://poki.com/en/online-worlds – we tried skribbl.io with uno as a backup
- One ScoutMaster set up a Minecraft server the Scouts use but adults manage
- Another online virtual play space that kids are used to is Roblox
- Houseparty: https://houseparty.com/ has a drawing

feature, also trivia – we're going to try Houseparty for patrol meetings
        - Watch Parties with Facebook and Netflix too! You can host a virtual "Campout" with a communal movie night
- Jackbox games is a party pack of different games that people can join with a personalized room code – Drawful is a fun game for all ages – be aware that some games can be more mature – https://jackboxgames.com/drawful-two/utm_source=social&utm_medium=d2free&utm_campaign=d2free&utm_content=d2free

- Does your Unit have ideas of how to continue doing some Community Service?
        - "We were talking, the adults of Troop 100, about doing separate days of trail cleanup, 1 family at a time kind of thing"
        - "At our Committee Meeting, recognizing that we will be socially distant for Earth Day and that many are out walking, to encourage our scouts to take a trash bag and do their own clean up – perhaps a prize for the most trash collected at month's end."

Share your ideas with us!

We'll be hosting another Virtual Roundtable on May 7th. Check our Council Calendar for a link and more information. Check your emails from our Roundtable Commissioner Nick Keyes –

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy.

Camping At Home Challenge

We are happy to announce the Mayflower Camping at Home Challenge!

Show us your best at home campsite for the chance to win a $50 campership to any Mayflower Council Camp in 2020.

Challenge Guidelines:

- Set up a campsite in your backyard, basement, living room, or wherever works best for you!
- Post a picture, video, or time-lapse of your setup on Facebook or Instagram. We want to see your most creative and practical campsites.
- Tag Mayflower Council in your Facebook (@mayflowerbsa) or Instagram (@mayflowerbsa) post, and don’t forget to add the hashtag #mayflowerscoutsinaction
- Our favorite Camping at Home submission will be featured on the Mayflower Council social media, and will receive a $50 campership to any Mayflower Council Camp in 2020

This challenge Runs Saturday April 18 at 8:00 PM – Saturday April 25 at 11:59 PM