



# NOT YOUR TYPICAL SUMMER CAMP

## 2020 CAMP IN A BOX PLANNING GUIDE SCOUTS BSA

Susquehanna Council  
Mayflower Council  
Juniata Valley Council



Washington Crossing Council  
Iroquois Trail Council  
Five Rivers Council





# **Greetings from the Camp-in-a-Box Team!!**

Thank you for choosing Susquehanna, Mayflower, Juniata Valley, Iroquois Trail, and Five Rivers Councils for your 2020 summer camping experience. We offer this Leaders/Participants Guide to help all folks get just as excited and ready for camp as we are! This Leaders Guide is the primary resource for planning your camp experience. Please read through this guide thoroughly, and share it with Parents and Scouts.

“Not your Typical Summer Camp” will be utilizing our online camp registration system. Scouts will have the choice to select their preferred week and merit badges or advancement plan. The system will automatically generate Blue Cards and Advancement Reports for Troopmaster and ScoutBook!

All Scouts will be able to complete the “BSA Cyber Chip” for their Grade Level during their week of camp, and all BSA Online Youth Protection policies will be strictly followed. Our Councils take the safety and security of everyone seriously and will do everything possible to provide a positive online learning environment.

We will have a Spirit Day this summer! See page 14 for more details. Get your Troop theme and costumes together and get ready to have fun.

If you have any questions concerning your summer adventure, contact your local Council. For questions regarding registration assistance, please contact Jake at [jacob.horner@scouting.org](mailto:jacob.horner@scouting.org).

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## **Register today at:**

<https://www.scoutingevent.com/533-campinabox2020>

# 2020 Fees and Payments

## **YOUTH PARTICIPANT COST — \$135**

Fees cover access to up to 5 Merit Badges and online learning environments, camp t-shirt, camp patch, some Merit Badge kits and supplies, bonus camp swag, shipping, and access to ALL THE FUN!

## **ADULT “BLING” BOX — \$50 (optional)**

Includes camp t-shirt, 2020 camp patch, bonus camp swag, gift from the Camp Directors, and shipping.

**\*\*Money is due at the time of registration\*\***

## **ARE THERE ANY EXTRA FEES?**

No, Camp-in-a-box fees are all-inclusive. You may need to purchase some small items like pencils and notebooks for various programs or projects.

## **CAN I SIGN UP FOR AN EXTRA WEEK?**

Absolutely! Scouts can earn up to 5 Merit Badges each week.

## **ARE CAMPERSHIPS AVAILABLE?**

This varies by Council. If you are from Susquehanna Council and received a campership for summer camp before we had to cancel, please reach out to Jake ([jacob.horner@scouting.org](mailto:jacob.horner@scouting.org)) before completing the registration process. Previously awarded camperships will be adjusted to reflect the lower price point of camp-in-a-box. This is not something that will automatically show in the registration system so you need to email Jake first.

# THE CAMP IN A BOX

## ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM

“Not your Typical Summer Camp” offers advancement programs for Scouts of all levels including first year campers, and merit badges for all skill levels.

**Planning Your Program at Camp** To get the most out of your summer camping experience, time should be dedicated to planning your program prior to starting your week of camp. We encourage the Scouts to take charge of planning their own experience at camp. Regardless of their rank, Scouts will be able to plan a schedule that allows them to get the most out of the Scouting program. First year campers can find details about an exciting summer camp experience in the First Year's Program on page 8. Scouts can discover more about the merit badges offered at “Not your Typical Summer Camp” beginning on page 9. Please keep in mind that a your overall program should be aimed at meeting the needs of the individual Scout.

### Advancement Staff

“Not your Typical Summer Camp” Staff depend on our skilled, dedicated, and enthusiastic group of Scouts and Scouters to operate. Serving on camp staff is truly the experience of a lifetime. It's a unique chance to learn, share your knowledge, be a leader, work with team, and touch the lives of the countless Scouts each year!

### Accommodating Special Needs

The staff of “Not your Typical Summer Camp” is committed to fully including all Scouts in all aspects of the camp program. Often, meeting the needs of all campers and leaders requires minor adaptations of our instructional plans. One-on-one instruction, and other provisions can be made for Scouts or leaders because of physical disabilities, learning disabilities, medical conditions, religious practices or other special needs. Unit leaders or parents should contact their local Council in advance to outline the specific needs of Scouts and leaders in their Units.



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# First Year Scout Program

The First Year Camper Program is designed for scouts who are relatively new to the Scouts BSA program and have not yet completed many of the rank requirements for Tenderfoot through First Class. The program centers around the outdoor requirements needed to advance to the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class.

## Skills to be Covered will Include:

- Knot Tying
- First Aid
- Use of Camp Tools
- Tree and Plant Identification
- Flag Ceremonies
- Compass Skills



## Digital and Hands-on Instruction

To accommodate as many scouts as possible in the camp-in-a-box setting, the program will be split into three sessions based on the three rank levels of Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class.

Participants can sign up for all three sessions, or just the ones that would be the most beneficial to them. Each session will include classroom instruction and hands-on opportunities.

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# 2020 Camp in a Box Merit Badges

All advancement will follow the current 2020 requirements.  
Please have a parent or guardian's approval before doing any online research.

**\*This list is TENTATIVE\***

We are currently assembling our virtual camp team and hope to offer as many of these offerings as possible.

Camp K in a Box			
Program List and Prerequisites			
Merit Badge/ Program	Classroom Time	Difficulty	Prerequisites and Comments
<b>Tenderfoot (Trail to Eagle)</b>	9:00 AM	Ideal for 1st year Scout	Will target Requirements 1abc, 2abc, 3abc, 4abcd, 5abc, 8
<b>Second Class (Trail to Eagle)</b>	10:30 AM	Ideal for 1st year Scout	Will target Requirements 1b, 2aefg, 3acd, 4, 5ad, 6abcde, 8bd, 9ab
<b>First Class (Trail to Eagle)</b>	1:00 PM	Ideal for 1st year Scout	Will target Requirements 3abcd, 5abcd, 6bcd, 7abcdef, 9b
<b>American Business</b>	2:30 PM	Time Consuming	McDonald's, Google, Disney... Explore the backbone of American Business. No prerequisites but lots of research.
<b>American Heritage</b>	4:00 PM	Hard	Lots of reading and research. No prerequisites
<b>Animation</b>	9:00 AM	Hard	If you like to draw, not so hard. You do have to create two animations. No prerequisites
<b>Archery</b>	2:30 PM	Medium	Arrow kit will be included. Participants will be eligible to participate in a 1-day event at camp for the shooting portion of the badge.
<b>Art</b>	10:30 AM	Easy	Some materials needed for making art projects (mostly stuff found around the house)
<b>Basketry</b>	4:00 PM	Easy/ Medium	Basket kits will be mailed in your camp box
<b>Bird Study</b>	2:30 PM	Medium	Prerequisite—You will need a pair of binoculars and a bird field guide. An online field guide can be found at <a href="http://audubon.org/bird-guide">audubon.org/bird-guide</a>
<b>Canoeing</b>	10:30 AM	Medium	Prerequisite- Must have earned Swimming MB. Participants will be eligible to participate in a 1-day event at camp for the boating portion of the badge

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Merit Badge/ Program	Classroom Time	Difficulty	Prerequisites and Comments
Chess	1:00 PM	Medium	No prerequisites
Cit. in World	9:00 AM	Time Consuming	Significant research and investigation
Collections	10:30 AM	Medium	Prerequisite - You must have a personal collection of some sort
Communications	1:00 PM	Hard	This will keep you very busy. Rewarding and necessary in life. No prerequisites.
Digital Technology	2:30 PM	Medium	No prerequisites
Drafting	4:00 PM	Hard	No prerequisites
Electricity	9:00 AM	Hard	Items will be sent in your box to assist with requirements 3, 11a, 11b
Electronics	10:30 AM	Hard	No prerequisites
Energy	1:00 PM	Medium	Prerequisite - 4 is 14-days long
Family Life	2:30 PM	Time Consuming	***Must have a 90-day log to complete*** Will be very difficult to complete unless you already have it started
Fingerprinting	4:00 PM	Easy	Fingerprinting card and ink will be sent in Camping box
First Aid	9:00 AM	Time Consuming	Prerequisite - 5a and 5b
Game Design	10:30 AM	Hard	Some planning and design. Make sure you have a notebook
Gardening	4:00 PM	Medium	Prerequisite - 2 and 8
Genealogy	1:00 PM	Medium	Research required during the course. No prerequisites



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Graphic Arts	2:30 PM	Medium	No prerequisites
Home Repairs	4:00 PM	Time Consuming	Prerequisite - MUST have adult supervision throughtout MB
Indian Lore	9:00 AM	Medium	A kit will be sent to help complete this MB
Kayaking	9:00 AM	Medium	Prerequisite- Must have earned Swimming MB. Participants will be eligible to participate in a 1-day event at camp for the boating portion of the badge
Law	10:30 AM	Hard	No prerequisites
Leatherworking	2:30 PM	Medium	A kit will be sent to help complete this MB
Mammal Study	1:00 PM	Easy/ Medium	Some research required
Music	4:00 PM	Hard	Easy if you already know how to read and play music
Painting	9:00 AM	Easy	Prerequisite - 3, must have parental permission for two projects before presenting them
Photography	10:30 AM	Medium	Prerequisite - 1b, must have a camera (or phone) that will upload images to computer
Public Health	1:00 PM	Medium	Requirement 5 will be difficult to complete under current conditions





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Salesmanship	2:30 PM	Medium	No prerequisites
Scholarship	4:00 PM	Medium	No prerequisites
Signs, Signals, & Codes	9:00 AM	Medium	No prerequisites
Small Boat Sailing	1:00 PM	Hard	Prerequisite- Must have earned Swimming MB. Participants will be eligible to participate in a 1-day event at camp for the boating portion of the badge
Soil & Water Cons.	10:30 AM	Medium	No prerequisites
Textile	2:30 PM	Medium	No prerequisites
Theater	1:00 PM	Medium	Requirement 1 requires reading 3 full-length plays , Requirement 2 requires writing a one-act play taking at least 8 minutes to perform.
Weather	4:00 PM	Medium	Requirement 9a will require basic household items to complete.
Archaeology	9:00 AM	Medium/Hard	<b>**NEW ADDITION TO THE LIST**</b>



# 2020 Camp in a Box

## Program Schedule

Classroom Instructional Time				
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday				
9:00 AM	10:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:30 PM	4:00 PM
Tenderfoot	Second Class	First Class	American Business	American Heritage
Animation	Art	Chess	Bird Study	Basketry
Cit. in the World	Collections	Communications	Digital Technology	Drafting
Electricity	Electronics	Energy	Family Life	Fingerprinting
First Aid	Game Design	Genealogy	Graphic Arts	Home Repairs
Indian Lore	Law	Mammal Study	Leatherworking	Music
Painting	Photography	Public Health	Salesmanship	Scholarship
Signs, Signals, Codes	Soil & Water Cons.	Theater	Textile	Weather
Kayaking	Canoeing	Small Boat Sailing	Archery	Gardening

\* Subject to change

\*\* The times shown above are when you will have virtual instructional time. You will have time to work on the various requirements of the badges throughout the full week.

\*\* No virtual classroom time is scheduled for Wednesday. Plan to work on various requirements. Counselors will be available by appointment if you have questions or need assistance.

**PLEASE NOTE** - If interested in Kayaking, Canoeing, Small Boat Sailing or Archery, only sign up for one (1) of them. An in-person “practical” day will take place this fall at Camp Karoondinha with all 4 programs taking place at the same time. **You will not be able to complete more than one program at this in-person day.**

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# Wednesday is Spirit Day

This year, we will take a wonderful mid-week break from badges to offer our Spirit Day fun and activities!

On Wednesday you will not be attending badges, or sessions of any kind. Instead it will be a day of nothing but fun and outdoor activities! These activities range from Troop/Patrol competitions, individual accomplishments, talent, and many other hoops you must jump through to gain points. Basically keep track of everything you do, have fun and you get points. More on points later.

**THEME:** Troops should be prepared to dress for Spirit Day with a theme. Your theme is chosen by your Troop. Just about any theme is a valid theme, (tv show, movie, book, color, sports team, etc.) however please avoid inappropriate or questionable concepts. The theme doesn't have to be scouting, but it does need to be scouting appropriate. Examples of themes you can pick include but are not limited to: superheroes, Hawaii, pirates, food, search and rescue, etc. Get a good group photo or video to upload on our Facebook page!

**POINTS:** As scouts and leaders go about on Spirit Day having fun and participating in the events, they will earn points for their troop. Some events will award more points than others, but points are awarded for every event. The size of your troop won't matter, as we have adjusted the complex mathematical formula that determines the winner of the day. We will even have individual awards for you Scouts who are braving this Camp by yourself. Just keep in mind this simple Q&A: "Are you having fun? Then you get points." The Spirit Awards will be given to the troops and individuals who gain the most points during Spirit Day throughout the various contests, videos and events. The winner of the Spirit Award not only gets bragging rights (like you need more than that), but prizes will go out to all participating Troops. Prizes also will be given out to the leading individuals.

**OBJECTIVE:** Get outdoors and have FUN! See next page for point system. There will be information in your Camp Box with instructions about Spirit Day





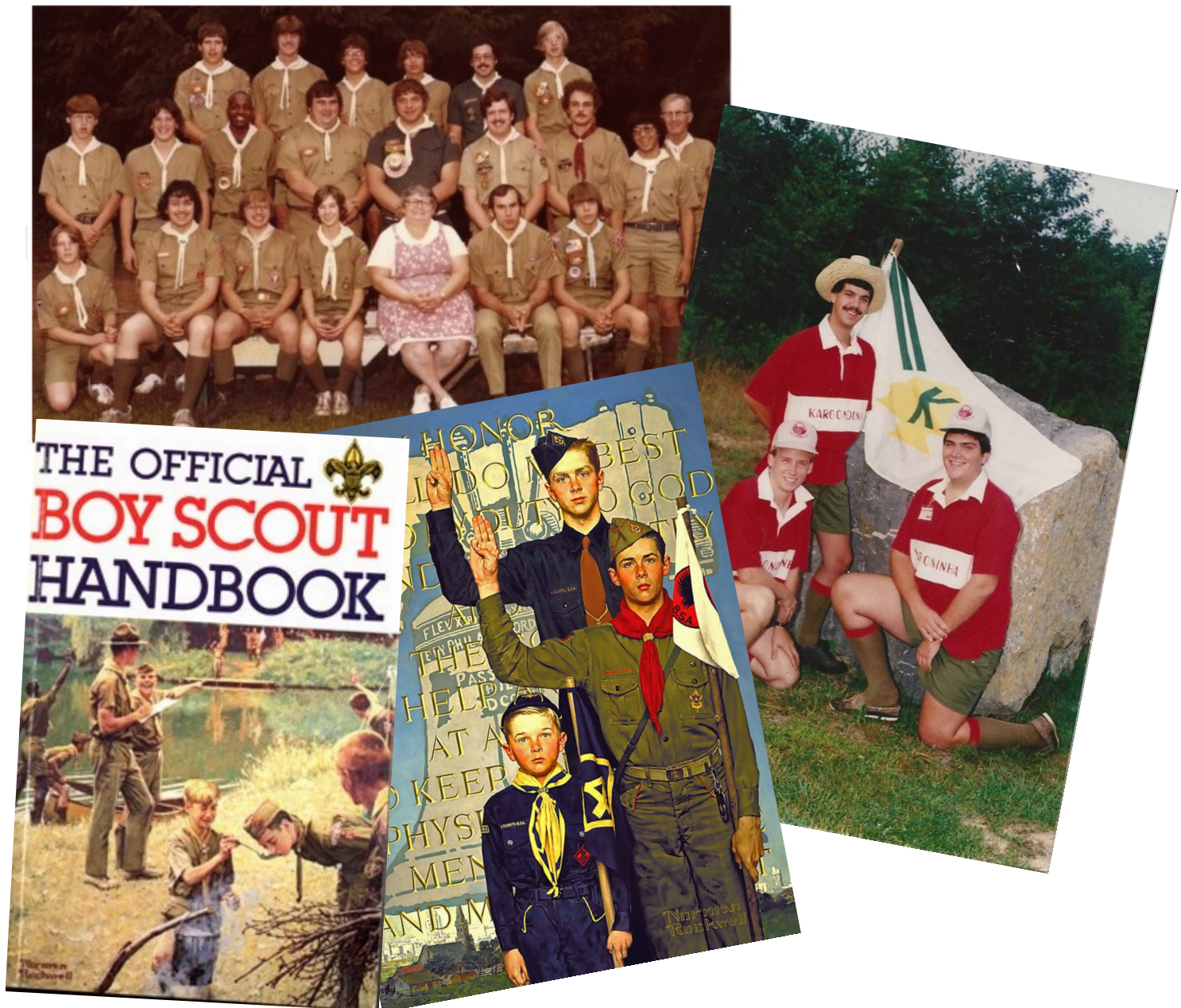
# Spirit Day Points



Dress in a theme	10 points
Post a skit	10 points
Post a song	10 points
Attend Chapel	15 points
Run or walk a 5K	10 points
Ride your bike 10 miles	10 points
Do a good turn daily	3 points per day
Scout meme in contest	10 points
Social distancing service project	15 points
Service for home project	10 points
Watch a Camp video	3 points each
Participate in Throwback Thursday	10 points
Do a shooting activity with rubber bands	5 points
Post a grace for a meal on social media	10 points
Cook a meal with no adult help	3 points per meal
Pitch a tent	10 points
Camp in that tent anywhere	2 points per night
Camp in that tent outside	3 bonus points per night
Play a game with another scout (live or virtual)	10 points
Participate in an at home flag ceremony	10 points
Build a campfire	5 points
Cook a desert over that campfire	5 points

# Throwback Thursday

Calling all fans of vintage uniforms and of reliving days gone by! Each Thursday at camp this summer will be Throwback Thursday. Campers and staff are encouraged to wear throwback scouting swag and vintage uniforms as we celebrate our history and look forward to our future.



# Missions and Goals

## The BSA Mission Statement

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

## The 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

## The Scout Law

A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent

## Scouting: A Program for Everyone

The programs offered through this Camp-in-a-box experience are open to all registered Scouts BSA Youth.

Rules for acceptance and participation are the same for everyone, without regard to race, color, age, disability, religion or national origin.

## Camp Administration Summary

“Not your Typical Summer Camp” is operated by the Susquehanna Council and other Councils of the Boy Scouts of America. It is administered by staff that are all trained and certified in accordance with National Camping Accreditation Program of the Boy Scouts of America. The camp is supervised by the Council Executive Boards through the Council Camping and Outdoor Programs Committees.

**Contacts** For information concerning “Not your Typical Summer Camp” contact:

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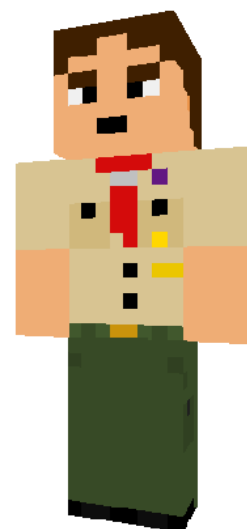
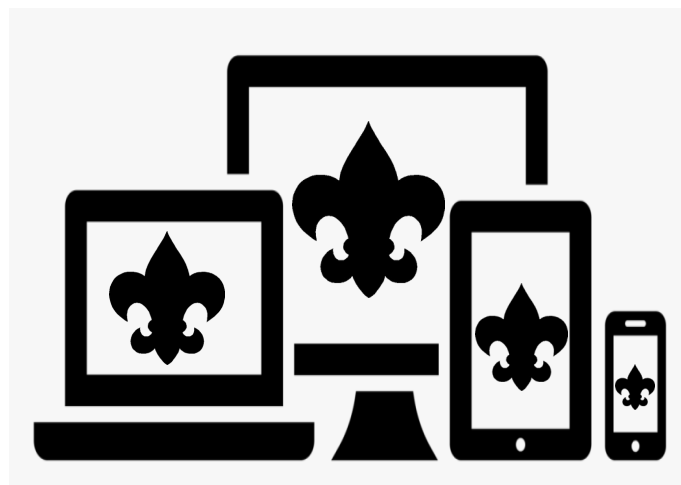
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# Youth Protection at Camp

The Staff at “Not your Typical Summer Camp” takes our responsibility for the welfare of the youth very seriously. In accordance with BSA policy, any adult working with a Scout must be registered as a Merit Badge Counselor and have current Youth Protection Training, even if they are a parent of a scout. Copies of Youth Protection Training Certificates will be on kept on file at the local Scout Service Center. Portions of our Camp in a Box program will involve Zoom webinars. **All virtual meetings will have two or more adults always on the call.**

## Youth Protection Procedures:

The following barriers to abuse within Scouting are used at camp to ensure the safety of our youth campers. We expect everyone to follow these guidelines at all times:

- All youth protection policies still apply in an online environment. We will ensure that all Scouts will always have two-deep leadership for online activities and meetings. Our ban on one-on-one contact between an adult leader and youth applies to all interactions -- whether in person, online, through a web conference, over the phone, via text, or in any other form.
- All aspects of the Scouting program are open to observation by parents, and the BSA suggests parents take part in online activities and meetings.
- Use business-oriented conference platforms instead of platforms with other primary purposes (such as gaming).
- Examples of business-oriented conference platforms: Zoom, Skype, GoToMeeting and Microsoft Teams.
- Examples of platforms that are NOT recommended: Discord, Roblox, and Twitch.
- Please review the terms of service, safety and privacy features, and data collection policies of any platform you use, and review the BSA Digital Privacy and Social Media Guidelines.
- Do not record online activities/meetings
- 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, the BSA does not authorize units to record online meetings/activities.

All the BSA policies concerning online Safety of Scouts can be found at: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/digital-safety-and-online-scouting-activities/>



# Camp-in-a-Box Refund Policy

Months before camp opens, extensive planning, purchasing, and staff contractual agreements are all set in place, among other things. Due to these types of commitments, it is not practical to give full refunds. All refunds will be assessed a minimum of \$75.00 cancellation fee for fixed costs already incurred. Refunds will be considered for the following cases only: (NO EXCEPTIONS)

**SUMMER SCHOOL:** Documentation from the school must be provided with the request in writing, and **MUST** be submitted no later than July 1st. Scouts should be encouraged to attend camp in a later week, if able.

**MEDICAL:** Documentation from the Physician must be provided with the request in writing, and **MUST** be submitted at least one week prior to the Scout's scheduled arrival at camp.

**DEATH IN THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY:** A letter with the refund request from the parent/guardian.

**NON-QUALIFYING REFUND REQUESTS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:** Sports (of all kinds), vacation, homesickness, failure to show, Scout changes their mind, travel events, etc.

All requests must be in writing and include supporting documentation. Refund checks are to be made payable to the Unit that the scout is registered in.

Leader fees are transferable to another leader in the same unit, but are not refundable.

A camper removed from camp for discipline reasons forfeits all fees.

All refund checks will be issued after September 15th.



# Religious Life

A Scout is reverent. A Scout is reverent toward God. A Scout is faithful in his or her religious beliefs and respects the beliefs of others. The Scout Oath begins with duty to God, and the Scout Law ends with reverence. It's the twelfth point of the Scout Law, but it cannot be relegated to an afterthought. In a society that is polarized, faith practices that encourage healthy relationships and dialogue provide a path to heal what divides us. Reverence is integral to good character and citizenship!

As the BSA's Declaration of Religious Principle states, "The Boy Scouts of America maintains that no member can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing an obligation to God and, therefore, recognizes the religious element in the training of the member, but it is absolutely nonsectarian in its attitude toward that religious training. Its policy is that the home and organization or group with which the member is connected shall give definite attention to religious life."

All scouts are encouraged to incorporate religious programs into their summer scouting experience! Now is the perfect time to work on the religious emblem award for your faith.

For more information on how you and your scouts can practice reverence this summer, visit <https://susquehannabsa.org/a-scout-is-reverent/>





# Frequently Asked Questions

## **What is the difference between signing up as a Troop or as an individual?**

Fun! Signing up as a Troop will make this experience much more meaningful and fun not to mention Scouts will be more inclined to get outdoors.

## **How will Merit Badges be completed?**

Each Merit Badge will have a director. The Merit Badge director is just the “pretty face”. He/she will present the MB in video fashion through four classes, one each day on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday. Some class videos will be 5-10 minutes long (Fingerprinting), some will be up to 50 minutes long. Under each MB Director there will be a team of individuals that will communicate directly with each Scout to check work, allow Scouts to demonstrate/show, etc.

## **Will Merit Badges be completed or just partials?**

In most cases, so long as the Scout watches all four videos and communicates work to MB Team, they will be completed. Some have time prerequisites (journals and such). Scouts will get partials if these prerequisites are not completed.

## **Why are you charging adults?**

Adult “Bling Box” fees are optional. The adult fee is kind of like a donation with some bling thrown in. Everyone’s help is needed to overcome our deficit that COVID-19 has given us. While you cannot “sign up” without a fee, you can certainly participate with your Troop or Scout and help guide them, keep them on track and encourage outdoor participation as much as possible.

## **What if I cannot safely camp outdoors?**

No problem. Pitch a tent inside. Get outdoors if you can everyday. Be creative, bring the outdoors inside either through the internet or books.

## **What if I have Scouts that do not have online access?**

This one is tricky. Can they safely partner up with another Scout? Can the Troop meet together each day where there is internet access and the Scout can share technology? Will their library be open? Can they stay with a relative for the week that has access? If “no” to all those, and the Troop leadership cannot come up with an alternative, this program might not make sense for them.

## **Are there time commitments beyond the 6-days?**

Only if a Merit Badge is not completed. Our Merit Badge Directors are volunteers. They may or may not be available beyond the scope of this format. If your Scout does not complete a MB during the one week session, they may have to finish it up with someone else.

## **I have one Scout who wants to participate in everything, but their sibling only wants to do one Merit Badge. Can he/she just “piggy-back” on his/her sibling’s class?**

Sorry, no. For one, our Black Pug system will also produce the Blue Cards. Those Blue Cards will have the registered Scout’s name on them. In addition, we Scouts have “honor” and cheating the system is not in our nature. There are many virtual Merit Badge classes being done by countless other Councils that could help your other Scout out.

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Merit Badge options

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