



*Welcome to
Cranberry Harbors District
June Roundtable
via Zoom*



Some notes on tonight's virtual meeting

- Slides (.pdf) will be posted to District page, Council website
- Questions, Comments – use google forms for “parking lot”
 - link to form: <https://forms.gle/HHhEENFG9bw9W7KE7>
- PLEASE, mute your phone/microphone (limit background noise) when you are not speaking
- Comments on Zoom Meetings:
 - Your view somewhat device dependent
 - Use Chat for comments/questions during meeting
 - Also for attendance record, please provide name, unit type, number and town
 - You can minimize speaker window (avoid blocking slides)
 - Control bar (not all features active)

Opening:

Please join in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance,
the Scout Oath and the Scout Law



Opening Prayer:



**Let us
give you
a hand**



Welcome New Roundtable
Attendees!

Thanks for participating!

*If you do not receive the roundtable emails
and would like to, email Dennis Gleason or put
a note in the chat including your email, name,
unit and town.*

Cranberry Harbors May Roundtable – Agenda



- Virtual meeting notes
- Opening, Prayer & Welcome
- Attendance Record – please identify yourself, your unit & town in the chat
- District Chair & District Commissioner Comments
- Safety Minute: “Low Head” Dams
- Roundtable Training: Prohibited Activities (Quiz!)
- Summer Activity Suggestions
- May Announcements (COVID update, Recruiting)
- Breakout Sessions:
 - Cubs: continues in this zoom session – Topic: Engaging (and Re-engaging) Adults
 - Scouts BSA: Sign in to Vince’s session – Topic: Scouting through the Summer (Camp or No Camp)

District Chair Comments



District Commissioner Comments



Safety Moment: ASCE Low Head Dams Public Safety Announcement



Link: <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/trail-to-adventure/bsa-supports-asces-ewri-proclamation-of-april-as-low-head-dams-public-safety-awareness-month/>

Roundtable Plans 2020-21

- Hope to have “Live” sessions in Sep. (welcome back) and Oct. (Charter renewal material handouts)
 - BUT ... school availability to “outside” organizations???
 - Alternate locations will be investigated – PLEASE send any suggestions you may have to Dennis Gleason
- Plan to alternate Virtual (Zoom) and Live Sessions after that.
- Comments? Use the “Parking Lot” form:
<https://forms.gle/HHhEENFG9bw9W7KE7>





Roundtable Training: Prohibited Activities

- **Don't put your unit/leaders/charter organizations/Mayflower Council at risk!**
- Know the policies before you plan events/activities
- *Check frequently – policies change!*
- Key references:
 - [Guide to Safe Scouting](https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/) - <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/>
 - [SAFE Checklist](https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safe/) - <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safe/>
 - [General Health and Safety FAQ's](https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gen-faq/) - <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gen-faq/>
 - [Activity Planning and Risk Assessment](https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss07/) – Policy Regarding Prohibited and Unauthorized Activities - <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss07/>
 - [Age-Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-685.pdf) – <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-685.pdf>
 - [SAFE Project Tool Use](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/healthsafety/pdf/680-028.pdf) - <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/healthsafety/pdf/680-028.pdf>

Note - these policies refer to SCOUTING ACTIVITIES ONLY, and do not imply parents should not engage in any activities they deem safe with their children provided it is clear they are not doing so as a Scouting event.

Roundtable Training: Prohibited Activities *QUIZ*



1. Can a Scouts BSA patrol participate in a boomerang throw and catch contest?
2. Is hunting an approved Scouting Activity?
3. Can a Cub Scout Den conduct a canoeing activity?
4. Can a Scouts BSA unit participate in a laser tag activity?
5. Is cooking in tents provided with stove vents permitted?
6. Is Dodgeball an allowed game at unit meetings?
7. Can Scouts build trebuchets/catapults and use them to throw pumpkins?
8. Can Scouts use a lawn mower while conducting a service project?

Roundtable Training: Prohibited Activities *Answers:*







1. Boomerang: **NO** Per policy regarding prohibited and unauthorized activities, Prohibited activities include: *“Blow guns, boomerangs, and ballistae”*
2. Hunting: **Only for Venturing or Adult** – Per policy regarding prohibited and unauthorized activities - *“Venturing crews may conduct hunting trips, and councils may host special adult hunting expeditions provided that all participants have obtained necessary permits and/or licenses from state or federal agencies and have completed a hunter safety education course.”*
3. Cub Scout Den canoeing: **Yes, with restrictions** – Per Age-Appropriate Guidelines, *“on calm or gently flowing water only, Lions and Tigers as passengers only”*.
4. Laser tag: **NO** - Per policy regarding prohibited and unauthorized activities, prohibited activities include *“Activities where participants shoot or throw objects at each other, such as rock-throwing, paintball, laser or archery tag, sock fights, or dodgeball”*



Roundtable Training: Prohibited Activities *Answers:*

5. Cooking in tents **NO** - Per policy regarding prohibited and unauthorized activities, Prohibited activities include: *“Burning any solid, liquid, gel, or gas fuel in a tent”*
6. Dodgeball **NO** - Same answer as Laser Tag
7. Build trebuchets/catapults and use them to throw pumpkins? **OK** – Pumpkin shotgun rounds prohibited in shooting sports section of policy regarding prohibited and unauthorized activities, Prohibited activities include: *“Inappropriate ammunition such as pumpkins, hard slingshot ammo, and tracers”*
8. Lawn Mower – **Push mower: Older Scouts, Sea Scouts, Venturers only.**

Per SAFE Project Tool Use:
Riding Mower Adults only

AGE APPROPRIATE GUIDELINES— PROJECT TOOL USE	 Lions / Tigers with Adult Partner	 Wolf / Bear	 Webelos	 Scouts BSA	Older Scouts BSA* Sea Scouts Venturers
Lawn mowers, line trimmers, edgers, hedge trimmers					✓
Riding mowers, tractors, or other equipment					Adult Use Only



Covid-19 Restriction Status

- ***CHECK FREQUENTLY – Changes continue!***
- ***Mayflower Council Guidance:*** <https://www.mayflowerbsa.org/faq-items/may-20-2021-covid-19-council-operations-update/>
 - Revised mask requirements
 - Gathering limits rescinded
 - Other changes
 - Updated program guidelines: <https://www.mayflowerbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/COVID-19-Program-Reopening-Guidelines-5.20.2021.pdf>
- ***Charter Organizations may impose other requirements – ENSURE TO CHECK!***
- ***BSA National COVID FAQ update, 5-24-21:*** <https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-faq/>
- Check for more restrictive local guidelines

Units must ensure to follow ALL relevant guidelines



Recruiting – Key need through 2021!

Applies to Packs, Troops and Crews

- **Is your Scouting Program Highly Visible in your Community?**
 - Visibility key to parents (and youth) viewing Scouting as an attractive activity
- Can you re-gain lost members
 - Spring/Summer Program? Call “drops”? “Come back” event?
- **Fall town-wide recruiting** – suggest coordinators and location, Sep. 17-19
 - GOAL: Locations and coordinators in place by June
 - **SOLID 2021-22 Program Plan needed for ALL units!**
 - Why should parents sign their children up with your unit, what will they be doing, what is the schedule?
- **Promote the event – use every means available!**
- Recruiting Literature:
 - Cub Scout Parent pamphlet (printed, like last year) in development
 - Scouts BSA (digital version) now in planning

Scouting through this Summer



Does your unit typically “suspend” activity during the summer?


- 2020-21 has been a *very different year* – RECOMMENDATION:

Continue Unit Activities (goal – **minimum one unit activity per month**) in 2021

- Packs
 - qualify for the National Summertime Pack Award: <https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/national-summertime/>
 - Spend a week at Day Camp? <https://www.narragansettbsa.org/camping-activities/cub-scout-camping-programs/day-camp/39833>
- Troops
 - Summer Camp could cover one month, what about the other 2?
 - Other “high adventure” opportunities?
 - Eagle Projects? Involve local Pack and Crew?
- Crews & Ships
 - Travel opportunity? (Note: International Travel remains restricted)
 - “High adventure” or other opportunity
 - Crew project?



Summer Activity Possibilities:

- Research and earn the Historic Trails Award
 - Available to Packs, Troops, Crews & Ships
 - <https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/historic-trails/>
- The image is a rectangular logo for the Historic Trails Award. It has a blue background with a red border. At the top, it says "HISTORIC TRAILS AWARD" in red. In the center, there is a black and white illustration of a stagecoach with a driver and passengers. At the bottom, it says "BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA" in blue.
 - “One Day” activities:
 - Picnic, family hike, BBQ in the Park, Beach Day, museum visit, many more
 - “Make your unit visible” activities (e.g. on the “town green”)
 - “Fruit/Vegetable Derby Race” https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C_vN81-meLI
 - Lashing project, Tent set-up/take down & store contest
 - “Field Day” or “Unit Olympics”
 - Local Geocaching – search opportunities – one example:
 - https://www.geocaching.com/articles/education/Adventure_Kit_Boy_Scouts.pdf
 - Team Building Exercises – search “team building activities” for age-appropriate ideas
 - “My Town” (or State or Country or Unit) trivia contest
 - Numerous other possibilities – choose those age appropriate for your unit
 - Service Projects
 - Town-wide? All units participating? Unit project?



Summer of 2021 is BSA's “National Summer of Service”



- Goals:
 - Service Projects to Help Communities
 - Demonstrate that Scouting is an effective force for positivity and goodness
 - Put into action our pledge to “help other people at all times”
- Opportunity:
 - Can all units in your town participate together in a project?
 - Help to unify Scouting in your community
 - All projects help – big or small
 - Can be Multi-unit, Pack, Den, Troop, Patrol, Crew, Ship or family or individual
 - Patches and certificates available
 - Info – planning and promotional guide: <https://www.scouting.org/summerofservice/>



Commissioner's Minute –





Breakout Sessions

Note: Program specific announcements will be provided in the breakouts

CUBS: Continues in this zoom session – Topics: Engaging (and Re-engaging) Parents)

SCOUTS BSA: Log in to Vince's zoom session (see chat if you need the link) – Topics: Scouting through the Summer (Camp or No Camp)

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ROUNDTABLE



Be Informed Be Prepared

THANKS
For Your Participation
AND
For all you do for our Youth



Breakout Announcement Slides Follow



Cub Scout Announcements

- District Pinewood Derby – June 12, Kingston Collections Mall
 - Virtual Event. Sign up by June 4: <https://scoutingevent.com/251-47065-125837>
 - ALL Cubs may participate, pre-registration required (\$10 fee)
 - One Pack Leader will drop off cars at the event
 - Race will be recorded, then streamed for viewing
 - More details will follow
- Baloo – Current National BSA training, MA state and town regulations are preventing holding the class – if this changes, course will be held as soon as possible.
- 19 Elective Adventures retiring in 2022
 - Info: <https://www.mayflowerbsa.org/19-cub-elective-adventures-retiring-in-2022/>



Scouts BSA Announcements:

- Mayflower Class of 2020 Eagle Recognition – Lake Pearl, June 15, Seats limited (as of 5/27 wait list only)– register at: <http://bit.ly/EagleRecognition>
- Merit Badge Counselors needed: <https://www.mayflowerbsa.org/wanted-new-merit-badge-counselors/>
- Service Project Planning Safety Checklist: <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/healthsafety/pdf/680-027.pdf>
- Not going to camp in-person? Check out “Camp-In-A-Box-2021”
 - Up to 45 merit badge offerings
 - New Scout Program
 - Info: <https://www.mayflowerbsa.org/2021-camp-in-a-box-not-your-typical-summer-camp/>