



*Welcome to
Cranberry Harbors District
October 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/C4iQe1qSvhXUntyaA>
- 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: Pledge, Oath & Law

Opening Prayer

Video provided by the BSA at:
<https://vimeo.com/432272336>

**Let us
give you
a hand**



Welcome New
Roundtable
Attendees!

Cranberry Harbors Oct. Roundtable – Agenda



- Virtual meeting notes
- Opening & Prayer
- Welcome to New RT Attendees!
- Attendance Record – please identify yourself, your unit & town in the chat
- District KEY 3 – District Chair, District Commissioner, Field Director
- Safety Minute: Scouting Magazine Quiz
- Other Hot Topics / Announcements
- Future of Roundtables Discussion
- Council Key-3 **Fireside Chat**
- RT Commissioner's Minute
- Close



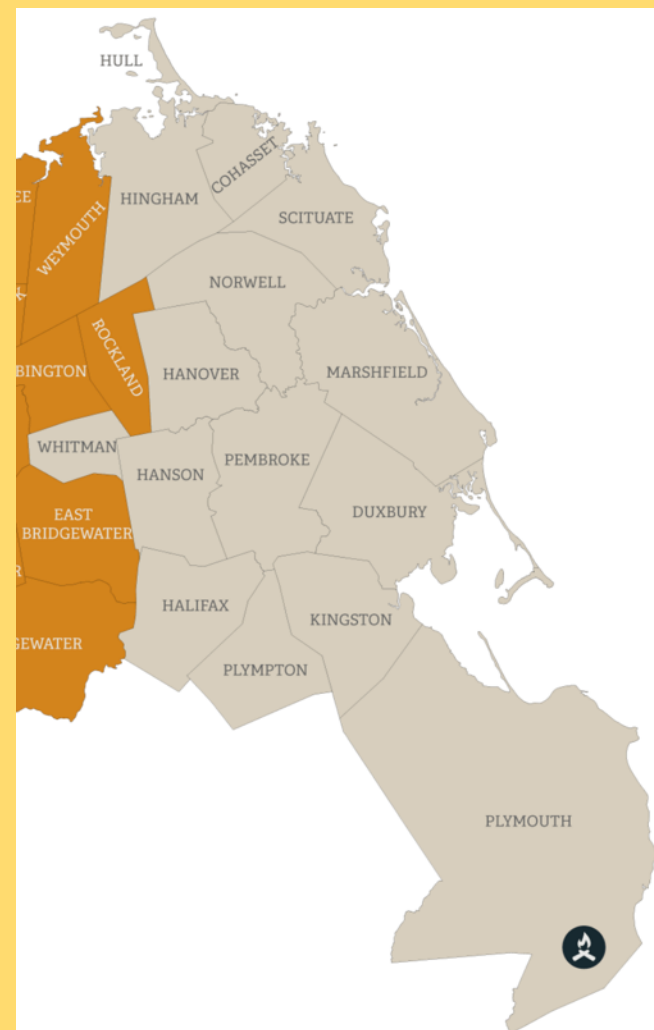
District Chair Comments



Many thanks to Ross Troiano for service as our District Chair for the past few years.

Nominating Committee now working to name a successor – **suggestions welcome!**

Contact Joe Livingston or Mike Josti



Cohasset, Duxbury, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Hingham, Hull, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, Scituate and Whitman



District Commissioner “2 minutes”

- Commissioner Focus, Fall 2020: **On Time Charter Renewal**
 - Portal now open
 - Did not receive access code?: Contact me or Joe
 - Check in with Charter Organization
 - Has COR completed Youth Protection Training?
 - Internet Charter Renewal
 - Tutorial: <http://bit.ly/RecharterTutorial>
 - FAQ: <https://scoutnet.scouting.org/UCRS/Help/FAQ/tips.htm>
 - Review and “Turn-in” process TBA
- **YPT** – *as of 10/2, of 602 registered leaders, 260 (43%) YPT will expire by 12/31; 19 more (3%) expire before 4/1/2021.*

BARRIER TO ON TIME CHARTER RENEWAL!



District Commissioner “2 minutes” - 2

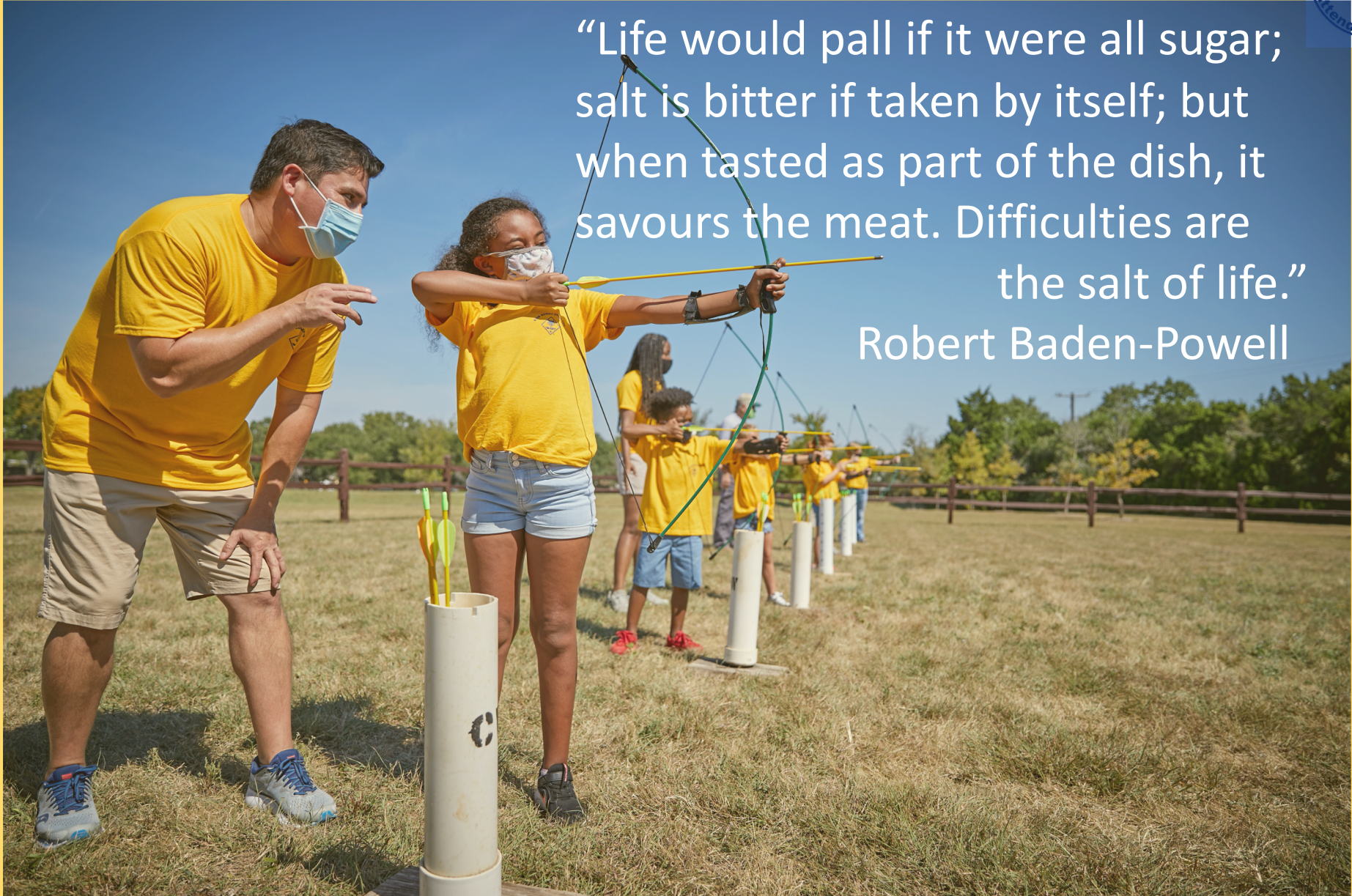
- **Need Unit Commissioners!**
 - Goal, 1 UC per 3 units: 61 units => 21 UC's; currently 11
- **What is a Unit Commissioner?**
 - “... a Scouting generalist whose passionate overriding mission in Scouting is to help units better serve more youth through scouting”
 - A resource and friend to the units they serve
- **Who makes a good Unit Commissioner?**
 - **NOT** current SM's, CM's, CL's, CC's
 - Adult Eagle Scouts not currently highly involved in unit management
 - Former SM's, ASM's, MC's, CM's, DL's, CL's, etc.
 - Adults in units with “many” registered adult leaders
 - ANYONE interested in Scouting, willing to help units succeed, regardless of prior Scouting Experience



Field Director Comments



"Life would pall if it were all sugar;
salt is bitter if taken by itself; but
when tasted as part of the dish, it
savours the meat. Difficulties are
the salt of life."
Robert Baden-Powell





Safety Moment:

Scouting Magazine ... “Stop the Spread” Quiz

- Note: Scouting Magazine is now ONLINE ONLY (App Available for phone/tablet, Sep-Oct edition available now) <https://scoutingmagazine.org/>
<https://scoutingmagazine.org/digitaledition/>
- Stop the Spread Quiz p48-49 – 10 questions
- Zoom Poll: (Q3) Which of the following is NOT a common difference between a cold and the flu?
 - a) Colds usually come on slowly, the flu hits you abruptly
 - b) Body aches are usual with a cold and rare with the flu
 - c) Headaches are rare with colds and common with the flu
 - d) A fever is rare with colds and common with the flu(respond to the poll when it appears)



“Hot Topics” – National



<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-693.pdf>

1. Stay attuned to local requirements
2. Call your families
3. Engage your Charter Partner (help them – request help)
4. Meet (virtually if necessary) to brainstorm solutions
5. Reach out to neighborhood schools
6. Be A Scout Pins

Source: National Restarting Webinar, Sep. 30
Additional info: <http://bit.ly/ReturnToScouting>

“Hot Topics” – National - 2



PARENT INSIGHTS: **WHAT PARTS OF THE SCOUTING PROGRAM DO YOU WANT TO CONTINUE AS THE PANDEMIC PROGRESSES?**

- 51% online events so they feel like they're part of the Scouting movement
- 50% character and leadership building opportunities
- 47% online events to keep them engaged in the day to day program
- 46% service and giving back to the community
- 44% outdoor experiences



Source: National Restarting Webinar, Sep. 30



“Hot Topics” – National - 3

LEADER INSIGHTS:

Why is your unit not meeting right now?

49.5%	We have no place to meet
36.9%	Virtual meeting fatigue because of work school being virtual
34%	Families in our unit are not comfortable
28.6%	School started <u>late</u> and we haven't started back up yet.
21.6%	<u>Covid</u> is increasing in our area
16.9%	Our unit tried meeting virtually and found it ineffective
11.9%	Underlying health conditions

Source: National Restarting Webinar, Sep. 30



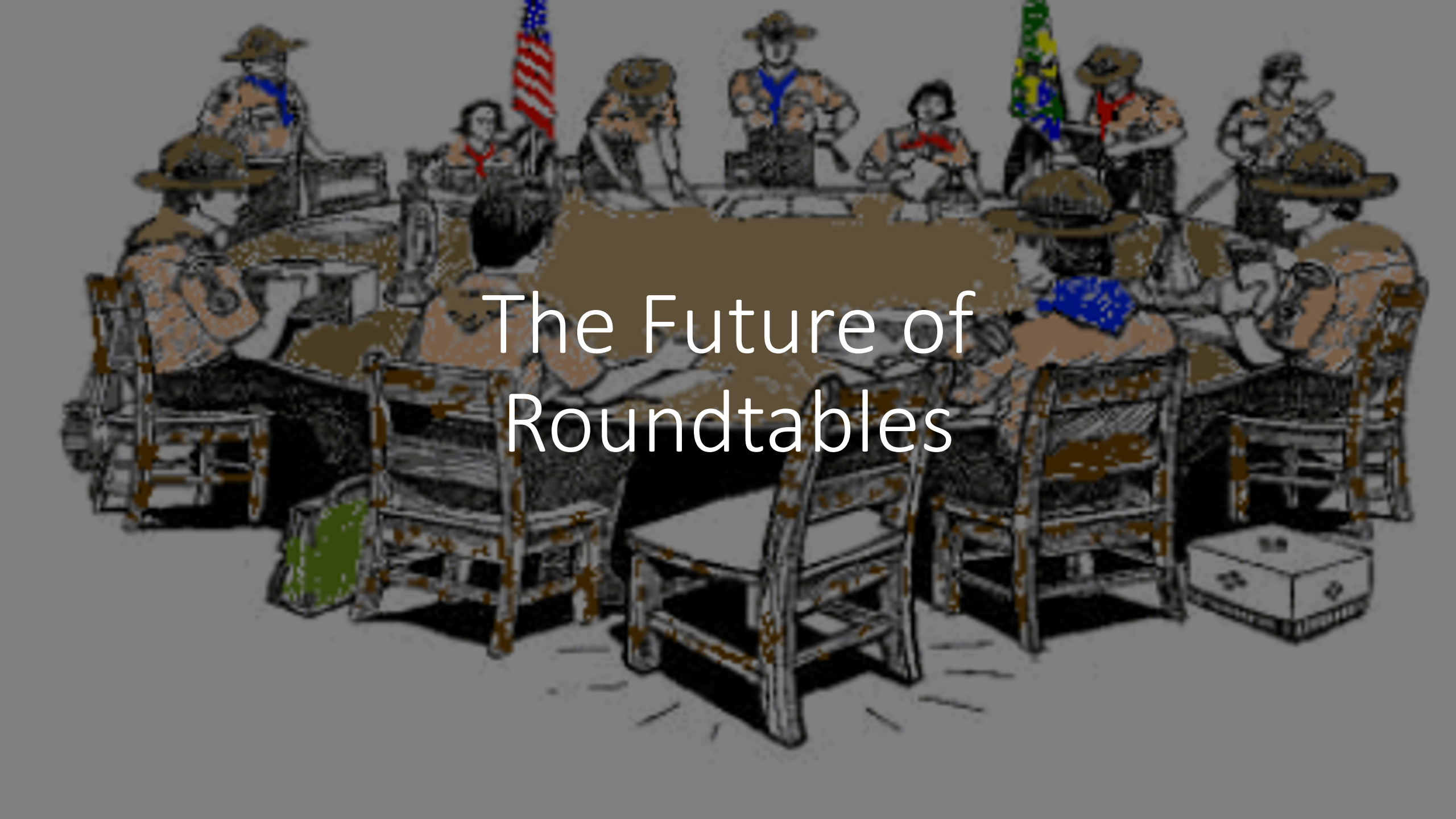
Announcements

- Meeting/event requirements can change rapidly
 - Monitor <https://www.mayflowerbsa.org/covid-19/> for latest info
- New Council Service Center Location:
Mayflower Council, Inc, BSA, 83 Cedar Street, Milford MA 01757 (508) 872 6551
- Camping – Council properties available for tenting, no cabin rentals
 - Resolute: <https://www.mayflowerbsa.org/camping/camp-resolute/facilities-reservations/>
 - Squanto: <https://www.mayflowerbsa.org/camping/camp-squanto/facilities-reservations/>
 - Nobscot: <https://www.mayflowerbsa.org/camping/nobscot-reservation/facilities-reservations/>
- JTE – adjusted for Covid, Submit 2020 form with charter, 2021 form available <https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-toexcellence/unit/>
- Videos & Guides on my.scouting tools: <https://www.scouting.org/resources/online-registration/>
- New member applications – ensure most current version!
 - Recommendation: Download form at time of use – don't "stockpile"
 - *Submit Promptly!*
- Den Leader Video Resources: <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/08/25/these-cub-scout-adventures-video-resources-can-help-your-next-den-meeting/>
- Scoutshop uniform sale extended to Oct. 31 <https://www.scoutshop.org/>



Announcements - 2

- National Webinar: "Restart Cubs Safely – Recruiting Methods that Work"
 - Wed. Oct. 14, 8 PM EDT, register at: <http://bit.ly/RestartCubsWebinar>
- Scouting for Food – huge need this year
 - Mayflower Council Dates: Nov. 7: flyer distribution, Nov. 14: collection
 - BUT ... units encouraged to work with pantries to define best dates
 - Pandemic issue? Check local health dept. rules
- Jamboree on-the-air/internet, Oct. 16-17, <http://bit.ly/Jambo-Air-Internet>
- If you have not done so yet, please note your name, unit and town in the Chat for attendance
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The Future of Roundtables



Pandemic forced move to virtual roundtables raises several questions

- Purpose of roundtable
 - Provide Information
 - Capture Information
 - Offer current program training
 - Provide networking opportunities
- On a national basis, virtual RT's work and have been well attended
 - In some areas, better attended than live sessions were
 - So far, not the case in Cranberry Harbors
 - Will “*Zoom Fatigue*” set in?
 - Elimination of “commute time” seen as a significant plus
 - Some loss of “fellowship” and networking aspect





Question: What to plan if no meeting restrictions?

- Many districts/councils evaluating “hybrid” mix of virtual and live sessions
- What should Cranberry Harbors consider?
 - Answer Poll question when it appears
 - Add any comments to the chat
 - If you have a comment later, use the google feedback form:
<https://forms.gle/C4iQe1qSvhXUntyaA>
- Poll: *Which monthly Roundtable plan do you prefer?*
 - *Monthly Roundtables, all live*
 - *Monthly Roundtables, 2 live and 1 virtual per quarter*
 - *Monthly Roundtables, alternating live/virtual*
 - *Monthly Roundtables, 1 live and 2 virtual per quarter*
 - *Monthly Roundtables, all virtual*



Questions: Roundtable Frequency & “Specials”

“Monthly” district roundtables are our history – is this correct?

- Poll: Roundtable frequency, what would you prefer?
 - Monthly
 - Every other month
 - Once per quarter

Historically, district roundtables have run Sep-Jun.

2020 introduced virtual council-wide summer sessions.

- Poll: Continue summer sessions?
 - District RT's Sep – Jun, no summer sessions
 - Year-round district RT's
 - District RT's Sep – Jun, Council-wide summer sessions
 - Other (please comment in the chat)



Questions: Roundtable Frequency & “Specials” - 2

Den leader participation at district roundtables is historically low. Could virtual sessions help here (remove child-care issues)?

We plan to try this.

- 30 – 40 minute sessions
- Focused on one or two den groupings (e.g. tiger and wolf, bear and webelos 1, etc.)
- Any needed announcements handled by reference to on-line posting
- 1st session, Bear-Webelos, Wed. Oct. 21, 7:30 PM, led by Joe Hern, Pack 4
- Tiger-Wolf session in planning

“Special” issues (e.g. Charter Renewal) can be addressed with “special-focused” virtual breakout sessions. Charter Renewal session planned for Oct. 15, 7 PM



Questions: Roundtable Frequency & “Specials” - 3

In Sep. we attempted to include SPL's for Scouts BSA breakout session on running troops in the current environment, but participation was low. Should we try again?

- Poll: Should we schedule a special SM/SPL Scouts BSA RT “breakout” session?
 - Yes, this seems worthwhile
 - Not sure, requires further thought
 - No, the added meeting time is not likely to be helpful

Suggestions for future RT topics?

Suggestions for future RT presenters?

- Please use chat or google form



The Future of Roundtables

Open Discussion (time permitting)



Mayflower Council Key-3 “Fireside Chat”



Commissioner Minute:

Always Welcome:

<https://vimeo.com/450229199>



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