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## From the District Chairman

The real strength of Scouting in the Patriot District is at the unit level. Throughout the spring and summer it has been heartening to learn of the activities Troops and Packs are conducting to provide a strong program supporting all of our youth members. While Covid-19 has been disruptive, it is impressive to see how units have continued to provide activities for our Scouts and how our Scouts are continuing to learn, grow and advance. As they work to earn the highest and most prestigious rank of Scouting, every week Life Scouts are sitting before Eagle Boards of Review. The Boards of Review have been held outside with social-distancing and everyone wearing a mask. In most instances, Eagle candidates completed their project during the time of Covid-19 shutdowns. Talk about a difficult time to plan, organize and conduct a project that involves other Scouts and adheres to safety requirements. That is real preparation for adult leadership later in life.

During the pandemic, the Patriot District Committee is working hard to prepare for the resumption of District-level Scouting programs in 2021. We hope we can resume regular activities by the spring of 2021, starting with the District Pinewood Derby. The other major events planned for 2021 are the spring camporee (Trout-O-Ree), our Awards Family Picnic in June, Cub Scout Day Camp in July, and the fall camporee in October. The Order of the Arrow will also hold its delayed ordeals. A new fall event we are planning is a Cub Scout Adventure Day that will include archery, BB shooting, gaga ball, and the climbing wall. Additionally, Cub Scout families will be able to camp at the event. We also intend to conduct adult training courses for IOLS and BALOO. We are committed to making 2021 a fun, exciting, and challenging year for all of our Scouts.

As I mentioned two months ago, NCAC re-started the Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign on May 5, 2020, the Global Day of Giving and Unity. In this difficult time, NCAC is working hard to meet their budget for the year. As a district, Patriot has an obligation to support NCAC in this important annual fundraising effort. All (100%) of the funds raised stay in the area to support the NCAC operating budget, which includes costs of maintaining the Marriott Scout Service Center in Bethesda and our two major camps at Goshen and Snyder. Our Patriot District goal for the 2020 campaign was \$76,000. We have raised \$61,000 to date, but the last \$15,000 is proving to be a big challenge. We are asking our Patriot District Scouting families to help us meet this challenge.

We understand that the coronavirus has had a major impact on all of us, and it has impacted NCAC in a big way. Donating to NCAC is now much easier. On the front page of the NCAC web page is a red button that says "Donate". Just click on the button and follow the instructions. Remember to enter you unit number and Patriot District under district so that we get credit for the donation. Alternatively, just click on this link, <https://donations.scouting.org/#/council/082/appeal/2658>. If you have any questions regarding your donation please contact our professional District Executive, Sarah McKee, at [Sarah.McKee@scouting.org](mailto:Sarah.McKee@scouting.org) or (402) 680-7055. Also contact her if you would like to donate by other means, such as giving appreciated stock or using a donor advised fund. **The bottom line is we need each family that is able to do so to donate now we can effectively fund NCAC for 2020.**

*Bill Dexter*  
*Patriot District Committee Chair*





## From the District Commissioner

In two short months the online portal to the rechartering process will open and there will be changes. One of the largest will be the new fee structure. Scouts who will be registering (not renewing) for the first time with your recharter will be charged an additional one-time fee of \$25. The fee for renewing Scouts will be \$66, and for adults it will be \$42; the unit renewal fee will be \$75. Also, online registration is now collecting membership fees for the current year (pro-rated) and begun to also collect membership fees for next year. What this means is that you may have both Scouts and adults who are prepaid for your recharter.

In 2018, Youth Protection Training (YPT) was changed, requiring everyone to take the new course in order to register for 2019. This means most everyone's YPT will expire this year. We currently have about 18% of our registered adults with expired YPT. Please start now reminding your adults to renew their YPT. Also, in preparation for recharter season, review your Scouts and adults in the member manager of the my.scouting.org website to ensure it reflects what your unit believes to be your membership. I'm amazed how we miss people every year.

I'm still seeing a lack of Packs with no Cubs advancing except for their Arrow of Light. Hopefully this is the result of Packs simply not entering the data and not because there was no advancement. Advancement is one of the heavyweight criteria in Journey to Excellence, so please try to keep your Pack and Troop advancement current.

Needless to say, this summer has been a challenging one with the cancellation of so many of the things that really excite our Scouts, such as going to Goshen or other nearby summer camps, Philmont, and the Northern Tier. Council has put together a lot of activities in which Cubs, Scouts BSA, and Venturers could participate. In almost every case the activities have gone to maximum capacity. Some of our newly minted online activities will continue into the fall and possibly longer. One program for our Scouts BSA is the Merit Badge at Home program. We'll be offering one session a month.

The start of school is when we do a lot of our recruiting of new Cubs. The Council Membership Committee has been putting ideas together as to how we may do it this year given the current circumstances. More often than not, however, Scouters at the unit level trying to recruit new Cubs come up with the best ideas. If your Pack has good ideas for doing this, don't be shy about sharing.

Lastly is our new challenge of meeting. We definitely have a time now of putting the outing into Scouting as practically all of our units have lost the ability to meet inside. As we figure out how to meet this challenge, you can't go wrong with the Cub Scout motto – DO YOUR BEST.

*David Astle*  
*District Commissioner*





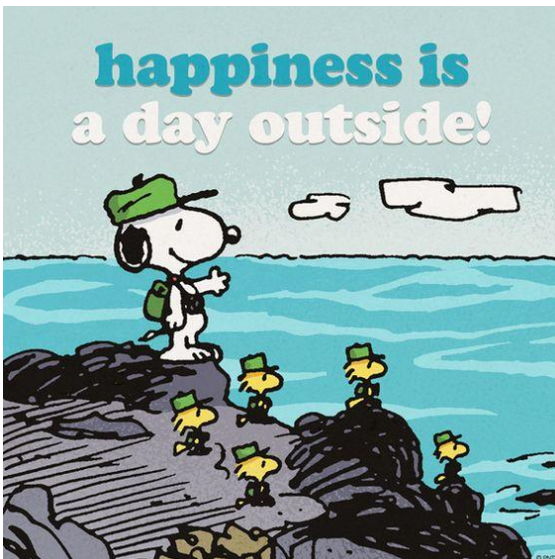
### From our District Executive

Every Scout should learn the value of hard work, setting goals, and earning their own way. Our annual NCAC and Patriot District Popcorn Sale presents the perfect opportunity to teach this valuable life lesson and fund the most exciting year of Scouting ever. Popcorn is a significant part of funding for unit and Council operations. It provides a safe, coordinated, money-earning opportunity with no upfront cost to the unit. The Popcorn Sale provides financial support for all NCAC Scouts! This includes everything from paying for unit needs like program materials, badges, and camp fees, to Council expenses for camping facilities, training, staff support, and insurance. The Popcorn Sale is a great way for units to support Scouting and help participating youth learn valuable life skills while earning great profits and prizes! The popcorn sale is not just about selling popcorn...It's also about promoting Scouting!

To sign up: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/popcorn/>

Yours in Scouting,

Sarah McKee



## What's Popping: Your Guide to the 2020 Popcorn Program

### What's New in 2020

#### 1. Additional Investment in Scout Rewards program to help incentivize your Scouts.

In 2019 NCAC and Trail's End partnered to provide our Scouts an opportunity to earn a prize of their choice. Scouts can set their sales strategy to earn an Amazon gift card that can be used to the purchase of their own recognition item. In 2020 you will find increased rewards and additional levels to provide more recognition opportunities for your families.



#### 2. Redesign of Trail's End website and mobile app

Trail's End launched the mobile app and a new Unit Leader/Parent Portal in 2019. 2020 will show a simpler and more user friendly system along with a direct link to the online platform that will increase product line up and options at store fronts and door to door sales.

#### 3. Storefront sign up.

NCAC and Trail's End will be partnering to create storefront opportunities. By coordinating through Trail's End, units will be able to select available storefront shifts direct from their unit leader portal. Our goal is to provide 30,000 hours of direct storefront shifts to our units by partnering with local grocery stores, big box stores, and your traditional storefront locations. Unit will still have the ability to add local/unique locations to their schedule.



### Why participate in the Program in 2020

#### 1. Simple to Run & Minimal Risk.

Trail's End Popcorn has been a trusted fundraising program for over 30 years. A turn-key program, with no up-front money required. Units receive Council and District support throughout the sale and beyond. Units can return up to 10% of product, reducing the risk of being "stuck" with popcorn. New Units in 2020 have ZERO financial risk.

#### 2. Support your unit and NCAC in a single fundraiser.

The average NCAC unit sale is about \$10,000. Our commission structure would provide \$3,500 to support your units financial needs while also providing about \$2,800 to support NCAC programs, properties and operating costs. Your success is NCAC success and we are here to help you raise your goal.



#### 3. Participating in the Popcorn Program can provide advancement opportunities and learn valuable skills.



There are requirements in at least 13 Merit Badges that can be completed through the Popcorn Program. For example, Eagle-required badges like **Personal Management** and **Communication** have requirements that can use the sale as well as **Public Speaking**. The **Salesmanship Merit Badge** can be completed using the Popcorn Program. For example #5a: "Help your unit raise funds through sales of merchandise or of tickets to a Scout event." Or #3: Write and present a sales plan for a product or service and a sales territory assigned by your counselor.

#### **American Business Merit Badge** requirement

#5: "Run a small business involving a product or service for at least three months. First find out the need for it. ... Keep records showing the costs, income, and profit or loss."

#### 4. No upfront costs and commission incentive to try the sale.

Units will order their inventory online, then through their District Popcorn Rep or Executive, develop a sales strategy. This can include storefront sales, wagon sales, take order sales, and online Sales. Payment on product sold is due in November at the completion of the program. New units can earn bonus commissions to give the Popcorn Program a try.



## How to Sell \$1,000 Social Distancing

Sell for 8 hours, fund your entire year of Scouting!

- STEP 1** **Create a Trail's End account for your Scout.**
- Text APP to 62771 to download the Trail's End App.
- STEP 2** **Make a list of 30+ people you know to ask for support.**
- With your Scout, go through the contact lists of your phone(s) and your social media friends lists (ie. Facebook).
- STEP 3** **Draft your Scout's sales pitch.**
- Example: Hi **\*\*customer's name\*\***, I am raising money to help pay for summer camp. Please follow the link to my fundraising page and make a purchase that will help me earn my own way in Scouting. Can I count on your support?
- STEP 4** **Build your Scout's personalized fundraising page.**
- Once signed into the app, go to **Online Direct** and then **Manage Page**.
    - Upload a picture of your Scout smiling, preferably in their Class A uniform.
    - Paste your sales pitch into the **About Me** section.
    - Select your **Favorite Product**.
- STEP 5** **Ask for support.**
- Share your Scout's fundraising page from the App through Social Media (Facebook, Twitter), Text Message, Email, and more.
  - For **BEST** results, Scouts should make phone or video calls (FaceTime, Zoom). Scouts can take payment over the phone or use the Online Direct cart sharing feature so you customer can complete the purchase.
    - Tip: Just like in face-to-face selling, customers say yes more often with a personal ask (call, text, email, DM) than an indirect ask (general Facebook post).
- STEP 6** **Ask for support in the neighborhood.**
- Ask neighbors for support in local Facebook Groups, Apps (Next Door).
  - Visit 30 homes in your neighborhood
  - Use the cart sharing feature to remain socially distanced.

**Check your orders daily and follow up at least three times with customers that have not supported. Be sure to thank those that support!**

**Visit [www.trails-end.com/onlineacademy](http://www.trails-end.com/onlineacademy) for more tips, and FAQ.**



## **Camp Card Frontline Heroes Campaign**

The Scouts from the NCAC found a way to thank our Frontline Heroes using our 2020 Camp Card! Each Camp Card (discount coupon card) donated by our community through this website will be delivered by NCAC Scouts to local Frontline Heroes in September.

Please help our Scouts by purchasing one, or several \$5.00 Camp Cards, and they will be donated to local Frontline Heroes.

Help us promote this sale to support our Frontline heroes by sharing this link:

[www.NCACBSA.org/campcardorder](http://www.NCACBSA.org/campcardorder)

### **How is this different from the original Camp Card Sale?**

- This is a **new addition to our Camp Card sale** since it was cut short due to the current pandemic. We want to give Scouts an opportunity to still raise funds for future activities and virtual Scouting experiences by selling Camp Cards and supporting our local frontline heroes.

### **How will the Frontline Hero sale also benefit units?**

- Between June 16<sup>th</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup>, Send friends, family & others to the website [www.NCACBSA.org/campcardorder](http://www.NCACBSA.org/campcardorder) and encourage them to select your district and unit.
- When it is safe to do so, we will ask your unit to deliver the camp cards you have sold as part of this campaign to Frontline Heroes by going to a hospital, grocery store, fire station, etc.
- The commission of \$2.50 per card sold through our website will be placed in your unit's account or a check will be mailed for earned commission in early September.

***Help us sell 100,000 Camp Cards to support 100,000 local Frontline Heroes!***

***For questions please contact your District Executive at  
Sarah.McKee@scouting.org or Campcard@ncacbsa.org***

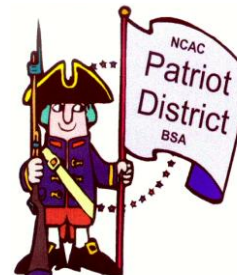


**Patriot District Events**

Web Calendar: [www.ncacbsa.org/patriot](http://www.ncacbsa.org/patriot)

**August 2020**

- Council Court of Honor (postponed)
- 9 Patriot District OA Chapter Meeting (virtual)
- 11 Commissioner Meeting (virtual)
- 13 Roundtable (virtual)
- 15 Popcorn Distribution #1
- 16 Patriot District OA Chapter Welcome Session for New Members (virtual)
- 20 Patriot District OA Chapter Welcome Session for New Members (virtual)
- 21-23 Wood Badge ("Spring" Course, Weekend 1)
- 25 PD Committee Meeting (virtual)
- 29 College of Commissioner Science (virtual)
- 30 Patriot Press Deadline – September



**September 2020**

- 5-6 STEMaTHON Online
- 8 Commissioner Meeting (virtual)
- 10 Roundtable (virtual)
- 10 Recharter training at Roundtable (virtual)
- 11 Popcorn Order #2 Due
- 11-13 OA Lodge Fellowship\*
- 13 Patriot District OA Chapter Meeting\*
- 18 Rosh Hashanah begins (sundown)
- 18-20 Wood Badge ("Fall" Course, Weekend 1)
- 22 PD Committee Meeting (virtual)
- 27 Yom Kippur Begins (sundown)
- 27 Patriot Press Deadline – October

**October 2020**

- 2-4 OA Ordeal\*
- 3 Popcorn distribution #2
- 3-4 Wood Badge ("Spring" Course, Weekend 2)
- 8 Roundtable\*
- 11 Patriot District OA Chapter Meeting\*
- 12 Columbus Day
- 13 Commissioner Meeting\*
- 17-18 Wood Badge ("Fall" Course, Weekend 2)
- 23 Popcorn Final Order Due
- 24 Life-to-Eagle Seminar (virtual)
- 27 PD Committee Meeting (virtual)

\* Status to be determined

BALOO	Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation	NYLT	National Youth Leadership Training
BCOLS	Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills	OA	Order of the Arrow
CPST	Cubmaster Position-Specific Training	SPST	Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training
IOLS	Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills	VAPST	Venture Advisor Position-Specific Training
JSN	Join Scouting Night	VCPST	Varsity Coach Position-Specific Training
NLE	New Leader Essentials	VOA	Venturing Officers Association





All Cub Scout Leaders, Come Out and Join us for Fun & Fellowship and to Pick-Up some New Ideas for your Pack and Den Programs!

**The Purpose of the Roundtable:**

To provide the skill to do – skills, techniques, information, program ideas – and the know-how that makes for successful unit operation.

To provide unit leadership with the will to do – the morale, enthusiasm, inspiration, and vision that periodically renew the desire to serve youth.

**When:** Thursday, August 13, 2020

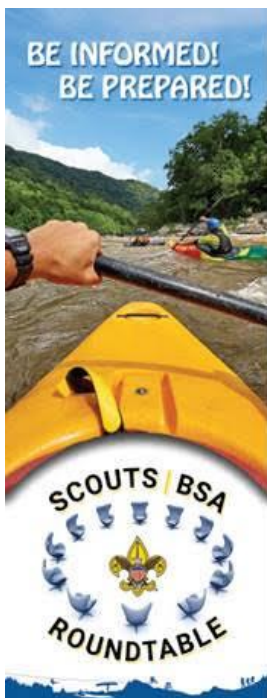
**Virtual Meeting via Zoom:** *Connection instructions will be sent via email.*

**Midway:** 7:30 PM (via Zoom) **Roundtable:** 8:00 – 9:00 PM (via Zoom)

**Topics:** Restarting Scouting Checklists, Getting Parents Involved, Recruiting.

**Word of the month:** Trustworthy

*Cory Okouchi, Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner*  
[cweskrige@gmail.com](mailto:cweskrige@gmail.com)



**Patriot District Scouts BSA Roundtable**

**Not just for Scoutmasters**

Thursday, August 13, 2020

**Virtual Meeting:** *Connection instructions will be sent via email.*

**Social:** 7:30 PM (get signed in to Zoom)

**Midway:** 7:45 PM

**Roundtable:** 8:00 - 9:00 PM

**Topics:** **August for Success**

**Scoutbook / Internet Advancement Updates & Discussion**  
**Troop Summer Experiences - COVID Meetings & Campouts**

*Joe Margraf, Scouts BSA Roundtable Commissioner*  
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*Asst. Scouts BSA RT Commissioners: Justin Day, Rick Priest*

## RECHARTERING FOR 2021

**Yes, that season is almost here. Get ready! PLAN AHEAD!**

(1) Select your renewal processor now. We expect to offer recharter training again as part of the September Roundtable, and both the processor and the committee chair should participate.

(2) Check your actual registrations in my.scouting Member Manager. We continue to hear from units that are surprised to find out that someone they thought was registered - isn't.

(3) Validate the contact information for your members in my.scouting Member Manager. Families move, and tell the unit, but never had their information updated in the BSA system.

(4) Check the YPT status of your adult leaders. As of July 31st, 13 % of the district's registered adults had expired YPT. 40% more will expire before the effective date of rechartering. None of those 53% will be eligible for rechartering without retaking YPT. Two years ago, during the mandatory YPT update for all adults, the system seemed to be overloaded with too many persons trying to retake YPT at the last minute. Have your members beat the rush.

(5) Have your Annual Charter Agreement signed by the Executive Officer and Chartered Organization Representative early in the rechartering cycle, not at the end after everything else is done. Catching up with people to get signatures this year is probably going to be a challenge. The form may be found at: [https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/membership/pdf/524-182\\_web.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/membership/pdf/524-182_web.pdf)

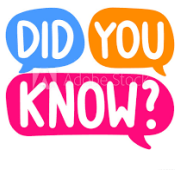
*Lee Cass*  
Assistant District Commissioner



## YPT: It's a Safety Issue

### ARE ALL OF YOUR ADULTS CURRENT WITH YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING?

Youth Protection Training (YPT) is not simply an administrative requirement. It is a keystone of BSA's program. The youth protection rules and procedures are intended to protect both our Scouts and our Scouters. For the sake of your youth, your unit leadership, and your chartered organization, please make every effort to ensure that the adults in your unit stay current with their Youth Protection Training.



BSA has issued revised Journey to Excellence scorecards for 2020 to reflect the changes in the program this year. They may be found at <https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/unit/>



## RESTART SCOUTING CHECKLIST

As always, the safety of our Scouts, volunteers, employees and communities is our top priority. This checklist outlines several minimum guiding protocols that adult leaders/volunteers must consider while working with local and state health departments, local councils, chartered organizations and Scouting families on when and how to resume meetings, service projects, camping and all other official Scouting activities

### S = Supervision

- Understand local and state guidance on preventing COVID-19 exposure.
- Engage your chartered organization and local council on necessary adjustments.
- Conduct the “before you gather” protocols.

### A = Assessment

- Identify participants who fall under the CDC’s group of higher-risk individuals. Notify all participants about the risks of participating since COVID-19 exposure cannot be eliminated.
- Verify that the planned activity, gathering or group sizes are not prohibited by local or state orders.

### F = Fitness and Skill

- Review Annual Health and Medical Records and consider using a [pre-event screening](#) for all participants.

### E = Equipment and Environment

- Verify that handwashing, hygiene and cleaning supplies are available and used properly.
- Monitor social distancing, interactions and sharing of equipment and food among participants.
- Monitor participants for changing health conditions.
- Use the “as you gather” protocols.

## SAFE ≠ Risk-Free

As the response to the pandemic shifts to a state-focused, phased approach, the Boy Scouts of America advises local councils to consult with their local and state health departments, as well as local chartered partners, to implement appropriate protocols to help keep our members, volunteers and employees safe.

Precautions and mitigation strategies are important, but they cannot eliminate the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness when in-person activities resume.

People with COVID-19 may show no signs or symptoms of illness, but they can spread the virus. Some people may be contagious before their symptoms occur. The fact is that someone with COVID-19 may pass the required health screenings and be allowed into program activities.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. If you are in this group, please ensure you have approval from your health care provider prior to resuming in-person Scouting activities.

***Every member, volunteer and family must evaluate their unique circumstances and make an informed decision before attending in-person activities.***

***We hope this information will be helpful as you make that choice.***

For updates, please monitor <https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus>

**Before you gather:**

- ❑ **Consult** your council and chartered organization to understand community standards and protocols in place.
- ❑ **Communicate** to all parents and youth that the Boy Scouts of America recommends that no one in the higher-risk category take part in person. Continue to engage virtually.
- ❑ **Communicate** that anyone who feels sick must [stay home](#). If you become sick or develop symptoms, isolate yourself then go home and seek care.
- ❑ **Educate and train** all participants on appropriate social distancing, [cleaning and disinfecting](#), [hand hygiene](#) and [respiratory \(cough or sneeze\) etiquette](#) before meeting for the first time. Periodically reinforce the behaviors as needed.
- ❑ **Before attending**, upon arrival and at least daily for longer events, all participants [should be screened](#) for any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Chills
  - Repeated shaking with chills
  - Muscle pain
  - Headache
  - Sore throat
  - Loss of taste or smell
  - Diarrhea
  - Feeling feverish or having a temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
  - Known close contact with a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19
- ❑ **As appropriate**, participants should have [face coverings](#) available to wear when gathering or when in public areas or venues. Several coverings per person may be needed.
- ❑ **Communicate** that those who take part in person should avoid contact with higher-risk individuals for 14 days after the event.

**As you gather:**

- ❑ **Minimize group sizes.** Small groups of participants who stay together all day every day, remain [6 feet apart](#) and do not share objects are at the lowest risk. Think of a den or patrol that does not mix or gather with other dens or patrols, with supervision that stays with the small group. *Scouting's [Barriers to Abuse](#) always apply.*
- ❑ **Stay local** to your geographic area and groups for unit activities. If you must travel, limit mixing with others along the way.
- ❑ **Minimize mixing** with parents or siblings unless they are part of the unit activity. For example, the same parent picks up and drops off youth, and stays in the car. No guests or visitors who have not been through the pre-gathering protocols and screenings should take part.
- ❑ **Have hand sanitizer**, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectant readily available for use at meetings, activities and campouts.
- ❑ **Minimize the use** of common areas and shared tools. If unavoidable, they should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected between uses.
- ❑ **Develop dining protocols** (including but not limited to):
  - No self-serve buffet meals or common water coolers.
  - Use of disposable utensils, napkins, cups and plates.
  - Clean and disinfect eating and cooking gear after each use.
- ❑ **Develop tenting protocols** for the group:
  - Minimize use of fans or devices that stir the air.
  - Campers should sleep head-to-toe in bunks or cots spaced as far apart as possible.
  - Individual tents, hammocks and bivvys may be considered.
- ❑ **During program activities**:
  - Equipment that must be shared should be disinfected before and after each use.
  - Where possible, assign activity-related protective equipment for the duration of an event to a single individual (life jacket, gloves, harness).
  - Effective handwashing before and after each program area use.
- ❑ **In case of an injury or illness**, promptly report the incident, including COVID-19 exposures. Utilize [Incident Reporting Resources](#), including COVID-19 instructions.

**When you get home:**

- ❑ **Avoid contact** with higher-risk individuals for 14 days.
  - ❑ **Monitor** for any signs of illness for 14 days, and
- ❑ **Communicate** with your unit leadership should you develop symptoms.

Covid-19: Tips on Wearing a Mask

Teaching Children to Wear Masks in Public Part 1

Tips for Parents

**Model wearing a mask**

-the more they see others wearing them, the more comfortable they will be.

**Read a social story or picture book**

-try this free download of *Seeing Other People Wear Masks* available in Spanish & English at [autismlittlelearners.com](http://autismlittlelearners.com)

**Offer choices when possible**

-pick soft fabrics and patterns that are kid friendly and appealing.

**Offer Rewards**

-for example, stickers or a few extra minutes of reading time before bed.

Stay Tuned for Part 2!

Want more info? Go to [healthychildren.org](http://healthychildren.org)  
FCPS Office of Psychology Services

Teaching Children to Wear Masks in Public Part 2

Tips for Parents

**Teach in Steps**

-model each step to build familiarity and tolerance. Use plenty of praise throughout the process.

**Steps**

- Start by just putting the mask out in plain sight. Gauge their comfort level by their reaction- this can guide how much practice they will need and how to proceed.
- Get comfortable with having it touch their face- practice multiple times.
- Put the mask around one ear, then once they are comfortable with this- then other ear.
- Increase the amount of time wearing it. You might use a visual timer, challenging them to increase the time as you go (counting on fingers, timer on phone, egg timer).
- Try a trip out in public. Set clear expectations "We will need to wear our mask the whole time we are out in public. When the trip is over and we can take off the mask we will have this reward".

With practice, they will be wearing their mask comfortably in no time!

Want more info? Go to [healthychildren.org](http://healthychildren.org)  
FCPS Office of Psychology Services

**How to Help Your Child Adapt to Wearing a Mask**

7 Quick Tips for Parents (BIFS)

**Explain WHY**

Use easy-to-understand language and positive phrasing. For example, "Many people are sick right now. Wearing a mask will protect you from germs."

**Take a Picture**

Ask family members or friends to take pictures of themselves wearing masks. You can even arrange a virtual get-together so everyone can show off their masks.

**Practice Makes Perfect**

Shape the behavior by breaking it down into smaller steps. Then practice & reinforce each step.

1. Holding the mask
2. Putting it against his or her face
3. Securing the elastic.

**Let's Pretend**

Integrate masks into your favorite pretend play schemes. Encourage your child to dress up as a doctor, nurse, or veterinarian.

**Get Creative**

Allow your child to decorate their mask using crayons or markers. If you are planning to make a DIY cloth mask, allow him/her to pick the fabric color or pattern.

**Stuffed Animals & Dolls Need Masks Too**

Put a mask on your child's favorite stuffed animal or doll as a reminder that we are all in this together!

**Start with Familiar Clothing**

Choose clothing that your child already wears and turn it into a mask. Some ideas include a scarf, beanie or bandana.

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## Patriot Chapter OA News

### Tee Shirt Design Contest:

The Chapter is still seeking design submissions for a new Chapter T-Shirt. Some of the T-Shirts will be used as incentives and others will be available for purchase. Chapter members are invited to send ideas for our new T-Shirt design to [patriotchapter@wipit470.org](mailto:patriotchapter@wipit470.org). The submissions can either be descriptions or drawings, Each submitted design should include "Patriot Chapter" or "Powerful Patriot Chapter" and could include design elements of Arrows, Sharks, Shark's Teeth, Turtles, Fire, "WWW" etc. Simple is best. Include a description of the basic shirt color and the colors of the design elements. We'll want to limit the printing to two or three colors. More colors make the shirts more expensive to produce. Samples of T-shirts we have done in the past can be found on the "Powerful Patriot Chapter - OA" Facebook page.

### Unit OA Reps

Each Troop and Crew is strongly encouraged to appoint an OA Youth in the Troop as a Troop OA Representative, (TOAR) and, ideally an adult as a TOAR Adviser. The TOAR is a recognized Eagle approved leadership position. The job description can be found on the National OA Web site: <https://oa-bsa.org/resources/ucl-support/unit-rep>. A resource pack (down-loadable pdf) is available at this site to provide the youth and adviser with details on how to thrive in this position. Please send the names of your appointments to [patriotchapter@wipit470.org](mailto:patriotchapter@wipit470.org).

### Welcome Session for Newly Elected Candidates

Patriot District elected 79 youth and 11 adults were nominated to the Order of the Arrow. We have scheduled two Welcome Session (via Zoom) dates for our newly elected OA candidates to discuss what the OA is all about: Sunday, August 16 at 3:30 PM and again on Thursday, August 20 at 7:30 PM. Emails will be sent to candidates to register to receive the Zoom information. We would also like to provide some details on the Induction weekend, but we do not have those yet. A tentative date for the Induction weekend is October 2 – 4, but in order to reduce the number of participants in any one event we may offer a Friday – Saturday, a Saturday – Sunday, and if school scheduling is very flexible, perhaps a Sunday – Monday. We will be sending an email to all members, candidates, and unit leaders when we confirm the schedule.

### Heads-up

The Patriot District committee is in process of planning another canned food drive to take place in late September. We'll include the actual date in the September newsletter. The Committee has asked the OA to both help spread the word and to help at a couple of collection points and transport the food to ECHO.



*“There is nothing wrong with America that can’t be cured  
by what is right with America.”*

*~ Bill Clinton (b. August 19, 1946)*

## Program Resources

**Council summer programs are winding down, but some opportunities remain.**

- **Cub Family Summertime Passport:** Cub Scouts have an opportunity to grow, learn, and have fun doing Cub Scout activities. The whole family can even earn a special patch. There are still activities through Labor Day; check them out.
- For Older Scouts: **Game Nights:** Join other scouts for a night of fun and games on selected Fridays.

Remaining programs (They're free. Click the link below to learn how to join):

August 7 – International Escape Room,

August 14 – Mount Airy hosts Game Night

**The above can be found on the Council's web page: [www.ncacbsa.org](http://www.ncacbsa.org).**

**New programs are often added, so check out this site frequently for opportunities and ideas.**



## Pack 1347 Virtual and Drive-Through Activities

Cub Scout Pack 1347 (Burke United Methodist Church) has been meeting remotely via ZOOM since March. Two times each month they have gathered to work through adventures and earn loops by engaging ideas, watching videos, playing games, asking questions, and discussing new ideas. Scouts have then then worked individually to complete each adventure –and report back together. To celebrate their hard work and tenacity, Rev. Katie Carson Phillips, a pastor at Burke UMC and a Den Leader of the Pack, organized a drive-thru popsicle event. Cubs and their families drove through the parking lot and received a goodie bag with their loops and awards – and then chose their favorite popsicle flavor. In addition, they received their handbook for their next den. Cubs and leaders were all masked and no one got out of their cars. Items were delivered via tray through the window of the car to maintain a physical distance. It was a unique way to celebrate during this challenging period in our lives!



**Pack 1347 Drive-Through Popsicle and Awards Event**

## What: Join Scouting Training



Kindergarten  
or Age 5

First Grade  
or Age 6

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
or Age 7

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
or Age 8

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grades  
or Ages 9 & 10

**When: August 13<sup>th</sup> (right before Roundtable at 7 PM - 7:25 PM)**

**Where: at the location of your choice with your Smart Phone or Computer Via ZOOM**

**ZOOM Info: Meeting ID-778 1682 1250**

**Password—9WR4dq**

**POC: John R. Stewart , Vice Chair for Membership  
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## Seven Habits to Highly Successful Join Scouting Nights & Cub Scout Recruiting!

**1. Determine the Pack Membership Goal/Projection:** Why is this important? Join Scouting Nights (JSN) help form new dens in your Pack and help fill open volunteer positions - like new den leaders and unit committee volunteers. Does your pack need a new Tiger Den, Wolf Den, Bear Den or Webelos Den? Sometimes we forget how many families and boys are represented at each school. JSN's serve as a tool to reach out to more young men and families and invite them to join Scouting! Your District Executive can provide you with the data of "Total Available Youth – Boys Only" (TAY) per grade level for your elementary school. This data can help serve your Pack committee by setting a membership goal that will help clarify "the win" for your recruiting needs this fall season.

**2. Location:** Host your "Join Scouting Night (JSN) at your elementary school cafeteria. *If your pack recruits from more than 1 school, hold a Join Scouting Night at each elementary school cafeteria that you recruit from.* It's all about location, location and location! The school, or other "public place", serves as the best common and neutral location for all interested families.

**3. When:** *A Join Scouting Night is a stand-alone and separate meeting held outside of your school's Back-to-School night and monthly Pack meeting.* Why? We have discovered that creating a stand-alone Join Scouting Night there are less distractions and they create better service and ease to new families. *We have found that the best days to hold a Join Scouting night is on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evening.*

### **4. Promotion:**

**a. (This step is for non-COVID years)** Distribute your Join Scouting Night flyers on your folder day at your elementary school 1-2 weeks before the Boy Talks and JSN Night

**b.** Place Join Scouting Night posters in key places at the elementary school, or in this year's COVID situation send out **digital flyers** via the school to families

**c.** Place Yard Signs around the elementary campus near high traffic drop-off and pickup areas and high visibility locations, or **high trafficked intersections** nearby the school

**d.** *Student Talks – should happen at each campus in classrooms (during non-COVID normal years), morning assembly or lunch period – ideally the day of or the day before your Join Scouting Night – Bring the enthusiasm and excitement in your Boy Talk delivery!!!*

**e.** Buddy Cards – For young boys or girls who are already Scouts, they can earn a special patch for Join Scouting Night by bringing a buddy and serving as a **Recruiter**.

**5. The Program of the “Join Scouting Night:”** The program should be no longer than 60 minutes max. Think of it as a parent sign-up orientation.

**a.** When families arrive at the Join Scouting Night, hand them a youth and adult application and ask them to begin filling it out as everyone gathers and sits down.

**b.** Have a planned activity for the new scouts outside or in the gym; while you talk with the parents inside the cafeteria

**c.** *Have a brief overview of your program with contact information, calendar, next Pack meeting date, etc.*

**d.** *Don’t get lost in the weeds of scouting or oversell the program. They are at your JSN night, which means **they are already sold.***

*They will learn all the scouting terminology, history of scouting, and details as they go. Keep the JSN event light, fun, and moving!*

**6. Turn-In Youth Applications:** At the end of your JSN Night, be ready to receive all youth applications with payment to hand over to a district volunteer or the district executive.

**7. Schedule A Second Round of Joining Opportunity:** Scheduling a second round of joining opportunity can be a repeat of the traditional

Join Scouting Night at the school campus cafeteria. But some packs, use this to put a personal touch by having it at a different location, like the park or another already scheduled activity. The second round of joining opportunity takes place in late September or early October after their first Join Scouting Night at the school campus cafeteria in early to mid-September. Families may need a second opportunity for lots of reasons: a reminder that we are here, showcasing the fun we have, or the weather was bad during the first round, etc. No matter; every family deserves the chance to join Scouting.



### Recruiting Lions at Area Pre-Schools

Recruiting is a year-round activity. Try to put an emphasis on it at all meetings and activities throughout the year with a hope to attract new youth members at quality events. Yes, we do have our usual big recruiting pushes in the Spring and Fall, but this gives an opportunity of multiple “touch points” for our Scouts to tell their story to their classmates and neighbors before each meeting and event to let prospective Scouts and their parents see the fun of Scouting.



Attempt now to reach out to local pre-schools and other pre-K organizations such as MOPS to stimulate the interest of the future kindergartners who can join Cub Scouting as Lions. Getting kindergartners to join us as Lions is important, but it is also important to ensure that they are having a GREAT Scouting experience at their twice a month gatherings (one meeting and one outing) so that they will want to continue on up the Cub Scout trail.

Recruit an energetic adult to be the Den Leader for your Lion Den(s). This will ensure that your Lions and their parents and guardians stay excited about coming to each Den meeting and outings, even if they have to be done virtually for a while.



## **Geo-Fencing: Get Yours Now!**

**Hey Units, get your 5 W's + H (who, what, where, when, why and how) for your Join Scouting Event to our District Executive (DE) Sarah McKee ([sarah.mckee@scouting.org](mailto:sarah.mckee@scouting.org)) at least three weeks prior to the event. If you pass your info to our DE in a timely manner, a “geo-fence” will be made for your event for the two weeks prior to the date of your Join Scouting Event.**



**Please make sure you include the “virtual” connectivity info, or the social distancing info if it is “in person.”**

**We want to get the Join Scouting event info for all of our Patriot District units by August 16 to advertise for you. Thanks for your support of this great Scouting membership mission.**

**Thanks to all of you for helping more of our youth develop into the ethical leaders of tomorrow.**

**And please don't forget to send your Join Scouting event information to Sarah and/or me by August 16<sup>th</sup>.**

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## 2020-2021 Season 6 Overview Individual Kits

### Elementary School Modules

#### **Reaching for the Stars:** (Science: Astronomy, Physics)

Astronomy: one of the earliest sciences ever studied by humankind. But it's more than just stars and planets! What roles do black holes play? What *actually* makes a galaxy, a galaxy? In this module, Scouts will take a trip through the known universe! Beginning in our own solar system, they'll navigate throughout the galaxies, discovering stars, asteroids, and even adventure deep into black holes!

#### **New! Animation:** (By WozEd, Technology: Stop Motion, Animation)

The Animation Level II Kit will introduce students to video editing through Stop Motion Studio. Students will deepen their understanding of animation using 3D animation tools provided by anim8:3D and Toontastic. Students will become producers, directors, and voice actors after creating a dancing 3D character and telling an original story with 3D animation. These final products will be enhanced by the skill of summarizing and critical thinking when comparing stop motion, 2D animation, and 3D animation.

#### **It's Not Magic, It's Magnets:** (Science: Physics, Electromagnetism)

Magnets are quite easy to understand — opposites attract, like repel. But their mysterious power doesn't stop there! In this module, Scouts will analyze and be able to explain what makes a magnet, a magnet, and then will use a magnet's unique force to create a NEW kind of force — an electromagnetic one! Did we mention Earth's invisible force shield? Or levitation? May the magnetic force be with us as we observe and experiment with a magnet's power and full potential!

#### **Meet Your Earth:** (Science: Earth Sciences)

Our Earth is a rich history book! From its rocks to its oceans, Earth gives us a glimpse into its ancient past, but only if we look hard enough! In this module, Scouts will investigate the various parts of our planet by differentiating and recreating various rock formations, learning whether or not weather can truly be predicted, and by examining the deepest oceans and even the highest stars! Let's meet our Earth!

#### **Get Under Your Skin:** (Science: Anatomy)

Head, shoulders, knees, and — organs? There is more to us than meets the eye! Let's get under your skin and recognize what really holds you together!

In this module, Scouts will identify the bones in our major skeletal system, assemble muscles groups, and design functional organs. They will then investigate our major power source — the brain — and will reconstruct our smallest yet strongest communicator, the neuron!

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### Middle School

#### **New! Animation:** (By WozEd, Technology: Stop Motion, Animation)

The Animation Level III Kit will introduce students to animation creation using the Stop Motion Studio Pro app. Students will deepen their understanding of animation by creating flipbook, stop motion, claymation, and pixilation animation projects. Students will practice their communication and presentation skills by sharing these animation projects in a student showcase.

#### **That's Showbiz, Baby:** (Technology: Film Production, Engineering Sound Effects)

The Silver Screen has been fascinating audiences since the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. We think of the movie industry as compelling storylines, red carpets, popcorn and candy. But beneath the glamour, there is a whole world of scientific engineering and innovation that made all our favorite films possible. In this module, Scouts will focus on the “science” of movie making. They will discover the tools to create every element in filmmaking—from building their own pinhole cameras, engineering their own sound effects, to writing, directing, acting in, and “shooting” and editing their own cinematic masterpieces. Lights, Camera, Action!

#### **New! Simple Machines – They Run the World:** (Engineering: Physics)

Sure, they're simple, but they do all of the heavy lifting! In this module, Scouts will explore simple machines and how they, more or less, run the world around us! And without the understanding of force, distance, and work exerted, simple machines wouldn't be so simple.

#### **New! Circuits – Light it Up:** (Science, Technology: Electrical Engineering)

Electricity doesn't just keep your phone charged; it also has been used to command you do to things! What does a blinking red light mean? To stop, look, then go. All because of a blinking light! The theater lowers its lights and you know the movie is about to start! But how does a light blink or dim? In this module, Scouts will explore the electrical current world of lights by experimenting with their own circuit board to achieve various lighting signals.

#### **APPventures:** (By WozEd, Technology: Mobile Application Development)


A WozEd Module: The Mobile App Development module will engage Scouts in important aspects of the app design process. Scouts will be encouraged to plan for the creation of an app by exploring purpose, functionality, and design. They will build paper and digital prototypes, gain feedback from peers, and make changes to improve their designs before using App Lab by Code.org to create final versions of their apps. Scouts will also experience augmented reality (AR) and be given an opportunity to create an AR experience of their own. Throughout the modules, Scouts are encouraged to use both traditional and digital material as they design, test, and create their apps.



### **STEM Scouts Update:**

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, the BSA National STEM committee has updated the policies for youth who newly join STEM Scouts as follows:

- The \$25 new joining fee is waived for new youth joining STEM Scouts this season.
  - \$250 for the FULL year (22 meetings) per scout
  - \$200 for the Partial program
  - Payment plans are available, directly online thru [STEMscouts.org/portal](https://STEMscouts.org/portal)
- The Lab unit fee will be \$40
- STEM Scouts packaged the kits for individual delivery – so families who are not comfortable meeting in person can get their supplies and join the labs virtually this year.
- The Season 6 curriculum is provided on pages 20 and 21 above. Shipping opened up on August 1.



*“The measure of greatness in a scientific idea is the extent to which it stimulates thought and opens up new lines of research.”*

*~ Paul Dirac, Physicist (b. August 8, 1902)*

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## **BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA SCOUTER CODE OF CONDUCT**

**On my honor, I promise to do my best to comply with this Boy Scouts of America Scouter Code of Conduct while serving in my capacity as an adult leader:**

- 1. I have completed or will complete my registration with the Boy Scouts of America, answering all Questions truthfully and honestly.**
- 2. I will do my best to live up to the Scout Oath and Scout Law, obey all laws, and hold others in Scouting accountable to those standards. I will exercise sound judgment and demonstrate good leadership and use the Scouting program for its intended purpose consistent with the mission of the Boy Scouts of America.**
- 3. I will make the protection of youth a personal priority. I will complete and remain current with Youth Protection training requirements. I will be familiar with and follow:**
  - BSA Youth Protection policies and guidelines, including mandatory reporting: [www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/](http://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/)
  - The Guide to Safe Scouting: [www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss](http://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss)
  - The Sweet Sixteen of BSA Safety: [www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/sweet16](http://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/sweet16)
- 4. When transporting youth, I will obey all laws, comply with Youth Protection guidelines, and follow safe driving practices.**
- 5. I will respect and abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America, BSA policies, and BSA-provided training, including but not limited to those relating to:**
  - Unauthorized fundraising activities
  - Advocacy on social and political issues, including prohibited use of the BSA uniform and brand
  - Bullying, hazing, harassment, and unlawful discrimination of any kind
- 6. I will not discuss or engage in any form of sexual conduct while engaged in Scouting activities. I will refer youth with questions regarding these topics to talk to their parents or spiritual advisor.**
- 7. I confirm that I have fully disclosed and will disclose in the future any of the following:**
  - Any criminal suspicion, charges, or convictions of a crime or offense involving abuse, violence, sexual misconduct, or any misconduct involving minors or juveniles
  - Any investigation or court order involving domestic violence, child abuse, or similar matter
  - Any criminal charges or convictions for offenses involving controlled substances, driving while intoxicated, firearms, or dangerous weapons
- 8. I will not possess, distribute, transport, consume, or use any of the following items prohibited by law or in violation of any Scouting rules, regulations, and policies:**
  - Alcoholic beverages or controlled substances, including marijuana
  - Concealed or unconcealed firearms, fireworks, or explosives
  - Pornography or materials containing words or images inconsistent with Scouting values
- 9. If I am taking prescription medications with the potential of impairing my functioning or judgment, I will not engage in activities that would put youth at risk, including driving or operating equipment.**
- 10. I will take steps to prevent or report any violation of this code of conduct by others in connection with Scouting activities.**



## 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.

## SCOUT LAW

Trustworthy  
Loyal  
Helpful  
Friendly  
Courteous  
Kind  
Obedient  
Cheerful  
Thrifty  
Brave  
Clean  
Reverent

