

Scenic District Newsletter

Hello Scenic District,

I thought I would make the newsletter a little different this month since we will be unable to hold our traditional meeting. With our youths out of school, and many units having to cancel and postpone meetings, I am sure some of us are wondering how we can keep our scouts going on their scouting journey. Included will be some resources and ideas that may help.

Events:

International BSA is holding Jamboree on the Internet Special Edition April 3-5th. This special edition of their largest digital Jamboree will allow you to connect to others, learn new skills, bring scouting online and build new friendships during this challenging time. Visit <https://www.jotajoti.info/> for more information about this opportunity.

Scoutmaster Bucky is having some online merit badge classes. There is prep work for this, pay close attention to the details. He provides electronic blue cards; communicate with your unit leaders, if this is something they find possible to do. There is a cost for these classes.

[Scoutmaster Bucky - Home page of Scoutmaster Bucky](#)

Virtual Meeting Ideas:

Bryan on Scouting shared an article about a Troop in Pennsylvania that had a virtual meeting, and they had some ideas and suggestions on how units could hold their meetings remotely. <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/03/17/scouting-show-tell-scouting-remotely/?id=VT-5GkZbE&fbclid=IwAR3323ne0nxUaTdnlXy39sFHTCvel6e9dtqyWvwXdFdkbAwTI8nSPzfUSZI>

Some of your Scouts may have been ready for a Board of Review (BSA), did you know it's still possible while not face to face? As outlined in the Guide to Advancement, units may conduct Boards of Review through teleconferencing. Bryan on Scouting shared this fantastic idea to keep our youths advancing, and some suggested resources.

https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/03/16/how-to-conduct-a-board-of-review-through-videoconferencing/?fbclid=IwAR1WmcTGEK5CoHhzE_j5WXZJSa6ZLupHCj28HvWul-EK7f-hqgA6wU-GDGw

Another neat idea is to have Unit leaders, Parents, Venturers, Cub and BSA scouts take pictures of what to pack for campouts or activities. Give a challenge of winter camping, summer, hiking etc or things not to pack. Have their SPL's, or unit leaders give feedback or grades on what they have packed. Did they remember their uniforms?? [What Scouts pack - Scouts](#)

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Resources:

ScoutWiki has some activity ideas that scouts can work on individually or with a buddy.

https://en.scoutwiki.org/Scout_On_Through_Covid-19?fbclid=IwAR1vof4ccTKG5-ohR0iTseg57nqzLp0rn746-sd5be53JVvdwQUI6rUUHjY

Another awesome site to get a lot of resources is [Troop Program Resources: Home](#)

For Cub Scouts: [Cub Scout Resources for Cub Scouts](#)

Youtube: Has some channels for Scouting. Check them out and learn about knots, games, or new meals to try for the summer camping season.

[Boy Scouts of America](#)

[Troop Leader](#)

[Boys' Life magazine](#)

[Scouting Magazine](#)

Visit Scoutmastercg for a variety of topics, discussions, ideas. [Scoutmastercg.com | Inspiration, Information and Ideas for Scout Leaders](#)

Trainings

Adults: Go to <https://my.scouting.org/>, login and click on the BSA Learn Center. From there you can take Youth Protection, specific program training, position training and more.

Youth: Interested in being a Den Chief? There is a virtual training available at [Den Chief Training](#)

Merit Badges:

Paul Ravenberg found this great little gem on merit badges a Scout could earn while at home.



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Cub Scouts

After a bit of research and evaluation of the Adventure Requirements the following list has been compiled of Adventures that can be completed during this time of Social Distancing.

Tigers

My Tiger Jungle

Tiger Bites

Family Stories (use FaceTime or similar apps)

Sky is the Limit

Tiger: Safe and Smart (skip 9 for now)

Wolf

Duty to God Footsteps

Adventures in Coins

Finding your way

Germes Alive (start your culture and share later or via photos to parents of other Den mates)

Motor Away

Bear

Baloo the Builder

Fellowship and Duty to God

Beat of the Drum

Critter Care (not 3A)

Make it move

Super Science

A World of Sound

Webelos

Duty to God and You

First Responder

Game Design

Into the Wild

Into the Woods

Looking back, Looking Forward

Project Family (use FaceTime or similar apps)

Sports

Arrow of Light

Duty to God

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Other Ideas:

- ★ Practice Knots
- ★ Recite Oath, Law, Outdoor Code
- ★ Clean camping gear
- ★ Learn to sew on patches
- ★ Challenge yourself to fix a sock
- ★ Research ideas for outings, campgrounds, activities for yearly planning
- ★ Create a new game
- ★ Watch some movies, how many from this list have you seen? *Adults check if appropriate for you youth [100 Movies Every Kid Should Watch](#)
- ★ A list of movies/shows with Scouts as the theme *Adults check if appropriate for your youth https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scouting_in_popular_culture#Film
- ★ Have a skit show with family
- ★ Work on Physical Fitness- keep track for a merit badge, rank or do you improve by the time you get back to school!
- ★ Clean through closet of toys and clothing, make donation piles
- ★ Draw
- ★ Create a story
- ★ Make a special meal for your parents

There are many ideas out there, if you have some suggestions, or want to share what has worked for your unit, email me! Together we will get through this, keep yourselves healthy.. Wash your hands!

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