

The Black Bear



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Council Key 3

Dear Scouts and Scouters

What a time we are in. Scout meetings are being cancelled. Campouts, the highlight of monthly activities have been put on hold. Scoutmaster's conferences and Boards of Reviews delayed which means advancements are taking a backseat. But let's take a Scouting look at this. Does Scouting really have to stop? We have a Scout Oath and Law that gives us guidance in good times and bad. In one of the articles below it gives numerous ideas of what Scouts can do. This morning I got up and went and gave blood and I let them know I was there because of Scouting. Maybe each Patrol Leader could call their members on Scout meeting night just to check on each other. Adult leaders could do the same. Can some Advancement be conducted over the phone? Can you use a company's conference call number on meeting night to hold a brief meeting? Contact your Charter Representative and ask if there is anything that the Troop can do in a safe way to help with any special needs member of their church or organization. Send Hang in there cards to Nursing homes or VA hospitals. All in the name of Scouting

When you look at the excitement of the two Scout BSA Troops as they top Mount Kilimanjaro it reminds me of the doors that Scouting opens to some that may not ever had a chance to see the world. I had the honor to be invited to several Eagle Courts over the past few years and at the end there is usually a video of the Scouts accomplishments. The most important thing to me was all the places and activities that not only the Eagle Scout was able to do but also all the other Scouts and the adult leadership who were there also. Keep planning; Summer Camp. Winter Camp. Monthly activities. Long term life changing trips. High Adventure base trips. Boards of Reviews. If this crisis gets extended, move the event to another date.

Adults, you can never ever be thanked enough. You will be rewarded.

A Scout is Reverent. I pray you and your family be safe.

Yes, Scouting in our normal way we are use to is not there. **BUT**, it does not have to stop.

Scout Law

A Scout is:

Trustworthy

Loyal

Helpful

Friendly

Courteous

Kind

Obedient

Cheerful

Thrifty

Brave

Clean

Reverent

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

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Leaders,
We hope that through this crazy time we are facing as a Nation that you and your Scouting families are staying well. Though we are facing a situation that we have never encountered before, we Scouters can lean on a promise we have been making for years: to be Loyal, Courteous, Kind, Brave, and Clean. Remaining Scouts in every aspect of our lives will help get us and our Communities through this. As we are all approaching this situation day to day, we understand that some uncertainty comes with that. New information is released almost daily and that can lead to some questions about the future Refer to the CDC website at [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) on recommendation on how to keep you and your family safe from social distancing to wearing mask, etc.... As many of you know, the Council has recently released a Scouting Calendar for the coming year. We are still currently focused on maintaining this calendar as much as possible, and as of now we will continue to do that. We are planning for, and are very hopeful that our Summer Scouting experiences will be

Spring Adventures in Cub Scouting 2020

Cub Scouts is Magical



What better way to spend the weekends before the Social Distancing began than in the great outdoors surrounded by your Scouting friends?

Cub Scouts and their families were able to spend a *magical* weekend together at the beautiful Camp TL James. Saturday was packed with exciting activities.



As always, the Cubs were able to enjoy some time on the shooting ranges and climbing high on our Rockwall. Scouts also got to take Magic Classes that were fun, informative, and Rank advancing.



A friendly game of Quidditch was just what they needed to run out some of that extra energy and have a little friendly competition. The dads who played were only reported to be minimally sore the next day.



A very special trip to Olivander's Wand shop made for an excellent memory our Scouts won't soon forget.



The closing ceremony was action packed with an Ultimate Triwizard Tournament! All in all, this was a weekend full of excitement and fun that we hope all families will remember for years to come.

It's always a Magical time with our Cub Scouts!



Cub Resident Camp will be June 4-7th
with Early Bird Registration through May 7

Summer Camp at TL James is June 7-13th

Summer Camp at Attakapas is June 14- 20th

Early Bird Registration through April 16th



District News!!!

Attakapas District - The Attakapas District Pinewood Derby was held at the Alexandria Mall on March 7th. Thank you very much to Missy and the Alexandria mall for hosting us again this year. Thank you to Mike Waits, Brent LeBlanc, and Cliff Dailey for a great race. The Results are:

1st Place: Benjamin Barnhart Pack 626

2nd Place: Kaden Horaist Pack 23

3rd Place: Marc Wootan Pack 23

4th Place: Kaleb Clark Pack 94

5th Place: Ethan LeBlanc Pack 94

6th Place: Scott Seeling Pack 9.



Pioneer District – I hope that everyone that reads this news article is safe. The good news is that through all the self-isolation and social distancing, most of our District’s cub scouts and scouts are still engaged in scouting activities. I have been told that cub scouts are working with their parents and leaders through face book, face time, zoom, or other virtual means to finish up on rank requirements and electives. Our scouts are also working on rank requirements, merit badges, and having boards of review. Did you know there are 58 merit badges that can be completed at home? Some packs and troops are even planning on having their first virtual meeting. If your cub or scout is not doing any scouting, then I encourage you to reach out to your Cubmaster or Scoutmaster and find out why. Information on how to run a successful digital meeting plus many resources on rank requirements and other advancement opportunities has been sent out through email. We are not letting this pandemic stop scouting.

We have postponed the Pioneer Pinewood Derby and cancelled April’s monthly Eagle Board and District Meeting. If the COVID-19 crisis continues past April, then we will conduct a Virtual District Pinewood Derby. We know our cubs put a lot of time and effort into their cars and we want to be able to provide them with at least one more racing experience. More information to come.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful scouting volunteers. Without your continued support of the scouting program, our cubs and scouts would miss out on the skills and values that scouting teaches us. Thank you. Call me if you need something and let’s stay in contact.

Thunderbird District News.

It is our sincere hope that everyone is doing well. The great news is that even though we are not able to meet in person most of our Scout’s are taking the opportunity to brush up on their social media skills and using face book, facetime, zoom and other platforms to continue to meet. Did you know that there are many cub requirements and merit badges that can be completed from home. I sent out an email that had many ideas and links to these activities. If you did not receive it and would like it please email me at peter.thorson@scouting.org. Also please note that summer camp is fast approaching and the deadline for earlybird sign up is April 16th. We will hopefully have our district roundtable on the scheduled day of April 25th but if not I will be sending out the alternate information.

I want to thank all of you for continuing to Scout with us y’all are awesome.

At Home Scouting

We have cultivated resources from around the web to help you get through your Scouting quarantine. We're not letting COVID-19 stop us from Scouting! We're lining up the best of the Web merit badge counselors, advancement experts and fun activities for you and your Scouts! Here you'll find webinars, resources, tools and more for your Scouts to keep achieving, growing and advancing in Scout skills.

For All:

[Google virtual National Parks tour](#) [Travel and leisure magazines 12 free Museum virtual tours](#) [Scout Share](#)

Cub Scouts:

[Digital Den Meetings](#): all Cub Scouts (and parents) are welcome to join us Wednesday nights for fun during council-wide digital den meetings! These are done by Cascade Pacific Council and run on Pacific Time

[30 day Lion Challenge](#)

[30 Day Tiger Challenge](#)

[30 Day Wolf Challenge](#)

[30 Day Bear Challenge](#)

[30 Day Webelos Challenge](#)

[Cub Scout activities](#)

Scouts BSA:

[How to Run Successful Digital Scout Meetings](#): Troop 19 Scoutmaster David Parry shows us how his troop is having great success with online meetings to keep his Scouts connected, advancing and having fun! These are done by Cascade Pacific Council and run on Pacific Time

[Merit Badges for Social Distancing](#)

[How to conduct a Board of Review digitally](#)

[Public Health Virtual meeting](#) - Cradle of Liberty Council

[Merit Badges for extended periods at home](#)

Other Nice sites:

30-Day Challenge Hawkeye Area Council, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

As communities are practicing caution and social distancing, the Hawkeye Area Council developed a 30-Day Challenge for each Cub Scout rank. Use this at home to help keep Scout's skills sharp.

<https://hawkeyebsa.org/30-day-challenge/>

Advancement Academy: Virtual Resources for Keeping Scouts Advancing, Connected & Having Fun

Cascade Pacific Council, Portland, Oregon

Can't get together as a group? Visit the Advancement Academy for a digital den meeting or merit badge class. Digital den meetings are offered through Zoom and promoted through Facebook. Participants are asked to sign up in advance. There is also great content for Scouts BSA, including sessions on [How to Run Successful Digital Scout Meetings](#) as well as online Merit badge sessions on [Coin Collecting](#), Personal Fitness and more. The site also includes Facebook groups that anyone in the country can join: [Cub Scout](#) and [Scouts BSA](#).

<https://www.cpcbsa.org/advancement-academy>

Scouting at Home

Atlanta Area Council, Atlanta, Georgia

If you're looking for a comprehensive list of things that Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA can do to Scout at home, this is it. The page features content directly from Scoutbook and includes ideas of other activities Scouts can do. Plus, suggestions for video platforms – and of course, reminders about the importance of following youth protection standards.

<https://www.atlantabsa.org/scoutingathome>

[National Geographic Kids](#)

Activities and quizzes for younger kids

[Duolingo](#)

Learn languages for free

[Prodigy Math](#)

Good for elementary school ages

[Big History Project](#)

Aimed at Secondary age, multi-discip

[Geography Games](#)

Geography gaming!

[STEM Simulators](#)

[Learn Computer Science](#)

[The Artful Parent](#)

[Red Ted Art](#)

[The Imagination Tree](#)

[Toy Theater](#)

