



Pack 436 News

May 2020

Scouting At Home: On April 30, NCAC extended the Scouting at Home directive “until further notice.” See the sections below for a number of online Scouting opportunities.

Cubmaster Minute: Several of the leaders got together over Google Hangouts on April 21 to try to figure out a path forward for the rest of the year. It was a strange sight seeing folks hiding from their kids while discussing programming ideas in this new environment. We discussed options for virtual meetings and checked in with the leaders to see how advancement was going. Thanks to our great den leaders, it looks like most of the dens have made great progress during the “normal” part of the scouting year, so we’re doing really well as pack...keep up the great work!

We’re still hopeful that guidelines will be relaxed going into the summer, so please consider enrolling your Scouts in one of the three camp options offered below. If the camps do not take place, you will be refunded in full. However, if they don't have people signed up at all, they won't even be able to attempt to make these amazing camps move forward.

Stay safe, everyone, and I look forward to seeing everyone in person in the (hopefully) near future.

Virtual Scouting: There are several ways to keep active in Scouting during these days of social distancing.

- Some Dens are still holding virtual meetings – please contact your Den Leaders with any questions about that option for your den.
- You are welcome and encouraged to continue working on advancement and electives with your Scout(s) at home during this time. You can use Scoutbook to record which activities your Scout has completed. Scoutbook also has a description of the requirements for each adventure, if you do not have a paper copy of the Handbook.
 - After logging in to Scoutbook , click on your Scout’s name from your Dashboard. Scroll past the images and click on “Advancement”. Clicking on your Scout’s current rank will bring up a list of requirements and then elective adventures.
 - Clicking into any adventure will bring up the requirements. Be sure to choose the most recent year listed (2016, usually) to get the updated requirements. Parents can then record activities as Scouts complete them.
 - NOVA/Stem Awards can also be earned – find them on Scoutbook under the “Awards” once you’ve clicked on your Scout’s name.

Upcoming Scouting From Home Events: NCAC and our District are planning some events to help us keep Scouting in our lives.

- **Virtual Campfire:** Our local Council and District are planning a virtual campfire on Facebook at **7 p.m. on May 5**, and we are recruiting acts! If your Scout would like to lead a song, tell a joke, share a skit, or bring their other campfire magic to our Council, please contact your Den Leader for more info. The link to the virtual campfire can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/events/700708750701735>
- **Boy's Life Facebook Live: Daily :** Every weekday at 3p.m., Boys' Life editors are jumping on Facebook Live to share treks, jokes and mind-bending facts that will take your kids on a journey all over the world – and even to space!
- The BSA national organization has added a "**Scouting at Home**" website, including some Cub Scout-specific activities, and information on getting free online access to Boys Life; you can find it at <https://www.scouting.org/scoutingathome>
- The **30-Day Scouting at Home Challenge** has begun, but you could start it whenever works for you. There are calendars of different daily activities for each level of Cub Scouts from Lions to Webelos. Visit <https://weownadventure.com/scouting-at-home-challenge/>
- Fun Stay-at-Home activities organized by level at <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/03/19/fun-projects-for-kids-that-you-can-do-from-home/>

Summer Camp:

As we understand things at this time, Council is still planning to hold summer camps with appropriate measures in place to limit large gatherings and help with social distancing.

If you're still interested but haven't had a chance to sign up, please contact:

- **For Camp Snyder (current Lions, Tigers, & Wolves) – HowieDraisen** (hdraisen@hotmail.com): For the younger boys (current Lions, Tigers, and Wolves), Camp Snyder, located near Haymarket, VA, has weekend programs in the summer that are a great introduction to camping for the Scouts. We are planning to attend the July 30-August 2 session.
- **For Goshen / Camp PMI (current Webelos & Bears) – DanHelgerman** (helgermann@gmail.com): For the older Scouts (current Bears and Webelos), we are going to the Goshen Scout Reservation's Camp PMI, about 3.5 hours away, past Harrisonburg, VA, for the week of July 19-25. We'll need at least 3 parents there at all times, and one or two more would be ideal, but you wouldn't have to stay the full week.

Day Camp: If the overnight camps won't work for your family this year, there are several day camp options. General information on NCAC day camps, is available at

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/program/cub-scouts/day-camp/>

- Seneca District's Camp has been moved later in the summer, to August 10-14 at Bretton Woods Recreation Center in Germantown; details at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-34395>, and early bird registration has been extended to May 25.

- There are two separate weeks of camp offered in Frederick County, at Thurmont Sportsman's Club in Thurmont either June 29-July 3 or July 20-24. See <https://scoutingevent.com/082-34394> for details and their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/events/483073195678812/>) for updates. If you're interested in this option, the Washington family highly recommends it.

District Event Updates:

- Fishing Day (originally scheduled for May 9) is now moved to September 12
- Archery Day (May 14) likely to be postponed
- The District is considering a spring Scouting for Food Drive to help families in need. Stay tuned for more information.