



Pack 436 News

June 2020

We don't usually have a June newsletter, but this isn't exactly a usual Scouting year – so we're including a few important updates so everyone has all the latest information.

NCAC Summer Camp Cancellation: Unfortunately for those who had been hoping to attend summer camp, our local Council (NCAC) has made the decision to cancel summer camps, including Goshen and Snyder, as well as the various local day camps. The council has indicated that they're working on making alternative summer programs available; we don't have any details about what these might be yet, but we'll reach out as and when we get additional information.

Pack Recognition, Awards, & Advancement: In spite of everything that has happened since March, we're still very proud of all the hard work our Scouts have put in over the Scouting year, and we're still going to do our best to find a way to recognize all those accomplishments, as well as to say farewell to our Webelos 2 Scouts as they complete their time in Cub Scouting and have the opportunity to bridge into the Boy Scouting program. Stay tuned for more information about when and where we might be able to make this happen.

Regarding advancement, the BSA has at this point extended the timeframe for completion of each year's Cub Scout rank advancement through **July 31**. Parents can use Scoutbook to note which achievements their Scout has completed.

Pack Activities in the Fall: Although our new Scouting year is still a few months away, it seems reasonable to guess that we may not be able to resume all of our normal Scouting activities. While our Pack leaders will be working on how we'll change what we do (see the Cubmaster Minute below), we certainly value input from parents and Scouts, so if you have any ideas, please reach out to your Scout's den leader or to Howie at cubmaster@pack436.com

Cubmaster's Minute: I've been thinking a lot about what Cub Scouting will look like moving into next year. What I don't want is for it to be another virtual meeting that the kids sit through every couple of weeks. Cub Scouting is meant to introduce kids to the great outdoors in a fun way while teaching them to be good citizens of the world, the country, and their communities. With that in mind, I'd like all of us to put our heads together to identify ways we can shift the program to the next normal.

Operations of the Pack will not look like they did in previous years. With the ever-present threat

of encountering and spreading COVID-19, we need to establish safe and smart procedures to continue Cub Scouting in school-year 2020-2021. I have included some ideas below that will hopefully frame a successful return to Cub Scouting, but I'd like to hear your ideas. Please email any ideas to move the Pack into the next normal to cubmaster@pack436.com

- We will operate on a different model where all youth activities will only be held at the den level to maintain small groups, and activities will be held outdoors to the greatest extent possible. Meetings will be held in backyards, fields, trails, etc. only.
- Award recognition will happen at Den meetings.
- Pack activities will be online for adult coordination only with the exception of outdoor activities such as campouts and hikes when allowed by local regulations.