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Adventures in SCOUTING



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April-May Council Calendar

To help you prepare for the months ahead, we've created a new updated events calendar that highlights upcoming council events and their current status.

- ▶ All Scouting events postponed/canceled through **April 30**
- ▶ Council Service Center/Scout Shops closed through **April 30**

APRIL

4	STEM Discovery Day (Postponed to August 22)
15	Council Coordinated Meeting (Canceled)
17-19	Order of the Arrow Tornado Alley Rally (Virtual Event)
17-19	COPE-A-Palooza (Postponed to August 21-23)
18-19	Den Leader Outdoor Experience (Postponed to October 10-11)
19	Ten Commandments Trek (Canceled)
24-26	Wood Badge Course Weekend 1 (Postponed to fall)
25	Heartland Tree Alliance (Postponed to fall)
25-26	Wilderness First Aid Training (Postponed to fall)

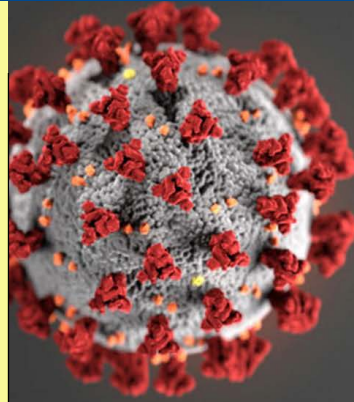
MAY

1-3	OA Spring Induction #1 (Postponed)
3	Scout Day at the K (Postponed until September 27)
8-9	Wood Badge Course Weekend #2 (Postponed to fall)
9	Dig Day (Canceled)
13	Council Recognition Banquet (Postponed to October 27)

View all Council Calendar Updates at www.hoac-bsa.org/council-calendar-updates



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SCOUTING UPDATE

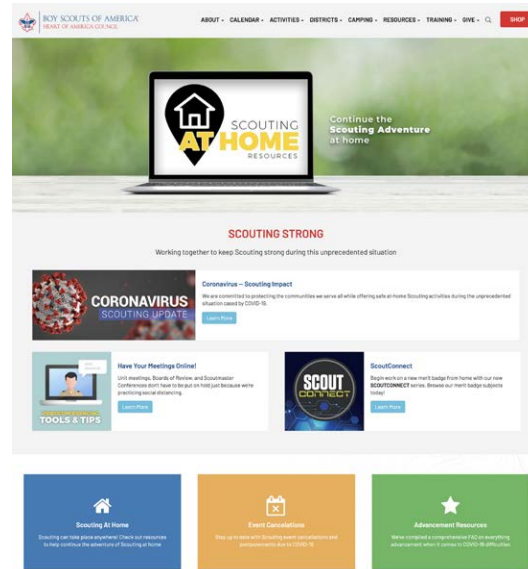
There is no doubt that the outbreak of COVID-19 has caused disruptions and concerns in our daily lives.

When it comes to Scouting, the health and safety of our families, staff and volunteers is our number one priority. Our council is committed to remaining proactive and will make decisions to protect the communities we serve all while continuing to offer at-home activities for our Scouts to enjoy throughout this unprecedented situation.

In accordance with Kansas City's "stay-at-home" order, along with guidance from local health officials, the Council Service Center and Kansas City Scout Shops will remain closed through at least April 30. All council and district events have also been canceled for the remainder of April as well.

When it comes to summer camp, our council's Risk Management and Camping committees are reviewing all scenarios daily in order to make the best recommendation possible for this summer's camping operations.

A decision on whether a camp will occur as scheduled will be made 30 days prior to the camp's scheduled start date. Should the start date be altered or canceled, that information will be communicated via email to all unit leadership, along with refund information, and will be posted on the council website.



To help communicate any and all Scouting updates during this ever-changing situation, we've also upgraded our council website with new easy-to-navigate resources. Tools like an up-to-the-minute calendar of cancellations, latest news blog and "Scouting at home" resources will help you keep Scouting all while practicing social distancing.

As Scouts and Scouters, it is our duty to be prepared and adapt to any situation. Scouting may look a little different than what we're used to, but across the country and in our own neighborhoods, Scouts are coming together to learn, grow and serve even while apart. With a foundation built on being prepared, Scouting in Kansas City remains strong and continues to prepare our Scouts for life. Please stay safe and keep Scouting!



SCOUTING **AT HOME** SPECIAL EDITION

As we've proven over the last few weeks, Scouting can take place anywhere, even from the couch! As Scouts, we're ready and able to adapt to any situation. To help, we've compiled a series of "Scouting at Home" resources so your family can continue the adventure without leaving home.



SCOUTS BSA



ScoutCONNECT

Begin work on a new merit badge from home from anywhere in the country through our new ScoutCONNECT series.

All pre-selected ScoutCONNECT online merit badges include a unique video

tutorial from a subject expert and digital worksheet.

There's no limit to how many badges you can take and we'll even connect you with a counselor after the guided tutorial. New badges are being released weekly so be sure to check back often.



58 Merit Badges to Begin at Home

Scouting Magazine has compiled a list of 58 merit badges that Scouts can begin work on and complete from home. Some may require special materials, but all are powered by determination and imagination!



Scouts BSA 30-Day Challenge

Introducing the 30-Day Scouts BSA Challenge, a great way to keep your Scouting skills sharp and begin the trail to Eagle without leaving home.

From Tenderfoot to First-Class, use these daily checklists as a roadmap to rank advancement.



Scouts BSA Adventure Bingo

Enjoy daily adventures with activities to "be prepared!" Download our Scouts BSA Adventure Bingo card and let the fun begin.

Each activity enhances the fun of Scouting and includes adventures from service project ideas to backyard camping challenges.





Fun At-Home Cub Projects

While the majority of public places are closed, Scouts can still meet virtually and serve others a number of ways. From gardening to trying out a new recipe, the possibilities of at home adventures are endless!

Scouting Magazine has compiled a list of FUN and “Cub approved” activities that can be completed at home.



Cub Scout Adventure Bingo

Enjoy daily adventures at home with activities to “be prepared!” Download our Cub Scout Adventure Bingo card and let the fun begin.

Each activity enhances the fun of Scouting ranging in adventures from developing healthy eating habits to art projects for the entire family.

STEM & SCIENCE



CUB SCOUTS



Cub Scout 30-Day Challenge

Take the 30-Day Cub Scout Challenge, a great way to keep your Scouting skills sharp without leaving home.

Packed full of adventure and elective requirements, use this daily checklist as a roadmap to rank advancement.



NASA @ HOME

Let your imagination run wild and shoot for the stars. From at-home crafts to puzzles, storybooks and more, NASA has assembled a TON of out-of-this-world activities and resources for your Scout to work on while at home.



STEM Scouts

Science, technology, engineering, and math have never been so much fun, especially when they join forces with Scouting! STEM Scouts brings fun and educational activities for kids to enjoy along with FREE experiments, video tutorials and more.



[Steve Spangler Science](#)

How about some great at home science experiments? Steve Spangler Science is featuring 50 Experiments in 50 Days along with science kits specifically designed and affordably priced to help you keep your kids engaged and learning while at home.



[6 Weird Science Experiments](#)

With just a few items nearly everyone can find at home, you can do amazing science experiments thanks to help from Boys' Life Magazine. Learn how to make a lava lamp, write with secret "ink" and more. Get set for science, learning and of course FUN!

OTHER RESOURCES



[Virtual Field Trips](#)

Scouting can truly take you places and now you can travel the world without leaving home. From Buckingham Palace to Mount Everest, we found 30+ FREE virtual field trips you can explore right now.



[Boys' Life FREE](#)

Take the adventure to your smartphone. For a limited time only, the BSA has released an entire year's worth of *Boys' Life* issues for FREE via their app!

Find projects you can create from home and stories that will take you on adventures all over the world.



[Scouting @ Home — Dan Beard Council](#)

Our friends at the Dan Beard Council are offer Scouting units and families opportunities to participate in activities from the comfort of home through new weekly videos.

Check out their "Scouting @ Home" video series with weekly updates and resources for every Scouting program.



[ScoutShare — Seneca Waterways Council](#)

Our friends at the Seneca Waterways Council are sharing Scouting from home resources via ScoutShare — an online community all about virtual activities. Discover great online hacks from Minecraft to remote meetings and more.

Search for inspiration now and browse their resource library.



Looking for more fun? We'll continue to publish new "Scouting at Home" resources weekly at www.hoac-bsa.org/scouting-at-home.



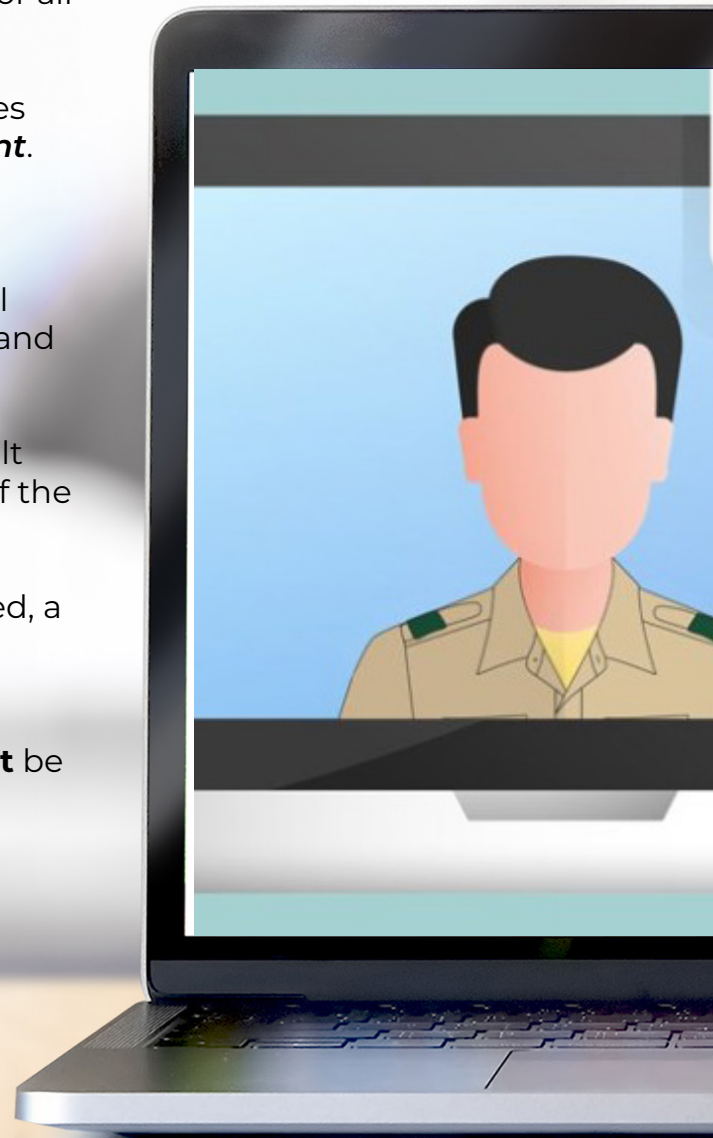
YOUR GUIDE TO **VIDEOCONFERENCING**

Unit meetings don't have to be put on hold just because we're practicing social distancing. Consider videoconferencing as a way to stay connected with the families in your unit. All you need is a free streaming service and be sure to follow the Guide to Safe Scouting.

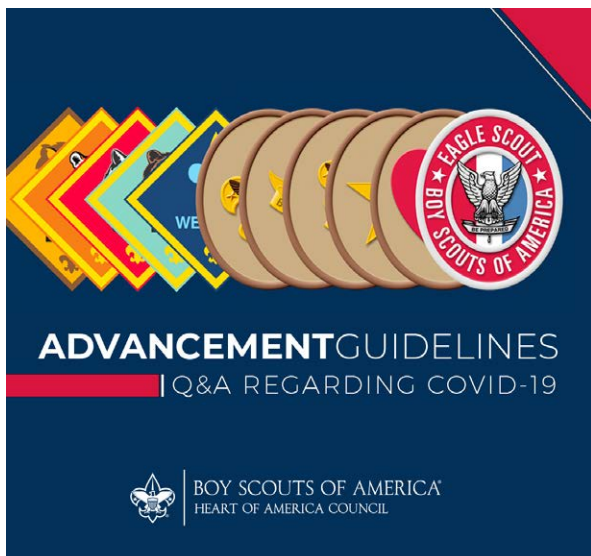
You can also use videoconferencing to conduct Boards of Review and Scoutmaster Conferences. Here are a few guidelines.

VIDEOCONFERENCING GUIDELINES

- Video Conferencing **is approved** by HOAC for all Boards of Review (including Eagle)
- A video conference must follow all guidelines outlined in the BSA's **Guide to Advancement**.
- Test **all equipment** prior to the conference.
- Make sure **everyone is visible** - including all members of the board of review, the Scout and any observers with the Scout.
- A **parent or guardian** or two registered adult leaders must be present at the beginning of the conference.
- Once the review process has been concluded, a parent or guardian, or two registered adult leaders, must **rejoin** the Scout.
- Video conference boards of review **must not** be recorded.
- FREE Videoconference platforms include **Google Hangouts, Zoom, Skype**



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Advancement Q&A

Even though you're Scouting at home, advancement is a huge part of the Scouting experience. It takes us all working together to implement creative, common sense ways to facilitate advancement all while adhering to the Guide to Safe Scouting and following the rules of Youth Protection training.

Here are a few of the top questions and answers we've received when it comes to advancement.

Q How can advancement be tracked remotely?

A Scouting units should use ScoutBook to record and track advancement.

To track advancement remotely, parents should:

- Connect with their child's member profile via an invitation that the unit leader sends within ScoutBook.
- Once a connection is made, the parent should use the Scouting app, found in both the App Store and Google Play, to stay connected with their unit.
- The Scouting app provides parents the ability to report any advancement that was completed at home.

Go to <https://help.scoutbook.com> to learn more about how to start using ScoutBook and how to connect parents to their Scouts.

Review our complete Advancement Q&A at www.hoac-bsa.org/advancement-guidelines-covid-19



CUB SCOUT GUIDELINES

Q May parents sign off on Webelos and Arrow of Light requirements?

A Yes. Through July 31, 2020, parents and other adults in the Cub Scout's family, may sign off on Webelos and Arrow of Light requirements. We strongly encourage that parents use the Scouting App or ScoutBook to record completion of their child's requirements.

Q If my den is behind in advancement due to COVID-19, can my Cub Scout continue to work on advancement through the summer?

A Yes. Cub Scouts can continue to work on their current den's advancement through July 31, 2020. This is to provide any additional time a Cub Scout needs to complete their badge of rank; if they earn their badge of rank prior to July 31, 2020, they may advance to the next rank.



SCOUTS BSA GUIDELINES

Q May merit badge requirements or rank requirements be modified?

A No. All requirements must be completed as written. If meetings or activities are canceled or limited, youth should continue to work on requirements as far as possible. By employing common sense and creative solutions, many requirements — even Scoutmaster conferences — can be fulfilled through videoconferencing or telephone calls.

Q May time missed due to canceled unit meetings count toward active participation and position of responsibility requirements?

A Yes. If youth are registered and in good standing, a disruption from COVID-19 virus can be the "noteworthy circumstance" that prevents participation.

Q Can councils grant extensions for Eagle Scouts?

A Normally, that is not allowed. However, due to the current situation — effective immediately and through September 30, 2020 — council Scout executives may grant extensions, or delegate authority to the Council Advancement Committee to grant extensions under the following limitations. All HOAC eagle extension requests may be emailed to Council Advancement Chair, Gordon Harton, gfharton@gmail.com.

Q Will youth who are not yet Life Scouts be allowed to apply for an extension to earn the Eagle Scout rank?

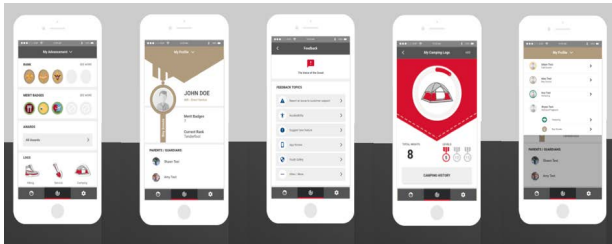
A Extensions are considered only for Scouts who are Life rank. If, once a Scout achieves Life rank, it turns out that COVID-19 disruptions along the way have left them with insufficient time to complete Eagle requirements, then this may be cited when the time comes to submit an extension request.

Online Resources to Keep Your Unit Connected Remotely



There's never been a better time to encourage Scouts, parents and leaders to take advantage of online resources that make Scouting remotely possible. Scouts and parents can download the Scouting App on both iPhone and Android devices to track their progress and access meeting plans and content.

Scoutbook is a powerful and FREE tool for leaders to keep the unit humming even when they can't meet in person. Learn more or sign-up at www.ScoutBook.com.



And the new Den Leader Experience within Scoutbook makes planning and running meetings a snap for Cub Scout leaders.

Gone are the days of juggling Den Leader Guides and other hard-copy resources. Now it's all right here in Scoutbook! Scoutbook makes planning your year, preparing for meetings and tracking advancement so much easier — and right at your fingertips!

Log-in today to access online Den Leader resources and even create digital meeting plans at www.scouting.org/landing/den-leader-experience/



Virtual OA Elections

Don't postpone your OA unit elections...go virtual instead!

Tamegonit Lodge is proud to bring you virtual unit elections this spring. Complete our request form and our Lodge leadership will schedule a consult time to get you up and running. We'll even join you live via webinar and walk you through your unit election without leaving home.



Submit your request today at hoac-bsa.org/oa.

Go Virtual

May Program Planning Fairs

As we look ahead to the coming months, it's imperative that we keep planning for our upcoming events. While we probably won't be meeting in person for our May Program Planning Fairs, that doesn't mean we can't connect. Be on the lookout for our special "Program Planning" edition of ScoutCastKC.

In production now, this special edition will be available at your May virtual roundtables and will include helpful planning tips, your first look at the updated Ideal Year of Scouting guides, new council calendar and more! Be on the lookout for this and more planning resources later this month!



Patron Luncheon Helps “Change Lives” in Kansas City



Featured Speaker, Terry Fossum

On March 5, the power and life changing impact of Kansas City Scouting was on full display at the Patron Luncheon — the Heart of America Council’s marquee fundraising event. Supported by chairman, Doug Price, our council raised more than \$700,000 in support of local Scouting programs. The “Scouting Changes Lives” themed event transformed the Kansas City Convention Center into a true Scout Camp experience complete with canoes and campsites.



Charlie Tetrick, Chairman of the Board

The event was highlighted by Eagle Scout, author and adventurer, Terry Fossum, who shared his amazing story of growing up in one of the poorest cities in America and how Scouting saved his life and propelled him to a decorated military career and the winner of a survival-based reality series.

Download the complete gallery of event photos and watch Terry’s inspiring presentation in its entirety at www.hoac-bsa.org/patron-luncheon.



Event Chairman, Doug Price and Director of Development, Haley Bowman



SCOUT SAVER

SAVE TIME FUNDRAISING...
SPEND MORE TIME SCOUTING

SCOUT SAVER UPDATE

In order to relieve stress from our leaders and to better support our Scouts, we are extending the Scout Saver sale through June.

We will also offer a number of “turn-in” opportunities: during business hours June 1-5, and on Saturday, June 6 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Council Service Center.

We are continually working to protect our Scouting community during this time and these plans may change as circumstances continue to develop. As always, please reach out with any concerns. We will gladly work with units through any special circumstances and will continue to send out updates.

HEART OF AMERICA COUNCIL EAGLE SCOUTS—FEBRUARY – MARCH 2020

BLUE ELK

Troop 1138	Kyler James Ginnings	Travis Guest, SM
Troop 1138	Keegan Alexander Yancey	Travis Guest, SM
Troop 1161	John Alexander Griffith	Freiley Heath, SM
Troop 1175	Peter Jewell Sullivan	Duane Wheaton Jr, SM
Troop 1255	Hudsyn Carl White	Osgood Brian, SM
Troop 1282	Devin Darnel Braswell	Scott Howell, SM
Troop 1310	Dylan Marcus Karren	Jon Trumble, SM
Troop 1332	Justin Charles Rainey	Douglas Farmer, SM
Troop 1332	Noah Edward Martin	Douglas Farmer, SM
Troop 1738	Seth Michael Trussell	Eric Wrinkle, SM
Troop 1763	Brennen Reid McClain	Douglas Allmon, SM

BIG MUDDY

Troop 1318	Gage Allen Ralston	Michael Adkins, SM
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GOLDEN EAGLE

Troop 1180	Kyle Scott Weeks	Howard Scott, SM
Troop 1180	Jacob Logan Laake	Howard Scott, SM
Troop 1214	Michael Edward Saye	Mark Mutchler, SM
Troop 1309	Clay David Clevenger	Denney Timothy, SM
Troop 1397	Kadin Wayne Mansfield	Darrin Reid, SM
Troop 1397	Van Allen McNutt	Darrin Reid, SM
Troop 1707	Jesse James Williams	Roy Fisher, SM

HIGH TRAIL

Troop 1195	Kyle Benjamin Moor	Clinton Swearingen, SM
Troop 1283	Logan Gross	Eric Zinser, SM

IRON HORSE

Troop 34	Connor Dean Cravens	Joshua Deibert, SM
Troop 83	Samuel Thomas Skelton	Kevin Bing, SM
Troop 83	Vance Jamison Thompson	Kevin Bing, SM
Troop 86	Austin Tyler Tonovitz	Stuart Adams, SM
Troop 86	Eric Theodore Murphy	Stuart Adams, SM
Troop 225	Harrison Connor Lemke	Ed Davey, SM
Troop 315	Brandon Scott Proberts	Kevin Gibson, SM
Troop 351	Cooper Robert Foltz	Mark Fix, SM
Troop 487	Kyle Ray Fleming	Samuel Hanlin, SM

KAW

Troop 169	Jared Allen Strong	Clinton Moore, SM
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PELATHE

Troop 53	Thomas Alan Martinez	John Rowland, SM
Troop 55	Xavier Benedict Murray	Gabrielson Eric, SM

PIONEER TRAILS

Troop 1024	Leo Christian Nash	Craig Scranton, SM
Troop 1084	Navan Patrick O'Bryne	Sean Obyrne, SM
Troop 1150	William Robert Roske	Christopher Delong, SM

SOARING EAGLE

Troop 218	Matthew James Wright	Jeff Smith, SM
Troop 222	Tate Christian Crain	Marcus Adinolfi, SM
Troop 324	Benjamin Stanford Fritz	Bredehoeft Kent, SM
Troop 396	Carson Edward Fowler	Rick Oddo, SM
Troop 449	Nirvan Silswal	Kohl Russell, SM
Troop 459	Alexander Nathan Johnson	Dennis Walsh, SM

SPIRIT TRAIL

Troop 1124	Nathaniel Anthony Kilgore	Leslie Moss, SM
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SHAWNEE TRAILS

Troop 93	Jurgen Josef Langedger	Myrl Wear, SM
Troop 181	Paul Robert Loughman	Edwin Smith, SM
Troop 257	Andrew Lawrence Schnake	Andrew Russell, SM
Troop 257	Matthew John Schnake	Andrew Russell, SM
Troop 284	Sean Xiaolin Reed	Andrew Rowland, SM
Troop 284	Blake David Joplin	Andrew Rowland, SM
Troop 284	Lucas Daniel Prendiville	Andrew Rowland, SM
Troop 387	Julian Andrew Duff	Blake Creagar, SM
Troop 387	William Walter Swan	Blake Creagar, SM
Troop 395	Truman Joseph Schupp	John Rodriguez, SM
Troop 401	Francis Scott Cooper	Bradley Cunningham, SM
Troop 401	Thomas Alan Delzeit	Bradley Cunningham, SM