

Announcements April 2, 2020

We will be holding Virtual Zoom Meeting tonight. To attend please visit Troop824.org and go to the virtual meetings tab and follow the directions. If your device requires you to install an app, please do so. Once you are ready to go, Click on Tonight's meeting and you will be connected. Don't wait until the last minute to install your app.



Favorite Camping foods survey – if you have not yet responded, please text Kendra with your Scout's favorite camping food choices 716-940-5265

Please send Mrs G any hiking or biking info you have been doing while at home. She will record in Scoutbook.

- ❖ The Bicycle Camporee has been postponed. More information will be sent as soon as we hear more.
- ❖ The KOA Campout in June is also on hold until we know how the Social Distancing rules change.

Community Service –

Call a family member who is at home.

Conservation oriented service – How about planting some trees? Or cleaning up your community?

Scouting for Food - the 3rd point of the Scout law tells us, a Scout is Helpful. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Greater Niagara Frontier Council BSA is taking action to ensure that Scouts remain safe, while the Good Turn for America: Scouting for Food program goes on. As it's needed more than ever, Scouting for Food will be moving this year to an online cash donation format. Instead of standing in front of grocery stores we will be working directly with FeedMore WNY and asking for monetary donations.



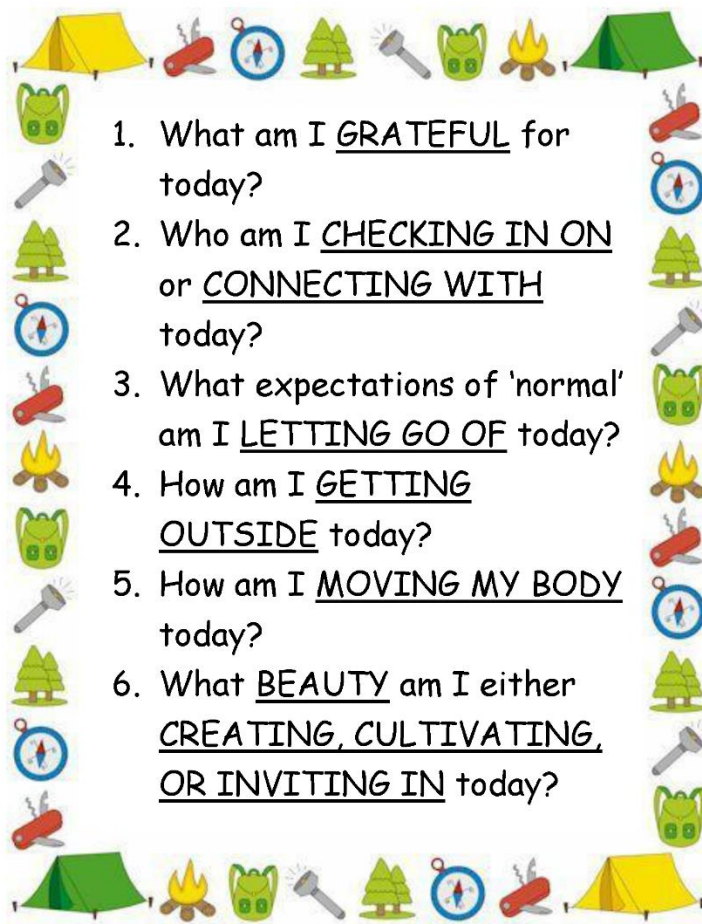
Monetary donations are preferred by food banks for several reasons. Cash is easy to organize, there's no overhead associated with it and food banks can often buy more food at wholesale prices with cash. Through the Scouting for Food online donation program, you'll be able to support our neighbors in need through 300 member agencies throughout Cattaraugus,

Chautauqua, Erie and Niagara counties. Our member agencies include emergency food providers such as food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters.

The fight against hunger begins with YOU. When you donate to a fund drive for Food Bank of WNY, you provide nourishment and hope to your hungry community members. No gift is too small, no effort is too little. Every dollar donated makes a difference in the lives of our WNY neighbors in need.

When donating please enter into the notes section: “[Boy Scouts COVID-19 Fundraising Campaign](#)”. This will allow us to see how much our Scouts raise to feed our communities. Also please let Mrs. Gaynor know if you have participated so she can record your efforts into Scoutbook.

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Work on Merit Badges While Home!

As always discuss your interests in a merit badge with your Scoutmaster and receive your Scoutmaster's approval before starting one. Your Scoutmaster should supply you the name of a Merit Badge Counselor.

It is time to choose your merit badges for summer camp. Mrs. Gaynor has emailed each Scout who still needs to make choices. Please email Mrs. Gaynor with your choices or call Mrs. Gaynor directly if you have any questions.

Bird Study Merit Badge – Many of you have begun the Bird Study Merit Badge

We have offered 2 activities with work toward the Bird Study Merit Badge (Cave of the Winds, Req # 7 and Birdhouse building Req #8)

Scouts may work on requirements 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 at home. Work can be turned in via email to Mr. Gaynor

Scouts who missed the Cave of the Winds and the Birdhouse building will need to also complete requirement 7 & 8.

Gardening Merit Badge – Victory Gardens!

What a perfect time of the year to start the Gardening Merit Badge! Stores are short of supplies. We can grow our own food and flowers this summer! Scouts are encouraged to “Grow an extra row” to donate to the community members in need. Mrs. Gaynor will be happy to work with any interested Scouts. Read through the Gardening Merit Badge and put together your plans. Please request a Blue Card from your Scoutmaster if you are interested.

Cooking Merit Badge

Cook for your family. This is a great time to work on the Cooking at Home portion (#4) of your Cooking Merit Badge

Family Life – Mr. Sorge

Personal Management - Mrs. Gaynor

Personal Fitness - Mrs. Gaynor

We have been working on these 3 merit badges as a Troop. If you have finished any of the requirements please let the MB Counselor know. You can review the requirement and get it signed off. Please let Mrs. Gaynor know when a requirement is complete so she can record it in Scoutbook.

Troop 824 Virtual Contest Winners!

Congratulations to our Winners

“The North Face” make the most words winner – Simon

Virtual Camp site Contest

The Best Campsite and tastiest food – Henry

The Most Artistic – Abi

The Most Creative – Trevor

