

## Announcements April 23, 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. You or your parents will receive the new password via Remind and as an email message. 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. I have not received this information from many of you!

*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. They are trying to get it scheduled for the weekend of October 16-18. 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 – (Has anyone done any community service? This is an important part of Scouting. As Scouts we strive to give back to our community.

- What have you been doing?
- How have you given service?

*Call a family member who is at home.*

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

*Face Masks – Sew a face mask ( or multiple face masks) to use or donate.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9QrW4zljMwY>

## **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 you plans. Please request a Blue Card from your Scoutmaster if you are interested.

[Cooking Merit Badge](#)

Cook for your family. We have a great opportunity to complete some of the Cooking Merit Badge requirements at our Troop Virtual Campout this weekend. Go to the Troop 824 website/Merit Badges/Cooking/Getting Started/Special Cooking Merit Badge Adapted Version While at Home

If you cook Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner using a different cooking method (and following the planning required in the Cooking Merit Badge requirements) you could complete requirements 4, 5, & 6 !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Family Life – Mrs. Gaynor

Personal Management - Mrs. Gaynor

Personal Fitness – Mr. Sorge

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.

**SPECIAL COVID PATCHES AND BADGES** – We have posted 2 special opportunities to earn collectible Covid-19 patches and badges.

- The 4 point challenge (Troop website under Activities)
- Social Distancing Merit Badge (Troop website under Merit Badges)



Both of these are for fun and collecting (not for your sash). They would be a very special addition to your patch collections for historical reasons and might be fun to trade at some time in the future!

LINKS FOR JOKES THAT COULD BE USED DURING A CAMPFIRE PROGRAM

<https://jokes.boyslife.org/topics/scouting-jokes/>

<https://boyscouttrail.com/boy-scouts/boy-scout-jokes.asp>

### Greater Niagara Frontier Council Virtual Camporee



The Greater Niagara Frontier Council invites you to our 2020 Virtual Camporee! All Scouts, Scouters and their Families from all Boy Scouts of America Councils are welcomed to participate and join us in the weekend long fun!

The \$5 family registration fee will help support local Scouting programs and properties in the Greater Niagara Frontier Council. Each Family that takes part in our Camporee will receive one (1) Camporee Patch, extra patch's will be available at \$5 each.

Register at the link on the wnyscouting.org calendar for May 15<sup>th</sup>.

# Troop 824 Virtual Campout

## April 24-26



- Fri 6:00pm Check-In and Technology Check  
Fri 7:30 Opening/Advancements/Skits  
Fri 8:30 Review safe hiking, clothing, ticks, traffic, weather – Review 5 mile hike plans  
Plan all meals prior to Friday night and have supplies ready. Gather all other supplies needed prior to Friday night (firewood, ropes, etc.)  
“Camp out” can be tent/living room... Just no bed

### Campfire/Closing (Lights out 10:30 pm)

- Sat 7:00 Rise and Shine – Clean up your “camping area”  
Sat 8:00 Turn on Technology and make Breakfast using pre planned meal – Cook-Eat-Clean Up  
Sat 9:30 5-mile hike/take pictures to share  
Fitness and outdoors are a part of Scouting and while you are social distancing and Scouting at Home you can participate in our 5 mile hike.

So how does it work? You can choose any path you would like to use as long as you are following social distancing guidelines. ▪ Discuss weather during hike.

A Scout is Trustworthy. You do not have to prove you hiked 5 miles. But you could take some pictures of your hike to share with us on our Zoom meeting.

For the Scouts who need their Cooking Merit Badge Trail Cooking requirement (Requirement # 6) you may plan your meal and make it for your family while on your hike.

### When you return from hike

Make lunch, use different method of cooking than breakfast ▪ Cook-Eat-Clean Up

- 1:30PM Rank and Advancement activities  
Leave No Trace  
How to choose camp site  
Tenderfoot First Aid – have older Scouts assist  
Poisonous plants. / how to treat/ how to reduce risk  
Knots- Square/taut line/2 half hitches  
How to collect fuel and build fire ▪ Build a fire (on ground, in fire pit, in grill, in fireplace)  
5:00PM Dinner, use different method of cooking than breakfast or lunch  
Cook-Eat-Clean Up  
6:00PM Closing Campfire - Songs, Skits, Awards  
Turn Off Technology

## **Rank and Merit Badge opportunities during our Virtual Campout and Social Distancing restrictions**

### **Scout Rank requirements (help can be found in your Scout handbook)**

- 1a. Repeat from memory the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout motto, and Scout slogan. In your own words, explain their meaning.
- 1b. - Explain what Scout spirit is. Describe some ways you have shown Scout spirit by practicing the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout motto, and Scout slogan.
- 1c. - Demonstrate the Scout sign, salute, and handshake. Explain when they should be used.
- 1d. - Describe the First Class Scout badge and tell what each part stands for. Explain the significance of the First Class Scout badge.
- 1e. - Repeat from memory the Outdoor Code. In your own words, explain what the Outdoor Code means to you.
- 1f. - Repeat from memory the Pledge of Allegiance. In your own words, explain its meaning.
- 4a. - Show how to tie a square knot, two half-hitches, and a taut-line hitch. Explain how each knot is used.

### **Tenderfoot rank requirements (help can be found in your Scout handbook)**

- 1b. – Virtual patrol or troop campouts via video conferencing will be permitted.
- 2a. – During the same day as your virtual patrol or troop campout, assist in preparing one meal with the help of those with whom you live. Tell your patrol or troop why it was important for each person to share in meal preparation and cleanup.
- 2b. – During the same day as your virtual campout, demonstrate the appropriate method of safely cleaning items used to prepare, serve and eat a meal.
- 4d – BEFORE YOUR 5 MILE HIKE – Assemble a personal first-aid kit to carry with you. Tell how each item in your kit would be used.
- 5a. – Explain the importance of the buddy system as it relates to your personal safety on outings and in your neighborhood. Verbally commit to following the buddy system on your next troop or patrol outing.
- 5c. – Explain the rules of safe hiking, both on the highway and cross country, during the day and at night.
- 7b. - Participate in a total of one hour of service. (Help others during our Covid quarantine )

### **Second Class rank requirements: (help can be found in your Scout handbook)**

- 1a - Since joining Scouts BSA, participate in five separate troop/patrol activities, at least three of which must be held outdoors. Of the outdoor activities, at least two must include overnight camping. These activities do not include troop or patrol meetings. On campouts, **spend the night in a tent** that you pitch or other structure that you help erect, **(indoors or out for our Virtual Campout)** such as a lean-to, snow cave, or tepee.
- 1b. Explain the principles of Leave No Trace and tell how you practiced them on a campout or outing. This outing must be different from the one used for Tenderfoot requirement 1c.
- 1c. On one of these campouts, select a location for your patrol site and recommend it to your patrol leader, senior patrol leader, or troop guide. Explain what factors you should consider when choosing a patrol site and where to pitch a tent.

### **Virtual patrol or troop activities via video conferencing will be permitted.**

- 2e. On one campout, plan and cook one hot breakfast or lunch, selecting foods from MyPlate or the current USDA nutritional model. Explain the importance of good nutrition. Demonstrate how to transport, store, and prepare the foods you selected.
- 3b. – Using a compass and map together, **plan** a 5-mile hike approved by your adult leader.
4. – Evidence of wild animals can be demonstrated with information or photos found online.

**First Class rank requirements: (help can be found in your Scout handbook)**

1a – Since joining Scouts BSA, participate in 10 separate troop/patrol activities, at least six of which must be held outdoors. Of the outdoor activities, at least three must include overnight camping. These activities do not include troop or patrol meetings. On campouts, spend the night in a tent that you pitch or other structure that you help erect, such as a lean-to, snow cave, or tepee.

**Virtual patrol or troop activities via video conferencing will be permitted.**

2a Help plan a menu for one of the above campouts that includes at least one breakfast, one lunch, and one dinner, and that requires cooking at least two of the meals. Tell how the menu includes the foods from MyPlate or the current USDA nutritional model and how it meets nutritional needs for the planned activity or campout.

2b. Using the menu planned in First Class requirement 2a, make a list showing a budget and the food amounts needed to feed three or more.

2c. Show which pans, utensils, and other gear will be needed to cook and serve these meals.

2d. Demonstrate the procedures to follow in the safe handling and storage of fresh meats, dairy products, eggs, vegetables, and other perishable food products. Show how to properly dispose of camp garbage, cans, plastic containers, and other rubbish

2e. – On the same day as your **virtual campout**, serve as the cook. Supervise your assistant(s) in using a stove or building a cooking fire. Prepare a meal planned in First Class requirement 2a. Supervise the cleanup.

4a. – By drawing, computer software, or other **virtual** methods, plan an orienteering course that would cover at least one mile. Explain why measuring the height and/or width of designated items (tree, tower, canyon, ditch, etc.) is helpful. Explain how you would complete your course using a real map and compass.

4b. – **Scouts do not need to follow their route.**

5a. – Evidence of native plants can be demonstrated with information or photos of your local area found online.

5b. Identify two ways to obtain a weather forecast for an upcoming activity. Explain why weather forecasts are important when planning for an event. 5c. Describe at least three natural indicators of impending hazardous weather, the potential dangerous events that might result from such weather conditions, and the appropriate actions to take. 5d. Describe extreme weather conditions you might encounter in the outdoors in your local geographic area. Discuss how you would determine ahead of time the potential risk of these types of weather dangers, alternative planning considerations to avoid such risks, and how you would prepare for and respond to those weather conditions.

9a. – Visit and discuss with a selected individual approved by your leader (for example, an elected official, judge, attorney, civil servant, principal, or teacher) the constitutional rights and obligations of a U.S. citizen. **Visit may take place virtually or by phone.**

9c. – On a Scouting or family outing, take note of the trash and garbage you produce. Before your next similar outing, decide how you can reduce, recycle, or repurpose what you take on that outing, and then put those plans into action. Compare your results. Outings can include past or future plans.

10. – Invite the potential new member to a virtual meeting or future activity using video conferencing.

Cooking Merit Badge requirement 4,5 & 6 can be worked on during out Virtual Campout

Hiking Merit Badge – 5 mile hike can count toward the Hiking Merit Badge

Bird Study Merit Badge – Req. #5 , Observe and identify at least 20 species of wild birds. Document what you see....