

Announcements April 30, 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.

Advancement Zoom meetings are still being held Tuesday and Saturday evenings at 7pm. Join through the Zoom link on the Troop 824 webpage.

Scout advancement may be viewed in Scoutbook. (again, please remember to look but don't touch the records in Scoutbook. All completed work should be forwarded to Mrs. Gaynor.

Work on Merit Badges While Home!

CONGRATULATIONS Vincent Ciraolo for completing his last Merit Badge necessary for Eagle Scout Rank.

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



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)
Must be in the mail by May 15th.
- 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 sometime in the future!



[Go to scouting.org/scoutingathome/](https://www.scouting.org/scoutingathome/) for some other great Scouting activities offered through the National BSA

Camp Merz is closed for the summer

**ALLEGHENY HIGHLANDS COUNCIL, BSA
HAS SUSPENDED IN-PERSON SUMMER CAMPS FOR 2020**

Heartbreaking but we must keep the health and safety of our Scouts, leaders and staff as our main priority! We will have some exciting new events in the future! We will be back bigger and stronger than ever!

FULL SUMMER CAMP REFUNDS WILL BE EITHER PLACED INTO SCOUT ACCOUNTS OR REFUNDED TO EACH FAMILY.

Please let Kendra know which you would prefer.



The Boy Scouts of America National Camp-In Takes Place This Saturday!

This event is open to everyone, so be sure to invite friends and family! Full list of events announced Thursday.

Presented by the Boy Scouts of America
Streaming live on Facebook

May 2, 2020 beginning at 11am EDT

<https://www.scouting.org/campin/>

FIND US ON FACEBOOK

Our schedule will include:

Camping tips and tricks

- Camping hacks from adventure pros
- Easy camp-style recipes you can make indoors or out

Physical Fitness and Community Service

- Virtual 5K benefiting Feeding America
- Warmups and at-home exercises led by Paralympic gold medalist David Blair

Skill development

- STEM fun and a Q&A session with Steve Wozniak, co-founder of Apple Inc.
- Moviemaking merit badge for all! Make your own movie outline and storyboard and get a behind-the-scenes virtual movie-set tour from Hollywood costume supervisor Jessica Pazdernik. Live Q&A with Director/Producer Francis Lawrence, Costume Supervisor Jessica Pazdernik, and Producer Shannon McIntosh.
- Camp-In campsite competition. Build your camp-in campsite ahead of time or do it with us during the event.
- Hear from a NASA astronaut

Virtual Campfire

- Skits and songs from Scouts across the country

Greater Niagara Frontier Council Virtual Camporee May 15-17th



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 15th.

If the registration fee is a hardship for your family please email GNFC@wnyscouting.org.

Thank you for your continued support of Scouting and staying active during these challenging times.

Camporee Schedule (Subject to Change, a full detailed schedule will be sent to all families that register):

We are asking everyone who takes part in our closing campfire to make a homemade video of a Skit or Song. Details will be provided by email to all families that register.

FRIDAY EVENING

- 6:00 - 6:15 Campers Log In
- 6:15 - 6:30 Opening Announcements, review events for the weekend
- 6:30 - 7:30 Campers Setup campsites (backyard, porch, in house, any place but in their own bedroom)
- 7:30 - 7:45 Campers prepare snacks for campfire (popcorn, chips, s'mores beverages etc.)
- 7:45 - 8:20 Cub Scout Campfire
- 8:30 - 9:15 Scouts, BSA Campfire
- 9:30 - 10:30 Free Family time, families could play a board game, watch a family movie etc.
- 10:45 Lights out

SATURDAY

- 8:00 - 8:45 Breakfast at your Home Campsite
- 8:45 - 9:00 Morning Flags/Announcements
- 9:00 - 11:30 Cub Scouts Virtual Activities
- 9:00 - 11:30 Scouts, BSA Outdoor Activities
- 11:30 - 1:00 Lunch at your home campsite
- 1:00 - 4:00 Cub Scouts Outdoor Activities
- 1:00 - 4:00 Scouts, BSA Virtual Activities
- 4:00 - 5:00 Free Time
- 5:00 - 6:00 Dinner at you Home Campsite
- 6:15 - 6:30 Closing Flags/Recognition
- 6:30 - 7:00 Vespers/Scouts Own
- 7:30 - 8:30 Closing Cub Scout Campfire
- 8:30 - 9:30 Closing Scouts, BSA Campfire
- 9:30 - 10:30 Free Family time, families could play a board game, watch a family movie etc.
- 10:45 Lights out

SUNDAY

- 8:00 - 8:45 Breakfast at your Home Campsite
- 8:45 - 9:00 Closing Flags/Announcements
- 9:00 - 10:00 Campsite/Latrine Clean Up



Face the Challenge - BSA National Jamboree 2021

The truth is that young people can achieve more than they believe is possible. Scouting uniquely prepares its members to redefine their boundaries, push past them and emerge from the experience with the confidence that no matter the challenge, they can meet it.

Nothing is impossible for the prepared young person — no future is out of reach for a group of committed people who care.

It's important to signal that the limits people perceive are self-imposed, and that with an embrace and application of the 12 points of the Scout Law and three points of the Scout Oath, there is a bright and positive future.

Participants in the 2021 National Jamboree will learn that character is created when you achieve more than you thought possible.

When: July 21 to July 31, 2021

Where: Summit Bechtel Reserve (SBR) National Scout High Adventure Base in Glen Jean, West Virginia

Cost: \$1,995

Scouting's flagship event is one-of-a-kind. It's a gathering of tens of thousands of Scouts, leaders, and Jamboree Service Team members that showcases everything that is great about the Boy Scouts of America. Over the course of 10 summer days, once every four years, the Boy Scouts of America gathers together. Scouts and Scouters who attend will explore all kinds of adventures—stadium shows, pioneer village, Mount Jack hikes, adventure sports and more—in the heart of one of nature's greatest playgrounds. With 10,000 acres at the Summit to explore, there's no shortage of opportunities to build Scouting memories.

National Jamboree is the best of Scouting rolled into 10 days of friends, fun and adventure! You won't want to miss out, get ready to Face the Challenge and sign up to attend the Jamboree!

Youth Participant Qualifications

- **MUST** have a current BSA membership.
- **MUST** be at least 12 years of age by the first day of the Jamboree but has not reached their 18th birthday by the last day of the Jamboree.
- Be approved by the unit leader and local council.
- **MUST** have appropriate parent/guardian to complete the online parental consent. (An email will be sent to the parent/guardian during the application process.)
- Participate in pre-Jamboree training experience with local council and unit leader.
- Submitted BSA Annual Health & Medical Record using the on-line Jamboree submission process. The AHMR must be dated on or after July 1, 2020.
- Submit all registrations fees per the local council's payment schedule.

For more information and to register visit: <https://jamboree.scouting.org/>



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March 19, 2020

Dear Scouting Colleagues, Members and Families,

We have been closely monitoring the news of coronavirus (COVID-19) and the difficult position it has placed on all of us.

Due to these unique and extreme circumstances, the National Jamboree Department is extending the deadline for Jamboree Scholarships to May 31, 2020 to support both council marketing efforts and those youth that may be hampered by unprecedented restrictions. We are here to offer support to you and your council's efforts regarding Scouting's largest celebration. If you have any questions email us at 2021jamboree@scouting.org.

Sincerely,

Glenn Ault – Jamboree Chairman
Daniel V. Busby - Director National Jamboree

<https://jamboree.scouting.org/scholarship-letter/>

Check out our Troop Facebook page [Scouts BSA Troop 824](#) for pictures from our Virtual Campout last weekend.

