

Announcements June 11, 2020

Advancement Zoom meetings are still being held Tuesday 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.)

We are offering Merit Badge Programs from other Councils. Go to our Web page and explore. Once you have decided to explore and earn one of these badges, contact your Scoutmaster and get an electronic Blue Card and a local Counselor for that badge. Once you contact that counselor, and get approval, follow the linked video and complete the badge requirements.

Work on Merit Badges While Home!

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!



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.

Scouts BSA Troop 824 Virtual Fishing/Conservation Campout

Friday June 26, 2020 6:00PM – Sunday June 28, 2020 12:00PM Noon)



Campout Highlights:

Your Chance to Earn:

Fishing Merit Badge

Fly Fishing Merit Badge

Fish and Wildlife Merit Badge

Complete Angler Award

Fishing Derby Saturday – 7AM – 12PM (Noon) Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd Largest Fish (by length)



Your Chance to Work On:

Hornady Awards

Selected Scout, Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, and 1st Class Rank Advancements (A spreadsheet will be sent to your Scoutmaster with a list of all the advancements that were covered in the Campout.)

Announcing the 2020 Virtual Interfaith Week hosted by the National Religious Relationships Committee of the Boy Scouts of America.

June 29th-July 5th via Zoom and this Facebook Page.

Classes: We have over 60 class sessions, social media challenges, a family trivia night, and more scheduled for the week. Participate in the items that are of interest to you by registering for a ticket to just those classes.



Informational Packet: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1e-osy-Ftw8a0-FosYEFXpOtNrFiWPtM/view?usp=sharing>

Registration: Please register once as a family unit for all the classes you want to take. Since we are using Zoom, we need to know how many devices are going to join each class session. Example: Johnny and Julie are doing the same class at lunch time, but won't share a device, equals two registrations for that class. If they will share a device, we only need one registration.

Registration Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2020-virtual-interfaith-week-tickets-107549782294>

YOUNG BRAVES SUMMER ADVENTURE (YBSA)

PROGRAM FEATURES: (3) 45-60 Minute Sessions per Week. Topics include Camping, Cooking, Fishing, Woods Tools, Fire Building, Wilderness Survival and so much more!

DATES: 7/20/2020 - 8/17/2020

COST: \$115 including 1 Free Merit Badge Registration



Program Contact: Chris Matthewson | Chris@gnfccamps.org

YBSA has been created to benefit the traditional 1st to 3rd-year camper at Scout BSA Camps. We're concentrating on topics that can be addressed virtually for the Scout to First Class Ranks. Also included are some other fun additions to that program including special guest appearances along the way.

One of our primary goals of this virtual program show is to help our Arrow of Life's and families transfer easier into Scout units, as we know they are missing that valuable first-year summer camp. We're striving to help our younger Scouts build confidence in their abilities and to help our valuable leaders carry on the Scouting program.

This program will run from 7/20 to 8/17. 45-60 minute segments will premiere three times each week. In addition, once weekly we'll provide a "live interactive" segment with our staff. Once segments premiere, they will be accessible at your convenience anytime. We hope you all will join us in helping keep the Light of Scouting lit this summer, though we cannot meet in person. See you at the Young Braves Summer Adventure!

Full Program Guide Coming by 7/1

Registration Link | Opens 6/12

Cost: \$115 including 1 Free Merit Badge Registration

Go to: <http://www.wnyscouting.org/camping/2020-summer-camp/73077> for more information.