Council Roundtable

Monday, February 8, 2021
Opening
Agenda

• Community Resources for Fun Activities
• How to Keep Advancement Happening Outside the Meetings
• Priming the Pump for PLC Planning
• What is Scout Sunday?
• Upcoming Council Events
Community Resources for Fun Activities

• You and your scouts don’t have to plan every event from scratch. Many local organizations hold fun events at which your scouts can learn fun new skills.
• Council send out information on many such events through the Constant Contact emails.
• Events featured in the last month include:
  – Upcoming Virtual Cub Scout Camporee (2/12)
  – A virtual museum tour of the Scouting related paintings by Norman Rockwell
  – A Facebook Live event with an FDNY officer who is an Eagle Scout
• In addition to these events, people from many community organizations are great resources to use as guest speakers.
How to Keep Advancement Happening Outside the Meetings

• Cubs:
  - Creating a packet to be dropped off at the scouts house.

• Scouts BSA:
  – Many of the things your scouts are already doing complete requirements for merit badges. School work and activities at home can be counted for advancement.
  – Some of examples include:
    • Reading MB req. 3: “Read four different types of books…”
    • Scholarship MB req. 1: “Show you your school grades have been an average of B or higher for one term, or show that they’ve improved from one term to the next”
    • Pets MB req. 1: “Present evidence that you have cared for a pet for four months.”
    • Dog Care MB req. 4: “For two months, keep and care for your dog”
      – Note, can’t use same period of time for Dog Care and Pets
    • Home Repairs MB: Reqs. 2-6 all involve fixing things around the house

Source: https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/merit-badges/
Swimming Requirements During COVID

From BSA’s COVID FAQ site:

“Swimming remains a major health and safety concern and cannot be abandoned by Scouts BSA. With that in mind, the Swimming rank requirements for Second Class (5b) and First Class (6a) may be deferred until each Scout’s next rank, as necessary (through Life, but not Eagle).

This temporary deferment will allow Scouts to advance in rank up to, and including Life Scout, but not beyond. All other rank requirements must still be earned to advance. When conditions warrant and upon direction from the National Council, these requirements will be reinstated with 30 days’ notice to our Scouting family via Workplace, Bryan on Scouting, Scouting Wire, social media, and any other means determined appropriate.”

Note: this exemption does not apply for merit badges or cub scout awards or the Second and First Class swimming requirements which can be done on land.

Source: https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-faq/#advancement
Priming the Pump for PLC Planning

• All Scouts BSA troops should have their scouts heavily involved in planning their meetings events, but sometime the scouts have a hard time brainstorming ideas.

• It is our job as adult leaders to help “prime the pump” to get the ideas flowing.

• One good online source for meeting activities is

  – https://troopresources.scouting.org/activities-index/
Scout Sunday

Each year on Feb. 8, the Boy Scouts of America celebrates its birthday. It’s a date officially known as Scouting Anniversary Day.

But this is more than an excuse to eat an extra s’more and celebrate another year of Scouting and adventures. It’s also when packs, troops, crews and ships honor a Scout’s “duty to God.”
Scout Sunday

Through a trio of faith-based celebrations known as Scout Sunday, Scout Sabbath and Scout Jumuah, young people give back to the chartered organizations that give them so much.

Each one is an opportunity for Scouts to publicly demonstrate the 12th point of the Scout Law: **A Scout is Reverent.**

That might mean an act as simple as wearing the full field uniform to worship services, either in-person or virtually.

*However you choose to celebrate, it’s essential this year to do so safely.*
History of Cub Scouting

https://youtu.be/ogc94pF1U5U
Commissioner’s Corner

• Brought to you by our new Council Commissioner, Kevin Van Keuren
Upcoming Council Events

- February 19, 2021 – Virtual Cub Camporee
- SAT/ACT Classes
- Mystery Hike
- Sagamore Council University
- Scout Sunday Information