Voyageur Trace District

Virtual Meet-In’
May 13, 2020

Pledge of Allegiance
THE SCOUT OATH
On my honor
I will do my best
To do my duty
to God and my country and
to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people
at all times;
To keep myself
physically strong,
mentally awake, and
morally straight.

THE SCOUT LAW
A Scout is
trustworthy,
loyal,
helpful,
friendly,
courteous,
kind,
obedient,
cheerful,
thrifty,
brave,
clean,
and reverent.
What’s Up With…

- Activities
- Advancement
- Camping
- Training
- Membership
- Finance

Join the conversation. Use Chat to ask questions

Activities

- What are the proposed activities?
- Troop 24 Experiences
- Other Pack, Troop, Crew Experiences
- Do Virtual Activities Work?
2020-2021 District Activity Dates

- Aug 12, 2020: Voyageur Trace District Kickoff (tentatively at St. Barbara’s)
- Sept 11-13, 2020: Des Plaines River Valley Rendezvous — tentative
- Oct 10, 2020: Earth Rocks—Webelos Event at Vulcan Quarry
- Oct ??, 2020: Possible Scouts BSA Fall Camporee with Arrowhead District Palos Area Forest Preserve
- Nov ??, 2020: PTAC/Chicago Food Depository Food Drive — planning stage
- Jan 23, 2021: Scouts BSA Klondike Derby at Bemis Woods South
- Feb 6, 2021: Cub Scout Polar Prowl at Bemis Woods South
- Mar 6, 2021: Scouts BSA First Aid Meet
- Apr 17, 2021: Scouts BSA Adventure Day VII
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Riverside Troop 24 during Shelter-in-Place

- Phase I [April]: rank advancement [Scout & Tenderfoot + miscellany]
- Phase II [May]: EDGE via video or in-person demonstration
- Throughout: merit badge workshops, Scoutmaster Conferences, Boards of Review

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Advancement

- Temporary Advancement Rules
- Virtual Merit Badge Classes
- Eagle Scout Process
- Eagle Coordinators
- Merit Badge Counselor Training & Registration

Temporary Advancement Rules

COVID Updates

- Scouts BSA (May 7, 2020)
  https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/
- PTAC COVID-19 Advancement Information (May 4, 2020)

Council canceled all in-person events through May 1st, 2020
**Temporary Advancement Rules**

*Scouting at Home:*
- [https://www.scouting.org/scoutingathome/](https://www.scouting.org/scoutingathome/)
- [https://scoutingwire.org/scouting-at-home-web-conference-from-march-26/?fbclid=IwAR2quqNd7kmBO833IouJpiGMQmvcl-3dvoqe7J0GdEiYm1aC7xLoMIHtwIA](https://scoutingwire.org/scouting-at-home-web-conference-from-march-26/?fbclid=IwAR2quqNd7kmBO833IouJpiGMQmvcl-3dvoqe7J0GdEiYm1aC7xLoMIHtwIA)

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**Virtual Merit Badge Classes**

1. Troop merit badge counselors.
2. PTAC on-line merit badges – See PTAC schedule online. (Over 1,300 scouts as of 5/11/2020) [https://scoutingevent.com/456-ScoutingOnline](https://scoutingevent.com/456-ScoutingOnline)
3. Other Councils (vetted by a parent or scout leader).
4. Avoid classes found on social media or run by individuals.
Virtual Merit Badge Classes

5. Merit badges counselors should be comfortable with the technology needed to safely (YPT) and effectively teach the course.

6. Youth Protection Training
   a. **Follow all YPT rules!** No one-on-one contact on video, e-mail, chat, or text.
   b. **Prevent hackers ("Zoom bombing")** Use passwords, waiting rooms, lock meeting, mute all, limit desktop sharing to presenter.

Virtual Merit Badge Classes - Hints

- Merit badge counselor list sent to every troop.
- Partial merit badges are ok.
- Limit class size (5 to 10).
- Learn the tool before teaching the class and have the scouts practice the tool early. Open up class before start time – Zoom.US, Microsoft meetings, WebEx, Google Classroom, etc.
- Send the access codes just before the class starts.
- Require pre-registrations.
- Scouts should do more prerequisites than in-person merit badges. Review those materials before the sessions. Communicate requirements and format ahead of time.
- Use Scoutbook rather than blue cards. Merit badge counselor can email Scoutmaster or Advancement Chair on partial or full requirements.
Eagle Scout Process

- Electronic signatures accepted until September 30th, 2020.
- On-line board of review are approved.
- Email to DEC and troop committee chair all paperwork (project book, life ambition statement, photos, signatures).
- Pre-meeting with board of review members to cover 1. Online meeting setup and 2. Discuss letters of recommendations sent to DEC and shared via screen share with the board.
- A candidate’s parent should be present for YPT but not participate.
- The DEC should put the scout in the “waiting room” if using Zoom or have the scout logoff when discussing the review before approving the scout.
- Approved paperwork sent to PTACAdvancement@gmail.com
- PTAC Advancement Committee reviews all extension requests (close to 18yo)

VT District Eagle Coordinators

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Voyageur Trace District Master Brochure 2019_08_13
http://www.pathwaytoadventure.org/media/upload/Voyageur%20Trace/VT%20Master%20Brochure%202019-08-13%20R3.pdf
**PTAC - MBC Training and Registration**

Registration: contact Mary Demski (630) 487-3355 Mary.Demski@Scouting.org

Requirements:
1. Adult Application
2. Merit Badge Counselor Application
3. Youth Protection Training Certificate

Training:
- My.Scouting.Com – “Scouts BSA Merit Badge Counselor Training” course

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**Camp Status**

PTAC has canceled all 2020 Summer Camp Programs

- Fees will be fully refunded
- High Adventure report
- How was the BSA Camp-In?
- Order of the Arrow update
Training

- Info on training courses.
- Update Youth Protection Training
- Take advantage of online training, especially Weather Hazards
- New and improved online training

Membership

- Spring Recruiting
- Webelos Arrow of Light
- Fall Recruiting
Spring Recruiting

Official PTAC Spring Recruiting mostly canceled.
Did any Packs engage in a spring recruiting campaign or activities this year?
- How many signed up?
- Applications turned in?

Webelos Arrow of Light

Have all 5th Grade Webelos completed Arrow of Light?
Did Crossovers occur before stay-at-home order?
Are there Packs/Troops that have not had Crossovers?
Are there Webelos who have not joined Troops?
“Webelos Draft” will take place in August this year.
Fall Recruiting

- “Race into Scouting!” (aligns w/popcorn theme)
- VT Kickoff – August 12 (will have materials by then)
- Use Geofencing
- “Youth Talks” – September 7-11
- “Join Week” – September 14-18
- Recruitment Incentives – STEM/Lego Car
- Unit Incentives – 5 new Scouts + registered NMC earns Pinewood Derby Cars for whole Pack
- Adventure Day – October 3 (TBD)

Finance

- Fall Popcorn Sale
  - New Vendor
  - Fuel the Adventure
- Friends of Scouting
- Impact on Unit Fundraising
Commissioners

- Sharing Information
- Virtual Detailed Assessments
- Ideal Year of Scouting
- Do you know your commissioner?

If not, send a Chat with your email and unit.

Questions/Comments