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In the Year of the Ox



2021 Is Coming...

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Please submit your comments, feedback or suggestions to [:japb@mindspring.com](mailto:japb@mindspring.com) Please include “Three Rivers Post” in the subject.

The intent of this newsletter is keep leaders informed and provide resources needed to support the mission of BSA Scouting.



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Scout Slogan

“Do a Good Turn Daily”

Adult Leader Recognition!

2021 Recognition

The Chinese New Year will be the year of the Ox (February 12th). Oxen are hard workers in the background, intelligent and reliable, but never demanding praise. These traits are very similar to our Scout Leaders, who work very hard in the background, intelligent and reliable without any expectation of praise.

Recognition is not to be confused with praise. Recognition is important to you and your Unit. Our Youth notice your recognition and it instills in them a desire to be recognized, it promotes learning/advancement within the unit. We lead by our example.

You are important to us, and we would like to recognize you for your hard work and dedicated service to Scouting and your unit. Each year around February-March time period the District host an Award Banquet (District Banquet). This is our opportunity to recognize you and your fellow scout leaders for your commitment to scouting by being trained leaders, setting the example as an adult leader in your position, and for your service to others in scouting and our community. There



are so many adult leader awards to list, but you can find them here on our website.

Help us to help you, by keeping up with your progress and keeping us informed – we NEED to recognize you for all that you do for Scouting. If you have completed and would like to be recognized please contact Mark Lundgren for the training awards and Aaron Tews for the other leader awards. Contact information can be found on our website under District Committee.

Do you recognize any of the knots on the right? If you could pick just one, which one would it be any why? For me, I would pick the religious knot over all the others. The first duty in the scout oath is “Duty to God”.

Reference:

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[Adult Leader Recognition](#)

[GAC Three Rivers District Committee](#)

[Bryan on Scouting](#)



Safety—COVID-19 Update

The New Year and COVID-19.

2021 is a few months away and it looks like we're going to bring COVID-19 into the new year with us for a few months. Operation Warp Speed was developed by the U.S. government with public and private partners, to facilitate and accelerate the development, manufacturing, and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines. Operation Warp Speed was announced on May 15, 2020. Currently several COVID-19 vaccines are in development, with phase 3 clinical trials being conducted for all but one. The first doses are expected before the end of 2020 for high risk people. Planning for a large scale distribution of the vaccine is underway. "Be-Prepared" to mask-up for a few more months into the new year and follow BSA reopening checklist/protocols.

The year 2020 has been a challenge for Scouters around the world, a challenge that they faced like hard working oxen moving at a steady slow pace, always heading forward to meet any and all obstacles in their path. A result of this hard work, several intelligent leaders working in the background have put together resources to aid us in re-opening our units in a safe

manner, putting the outing back into scouting. Checklist and protocols provided by BSA National for our use with our Chartered Organization to safely reopen is referenced below.

Lets welcome 2021 and prepare our units for an exciting adventure in Scouting!

Reference:

[CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

[BSA Restart Scouting Checklist](#)

[Operation Warp Speed](#)

[COVID-19: Are You at Higher Risk for Severe Illness?](#)

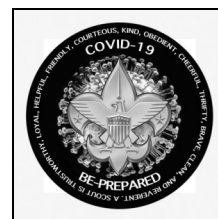
[Are you in the high risk category?](#) You might be surprised to see what is on the list found on the CDC website.

Coping with Covid-19

[Series of Videos:\(Scouting.org\)](#)

1. [Message from BSA's National Director of Program](#)
2. [Time with Your Kids](#)
3. [Handling Stress Around Children](#)
4. [Guiding your Kids Through Disappointment](#)
5. [Assessing Mine and My Family's Mental Health](#)

6. [A Special Message to Grandchildren](#)
7. [Dealing with Signs of Loneliness and Anxiety](#)
8. [Recognizing Signs of An Abusive Relationship](#)
9. [Conflict With Not Going Out](#)



COVID-19 Patch (Limited Edition)

Checkout those that have earned this patch. ([Click Here](#))

We have exceeded our Goal of 1000 Service Hours and trying to hit 2000 before the end of the Pandemic.

Its not too late to earn this patch but supplies are limited and time is running out.

Scouting around the World

WOSM

The World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), of which the BSA is a member, is divided into six regions: Africa, Arab, Asia-Pacific, Eurasia, Europe, and Interamerica.



The Councils are the National Area Council, Transatlantic Council and Far East Council.

The World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) is a confederation of more than 170 National Scout Organizations with over 50 million members worldwide. It was formed to encourage the expansion and development of Lord Baden-Powell's dream throughout the world by promoting unity and the understanding of Scouting's purpose and principles.

Messengers Of Peace

Launched in September 2011, Messengers of Peace is a global initiative designed to inspire millions of young men and women in more than 220

countries and territories to work toward peace. Using social media and other Scouting networks the initiative lets Scouts from around the world share what they've done and inspire fellow Scouts to undertake similar efforts in their own communi-

ties. The initiative is inspired by the World Scout Committee, administered by the World Scout Bureau, and driven by youth volunteers worldwide.



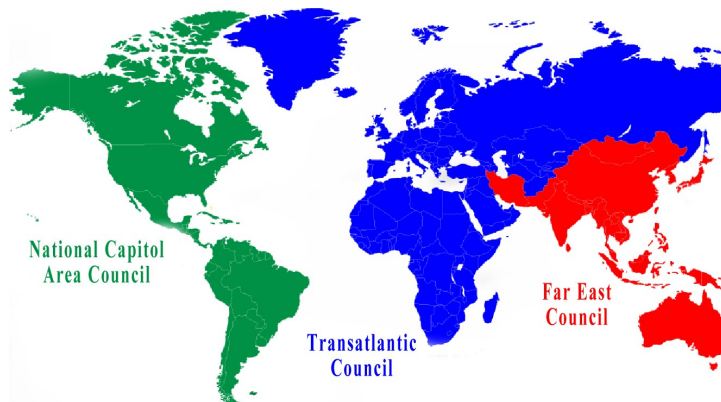
Messengers of Peace

a field of action. Select useful knowledge, skills and ideas to apply.

3. Do: Plan your actions, execute, monitor, evaluate and report.

4. Share: Share what you did, your experiences, outcomes and

learnt lessons.



*information from: scout.org/messengersofpeace

Earn your Messengers of Peace Award

You can earn the Messengers of Peace badge in 4 steps:

1. Inspire: Explore and research about local problems, people in action and good practices.

2. Learn and decide: Identify your motivation and talents. Choose

Reference

Scouting.org

International

Messengers of Peace

Educational Activities while at Home

Scouting @ Home

[Scouting At Home](#)

Resources available to units and Scouters on activities that can be done while at home.

Lots of helpful links. If you have your own set of links please share (japb@mindspring.com)

December Roundtable

At the December Roundtable, our District will host a Wild Beast Feast! This fun event serves multiple purposes and is designed to be fun and social. It gives unit leaders and committee members the opportunity to meet in-person the District Leadership, and it also serves as our Re-charter Turn-in Night.

The event is a pot luck of food with a “beast” theme; attendees bring beast (cooked meat of some type) or a side dish (like potato salad) to share with everyone. All those who attend can compete in the Wild Beast Competition to win the prestigious Best Beast Award!

Meet your District Committee and learn what they have planned for the upcoming year and learn about what the committee does to support your unit.

Reference: ThreeRivers1BSA.org



A Scout is Helpful

A Scout is helpful. A Scout cares about other people. A Scout willingly volunteers to help others without expecting payment or reward.

The Scout Oath states “to help other people at all times”.



BSA Mission Statement

(Reference: [Guide to Advancement 2019](#))

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

The Aims of Scouting

Every Scouting activity moves young people toward the basic aims of: character development, citizenship training, leadership, and mental and physical fitness.

What a young person learns to do is important, but not as important as the primary goal:

General Resources

[Age-Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities](#)

This chart provides an at-a-glance reference to activity guidelines that are based on the mental, physical, emotional, and social maturity of youth members.

[Guide to Safe Scouting](#)

The *Guide to Safe Scouting* is the unit leaders' guide to current policies and procedures.

[The Sweet 16 of BSA Safety](#)

As an aid in the continuing effort to protect participants in Scout activity, the BSA National Health & Safety Committee have developed 16 points that embody good judgment and common sense for all activities.

[Health and Safety News](#)

The Health and Safety Service provides periodic updates for Scouting leaders on a variety of relevant health- and safety-related topics.

Youth Protection

Resources for the [Cub Scout](#), [Boy Scout](#), and [Venturing](#) programs.

[Youth Protection Information](#)

