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I hope you enjoy this issue. Please let me know what you think and, more importantly, what you want to see in a newsletter. You can reach me, Jeff White, at [jeffwhite@gmail.com](mailto:jeffwhite@gmail.com). You can also catch me online on Facebook at the [Delmi Scouting Units](#) Facebook group.

Yours in Scouting,

Jeff White

#### Council Reopening Update

Good news! We are beginning to reopen the Golden Burke Scout Center starting on May 18. The Indy Scout Shop's modified hours are listed [here](#). Please note that we will be allowing 10 customers into the Scout Shop at a time. We insist that all visitors, volunteers and families wear masks at all times while in the building. Our staff will be conducting health assessments on ALL arriving persons and may restrict access to the building pending results. Pre-order and curbside pick-up are still available and highly encouraged. We look forward to seeing you!

# Important Updates

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## Finishing Spring 2020 Year:

- <https://www.crossroadsbsa.org/activities/scouting-at-home/> - this link will provide documents, outlines, ideas, and Adventure electives for your Cub Scouts to complete while they are at home. Each rank (grade) has their own specific Adventures that can be taught and followed along with in their Handbook.
- National BSA has extended the deadline for all Cub Scouts to achieve their Rank Advancement requirements by July 31<sup>st</sup>. Typically, and moving forward, the deadline to achieve the Cub Scout Rank is at the end of the school year. With the changes in school access and restrictions, National BSA has extended this to the end of the summer for 2020 only.

## Scouting at Home Resources:

- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe-XrFDQiwD2uaJoj9m01jw> - this is the link to the Crossroads of America Council YouTube page. There are Scout Skills and activities being posted Daily to keep your Scout active with new adventures and challenges.
- <https://www.crossroadsbsa.org/districts/del-mi/> - this link will take you to the Del-Mi District website. Under **Forms & Resources** you will find lots of opportunities to incorporate Scouting from home.

## Camp 2020 Live Event:

The Crossroads of America Council is excited to launch our [Cub Scout Adventure Boxes](#) and our virtual [Scouts BSA 2020 Summer Experience](#).

**Join us for a live event about these two unique experiences.**

At this event you will learn more about our [Cub Scouts Adventure Boxes](#) filled with nearly everything a Scouting family needs to complete five elective Cub Scout Adventures at home and kick start their Cub Scouts advancement to the next rank this summer.

You will also learn about our [Scouts BSA 2020 Summer Experience](#), where each week Scouts will virtually participate in unique experiences, facilitated skill-building session, merit badges and more, all lead by dedicated Ransburg staff.

Three dates and times to choose from. Click a link below to join an event.

[Wednesday, May 20, 2020](#)

[6:30 PM - 7:00 PM](#)

<https://bit.ly/35UQC8u>

[Thursday, May 21, 2020](#)

[7:00 PM - 7:30 PM](#)

<https://bit.ly/35UQFRI>

[Tuesday, May 26, 2020](#)

[6:30 PM - 7:00 PM](#) <https://bit.ly/2yIGTWO>

# UNIT ACTIVITY GUIDANCE

As you're aware, we have suspended in-person scouting activities since mid-March, following the lead of the school systems in which we operate. With many area schools finishing their academic years in May, and given Governor Holcomb's loosening of the restrictions on social gatherings, scout units are wondering how they should proceed with meetings and activities this summer.

According to guidance from Council, once school is out, units should then follow all state and local mandated restrictions concerning the virus, including social distancing, number of people congregating, etc. In addition, units should converse with their chartered organization to ensure understanding of and compliance with any additional guidelines or procedures required by that entity, and to confirm support for resuming scout activities in the current social environment. As long as units stay within governmental and chartered organization restrictions and use good judgement to ensure that all scouts stay safe and avoid infectious circumstances, scouting activities may resume in June. Special care should be taken to address situations of potential close contact such as carpooling, tenting arrangements, games, etc. Of course, the situation may change again, and if so, we will adjust and communicate any new guidance.

Crossroads of America Council is posting information regarding the COVID situation, including summer camp cancellation, FAQ's, and other relevant information, on their website: <https://www.crossroadsbsa.org/announcements>. Please check this site often for the latest news and updates.

The Back On Track Indiana plan proposed by Governor Holcomb can be found here: <https://www.backontrack.in.gov/2348.htm>. Units MUST follow these restrictions when conducting Scouting activities.

Questions about individual circumstances will likely arise. We will try to work through them as they occur. Please remember that the safety of our youth and our adult leaders is of highest priority. As always, we strive to offer the best scouting program that we can while ensuring the health and well-being of all involved.

## 2021 National Jamboree

### Wednesday, July 21 through Friday, July 30 at the Summit

The Crossroads of America Council is excited to begin our formation of contingents to the 2021 National Jamboree, to be held at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve. The 2021 theme is "Face the Challenge":

*Face the Challenge. 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 Scout Jamboree will learn that character is created when you achieve more than you thought possible.*

**Registration is open for all youth participants.** Scouts must be at least 12 years and a First Class Scout by the departure date, and be under 18 years for the duration of the trip.

[Register Today](#)

## FireCrafter Updates

### RITUAL UPDATES

Midsummer Ritual has been canceled. We will continue to evaluate other ritual plans to ensure that we consistent with the guidance from our council and our government.

### ADVANCEMENT UPDATES

**Webelos Camper and Firelight:** We are currently developing programming that will be able to be utilized by individual packs to enable Cub Scouts to advance through the Webelos Camper and Firelight.

**Camper and Woodsman:** We will be offering a virtual program that will allow Scouts to advance through Camper and Woodsman. Further information pending.

**Firecrafter:** We will not be offering a online version of the Firecrafter rank. We will evaluate whether there will be other options later in the summer. Troops approved to run the Lone Troop Program will be able to offer Firecrafter rank advancement, but there may not be a ritual offered this summer. Scouts have the option to attend future rituals.

### CENTENNIAL UPDATES

Centennial activities are postponed until further notice. We will be celebrating our centennial once we are able to safely do so. We are currently evaluating how to handle members who have paid for the 2020 VIP. Watch your email for further announcements once decisions have been made.

# Cub Scout Adventure Boxes

The Crossroads of America Council is proud to excited to design and launch our Cub Scout Adventure Boxes. Each rank specific box is filled with nearly everything you need to complete five elective Cub Scout Adventures at home and kickstart your Scouts advancement to the next rank this summer.

Within each box you will find a copy of the Scout Oath and Law, and other assorted items which will help you to complete the adventure requirements at home as a family. Items may include craft kits, magic sets, and other small science equipment which makes shopping for supplies unnecessary. Each box also comes with activity specific written and video instructions so you can easily participate with your child. Each Adventure Box is designed for one child and will be available for limited contact pickup at Camp Belzer in Indianapolis or shipped directly to your home after June 1st.

While these boxes are geared toward members of Cub Scouting, the activities involved are fun and available for all children! The adventures that come with each box will vary and a sample is below.

## Tiger Adventure Box - Going into First Grade

- Curiosity & Intrigue
- Floats & Boats
- Good Knights
- Rolling Tigers
- Sky is the Limit

## Wolf Adventure Box - Going into Second Grade

- Grow Something
- Collections & Hobbies
- Finding your Way
- Motor Away
- Germs Alive

## Bear Adventure Box - Going into Third Grade

- A Bear Goes Fishing
- Beat of the Drum
- Forensics
- Marble Madness
- Robotics

## Webleos & Arrow of Light Adventure Box - Going into Fourth or Fifth Grade

- Adventures in Science
- Castaway Adventure
- Into the Wild
- Into the Woods
- Yo-Yo Adventure

Each Adventure Box cost \$55 with an optional SWAG bag that includes patch, t-shirt and bag for \$20.

To order, please visit: <https://scoutingevent.com/160-adventurebox>



# Scouts BSA 2020 Summer Experience

Hosted and Facilitated from The Banks of Lake Monroe

We're in this together! Though we may be apart, we are proud to present a summer experience as we never have before. Continue your Scouting journey with us through advancement opportunities, summer camp traditions, merit badge programs, challenges, experiments, adventures, and so much more! Our intrepid team of facilitators and educators will deliver content and instruct from Ransburg Scout Reservation outside of Bloomington, IN through a variety of formats, platforms and media.

## What to Expect

We will meet Monday through Friday during your session, with program offerings designed for all Scouts BSA members. Content will be a combination of interactive live content and engaging videos delivered through a dedicated online platform. Exciting content **will be delivered by some of your favorite summer camp counselors!**

For us, this is a chance to teach, mentor, guide, and enable our Scouts in ways perhaps we've never considered. Together, our Summer Experience Team will bring you high quality and dynamic content **developed specifically for this program.** Our instructors are experienced staff members, including several year-round educators.

Most importantly, we believe the foundational values found in the Scout Oath and Law are more important during this time than ever before. Together we'll keep the fire of Scouting burning bright in the best ways we can: in our hearts, our minds, our backyards, our kitchens, our neighborhoods, and through fellowship with fellow Scouts. We'll also stay active and have a ton of fun, which is essential to good Scouting. Hone your skills, dare to step outside your comfort zone with friends from your Patrol, your Troop, or around the country. Rise to meet the challenge as Scouts have always done by being prepared and resilient, being prepared through adventure, and being prepared for life.

## Sessions and Cost

June 8-12, 2020	June 15-19, 2020	June 22-26, 2020	June 29-July 3, 2020	July 6-10, 2020	July 13-17, 2020
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Cost is \$100 per Scout, for one session. Any Additional Session is \$95 per Scout.

Cost includes a patch, instruction and course materials distributed through a digital platform. For some Merit Badges, additional supplies may be necessary or recommended.

## Communications Questions & Support

A parent and leader meeting will occur during the week of May 25<sup>th</sup> with a specific date to follow via email. One week prior to your Scout's experience they will receive a pre-experience preparation packet via email. This will include a materials list and important information so that both you and your Scout are prepared for their experience.

To Register, please visit: <https://scoutingevent.com/16-2020experience>

If your Scout needs financial assistance to participate in this program, please email: [smarron@crossroadsbsa.org](mailto:smarron@crossroadsbsa.org)

Questions regarding this program should be directed to: [summerexperience2020@ransburgbsa.org](mailto:summerexperience2020@ransburgbsa.org)

Would you rather talk to via phone? We understand! Here's how you can reach us:

Before June 1<sup>st</sup>, Please Call: 317-813-7123 After June 1<sup>st</sup>, Please Call: 812-837-9423

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## OA Virtual Unit Elections

The National OA Director has approved lodges to hold virtual unit elections through July 1, 2020. Due to the cancellation of many induction events, candidates that were elected February 1, 2019 through July 1, 2020 will have 24 months from the date of election to complete their ordeal. The following resources have been put together so that lodges may effectively implement virtual elections which are found [here](#).

The following guidelines should be followed in order to conduct virtual unit elections:

1. The Lodge and Council leadership must approve of units holding virtual unit elections.
2. The unit leader must agree to a virtual election.
3. The Lodge Unit election team and the appropriate forms/videos must be able to be presented to unit members. (This assumes the use of some type of online meeting technology)
4. The unit leader should continue to validate those eligible for elections.
5. A means to confidentially collect votes for eligible unit members must be available and used. NO OPEN VOTE COUNTING IS TO BE ALLOWED.
6. Conduct your election in accordance with the Election to Ordeal process outlined on page 23 of the Guide for Officers and Advisers which can be found [here](#).

If you have any questions, please reach out to [membership@oa-bsa.org](mailto:membership@oa-bsa.org).

## Popcorn Commitments

- Trails End and the Crossroads of America Council are beginning to take commitments for the 2020 Fall Popcorn Sale. This is the Number 1 way to fund your Cub Scout Pack for next year, and we have a great team put together at the District and Council level to help you along the way. We ask that every unit please fill out the Sale Commitment Form, which can be found at this link: <https://crossroads.trails-end.com/>
- All Cub Scout Packs will sell popcorn unless unit-money earning applications for other fundraisers are filled out and submitted to Eddie by May 31<sup>st</sup>. Let me know if you need this application for additional fundraising for your unit.
- Starting next Monday (4/20/2020) there will be a weekly reminder and campaign to get all units committed to the popcorn sale. Save your unit the additional emails and sign up today! Unit leaders or popcorn kernels should be the ones committing the unit.
  - Please note that the Commitment website only works using Firefox or Google Chrome internet servers.

**Action Needed: Register your unit for the 2020 Popcorn Sale through the website link above.**

## Adopt-a-School Program

Community service serves as one of the pillars of the Scouting experience. As the world changes, the need for community service still exists and the need grows every day. Through the Boy Scouts of America and Adopt-a-School program, we can help alleviate this need through Scouting units partnering with their local schools throughout Indiana!

**We invite you and your Scouts to participate in a service project on Saturday, August 8, 2020.** Adopt-a-School projects proactively build relationships with your Scouting program and your local school. Scouts learn the importance of giving back while taking ownership and pride for their school.

Connect with your [district civic service chair](#) or your [district executive](#) to help assist you with planning, project ideas and scheduling.

[Register Your Unit](#)

[Submit Service Hours](#)