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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. You can also catch me online on Facebook at the [Delmi Scouting Units](#) Facebook group.

Yours in Scouting,

Jeff White

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Important Updates

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Del-Mi District Round Table - Via Zoom

Time: Thursday, Jul 9, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87909972717?pwd=dG9FQnJjTGxMxZ1c1QmFKd3R6c1BGZz09>

Meeting ID: 879 0997 2717

Password: 104437

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](#).

NOTE: election team of OA members & adults from another unit conduct it.

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.

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.

2021 National Jamboree

Join 40,000 other Scouts at the 2021 National Jamboree to be held at The Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia from July 21-July 30, 2021. Crossroads of America Council will take a contingent of 200 Scouts and adult leaders to **Face the Challenge!**, participating in exhilarating adventures like whitewater rafting, shooting sports, zip-lines, rock climbing, mountain biking, and more. This is a great opportunity to meet scouts from around the council and across the country while doing activities that scouts love. For more information or to register, visit <https://scoutingevent.com/160-2021NationalJamboree>. Our hope is to have all slots filled by the end of this summer, so act now to reserve your spot. Volunteers are happy to visit your troop meeting to provide more information and to answer questions.

Cub Scout Pack Checklist

Have you...

<input type="checkbox"/>	Registered for Popcorn https://www.trails-end.com/unit-registration?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Signed up for Adopt a School https://www.crossroadsbsa.org/adopt-a-school/?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Completed Unit Membership Plan (due June 19 th)?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prepared your budget and calendar?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ordered any last adventure boxes needed? https://scoutingevent.com/160-adventurebo
<input type="checkbox"/>	And finally, Made your Family Friends of Scouting Pledge (we need everyone to fill one out regardless of gift!) https://www.crossroadsbsa.org/fos/?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Continued scouts working on Rank? Cub Scouts can continue to advance on their rank from this past school year up until July 31 st . Also, parents can sign off on Webelos and Arrow of Light requirements (not just Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear) during that time as well.

Scout Troop Checklist

Have you...

<input type="checkbox"/>	Registered for Popcorn https://www.trails-end.com/unit-registration?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Signed up for Adopt a School (you can choose a local intermediate, middle, or high school or help a local cub scout pack)? https://www.crossroadsbsa.org/adopt-a-school/
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prepared your Budget and Calendar?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Signed up for Scouts BSA Summer Experience? https://scoutingevent.com/160-2020experience
<input type="checkbox"/>	And finally, Made your Family Friends of Scouting Pledge? (we need everyone to fill one out regardless of gift!) https://www.crossroadsbsa.org/fos/

Getting Back to Scouting

Here we are...coming up on July. Soon we (residents of the state of Indiana) can start meeting without restrictions on the size of the gathering. A lot of scouts, scout parents, and scout leaders have anxiously awaited the time some semblance of scouting life could return. Though we do not have in-person camp, we leaders can now start having activities that exist outside of Zoom.

In planning our activities we must remain vigilant. We must do our part as leader to [mitigate the spread](#) of communicable disease. With scouts, we will need to constantly remind our scouts about social distancing, washing hands, using hand sanitizer, and follow recommendations from our district as conditions change.

Also in planning our activities, there are additional things to consider. What is your Charter Organization comfortable with you doing? Some may say go right ahead and scout on. Others may have reservations about returning to in-person meetings or activities. Like it or not, that is the prerogative of the charter org.

Another thing to consider is "What are your scout families comfortable with"? In my troop, not all families are comfortable with returning right now to in-person scouting. Each family has to decide that. It is not ours to decide that for them. Some may have at-risk family members in their household. It could be that just part of your unit is willing to meet. You should reach out to each family and gauge their comfort levels (we did so with Zoom in order to reach all of those parents who had concerns).

Sometimes you can do a mixture of in-person and online. We have had a couple meetings now where we Zoom-Conferenced (if that is a term) the meeting. Recently we were at Holland park having a meeting on proper hiking equipment. Those who could not meet in person participated online. It is stuff corporate America has done for years when the business spanned multiple locations. Luckily the Mobile Zoom app makes this easy (even when in the middle of a park).

So you are ready to meet in person and your charter org is on board and most if not all of your parents are okay with it? What do you do now to keep scouts safe and follow the Guide to Safe Scouting? First, educate your scouts. Teach them about proper hand washing, use of facemasks, use of hand sanitizer, and social distancing.

At the event (or meeting) actively encourage social distancing, use of facemasks, etc. Enforce no-fever guidelines for attendance. Also, plan outdoor events if possible. COVID has a lower transmission rate outdoors when combined with social distancing.

Get back to scouting. Our events this year will not be exactly like before; but scouting survived the Spanish Flu, World Wars, etc. Those events all impacted scouting as has COVID. Yet, scouting persevered.

Be sure to send in pics of your events to be featured in future issues of this newsletter. We would love to see what fun your unit is having.

Units Rising Above During COVID Restrictions



Pack 129 held a virtual Hot Wheel race when, due to Covid, they could not meet in person.



P116 leaders cleaned out their entire storage!

Fishers Troop 205 could have been like a number of units around the country and let the current crisis negatively impact their participation in scouting activities. You can't really do much as scouts when you cannot get together....right? Wrong!!!

Troop 205 has been running weekly Zoom calls with excellent attendance. They have 49 registered scouts and generally have 30-40 each week on the call. And their committee has continued to meet (online) uninhibited by not being able to meet in person.

One of their Eagle candidates has not let the current situation slow him down. Instead he completed a project of creating over 800 much-needed masks and he was able to involve a large portion of the Troop 205 families.

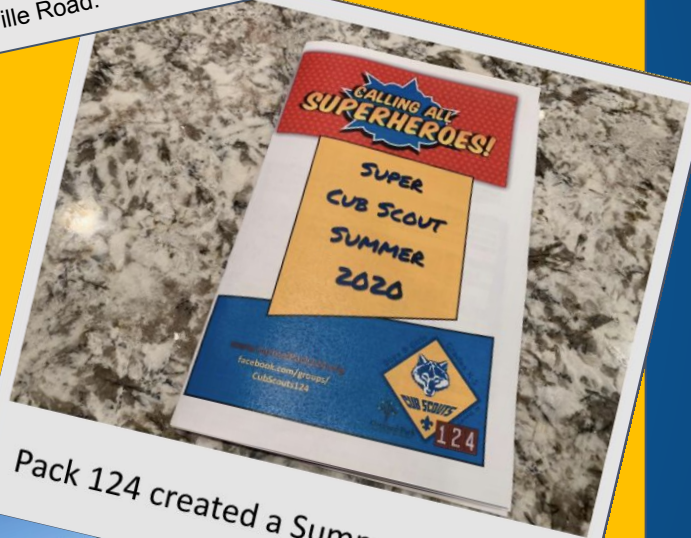
With such an amazing project completed, you would probably wonder what more could they do without meeting in person. Well, service is such an important part of being a scout and this is no less true for Troop 205 despite the obstacles. One of their scout families recently did a service project at a Flat Fork Creek Park and was even recognized in the paper for doing so.

Well done Troop 205. Keep up the great work!! In a time that makes many lament over what cannot be done, you show us what CAN be done.

About Troop 205: Troop 205 is located in Fishers, Indiana, and is chartered by Christ's Community Church located at 13097 Allisonville Road.



Pack 124 posted signs in the yards of scout who earned a new rank.



Pack 124 created a Summer guide



Cub Scout Box Pick-up

Thank you to ALL our units that have kept the fire burning at home these past few months.

