

Del-Mi Cub Leader Conference Call

3/18/2020 – 6:30pm

News

Below are the links being used to update and communicate with Scouting families and supporters:

- <https://www.crossroadsbsa.org/announcements/>
 - o All updates relating to COVID-19 and any postponements to Council or District events will be posted here. Other useful information already exists in this webpage.
- <https://www.crossroadsbsa.org/districts/del-mi/>
 - o Del-Mi specific updates
 - All documents, ideas, best practices that we collect from our unit leaders will be placed under the “Forms & Resources” section of the Del-Mi webpage
- <https://www.facebook.com/BSACrossroads/>
 - o For daily Scout skills, tips, resources, and to stay updated on Crossroads of America Council’s messaging, please visit the CAC Facebook page. You do not have to have a Facebook account to view the resources, postings, etc.
 - o Use #CACImpact as much as you can to help all of our Scouting families stay connected as we find new ways to bring the Scouting program into our daily lives. #CACImpact can also be used on Instagram or Twitter if those are the social media avenues your Pack decides to use to communicate.

Unit Communication

Next, you will see a variety of different options that may help your Pack with communication. Whether that be a Committee meeting or a Den meeting, the options below have been suggested as viable options to use to communicate:

- **[Freeconferencecall.com:](https://www.freeconferencecall.com/)**
 - o Free, easy to set up, hosts ~25 people before issues begin, no time limit
- **[Google Hangouts:](https://www.google.com/join/)**
 - o Easy to use, no time limit, allows up to 10 participants

- **Zoom:**
 - o Great features, 40-minute time limit, allows up to 100 participants
 - o (For \$14.99 a month it eliminates the 40-minute limit....limit is 24 hours)
- **Skype:**
 - o Good stability, four-hour time limit, allows up to 50 participants
- **UberConference:**
 - o Excellent video quality, 45-minute time limit, allows up to 10 participants
- **Microsoft Teams:**
 - o A lot of companies have adopted this. Can host screensharing, at least 20 participants at a time, no time limit
- Cisco & Microsoft are both offering free web-conferencing tools. If interested, follow links below:
 - o <https://help.webex.com/en-us/WBX000025111/How-Do-I-Sign-Up-for-a-Cisco-Webex-Meetings-Free-Plan>
 - o <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/blog/2020/03/05/our-commitment-to-customers-during-covid-19/>

When communicating, we also need to remember our Youth Protection training and 2-Deep Leadership policies we abide by as Scouters. A couple of points to consider:

- o YPT - Videoconferencing:
 - Start the call with acknowledgment of the parent in the room with the Scout. Do not proceed with interaction until a parent has advised consent of the communication plan
- o YPT - Emails:
 - To effectively demonstrate 2-deep leadership, no emails should ever be directed at a Scout. If there is an instance where a Scout needs to be emailed, another registered leader must be copied on that email, along with a parent of that Scout.

If you are not sure how to proceed with communicating, please reach out to a professional or a Scouting colleague to assure you are proceeding without liability. You can also search the internet for “Guide to Safe Scouting BSA” or “Guide to Advancement BSA” to make sure you are providing safe Scouting.

Opportunities

The hard work of the few serving in our CAC Program Department has sparked a video series called "Scouting at Home" that can be watched and followed along with on *YouTube*. The goal of this video series is to help parents and leaders maintain engagement with youth and provide an outlet for Scouting-related skills and activities that families can focus on together while we all observe Social Distancing.

New and locally-produced content will drop every weekday, Monday-Friday, with a "Scout Skill of the Day" On Wednesday's, CAC will release a "Crossroads of America Challenge" (starting 3/18). Visit our YouTube page to find out more!!

Subscribe to our YouTube channel: [Crossroads of America Council](#)

You can also find the CAC YouTube page through the Council Facebook page and/or through the Council website.

- YouTube it!! --- "Crossroads of America Council Challenge #1: Let's Get Cooking"

Advancement (Completing Ranks, Adventures)

Thank you to Crossroads of America Council Advancement Chair Sara Gormley for getting on the call with us. She provided a great message and made sure to reiterate two important aspects right now in regards to our Cub Scouts advancing:

- Be creative and positive about explaining to Cub Scout parents how they can work with their son/daughter to complete any remaining adventures for their current rank.
 - Provide tools (or ask for help) to allow your Scouts to finish their rank requirements before summer camp
- Take time to report all advancements achieved this spring, even if you aren't able to have a face-to-face pack meeting and acknowledge them all just yet.

Acknowledgement of Rank Advancement and Adventure Achievement = Retention of Scouts Over Summer!

When COVID-19 caused the stoppage in Scouting here in Crossroads, the immediate focus and needs of the Council Advancement Committee were on Eagle Scouts, as there is a time sensitive matter in the processing, interviewing, approving, etc. that needs to

take place in order for a Scout to achieve Eagle rank. The Advancement Committee will soon be looking to turn it's shift on to Cub Scouts. New ideas, opportunities, and best practices will be shared in due time.

Planning

- Membership Summits
 - o Eddie and Liv will be reaching out to all Cub Scout Packs soon with more information about the upcoming Membership Summits (May). The Membership Summit will be the most convenient, efficient, clear, and quick way for us all to move into the summer having one plan to recruit youth into our Packs. There will be four Summits for your Pack leadership to choose from to attend. **All Packs are required to have representation from two leaders at a Summit of their choosing.** Look for more information shortly.

- Camping!
 - o Now is the perfect time to touch base with all of your Pack families and make sure they are registered for summer camp. We mentioned retention of Scouts a little earlier, but there is no better way to retain a Cub Scout in your Pack than to send them to summer camp! This is proven!
 - o Payment needed by May 1st to register under early bird discount price of \$155
 - o \$180 when paid by June 1st
 - Full payment required 2 weeks prior to your camp week.
 - o For any Camp 2020 questions or concerns, please visit the link below:
 - <https://www.crossroadsbsa.org/resources/camp-2020/>
 - o If unable to attend camp due to illness, change of mind, or we have to close camp, ALL registered attendees will receive their full registration amount in refund.

- Training
 - o Leaders should make sure to take their YPT training, as 2020 is the year where many of us will have expiring Youth Protection Training credentials. What better time to take your 75 minutes of required training than when you are already stuck at home all day!
 - o You can access and take any additional trainings through your my.scouting.org account under the “My Trainings” dropdown.

Recap

Please send in all feedback, practices, documentation, pictures, etc. of how you are interacting with your Pack/Den.

Visit the Del-Mi District webpage <https://www.crossroadsbsa.org/districts/del-mi/> and under the Forms & Resources section, you will begin to find everything that is sent in to Eddie or Liv to share with other units.

- Feedback from these conference calls will also be shared under the Forms and Resources section.

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