NEW HORIZONS DISTRICT
BIG ROCK TALK - SUMMER 2020

Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner: Joe Bradley
Scouts BSA Roundtable Commissioner: Tim Trace
IN MEMORIAM

Rick Camden 1960-2020
Bethel United Methodist Church, Troop 456

Speaking: Troop 456 Scoutmaster Charlie Rooney
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YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
LIVE IN A ZOOM VIRTUAL CLASSROOM
BY A LOCAL INSTRUCTOR
WHO IS A PRETTY GREAT GUY

Thursday, May 21st 7PM

Advance registration required

LIFE TO EAGLE WORKSHOP
LIVE IN A ZOOM MEETING

Wednesday, May 20th 7PM
Advance registration required

T631’s Quarantivities
By the Numbers

2926 Camping Nights
2543 Service Hours
110 Rank Advancements
539 Merit Badges
198 Members
- 80 Youth
- 118 Adult
- 70 in Order of the Arrow

September 2017 – September 2019
Online Activities

• Mini Merit Badge Workshops
• Cyber Chip Presentations
• Minecraft Campsite Building
• Skills Instruction
• Scout Showcase
• Local Celebrity Interview
• Virtual Campout
Mini Merit Badge Workshops

- NOT a merit badge mill
- Designed to whet the appetite for the merit badge
- Covers a few requirements
- Scouts ask for merit badge cards after the meeting
Cyber Chip

- Each patrol assigned a presentation topic
- Required for Scout and Star Ranks
- Required for Programming and Digital Technology Merit Badges
- Recommended before using online resources for Scouting activities
Minecraft Campsite!

- Patrols worked together to build campsites in Minecraft
- SPLs & ASPLs judged campsites
Skills Instruction

- Instructional video uploaded to YouTube, played on Zoom
- Helps satisfy position of responsibility requirements for rank advancement (Instructor)
Skills Instruction

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- Reminds scouts of things they may have forgotten in quarantine
Scout Showcase

- Showcase special talents
- Help scouts learn about their peers
Local Celeb Interview

- Interview someone locally famous
- “Famous” can be defined as loosely as you wish
- Do a virtual career day, leader spotlight, etc.
- Interview someone with a job or hobby that will be interesting to your scouts
Virtual Campout
Scavenger Hunt

- Patrols placed in breakout rooms in Zoom call
- Email blast sent with list of items
- Patrol given 5 minutes to strategize
- Scouts left a message in the chat and were called on to present their item.
- Can also use free apps like Scavify

Which patrol will be the most successful? Divide and conquer! Some items may be easier for older scouts, others for newer members of the troop. Patrols will have 10 minutes to complete the scavenger hunt. Winners will be announced at the Virtual Campfire.

How to get credit:

Bring the item back to the Zoom meeting and check it in with Dr. Helmsman to get credit. If you can’t bring it, take a picture with the item and bring the photo back to the meeting for credit.

- Electrical box (breaker box, fuse box)
- Fire extinguisher
- Arrow of Light plaque
- Climbing merit badge
- Marshmallow roaster or roasting stick
- Scout handbook – Thirteenth Edition or older (2016)
- Spanish Peaks Scout Ranch t-shirt
- Smoke detector
- Piece of rope tied into a bowline
- Tiger Cub handbook
- Square lashing (two sticks, a broom and a mop, two pool noodles, chopsticks, etc.)
- Homemade fire starter
- Pack t-shirt
- The page in the Scout handbook that covers tomahawk throwing
- Matched pair of scout socks (plain)
- Troop 631 anniversary neckerchief (embroidered red and black or special Eagle Scout edition)
- Picture of Mr. Fleming
- Picture of Mr. Ke
- Picture of Mr. Neary
- Picture of Mr. Johnson
- Picture of Mr. Kelkoo
- Piece of rope tied into a square knot
- Tracking pole
- Your duty roster for this outing
- Your campsite for this outing
- Hand sanitizer
- Mask or cloth face covering
- Magnifying glass
Dinner!

- Meal plan using ingredients found at home
- Duty roster (!!!)
Virtual Campfire

- Just like a regular campfire
- But virtual!
- Don’t forget your Scoutmaster Minute
Camping!

- Participants camped in their yard
- (OK, maybe I was the only one)
Keep it fun!
STEM Minute
Teresa Colletti

- Camp-in-a-box – includes STEM!
- Virtual STEM Fair
  - Being put together by Council STEM Committee
  - More information coming!
- Family Camping
  - STEM in the great outdoors!
    - Geology
    - Plant identification
    - Fire building
- Online Resources
  - stemystuff.org
  - www.scouting.org/stem-nova-awards/council/unit-guide
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Committee Chair Marc Tenholder and
Cubmaster Mat Rogers
Carman Trails Elementary Pack 787
Cub Scout Engagement During Scouting at Home
Everyone is going through a shared experience, but each family’s situation is unique.
Lessons Learned

• Keep up communications
  – Simplicity
  – Future Plans
  – Advancement
• Balance normalcy with innovation
• More frequent, shorter duration interactions
• Provide resources without obligations
• Recalibrate what success looks like
• Get everyone on Scoutbook
• Prepare for the long haul
Tiger Cub Quaradventure

- Gave each Scout bag full of adventure related items (Sky is the Limit)
- Included bag full of jellybeans (make constellations with jellybeans)

Snack included
Scavenger Hunt when walking around the neighborhood (discussed scavenger hunt sheet on virtual den meeting)

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Communication with Parents

- Sent emails to all parents in den with link to requirements needed to complete Tiger Badge.
- Encouraged parents to input completion of adventure in Scoutbook

Thank you for having Charlie as part of our Tiger den. I have enjoyed having him in the den this year. Charlie only has a few items remaining in order to complete his Tiger Award! He is 70% complete! Below are the items that need to be completed to receive his Tiger award:

**Tiger Adventure: My Tiger Jungle**
Complete at least two of the items. Requirement 1 complete

**Tiger Adventure: Tiger Circles: Duty to God**
Complete requirement 1 plus at least two others.

**Tiger Adventure: Tigers in the Wild**
Complete Requirement 2 and at least one other.

If you have already completed a requirement above, please email/text me and I will mark it complete.

I'm excited for our den to earn their Tiger badge. Let me know if you have any questions.

Yours in Scouting,
Marc
Wolf Resources

Wolf Adventure: Call of the Wild (WHB pp. 25-43; DLG pp. 35-41)

Complete Requirements 1-4 plus at least one other.

1. Attend one of the following:
   A. A pack or family campout
   B. An outdoor activity with your den or pack family.
   C. Day camp
   D. Resident camp

This can be anything from some backyard nature observing, to a neighborhood walk, to a hike on a nearby trail, to a campfire, to a family campout in the yard. Just pick an activity that seems doable and get outside.

2. With your family or den, make a list of possible weather changes that could happen during your outing according to the time of year you are outside. Tell how you will be prepared for each one.

Talk over with your Scout what you might need to bring on an outing for the following weather conditions:

- Extreme heat and humidity
- Cold and snow
- Rainstorms

3. Do the following:
   A. Recite the Outdoor Code with your leader.

See WHB pp. 31-33 and WHB inside cover.

As an American, I will do my best to –
Be clean in my outdoor manners.
Be careful with fire.
Be considerate in the outdoors.
Pack Engagement

• Regular Facebook Posts
  – Weekly Scout Challenge
  – Boy’s Life Trek@2
  – Nature Live Cams

• Rebranded Meetings to “Meet-Ups”
  – Firehouse Tour
  – Campfire
  – Tree Identification
  – Lego Building
  – First Aid
  – Water Treatment Plant
  – Farm Tour
  – Good Turn
  – Hiking Club
  – Cub Awards
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OA Lodge Updates – May 18, 2020

• Spring Conclave
  – Refunds, Patches, Vigil ceremony rescheduled (Aug 1-2)

• National Policy Updates
  – Induction Date Extension
    • Candidates that were elected February 1, 2019 through July 1, 2020 will have 24 months from the date of election to complete their ordeal
  – Virtual Nights of Camping
    • Virtual camping (i.e., backyard or solo camping) may be counted toward the required nights of camping for OA election eligibility *provided certain conditions are met*
    • No more than 3 nights of virtual camping are to be credited in any month in which government- or council-imposed COVID-19 restrictions are in place
  – Virtual Unit Elections
    • The National OA Director has approved lodges to hold virtual unit elections through July 1, 2020
OA Lodge Updates – May 18, 2020

• Shawnee Lodge Responses (subject to change)
  – Qualifying Inductions (elected February 1, 2019 through July 1, 2020)
    • Those elected in 2019 (May/June/July/Aug)
      – may take place at 2020 Fall Reunion and 2021 Spring Conclave
    • Those elected in 2020 (Via virtual elections in May/June/July)
      – may take place 2020 Fall Reunion, 2021 Spring Conclave, 2021 Fall Reunion, 2022 Spring Conclave
  – Virtual Unit Elections to be offered through July 1, 2020
    • Communication Plan in development to contact all Scoutmasters & Committee Chairs
    • Units will need to contact the Lodge to schedule a virtual election
  – Call-outs to be via letter on Shawnee Letterhead
  – Pre-Ordeal Ceremonies to be offered on 2 consecutive weekends
    • Prior to the 2020 Fall Reunion (Aug 22 and Aug 29)
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Matt Kasate, District Director
Greater St. Louis Area Council, Boy Scouts of America

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