

April 12th, 2020

We wanted to provide an update on the upcoming virtual Troop Meetings, virtual Outings, and Summer Camp. For items not addressed here, please see the 3/31 Troop statement that covers Merit Badges, PLC, Rank Advancement, SM Conference, Board of Review, and more. For any further questions, please contact the Scoutmaster Mr. Sutton (jason@grubbyboys.com) or the Committee Chair Mrs. Hundt (kellyhundt@gmail.com).

Important! Please note that during ALL communications (email, text, GroupMe, video conferencing, etc.) between scout youth and adults that we must maintain two-deep leadership for BSA Youth Protection Guidelines. For any scout that reaches out to a leader as directed below, a 2nd adult (another leader or one of your parents) **MUST** be on the communication or the communication will be ignored by the adult leader.

	Topic	Discussion Points
1	Troop Meetings	<p><u>Meeting Dates.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• April 13th will be a virtual meeting.• April 20th will be a virtual meeting.• April 27th will be a virtual meeting, the Court of Honor is postponed.• May meetings will be determined if virtual or physical in the coming weeks and communicated. <p><u>Virtual Troop Meeting Information.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The virtual meeting will be held on Zoom. There are multiple ways to connect, including on a PC/Mac via their website https://zoom.us/ or their application that you can download to your phone or tablet.• Important! The Zoom information will NOT be posted on the Troop website. It will be emailed to all scouts and parents using the email contact information we have on file. We use Constant Contact for communications where you can manage your account and current email. If you are not getting our newsletter, please register on our Troop website http://www.troop629.org/ via the “Newsletter Signup” green button on the right side of the page. This will put you on our list where you can then manage your email account.• As to the virtual meetings:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Virtual meetings will start at 7:15pm as usual but will be concluded by 8:15pm for a maximum 1-hour virtual meeting.○ Scouts are encouraged to wear their Class-A uniform, or at minimum Class-B t-shirt, during the virtual meeting.○ Virtual meetings will start with the Pledge of Allegiance, Scout Oath & Law, and SPL notes as usual.○ There will be no Patrol Time during the virtual meeting.○ There will be an activity for each virtual meeting, planned by the PLC as usual.○ Attendance will be taken from the Zoom roster. If possible, please sign in using your name so we can simply grab the roster. If you are audio only or we can't determine the name, we will need to take a rollcall during the meeting (taking up valuable meeting time).
2	Outings	<p>April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The outing to Cloudland Canyon has already been cancelled and communicated.• The NEW April outing is now a virtual Campfire, on Saturday night April 18th from 8:00pm – 9:30pm. (same night as the previous planning outing)• At the virtual Campfire, held on the Zoom platform, we will hold a typical campfire program like we often do with the scouts running the campfire.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ We encourage each of you to have your own “campfire” during this time. It could be an actual fire out on your back deck, a candle, a flashlight, even a

drawing of a campfire. If the weather is nice and you can sit outside, even better. Get into the spirit, get creative, and make a memorable campfire. We will have scouts “share” their campfire with others if they want to.

- The campfire will be hosted by one of the scouts designated by the PLC.
- Scouts are encouraged to participate and tell a joke, perform a skit, play an instrument, tell a (short) story, act out part of a play, etc. These are all things we normally do at the campfire, but by Patrol. You can do it individually here or even team up with a buddy or two for your turn. This is the main part of the virtual campfire, so we encourage (but don't require) any and all to participate. If you are more comfortable just watching and listening that's fine too.
- In order to make the campfire run smoothly, the host needs to know who would like to “perform” during the campfire and a high level description or name of the song/skit/etc. This will allow the host to call on the next “act”.
- If you want to “perform” during the virtual campfire, please send your information to the Scoutmaster Mr. Sutton (jason@grubbyboys.com) and to the Committee Chair Mrs. Hundt (kellyhundt@gmail.com). Both adults needed on the email for youth protection!
- **Important!** The Zoom information will NOT be posted on the Troop website. It will be emailed to all scouts and parents using the email contact information we have on file as explained above in the Troop Meeting section.
- Attendance will be taken from the Zoom roster. If possible, please sign in using your name so we can simply grab the roster. If you are audio only or we can't determine the name, we will need to take a rollcall during the meeting (taking up valuable meeting time).
- This virtual campfire is the April outing and will be used for rank participation credit.
- This is new territory for all of us, but your PLC is excited to see how well this works. So please participate if you can and have fun with it!

May

- The May trip to Stone Mountain has been cancelled.
- A new virtual outing will be planned at the next PLC. The virtual outing will not be on May 2nd as the previous trip was planned, it will be one night on either the weekend of May 8th or May 15th.

3 Summer Camp

- At this time, we are still planning on attending Woodruff Summer Camp June 14th – June 20th. Information and the flyer is available at <http://www.troop629.org/camping/summercamp2020.htm>.
- **Registration Extended Again!** Registration has been extended to Monday April 27th. Please continue to send your schedule of classes to the Troop 629 Summer Camp chair Mr. Benton (jon@jonbenton.com) and cc the Scoutmaster Mr. Sutton (jason@grubbyboys.com). An electronic scan or picture with your phone of your registration page will work.
- Summer Camp Orientation. Summer Camp Orientation for new parents is still scheduled for Monday May 11th and is being combined with the overall Troop 629 New Parent Orientation.
- Other forms. Other forms are due May 11th, this includes new Health forms. Please note that health forms CAN NOT be emailed per BSA policy.
- Payment. Payments can be mailed to the Troop Treasurers Mr. & Mrs. Tostenson (kjtostenson@yahoo.com), please email them for their address. An adult leader or parent should be included on this email as explained above. Please note that full payment is due May 11th.
- Please note that Summer Camp is High Adventure (HA) account eligible. If you wish to use your HA account, please email the Troop Treasurers Mr. & Mrs. Tostenson

kjtostenson@yahoo.com). An adult leader or parent should be included on this email as explained above.

As always, please check the Troop calendar on the website for Meeting changes (Troop, Orientations, etc.), cancellations, and any events.