

BSA Troop 43 - MAY Newsletter

LEADERSHIP

A huge THANK YOU to Mr. Greene for stepping in as Scoutmaster this year! We greatly appreciate the dedication, support and care you provided as our leader!

Thank you to Mr. White who has volunteered to take on the role of Scoutmaster next year!

Thank you to our outgoing SPL Paul Schmalzried and all of his PLs and Assistants who

did a great job running the Troop this year!



Elections will be held for next year's Senior Patrol Leader and two Patrol Leaders. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, please let Mr. Greene and Mr. White know ASAP and begin writing your stump speech.

Committee members and ASMs, thank you for your help! Please let Mrs. LaMarca know if you are willing to stay on in your current position or take on a different position next year.

MEETINGS

- **Wednesdays from 8 to 8:30p** - Virtual Meetings will be held for Scouts and Adult Leaders through the end of May. Zoom link: <https://adelphiuniversity.zoom.us/j/361223655>
- Wed, 5/6 - due date for Scouts to **let Mr. Greene and Mr. White know if you are interested in running for the position of Senior Patrol Leader** (First Class rank or higher required) **or Patrol Leader** (no prerequisites).
- Wed, 5/13 - Scouts who are running will give their **speeches**.
- Wed, 5/20 - Scout Leader **elections** held.
- Wed, 5/27 - **End of Year Meeting**. Results of Scout Leader elections announced, as well as Advancements, Merit Badges and general announcements.

EVENTS

- Sat, 5/2 - **National Camp-In** starting at 11am. Whether you're in your backyard or in your living room, join families across the country live on Facebook for a day of fun virtual adventures! <https://www.scouting.org/campin/>
- Sat, 5/16 to Sun, 5/17 - **Troop 43 Virtual Camp-In**. Requirements for cooking will be focused on, plus Scouting fun. More info to follow.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Due to Covid-19, food pantries need our help now more than ever. We had to cancel Scouting For Food, so **please take this opportunity to donate food to a local food pantry of your choice**. Every item makes a big difference to our neighbors who are in need.

ADVANCEMENT

For those Scouts ready to advance, please reach out to Mr. Greene if you need to schedule a Scoutmaster Conference and to Mrs. Sbiroli when you are ready to schedule a Board of Review.

All Rank Advancements and Merit Badges earned since our Fall COH will be announced at our final meeting of the year on May 27th.

We look forward to welcoming the Cub Scouts from Pack 278 who will be bridging over to Troop 43! Our Den Chief, Jared White, will make sure all interested Cubs will receive a Welcome Packet which includes instructions on how to join.

MERIT BADGES

Scouts are encouraged to use their time at home to continue to work on merit badges.

- If you would like to work on the **Family Life** (Eagle required), **Pets**, **Reading**, **Scholarship**, or **Disability Awareness** merit badge, please reach out to Mrs. LaMarca who is a counselor: linlamarc@hotmail.com.
- Council has begun offering **Online Merit Badge Workshops**. Please make sure to check their website on Fridays/Saturdays for new weekly offerings and sign up ASAP. <https://www.onteora.org/>
- We are happy that six of our Scouts are meeting virtually on Monday afternoons to work on their **Digital Technology Merit Badge** with their counselor.
- BSA is offering a **Social Distancing Patch** that helps teach Scouts about Covid-19, why it's important to social distance, and has activities to help keep Scouts busy. <https://boyscouttrail.com/boy-scouts/meritbadges/social-distancing-merit-badge.asp>

ONTEORA SUMMER CAMP

Unless and until we hear otherwise, the current plan is to move ahead with summer camp business as usual. Attached please find the merit badge list and program guide with all the amazing offerings that OSR has in store for this year. Take a look, and if you haven't done so already, please select your badges and activities and get your selections back to Bryan Thompson ASAP (spumkittle@gmail.com).

Additionally, adults are needed to step up and/or firm up their plans so we can provide the outstanding leadership we always have.

Do not delay in selecting your badges. In the event that Scouts will not be able to attend Onteora in person due to social-distancing restrictions, merit badge classes will be offered virtually. Don't miss out!

LAST MONTH

- April 15 - **Environment Issues** - First Class requirement 9b. **Good job Jackson, Jared and Wade** for presenting your own environmental issues at the meeting!
- April 22 - **First Aid** - Second Class requirement 6a was reviewed and discussed. Also, **special guest Brian Gorman, our Senior District Executive from TRC, was in attendance.** He has attended several meetings that other Troops in the district have held and praised Troop 43 for our virtual meeting that was so organized, productive, well-run and well-attended! Thank you, Scouts, for making us proud!
- April 29 - **First Aid** - Second Class requirement 6b was reviewed and discussed. **Thank you to our special guests from Cub Scout Pack 278 who attended -- Simon and Grant Kletter and Vincenzo!**

Let The Virtual Adventure Continue!

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