



# North Shore District Newsletter

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## Scouting Calendar

Given social distancing measures to combat the pandemic, events are tentative pending health and safety recommendations.

### May

- 5 [Giving Tuesday Now](#) (page 2)
- 7 District Committee Meeting (virtual)
- 10 Mother's Day
- 14 District OA and Roundtable (virtual)  
See page 4 for Roundtable meeting link
- 23-25 Memorial Day -  
Scout Shop & Office closed

[Virtual Scouting Camps](#): Great Outdoor Adventure (June 8-12), Weird Science (July 6-10), Under the Stars (July 27-31)

### June

- 8-13 [NYLT Week 1](#) (Green Dickson)
- 11 District Committee Meeting
- 14 Flag Day
- 15-20 [NYLT Week 2](#) (Green Dickson)
- 15 begin Scout Shop Summer Hours (Tu-Sa 10-4)
- 18 District OA and Roundtable
- 21 Father's Day
- 22-26 North Shore Day Camp cancelled  
See page 7 for options
- 28-Jul 1 [Webelos Extreme](#)

[Lost Pines Summer Camp](#): June 7-13, 14-20, 21-27, 28-July 3 (5 days - Eagle quest only), 5-11, 12-18

[Techlab Camp](#): June 15-19, 22-26, July 13-17, 20-24

July 3-4 Independence Day

### August

- 14-15 [Shotgun training](#)
- 14-16 [Mega Training Weekend](#)
- 15 [Climbing recertification](#)

## National BSA information regarding COVID-19

- <https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/>
- <https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-faq/>

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## Letter from the District Chair

Dear North Shore Scouting Family,

As we enter another new month under Covid-19 restrictions my thoughts are with you.

We have seen some great virtual activities being held, so I know that many of you continue scouting even in these strange times. Good for you!



One thing I want to encourage all adults to do while we are under stay at home guidelines is to renew your online Youth Protection Training (YPT). With most of us having taken it just in time for recharter two years ago, it will expire for most of us before this year's recharter season. PLEASE take it now while you may have a bit of extra time and have one less thing to worry about come recharter this Fall. The training is available in [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org).

I am looking forward with great anticipation when it is safe for us to meet face to face again and start having group campouts and other activities.

Keep scouting!

KFC

Kevin F. Clark

District Chair, North Shore District

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## Scouting Online Resources



CAC - COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus Updates <https://www.bsacac.org/activities/coronavirus/>

CAC - Activities to Continue #ScoutingAtHome <https://www.bsacac.org/activities/coronavirus/ideas-for-home/>

CAC - Scout Shop Procedures with Shop Manager Ronda Motl

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7j34yi3lgZ8&list=PLe-MGCKcMaKZhUN4QxCirg35vdetlVVNI&index=6>

## BRYAN ON SCOUTING



A Blog for the BSA's Adult Leaders

**Bryan on Scouting blog** <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org>

- Journey to Excellence scoring will be adjusted in light of COVID-19

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/05/01/dont-worry-journey-to-excellence-scoring-will-be-adjusted-in-light-of-covid-19/>

- Invite one of Philmont's animals to your next video teleconference

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/04/28/invite-one-of-philmonts-animals-to-your-next-video-teleconference/>

- How to teach (or learn) lashings from home, in front of a computer

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/04/22/how-to-teach-or-learn-lashings-from-home-in-front-of-a-computer/>

## Step Up for Scouting

Please use the link [here](#) to make your donation today. You may indicate your unit and district on the form.



Our council volunteers and staff have worked over the past month to help you keep your children active, connected, and healthy with engaging Scouting at Home programs and activities. If you appreciate what we've done, we're hoping you'll help us next week during Giving Tuesday Now.

Normally Giving Tuesday takes place in November as a global day of philanthropic giving. But with so many organizations needing help due to fallout from Covid-19, a second Giving Tuesday has been organized for Tuesday, May 5.

**Next week, we'll ask you to share our social media posts on your personal networks, include a brief example of what Scouting means to you, and a friendly ask for others to consider donating to our programs here in Central Texas at [www.stepupforscouts.org](http://www.stepupforscouts.org).**

Please save the date for Tuesday, May 5. Thanks!



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**Training** - For up-to-date opportunities, visit the [North Shore District webpage training link](#)

- **North Shore District Roundtable - Adults**

Join URL: <https://Dell.zoom.us/j/93211390121?pwd=L0YxVINPTEd3bmZkVVdTRVRJbWhCUT09>

**Who:** Roundtable is for ANY Cub Scout and Scouts BSA volunteers who want to learn more

**What:** North Shore District Roundtable

**When:** Thursday, May 14th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** <https://Dell.zoom.us/j/93211390121?pwd=L0YxVINPTEd3bmZkVVdTRVRJbWhCUT09>

**Meeting ID:** 9311390121 **Password:** CACNSDRT

### North Shore District Roundtable Topics

	Breakout Option 1	Breakout Option 2
Thursday, May 14th, 2020	<p><b>Scouting during the COVID-19 Pandemic</b></p> <p>Join us for an important update on Scouting during this new world of social distancing. Find out the latest guidance from BSA on how to continue your program through the summer. We will discuss the adjustments that have been made to advancement and merit badge requirements. Hear from the units in our district on the success or struggles they are experiencing during virtual meetings.</p>	<p><b>STEM Nova program</b></p> <p>Learn all about the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Nova awards and the requirements for youth, for counselors, mentors, and the many opportunities available at Council events for ALL youth programs.</p>

- **NYLT - Youth**

National Youth Leadership Training. Requires scout to be first class, at least 13 years old, have completed Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST), and have a recommendation from their Scoutmaster/Crew Advisor/Skipper. See the [council website](#) to learn more about CAC NYLT held 4 times per year at Green Dickson. Upcoming courses for 2020: Summer 1: June 8-13, Summer 2: June 15-20, Winter: December 27-Jan 1.



- **Powder Horn - Adults and older Youth Leaders**

Learn all about advanced skills and activities for older youth. Join us September 11-13 & 25-27, 2020. You “learn by doing” with expert consultants who demonstrate the skills and explain where resources, such as equipment, facilities, guides, instructors, and certifications can be obtained. See the [Texas Powder Horn brochure](#) and the council page [here](#).



- **Wood Badge - Adults**

Want to have the most Scouting fun ever? Ask anyone with beads about it! Wood Badge is the premiere Scouter training program. You don’t want to miss this amazing opportunity for skills, fun, self-improvement, networking, and camaraderie, [October 9-11 & November 7-8, 2020](#).



## Service

- **Good Turns during the coronavirus: service you can do at home**

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/03/18/good-turns-during-the-coronavirus-acts-of-scouting-service-you-can-do-from-home/>

- **N95 Mask Covers - Volunteer Opportunity - CAC video series - March 25, 2020**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k2XYIDCthe0&list=PLe-MGCKcMaKZhUN4QxCirg35vdetlVVNI&index=2&t=0s>

The shortage of N95 masks for health care providers has led to an important volunteer opportunity in which your Scouts can take part. We visited with Julie Ferguson of Scouts BSA Troops 52, 540, and Venturing Crew 454, as well as co-founders of the Texas N95 Covers Initiative, Sudha Pradeep and Jennifer Fielding-Ozuna, about the need for these mask covers, how the covers can help health professionals deal with the mask shortages, and how Scouts can help

- **Project Ideas**

Our district chair for service projects is Nathan Hayden <[nathanhayden@gmail.com](mailto:nathanhayden@gmail.com)>. He has dozens of project opportunities for all levels. Contact him to find your next pack, troop, crew, ship, or Eagle project.



## Order of the Arrow North Shore Chapter



### Unit Elections

For any unit that has not yet completed their elections, a virtual election may be conducted, preferably through Zoom Video Communications, contingent upon the approval of unit, lodge, and council leadership. The election team will use forms and videos, and votes must be collected confidentially. Any electronic voting mechanism must ensure no more than one vote per voter. If not using the internal voting system offered by Zoom, elections teams use Google Forms to conduct the election in a secure manner. In alignment with national policy, no open vote counting is to be allowed. To schedule an election, click on election request at <https://sites.google.com/site/oatonkawanorthshore>.

Note that scoutmasters have ultimate authority on eligibility to be voted in. We ask that all unit leaders consider the extent of both ordeal participation and engagement in the OA post ordeal as a qualifier for candidates.

### OA Member Information

Lodge Program Calendar Revision: Considering national-level policy decisions, major alterations to the lodge annual program calendar will not be necessary. The 2020-2021 Draft Calendar is below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
May 14, 7PM	Chapter Meeting	Virtual
Jun 11, 7PM	Chapter Meeting	Good News United Methodist Church (or virtual if necessary)
Jul 9, 7PM	Chapter Meeting	Good News United Methodist Church (if authorized)
Jul 17-18	Summer Ordeal	LPSR
Jul 17-19	Conclave	UIW
Aug 3-7	NOAC	<del>Michigan State U</del> Cancelled
Aug 13, 7PM	Chapter Meeting	Good News United Methodist Church
Sep 10, 7PM	Chapter Meeting	Good News United Methodist Church

## OA continued



Oct 2-4	Fall Assembly + LEC	LPSR
Oct 8, 7PM	Chapter Meeting	Good News United Methodist Church
Nov 7	Lodge Leadership	Fickett
Nov 12, 7PM	Chapter Meeting	Good News United Methodist Church
Nov 14	One Day of Service	TBD
Dec 10, 7PM	Chapter Meeting	Good News United Methodist Church
Dec 12-13	Winter Vigil	LPSR

Membership Remember to retain your membership in the OA, dues must be paid annually. You can contact the Fickett Center to pay dues over the phone or mail a check with the notation "OA Dues 2020." If you have any questions about your dues status, feel free to reach out to our chapter advisor, David Nelson, at [nelsods@gmail.com](mailto:nelsods@gmail.com).

North Shore Brotherhood Ceremony: We plan to schedule a special evening ceremony once COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

Candidate Callout: The North Shore District Chapter encourages unit leaders to perform call outs of ordeal candidates within their units. All new candidates will need to be notified of the requirements for Ordeal, which are available at <https://events.tonkawa99.org/assembly>.

Ordeal Extension: Pursuant to national policy, all candidates elected between February 1, 2019 and July 1, 2020 will have 24 months from the time of their election to complete their ordeal. This does offer an opportunity to induct elected candidates from 2019 who did not end up completing their ordeal, and chapter leadership is encouraged to take advantage of this. All candidates elected between winter of 2019 and spring of 2020 will now have four opportunities to complete their induction before their candidacy window lapses.

Vigil Inductions: To ensure that adequate opportunities are presented, the Vigil nominees selected in March of 2020 will be eligible for induction at either the Winter Vigil 2020 or Spring Vigil 2021. Another class of Vigil nominees will be considered in fall of 2020 and called out at Fall Assembly 2020. These candidates may be inducted at Winter Vigil 2020 or Spring Vigil 2021 as well. Vigil nominees selected in Fall of 2019 who were not inducted at Winter Vigil 2019 will have the opportunity to be inducted at Winter Vigil 2020 before their nomination lapses.

## Advancement During Social Distancing



Questions and Answers: Cub Scouting/Scouts BSA/Venturing/Sea Scouting Rank Advancement and the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

<https://www.bsacac.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/QandA-COVID-19-Related-Advancement-Difficulties.pdf>

Time Extensions for completing Eagle Rank requirements due to COVID-19

<https://www.bsacac.org/resources/eagle-scouts/>

CAC Video - Scout Shop Procedures with Shop Manager Ronda Motl

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7j34yi3lgZ8&list=PLe-MGCKcMaKZhUN4QxCirg35vdetlVVNI&index=>

## Day Camp Update from Capitol Area Council

*This is a message sent to all who have registered for any Capitol Area Council Day Camp for 2020.*

*Please watch council media for more information. See also links to the day camp [survey](#) and virtual option [flyer](#), and the [refund policy](#).*



We appreciate you having already signed up your Cub Scout(s) for Day Camp. Out of an abundance of caution, **we have decided to offer a "virtual" Cub Scout Day Camp this summer** in place of our traditional in-person camps.

You are receiving this email because we need to know what you want to do with your existing Day Camp registration. Our Day Camp team has put together three fun and engaging programs, available on-demand at a time that best works with your schedule. The program themes are:

- Option 1: "Great Outdoor Adventure" (content available June 8)
- Option 2: "Weird Science" (content available July 6)
- Option 3: "Under the Stars" (content available July 27)
  - All options offer 4+ hours of virtual Scouting activities each day for 5 days
  - All options include physical activities, nature and outdoors, community service, learning to cook, crafts, health and safety
  - Learn more by viewing [this flyer](#)

Sign up for any of these programs and you'll also receive a voucher to attend our fall Shooting Sports Day and test your BB and archery skills!

**Please complete the survey linked to the button below to tell us the virtual Day Camp session(s) to which you would like to apply your previous registration payment.** We will handle all of the back-end registration details. NOTE: you'll need to fill out this survey separately for each Scout you had signed up for Day Camp.

If you'd rather, you can also copy and paste this URL into your browser of choice to take the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y8V2GN7>

If you are not interested in the virtual Day Camp option, please visit the [refund policy](#) page on our council website and complete the online refund request form.

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Thank you for all you do for youth through Scouting. We hope you and your family remain safe and healthy, and we look forward to a time when we can once again offer the traditional Day Camp we all know and love.

# World Scouting Highlights

## JOTI

<https://www.jotajoti.info>

Revisit all the excitement of the special world Jamboree on the Internet held April 3-5, 2020.

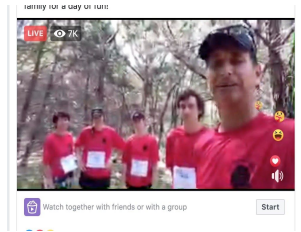
Catch a video from Bear Grylls - Chief Ambassador of World Scouting - from about 04:30 to 23:00 in this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uapy5DzKuAk>



## National Camp-In

<https://www.scouting.org/campin/>

See the extraordinary adventures of BSA's first nation-wide virtual campout. Kudos to North Shore's Holst family who was highlighted among astronauts and other famous Scouters. Way to go!



## Popcorn

Your North Shore Popcorn Kernels are staying on top of the upcoming season. Registration is open to register your unit for this year's sale.

Please go [here](#) to do that:

<https://www.trails-end.com/unit-registration?council=cddf1620-f21c-11e5-a5eb-0632e198f0a5&campaign=8dd431a8-2ba3-11ea-8574-0e6c3c8920d9>

Here are the important dates ahead!

- August 1 through October 18 - Take pre-orders with the Trail's End App and/or Take Order forms
- August 28 - Popcorn Distribution for Wagon and Show & Sell
- August 29 through October 28 - Wagon Sales Begin
- September 5 through October 11- Show & Sell timeframe

Kristi, Stacey, and Kara are looking forward to getting in touch with you soon through email. If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at [NorthShorePopcornCAC@gmail.com](mailto:NorthShorePopcornCAC@gmail.com). We will talk with everyone soon!





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Virtual meetings continue! Please post and share all your activities and send them to the newsletter.

