



Hi Matinecock-

Checking in to see how everyone is doing. I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. This is our E-newspaper: Matinecock "The Quaran-Times" to help all of our leaders, volunteers and parents to spread the word about Scouting National News update and information to help support you/unit and give you creative ideas on how to keep your scouts engaged in the program during our NY state required quarantine. I'm also putting together "The Quaran-Times" video to spread the word to our units about what is going on at Council and sharing inspiring news from units in our district that will be posted on our Facebook page. So check out our Facebook page and our website: www.sccbsa.org/matinecock, to get more information from National about Eagle Rank advancement and a lot of other topics to help you during quarantine. All this information in this email is on our website and on our Facebook page. **A friendly reminder, please share this with all your leaders and parents in your Unit to help us build up the communication.** Without further ado, here is the good stuff you are looking for:

Matinecock ScCBSA Facebook:

We have a Facebook account called, Matinecock ScCBSA, and we would love for you to friend request us so we can share valuable information with you quickly. This is a great tool for us to help you. There will be videos, merit badge programs, activities, etc. Search for Matinecock ScCBSA and let's get better connected. Here is our link to our Facebook page or you can click on the link above: <https://www.facebook.com/MatinecockSCCBSA>

Videos to Share with your Scouts and your Leaders:

We are encouraging every single Unit in the Matinecock District to make a video on a specific skill you pride yourself on. Share it with me (Taliesin.powell@scouting.org) so I can post it on our Facebook page to show other unit's fun skills they can pass on to their scouts and leaders. Here are a few videos sent to me so far:

Troop 12- Eagle Scout- Liam Leary teaching knot tying- [Click Here](#)

Troop 34- Scout David Braithewaite teaching scouts on Whittling Safety- [Click Here](#)

District Roundtable Commissioner- Edie Pulizzotto talking about Merit Badges you can earn during Social Distancing. [Click Here](#)

Roundtable Assistant Commissioner, Cub Master of Pack 66- Jim Maltese talking about how to meet during quarantine using free conferencing tools and creating virtual camping activity. [Click Here](#)

Online guide on How to use Zoom Application 101- instructions how to set up a free video/audio conference. [Click Here](#)

Eagle Rank Advancement Extension- From National

I have attached PDF file to this email regarding the extension for the Eagle Rank. Click on the file if you need more information. The file also has who to contact in each district regarding Eagle Rank extension.



Arrow of Light Ceremony Questions

Webelos that earned the Arrow of Light DO NOT need to wait for their bridging ceremony to begin working with a Troop!!

Several troops have reached out asking if Webelos who have earned their arrow of light need to wait for their Blue and Gold or bridging ceremony to begin working with them? This question is especially pertinent due to several Blue and Golds currently on hold due to COVID-19. Webelos DO NOT need to wait. Follow these steps to get those Webelos officially into a Scouts BSA troop and working on advancements:

- 1. The pack must make sure the Arrow of Light is entered into the advancement system.*
- 2. The youth must submit a new youth application as a transfer scout to the Scouts BSA troop they are joining.*
- 3. The Troop Committee Chair must sign it and submit to council.*

This can all be done by email as the application can be filled out, signed and scanned then emailed. Please send the completed applications, via email, to your district executive, Taliesin.powell@scouting.org

If those scouts want to return to their pack once a Blue and Gold or bridging ceremony is rescheduled, they can do so but again this is not necessary.

Stem Projects for Cub Scouts Ages 7-11 years old

A STEM project called 1 2 3 Go is being offered. I have attached a PDF file to this email. This is a great way to give your scout quality education taught by the best in the business. If you are looking for activities, especially educational, this program is right up your ally.



Earn 58 Merit Badges at Home

Click on the link above to see a detail list of the 58 Merit Badges you can earn and the proper procedures to get started on those merit badges while practicing Social Distancing. There are more merit badges you kids can get involved with.

[SCCBSA Virtual Merit Badges](#)- At the Suffolk County Council, we are hosting our own virtual merit badges. Click this link to sign up for SCCBSA merit badges we are offering.

Currently, we are looking for merit badge counselors to sign up and take part in getting our scouts involved with these badges while at home. [Click here to sign up as a counselor.](#)

Scout Shop Online is Open

The link above will take you to the Scout Shop online. I got a lot of questions on how to order patches, ranks, and advancement. Normally, when you shop at our Medford Scout Shop, a percentage of those sales go into our program but Scout Shop is currently closed until further notice. The online Scout Shop offers fast shipping and is not affected by COVID-19. Once the quarantine is lifted, I still recommend purchasing Scout supplies with our Medford Scout Shop to help support our Scouts and our Council.

Boy Scout Podcast- Scout Cast

Want to listen to an intriguing podcast focused on Boy Scouts of America? A podcast called [Scout Cast](#) geared toward leaders and parents, is a great way to pass the time, get some advice, and listen to some great stories. Click the link above and enjoy!

How can the Scouting Community donate medical gear to hospitals?

The link above will give you information and details on how we can give back to our local hospitals. They are the real heroes on the front line during this COVID-19 outbreak and they could use all the support they can get. Thank you to all who are involved in the medical field and risking their lives everyday to help those affected by COVID-19.

6 Recruiting Secrets

The link above will direct you to scouting magazine that goes over the 6 techniques you can use to help boost your unit's number. If you feel like your unit's number is diminishing and all your scouts are aging out without any new scouts coming in, please click the link and find out more you can do to boost your numbers. You can always reach out to me: Taliesin.powell@scouting.org or our District Membership Chairperson, Cathy, membershipchair2020@gmail.com, to help you come up with recruitment ideas and plans. We are always here to help. We have flyers for distribution and recruitment supplies for give-a-ways from Frisbees to bookmarks. You can find the different style of flyers at our website: www.sccbsa.org/matinecock under Recruitment Central. Our goal is to give the kids in our district an opportunity to join scouting and give them a program that will help them grow up to become leaders of the world.

Completing Your Charter and taking Youth Protection Training (YPT)

This is a great opportunity to finish up those charters with any missing signatures (can be done online and scanned) and complete your Youth Protection Training. Remember, your expiration date must have 2021 or it is not valid. I have attached a document to this email that goes over the procedure step by step on how to get to YPT. Your charter can not be posted unless every registered adult takes YPT. If you get those missing signatures and/or complete YPT, please send it to: Taliesin.powell@scouting.org and joann.vallillo@scouting.org so we can input it into the system.

Adult Leadership Training

Speaking of YPT. Did you now that there is training that can be done online at my.scouting.org? These trainings have been available long before the coronavirus outbreak. If you log into my.scouting.org, and click the icon below the YPT image, you have access to all trainings that will help you get a better handle on your specific position and how to keep you and your kids safe. With all this downtime, this is a great way to knock out all those trainings you have been putting aside. It will only make you a better leader and statistics prove that the more leaders that are trained in a unit; the stronger and better run the unit will be.

What is a New Member Coordinator and Why should have one in your Unit?

A New Member Coordinator is one of the first faces that a new parent and potential scouter should meet. They help get the new parents and scouts acquainted with the Unit (because let us be honest, the Scouting world can be overwhelming and scary). They make the new family feel welcome and answer a lot of the questions they might have about the unit. They walk around with a clip board at an open house or at pack nights and help obtain information from new family , phone number , age of child , they can then give the info the den leader or scoutmaster that helps takes the edge off the leader. This is a great time to identify a friendly, easy-going volunteer/parent in your unit that is sitting on the sidelines. All you have to do is **ASK** them to take the role. Don't be scared to make the ask. A lot of parents are looking for ways to get involved. Remember, you never know until you ask. I have attached a New Member Coordinator brochure to this email if you want to use as a reference.

Popcorn Kickoff Breakfast- Invitation for you!

Is your unit budget getting tight? Are you trying to create that dream campout but don't have enough funds? Well, guess what!! You are in luck because Popcorn Fundraiser is gearing up. This is an invitation to every unit in Matinecock for you and one another (total of 2 guest per unit) to come to our FREE Popcorn Kickoff Breakfast where you will get a delicious breakfast on us and learn about how the Popcorn Fundraiser will help balance your budget and then some! Hear testimony from other units and their success and how you can be successful too. Click the link above and register. I understand you are waiting to see when the quarantine will lift but there is no cost to sign up. Once you sign up, you will get up to date information in case of date/time changes. It doesn't cost you a thing and you can learn how this fundraise the money to create that dream trip.

Amazon Smile

*I know since we are stuck inside our homes, a lot of us are buying off Amazon. Next time you shop AMAZON, visit smile.amazon.com & select SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL, Boy Scouts of America as your designated charity! **Amazon will donate .5% on eligible purchases to Suffolk County Council!! Every little bit helps, and it only takes a click of the mouse!***

Medical Forms 2020

These are the new medical forms that are required to be filled out by the end of this year for Baiting Hollow Scout activities. The old medical forms will work for the remainder of the year but next year, these forms will have to be filled out. Click the link above and will take you directly to new Medical form.

Good Press

We got some positive fresh ink on Smithtown Matters Newspaper. I wanted to share something positive news with everyone. Click on the link above and see what they had to say about us. Thank you to the Van Loons from Troop 125 that attended, Report to the State, back in February and represented Suffolk County Council with dignity. You guys are awesome!

On the Horizon- new Matinecock event Date Changes

[SCCBSA Fellowship Banquet- June 11th](#)

[Excellence in Education Award Night honoring Steven Hartman- November 21st, 2020](#)

[Matinecock/Benjamin Tallmadge Spring Camporee- October 2-4th, 2020](#)

District Pinewood Derby Race- Postponed until further notice but will happen this year

District Dinner- Cancelled

[Manor Farm Field Day- May 17th- but is subject to change due to CDC guidelines](#)

[Andrew McMorris Walk-a-thon- November 27th, 2020](#)

REMINDER: All this information can be found on our district website:

<https://www.sccbsa.org/matCorvid19>

Or on our Matinecock ScCBSA Facebook

page: <https://www.facebook.com/MatinecockSCCBSA>