



3rd Edition- Happy Mother's Day!!

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Here Ye! Here Ye! Council News

Happy Mother's Day to the amazing Scout Mom's and Leaders. We are 8 weeks into our Stay-at-Home orders from the NY Governor and they extended the orders until May 15th, 2020. The Suffolk County Council is following along with our local government's orders and guidelines. We are waiting to hear in the next week or so from our government officials what the plans are for Long Island, Suffolk County. Until that time, we are asking our Unit's to please keep practicing social distancing to help flatten the curve. We also encourage our units to explore the Program Section. This section is to help you come up with creative ideas you can do with your scouts. Also, to save you time so you don't have to create a program from scratch. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please email them to [Taliesin Powell](#), your District Executive, and I will feature your ideas on next Quaran-Times edition. Once we receive more information from our local officials, we will let our units know of any changes. You can always go to our [SCCBSA COVID-19 website](#) for Q & A 's about advancement, extensions, Stay-at-home order dates, etc.

Matinecock District Facebook

We have a District Page called, [Matinecock District](#), and we would love for you to join us so we can share valuable information with you quickly. This is a great tool for us to help you. There will be “How to” videos, merit badge programs, activities, etc. Search for Matinecock District and let’s get better connected. Here is our link to our Facebook page or you can click on the link above.

Change in Leadership: New District Commissioner



For the past 3 and a half years, we had the honor and the pleasure of having one of our favorite people, George Smith, taking on the role of District Commissioner. He poured his heart and soul into his role. He took the job because he cared so much about our program and about our kids. He is an Eagle Scout that knows the value of the program and what opportunity there is for our scouts. He is stepping down as of today. On behalf of our District, Leaders, Key 3, Charter Organizations, Parents, and Scouts, I want to say a heartfelt “Thank You” for all the hard work and time you put toward the Matinecock District. Even when we could not find him a replacement one-year ago, he stayed on because he didn’t want to leave our District without a District Commissioner. We respect you so much and we want to wish you the best of luck on your journey. Mr. Smith will continue to help as a member-at-large position and provide guidance and leadership but will be taking a backseat role. Again, THANK YOU GEORGE! If you would like to say thank you to George and wish him well, you can reach out to him via [email](#).

Without further ado, I would like to introduce to you our new District Commissioner for Matinecock. Mr. Marc Gaudio. He has served our the Matinecock District for many years. He



served as our Dean of Merit Badges and did an amazing job putting together our Summer merit badge classes. He has been awarded the 10 -year Veteran Award and completed Woodbadge. He is trained in: IOLS, Cubmaster/Scoutmaster, Leave no Trace, Hazardous weather, and Program Safety. He is a dedicated volunteer that cares about the success of our program. He has volunteered his time to help as a Webelos Woods staff member. Let us give Mr. Gaudio a big Matinecock welcome and we thank him for volunteering to take over for George. Best of luck Mr. Gaudio, we know you are going to be great!

Virtual Meeting Ideas

Cub Fun Day Packets

This is a fun packet for our cub scouts to explore and encourages them to get creative. It is simple, easy, and fun. Give this packet to your scouts and let them go. If they complete the entire packet, there is a certificate at the end they can earn. There is a Science challenge page where the scouts are asked to create a floatation device. The scout with the best made floatation device wins a \$25 Target Gift card. All the rules and regulations are in the packet link above. Have fun with it and good luck!

Cub Scout 30 Day Challenge

This was posted in the first edition of QUARAN-TIMES. I wanted to post it again just in case anyone missed this cool program (brought to you by Great Rivers Council, BSA) that is already created and all you have to do is encourage your scouts to get involved with it. There is a 30-day challenge for every rank. Click on the rank that applies:

[Lion](#) / [Tiger](#) / [Wolf](#) / [Bear](#) / [Webelos](#)

Virtual Tours

[Fresh Farm 360](#) - Allows you to immerse yourself in Canadian farm and food tours—from raising pigs to making milk and cheese.

[Nature Lab](#)- The Nature Conservancy offers [11 virtual field trips](#) that allow students to do everything from exploring a coastal rainforest while in a canoe to unlocking the secrets of coral reefs in the Dominican Republic. Each video is about 45 minutes long.

[Discovery Education](#)- Discovery Education hosts a variety of [virtual events](#) —each with a companion guide with hands-on learning activities. Current offerings include Teaching with Testimony and NFL Play 60. Our pick? Tundra Connections (AKA fun with polar bears).

[Boston Children’s Museum](#)- “Walk” through all three floors of the Boston Children’s Museum on this [virtual tour](#). Direct your kids to fun exhibits like Explore-a-Saurus and the Japanese House.

[Take a Virtual Walk on Mars](#)- With virtual tours, even the sky isn’t your limit. Thanks to NASA’s Curiosity rover, you and your students can explore the surface of Mars in a 360-degree view while learning about space exploration.

Troops 30- day Challenge:

We want to challenge our Scout BSA youth with 30-days of scout activities. It is a calendar that outlines all skills, activities, etc., that the scouts can complete. This challenge is geared toward Scout – 1st Class Scouts. If you want to find a program that keeps your younger scouts engaged with your Troop. This is a great program that can help you keep them involved with your Troop.

Select the rank that applies to you: [SCOUT](#) / [TENDERFOOT](#) / [2nd CLASS](#) / [1st CLASS](#)

[KNOTS 3D](#)- Are you are new scout having trouble with learning new knots? Are you Life Scout trying to perfect a knot you could not quite grasp? Here is an app you can download on your phone that will help you learn over 135 different knots. Click the link: [KNOTS 3D](#) and find out more! If you don't want to download the app, you can always use these you-tube videos to help with [10 essential Scout Knots](#).

[Virtual Merit Badge Classes from other Councils](#)

Suffolk County Council has been working really hard on getting virtual merit badge classes up for our scouts. So far, we had over 2,000 scouts participate in our [SCCBSA virtual merit badge classes](#). A big thank you and congratulations to Kim Russell, District Executive of Sagtikos, for all her hard work. These classes have been filling up quickly and a lot of our scouts miss the opportunity. Don't worry, the link that says virtual merit badge from other councils, has all the councils and their links to their own virtual merit badge classes. When exploring other councils merit badge classes, some may charge money. Take a look at what other councils are offering in terms of virtual merit badge classes.

[How to Prepare a First Aid Kit](#)- Here is a you-tube video that goes over how to put together a first aid kit. This could be good idea for a Troop meeting if you want to do a First Aid Theme meeting. If you are using zoom, you can share your screen and play the video.

[Kids Cooking Mother Day Meals](#)- Mother's Day is coming up this Sunday, 5/10. This could be a fun idea for your scouts. This is a you-tube video going over easy to cook meals that kids can make for Mother's Day. It would not only make your mom super happy, but you could knock out a requirement for the cooking merit badge class. Two birds with one stone. Want to do something special for your mom, this could be your ticket for a great Mother's Day treat.

[Mime a Story](#)- If you have a lot of kids in your Troop that are very animated and have a ton of energy, you can encourage your scouts to Mime a Story. No words, and only expressions. This program can be used for Theatre merit badge and can occupy your kids for a long time. Check out the video and see if you could implement into your weekly meetings!

Virtual Escape the Room

The Escape Game – click on the links below

<https://theescapegame.com/teg-field-trips/>

<https://theescapegame.com/the-monthly-mystery/>

Harry Potter Escape Room -

Want more of a wizarding challenge? Click the link below for a harder Hogwarts Escape the Room!

<https://www.escaperoomherndon.com/pottersescapegame>

Escape Game List - When exploring the list, please make note that some are free and some cost money.

STEM PROJECTS

What does STEM mean? Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics make up the acronym STEM. STEM is a term used to group together these academic disciplines. This term is typically used when addressing education policy and curriculum choices in schools to improve competitiveness in science and technology development. Since school's are closed for the rest of the school year, this is a great opportunity to get your kids involved with some outstanding education material. Here is a list of STEM projects your scouts might love to get involved with:

Microsoft STEM Projects – all these lesson plans are free and easily accessible to your kids. They can take part in various number of programs such as: How do sharks swim, building party lights using switches and circuitry, NASA 20 years in space, and a lot more!

NASA STEM Projects- NASA offers a lot of projects from K-12. Projects from building rockets to building robots. There are even projects you can do as a whole family. Click on the link and explore all the different type of projects that offer. This can be used as Unit challenge or can be used as a unit meeting theme.

Academics and Scholarships

[Stupore Scholarship](#)- Extended its deadline to July 1st, 2020. The Anthony J. Stupore Memorial Scholarship Fund was created to provide a pathway to success for students who have shown a passion for giving back to their community and demonstrated a commitment to excelling in academics. To be consider you need the following:

A. TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP, YOU MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS: 1. Be a registered Boy Scout, Venturer or Explorer active in your unit. 2. Be a senior in high school. 3. Be accepted by either a two-year or four-year college.

B. TO APPLY, THE INDIVIDUAL MUST SUBMIT A WRITTEN STATEMENT ON THE FOLLOWING: 1. Describe how you have demonstrated leadership skills in Scouting, Venturing or Exploring and in your personal life. 2. Describe how you exhibited involvement in community service. 3. As you reflect on your Scouting, Venturing or Exploring experience, what lesson(s) have you learned to help you throughout life?

C. TWO (2) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: 1. One from your unit's Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor, Post Advisor or Committee Chairperson. 2. One from your high school principal, guidance counselor or teacher who knows you well.

All is listed in the link above.

Camp News

In light of the COVID-19 outbreak we would like to share the following updates:

First and foremost our thoughts and prayers go out to our entire Scouting community as we navigate through these unprecedented times. We continue to prepare for the day when we will gather around a campfire and enjoy the great outdoors together again.

The May 1st deadline for the Early Bird discount for Scouts BSA has been extended until June 1st and the Early Bird discount for Cub Scout Camp has been extended until June 18th. We understand that it is difficult to collect deposits and payments for camp when Troops and Packs are not meeting and perhaps parents are temporarily out of work.



REFUNDS

Full refunds will be given for all camp programs as long as they are requested 24 hours prior to the check in time for that program.

Our Camp management team continues to work hard to prepare for a summer of fun and excitement at a time when our Scouts so desperately are looking to get back outside. We are not slowing down when it comes to getting ready for summer camp. Our staff is busy rewriting programs, preparing lesson plans, practicing new skits and songs and are about to start staff training via the use of Zoom. We have been working all winter on maintenance and facility work and can assure you that the facility has never been in better shape.

The health and safety of our guests and staff continues to be our number one priority. As always, we will comply with all requirements and suggestions from the Suffolk County Health Department as we prepare for an amazing summer. As camp gets closer and we can put COVID-19 behind us we will review policies and procedures making Health and Safety our top Priority!

A friendly reminder to please have the new [2020 Medical Form](#) filled out by the end of this year for every scout that will attend 2021 Summer Camp. We will be accepting the old medical forms for this year, but the new form must be filled out to attend any 2021 Baiting Hollow Scout Camp activity.



Safety Moments

How do you protect yourself and attendees during virtual meetings? How to make Zoom meetings more secure?

[Virtual Meeting Protection Guide-](#) With Technology constantly improving and enhancing our ability to connect with each other, it is only a matter of time before we start using online video conferencing as another tool to communicate with our Scouting community. This guide provides ways to run virtual meetings safely and effectively. Before you start a virtual meeting, please read these guidelines to better protect yourself and your scouts.

[How to make Zoom Meetings more secure?](#)

Account Management > Account Settings > Meeting 1) In Meeting (Basic) Turn off Chat so that participants cannot message everyone. Turn off Private Chat so that participants cannot send 1:1 messages to each other.

2 In Meeting (Basic) Either turn off File transfer or only allow specific types.

3) In Meeting (Basic) Only allow the Host to share their screen. This will make sure that participants cannot share anything with everyone else. Turn off Annotation so participants cannot write on the screen.

4) In Meeting (Basic). Turn off Allow removed participants to rejoin. This will make sure that participants that have been removed by the host cannot rejoin the meeting.

5) In Meeting (Advanced). Turn on the select data center regions. Select the countries that you would like to use.

Account Management > Account Settings > Recording 6) Turn off Local Recording

Settings for Each Individual Schedule Meeting 7) Meeting ID should generate automatically so that it will be different for each meeting and you should require a meeting password.

8) Enable the waiting room. This will make the participants wait until the host approves them to join the meeting. Only authenticated users can join. However, this would require everyone to have a Zoom account. The participants can have a free Zoom account though; it does not need to be a paid account.

9) Always click End Meeting for All

All this information is in the link: [How to make a Zoom meeting more secure?](#) The step by step instruction is accompanied by pictures to help illustrate the procedure.

If You Please...

I am asking every unit: if you please could fill out:

[2020 Unit Check off List](#)

Purpose of this: This list helps the relationship between your unit and district. The information gathered every year from every unit helps us determine where we, as in district, can help in fundraising, membership, and JTE scores. I want to make sure that every unit is aware of this when you go into your planning conferences over the summer.

[Popcorn Commitment Form](#)

Purpose of this: If your unit is taking part of the Trails-End Popcorn Fundraiser, please click on the link and fill out the commitment form. This does not mean you are obligated to take part in the fundraiser but organizes your information so it can be ready for ordering popcorn products once you decide what products you like. It gives us a better outlook on how many units are participating and taking advantage of this amazing fundraiser. This fundraiser has helped a lot of units balance their budget, help with membership cost, and provide a stellar program full of fun adventures of a lifetime. More information on [2020 Popcorn Fundraiser](#): Go to page ??

[2020 Cub Scout Growth Incentive for Pinewood Derby Cars](#)

Purpose of this: If you can recruit 12 new cub scouts from March 1st to October 25th, you will receive Pinewood Derby Car kits for every registered youth in your Pack. I know recruitment has been put on hold this year, but I am hoping we can get a good turn around in the fall once the stay-at-home orders lift.

[2020 Scout BSA Growth Incentive](#)

Purpose of this: If you can recruit 4 new scouts (not crossovers from packs) between July 1st and December 1st, each scout in your Troop will receive a free registration to any of the \$20 Merit Badge classes that will held in the Spring.

[BSA Consent Form for video/photo submissions](#)

Purpose of this: Since we are relying heavily on video, virtual meetings, photos, and other forms of media to exchange information, we are asking everyone who submits a video and/or photo for our Quaran-Times, Virtual Campfires, Roundtables, and/or Matinecock Scout TV, that you please fill out this form and send it to [Taliesin Powell](#). This consent form follows the NY Penal code 250- "New York makes it a crime to record or eavesdrop on an in-person or telephone conversation unless one party to the conversation consents".

Popcorn Breakfast Update

It's popcorn time again and our kickoff is quickly approaching. Due to restrictions we are moving our kickoff to the virtual ZOOM platform on Saturday, June 6, 2020 at 8:30am. The ZOOM information is below and as we get closer, I will post it to the [Council's Facebook page](#). We will have a lot of information regarding the sale this year including updates to the Trail's End app, new products this year and much more. Please remember that attending this kickoff also counts towards 2% incentive towards your commission. Please RSVP to this event at <https://www.sccbsa.org/popcornbreakfast> Also all the popcorn information we have so far can be found at www.sccbsa.org/popcorn20 including a link to the Trail's End commitment form. Fill that out and you'll begin receiving emails from Trail's End regarding the sale as well as



upcoming webinars. Because we are no longer holding an in-person kickoff there is no longer a limit on the amount of people from your unit that can attend.

May Virtual Roundtable - May 14th 7:30pm

We will be hosting our May Virtual Roundtable via Zoom. Couple of things to know!

May Roundtable Agenda

7:30pm start time- all presenters will have recorded their parts and be available on Facebook in the [Matinecock District Page](#)

Q & A's after presenters' video

Virtual Fellowship After-If you didn't attend last Roundtable, the Virtual Fellowship was a lot of fun and we enjoyed laughing and sharing stories. If you can, try to stick around and have fun with us.

Invitations for the Zoom meeting will be sent out to Key 3 of every unit. If you didn't get an invitation, please talk to you unit's key 3 to forward you the invite.

If you want to be on the email chain to receive District information including roundtable, then please send [Taliesin Powell](#) your email with the request to be added on.



Good Vibes and Good Times

Curious on what other units are doing around the Matinecock District during stay-at-home orders? Looking for suggestions on topics/programs for a unit meeting?

Check out the pictures and click on the links below from our fellow:



Troop 113: Wood Burning Sign



Virtual Campout T34 with their family

Our Scouts doing virtual merit badge classes



Pack 406 shared: [Thank you Video](#) / [Robotics](#) / They have been involved with Scouting for Food even during quarantine and have been giving it to hospitals and food pantries. All these videos have been put up on their Pack 406 Facebook page.

Pack 66 shared: [Fire Safety Video](#) / [Shoe-Lace Campfire Skit](#) / [Alligator Repeating Song](#) / Mr. Maltese has been producing awesome videos from his Pack 66 meeting to how to run a meeting via Zoom.

Troop 12 shared: [Tie Knots with Liam](#)

Troop 34 shared: [Whittling Safety with David](#) / [Flag Folding and Etiquette](#)

Troop 113 shared: [Troop 113 You-tube channel](#) where their scouts go over each rank and the requirements.

Troop 125 shared: They had their annual plants fundraiser and are selling "Thank a nurse of doctor" plants (at no fundraising profit to each scout). As part of this plant sale, we would like to show our appreciation to the Nurses at St. Catherine of Siena Hospital for all their sacrifice to care for those who are ill during this difficult time.

On the Horizon - Date Changes from District and Council

[SCCBSA Fellowship Banquet- October 8th, 2020](#)

[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

[Virtual Cub Fun Day- May 17th](#)- we will be hosting a Cub Fun Day video on May 17th. If you have a video for a skill, game, or a fun activity, then please send it to [Talesin Powell](#) and attach a [BSA Consent Form for Video / photos](#) to the email.

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



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

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

Any news or information regarding COVID-19 can be found on:

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

Any news or change to advancements and extensions can be found on:

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

Or on our Matinecock District Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/matdistrict/>

Click on here on: [News on COVID-19 Merit Badge](#)

Fun & Games

Happy Mother's Day

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