Unit Activity Recommendations

Currently Suffolk County Council service center remains closed, but the staff continues to work remotely and carry out the Scouting movement. We are classified as a civic organization and will be part of phase 4 reopening. In addition, we are excited to announce that we will have summer camping programs; programs are modified to adhere to all social distancing and safety protocols. Please check out Baiting Hollow Scout Camp for more information.

Unit leaders, committee members, and parents are asked to “Zoom” together to brainstorm ideas that could help keep the Scouts engaged over the summer and help them continue to advance while having fun in the outdoors. Below are some basic reminders and recommendations to consider and/or follow as you look at and revise your summer program calendar.

Our guidelines try to mirror those developed by the State of New York Health Department. Before beginning any unit event, please have the latest information available from the state of New York, understanding that this can and will change from week to week. Currently:

- Involve the key leaders of your Chartered Organization to get their input and approval.
- Outdoor activities only for now.
- Anyone who is sick or exhibiting the signs of the coronavirus must stay home.
- No more than 25 persons in a group beginning Wednesday, June 24, 2020.
- Face masks are required for people who are unable to keep six feet away from others. We strongly encourage the use of face masks in groups.
- Determine and decide what guidelines the unit will need to impose before participation is allowed (e.g., face masks, transportation, size of group(s), feeding options, etc.)
- Be sure you have parent permission for all and any events.
- Have adequate sanitation supplies on hand.
- No sharing of food or drink.
- Be vigilant in ensuring everyone washes their hands thoroughly and maintains physical distancing.
- All BSA Youth Protection guidelines are to be adhered to.

For restarting your in-person Scouting activities, National has provided us with a restart guide. You can download it here Restart Guide
For more information on State Covid-19 Guidelines check the link for the State of New York.

Be safe! Stay healthy and have fun!

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