These are truly unique times, but these are the moments we prepare for. As an organization and as a community, this is when Scouting shines. As Scouts, this is what we’re made of. Scouts are ready for anything because being prepared is part of our DNA.

Right now, a countless number of volunteers and staff are preparing our summer camps to welcome thousands of eager campers. Sure, camp will look different this year, but we’re preparing and emphasizing safety, to make this summer magical.

But the idea of being prepared is nothing new. It’s been a part of Scouting since the very beginning and during some of our country’s most trying times, Scouts have answered the call. This year is no exception. Scouts across the country and here at home have mobilized countless initiatives to support their communities by collecting food, using 3-D printers to make face shields, thanking first responders and much more.

More than ever, Scouting is about giving back and it’s about family. And whether at home together or miles apart, our Scouting families are what makes our communities great. As a special tribute to family, we’ve compiled some of our favorite Scouting moments over the past year into our newly released annual report. We invite you to celebrate Scouting and our Scouting families at www.HOACAnnualReport.com.

Kansas City remains Scouting strong, and families can count on us to prepare the next generation of leaders, while creating a safe atmosphere of fun and adventure. Social distancing may have kept us apart, but Scouting is keeping us connected.

Stay, safe, keep Scouting and get ready for an amazing summer!
Summer camp is a critical part of the Scouting experience and after careful consideration and an exhaustive review of our camp safety protocols, preparations are currently underway to re-open our summer camping operations starting in July.

Our updated summer sessions officially begin July 5th and we’re excited to offer Scouts BSA sessions at the Bartle and Naish Scout Reservations as well as Bear and Webelos resident camps.

While our Cub Scout Day Camps have been canceled for this year, we are in the process of developing alternative solutions and templates for dens and packs to utilize all summer long. We’ll be releasing those plans in the coming weeks so be on the lookout!

Right now, our teams are in place getting our camps ready with safety as the top priority. As a parent you have a choice and it’s important that you understand the many precautions we’re taking to prevent the spread of COVID-19 at our summer camps.

In addition to pre-camp and in-camp health screenings, we will be instituting daily temperature checks, updated check-in procedures, enhanced staff training and a rapid response protocol.

Camp attendance will also be smaller as we are limiting capacity to allow for spacing throughout camp. This means less Scouts in campsites, smaller class sizes and “Grab and Go Meals” instead of dining halls.

To help you make the most informed decision possible, we’ve developed a comprehensive COVID-19 Health and Safety Response Plan. Please review the 13-Step plan in addition to all pre-screening documents at www.hoac-bsa.org/camp-safety.

We’ve also included our “Summer Camp FAQ” on the next page.

Ultimately, the choice for your child to attend summer camp is a personal one, and you are in control. If you are uncomfortable with the risks of COVID-19 in a summer camp setting, we will gladly provide a full refund or hold your deposit for next summer.

For the latest camp information, visit our Summer Camp Updates and Camp Safety websites available at www.hoac-bsa.org.

TOP CHANGES FOR THIS SUMMER
• Reduced Capacity in Each Session
• Fewer Campers = More Space in Activities/Classes
• Daily Temperature & Health Checks
• Pre-Camp Screening Documents
• Meals Moved to Campsites

2020 Summer Camp Sessions

Naish Scout Reservation
Scouts BSA Session
July 26 – August 1

Bartle Scout Reservation
Scouts BSA Sessions
Session 1 | July 5 – 12
Session 2 | July 12 – 19
Session 3 | July 19 – 26
Session 4 | July 26 – August 2
Session 5 | August 2 – 9

Bear Resident Camp
Session 1 | July 5 – 6
Session 2 | July 10 – 11
Session 3 | July 12 – 13
Session 4 | July 17 – 18
Session 5 | July 19 – 20
Session 6 | July 24 – 25

Webelos Resident Camp
Session 1 | July 5 – 7
Session 2 | July 9 – 11
Session 3 | July 12 – 14
Session 4 | July 16 – 18
Session 5 | July 19 – 21
Session 6 | July 23 – 25

Cub Scout Day Camp
Canceled for 2020

Rotary Camp
Canceled for 2020

SUMMER CAMP
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

As we prepare for camp, our leadership continues to review, adapt and adjust protocols and procedures as well as adhere to all current state and county guidelines.

Q: What state/county guidelines are in place now?

Bartle: St. Claire County, MO
As of June 16, 2020 | Missouri in Phase 2
*No statewide public health order

Naish: Wyandotte County, KS
As of June 25, 2020 | Wyandotte County in Phase 2
*Summer camps and outdoor activities can reopen as long as they can maintain at least six feet of distance between individuals or groups, beyond 45 individuals and at 50% or less of fire marshal approved capacity.

In addition to all state/county regulations, our camps will also implement and practice additional safeguards such as reduced capacity, spacing recommendations, sanitation protocols and the use of face coverings all summer long.

Q: How are meals going to be handled?

At this time, meals will be served in campsites through our new “Grab & Go” option. There will be no meals in the dining halls. We are in the process of finalizing our menu to offer both nutritious and hot meal selections.

Q: How is the pre-camp check going to work?

Upon arrival, a staff member will greet your unit at the entrance to camp. At that time a staff member will administer a temperature check of all passengers. The staff member will also collect the BSA Medical Form, Camper Screening Form, Camper Waiver Form and Commitment to Transfer Agreement. If any passenger has a temperature above 100.4°F the vehicle will not be permitted to enter camp.
Q: How will spacing work at camp?

Campers and staff will be required to spread out while at camp. This will be accomplished through:

- Reducing the number of campers in each session
- Fewer campers means more space in merit badges classes and all other activities
- Moving meals to campsites instead of dining halls
- Encouraging the use of personal chairs

Campers and staff will also be spaced accordingly during all campfires and ceremonies as well as in campsites.

Q: Are visitors allowed at camp this year?

No. The safety of our campers and staff members is our number one priority. To limit any unnecessary exposure, visitors will not be allowed to access camp this year. This includes all campfires and ceremonies.

Q: Will face coverings be required at all times?

Face coverings will be required during large group events like campfires and ceremonies and may be required at certain program areas at times. Campers and leaders are not required to wear face coverings outside of large person gatherings and certain program areas, but are encouraged to do so.

Face coverings (buffs & masks) will be provided for all campers and staff. Everyone should have their face covering(s) with them at all times.

Q: If my troop is not attending camp, can I transfer my Scout to another troop that is?

Not currently. In order to provide adequate room to spread out at camp, we’ve reduced the capacity of all sessions. Those interested in attending an alternate session may join our wait list by emailing Laura.Campbell@scouting.org.

Q: If a camper or staff member is sent home, will all of camp be sent home?

Our rapid response protocol is structured to isolate, confirm, respond, and remove an individual for testing. Camp leadership will be notified as to the test results for that individual.

Q: Will we be able to sleep one person per tent?

With less campers in each session, Scouts and leaders may have the opportunity to have their own tent. In the case that 2 people will share a tent, we will require that those campers or leaders sleep head to foot.

Q: Will the swimming pools be open?

Yes. However, pool capacity and aquatic programs will be reduced to ensure that all campers spread out.

Q: Will any program areas not be available?

We continue to review every program/activity offered at our camps. While some program areas will be limited, the only program that will not be offered this summer is C.O.P.E.

Q: Will all merit badges be completed at camp?

No. Scouts will be unable to complete merit badges like Lifesaving and Swimming, where person-to-person contact is required. Merit badges that do not require person-to-person contact will be able to be completed at camp.

Q: Can my unit hike to Iconium or leave camp?

In an effort to limit any unnecessary exposure, campers, leaders and staff will not be allowed to leave camp during their session. At Bartle, staff is working with Scott’s General Store to implement a non-contact food delivery system so campers and leaders can still enjoy food items from Iconium.

Q: Will there be a Mic-O-Say/OA program?

Leadership is working on program plans to ensure that elevations and inductions continue in a meaningful way. We are working on the possibility of additional weekends in the fall for elevations and inductions for campers and leaders who are unable to attend camp during the summer.
Get the latest camp and KC Scouting gear online!
Show your Scouting pride and shop our new and improved online trading post. We’ve made shopping from home more convenient than ever with instant access to some of your favorite locally branded Scouting items. All products are available on-line and all are shipped directly to your doorstep! We’re adding new items frequently so check back often.

Go to www.hoac-bsa.org and select SHOP at the top of the page to start shopping now!

**Scout Saver 10-Pack**
Buying groceries this week? How about a $5 oil change? Take advantage of great deals like $5 off $50 at Price Chopper, $10 off $50 at Dick’s Sporting Goods, and even an oil change at Firestone! All proceeds benefit local Scouting programs. Purchase a 10-pack today for only $50.

**KC Scouting T-Shirts**
Scout in style with our locally branded KC Scouting t-shirts. Available in youth and adult sizes, these ultrasoft Kansas City inspired tees range in price from $5-$20. These shirts are going fast and available online only!

**Bartle Snap Back Cap**
Stay cool this summer with the new Bartle Snap Back Cap. With a built-in sweatband this “one size fits all” cap will keep you comfortable on and off the trail. Available now for $25 in two color options, brown and green.

**Mic-O-Say Paint Bands**
Show your Mic-O-Say pride everywhere you go. Introducing our new “Paint Bands” - a customizable bracelet that helps you showcase your paint station 24-7.

“Stack” your beads or order a single bead. All Paint Bead packages come complete with a one-size-fits all leather band, metal clasp, and one colored bead of your choosing.

Packages start at only $10. Additional beads are only $1 each and are pre-assembled based on your order.

SHOP NOW AT HOAC-BSA.ORG
With summer officially here, we’ve heard from a lot of our units asking when and if it’s okay to resume in-person meetings and campouts again. The short answer is yes, but of course with some restrictions.

It’s important to talk with your Scouts, their families and follow any guidelines or restrictions outlined by your city, state, and county health officials. Your unit should also consult with your chartered organization as to any guidelines that must be followed before in-person meetings or activities may resume.

As always, the safety of your Scouts, leaders and parents should be your top priority. Discuss all options with your families, be safe, and keep Scouting!
The smart and simple way to recruit during COVID-19

Restaurants and retailers go to great lengths to land on the first page of Google. They know a Google search is typically the first stop for customers wanting to order takeout, stream a movie or buy a new desk chair.

Fortunately, you don’t need to be a master of search engine optimization to recruit new families to your pack, troop, crew or ship. You just need to update your BeAScout pin. And thanks to some volunteer-focused changes to this process, it’s now easier than ever to do so.

“BeAScout is the way that families who are looking to join a Scouting unit can easily find your unit and apply,” says Pat Wellen, the BSA’s director of research and strategy. “By setting up your pin, your unit information will show on BeAScout, and you’ll be ready to accept new families into your unit.”

What is BeAScout?

When someone Googles phrases like “join Scouting,” “pack near me” or “find Scout troop,” the result in the coveted top spot is the BSA’s BeAScout page: beascout.scouting.org.

From there, families can type in their ZIP code, select the program that interests them (Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing or Sea Scouts) and click “Find and Apply.”

What happens next? Well, that’s kind of up to you.

If your pin is updated, a prospective Scouting family will find your leader’s contact info, a link to your website and a brief description about your unit.

If you have also turned on the “Apply Now” button, parents can also fill out the application online directly from BeAScout — or they can send you an email for more information.

Recruiting during COVID-19

The BeAScout site has been around for a while, but its importance has only intensified during the COVID-19 outbreak when peer-to-peer recruiting is more difficult.

Families looking for meaningful at-home activities for their children are turning to Scouting in impressive numbers. Those who aren’t yet involved in our movement are seeing positive stories of service, Scouting achievement and friendship on social media and local news.

When they’re ready to join Scouting, families can use BeAScout.org to find you — all while observing their state’s health guidelines.

“This tool give you a touchless way to recruit and onboard members to come to your virtual or live meetings,” Wellen says. “The parent just fills out the online application and pays online.”

After the parent applies, the committee chair, unit leader, chartered organization representative or another registered adult leader who has been granted access goes online and can review and accept the application. Within 24 hours, the member will show in the unit’s my.Scouting roster.

The parent will receive a welcome email from Scouting immediately after the unit accepts the new member. Unit leaders can write an optional second welcome email to go out 24 hours later, telling recipients the time and place of the next meeting (online or in-person) or another message the unit wishes to share.

How to update your BeAScout pin

Who can update the pin? The Key 3 of the unit — committee chair, chartered organization representative and unit leader (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Advisor, Skipper) — has access to Organization Manager in my.Scouting tools, which will allow them to set up the unit pin.

What’s the process for doing so? A step-by-step guide is available online at this link. Look for the PDF link called “Setting Up Your Unit’s BeAScout Pin.”

What has changed? Pin management is no longer in “Legacy Tools.” It has been updated with a new fresh look and easier navigation. Everything you need to set up the pin is in one tool, meaning no more moving back and forth between tools or pages.

Even more to come

More changes are also coming over the next few months to make reviewing and accepting youth and adult applications in my.Scouting even easier.

Look for more information about those changes as they go live in the tool.
Our annual Scout Classic is back and better than ever. Dust off your clubs and enjoy a day away from the office or out of the house at The National Golf Club’s “The Deuce” on Tuesday, July 14.

This year’s Scout Classic will feature an afternoon of golf, prizes and games followed by an awards dinner. All proceeds from the 2020 Scout Classic will benefit Scouting programs right here in Kansas City.

Reserve your team, become a sponsor and check out our great pre-tournament items today at bit.ly/scout-classic.

Planning Your Ideal Year of Scouting

The next year of Scouting for your troop, crew, pack is vital to the success and strength of your Scouting experience.

Make the planning process easier with our Ideal Year of Scouting guidebooks. These FREE guidebooks include resources like programing and budget planners, recruitment and retention tools, volunteer leadership resources and so much more!

All Ideal Year of Scouting guidebooks also come complete with our 2020 – 2021 Council Programing Calendar to help plan your unit’s event in accordance with council activities and programs.

Download your guides today to develop an annual program plan, a budget to go along with that plan, and a fundraising plan to reach your programing goals. The result is a well-managed, well-financed Scouting unit.

Make planning a priority and start your Ideal Year of Scouting today at www.hoac-bsa.org/ideal-year-of-scouting.

Now Streaming on ROKU

Kansas City Scouting news is now streaming on ROKU! Enjoy the latest council videos, including ScoutCastKC, from your home television, smartphone or tablet 24-7. Simply search “KCScouting” on ROKU.
National Youth Leadership Training

Camp Naish | August 2-8

Know a Scout who is preparing to hold a leadership role in your unit? Encourage them to register for NYLT so they can equip themselves with the tools to lead!

NYLT is a six-day immersive program designed to teach Scouts concepts of what a leader must be, what a leader must know, and what a leader must do. Scouts interconnect concepts and work processes are introduced early, built upon throughout the program which allows participants to understand and employ the leadership skills much faster.

NYLT will be hosted at Camp Naish August 2 – 8. Visit hoac-bsa.org/nylt to register today.

Wood Badge

Camp Naish | This September

The Wood Badge experience is Scouting’s premier leadership development program. It provides participants with firsthand knowledge regarding how teams develop and achieve excellence. Participants take part in an active learning process through involvement in planning, development, presentation and assessment.

Enjoy a world-class learning experience that will strengthen your long-term commitment to Scouting and provide you with valuable leadership skills to develop you into a better Scout leader!

Fall Wood Badge Course Weekends:
September 11-13 & September 26-27

Learn more or register at hoac-bsa.org/wood-badge.

Silver Beaver Nominations Open

The Silver Beaver is the highest award that a council may present to its volunteers for outstanding service to Scouting. Nominations are open now and will close August 1, 2020. Please take the time to nominate a worthy Scouter at hoac-bsa.org/silver-beaver-award.
Outdoor Activity Award and Summertime Pack Award

**COVID-19 Guidance**

Need guidance earning your outdoor awards this summer? There are now exceptions when it comes to earning the Outdoor Activity Award and Summertime Pack Award due to COVID-19 restrictions. Packs and dens should do their best to meet the intent of the awards. Put simply, “Do Your Best.” If an activity that is required (such as day camp or resident camp) is not possible to take part in due to the COVID-19 pandemic, packs can utilize an alternative option of their choosing. Units should continue follow any restrictions outlined by your state and local health department or other local officials regarding gatherings and activities.


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Kansas City Scout Named VFW Scout of the Year

The VFW’s National Scout of the Year program honors members of the BSA and Girl Scouts who display standout citizenship, patriotism and love of country with the opportunity to be rewarded with college scholarships. This year’s top recipient is a standout and prime example of what it means to be a Scout in both organizations.

After a nationwide search, we’re excited to share that Kansas City’s very own Jacqueline Abnos has been selected as the 2020 VFW Scout of the Year.

Jacqueline was sponsored by VFW Post 1829 in Kansas City, Missouri and is a member of Troop 6010, Crew 2286 and Girl Scout Troop 3033.

As a Venturing Summit Award and Gold Award recipient currently working toward her Eagle Scout, Jacqueline was selected for her leadership, dedication to scouting and her activism.

As the first place 2020 VFW Scout of the Year, Jacqueline will receive a $5,000 college scholarship.

Congratulations Jacqueline and for proving that Scouts from Kansas City are some of the best in the nation!
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