

Event Guide

Virtual Camporee

2020

A dark teal rectangular graphic with a stylized illustration of a campsite on the left. The illustration features a yellow tent, dark green pine trees, and snow-capped mountains under a night sky with stars and a full moon. The text 'April 25th- 26th' is written in a white, slightly curved font above the illustration. To the right of the illustration, the text 'Virtual Camporee' is written in a white serif font inside a light brown banner. Below the banner, a paragraph of white text reads: 'Please join us for a weekend of At Home Scouting activities! It's a free event. Scouts can participate from their own home!'. At the bottom right, the Boy Scouts of America logo is displayed above the text 'BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA' and 'CONNECTICUT RIVERS COUNCIL' in white capital letters.

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Virtual Camporee Summary

“The most worth-while thing is to try to put happiness into the lives of others.”

Lord Baden Powell the founder of the world Scouting movement

In an effort to “Scout On” the Connecticut Rivers Council is pleased to present a Spring Virtual Camporee. You are right to think that we never imagined we would be planning an event like this. However, we realize its as important as ever to bring program to all our families in these uncertain times. So to honor Baden Powell with the quote above in mind, with your participation and help we will all bring program conTENT home to you! With the help of modern technology, we can “Scout On” together and we hope we have arranged a weekend of program for everyone in your family. This is a free event to take part in! All activities, presentations, Scout talks, and videos will all take place virtually on either our council’s facebook page or our the council’s youtube page. There is an optional limited-edition patch that can be purchased for \$5. This patch can be purchased for everyone in your family (non-scouts included) that participates in any of the festivities throughout the weekend. By purchasing the patch or donating to the event it will help us offset the costs associated with the event and we hope you consider doing either or both so that we can continue to offer free program to our Scouts stuck at home. During this national public health crisis, we want all our Scouts, Scouters, and our families to stay safe and healthy and we will see you on your next outdoor adventure when this phase of our lives is over. We want to thank all of the frontliners in our community for what they are doing and for making it possible for us to conduct programs like this. We will get past this, and we believe that when the world stops, Scouting continues. #SCOUTON

Itinerary

Saturday April 25th

9 AM - Flag Ceremony from home

Colors will be broadcast live from JN Webster by JNW Staff. This will be broadcast on our council Facebook page.

10 AM- Prayer for those affected by COVID-19. Performed by Steven Scheid, Director, Center for Scouting Ministry of the Methodist Church. Will be broadcast out on YouTube and shared on Facebook.

Immediately following: Keynote Speaker (To be announced) broadcasted on Facebook and YouTube.

10:30 AM – Hike (1-3 miles for Cubs) (3-5 miles for Scouts BSA & Venture

Or

Popcorn Craft Competition *Sponsored by Trails End

11 AM- Zoom/Facebook Live interview with Entomologist- Discuss his career, bug tips while out doors, and top ten insect myths debunked.

12 PM- Dining Hall lunch song from Workcoeman

1 PM – 5 PM Instructional Sessions led on council's Facebook Live page & merit badge classes offered on Zoom. 5 Scouting skills presentations performed by Scouts and Scouters. We will be offering 3 free merit badges.

5 PM – 8PM Cooking Competition

7 PM – Interview with Dr. Jeremy Stricsek, MD. Dr. Stricsek is a family medicine doctor and will join us to talk about staying healthy at home. Do's and don't's and reporting from the Covid-19 front line.

7:30 PM- Flag retreat from Workcoeman

8 PM - Campfire Evening Program Streamed over Facebook Live from JNW Scout Reservation
Backyard Camping

Share pictures of your backyard campsite.

Sunday, April 26, 2020

9 AM –Chip Goss will do a live breakfast pancake flip and give a good morning that includes key cooking tips.

9:30AM Scouting Charge- A video broadcasted out done by Asst Chief Scout Executive Al Lambert.

10 AM- Scouts Own Service streamed on Facebook Live- Performed by the Council's Duty to God Committee.

Closing Ceremony

** Details about these events included in the Events section on the next pages*

Events

Saturday April 25th, 2020

Flag Ceremony

We will broadcast a flag raising ceremony from June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation. This will be shared by video on Facebook.

**Scouts should do the pledge of allegiance, Scout Oath, and Scout Law at home. If you have a flag make sure you post it somewhere in the residence, with your parent or guardians' permission.*

Invocation and Opening Prayer

Prayer for those affected by COVID-19. Performed by Steven Scheid, Dir. Center for Scouting Ministry. Will be broadcast out on YouTube and shared on Facebook. His bio is below.

**Scouts should pay their respects according to their own customs.*

Steven Scheid is currently the Director of the Center for Scouting with General Commission on United Methodist Men. Steven was licensed as a local pastor in the UMC in July 2017 and the Eagle Scout has over ten years of experience as an adult leader of Scouts. In 2013, Steven attended the United Methodist Scouting Workshop at Sea Base, and he became as Scouting ministry specialist. It was at that training event Steven first learned of the position of national director of scouting ministry. Steven has an Industrial Engineering from Tennessee Tech. Steven comes from a large scouting family. His father, Roy, gave him a passion for the outdoors as their family camped in the Rocky Mountains when Troop 643 was not on camping trips. Steven and his wife Connie have journeyed, and both have served as licensed local pastors. They have two children: Richard and Cathryn and 2 grandchildren.

Keynote Speaker

TBA

Bio

Hike or Popcorn Craft

Hike: If Scouts do a hike with family members. Scouts should take “Scout appropriate” photos and videos. Parents please post these videos and pictures to facebook and then tag them #ScoutON, #CTscouting, #WeOwnAdventure. We will grab those pictures and videos and share them on our main page.

Popcorn Craft: If weather doesn’t cooperate, you can’t find a buddy, or just can’t make it outside for the Hike we are hosting a Popcorn Craft competition. This competition is sponsored by Trail’s End Popcorn. The winner will get a box of Trail’s End’s finest popcorn. The Competition will be judged by our Council Popcorn Kernal Dan Albert. Please submit all pictures of your final craft to Sean.fogle@scouting.org no later than 3pm. We will announce the winner that evening. If you are looking for creative popcorn craft ideas check out these resources below.

<https://funfamilycrafts.com/popcorn-crafts-kids/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/jollytimepops/diy-popcorn-crafts/>

<https://craftingagreenworld.com/articles/15-popcorn-crafts-for-national-popcorn-day/>

***Submission of Videos and picture will give us the permission to share and use**

Bug Guy Interview

At 11am we will have a zoom interview that will be streamed on Facebook live. Dr. Skvarla from Penn State University will give a talk on insects. Dr. Mike is an Entomologist and got his start in Cub Scouts. Hear Mike tell his story, give us tips on dealing with bugs in the backcountry, and debunking the top 10 myths about bugs. This interview will be recorded so don’t fret if you miss it live. We will share the recording so anyone can watch it throughout the weekend. To read more about Dr. Mike Skvarla check out the link below.

<https://entomologytoday.org/2019/09/17/how-childhood-project-inspired-life-long-career-entomology-michael-skvarla/>

Scout Skill Sessions

We will have 6 Scout skill sessions that will be recorded videos and shared on Facebook and YouTube. These will kickoff at 1pm and the sessions will be added to Facebook intermittently ending at 5pm. The Scout skills will include:

1. Knot tying demo by Amy Hutcherson, BSA National Growth Coach and ASM
2. How to pack a backpack demonstration by Josh Gianetti, Troop 39.
3. Campfire building demonstration by John Hambrook, Troop 73.
4. How to build and cook using a refectory oven with a pizza box, Karl Kuegler
5. Scout Safety Demo of sharpening Scout tools. Don Corne
6. STEM Scout Skill done by Heather Shepard. Activity (TBA)

7. Blackpowder shooting done by the Workcoeman Staff
8. Scoutcraft Demo by the Workcoeman Staff

Cooking Competition

Scouts will prepare a dish as part of the virtual cooking competition. The competition will consist of Scouts with proper adult supervision and safety taking a picture of the recipe, a picture of them cooking the dish, and the final result. The judging will be conducted by our favorite Executive Chef Chip Goss. Please send all submissions to sean.fogle@scouting.org by 7:30pm. The winner will receive a special cooking award and be announced at the Campfire! If your family post pictures on facebook please use the hashtags so we can see them and share them. They are #ScoutON, #CTscouting, #WeOwnAdventure!

Interview with the Dr. J MD

We will broadcast an exclusive Connecticut Rivers Council interview with Dr. Jeremy Stricsek, MD. Dr. Stricsek is a family medicine practitioner and he's going to join us via a zoom interview. He will chat with us about remaining healthy in the home, reinforce safety behaviors, do's and don'ts, and talk about his experience as a Scout. Dr. Stricsek bio is below.

Dr. Jeremy Stricsek is a primary care doctor practicing at CHA Union Square Family Health in Somerville, Mass. He has an primary care office in Somerville but also works out of the hospital. Dr. Stricsek earned all of his medical degrees from Brown University in Providence, RI. Dr. Stricsek grew up in Scouting. He started off as a Tiger Cub in New Hartford, CT and continued Scouting when his family moved to Michigan with the Gerald Ford Council and the Westmoreland-Fayette Council in South Western PA. Jeremey is married to Dr. Gabriel Vargas who is also a MD and is practicing medicine at Boston Children's Hospital.

Campfire

Like most campouts we will have a campfire. The campfire will be video broadcast from June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation on the Council's Facebook feed.

*Attention Scouts while the fire is still burning send us your acted-out skits, songs, and pictures of smores. All videos and pictures of skits must be Scout appropriate with zero grey area. Submit them to Sean.fogle@scouting.org . We will share the best ones on facebook so you can become Scouting influencers.

Sunday

Cooking on the Flip Side

Join us early on Sunday morning while Chip flips a giant pancake (possibly) and gives us a good morning welcome and thank you for participating. Chip will also provide some cooking tips!

Scouting Charge Video from Assistant Chief Scout Executive Al Lambert

An optimistic, get the crowd growing, Scouting spirit charge by our National Assistant Chief Scout Executive Al Lambert. Al will go over some national topics, discuss Scouting future events, and has a great message to all of our Scouts. See his Bio below.

As the Assistant Chief Scout Executive – National Director of Outdoor Adventures, Al Lambert works with volunteer committees and staff members to deliver a range of exhilarating, once-in-a-lifetime outdoor experiences to the BSA's youth members and adult volunteers. This includes responsibility for the BSA's four high adventure bases: Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, Florida National High Adventure Sea Base in the Florida Keys, Northern Tier High Adventure Base in Minnesota, and the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in West Virginia. Al began his career with the BSA in the Chicago Area Council. He went on to serve in several capacities at BSA local councils in Forest Hills, Pennsylvania; Hagerstown, Maryland; Bethesda, Maryland; and Manchester, New Hampshire; before joining the National Service Center as regional director of the Central Region. He is a graduate of Salem College in Salem, West Virginia.

All Faiths Ceremony

An all faiths ceremony is where all Scouts and Scouters from different backgrounds can participate and worship in a way that suits their custom. The all faiths ceremony will be conducted by Ken Lee via broadcast on the Council Facebook page.

Closing

We will have a brief closing and thank you.

Other Activities

Merit Badges

We will be offering a few merit badges throughout the day. These free classes will involve a separate registration and space is limited. Check back here for times, merit badges, and other details.

Mark Twain Museum

The staff of the Mark Twain Museum will be producing a video for us. Details TBA

Hartford Yard Goats Player

A tailor made video for Scouts presented by a Hartford Yard Goats player!

Camp Videos

In between events we will be uploading videos to Facebook and YouTube. We will have videos from all three Connecticut River Council camps.

Summit Video

We will have a brand new exclusive video from the staff of the summit. It will be a 45 min video dedicated to get to know the what the Summit has to offer as far as program, big events, and a get to know the staff and property.

Scout Stuff at Home

- Ongoing throughout the day: Duty to Help Other People-Call family & friends to check on them.
- Set up and share your at home camp site set up. Work on Scout advancement and research ways you can give back to the community.
- While sharing to social media please use the social media guide and adhere to Youth protection standards.

<https://scoutingwire.org/social-media-guidelines/>

We have three hashtags we would like everyone to use so we can easily search for your pictures, posts, and comments. Please use these #ScoutON, #CTscouting, #WeOwnAdventure for all your social media.

Patch

We are selling an optional patch for this event for \$5. Its for all who participate. It's a limited-edition patch and we will only order for the preorders that we have. If you would like one for all family participants (non-scouts included) please, order them today.

<https://councilstuff.com/066> in the patch section.

