



NCAC Scouting at Home 2020 Award Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts



Scout's Name: _____ Unit No: _____
Submitted By: _____ Date: _____
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Background

In response to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the National Capital Area Council (NCAC) is encouraging Scouts of all ages to Stay Home and be Scout Safe throughout the crisis. The Scouting at Home 2020 Award has been created to recognize the unique challenge this presents to our Scouts and their families, encouraging them to live the Scout Oath and Law, even when typical Scouting activities are disrupted.

Requirements

This award can be earned by Scouts of any rank by completing the appropriate requirements below while state or municipality stay-at-home orders are in effect at the Scout's residence. All requirement completions are approved by the Scout's parent or guardian. Upon completion of all requirements, the form is signed by the parent or guardian and submitted to the unit's Scoutmaster/Advisor/Skipper for approval. Once approved, the parent/guardian or unit may pre-order the patch for \$5 here: <https://councilstuff.com/082>. Include each awardee's name in the notes section of the order. Patches will be distributed to units at a future in-person district Roundtable meeting.

1) Home Preparedness

Help your family and neighborhood implement protective measures to prevent further infection by creating face masks for you, your family, and others in your neighborhood. Use available materials and follow instructions provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

2) Family Virus Prevention Plan

Organize and facilitate a family meeting (the meeting can be either in-person or virtual). Present the prevention points recommended in all sections of the Center for Disease Control's (CDC's) "Preventing Getting Sick" found at the link below. Encourage questions and discussions on how your family can implement recommendations inside your home and while out-and-about. List your specific plans for implementing the recommendations.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/index.html>

3) Advancement at Home

Complete a merit badge or advance in rank while maintaining CDC social distancing guidelines

4) Scouting Skills

Develop Scouting skills at home by camping overnight in your yard. Set up a tent and properly pack a backpack or duffel with the clothes, camping gear (including the "Scout Basic Essentials," see the *Scouts BSA Handbook*), and the cooking and eating gear you will need. Plan and gather together the ingredients needed for your dinner and breakfast and take them outside with you. Prepare your dinner and breakfast entirely on your outdoor grill. Once outside for the overnight, do not return inside until the following morning (requires parent/guardian approval) (Scoutmaster/Advisor/Skipper may waive the backyard camping requirement in circumstances where backyard camping is not possible. In such circumstances, the Scout should use the family kitchen to prepare dinner and breakfast for the Scout's family instead).

5) Unit Participation

Join your Patrol/Troop/Crew/Ship in a virtual event by video chat, telephone, or other electronic means. With your Unit Leader's permission, invite a friend, not currently in Scouting, to join you for the event using their own electronic means. Consult your Scoutmaster/Advisor/Skipper. BSA youth protection requirements, including two-deep leadership, must be followed.

6) Community Service

Support others in your community affected by the Coronavirus Pandemic by writing letters to those hospitalized, by safely contacting elderly neighbors, or by supporting a charitable organization's food drive.