

Mountain Echo – May 2020

It's been a busy few months for Scout Leaders, and being Safe at Home hasn't slowed anyone down!

The Scouting At Home Committee has been hard at work creating a commemorative patch for ScoutingAtHome. Details on how to earn this patch were sent in early May, and are also available on the Virtual Campsite page of the Mount Baker website in the Scouting At Home Award link.

We kicked off the month of May with our Council CamporALL. So many Scouts and their families participated by camping outside, sharing videos and pictures, and joining the National BSA Camp-In the following day and night.

The Virtual Council Court of Honor took place on Saturday, May 16th. The recipients all received a Court of Honor "Kit" that included everything they needed for a celebration at home while being honored virtually by many Scouters throughout the Council.

Next up is the first of our Family First Fridays. These events are meant to engage our Scouts and their families throughout the summer, get the families enjoying the outdoors together, and to satisfy the requirements for the Summertime Pack Award for the Cub Scout Packs. Our first night is Saturday, June 5th. The theme is Cooking. We will be kicking the event off live on Friday night, with a welcome from the Council and a few cooking tips and recipes. The event will be covered throughout the evening and the next morning via our Scouting From Home Facebook Group. We encourage everyone to post videos, tips, recipes, and anything else related to this event. We are including a really fun challenge for everyone: A "Cast Iron Chef" Challenge – we will be posting 3 ingredients ahead of time and asking everyone to create a spectacular dish using these 3 ingredients. We can't wait to see what everyone comes up with!

Alan – not necessarily in my jurisdiction, but the lines are blurred with the Scouting at Home Committee, so if you don't hear from anyone else, I thought I would give honorable mentions to the following:

Many Leaders throughout the Council have been offering Virtual Merit Badge Clinics and have been having great success with them. We are asking for more leaders to lend their expertise and lead a Merit Badge Clinic of their own. Also, if you are able, please consider signing up to be a Merit Badge Counselor so we have as many opportunities for our Scouts as possible.

Cub Scouts are also going to have the opportunity to earn Adventures from home. We are rolling out Virtual Den Meetings in the next week or two, with 2 Den meetings per month for each rank. The deadline for earning Adventures has been extended to July 31st.

- Joni Davidson, Council Activities & Civic Service Chair