

From the Scout Executive - February Area Scouter

Scouting During COVID

Recently I received the results of a National BSA survey of parents involved in Scouting during this time of COVID restrictions. Parents indicated these were the key things they wanted at this time from the Scouting program for their children:

- 51% said online events, so they feel like they're part of the Scouting movement
- 50% said character and leadership building opportunities
- 47% said online events to keep them engaged in the day to day program
- 46% said service and giving back to the community
- 44% said outdoor experiences

Not surprisingly, the most anticipated activity for youth in Scouting is Camping.

When it comes to onboarding new members/families into Scouting, 19% said that their family did not feel welcomed and 13% said the unit leader never communicated with them.

COVID has presented many obstacles in the delivery of the Scouting program. It is clear that our Scouts and families appreciate the work that our unit leaders in the Baltimore Area Council are putting forth to provide Scouting during this challenging time.

Thank you for the important work that you are doing and as always, if you have any questions, comments, or ideas, let me know.

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