

Four Rivers District – December Update

The end of the year is rapidly approaching! Despite our time in quarantine, the Scouters in Anne Arundel County are doing everything to stay happy and healthy by observing social distancing and focusing on exciting Virtual Scouting activities!

Recharter:

As a reminder, the deadline for submitting your unit recharter paperwork is December 1st. If you have questions, concerns or issues with the recharter process, please reach out to Josh Whitehead, Debbie Huprich or your Unit Commissioner. They are ready and available to help in any way that they can. Additionally, many people are asking about how best to submit the paperwork, of which there are several recommended methods. You may leave it at the Dorsey Road Scout Shop in a marked folder or envelope, mail it to the Council Service Center, or email it in a zip file to Josh Whitehead (jwhitehead@baltimorebsa.org). In any case, please inform your District Executive when you submit your paperwork by any method.

Friends of Scouting:

Though the Four Rivers Finance team still has money to raise for the 2020 campaign, they have set their sights on a new year and new campaign in 2021. If you or anyone that you know have not yet given to the 2020 campaign, please reach out directly to Josh Whitehead with your willingness to donate. With your recharters, you will note that there is a form asking each unit to decide on a presentation date for next year. This is an extremely important recharter detail. Please reach out to Trevar Redmond (trevar.bsa@gmail.com) if you would like to try a virtual style of giving for your unit, or you can give online at BaltimoreBSA.org/Donate. Make sure to mark that you are in Four Rivers District!

Membership:

Please be reminded to turn in any new youth applications leading up to recharter so that we may get them registered for the remainder of 2020 and covered under the council insurance.

This year has proven difficult for recruitment among many Councils nationally. You may ask, “but what can I do right now?” The answer is right in front of you! The Baltimore Area Council is providing daily resources for activities to do at home for youth of all ages. Unit leaders and parents can easily share these resources with friends and other parents that may not have any Scouting experience. This can be a great entry into the program for youth that may not have been exposed to Scouting in the past. For more



information and recruitment materials, please reach out to Jessica Kinsley at JessicaKinsley611@gmail.com.

General Information:

Over 80% of the units in Four Rivers are remaining active during the COVID-19 pandemic, showing just how dedicated and flexible Scouters can be! If you have Scouts that are interested in participating in Merit Badges or other activities, or if your unit has activities that can be shared with Scouts from other units, please reach out to Danny Clark (Danny@firework.org). Danny is the Scoutmaster for Troop 1 in Severn and has recently taken on the role of Virtual Scouting Coordinator for Four Rivers District. Special thanks to Danny!

For questions or comments, please reach out to Four Rivers District Executive Josh Whitehead (443-573-2536) jwhitehead@baltimorebsa.org.

