



Advancement During COVID-19

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Cub Scouts:

- For Cub Scouts, the BSA will allow parents and other adults in the Cub Scout's family to sign off on Webelos and Arrow of Light requirements through July 31, 2020. Normally, only a den leader may sign off on these requirements.
- Also, Cub Scouts can continue to work on their current den's advancement through July 31, 2020 including Webelos and Arrow of Light requirements. This gives extra time for Cub Scouts to complete their badge of rank.
- GEC's [Scouting from Home](#) page has some ideas and links for Cub Scout activities.
- Make sure that your unit Advancement Chair is made aware of the advancement completions, approves the completions in Scoutbook or Internet Advancement 2.0, and that the Scout is recognized for the accomplishment.

Scouts BSA:

- Electronic signatures will be accepted for rank advancement and award applications — effective now through the end of September 2020.
- Scoutmasters can allow time missed during the COVID-19 outbreak to count toward requirements for participation and positions of responsibility.
- Scoutmaster conferences can be completed via videoconferencing. The new COVID-19 guidance clarifies that this practice is OK, as long as Youth Protection rules are followed.
- 3-month time extensions are available for qualifying Scouts and Venturers working on the Eagle Scout, Summit and Quartermaster awards. Local councils will have the authority to grant this extension through the end of September 2020. See GEC's [Advancement Page](#) for a link to the Eagle extension process.
- GEC's [Scouting from Home](#) page has some ideas and links for Scouts BSA activities.
- Be aware of the council's online Merit Badges that are offered by following the Council's Facebook page and signing up for the eNewsletter (under the resources tab on the council website). These classes are being added as counselors are available and fill up quickly, so check back often!
- Make sure that your unit Advancement Coordinator is made aware of the advancement completions, approves the completions in Scoutbook or Internet Advancement 2.0, and that the Scout is recognized for the accomplishment.

