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*News from the Black Swamp Area Council*

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**WHAT'S HOT?**

**Upcoming Events**

Click the banner for more details.

**BSA Family Fun Fest**



If you like funny pets, rockets and astronauts, Pinewood Derby cars, movie make-up artists and backyard camping then you'll love Family Fun Fest! It's outdoor adventure you can have online! This very special online-only event is just for families like yours! There will be cool hands-on activities, interviews with amazing people, opportunities to make your community better with a service project.

And you can join in on the fun with activities you can do at home – like building your own pinewood derby car! We'll post lists of items you'll need here and on Facebook so you can build your own adventure! If you're a Cub Scout you'll love it! If you want to find out about all the fun and cool things Scouts do – this is your chance! It's always more fun with friends – so Invite your friends to join you online for Family Fun Fest!...[\[Read more\]](#)



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**Coping with COVID-19**

Throughout the last few months, we heard from parents in our Scouting family who are navigating the challenges of parenting through the COVID-19 crisis. We posed these questions to independent experts on matters related to youth development to help provide some answers to our community.

Importantly, these answers are designed to provide information and should not be used to diagnose health conditions. Please reach out to a professional health provider for support in addressing concerns you may have...[\[Read more\]](#)

## **BSA postpones 2021 National Jamboree because of COVID-19 pandemic**

The BSA cited unresolved issues surrounding the ongoing pandemic as the reasoning behind the difficult decision...[\[Read more\]](#)

## **Faith Emblem Instruction at Home**

Are you looking for awards to complete on your as part of your Boy Scouting experience? In support of Protestant youth, Programs of Religious Activities With Youth (P.R.A.Y.), have developed additional resources for families and youth to aid in completion of religious emblems at home...[\[Read more\]](#)

## **9 Lakes Challenge**

With the heat holding on, an Indiana State Park is challenging people to hit the water. Chain O'Lakes State Park announced the first water-based challenge at Indiana State Parks...[\[Read more\]](#)

## **Popcorn sale 2020 is POPPING!**

New updates for this year's Popcorn Sale are popping! With the sale approaching, there is a lot of new news coming from our partners at Trail's End...[\[Read more\]](#)

## **Membership Recruitment Resources**

View the 2020 membership leader guide to ensure your unit has as successful recruitment season. One key item we want all units to do is update their BeAScout pins. In a work-at-home environment, online registration and communication is essential to ensure a successful recruitment...[\[Read more\]](#)

## **Scoutbook Video Resources**

The Council is making a series of videos to help units navigate Scoutbook. The first video talks about advancement...[\[Read more\]](#)

## **Cub Scout virtual Den Meeting programming online**

Cub Scout Virtual Den Meetings designed to help families continue to learn, grow and explore on their Scouting Adventure...[\[Read more\]](#)

## **Newsletter Archive**

Did you miss an edition of E-Signals, Salute to Scouting, The Eagle or Extraordinary Explorer? View our newsletter archive and never miss out!...[\[Read more\]](#)

## **Scoutbook introduces a faster way to track your Scout's progress**

Recording service hours and camping nights just got easier. The [Scoutbook](#) team has introduced Activity Logs.

Scoutbook, the Boy Scouts of America's online tool for tracking Scouting advancement, is continuously improving, adding more features to help you save time, stay connected and enhance your Scouting experience...[\[Read more\]](#)

## **Outdoor Activity Award and Summertime Pack Award COVID-19 Guidance**

For the outdoor activity award and summertime pack award, packs and dens should do their best to meet the intent of the awards. Put simply, "Do Your Best". If an activity that is required (such as day camp or resident camp) is not possible to take part in due to the COVID-19 pandemic, packs can utilize an alternative option of their choosing. Units should continue follow any restrictions outlined by your state and local health department or other local officials regarding gatherings etc.

## **AmazonSmile helps Black Swamp Area Council**

With AmazonSmile, Black Swamp Area Council can benefit from your purchases online...[\[Read more\]](#)

## **How to Conduct Unit Meetings Virtually**

There are many resources available to our units to help bring unit meetings into our families' homes...[\[Read more\]](#)

## Cyber Chip Program, Honor Roll Recognition for Local Scouts

With the current focus of moving online for learning opportunities, make sure you and your Scout are familiar with online safety. Cyber Chip is a must-do Scouting tool for all. Topics include cyber bullying, cell phone use, texting, blogging, gaming, and identity theft...[\[Read more\]](#)

## Expeditions: High Adventure News

See the high adventure base news from the Boy Scouts of America...[\[Read more\]](#)

## Safety Moment

### Communicable Disease Prevention Reminder

With news of Coronavirus (COVID-19) around the globe, now is a good time to review some safety info. We've all caught some kind of infection, or sickness, from someone else. These illnesses are known as communicable or contagious diseases because they are spread from one person to another...[\[Read more\]](#)

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## SCOUT EXECUTIVE MOMENT

### Keeping the Scouting Spirit Strong

We understand social distancing is difficult, especially for children. With schools closed, no play dates, no sports, and worst of all no in-person Scout meetings, what are we to do? As such, we want to provide you with resources to keep your Scouts active and engaged. We want to provide advancement and learning opportunities you can utilize in your home or yard...[\[Read more\]](#)

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## DISTRICT NEWS

Click below for news from your District!

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## GEARING UP

### Findlay National Scout Shop

The National Scout Shop at the Findlay Service Center will be opening on Tuesday, June 2. The revised hours for the Findlay National Scout Shop will be Tuesday through Friday 9 am to 5 pm and Saturday 10 am to 2 pm, the shop will be closed Mondays and for lunch from 1:30-2 pm. You are encouraged to call or e-mail prior to your visit, so your order can be pulled in advance. The Findlay Scout Shop can be reached at (419) 423-7174 or [FindlayScoutShop@scouting.org](mailto:FindlayScoutShop@scouting.org)

### Lima Scout Shop

The Lima Scout Shop is operating on Summer Hours through August 30. Hours are Monday: 9am-1pm, Thursday: 2pm-6pm, Friday: 9am-1pm. You are encouraged to call or e-mail prior to your visit, so your order can be pulled in advance. The Lima Scout Shop can be reached at (419) 227-2107 or [Nancy.Rex@scouting.org](mailto:Nancy.Rex@scouting.org).

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## ORDER OF THE ARROW



MAWAT WOAKUS LODGE

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Keep up-to-date on our lodge activities at [www.mawatwoakus.org](http://www.mawatwoakus.org). Be sure to sign up for our lodge-wide Remind by texting "@mw449" to 81010 or going to [www.rmd.at/mw449](http://www.rmd.at/mw449).

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