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Samoset Scouting Continues

In times of crisis, Scouts find a way to adapt. Although our lives may look a little different, Scouting can and should continue even if we cannot hold in-person meetings. Samoset Council staff and volunteers are working hard to provide a means for parents and youth to enjoy age appropriate character-building activities and projects at home. We have created a webpage dedicated to ideas and resources for parents, leaders and volunteers in Scouting. Many of these projects are designed to engage the entire family. Please visit our website to learn more.

During the month of April, we will be asking the entire community to help us with a council wide service project – Scouting for Food. This project is vital to help restock the shelves of local food pantries. During this national emergency the need is even greater. Please help us show our communities that Scouting cares by both promoting this project and getting involved. Details regarding how this project will be modified will be released on our website and through email.

Samoset Council is proud to be part of making a difference in our communities for 100 years! Scouting will continue thanks to our families, volunteers, and donors.

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A message to our amazing volunteers:

What an incredible time to be involved in Scouting! We are celebrating the 100th anniversary of Samoset Council this year with the official incorporation date being July 30, 1920. Scouting has been in the United States since February 8, 1910. Just think of the changes that have occurred over the years. Soon after the Scouting movement started (about 1912) there was talk of a national registration fee and how that was a very bad idea, and that it would mean many Scouts would not be able to join. The new fee just being implemented for the first time was . . . \$0.25 for a year's membership. 1912 was also the year of the first Eagle Scout – Arthur Eldred from Oceanside, NY. By 1930 there was a new program called Cub Scouts that was originally led by Den Chiefs from local troops. Here are a few other milestones:

- 1916 - Honor Society established by E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson which later officially becomes the Order of the Arrow in 1934
- 1935 - Locally, Camp Tesomas opened - "Where Camping is King"
- 1956 - Smiley the tent designed
- 1959 - Exploring is established as a distinct program separate from Boy Scouting
- 1965 - The service project was added to the Eagle Scout Rank requirements
- 1970 - The Explorer program opened to middle & high school age female youth
- 1982 - Alexander Holsinger, Normal, IL becomes the 1 millionth Eagle Scout
- 1987 - Tiger Cub first grade program is established
- 1993 - Locally, Akela's World Cub Camp opens at Crystal Lake Scout Reservation
- 1998 - The Venturing co-ed program was established
- 2010 - The 2 millionth Eagle Scout – Anthony Thomas, Lakeville, MN
- 2015 - Samoset Council becomes one of twelve councils to pilot the STEM Scouts program
- 2018 - Family Scouting begins with girls being eligible to join Cub Packs along with the Lion Cub Kindergarten age program– the same year Samoset Council reorganizes to become even more Scout unit centric to deliver better service to packs, troops, crews and posts
- 2019 - Scouts BSA troops begin forming with female youth members
- 2020 - Samoset Council celebrates 100 years
- 2021 - The STEM program will rollout to all councils in the nation including an in-school STEM program

More than a century later, we stand on the shoulders of those that came before us to ensure we have a strong Scouting program for another 100 years. Scouting is for everyone and we need to ensure it remains accessible, viable and sustainable so we can achieve our mission of preparing young people to become leaders and individuals of strong character as we help them discover the principles of Scouting. We are growing leaders, serving families, helping communities and facing forward to serve more youth and families. We have an amazing corps of volunteers that are supporting Scouting at all levels in our 13-county area. Our Scouting family will continue to make good decisions if we all contribute to the conversation and keep our mission front and center. Thank you for serving with us on behalf of youth in our communities.

Dr. Marjorie Miller
Council President

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Thank you Spectra Print for your generous donation of printing the Samoset Voice Newsletter.

Where Camping is King

WHY FOS (Friends of Scouting)?

Samoset Council serves youth within 13 counties in Wisconsin. Scouting's life changing programs need funding. The funds raised through the annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign support many essential parts of the Scouting program including:

- Premier summer camp experiences for Scouts of all ages.
- Financial assistance for youth to participate in year-round Scouting programs and camp.
- Website and other online resources for volunteers and families.
- Variety of annual activities and events for Scouts.
- Regular training opportunities at no cost to volunteers.
- Volunteer and professional support for unit volunteers.
- Exceptional program planning resources for units.
- Insurance for camp properties and all Scouting programs
- Scout Shop stocked with Scouting merchandise, outdoor gear, and more.



Scouting needs your support, please consider being an annual supporter of Scouting by donating to FOS, your investment is making a difference!

Calendar

April-

15-30 Scouting for food

May-

1-3 Work Trek

2 Den Chief Training

9 Work Camp Day

15-16 Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills

29-31 Cub Scout Camporee

June-

5 Sporting Clays

14-20 National Youth Leadership Training

21-27 Tesomas Scout Camp 2020 Pd 1

22 STEM Day Camp Laona

26-28 Akela's World 2020 Pd 1

29-2 Akela's World STEM 2020 Pd 2

28-4 Tesoma's Scout Camp 2020 Pd 2

July-

3-5 Akela's World 2020 Pd 3

5-11 Tesoma's Scout Camp 2020 Pd 3

7 STEM Day Camp Marshfield

10-12 Akela's World 2020 Pd 5

12-18 Tesoma's Scout Camp 2020 Pd 4

14 STEM Day Camp WI Rapids

17-19 Akela's World 2020 Pd 6

19-25 Tesoma's Scout Camp 2020 Pd 5

24-26 Akela's World 2020 Pd 7

26-1 Tesoma's Scout Camp 2020 Pd 6



2019 Eagle Scout Class

Brennan Arfstrom - Troop 205
 Michael Beil - Troop 391
 Levi Black - Troop 409
 Vito Aschenbrenner - Troop 601
 Peter Breitwisch - Troop 599
 Michael Brierton - Troop 435
 Jacob Buelow - Troop 439
 Isaiah Cherek - Troop 227
 Colton Ciomber - Troop 439
 Brandon Cox - Troop 660
 Joseph Daniels - Troop 297
 Joshua Davis - Troop 298
 Samuel Davisson - Troop 439
 Dustin Dearhamer - Troop 551
 Alexander Deckers - Troop 201
 Nathan DiSalvo - Troop 298
 Nathan Dombrowski - Troop 290
 Jacob Dreifuerst - Troop 660
 Liam Glennon - Troop 293
 Ethan Goethel - Troop 438
 Nicholas Helms - Troop 290
 Thomas Hessil - Troop 435
 Christopher Horn - Troop 601
 Riley Huiras - Troop 187
 Nicholas Husser - Troop 536
 Vincent Johns - Troop 409

Jakob Johnson - Troop 462
 Joshua Kakuschke - Troop 605
 Nathan Kirby - Troop 391
 Rick "RJ" Kluck - Troop 439
 Sawyer Koplien - Troop 174
 Tyler Kowalke - Troop 451
 Cullen Krasselt - Troop 458
 Alexander Krueger - Troop 388
 Lokesh Kumaravel - Troop 540
 Matthew Lancaster - Troop 419
 Nicholas Lofy - Troop 645
 Evan Marcell - Troop 435
 Jakob Mattson - Troop 503
 Joshua McKee - Troop 391
 Chance McTyre - Troop 111
 Eric Mroczenski - Troop 458
 Brian Nelson - Troop 445
 Colby Ochocinski - Troop 564
 Nicholas Parins - Troop 601
 Benjamin David Parker - Troop 400
 Jacob Pease - Troop 427
 Nick Peotter - Troop 297
 Matthew Pezewski - Troop 201
 Karlos Plamann - Troop 451
 Matthew Rutschow - Troop 382
 Cole Schairer - Troop 445

Kaden Schiefelbein - Troop 451
 Dillan Schroeder - Troop 439
 John Schultz - Troop 297
 Kyle Schultz - Troop 382
 Tyler Schultz - Troop 118
 Aaron Schumacher - Troop 458
 Benjamin Schwantes - Troop 480
 Ryan Selby - Troop 416
 Bradley Shepherd - Troop 649
 Kenneth Simon - Troop 297
 Daniel Spoelstra - Troop 201
 Cooper Stamp - Troop 453
 Edward Tepe - Troop 400
 Timothy Tippel - Troop 298
 Joseph Toboyek - Troop 451
 Nathan Wagner - Troop 644
 Caden Weis - Troop 416
 Alexander Weis - Crew 388
 Aaron Weiss - Troop 201
 Lee Wittman - Troop 382
 Jordan Wooldridge - Troop 400
 Owen Zakrzewski - Troop 296
 Eathan Zimmerman - Troop 297
 Blake Zimmerman - Troop 382



Silver Antelope Award Honoree

The Silver Antelope is a regional-level distinguished award of the BSA.

Samoset Council's John Paprocki will be receiving the award at the BSA National Annual Meeting on May 22. John has been involved with Scouting as a youth member, obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout. He has been a volunteer with Scouting for 34 years holding volunteer leadership positions at the unit, district, council, region, and national level. For the last several years he has been heavily involved in Sea Scouting at the council, region, and national in various leadership positions. John is currently on a Sea Scout Ship Committee in Waukesha, Assistant Council Commissioner for Venturing in Samoset and is on the BSA Central Region Committee. Congratulations John and thank you for your service to youth!

The World Scout Jamboree took place July 22 – August 2, 2019 at Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. The theme *Unlock a New World* invited Scouts worldwide to come experience new adventures, explore new cultures, and create new friendships. Drew and Cole Morehouse of Troop 435 had the opportunity to attend the Jamboree and enjoyed the experience of a lifetime. Read their interview below:

What was your favorite part Jamboree?

We got the unique and precious opportunity to be able to meet and spend time with many different foreign Scouters, and we had the ability to share our experiences and cultures with each other. We wake up in the morning and did not know who we were eating dinner with, maybe the French or maybe the Japanese.

What was the number one thing you learned or took away from Jamboree?

You have to learn to take advantage of the experience before you. We only had two weeks with all of these people, and every night had different fun activities. We had to learn to be willing to try new things all the time and and let go of some sort of schedule. One night we ended up with some UK Scouts and we played a game of floor hockey in the middle of their sub camp.

Did you do any adventures while you are there? If so, what ones and how did it impact your experience?

We got the chance to go on the Big Zip which is a mile long zip line that goes over a mountain and a lake. That was a super cool experience to have. On one of the finals days, we had the chance to go whitewater rafting. Our crew was split up and we were on a raft with a group of Dutch Scouts. We had a great time traveling the rapids but also, got to learn about each others home countries. They were very interested to hear about things like the OA and NYLT.

Would you recommend attending Jamboree, even at the national level? Why?

Absolutely, it a must do for every Scouter in the nation. Our advice when it comes to Jamboree is to realize that National Jamboree and World Jamboree are very different adventures with very different cultures, however each is very positive and impactful. The Summit is a beautiful area with some of the coolest activities: imagine summer camp x 10,000. Along with a great venue, the program is amazing, packed with inspiring and memorable nightly shows and events.

Overall, how has scouting impacted your life?

Scouting is our home. It is a program that preaches and lives by positive moral values. There are no other youth groups that are nearly as successful when it comes to development and impact as the Scouts BSA. Every time life gets tough, or we can't make a decision, we can always look to the Scout Oath and Law for the right answers.



The National Organization of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy to achieve two key objectives:

1. Equitably compensate victims who were harmed during their time in Scouting
2. Continue to carry out Scouting's mission for years to come.

This financial restructuring is limited to the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America organization. Samoset Council is separately incorporated, financially sound and will continue to keep Scouting strong for youth in our area.

- Restricted donations - past, present or future, can only be used for their designated purposes. Donations go straight to supporting Scouting in local communities today. These donations are critical to maintaining local operations in real time. You make a difference when you give.

- Scouting is and always has been one of the safest places for all children. Approximately 90% of pending and asserted abuse claims against the BSA relate to abuse that occurred more than 30 years ago. Safety of children in our programs is the BSA's absolute top priority. "Scouting involvement served a significant protective function for youth when compared to reported rates of abuse in other youth serving organizations, activities, and even within the family itself." from a 2012 report by Dr. Janet I. Warren, Professor of Psychiatry and Neurobehavioral Sciences at the University of Virginia, University of Virginia's liaison to the FBI Behavioral Sciences Unit. A reminder that Scouting's youth protection procedures are at this web address www.scouting.org/youth-safety.

- Scouting programs will continue to serve the youth and families in North Central Wisconsin for many years to come. Just last year, over 4,000 registered Scouts and 1,600 volunteers, provided over 30,000 service hours benefiting our local communities.

Visit our council website www.samoset.org for the most recent information or contact our office at 715-355-1450 if you have questions.

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2021 National Jamboree

Experience the best of Scouting in one place. From stadium shows to merit badges, patch trading to adventure sports, you'll want to be at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in 2021. Scouts can be a member of the Samoset Council contingent if you meet the qualifications. Estimated cost for this experience is \$2,000. Space is limited. Register at samoset.org and be prepared to submit your non-refundable deposit of \$200.

Scout Participant Qualifications

- *Scouts must have current BSA membership with a Scouts BSA troop.
- *Must be at least 12 years of age by the first day of the Jamboree but has not reached their 18th birthday by the last day of the Jamboree.
- *Be approved by the unit leader and Samoset Council.
- *Must have appropriate parent/guardian to complete the online parental consent
- *Participate in pre-jamboree training experience.

File a BSA Health & Medical Record within one year of attending the Jamboree. (The Samoset Council will provide specifics closer to the Jamboree.)

Since 1920, the Samoset Council, Boy Scouts of America, has provided youth in Northcentral Wisconsin with outdoor adventures, leadership training, character development, and positive life changing experiences. This year we will celebrate 100 years of Scouting! To celebrate, we are planning a variety of events to engage our Scouting families, volunteers, and the community.

Please review the list below and make plans to get involved:

- *Attend council events (pinewood derby, camporees, etc..) to earn special centennial patches. These patches will help Scouts complete a special centennial puzzle patch

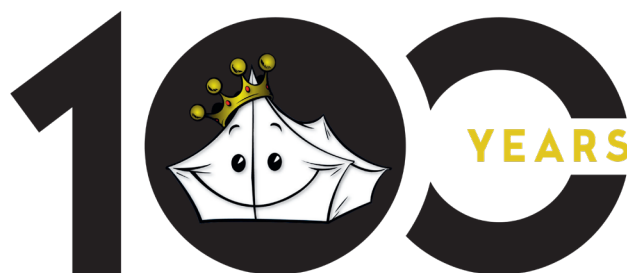
- *Visit our Scout shop to browse the selection of merchandise made to celebrate our history. Several council shoulder patches have been made for this year only. Do you have the Disney patch or the black smiley bolo?

- *Help us tell your Scouting story by sending us photos, events, and other exciting ways your unit is making Scouting come alive for youth! Send your photos and stories to communications@samoset.org.

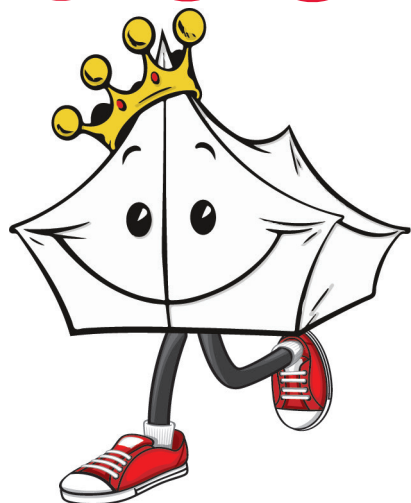
- *Participate in our weekly trivia contest on Facebook

- *Plan to attend the Alumni and Friends Reunion event August 21-23. In conjunction with the OA Fall Conference, this weekend will feature camp tours, activities, and a chance to connect with those who have made Scouting possible over the last 100 years.

Samoset Council is proud to be part of making a difference in our communities for 100 years!



OF SAMOSET SCOUTING



SAVE THE DATE

Join us for Smiley's Scouting Stampede
on Saturday September 26th at 9am.
Registration cost \$20 before September
19th or \$25 after September 19th.

Please visit www.samoset.org
for more information

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Our STEM day camps offer activities for boys and girls going into grades 3-6. They'll work in teams, make new friends and perform experiments that make science, technology, engineering and math come alive.

CHECK-IN

Begins 8:30 AM

EVENT RUNS

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
(Lunch provided)

PARTICIPANT COST

\$50*

ACTIVITIES

Great Chain Race
Beach Ball Boogie
Flower Blooming Activity
Space Fighter
Build a Light Saber
Guest STEM Professionals

Open to boys and girls going into grades 3-6.

Open to the public but pre-registration is required.

*Scholarships available and awarded when you register



LAONA

Monday June 22

Silver Lake Pavilion
5201 E. Silver Lake Road
Laona, WI 54541

MARSHFIELD

Tuesday July 7

Wildwood Park
1800 S. Roddis Ave
Marshfield, WI 54449

WI RAPIDS

Tuesday July 14

WI Rapids Zoo
1911 Gaynor Avenue
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495

WESTON

Monday August 3

Camp Phillips
3511 Camp Phillips Rd
Weston, WI 54476

REGISTER ONLINE
Samoset.org/stem

Samoset Boy Scouts of America | 715-355-1450 | camp@samoset.org

Summer Camp 2020

The Crystal Lake Scout Reservation is the premier camping destination in Wisconsin. For 85 years we have been providing the standard of Scouting excellence. Although cliché, this summer will be our best summer yet.

Tesomas Scout Camp

Scouts play video games all the time, but camp is a place to get away from that... or is it? Scouts will be immersed in the ultimate arcade game! Sunday campers will experience 4D virtual reality at our opening show. On Monday, our games run in real life. These live-action arcade games will make your patrol or group of friends work together to test a wide array of skills. Tuesday your unit will cook in your campsite and compete in our Food Fight making the best snack food at camp. After dinner, we are unplugged. See what a Scout can do when they are unplugged. Wednesday is our traditional Order of the Arrow calling out ceremony. The power comes back on Thursday. We will have activities open in high-risk, high-reward themed games. Finally, on Friday during our closing campfire with awards from the staff and skits from the Scouts, we will see if we have what it takes to beat the final boss level. Go to CampingIsKing.com/Tesomas for more details.

Akela's World Cub Scout Camp

Let's go back to bell bottom jeans and dance halls as we experience the 1970s disco. Don't panic, but we have awoken the sleeping alien, Discothulu. Scouts will have to band together to keep our Disco Hall safe. Be prepared to dance your night away while learning, advancing, growing, and having fun. Go to CampingIsKing.com/Akelas for more details.

MicroTrek

MicroTrek is perfect for those who have already done much of what Tesomas offers, but still wants to experience camp. Each day Scouts will participate in small adventures like mountain biking, climbing, ATV riding, rafting, Ziplining, and horseback riding. Space is limited and sessions fill fast. More information online at CampingIsKing.com/Tesomas.

Camperships

The Tesomas Alumni Camping Trust has been established to assist any Scout or leader with financial need to experience camping. Request must be made using the campership application – available on our website – for each person by May 1.

Camp Special Diet Needs

Please notify us of any special dietary needs or restrictions two weeks before your arrival to summer camp using the form available online. If you have any questions about our menus, please contact the camping department at 715-365-3111.

Important Dates:

May 1-3: Spring Work Trek

May 9: Spring Work Day

May 15: \$75 Camper Deposits Due for Tesomas & Akela's World

Sept. 1: Winter Camp Registration Opens



STEM Adventure Camp

You don't have to make kids do science, you just have to let them. Our STEM adventure camp* offers unique outdoor STEM programs for boys and girls grades 2-6. They'll work in teams, make new friends and perform experiments that make science, technology, engineering, and math come alive.

June 29 - July 3: Akela's World Rhinelander Wisconsin

- 4-day overnight program.
- Participants check in on Monday at 10:00 and depart at 3:00 PM on Thursday.
- \$175 per youth | \$90 per adult
- All program supplies, meals and camp T-shirt are included.

Activities at STEM Camp

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| • Swimming | • Outdoor Camping |
| • Boating | • Electronics |
| • Fishing | • Astronomy |
| • Robotics | • Archery |
| • Chemistry | • Hands-on Experiments |
| • Catapult Engineering | |
| • Building Challenges | |



** Although a program of the Boy Scouts of America, membership is not required to participate in this STEM Camp.*

SAMOSSET CAMPING
715-365-3111 or camp@samoset.org

REGISTER ONLINE
www.Samoset.org

BSA Safety Moment: Keeping your food safe

SUMMARY

Food-borne illnesses peak during the summer months due to a variety of factors, including warmer temperatures and improper food handling. Keep your meals and your Scouts safe while participating in hikes, campouts, and other outdoor activities with careful menu planning and by following safe food handling practices. Remember the three “C”s to keep your food safe: Keep it COLD, keep it CLEAN, and COOK it thoroughly.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Acute gastroenteritis is the most common infectious disease encountered when camping. Symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps may begin to appear hours to days after ingestion.

Keep it cold: Bacteria are slow to grow in temperatures below 40 degrees F or above 140 degrees F. The temperature range in between is known as the danger zone where bacteria can multiply rapidly. Since a heat source is usually unavailable to transport foods, it's best to start with perishable foods chilled or frozen, then packed with plenty of ice, frozen gel packs, or frozen juice boxes.

Keep it clean: Start with clean hands by utilizing soap and water or disposable wipes before handling food. Wash fruits and vegetables before cutting them on a clean surface. Avoid cross-contamination by never allowing raw meat, poultry, or their juices to come into contact with fresh or prepared foods. Keep all raw and cooked meat, poultry, or fish separate and always wash hands properly after handling. Use only a clean water source to wash hands, dishes, and fresh fruits and vegetables. If water is not available, properly using hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol can help to reduce the number of microbes in most situations. But hand sanitizer does not eliminate all germs. Correct hand washing remains the best way to prevent illnesses from being transmitted. Also, remember in the backcountry to follow recommended water treatment protocols when rehydrating food, cooking, or drinking.

Cook it thoroughly: Many Scouts are cooking on their own for the first time. It can be difficult to determine doneness of meat and poultry as color is not a good indicator. Meat can harbor dangerous bacteria. A digital meat thermometer is a good tool to have in the chuck box and to use when cooking meat, poultry, and fish. The references listed below provide safe minimum internal temperatures. Be sure to clean your thermometer between uses.



Youth and Adult Scouts' spring offers many opportunities for specialized trainings and courses. This is the time of year to take advantage of these opportunities to be prepared for the upcoming warm weather camping and adventure season. So look these over and register soon. Register on-line by finding the event on the council calendar.

May 2, 2020 – Hanna Venture Base (during Work Trek)

Den Chief Training - Youth

One of the best helpers for a Cub Scout Den Leader or Webelos Leader is a Den Chief, a Boy Scout who can help with activities, advancement, ceremonies, crafts and other den events. But the best Den Chief is one who has attended Den Chief Training to learn about games, songs, tricks, puzzles, and other things that help a Den Chief do a better job.

May 15-17, 2020 Camp Phillips - Weston

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) - Adults

Required leadership training for all Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters.

Any registered adult is invited to learn about how to work with your youth and families in the outdoors using the guidelines provided by the BSA. This weekend event will give you the tools and allow you to practice communication, outdoor camping, cooking, advancement, and many more skills to make sure the youth in your troop get the best experience they can from Scouting.

June 14-20, 2020 Hanna Venture Base

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) – Youth

National Youth Leadership Training is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide youth members with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others.

The NYLT course centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what he must KNOW, and what he must DO. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on HOW TO. The skills come alive during the week as the patrol goes on a Quest for the Meaning of Leadership.

NYLT is a seven-day course. Content is delivered in a troop and patrol outdoor setting with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in a fun environment. Interconnecting concepts and work processes are introduced early, built upon, and aided by the use of memory aids, which allows participants to understand and employ the leadership skills much faster.



Merit badges for social distancing

A few things to keep in mind when using this list:

Find a registered merit badge counselor: Scouts should work with their Scoutmaster to identify a merit badge counselor for the badge or badges they want to earn. (Merit badge counselors — either current or future — should read our guide to being a merit badge counselor for some helpful tips.)

Use the official requirements: You'll find a lot of outdated merit badge requirements online. For the most current and up-to-date requirements, go to the BSA's official merit badges page.

Understand what made the cut: All 137 merit badges have certain requirements Scouts could complete at home. What makes the list below special is that all of the badge's requirements can be completed at home.

Have fun: Earning merit badges is one of my favorite parts about Scouting. Other than the merit badges required for Eagle, young people get to pick any merit badge that interests them. That decision should be 100% theirs. If earning a merit badge ever feels like schoolwork ... well, you're doing it wrong.

Merit badges for social distancing:

American Business
American Heritage
Animation
Art
Basketry
Bird Study
Chemistry
Chess
Citizenship in the World
Collections
Composite Materials
Cooking
Digital Technology
Drafting
Electricity
Electronics
Energy
Engineering
Environmental Science
Family Life
Fingerprinting
First Aid
Game Design
Genealogy
Graphic Arts
Home Repairs

Leatherworking
Mammal Study
Metalwork
Mining in Society
Model Design & Building
Moviemaking
Music
Nuclear Science
Oceanography
Painting
Photography
Plant Science
Plumbing
Pottery
Programming
Pulp & Paper
Railroading
Robotics
Salesmanship
Scholarship
Sculpture
Search & Rescue
Soil & Water Conservation
Space Exploration
Stamp Collecting
Sustainability

Textile
Theater
Weather
Wilderness Survival
Woodcarving
Woodwork



8th Annual **SPORTING** "Pull" for Scouting **CLAYS**

Together we "Pull" for Scouting!

The Samoset Council of the Boy Scouts of America proudly serves more than 4,000 youth annually in 13 counties in North Central Wisconsin. Our more than 1,700 **volunteer mentors** are driven to deliver quality Scouting programs that provide young people with *adventure, leadership, character, development, citizenship, selfless service* and much more!

**Friday June 5th, 2020 at Wausau Skeet & Trap Club
153200 County Rd WW Wausau, WI 54403**

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call the office at 715-355-1450



The following volunteers were recognized at Smiley's birthday Celebration on March 1st. Please congratulate the following outstanding volunteers:

- Randy Gilray - Council Award of Merit
- Brian Boyd - Council Award of Merit
- Chris Grunenwald - Pack 502 - Cubmaster of the Year
- Eric Krueger - Pack 503 - Cubmaster of the Year
- Cassie Peck - Pack 496 - Cubmaster of the Year
- Jason Peterson - Pack 379 - Cubmaster of the Year
- Kevin Townshend - Pack 400 - Cubmaster of the Year
- Sarah Mohrbacher - Pack 100 - Den Leader of the Year
- Heather Krause - Pack 178 - Den Leader of the Year
- Nathan Strehlau - Pack 178 - Den Leader of the Year
- Cody Hardinger - Pack 458 - Den Leader of the Year
- Tyler Lemmer - Pack 458 - Den Leader of the Year
- Tonia Soviak - Pack 551 - Distinguished Service Award
- Ruby Rajkowski - Pack 248 - Distinguished Service Award
- Ronald Wendorski - Pack 436 - Distinguished Service Award
- Joey Mroczenski - Pack 297 - Distinguished Service Award
- Jim Kraft - Troop 118 - Distinguished Service Award
- April Sobiesczyk - Pack 400 - Rookie Leader of the Year
- Danielle Drewa - Pack 438 - Rookie Leader of the Year
- Heather Schlessner - Pack 436 - Rookie Leader of the Year
- Elizabeth Whelan - Troop 9118 - Rookie Leader of the Year
- Joshua Kahle - Pack 297 - Rookie Leader of the Year
- Kevin Krueger - Troop 187 - Scoutmaster of the Year
- David Weis - Troop 388 - Scoutmaster of the Year
- Ty Warner - Troop 601 - Scoutmaster of the Year
- Andy Klement - Troop 427 - Scoutmaster of the Year
- Eric Pease - Troop 9427 - Scoutmaster of the Year
- Doug Beck - Troop 438 - Scoutmaster of the Year



The following individuals were recognized with the Silver Beaver Award:

- Dave Seehafer
- Dennis Blaser
- Thad Brockman
- Don Sidlowski
- Dave Weber





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