



Welcome 2021

By Christina Yeung , Interim Yolano District Chairman

Happy New Year!

While we are still in a period where we are unable to conduct in-person scouting, the vaccine has provided a light at the end of the tunnel. Meanwhile, we do what we can to deliver Scouting to our youth using the tools and resources available. Thank you for your ongoing interest, support, and participation. Scouting would not be possible without you and we are grateful for you!

We have all had to adapt our methods many times throughout the past year. Know that the youth are watching you model resiliency, creative problem-solving and perseverance during what seems like an endless year of change. We will meet on the other side of this pandemic stronger and better because of these challenges. Scout on!

Scouting Resolutions

By Bryan on Scouting, Scouting Magazine

It's good to think big when it comes to New Year's resolutions: save money, lose weight, read more books. But thinking *too* big — “become the fittest person in the world,” “earn a million dollars” — is only going to leave you disappointed.

With the help of feedback from readers of *Scouting* magazine and Bryan on Scouting, here are five Scouting-related New Year's resolutions that you can most definitely keep in 2021.

5. Make sure your Youth Protection training is up to date. YPT must be taken every two years, but why not set a reminder on your calendar to check your status every year? YPT is a good idea even if you aren't a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America. To take Youth Protection training, go to My.Scouting.org and create an account.

4. Make sure your Scout unit gets outdoors. Outdoor adventure is the promise made to young people when they join Scouting. Boys and girls want outdoor programs that stir their imagination and interest. You don't have to go on a 14-day backpacking trek. Just meeting at a local park every once in a while will go a long way in helping you meet the aims of Scouting: character development, citizenship, personal fitness and leadership. Check out the “Age-Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities” (680-685 Rev.11/19) on-line for a list of activities.

3. Check out the BSA's Awards Central website, and give one of the awards listed there a shot. There's something on this list for everyone. Does your unit love long outdoor treks? Try the 50-Miler Award. Enjoy aquatic activities? Consider the boardsailing, snorkeling and kayaking awards. Enjoy service projects? Do you like STEM-related activities? There are awards for all of that.

Important Dates:

(All events are tentative. Please contact the event coordinators for updates)

Jan 21: District Roundtable (Zoom)

Feb 6: Klondike Derby Virtual

Feb 6: Virtual Council Recognition Event

Feb 15: President's Day. Council Office Closed.

Feb 18: District Roundtable (Zoom)

Mar 18: District Roundtable (Zoom)

Apr 15: District Roundtable (Zoom)

Apr 16: GEC Duck-o-ree (Weekend 1)

Apr 23-25: Wood Badge (Weekend 1)

Apr 24: District Camporee

May 1-2: Wood Badge (Weekend 2)

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Klondike Derby (Virtual)

By Brian Meux, Troop 1625

We are all anxious to get outdoors again and celebrate the spirit of scouting. That day is not quite here. In the meantime, save the date for Saturday, February 6th from 4:00 to 7:00pm for our Klondike (Virtual) Derby.

At Zoom Link: Meeting ID: **823 7514 7164** Password: **Yolano**

This event is open to patrols/dens/small groups from Boy Scout Troops, Webelos Cub Scout Dens, Venturing Crews and Explorer Posts. Individual scouts who don't have a group to participate with are also welcome to attend.

Registration is now open for at <https://ttsu.me/feb6thevent>. There is no cost for this event.

Activities include:

SKITS: Patrols/dens/groups are encourage to come prepared to do a scout-appropriate skit/stunt/song that can be performed over Zoom. It should be well thought out, practiced and approved by an adult leader.

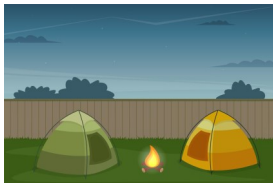
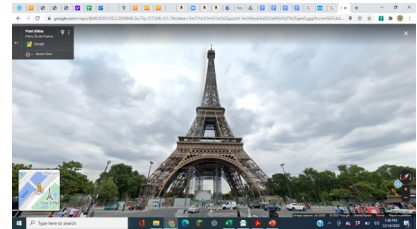


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SCOUT HANDBOOK CHALLENGE: How quickly can you and your patrol members locate information in your scout books and answer questions about scout knowledge?

GOOGLE MAPS CHALLENGE: Figure out where in the world you are by navigating through a virtual world of Google Maps



CAMP OUTS: Scouts who are brave-at-heart are encouraged to spend the night outside in their own backyard and potentially earn a night of camping (talk to your unit leaders about this)

If you have suggestions for fun activities to do during this virtual event, or any other questions/comments/concerns, please contact Brian Meux at davistroop1625@gmail.com.

Virtual Council Recognition Event

By Golden Empire Council

Save the date and join us on Saturday, February 6th for an evening of fun and camaraderie as we celebrate the accomplishments of the past year. Our slide show will include 100 Years of the Golden Empire Council, Inaugural Class of Female Eagles and Camp I.T. We also will recognize our Silver Beaver Award Recipients, our Silver Antelope Award Paul Helman, and special youth acknowledgements.

This will be an online event, so make yourselves a special dinner or order in and view the event from the comfort of your own home. Registration for this virtual event will be coming soon. For more information, please contact Michelle Pisas at michelle.pisas@scouting.org.



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2. Follow the Restart Scouting Checklist (BIN 680-693 June 2020) on-line. As always, the safety of our Scouts, volunteers and communities should be your top priority. The Restart Scouting Checklist outlines several protocols that volunteers must consider while working with local and state health departments, local councils, chartered organizations and Scouting families on resuming meetings, service projects, camping and all other Scouting activities.

And, finally, this is our favorite, submitted by a reader:

1. If you're a parent, say "thank you" to a Scouting volunteer. If you're a Scouting volunteer, say "thank you" to a supportive parent. "We all need to find more ways to be kind in 2021," the reader told us. We agree.

Happy New Year, everybody!

Clever Virtual Meetings

By Mount Baker Council, BSA

So, we don't have a 100 years of scouting experience with Virtual Meetings, but you can still have an excellent scouting program without being physically together. Be creative by talking to others and share and learn about novel ideas that work.

Here are a couple of ideas to get you started.

Digital Escape Rooms.

- Digital Escape Rooms & Activities.
- Free-digital-escape-rooms: <https://www.simplemost.com/free-digital-escape-rooms/>.

Virtual LAN (video games) Party.

Virtual Experiences/Guest Speaker.

- Meet a Real Life Shark Scientist in South Africa.
- Find an inspirational Speaker.

Community Leader Visit.

- Council Member.
- Non-profit leaders.
- Veterans.

Drive in Movie Theater with social distancing in cars.

Discussion on Diversity.

Outdoor Ethics Awareness award.

Court of Honor.

- Do it Virtually.
- Do a Drive-By with leadership staying a few special words of recognition the people in each car.

Troop Cooking session.

Virtual Campout.

Fieldcraft Demos.

- Show troop how to start a fire without matches.
- Ideally, do this live if possible.

Scavenger Hunt.

- 10 Essentials.
- First Aid items.
- Scouting items.



Need more ideas? Log onto <https://troopleader.scouting.org/program-features/>. With some creativity, many of these ideas can be adapted into virtual meetings.

February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 - Yolano Klondike Derby (Virtual) - Virtual Council Recognition Event
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 - Valentine's Day	15 - Presidents' Day	16	17	18 - District Committee - District Roundtable	19	20
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