



SEPTEMBER PROGRAM CALENDAR

MOUNT BAKER COUNCIL



MONTHLY THEME: TO THE RESCUE

SCOUT LAW EMPHASIS: HELPFUL

A Scout is helpful. How does “To the Rescue” relate to this point of the Scout Law?

A scout is concerned about other people. They do things willingly for others without pay or reward.

Cub Scouts will explore how to be helpful by avoiding accidents and being prepared for emergencies. Use games and/or mock accidents so Cub Scouts can show they can help by coming “To the Rescue.”

Scouts will build skills that will help their communities through working towards the Emergency Preparedness and Search & Rescue merit badges. Encourage Scouts to work on advancement requirements that focus on preparedness and community service.

Notes to the Unit Leader

This month, most of our counties remain in Phase 2 of Washington’s Safe Start plan. While meetings should be held virtually, our Scouts still need the same sense of connection and community that a weekly meeting provides. Prior planning can maximize the best use of time, and meetings should last no more than 60 minutes.

For units from Island County, which has proceeded to Phase 3, in-person meetings with groups of up to 10 individuals (minimum of 2 registered adult leaders) can be held. Cub Scout meetings should plan for groups of 5 youth and 5 adults.

So much of our Scouts’ lives right now revolve around their screens, and Scouting can easily become “one more zoom meeting” on their calendar. When planning your meetings do your best to avoid long speeches or presentations, and account for time for the Scouts to socialize and catch up with each other.

Consider inviting Scouts to use a common virtual background (where possible) and they should always wear their Scout Uniform. Lots of different voices are great for breaking up the meeting, so consider inviting guest speakers to attend to share expertise or experiences with the Scouts.

For “To the Rescue,” local police, firefighters, or other first responders could be a wonderful speaker. Speakers should plan for no more than 10-12 minutes and include time for questions and interactions with the Scouts.

Program Suggestions and Resources for Cub Scout Packs

National BSA has collected videos produced by councils across the country to offer support for many of our Cub Scout Adventures. You can access the videos at: www.scouting.org/dlvideos. We have suggested theme-related adventures for each rank and have included links to their videos (when available) below.

Recommended Cub Scout Adventures for “To the Rescue”

Lions: Lion’s Honor

Tiger: Safe and Smart

Wolf: Hometown Heroes

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/den-meeting-resources/den-leader-tips-tricks-video-series/#video-gallery-a94ae24-23>

Bear: Forensics

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/den-meeting-resources/den-leader-tips-tricks-video-series/#video-gallery-d110865-18>

Webelos: Build my own Hero

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/den-meeting-resources/den-leader-tips-tricks-video-series/#video-gallery-6a0ddb-12>

Arrow of Light: Build my own Hero

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/den-meeting-resources/den-leader-tips-tricks-video-series/#video-gallery-6a0ddb-12>

Den Chief’s Minute Videos

Members of the Order of the Arrow have volunteered to produce short video messages to our Cub Scouts. These “Den Chief’s Minutes” will be offered on a weekly basis; released every Sunday. Watch for links on Social Media, or visit the council website: <https://www.mountbakerbsa.org/scouting-at-home/monthly-scoutinghome-program/september-2020-scoutinghome-program/>

Program Suggestions and Resources for Scouts BSA Troops

“To the Rescue” Merit Badge Offerings

Elective: Search & Rescue Merit Badge

Look for registration opening on Friday, Sept. 4

Classes will be on Fridays, Sept. 11, Sept. 18, and Sept. 25

Eagle-Required: Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge

Look for registration, coming soon, on Social Media or on the council website:

<https://www.mountbakerbsa.org/scouting-at-home/monthly-scoutinghome-program/september-2020-scoutinghome-program/>

Senior Patrol Leader’s Council Meeting (SPLC)

This is a virtual forum for Senior Patrol Leader’s across the council to come together to share their experiences in Virtual Scouting, learn from each other, and gain some knowledge from our Council Volunteers.

The September SPLC will be held on Thursday, Sept. 24. Watch for an invitation via social media, or in your email, soon!

Scoutmasters are welcome to attend but let your youth leader do the talking!

Council Campfire

This fabulous virtual event will bring together special guests, unit submissions, and family fun all under your roof! We are putting together a lineup of first responders, video tours, and guest speakers along with video submissions from YOU!

If your unit – or den, patrol, or family – have a favorite skit, song, or stunt to include, we want to see it! Reach out to us via email if you have questions and to arrange for submission: eric.buher@scouting.org AND jonidavidson65@gmail.com.

The Council Campfire will be presented via Facebook on Friday, Sept. 25; 7-8pm. You won’t want to miss this!