



NOVEMBER PROGRAM CALENDAR

MOUNT BAKER COUNCIL



MONTHLY THEME: COMMUNITY

CUB SCOUT ADVENTURE: CUBS IN SHINING ARMOR

SCOUT LAW EMPHASIS: COURTEOUS

A Scout is Courteous. How does “Cubs in Shining Armor” relate to this point of the Scout Law?

A Scout knows good manners make it easier for people to get along together.

The word “courteous” is an old English word that comes from the time of knights. Many people associate chivalry and graciousness with a knight in shining armor because of their code of conduct. The knight’s code of conduct extols these virtues, ensuring that a Cub Scout in Shining Armor will exhibit courtesy to all.

Scouts will build skills that will help exhibit this Scout Law through working towards the Citizenship in the Community (Eagle-required) and Scouting Heritage merit badges. Encourage Scouts to work on advancement requirements that focus on these topics.

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.

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.

For “Cub Scouts in Shining Armor,” consider inviting a medievalist as a special guest speaker. Speakers should plan for no more than 10-12 minutes and include time for questions and interactions with the Scouts. If no speakers are available, play a game themed around the topic: dress up as knights, build a sword out of foam or cardboard, show a Monty Python clip from the Holy Grail. Think about other types of knights – anyone a fan of Jedi Knights? There are always websites relating to the topic that you could incorporate into your meetings.

Recommended Cub Scout Adventures for “Cubs in Shining Armor”

Lions:	Pick My Path	https://vimeo.com/446874843
Tiger:	Good Knights	https://vimeo.com/channels/1602544/446882163
Wolf:	Council Fire	https://vimeo.com/449352668
	Cubs Who Care	https://vimeo.com/446893377
Bear:	Paws For Action	https://vimeo.com/446928249
Webelos:	Aware and Care	https://vimeo.com/454167238
Arrow of Light:	Building a Better World	https://vimeo.com/447272322

Program Suggestions and Resources for Scouts BSA Troops

Merit Badge Offerings

Eagle-Required: Citizenship in the Community (can be used for the “World Conservation” Award)

Look for registration, coming soon, on Social Media or on the council website:
<https://www.mountbakerbsa.org/scouting-at-home/monthly-scoutinghome-program/november-2020-scoutinghome-program/>

Scouting Heritage

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Senior Patrol Leader’s Council Meeting (SPLC)

As we strive to find ways to help our units, leaders, and Scouts, we are working on creating a virtual forum for Senior Patrol Leaders 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.

We have researched what other Councils across the country are doing, and are in the process of providing this to units in the Mount Baker Council. We welcome any help, advice, or comments from anyone interested in assisting with this. Please contact Eric Buher at eric.buher@scouting.org or Joni Davidson at jonidavidson65@gmail.com.

Scoutmasters are welcome to attend these meetings in an advisory role, letting the youth leader do the talking.

Special Events

November 6th - 7th brings us the Virtual Tougher Scout Challenge Weekend. This fabulous event will bring together Troops in a highly interactive weekend as they compete in various scout skills, and earn points along the way. This is a 100% Virtual Challenge, with Scouts participating from their own homes, but virtually connected with their Patrols and Troops. Every Troop within the Mount Baker Council is invited to compete. Which Troop will win?

This will be a Scout-led event, with Adult Leaders assisting. Troops will compete in a variety of skills, including (but not limited to) Camp Gadget Building, Cooking, First Aid, Navigation, Paracords, and Personal Fitness. Points will be awarded in each skill. Some

challenges will test your skills, others will test your knowledge. Many challenges will qualify for rank and/or merit badge requirements.

Don't miss this event! Registration information will be available very soon. Be on the lookout for an email and a social media post.