



SEPTEMBER PROGRAM CALENDAR

MOUNT BAKER COUNCIL



MONTHLY THEME: CREEPY CRAWLERS

SCOUT LAW EMPHASIS: KIND

A Scout is Kind. How does “Creepy Crawlers” relate to this point of the Scout Law?

A Scout does not hurt or kill harmless things without reason.

Cub Scouts will explore creepy crawlers and discover the world of insects. Using skits, games and/or art, Cub Scouts will learn that creepy crawlers are important to our world, and how they can be kind to our crawling friends.

Scouts will build skills that will help the world through working towards the Citizenship in the World (Eagle-required), Nature, and Mammal Study 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.

For “Creepy Crawlers,” consider reaching out to local speakers. 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, there are websites (www.bugoftheweek.com or www.ryanthebugman.com) and youtube videos (www.youtube.com/user/BugoftheWeek) that you could incorporate into your meetings.

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 “Creepy Crawlers”

Lions: Mountain Lion / Ready, Set, Grow

<https://vimeo.com/454004214>

<https://vimeo.com/454167067>

Tiger: My Tiger Jungle

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/den-meeting-resources/den-leader-tips-tricks-video-series/#video-gallery-b696e22-9>

Wolf: Call of the Wild / Grow Something / Spirit of the Water

<https://vimeo.com/449352715>

<https://vimeo.com/446905676>

<https://vimeo.com/449352554>

Bear: Fur, Feathers, & Ferns / Critter Care

<https://vimeo.com/446926839>

<https://vimeo.com/446936326>

Webelos: Into the Wild / Into the Woods

<https://vimeo.com/446867459>

<https://vimeo.com/447276235>

Arrow of Light: Into the Wild / Into the Woods

<https://vimeo.com/446867459>

<https://vimeo.com/447276235>

Program Suggestions and Resources for Scouts BSA Troops

“World Conservation” Merit Badge Offerings

Eagle-Required: Citizenship in the World

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/>

Elective: Nature / Mammal Study (Complete 2 badges in 1 class!)

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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 - 8th 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! Information will be available very soon. Be on the lookout for an email and a social media post.