



# DECEMBER PROGRAM CALENDAR

## MOUNT BAKER COUNCIL



MONTHLY THEME: REVERENT

CUB SCOUT ADVENTURE: WINTER WONDERLAND

SCOUT LAW EMPHASIS: REVERENT

A Scout is Reverent. How does “Winter Wonderland” relate to this point of the Scout Law?

As winter comes, it brings with it a wonderland of snow, peace, beauty, and holidays. All of us come from different backgrounds and celebrate many traditions; each of our traditions give us an identity and a sense of belonging. When we share those traditions and accept others’ traditions, we expand our circle so everyone feels like they belong. But no matter who we are or what we celebrate, we are all part of a great organization that has taught us to show reverence for others and their beliefs.

Scouts can build skills that will help exhibit this Scout Law through working towards the American Culture Merit Badge. Another suggestion is the [Religious Emblem Program](#). Encourage Scouts to work on advancement requirements that focus on these topics. Additionally, use the winter months to hone those outdoor activities with the Snow Sports and Wilderness Survival Merit Badges.

### 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: [Den Leader Tips & Tricks](#). We have suggested theme-related adventures for each rank and have included links to their videos (when available) below.

For “Winter Wonderland,” consider inviting a special guest speaker. Maybe a professional skier or snowboarder, or a Meteorologist, or someone in the Theater world that can talk about how they make winter scenes in movies or on stage. 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, such as [Name That Tune](#), [Zoom Bingo](#), [Charades](#), or [Pictionary](#). Teach them how to create their own fun at home by creating a game such as [Snowman Slam](#).

## Recommended Cub Scout Adventures for “Winter Wonderland”

Lions:	<a href="#">Animal Kingdom</a>
Tiger:	<a href="#">Tiger Circles</a>
	<a href="#">Family Stories</a>
Wolf:	<a href="#">Duty to God Footsteps</a>
	<a href="#">Hometown Heroes</a>
Bear:	<a href="#">Fellowship and Duty to God</a>
Webelos:	<a href="#">Duty to God and You</a>
Arrow of Light:	<a href="#">Project Family</a>

## Program Suggestions and Resources for Scouts BSA Troops

### Merit Badge Offerings

We are currently looking for Merit Badge Counselors to hold virtual classes. If you are a Merit Badge counselor, or would like to become one, but are hesitating because you don't know how to make it work online, join us on Wednesday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> for our next “Scout Bytes” webinar. We will be discussing this very subject.

### Snow Sports

Look for registration, coming soon, on Social Media or on the council website:  
[Snow Sports Merit Badge Virtual Class](#)

## New Weekly Webinars – “Scout Bytes”

Join us every Wednesday at 5:00pm for our new webinar series – Scout Bytes. Each week will teach a new skill for Scouting @ Home. Our first webinar was held on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the subject was How to Run a FUN Meeting via Zoom. A PDF version of the webinar will be available on the Mount Baker Council website. Here is the schedule for what we have coming up:

Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> – Merit Badge Technology How-To (for those that want to lead a Merit Badge Class, but need help with how to do it via Zoom, or other online format)

Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> – Volunteering in a Socially Distanced World

Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> – How to Hold a Virtual Pinewood Derby

Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> – Summer Camp Staff

[Register](#) for a Scout Byte session

## 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. The current rule for in-person activities is no more than 5 individuals outside your own household, for outdoor activities only.

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.