



# FEBRUARY PROGRAM CALENDAR

## MOUNT BAKER COUNCIL



SCOUT LAW EMPHASIS: CHEERFUL

PROGRAM THEME: ABRACADABRA!

A Scout is Cheerful. How does “Abracadabra” relate to this point of the Scout Law?

Cub Scouts love to be amazed. Discover the magic this month as your pack dazzles the audience and spreads cheer by sharing magic tricks.

Scouts can build skills that will help exhibit this Scout Law through working towards the Theatre and Music Merit Badges. Encourage Scouts to work on advancement requirements that focus on these topics.

### 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 “Abracadabra,” consider inviting a magician 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. Magic Tricks are even more mysterious when done virtually. Encourage the Scouts to come up with their own trick to show during the meeting.

## Recommended Cub Scout Adventures for “Abracadabra”

Pack Meeting Plan:	<a href="#">Abracadabra!</a>
Lions:	
Tiger:	<a href="#">Tiger Theater</a>
Wolf:	<a href="#">Howling at the Moon</a>
Bear:	<a href="#">Roaring Laughter</a>
Webelos:	<a href="#">Maestro!</a>
Arrow of Light:	<a href="#">Moviemaking</a>

## Program Suggestions and Resources for Scouts BSA Troops

### Merit Badge Offerings

#### Geocaching

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

#### Citizenship in the World

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

#### Signs, Signals & Codes

Look for registration, coming soon, on Social Media or on the council website:  
[Virtual Signs, Signals & Codes Merit Badge Class](#)

## Weekly Webinars – “Scout Bytes”

Join us every Wednesday at 5:00pm for our webinar series – Scout Bytes. Each week will teach a new skill for Scouting @ Home or information on upcoming activities. Here is the schedule for what we have coming up:

Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Summer Camp w/ Eric Buher

Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> – Virtual Court of Honor w/David Hirsch

Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> – Virtual Crossovers w/Doug Bilderback

Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> – Developing Unit Videos with Eric Westfall

## Notes to the Unit Leader

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. To see the current rules for your area under the new Healthy Washington plan, and to see the Council's new guidance on Scouting activities, visit <https://bit.ly/Feb2021Resource>.

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.