September 2020 Newsletter

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Our Moment in Time

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(Adopted from a longer message)

The year was 1935. The Boy Scouts of America was building its first-ever National Scout Jamboree site in Washington, D.C. But a "serious epidemic — polio — had other plans. The Jamboree was postponed. President Franklin D. Roosevelt took to the radio waves to send a message to Scouts around the country:

When you go out into life, you have come to understand that the individual in your community who always says, "I can't" or "I won't" or "I don't," the individual who, by inaction or by opposition, slows up honest, practical, far- seeing community effort, is the fellow who is holding back civilization. ... We need more Scouts. The more, the better.

You may know the rest of the story: The polio epidemic was defeated. The first BSA National Jamboree was held in 1937, in the shadow of the Washington Monument. It was a spectacular success, laying the foundation for many to follow, and demonstrated to the nation the resilience and resolve of Scouting. Scouting was here to stay.

We are living our own moment in time 85 years later. We once again have the opportunity to demonstrate to the nation our strength, resilience and resolve as we work together to continue the mission of Scouting.

Fall is a time to recruit new Scouts, and we no doubt have to think differently this year. On Sept. 12, <u>take part in the</u> <u>BSA Family Fun Fest</u>, our signature online Cub recruiting event for Scout and non-Scout families. I encourage you to collaborate with your unit to figure out how to best deliver Scouting in your community.

Two years from now, which will be 85 years after the first BSA National Jamboree, I am confident that we will look around, reflect on this most unusual journey and be proud of how we responded in our moment in time.

A heartfelt note of thanks for our volunteers and professionals, local and national, all working as one team and one movement. As a Scouting family, we understand in our soul the magic of the Scouting movement and our ability to impact the future. Thank you for playing your part today, one small step at a time.

Thanks for all you do for Scouting, Scott Sorrels National Scouting Commissioner

RoundTable is this Thursday Evening (9/10/20)

Roundtable offers Scouters an opportunity to keep up with the latest District news and information. Roundtables are held on the second Thursday of each month.

Please **pre-register for the meeting**, We will start as a single group, but after the initial portion of the meeting, we will break out in Cub Scout and Scouts BSA.

Thursday, September 10 2020 7:00 pm <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAsdeutp</u> jkpHdDooLtqk8AkvqbqVy39U2bQ



Popcorn Sales Start this weekend!

Show and Sell begins this weekend for popcorn sales! We are so excited to have our scouts out, in masks, creating a visible presence for our amazing District! It is not too late to participate in sales this year. Your unit can still participate via online sales and/or Take Order. Contact Nicki Salathe at ctpopcorn@ctbsacac.org for additional details



Need help with Recharter? https://www.bsacac.org/resources/rechartering/



Journey to Excellence The latest JTE scorecards reflect changes due to the pandemic, you can <u>download it from this site</u>.



Cub Scout Adventure Boxes!

Want to keep your Cub Scouts earning Adventures and moving ahead through the program this coming year? Look at the **Adventure Box** - a curated collection of instructions and materials conveniently delivered to you.

There are two boxes for every Cub Scout rank: one to help a Scout earn the rank for their grade level and another to earn elective Adventures.

To learn more and order Adventure Boxes for each Scout in your pack, <u>visit this page</u>.



OA Chapter News

Are you a member of OA? A reminder that Chapter meetings are on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. They are currently being held <u>virtually via Zoom</u>:

Chisholm Trail Chapter Meeting Time: Sep 10, 2020 07:00 PM Central Time Join Zoom Meeting <u>https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73468996852?</u> pwd=NFNmRHpDUGtnRE5XdlZuZXQvU1diZz09

Congratulations to Raghav Bhatnagar, who has been appointed new Chapter Chief from Troop 365!

October Ordeal is FULL. but if it's successful, there is the potential for an Ordeal opportunity in December. Note there are **no walk-ins for the October Ordeal**: if any OA Candidate or Member tries to attend the October Ordeal without prior registration, you will be told to go home.

Virtual OA Unit Elections can be requested from the District Website: <u>http://ctbsacac.org/order-of-the-arrow/</u>