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Scout Troop 497



Scout Troop 497 Annual Parents Meeting

October 17, 2021



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Scoutmaster's Agenda

- ✓ Welcome
- ✓ 2021 – 2022 Objectives
- ✓ 2021 – 2022 Program
- ✓ 2022 – 2023 Summer Camps
- ✓ Youth Protection
- ✓ Communications & Support

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Scoutmaster's Agenda (cont)

- ✓ Parents' Commitment & Fundraising
- ✓ High Adventure Programs
- ✓ Advancement & Leadership
- ✓ Questions, Concerns, Feedback

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2021-2022 Objectives

- Provide a virtual and in person scouting program for the boys through the pandemic period
- Work to keep our membership stable so that we don't lost scouts through loss of interest.
- Follow local Covid guidelines to provide an outdoor and indoor program mitigating the risk of exposure as much as possible.
- Begin the transition to a post-covid operating environment

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2021 Program Events

- October 30-31 – Backpacking
- November 12-14 – Camping Herling Farm
- December 3-5 – Senior Surprise – Camp Saffran

- October 28 – Court of Honor

- January 2022 – Potential Ski Trip

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2021 Activity Procedures

- Please complete Covid questionnaire online prior to arriving to any activity
 - Please do not attend if you have any symptoms listed on the questionnaire.

- Do not leave prior to a temperature check.

- Please bring 2 masks per person. Masks will be required following local protocols / church protocols





2021 Activity Procedures

- Scouts must tent alone or with family members if camping
- Social distancing will be in force whenever possible
- Transportation arrangements to be completed by the scouts' families.





Transitioning to 2022

- Assuming Vaccines will be available for 10 - 11 year-olds
- Expanding travel distance to camping events
- Parents' decisions about how their sons will participate will be respected





2022 Event Procedures

- Vaccinated Scouts will be allowed to tent 2 scouts per tent
 - Sleep head to toe (BAC Covid recommendation)
 - No more than a two-year age difference
- Non-vaccinated scouts must wear masks / social distance
- Car-Pool transportation for camping to be reintroduce for scouts with parental permission.
 - No middle seats will be filled
- Parents that wish to have their sons wear a mask may so choose.





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2022 - 2023 Summer Trips

- 2022 – Massawepie Scout Reservation, NY – First Choice
 - » Broad Creek Scout Reservation is a back up.
 - » 21-31 July 2022

- 2023 – Ben Delatour Scout Ranch, Red Feather Lakes, CO
 - » Two-week trip – 1st week Scout camp, 2nd week touring.

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Youth Protection

□ BSA Rules

- 72 Hour Training Rule – Parents Included
- All registered adult leaders must complete training annually
- We encourage everyone to take the training

□ St. Joseph Church Rules

- Virtus Training for every registered adult leader





Youth Protection

- Troop Commitment to our Scouts' Safety
 - BAC Covid Guidelines
 - Background Checks
 - Guide to Safe Scouting
 - Youth Protection Guidelines
 - Communication with Scouts
 - » Email / Texting Rules
 - » Phone
 - » On-line meetings





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Communications & Support

- Scout weekly calls
- Website (www.troop497.org)
- Email updates is your email address accurate?
- Twitter Feed (ScoutTroop497)
- Facebook Page (Troop497)
- *Please keep us posted if a Scout starts to lose interest! Zoom effect!*

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How do I get involved

- Troop Committee
- Parents Club
- Assistant Scoutmasters
- Come to a meeting
- Help with Merit Badge Program

- We can try to match your strengths with our needs

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Our Parent's Commitment

- Support Son's Advancement & Participation
- Transportation – Bring your son to the camping events or serve as a transporter for one long or two short trips.
- Please support our fundraising efforts - restarting
 - *Bull Roast Nov 5*
- *Enjoy Scouting with your Sons*

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High Adventure Programs

- We are presently working with the high adventure bases to secure some dates for 2022.
- Because of the 2023 two-week summer camp, no high adventure base trips will occur in that year.





Advancement

- First Thursday to First Class – Virtual / In-Person
- Scoutmaster Conferences – Virtual / In-Person
- Boards of Review – In Person
- Eagle Scout Process - PLEASE watch deadlines.





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Scoutbook.com

- ❖ Scoutbook.com is an online resource used to track your Scout's rank progress
- ❖ Parents and scouts can enter the scout's rank progress on the site
- ❖ Certified Leaders can approve after entry
- ❖ Experience is that leaders alone can't keep up with data entry

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- ❖ Please update son's information prior to each First Thursday
- ❖ An invitation should have been sent to you to join.
- ❖ **Chris McClelland (mccllland.chris@gmail.com) or Adam Spence (adam@spencefirm.com)**

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Leadership Concerns

- Must participate and fulfill job requirements
 - Regular Phone calls to their patrol members
 - Have virtual patrol meetings.
 - We can set these up. One adult must attend.
- Please note, texting and group chats do not replace the individual phone calls.
 - Please allow your scout to speak to the leader.





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Scoutmaster's Conferences

- Scoutmaster Conferences are virtual and in-person
 - Virtual - Zoom calls set up in advance
 - Usually have more than one scout scheduled
 - Camera must be working
 - Parent must be in the room
- In-Person
 - No private meetings – all in sight of other adults.

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