

Troop 42 News



Stay Safe!

Troop 42 hopes that all Scouts and parents are fairing well during these unusual circumstances! We urge everyone to practice basic safety measures in order to prevent contracting the coronavirus and to help prevent it from spreading. Although we are not having in-person meeting and events, we will continue Troop functions via phone calls, emails, and video conferencing. If there is anything Troop 42 can do to help anyone, please reach out to us – we are here for each other!

Upcoming Events

- Flower Sale Pickup:
Tuesday April 21st at
Hopewell Presbyterian
Church. 4:00-8:00 pm. Look
for forthcoming email from
Mrs. Suthard.
- Summer Camp Forms &
Health Forms due May 12th



The following is safety information from the Center For Disease Control:

Know How It Spreads

- There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.
- The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.
 - Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
 - Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks.
 - These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
 - Some recent studies have suggested that COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms.

Clean Your Hands Often

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with un

Avoid Close Contact

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay home as much as possible.
- Put distance between yourself and other people.
 - Remember that some people without symptoms may be able to spread virus.
 - Keeping distance from others is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.

Take Steps to Protect Others

- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care.



- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- Throw used tissues in the trash.
- Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- If you are sick: You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then you should do your best to cover your coughs and sneezes, and people who are caring for you should wear a facemask if they enter your room.
- If you are NOT sick: You do not need to wear a facemask unless you are caring for someone who is sick (and they are not able to wear a facemask). Facemasks may be in short supply and they should be saved for caregivers
- Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- If surfaces are dirty, clean them: Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

To Disinfect

Most common EPA-registered household disinfectants will work. Use disinfectants appropriate for the surface. Options include:

- Diluting your household bleach.
- To make a bleach solution, mix:
 - 5 tablespoons (1/3rd cup) bleach per gallon of water
 - OR
 - 4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water
- Follow manufacturer's instructions for application and proper ventilation. Check to ensure the product is not past its expiration date. Never mix household bleach with ammonia or

any other cleanser. Unexpired household bleach will be effective against coronaviruses when properly diluted.

- Alcohol solutions. Ensure solution has at least 70% alcohol.
- Please go to [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) for more information!

Congratulations!

Troop 42 would like to congratulate Jack K. and Jack S. for completing their Board of Reviews for the rank of Life. This is quite an achievement; way to go Jack and Jack! These Board of Reviews were conducted by the Troop Committee using video conferencing tools!

Online Merit Badge Sessions

Here is a virtual Merit Badge opportunity from Piedmont Council:

<https://www.piedmontcouncilbsa.org/mbuonline> (This is the Council that hosted Mr. Lane's troop growing up, and stretches from Iredell to Gaston/Catawba counties and west towards Asheville.) While some sessions started recently, there are other Merit Badge sessions coming up in April. Sign up is done individually by Scout parents.

As a reminder:

1. As relates to any online/virtual Merit Badge registrations/completions, Scouts should keep an eye on what Merit Badges they requested for summer camp, and let Mr. Roberts Mr. Lane know (ASAP) of any desired summer camp related Merit Badge changes.
2. Scouts should attend the online Merit Badge sessions, and all the Merit Badge requirements, for which they are registered.
3. Some of the more popular online/virtual classes may be full, so register early.

Leader Training

Leaders should take the opportunity to complete or update required training. Also, parents should consider undertaking Youth Protection Training! It is recommended that Parents also undertake the Youth Protection Training (YPT) that is available online. BSA requires all Adult Leaders and Committee Members to take/renew YPT every 2 years, and this same training provides A LOT of information to help you understand why we do/don't do certain things in delivering our Scouting program. Go to [My.Scouting.org](https://www.myscouting.org) and look for the Youth Protection banner.

BSA Health Forms:

Troop 42 scouts and leaders it is time to renew health forms. The BSA Health Form is valid for one year only and you must have a form on file with the Troop to participate in any scouting event. Please have Health Form with a copy of front and back of your insurance card turned into Ms. Ross or Mr. Lane by May 12th.

Scout Camp Forms

Please turn in BSA Health Forms, Supplemental Medical Forms, and Outdoor Release Form by May 12th for Summer Camp!

Merit Badge Ideas

Scouts – look at opportunities to start a ‘different’ Merit Badge. How about Home Repairs, Painting or even Gardening? (bet you did not know those were merit badges.) With school days/hours being what they are, how about the Reading Merit Badge! And with the coronavirus situation, take a look at the Public Health, and Safety Merit Badges. With your parent’s approval, look online at the requirements, pick up the Merit Badge books from the Scout office, and talk with Mr. Lane or Mr. Roberts to get a counselor and a blue card.

Buy a Brick!

There is a great opportunity to support the building of Hopewell Church’s new playground by purchasing an engraved brick. The playground will be located in the wooded area just to the right of the gravel driveway to the Scout Hut. You may have noticed the clearing of the area in preparation for the playground. (See recent email to view the site plan for the project along with a form for the purchase of a brick). Some ideas for the bricks: Eagle Scout’s name and date of achievement, birthday gift to a loved one commemorating their birth, a graduate’s name and date of achievement, a loving note to your mother, father or grandparent, or just a note of hope and/or encouragement to the kids that might be reading the bricks.



Raven Knob Boy Scout Summer Camp 2020 is June 28th – July 4th

<https://www.ravenknob.com/promo>

Join us at summer camp 2020, as we attend Camp Raven Knob, June 28th to July 4th. Summer Camp, with activities ranging from aquatics to nature, robotics, climbing, and shooting sports, is one of the best experiences a Scout (and leader) can have!

The cost for summer camp is \$355 plus the extra cost for certain merit badges/course selections. Some merit badges/courses have extra cost associated with them and these are noted on merit badge selection form.

- The first deposit of \$55 is due February 4th, 2020.
- \$100 is due March 3rd
- \$100 is due April 7th
- May 5th the remainder is due, a final statement will be sent out in April to inform you of the balance due. If you need further info, you can talk to Mr. Lane or Mrs. Suthard about this great opportunity.

Rada Knife Troop Fundraiser

On May 28th, 2019 at our Spring Court of Honor, we introduced our new Troop fundraiser – Rada Cutlery, which manufactures high quality knives and other kitchen products made in the USA. This fundraiser is completely online and will be year around so you can order at any time for any occasion.

- 40% profit for the Troop
- Guaranteed for life
- 100% American made
- Easy internet ordering • Great gifts for all occasions
- Cutlery, kitchen utensils, and more!



To make this successful we need your help to spread the word. Tell your extended family, friends, etc... Please share this link or find the link on the Troop 42 website.
<https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=2226210.86e6d4>
<http://www.bsatroop42.com/>

Order of the Arrow News

- May Beaver Days/Ordeal is May 15th-17th at Camp Grimes. (Registration is due May 6th).

Troop 42 Officials:

Chartered Organization Representative: Mrs. Busic

Troop Committee Chair: Mr. Roinick

Scoutmaster: Mr. Lane

Senior Patrol Leader: Skyler P.

Newsletter - related information and photos may be sent to: Trent Pitts, email: tp1953@gmail.com