

2018 Four Rivers District Film Contest for Scouts

4R is announcing a short film contest for current Webelos and Boy Scouts to help jump start our Press Corps! A side benefit is that Scouts may use this work on their Webelos Movie Maker Activity Pin and Boy Scouts may be interested in pursuing the Movie Making merit badge!

We will publish the winning videos on our You Tube channel and the District Facebook page.

Submission deadline is May 1, 2018 and the winning selections will be announced at the May Roundtable on May 14, 2018. The Winning Submissions will be shown at the June District Awards Dinner on June 4, 2018.

Submissions must be made on a thumb drive by the Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor or Committee Chair of the submitting unit.

Submissions must be in one of the following formats: .mp4, .wmv (preferred) but also .avi, .mp3, .mov. For other formats, please contact District Public Relations Chair, Chris Barth.

District Public Relations Chair Chris Barth startrek1500@gmail.com by May 1, 2018 and include the following information:

- Unit Number
- Name and Contact Information of the Leader
- Category of Submission

Rules:

1. Signed Talent Releases must be in the possession of the participating Troop or Pack (it can be found on the Health Form on page 1 (Part A) for ANYONE appearing in the film. http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_ABC.pdf .
2. Additionally, a stand alone talent release form is available here: <http://www.scouting.org/Home/Marketing/Tell%20Your%20Story/TalentReleaseForm.aspx>
3. When creating credits, last names of Scouts should NOT be used. Be careful to protect any identifying information of the Scouts participating. (This includes school names, last names, email addresses, phone numbers, etc.)
4. The Scout Oath & Law are in effect!
5. Please respect people's privacy and inform people of your activity before filming. Let them choose to be a part of it. Some people do not want themselves or their children on social media. Please be sensitive to that and respect their wishes.
6. Submissions should be no more than three (3) minutes long.
7. Please keep the following in mind from BSA National:

“Protection of personal information pertaining to our youth members and volunteers should be our greatest concern. This organization has used COPPA, the Children's Online Privacy

Protection Act, as its standard in this area. You can read the details on compliance at <http://www.coppa.org/comply.htm>. It would be a good practice to share them with unit-level publishers in your council.

A second concern about individual unit sites is copyright infringement. Sadly, photos, music, and video are commonly reused on the Web without permission. Plagiarism is also common. Such practices violate the ethics of Scouting. They are also violations of law, and could expose the publishers legally.”

<http://www.scouting.org/Home/Marketing/Resources/UnitWeb.aspx>

Here are some guidelines from National about Social Media usage:

<http://www.scouting.org/Home/Marketing/Resources/SocialMedia.aspx>

Credits should not contain last names of Youth or any other identifying information in the video such as phone numbers, email addresses, schools, etc. Please remind your Scouts that this video will be posted publicly by 4R District.

2018 Theme: Passport to Adventure

This year’s theme is “Passport to Adventure” and we’d love to see submissions on topics such as:

- Scouting in other Countries (Arrow of Light Requirement, Building a Better World 6a-c)
- International Scouting experiences (we’ve had a Crew from BAC with an ongoing exchange with Scouts in Japan, the recent 4R involvement with Kandersteg International Scout Centre, and upcoming World Jamboree in 2019)
- Local adventures! Where does your unit like to visit, camp, or hike? Showcase YOUR favorite Scouting adventure spots and events for visitors!

The following awards will be made in brackets for Webelos, Boy Scouts, & Venturing Crews for each of the Film Categories.

- Best Overall
- Best in Category
- Honorable Mentions

For questions or more information, please contact District Public Relations Chair Chris Barth startrek1500@gmail.com.