



National Pike Update

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#ScoutingAtHome

While you are staying safe at home you can still continue your Scouting adventure! Please check the NP Facebook Page for updates on new activities daily.

- [National Pike Scouting At Home Resources](#) **UPDATED**
- [BSA National #ScoutingAtHome](#)
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The number one priority of the Baltimore Area Council and the Boy Scouts of America is the health and safety of our youth, leaders, staff, and families. Upon the recommendation of the Council COVID-19 Task Force **The Council Service Center, Scout Shops and Broadcreek Scout Reservation are closed through May 17th.**

Council staff is working remotely at this time. The council COVID-19 Task Force meets weekly to reevaluate based on current conditions and recommendations. For the full announcement and any updates visit www.baltimorebsa.org/COVID-19.



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Please check www.baltimorebsa.org/nationalpike or the [National Pike Facebook Group](#) for updates.

District Events & Updates

- ◇ **Coffee with your District Professional!** Brew your favorite cup at home and join me for a Zoom call or a phone call! I'd love to check in with you and see how you're doing.
- ◇ **District Award of Merit: & National Pike Spark Plug Nomination: **Deadline Extended To May**** .
- ◇ **Camp Cards**— The Council is excited to launch our NEW Camp Card Campaign to help support our Frontline Heroes! Watch the promotional video [HERE](#) and sign up for the Zoom trainings on Thursday at [noon](#) or [7pm](#).
- ◇ **BACBSA Virtual 5K**— Sign up at baltimorebsa.org/Virtual5K and you have the opportunity to support frontline workers with a meal donation from a local restaurant.
- ◇ **District VIRTUAL Roundtable** - National Pike Roundtable was jam packed full of Scouters so if you missed it visit the [Roundtable page](#) on our website for all the flyers and information that was shared. The next RT is virtual again on **May 11th at 730pm**.
- ◇ **Life To Eagle Seminar**—Did you miss the LTE Seminar? Check out the presentation [here](#). Contact [Duncan Brown](#), District Advancement Chair, for more information.
- ◇ **Friends of Scouting Update:** If you or your unit feels that you are able to give at this time visit baltimorebsa.org/fos. If you want to know more about Online Presentations please contact Anna Katz at annakatz@verizon.net
- ◇ **Masks for Maryland**— With the shortage of Personal Protective Equipment in the healthcare industry right now we have found that one way Scouts can help is by sewing and donating face masks. Please visit baltimorebsa.org/MasksForMD
- ◇ **Cub Scout Leader Social Hour**—Thursday, April 23rd at 730PM on Zoom. Click the [link](#) to join.

Unit Leader Info

[BeAScout Unit Pin & Online Applications](#)— Start accepting online applications and update your units information

[Position Specific Training](#)—Become fully trained for your position at my.scouting.org

*[Merit Badge Management Through Scoutbook](#)— What you need to know

YPT & Technology Helps for Leaders

[Digital Safety and Online Scouting Activities](#)

[Cyber Chip](#) (For Scouts Grades 1-12)

Membership Update

We are accepting [applications](#) via email! Please scan a copy of your app and we will process it as soon as we can. We cannot process payments now but will once the office reopens we will charge your unit account. If you would like to use the online application system for youth applications only then update your [BeAScout unit pin](#). Below are ways to protect your emails.

[Sending confidential emails with Gmail](#)
[Encrypt email messages in Outlook](#)

Community Service Opportunities

- ⇒ An important new development is the Howard County Office of Emergency Management's request for all of us to track and report the hours we're spending volunteering on the many projects we have underway. They want us to report any coronavirus-related hours since 1/20/2020 using the link below. And each day needs a separate entry. This will help the county with the 25% match it will have to come up with when it seeks federal government reimbursement for all of its coronavirus-related expenses. Please input all hours you've volunteered by COB on Friday. **Under COAD Member Organization Affiliation please put Baltimore Area Council, BSA.**
- ⇒ Do A Good Turn— Update your unit's [service hours](#) on the reporting website.

Service is one of the most integral parts of Scouting and help is needed in the community now more than ever. Our top priority is the safety of our Scouts and families so many community service options may not work for your unit at this time. Below are some unit service projects that are ongoing. Please make sure to take extra precautions at this time and wear protective gear whenever you are outdoors. Check out this Bryan on Scouting article: [Good Turns During the Coronavirus](#)

***To receive community service hours for any activities please follow all BSA and unit guidelines already in place.**



Have questions?

Contact [Taadie Robinson](#), District Director, or click the link to find the contact info for the [District Committee](#) member that can help you!

Stay safe! Stay home.