Visit us on the web at http://www.pequott.org

Once again, we hope all our Scouting families are faring well and staying safe during this difficult time. Besides some news items, this issue includes news & photos on how units have been keeping Scouting alive while socially distancing. This issue also includes a special section highlighting our graduating seniors and their post-high school plans.

Leaders and parents are encouraged to pass along stories and photos to Noelle Bloom at noellerx@icloud.com & to Phil Nicola at pnicola@natca.net, so that they can be carried in the next issue of the Charger.

LEADERS & PARENTS are encouraged to visit the Theodore Roosevelt Council website at http://www.trcbsa.org for the latest information regarding the status of upcoming events and activities.

UNIT LEADERS… Be sure to log your unit’s service hours online at https://servicehours.scouting.org/UI/Security/Login.aspx

KEEP THE Scouting ADVENTURE GOING AT HOME

For ideas on how to continue the Scouting adventure at home, visit https://www.scouting.org/scoutingathome/

Additional info on advancement during COVID-19 can be found here: http://www.trcbsa.org/News/AdvancementCovid19

The Pequott District is on FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM!

Search for Pequott Point

GOOD TURNS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS

Acts of Scouting service you can do from home

For ideas on how to carry on the tradition of Good Turns for others while staying home, check out this article from the Bryan on Scouting webpage:

https://tinyurl.com/ycbzy3f4

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING FOR ADULTS

Must be renewed every two years in order to maintain your BSA membership. If yours is expiring soon, take it again. It’s offered online at: http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx

Order of the Arrow – Wulihan Chapter

Visit the website!!

http://www.troopwebhost.org/OAWulihanChapter

2020 DUES ARE DUE

If you have not done so already, please register & pay your dues at: http://www.trcbsa.org/Event.aspx?id=6892

Questions? Contact Chapter Advisor Brian Sarant, bsarant@optonline.net
**Pequott District Kick-off**

This year’s Pequott District Kick-off is Scheduled for Tuesday, August 25th, from 6pm to 10pm, at Knights of Columbus, 3581 Jeffries Road, Levittown.

Food will be served and the popcorn and unit leader of the year awards will be handed out.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions limiting attendance, **each unit will only be allowed to send one person**. Face coverings will be required.

RSVP to PQDistrictChairman@gmail.com, with your unit and attendee name, no later than Monday, August 10th.

Refer to the Theodore Roosevelt Council website at www.trcbsa.org as well as the Council calendar at http://www.trcbsa.org/Calendar for updates.

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**SCOUTING FOR FOOD**

In this difficult time, it’s more important than ever to do a good turn.

Even though units are not meeting, you can still do your part. Local food banks are running low and demand has increased as the elderly, ill, and people facing the loss of a job, are in need of assistance. Even though all Council activities, including Scouting for Food, have been cancelled for now you can still help by donating to your local food pantry, or directly to the Island Harvest warehouse in Uniondale. Please contact Island Harvest at admin@islandharvest.org or call them at (516) 294-8528 for information.

If you don’t know of a pantry in your area, please contact Peter O’Connor at pocon10@yahoo.com or phone 516-680-3233.

A safe way to collect food is for one adult to be the collection point. They can leave a box outside their door and Scouts can drop-off donations without any direct contact. Then the one adult will deliver the donation to the pantry.

We have patches originally planned to give to Scouting for Food participants available for you. If you donate food, please let us know by filling out the survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PZDBYV2 and we will have patches for you.

We would like to hear what your unit is doing to help during this crisis, as well as receive suggestions that could be shared with other units.

Peter O’Connor, Assistant Council Commissioner for Community Service

pocon10@yahoo.com

Cell 516-680-3233
A TRAINING UPDATE FROM THEODORE ROOSEVELT COUNCIL

Training is still available for all programs and levels in scouting. Both adults and youth can still take advantage of some great training opportunities at this time with online courses now and registering for advanced training courses in the future. Online training is available for youth and adults. It is informative, user-friendly and fun!

Adult training can be found at https://www.scouting.org/training/adult/

Training for youth can be found at https://www.scouting.org/training/youth/

WOOD BADGE 2021

Wood Badge training is now scheduled to take place April 16th to 18th then again from May 15th to 16th, 2021.

Developed for adults 18 yrs and older in the Cub Scout, Scouts USA, and Venturing programs, as well as District and Council leaders, Wood Badge builds upon the best traditions and experiences of the Boy Scouts of America and also draws from a wide range of courses within and beyond the bounds of Scouting to present the latest in leadership theory and team development.


IT’S TIME TO GET POPPIN’!

Get ready for the 2020 TRC Popcorn Sale!!

As this year’s popcorn sale is kicked-off, it’s understood now – more than ever – the value of the fundraising dollars that can be accessed by units and council through the annual sale.

Due to the current environment, this year’s sale will undoubtedly be different, however never underestimate the Scouts and their initiative to sell popcorn!

Here are some important dates to remember:

- Show and Sell Orders Due- Aug. 7
- Kickoff - Sept. 3, location TBD
- Show and Sell Pick Up - Sept. 4-5
- Take Orders Due - Oct. 26
- Take Order Pick Up - Nov. 19-20
- Final Bill Due - Dec. 1, 2020

Please be advised:

In light of COVID-19, Show and Sell popcorn orders are being limited. Each Unit will be permitted to order up to 50% of their last year’s Show and Sell sale total. If you need help locating last year’s total, please email or call Brian Gorman (brian.gorman@scouting.org) or call 516-797-7600, ext 113.

Units will not be able to return excess popcorn for this year’s sale.

Trail’s End has made many improvements to their app. Please log in, so you can get familiar with its functionality. If you need help learning how to use the app, visit Trail’s End at https://www.trails-end.com/webinars to view important training videos.

To register for the 2020 sale go to https://tinyurl.com/yywdccse.

To learn more about Trails End Online Direct Store, view the video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dBewdEPNUFg.
**THE HIDDEN WORLDS OF NATIONAL PARKS**

Take a trip from your own home! Swim through a coral reef, fly over a volcano, trek by headlamp through a cave, ride through a canyon, and kayak through icebergs from the comfort of your couch! Sit back as a National Park Ranger talks your way through adventure. This is a great activity for Dens and Patrols to do together virtually. Experience the National Parks in 360 degrees here: https://artsandculture.google.com/project/national-park-service.

**VIRTUAL MUSEUM VISITS**

Can’t get enough of virtual visits? Eight museums from around the world offer virtual visits and can even fulfill a merit badge requirement.

The Bryan on Scouting website has all the details at https://tinyurl.com/yympqsjn.

**U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION RECALL**

The Boy Scouts of America has issued a recall of certain Cub Scout Activity Pins due to a violation of Federal lead content ban.

Details are available at https://tinyurl.com/y4pmjorn.

**WHO YOU GONNA CALL? UNIT COMMISSIONERS!!!**

As a reminder to unit leaders, the “Help Desk” number to call if you are having unit related issues is your Unit Commissioner. The commissioner list is available on the Pequott page of the TRC site, at this link: http://www.trcbsa.org/files/d/usr/151/Pequott District Commissioners Contact.pdf.

If there is no commissioner assigned to your unit, call your Assistant District Commissioner. This is the best and fastest way to get your problem resolved.

**UPDATED ANNUAL HEALTH & MEDICAL RECORD**

The BSA Annual Health & Medical Record form has been updated for 2020.

Either the old or new form can be used throughout 2020, but only the new form will be acceptable starting January 1, 2021. However, since the physical exam is valid for 12 months, it is recommended that the new form be used this year, so that it is valid into 2021.

More info is available at https://tinyurl.com/yk4hyzju and the new form can be downloaded at https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/.

Any questions can be directed to the Council Service Center at 516-797-7600.

**News flash!**

Due to email server issues, many e-mailings are not reaching the families and Scouters in Pequott District.

The **Pequott Charger** is available on-line! Keep up with the month ahead by going to www.trcbsa.org/Pequott. Please spread the word to your families – and give them the link!

As always, share your news and photos by sending your scoop to Phil Nicola at pnicola@natca.net and be sure to cc to Noelle Bloom at noellerx@icloud.com.
Nick C.  
Troop 189  
Eagle Scout  
New York Institute of Technology

Kenneth B.  
Troop 192  
Eagle Scout  
Baruch College Accounting

Buddy P.  
Troop 239  
Eagle Scout  
Five Towns College Film/Video

Jake O.  
Troop 239  
Eagle Scout

Sean U.  
Troop 239  
Eagle Scout  
Iona College Communications

Samuel M.  
Troop 339  
Life Scout  
SUNY Plattsburgh English

Jonathan V.  
Troop 343  
Eagle Scout  
Nassau Community College Criminal Justice

Evan P.  
Troop 343  
Eagle Scout  
Georgetown University Business Information

James D.  
Troop 343  
Eagle Scout  
University of Central Florida

Michael M.  
Troop 343  
Eagle Scout  
Stonehill College Pre-Law

Charles L.  
Troop 660  
Eagle Scout  
SUNY Maritime College Electrical Engineering

Billy B.  
Troop 660  
Eagle Scout  
Hofstra University Education
Congratulations!

Good Luck
TROOPS 351 & 123 COVID GOOD DEED

U.S. Navy personnel stationed on the USS Theodore Roosevelt had been dealing with the COVID-19 virus & were in need of health and hygiene supplies. Through a joint effort of Troops 351 & 123, as well as the local Lions Club, over $6,000 was raised toward the purchase of much-needed supplies. Hundreds of preassembled hygiene kits were delivered to Navy personnel that were truly in need of these items.

Below is a communication from a Naval officer who was in receipt of the generous donations:

"Greetings from Guam. A quick note to thank you for your contribution.

"I simply wanted to reach out to pass along my sincerest gratitude for BSA Troop 351 and the Northern Virginia Lions. While in isolation because of the COVID-19 virus and assigned to the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71), I received a care package with much needed daily essentials. Too many these can be overlooked and to some even tossed aside. Please let me assure you that your wonderful gift and gesture went a long way. Thank you for supporting us during this time when our entire Nation needs healing as well. It is these type of acts that reminds me of how proud I was to be associated with the BSA and supporting my son in attaining his Eagle.

"Thanks again Merrick, NY BSA Troop 351 and the Northern Virginia Lions!! Bravo Zulu to Lion Davida Luehrs and Scout Master Douglas Davis for making this happen!

"Very respectfully,

"Tom Pickering

"CDR USN"

"Qui Plantavit Curabit"

TROOP 581 CAR WASH
Cub Scout Pack 581 held a Closing Ceremony Car Parade on Saturday, July 18th. The car parade stopped at every Scout’s house for a short moving up ceremony. Leaders presented each Scout with awards, belt loops and patches earned during the virtual Scouting program. Scouts also received next year’s neckerchief. It was a great way to make the Scouts feel special by celebrating their accomplishments.
TROOP 239 EAGLE PROJECT

The troop has been meeting virtually and had their first virtual Court of Honor in June to recognize the many achievements, rank advancements and merit badges the Scouts earned despite COVID-19. Patrons also performed a variety of skits. One of the Scouts ran the troop’s annual food drive for St Rose. This year it was socially distanced and it was still a huge success. The troop also decided to participate in the Massapequa High School Adopt-a-Senior Program & adopted three of its own seniors: Charles L., Billy B., and Dan M.

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SEAN U., TROOP 239’S NEWEST EAGLE SCOUT

YOUR UNIT’S PICTURES AND STORIES COULD BE FEATURED HERE AND IN YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER!

Get your pictures and stories to Noelle Bloom at noellerx@icloud.com!
This is our 60th issue of the Pequott Charger!
Please share it with the Leaders and Parents of your unit.
The Pequott Charger is emailed to all who request to receive it.
Send your email address to pnicola@natca.net and put Pequott Charger in the subject line to make sure you don't miss any Pequott District News.