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.

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
ATTENTION RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS COORDINATORS

From Nancy Rosiello, the Pequott District Religious Emblems Coordinator:

“I hope this email finds you and your families well.

“You may have scouts who were working on their Catholic Medals before the COVID-19 Pandemic. You may also have Counselors for the Catholic Medals within your unit. Counselors and Candidates must contact Fr. Frank Zero, Scouting Chaplain, at fzero@olph.org with any questions concerning the guidance that follows.

Please stay safe and well. Thanks for all you are doing.”

POLICY ON EMBLEMS DURING COVID19 PANDEMIC

National Guidance:
For ScoutsBSA, Venturers, and Sea Scouts working on Ad Altare Dei or Pope Pius XII
- The work on these emblems is to be finished before the 18th birthday for ScoutsBSA and before the 21st birthday for Venturers and Sea Scouts.
- Boards of Review for these emblems are done according to diocesan procedures and may be held after the 18th or 21st birthday.
- For this year only, Scouts who have begun work on these emblems before their birthday and are unable to complete the requirements because of the current national health emergency have until six months after their birthday or Dec. 31, 2020, whichever is later to complete their work. This is a one-time exception and will expire on 12/31/2020.

DRVC CCPS Committee Policy:
Ad Altare Dei:
1- As a diocese since we are well situated feel that scouts should be able to complete their AAD work for possible convocation in the fall.
2- Any retreat the scout has taken within the past 12-14 months will be accepted this year only.
   - Confirmation retreat
   - School Retreat
   - Scout Day of Recollection
3- A decision on the Board of review will be made at a later date for both Nassau and Suffolk subcommittees at the Diocesan level.

Pope Pius:
1- Pope Pius Candidates should also be able to finish their work on the emblem for a possible fall convocation
2- The Pope Pius Retreat will be offered virtually this year only.
   - Candidates will be given a login for google classroom.
   - Will watch videoed talks and answer questions that will be submitted
     o Vocation Panel is also videoed
3- Ministry interview requirement
   - This can be done over the phone by the scout with parent on the phone as per youth protection guidelines.
4- A decision on the Board of review will be made at a later date for both Nassau and Suffolk subcommittees at the Diocesan level.
ONLINE MERIT BADGE WORKSHOPS

The Theodore Roosevelt Council has been conducting online merit badge workshops. Go to the council merit badge workshop webpage at https://www.onteora.org/mbw for more info.

Classes fill up quickly so don't delay in registering. Badges offered change regularly, so be sure to check back often.

RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS COORDINATORS

If your scouts have been working on the All-Faith Award and have been delayed in completing their requirements due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, please let your scouts and parents know that the All-Faith Committee will extend the deadline for completion.

Remember that this award can be earned each time the scout earns a religious medal of his or her faith.

During these unprecedented times we all need to lean on our faith. It is hoped that you will reach out to your religious leaders if you need to.

Contact Nancy Rosiello at cookymom13@aol.com with any questions or concerns.

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

As you know by now, we unfortunately have postponed courses and we continue to monitor the situation. One of the ways we can be prepared for when scouting resumes is with training. You can still complete your required training at this time.

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/](https://www.scouting.org/training/adult/)

Training for youth can be found at [https://www.scouting.org/training/youth/](https://www.scouting.org/training/youth/)

WOOD BADGE 2020

The next Wood Badge training is scheduled to take place
Sept. 11th to 13th then again
Oct. 17th to 18th.

Developed for adults 18 yrs and older in the Cub Scout, Scouts US 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.

More info & to register:

SILVER BEAVER NOMINATIONS

The Silver Beaver Award recognizes adult Scout volunteers who have made an impact on the lives of youth in the Theodore Roosevelt Council through service given to the council. The award was introduced by the Boy Scouts of America in 1931 and is a council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America.

The award is made to those who do not actively seek it; please keep your nominations confidential. A committee of council and district volunteers will review the nominations. Any registered adult Scouter (21 or older) who has a record of quality service to Scouting and non-Scouting youth, in his or her community, is eligible for nomination.

- Please submit a nomination using the national Silver Beaver Award form, which can be downloaded at [https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/92-103.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/92-103.pdf).

Questions about the nomination form or process can be submitted to Barry Stolzenberg at dynorep1@aol.com or at 516-850-5208.

Email submission of nominations is preferred. Email a scanned copy of the nomination in pdf format to Barry at dynorep1@aol.com or submit by US mail addressed to:

Barry Stolzenberg
3177 Birch Drive
Wantagh, NY 11793-2524

Nominations are due no later than July 1st.
GUESS WHAT??? IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!!

Too late for what, you ask?

In case you haven’t seen or heard about the “Pack, Troop and Crew of the Year, or Cubmaster, Scoutmaster and Adviser of the Year, or Pack, Troop and Crew Committee Chair of the Year or the District Award of Merit” recognitions, whew! – I am telling you about it now!

Who am I and why are you reading this? My name is Tracy Dioguardi and I am the Pequott District Awards Chairperson. The awards this year will be given out at the district kick-off in August, except for the District Award of Merit.

You may ask yourself: "Why bother? What's in it for me? What's in it for my unit?"

Well, how about the recognition that your unit deserves? They’ve earned it – let everyone know about how fantastic your program is! What have you got to lose? OK, maybe just a few minutes of your time, but think about the youth. Think about the pride they will feel knowing that they are one of Pequott’s finest! How about all the parents and leaders that serve your unit? This is the time to let them feel the spotlight!

This award is a wonderful way to recognize the time and effort that the leaders, committee, and Scouts put in to make their unit the best it can be. No matter how big or small your Pack is, if you have a great program, why not go for it? My committee is made up of a few select adult Scouters who are no longer affiliated with any units within our District. This is done so that there can be an honest selection made for all the awards. Do not delay, fill out that form!

Speaking of leaders – is yours worthy of special recognition? There are so many outstanding leaders that never get the praise they deserve outside of their units! Please take the time to nominate your leaders today!

Finally, I want to encourage you to think about someone you know that is truly deserving of the District Award of Merit. It is such a special award. I remember how surprised I was when I received it at the District Dinner several years ago! It was humbling to say the least. To have my family and my fellow leaders there that evening made it even more special. To make this even more special, this year’s District Award of Merit will be presented at our Council Recognition Dinner on November 18th. Mark your calendars and plan on attending this year's dinner.

All of the forms can be found at the links below. If you need any assistance, I can also be reached at 516-445-4634 (text or call). You can mail or email the forms to me at bsabuffalo@gmail.com.

Please send those forms back to me by July 1st!

Cubmaster of the Year
Scoutmaster of the Year
Venturing Crew Advisor of the Year
Committee Chairperson of the Year
Pack of the Year
Troop of the Year
Crew of the Year
District Award of Merit
**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**NATIONAL JAMBOREE 2021**

The next National Jamboree is being held July 21-30, 2021 at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. National Jamborees happen only once every four years.

This “flagship experience” promises participants will experience unforgettable experiences, including legendary sports programs, merit badges, stadium shows, and patch-trading with Scouts not only from the U.S. but from around the world also.

Registration is now open. For more info and to apply, go to https://jamboree.scouting.org/.

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**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.
**TROOP 239 FACE MASK SERVICE PROJECT**

Troop 239 took on a service project to make cloth masks for the Town of Hempstead. Ten Scouts spent about 20 hours assembling masks at home, with material provided by the town. Approximately 250-300 masks were delivered to the town. Well done!

**TROOP 776 FOOD DRIVE**

Troop 776 held a food drive for St. Rose of Lima Church in Massapequa. All the food collected was donated to the St. Rose pantry. Cristian A. and his mom chaired the event. Outstanding!

**EAGLE SCOUT GIVES BACK**

Eagle Scout Jack B., Troop 656’s 105th Eagle Scout, had his Court of Honor scheduled for May. Even though his ceremony had to be put on hold, he still wanted to celebrate his accomplishment. So, a car parade and driveway food drive were organized. Members of Troop 656, Crew 577, family and friends were very generous! A car full of food donations was given to St Francis Food Pantry in Wantagh.

For his Eagle project, Jack created an Outdoor Reading Area at Christ Lutheran Church, consisting of a Little Free Library and a seating area.

Bully!
Wantagh Pack 191 didn’t let the Pandemic stop them from completing their annual Earth Day Planting at Christ Lutheran Church. On Saturday, May 16th, the Pack conducted their annual service project of planting flowers at Christ Lutheran Church. To adhere to social distancing, Scouts and adults complied with a signup limit of 4 scouts and 2 adults per half hour time slot. Cells of colorful Impatiens were spread among the gardens for Scouts to plant. All participants wore masks and brought their own gardening tools. Here are two of the Pack gardeners, Dylan and Matthew D.

Troop 239 Scouts Mike, John, Theo and Jared cleaned up the WW1 memorial at the Seaford train station & placed plantings around the memorial, all while following social distancing guidelines.

The Troop placed a memorial wreath at the site to honor those who gave their lives for our freedom.

Troop 690 Scouts & alumni held a food drive to support the St. William the Abbot parish food pantry, collecting a ton of much needed food and supplies for the pantry.

Several of the scouts, some Eagle Scout Alumni, and leaders helped move pews, candle stands and other materials out of the church, in preparation for the church’s re-opening to the public.
ANOTHER SCOUT PRODUCES & DISTRIBUTES MASK DEVICE

In last month’s Charger, a Scout was featured who had produced a face mask device that relieved the pressure and pain felt by health care workers wearing masks. Shortly after, we learned of another Scout who is also producing a similar device.

Nicholas C., a member of Troop 381, has 3D-printed over 1,000 mask extenders. The extenders are worn on the back of the head and alleviate the irritation and sores on the ears created by the mask. He has donated his extenders to Winthrop University Hospital, Northwell Health Manhasset, Long Island Jewish Medical Center Northwell Health, Cohen’s Children’s Hospital, St. Francis Hospital, Mount Sinai South Nassau Hospital Oceanside, the VA in Brooklyn, Bristol Health Hospital in Connecticut, and a number of Nursing Homes/Rehabilitation Centers. Nicholas is still taking orders and his printer runs approximately 16 hours a day to try to keep up with the demand.

Nicholas also presented Legislator Rose Walker with 200 extenders that were distributed to the Winthrop Dialysis Unit and the Emergency Room.

Outstanding job, Nicholas!
Troop 776 held its first virtual camping event on May 2nd-3rd. 28 scouts and their families participated. The scouts were required to pitch a tent in their backyard, cook their meals, hike and start a fire. All the Scouts, especially the new ones, thoroughly enjoyed this event. Scoutmaster Tom Braunstein dropped off a special treat to each participant as well! It was the perfect weather for camping! "Scout Me In" for the next adventure!
On June 6th, Wantagh Troop 656 held a No-Contact, Drive-Up, Drop-off Food Drive to benefit the food pantry at St Frances de Chantal.

Scouts worked in small teams accepting donations from trunks and through car windows. Through the generous donations of their Wantagh neighbors, the Troop was able to fill their trailer!
This is our 59th 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.