

Greetings!

Over the past few weeks our team and I have been reaching out to check in with many of the folks who make Scouting's work possible. We are thankful to hear from you and we want to know you and your loved ones are well. As we prepared to settle into another weekend of isolation, permit me to once again express how deeply we appreciate your commitment to our mission. True, our nation is being tested, but thanks to you, our boys and girls are prepared and are demonstrating the resilience that only proven character development organizations like Scouting can build. Thank you!

Though some programs have been cancelled and our camps are temporarily closed, participation in Scouting, even through virtual platforms, continues to give many a sense of normalcy during these trying times.

Right now youth and families may be facing anxiety, uncertainty, and loneliness yet...

Scouting continues to make a difference by:

- **Kindling community** by conducting weekly meetings [via WebEx and Zoom](#)
- **Hitting tough topics head-on** through online *Public Health and Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge* classes delivered by doctors and first responders
- **Fostering global connections** through April's [Jamboree on the Internet](#)
- **Channeling service-minded families** to [perform good turns in our community](#)

Some have asked how they can help and right now we are working to do everything we can to keep our modest staff healthy and productive while supporting our volunteers remotely. However, as a council we find ourselves in a challenging position as we prepare to emerge from this unprecedented situation in a strong position to continue serving our Scouting family.

In order to better combat these challenges when this pandemic passes, we have created an [Emergency Sustainability Fund](#). The intention of this fund is to ensure that the Scouting program, and those who support it, are able to continue to provide a high level of support for the duration of this pandemic, and emerge prepared for what comes next. When this situation finally passes, the Scouting program and the experiential learning, leadership, and outdoor opportunities it provides will be needed like never before. With your investment in the [Emergency Sustainability Fund](#), we can ensure that the character-building programs of the Cradle of Liberty Council are prepared to welcome back our families as soon as public health officials deem prudent.

We look forward to hearing from you and our Scouting Family and I will continue to keep you in our intentions as we look forward to the promise of spring.

Sincerely Yours,



Mark Saxon
Director of Development
Cradle of Liberty Council, Boy Scouts of America

ADVENTURES IN SCOUTING

*Because of your generosity, the Cradle of Liberty Council, Boy Scouts of America
accomplished many successes this winter.*

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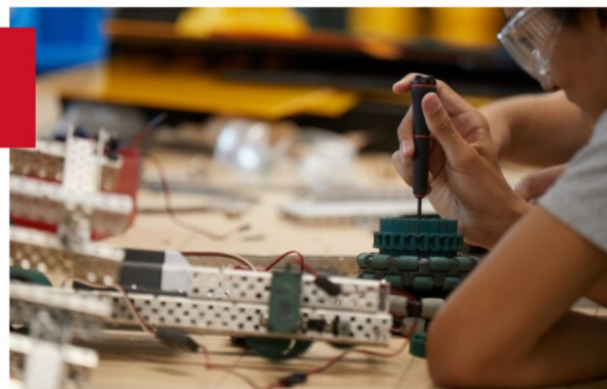
TROOP 339 HONORED WITH RESOLUTION FROM RIDLEY

Ridley Township congratulated 339 a year after welcoming its first group of girls, at a meeting held earlier this month. The Board of Commissioners of Ridley Township expressed its sincere appreciation for the Troop that meets at Leedom Cabin, and wished them many more successful years of dedication, commitment and service to Ridley Township.

SCOUTING AT HOME

While we all navigate the COVID-19 crisis, the tenants of the Scout Oath and Law are as important now as they ever have been. Troops throughout the Council have joined virtual meetings to ensure Scouts and their families remain "mentally awake" by helping them learn earn merit badges and advance in rank at home.

To learn other ways our council is helping keep Scouts Safe, visit <https://colbsa.org/about/coronavirus>.



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MERIT BADGE

The Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge is a prerequisite to achieving the Eagle Scout rank and it's our duty to set a good example for the 16,000 families we serve. As our community shifts from the protection phase of this crisis to mitigation, Scouting will continue to do its part to prepare young people to lead purposeful and productive lives of service – which has included many supporting actions in periods of crisis and natural disaster.

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Mentor an Eagle Scout

Join us as a mentor at our annual Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner on **Monday, June 10th** and give back to the community by helping these emerging young leaders!

Mentoring will be kicked off at the dinner and continue throughout the year with meet-ups such as workplace visits, coffee, or lunch with a Scout and possibly his parents.

You will be paired with an Eagle Scout interested in your career field, alma mater, or hobby. During dinner you will have the opportunity to talk with the Scout about how to navigate their education and career interests. Our objective is simple - whether you were a Scout or not, you can help our newest Eagle Scouts build relationships with professionals that can help them as they spread their wings.

For more information, please go to colbsa.org/eagle or contact Cindy Olsavsky at Cindy.Olsavsky@Scouting.Org or 267.294.4308



DID YOU KNOW?

Exploring, the Council's hands-on career education program currently serves more than 675 young people and operates 14 different career education programs, called Posts, in professional fields such as business, engineering, marketing, fire rescue, law, law enforcement, skilled-trades, and medicine. To learn more about how your company can get involved in Exploring, please contact Lonce Scott at lonce.scott@scouting.org.

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Exploring showed me things I never thought I would be able to do. It showed me barriers can't hold back someone who is determined enough

-Nicolas S., Post 991.

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98%

of participants felt that Exploring helped guide their education or career path



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Click here for more information about the Corporate Campfire Gala!