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To say the least no matter where you are, or what you do, your world has been turned upside down by a virus called Covid-19 or the Corona Virus. Scouting is no exception to this. Through leadership from BSA, Narragansett Council, States of Ma and RI plus all the communities Scouting is still happening. Now we have to admit it's not the program of the last 109 years but it's adapting to 2020. We can't turn on the news without some horrible statistics of how this situation has had a negative impact on everyone's life. But let's look at what is happening in Scouting.

Online merit badges. Narragansett Council, and many other councils, and individual units are offering online merit badges. This is no way the traditional Scout meets with the councilor; Scout does the work, then meets with the councilor again to finish the badge. Instead the meetings are held online using Zoom, Google Meet or whatever program is available. Just like in person contacts Youth Protection is always followed being a second adult is included in the meeting. Back in the spring when all in person activities were canceled many units did remote/online meetings. As the guidelines have been eased units are meeting in small groups outside evenings or day events. If the unit is lucky they've been able to meet at their normal meeting place, or have found a new facility. Again keeping within the states guidelines of group size, distance, masks, etc.

To support Cub Scout advancement Narragansett Council developed the Adventure Box. This is a box that's mailed to either the individual scout or a den leader with program materials to keep the Scouts involved.

No summer camp 2020. Yawgoog's Boy Scout and Camp Norse Cub Day Camp and Family Camp were canceled. It was a sad summer to be at a camp that should've been full and to see no Scouts swimming, boating, shooting and just having fun. With the support of the Yawgoog Alumni the staff developed the Yawgoog Virtual Network an interactive program for the Scouts still participate in a summer program.

BSA High Adventure – Unfortunately BSA had to cancel all the programs at Philmont, Florida Sea Base, Northern Tier, and the Summit. Also the 2021 National Scout Jamboree at the Summit has been canceled.

The council office is closed with employees working remotely. The Scouts Shops were closed for months with the West Bay Shop recently opening on limited bases. To help families with their Scouting needs the council is now offering free shipping with online orders. Eagle Board of Reviews. BSA instituted exemptions for Scouts approaching their 18th birthday allowing some extra time to complete the requirements that were delayed due to the Covid restrictions. The Northeast District, which includes the 11 communities of the former Annawon Council, has held 54 virtual Eagle Boards being coordinated by Advancement Chair Bill Vernon and District Chairman Rick Gariepy. Eagle Court of Honor chairman David Santos worked with the North Attleboro Elks to hold 3 Eagle Court of Honors in October. These were held outside with limited participants and guests.

OA Ordeals are usually a weekend event but Tulpe Lodge managed to hold ordeals partially online and one day at camp.

Fund Raising has become another conundrum. Not many stores are allowing youth to sell in front of their business so Pop Corn Online has become more important. Many units are still doing their annual Christmas wreath and tree sales.

Monthly district roundtables are another event to disappear. Well not completely disappear. The council staff and volunteers now video important messages which is mixed in with a live interactive program to support the programs.

Training both leaders and Scouts has always been an important part of our program. Again, using the technology of the 21st century most training can be done online using the individual's my.scouting.org account. The programs needing in person training is being done on a limited basis and, of course, following all Covid guidelines.

Scouting will survive we just have to be creative and patient.

Eagle Challenge Coins

A challenge coin is a small coin or medallion, bearing an organization's insignia or emblem and carried by the organization's members. Traditionally, they might be given to prove membership when challenged and to enhance morale.

An old Scouting tradition is to put the coin in your pocket in the morning and when you've done your "Good Turn" switch it to the other pocket.

Through a contribution of 200 coins the Camp Norse Alumni Association presents a coin to our new Eagle Scouts at the Northeast District Court of Honors.

2021 Camp Norse Alumni Dues & Project Fund Donations

Non Life members can now pay their annual dues at the council website.
<https://donations.scouting.org/#/council/546/appeals>

	Individual	Youth/Sr. (-21 or +65)
One year	\$25	\$12
Two year	\$45	\$20
Three year	\$65	\$25
Life Time	\$300	\$300
Eagle Scout	\$250 if joins within 1 year of earning Eagle	

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Annawon Council Trivia:

- 1 – in 1937 who was the highest paid Camp Norse staff member? Position & pay?
- 2 – The 1960 Camp Norse Expansion



“Success in training the boy depends largely on the Scoutmaster’s own personal example.”
Lord Robert Paden-Powell

Scouting Museum @ Camp Norse

Trying not to dwell on the negative of 2020 but the grand opening of the Scouting Museum @ Camp Norse was another event we had to postpone. But, the good news is with the dedicated volunteers lead by our museum curator John Gisetto of Middleboro the museum is open. The first event at Camp Norse since March was a Council sponsored Family Picnic and this became our grand opening. We’ve been open for the OA ordeal and when there’s a unit in camp for the day we try to open the museum. We will create a volunteer list once live is back to normal.

Also donations of Scouting memorabilia is being accepted. Contact John at jgisetto@comcast.net as you clean out the closet and come across items which you think would enhance the museum displays.

If you’re going to be in the area and would like to visit the Museum or Camp Norse contact John or Bob Howard.

"To tie a knot seems to be a simple thing, and yet there are right ways and wrong ways of doing it, and scouts ought to know the right way."
Baden-Powell
Scouting for Boys 1908

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YOUTH PROTECTION

"The safety and protection of children is the most important priority of the Boy Scouts of America." Mike Surbaugh, Chief Scout Executive, Boy Scouts of America.

 Narragansett Council, Boy Scouts of America 

 Camp Norse Alumni Association 

1 – Cook Joseph Heinig \$125 for the season.

also perform periodic rechecks of criminal backgrounds to support the continued safety of youth in our programs

Scouting's Commitment To Victims of Past Abuse and To the Safety of Youth in Our Programs

November 17, 2020

Scouting Family,

This is one of the most important and difficult moments for our Scouting Movement.

As you have likely seen in the media, tens of thousands of survivors of past abuse in Scouting have come forward in the national organization's bankruptcy case. We are devastated by the number of lives impacted by past abuse in Scouting and moved by the bravery of those who have come forward. We are heartbroken that we cannot undo their pain.

The Boy Scouts of America is taking responsibility for past failures, and we are working to support survivors through the bankruptcy process. We are also working to ensure that we continue to bring Scouting's unparalleled benefits to youth and families for many years to come – with their safety as our absolute top priority.

I want to be clear that nothing is more important than the safety of the youth in our programs.

Over many years, we have put in place some of the [strongest youth protection policies](#) in any youth-serving organization, which are built on safeguards informed by respected experts in child safety, law enforcement, and child psychology.

While any instance of abuse is one too many, the overwhelming majority of claims filed in the national organization's Chapter 11 case relate to allegations of abuse that occurred before our modern youth protection policies were implemented more than three decades ago. That does not in any way absolve us of what happened in the past, but I hope it demonstrates that we take youth protection extremely seriously.

Our commitment to safety is strong not only because of our policies, but also because that commitment is shared by everyone within our organization, including hundreds of thousands of volunteers who bring Scouting to life for youth and families throughout the country. As a local council volunteer, I've seen the vigilance myself. I thank you for it and urge you to continue being dedicated advocates for safety – both in Scouting and beyond.

I assure you that we are up to the challenges and opportunities we face. Scouting has prepared millions of young people to become leaders in their neighborhoods, communities, and the country. Scouting has also been an invaluable partner to millions of families, and we are as committed as ever to ensuring that our support for them never fades and that Scouting continues across the country. Together, we will meet this moment and come out on the other side prepared to serve our nation's youth for many years to come.

Yours in Scouting,

Roger Mosby