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## **Troop 839 News**

- The troop continues to interact virtually via Zoom for all our regular meetings and merit badge classes.
  - Please keep in contact with your patrol so you can still have patrol meetings over Zoom.
    - Monday Walrus 4pm, Badger 5pm
    - Tuesday Ice Wolves 3pm, Viking 4pm
    - Wednesday Emperor Penguins 3:30pm, Señors 5pm
    - Friday Dragon 3pm
  - Make a point of attending the weekly Zoom meeting hosted by Forrest H. if you need to demonstrate skills for sign offs.
  - Be sure to check your email as there will continue to be PLC meetings over Zoom.
  - The troop's website is new and redesigned. Check it out at <u>www.troop839.com</u>! During the transition and creation of the new website, we created <u>www.troop839.net</u> as a mirror site.
  - SPL elections were held on Monday June 1st with Spencer G.
    being elected as the new SPL. Please check with Spencer regarding leadership positions that are appointed.

# **Troop 839 News**

- Summer Camp at Camp Strake this year has been cancelled with Camp Strake not opening until July. The Flaming Arrow District, which we are in, is working on creating a Merit Badge University / Trail to First Class program that will be VIRTUAL in July. As more information is provided by the District, Mr. Pinon will share the information with the troop.
- Philmont has been cancelled for 2020. Mr. Weber is working with Philmont on alternative plans, and these will be presented to PLC at the planning meeting in August.
- The Whitewater Rafting trip has been cancelled for 2020. Mr. Lance is working with the whitewater company on a refund.
- There are new E-mail addresses for several of our troop leaders!
  - Contact the Scoutmaster and schedule Scoutmaster conferences at <u>scoutmaster@troop839.com</u>.
  - Request Boards of Review and obtain virtual Blue Cards at <u>advacement@troop839.com</u>.
  - Recruiting questions to <u>recruitment@troop839.com</u>.
  - Committee Chair questions to <u>committeechair@troop839.com</u>.
  - Send website questions to <u>webmaster@troop839.com</u>.
- Be sure to stay safe by social distancing and washing your hands!

### **Scoutmaster Thoughts**

Hey Troop!

May came and went in a flash. Social distancing has blurred the days but not the dedication of our Scouts. This past month was full of merit badges, service projects and rank advancements, including Jonathan E. as our newest Eagle Scout. Congratulations Jonathan! I want to thank all of the ASM's, Merit Badge counselors and so many other adults for supporting the scouts. A special thank you to Mr Torres for all he is doing to coordinate and track the accomplishments of the Scouts, not to mention teaching several merit badges and leading Boards of Review. I am looking forward towards the Merit Badge University the District is looking to hold at the end of July to make up for missing out on summer camp. We are hoping to get back together in person by the end of the summer and have starting making plans for our fall activities.

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- Scoutmaster Jorge Piñón



# **SPL Thoughts**

Hello Troop 839, we have had a great month and have done lots of fun things. We have troop elections coming up. Everyone have a great month.

- SPL Jackson B.

# **Zoom Meetings**

Zoom is an application you can get on your phone or computer which lets you host digital meetings. We are now using this application to conduct troop business virtually such as our patrol meetings and work on merit badges and requirements. You can use Zoom at https://zoom.us/.

Do not let our current social distancing protocol discourage you from attaining merit badges, because you can still contact your merit badge counselors and set times for meetings.



# Coronavirus (Covid-19)

The current coronavirus pandemic has changed everyone's daily lives and is still spreading throughout the World. The United States has the most cases of an country with 2 million people infected. If you want to help stop the spread make sure to stay home, engage in social distancing if you do have to go out, and wash your hands frequently.

### How can you reduce the risk of coronavirus infection?





hands regularly





Thoroughly cook

meat and eggs





Cover your mouth and nose when coughing

Avoid contact with anyone showing flu-like symptoms

contact with live wild or farm animals

# Merit Badges Earned

Jackson B. Family Life - 5/16

Jackson B. Camping - 5/16

Dominic C. Genealogy - 5/13

Austin G. Genealogy - 5/13

Braeden G.

Noah K.

Noah K.

Alex L.

Morgan L.

Morgan L.

Morgan L.

Tyler L.

Cade S.

Austin G.

Andrew B.

Genealogy - 5/13

Forrest H.

Genealogy - 5/13

Genealogy - 5/13

Oceanography - 5/13

Environ Science - 5/8

Environ Science - 5/1

Aviation - 5/6

Genealogy - 5/13

Oceanography - 5/13

Fire Safety - 5/6 Aidan L. Aiden L. Oceanography - 5/13

Cody M. Environ Science - 5/8

Tyler P. Genealogy - 5/13 Mason P. Environ Science - 5/1

Peyton S. Home Repairs - 5/6 Genealogy - 5/13

Oceanography - 5/13

Communication - 5/27

Oceanography - 5/13

Oceanography - 5/13

Genealogy - 5/14

Family Life - 5/25

Citizenship in the

Cooking - 5/4

Fire Safety - 5/20

Shotgun - 5/20

Peyton S.

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Scott S. Christian T.

Christian T. Christian T.

Jonathan T. Jonathan T.

Jonathan T.

Community- 5/6 Genealogy - 5/13 Jonathan T.

Oceanography - 5/13

# Rank Advancements

Second Class - 5/21 Noah K.

Life - 5/22

Tenderfoot - 5/29

Oceanography - 5/19

Second Class - 5/22 Braeden G. Peyton S. Life - 5/28

Jonathan E. Eagle 5/28



# High Adventure in 2020 and 2021

Now is the time to start preparing for our high adventure trips to the BSA high adventure bases! To participate at one of the BSA's high adventure bases, you have to be 14 years old and First Class by the time we depart.

The 2020 trip to Philmont has been cancelled. Mr. Weber is working on alternative plans with Philmont, which will be presented to PLC at the planning meeting in August.





Do you love spending time on the water? We have your ideal trip! Troop 839 and Crew 839 will be headed to the Florida Sea Base in 2021 for 8 to 10 days of fun in the Caribbean!

