



Taughannock District 2019-2020 Teasers

PLEASE BRING THIS FLYER WITH YOU TO

YOUR PLANNING MEETING OVER THE SUMMER!

As you do your unit planning for the upcoming scouting year, we ask that you specifically consider each of the events/programs we are putting in this flyer. We're giving this item to you know so you have plenty of time to prepare and include each of these events in your unit's calendar! Items marked "(flyer)" have a separate flyer with more details.

Updates on all of these events will be posted to the District Website – TCScouts.org – your first resource for answers to nearly all your questions!

1. **Roundtable**

(Commissioner – Mike Stoll – roundtable@tscouts.org)

a. When: Held the **second** Wednesday of every month at 7pm at the Dryden Presbyterian church. **Childcare is available if requested in advance.** We appreciate that some units do meet on Wednesdays – but we have found that this time is the most convenient to everyone. We ask that every unit send **at least one representative** who need not be a registered scouter (i.e., it can be an involved parent or community member). This meeting is where we discuss unit needs and concerns and where we plan events – if you don't come you're missing out on a lot of detail!

b. Agenda: If you want something on this agenda – email Mike Stoll

c. Reminders: If you need a reminder of dates on our District Calendar – check the back of the monthly Roundtable Flyer (also available on the website!).

d. Rechartering – Sat. Dec. 7 – 109 E. Seneca Street, Ithaca – 9a-? - Re-enroll your unit for 2020 in one easy session with commissioners all ready to help!

2. **Membership/Publicity**

(Chair – Murphy – membership@tscouts.org) - meets around 5 times/year mostly by phone

a) Scout Me In Weeks – we ask that every unit plan an event to attract new members on each of the following weeks. We also ask you encourage your scouts to use those weeks to specifically invite their friends and to wear t-shirts/uniforms to school to promote scouting

- 1) September 16-20
- 2) October 14-19
- 3) April 2020
- 4) May 2020

b) General Publicity Opportunities

- **July 10-13, 2019** – Cortland County Fair (flyer)

c) Facebook – if your unit has a Facebook site, please “friend” or allow access between your site and the district site at BSA Taughannock District so we can help you promote your events

d) Taughannock-Announce – our District email list. *Every* leader should be on this list so they get timely notifications of changes. Email DC@tcscouts.org to get names added to the list. This is a *moderated* list so you won’t get lots of “chatter” and you can set it to “digest” get things only once per day ... we value your time!

e) Volunteers – you are specifically invited to have a person from your unit join this group so you can get ideas on recruiting and retention. It’s an ideal position for a stay-at-home parent or a grandparent/aunt/uncle.

3. **Finance:**

(Chair – Brewer – finance@tcscouts.org)

a. Community FOS – Fall 2019 –we need to know where you go to buy equipment, food, supplies and other major businesses in your community so we can ask them to support Scouting financially as well

b. Family FOS date – Spring 2020 – we need a date from you in Spring 2020 where you will welcome a 5-10 minute presentation to raise money from families to support the Council budget. Ideally this is at a Court of Honor or a Blue & Gold dinner and *not* a Pinewood Derby or activity meeting.

c. Volunteers – let us know if you have parents in sales, banking, insurance or other fields who can help us with the fund raising process.

4. **Alumni/Nominating**

(Chair – Mike Hughes – alumni@tcscouts.org)

a. July 3 Alumni gathering at Mike Hughes in Little York – know someone you want to get back into scouts? This is a great gathering to meet a lot of us in a fun, relaxed atmosphere ... feel free to email Mike (above) for details

b. Students – if you have Scouts who are staying local for college or work ... get them in touch with this group so we find ways to keep them involved!

c. Volunteers – if you are looking for volunteers or want to help us source volunteers, this is the group to call!

5. **Advancement**
(Chair - Mark Wimer – advancement@tcscouts.org)

Please always input your advancement ON-LINE via Scoutbook or the Council On-line advancement portal. If you buy badges at the Arnot Mall they are *NOT* automatically input to the Council system (Arnot is a Five Rivers Council) ... so please input those badges to the Baden-Powell system.

Volunteers are always welcome to come and help with reviewing project proposals and rank advancement for Eagle/Quartermaster/Venturing Silver awards, generally on the fourth Thursday of each month at TC3. No prior experience required – training always provided.

6. **Commissioners**
(District Commissioner – Mike Brown – DC@TCScouts.org)

Commissioners are generally adults who have prior experience in scouts who want to help other units do their best. They visit units once a month or so and offer unit leaders feedback, information on resources and a friendly ear. If you have a leader about to make way for new leadership or a grandparent/aunt/uncle who used to be a scouter, this is a great way for them to stay involved.

7. **Camping, Activities, Program and Service (“CAPS”)**
(Co-Chairs Kathleen Gross & Lynn Green – CAPS@TCScouts.org)

a. Program

- i. **Cubs** (also a good service opportunity for Scouts BSA)
 - **September 28, 2019** – Greek Peak Scout Day (flyer)
 - **October 5-6, 2019** – Boo at Barton (flyer)
 - **October 12-13, 2019** – Cub Adventure Weekend at Tuscarora (flyer)
 - **February 22, 2019** – Greek Peak Scout Day (flyer)
 - **March 7, 2020** – District Pinewood Derby (flyer)
 - **May 2-3, 2020** – Cub Adventure Weekend (flyer)
- ii. **Scouts BSA** – Sea Scouts – Venturers
 - **September 28, 2019** – Greek Peak Scout Day (flyer)
 - **January 25-26, 2020** - Winter Camporee – “Cooking in the Cold” (flyer)
 - **February 22, 2019** – Greek Peak Scout Day (flyer)
 - **April 24-26, 2020** – The Blue and Grey Camporee (flyer)
 - **August 15-23, 2020** – High Adventure trip (flyer)

b. Camping – January 2020

- all units are asked to schedule time in January/February for a 5-10 minute presentation to tell their scouting families about summer camp opportunities for all levels of scouts - please give us the date where you want that presentation as part of your summer planning process.

c. Activities/Service

- Feed My Starving Children (flyer) – we are looking for dates where we can participate in this important feeding program in late September
- ScoutsBSA now requires Life Scouts to have service hours specifically in conservation. Please use our Facebook site and email lists to let **all** units know if you are doing conservation service projects to help scouts get their hours!

d. Order of the Arrow – our program for continuing training and involvement by older scouts

- i. Meets during Roundtable
- ii. **September 13-15, 2019** Induction weekend at Tuscarora
- iii. Set a date for your Scouts BSA unit to have an OA election in **Spring 2020**

e. **Volunteers** – you are specifically invited to have a person from your unit join this group so you can have input on how events are planned. It's another ideal position for a stay-at-home parent or a grandparent/aunt/uncle.

8. **Training/Recognition:**

(Chair – Jerry Stedinger – training@tcscouts.org)

- a. Cub Leader Training – this group can create a training at a date and time that meets your group's needs. It can also help you navigate the on-line training if you prefer that method
- b. ScoutsBSA - November 23, 2019 – Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops – time and place to be announced
- c. **Youth Protection Training** – EVERY ADULT, EVERY YEAR - you'll need it for re-chartering, so do it now during the summer!
- c. **Recognition:** - Please remember that you teach your scouts how to accept praise with gratitude when you let us recognize you with awards for training and your own good work. Look for the date of our District Recognition Dinner in **late April 2020!**
- d. **Volunteers** – we can always use your volunteers – particularly if you know of an older experienced scouter who is looking for a way to stay involved.

9. **Religion** - Available to help with religious awards etc!

(Chair – Mike Stoll – mfstoll@gmail.com)

November 29, 2019 – District Ten Commandments Hike in Ithaca (flyer)

10. **Journey to Excellence for the District**

There are a number of milestones in evaluating our success that come down to unit level support, including

- Fundraising performance – the amount we raise from your unit directly impacts here!
- How many new scouts you attract to your program
- How many old scouts we *keep* in your program – or another one – so if a scout is not satisfied in your program, please consider sending them to a neighbor!
- Advancement – it makes a *big* difference if you ensure that *all* your scouts good work is actually entered to the computer! Try getting trained on Scoutbook!
- Camping – it also makes a *big* difference if Cubs to go summer camp and/or an adventure weekend and if ScoutsBSA go to a full week scouting sponsored summer camp experience of some kind!
- Service – entering your service hours in the computer also makes a big difference
- Training – we also get evaluated on how many leaders who work with scouts are actually trained to do so!

Please consider making someone your “point” person for each of these items and then getting them involved!

