



## April - June 2020

### Patrol Outings

April 18th -- The Bolt Patrol played Pictionary and hangman over Zoom.

April 21st -- The Radioactive Gummy Ninjas held a Zoom test meeting. Ideas were gathered for their next meeting.

April 24<sup>th</sup> -- The Storming Phoenix Patrol gathered to play video games.

April 27<sup>th</sup> -- The Atomic Penguins held a Zoom meeting where they discussed random things.

May 1<sup>st</sup> -- The Storming Phoenix Patrol gathered to play Minecraft and other games.

May 5th -- The Dancing Turtle Patrol had a Zoom test meeting.

May 8<sup>th</sup> -- The Storming Phoenix Patrol gathered to play video games.

May 8<sup>th</sup> -- The Dancing Turtles played charades and Pictionary.

May 22nd -- The Super Monkeys Patrol held a Discord call and played video games.

June 9<sup>th</sup> -- Members of the Thunderbird patrol held a virtual 'text chat' Patrol outing.

June 23rd -- The Bolt Patrol gathered to swim and then ate ice cream.

June 24<sup>th</sup> -- The Atomic Penguins went fishing.

June 27<sup>th</sup> -- The Nuclear Narwhals had a Zoom meeting to plan the following month's activities.

## Rank Advancement during COVID19

During COVID19 it wasn't expected that there would be much activity within the Troop, but we were wrong. During quarantine, Scouts like Alex Eberhart have taken this time to advance on their path to Eagle. He completed his First Class cooking requirement (2e). Great job, Alex!



## Online Merit Badges

Even with the cancellation of Camp Ransburg, Scouts could still acquire Merit Badges. Scouts were provided with the following three options:

- Troop 101's virtual camp from June 15<sup>th</sup> to June 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Piedmont Council's (North Carolina) online merit badge program from March 30<sup>th</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Camp Belzer's merit badge program.





# Troop 101 Newsletter – April/May 2020

## The National Camp-In

On May 2, 2020 the BSA had their National Camp-In for Scouts in quarantine. Many Scouts from our own troop participated. They set up their tents and spent Saturday night outside. Scouts had lots of fun and learned camping skills!





# Troop 101 Newsletter – June 2020

## Drive Through / Pick up Meeting

On June 9<sup>th</sup>, Troop 101 hosted a pick-up for Summer Camp Class B shirts and Court of Honor awards. Everyone was excited to see one another for the first time in a long time.



## Virtual Summer Camp

In place of Camp Ransburg, Troop 101 hosted a virtual Summer Camp from June 15<sup>th</sup> through June 19<sup>th</sup>. MOST of the classes were taught virtually using Zoom meetings and were a lot of fun. Some of the badge classes were in-person and all COVID19 social distancing and masking rules were in place.



## Troop 101 Newsletter – June



### Virtual Summer Camp cont'd

Some of the badge offerings included Communications, Music, Cooking, and Nature&Insect Study.

Many thanks to all of the badge counselors who made this a great learning experience for Scouts.

# Troop 101

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## Troop Meetings

### Date

June 22

June 29

July 6

July 13

July 20

### Event

Teter Farms for  
certain patrols

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certain patrols

Teter Farms full  
troop

Teter Farms full  
troop

Teter Farms –  
Troop elections  
all

## SPL's Challenge

In the Outdoor Code it states we must be conservation minded. We challenge you as a troop to pick up any trash you see while you're on a walk during the quarantine. Feel free to post images on the Facebook page! Remember, a Scout is always clean.



## Newsletter Submissions

If you would like to submit something for the newsletter, Email it to Mrs. Baker at [jmjbaker@comcast.net](mailto:jmjbaker@comcast.net) and to the Scribe. Everything must be submitted by the 20th of every month.

## Historian

For May, Kyle interviewed Sam Rinker, our ASPL, who is a Life Scout. His favorite Merit Badge is Swimming since he is a swimmer. His favorite camp outs are either Skiing or Tour de Tipton. His favorite thing to do at Summer Camp is to help the younger scouts and hang out with friends at the Trading Post. He likes to eat spaghetti on camp outs and the steak at summer camp. When he is not at scouts he is a swimmer and a runner, hangs out with friends and is social.

## COH Earnings

Scout: 15  
Tenderfoot: 4  
2nd Class: 4  
1st Class: 1  
Star: 5  
Life: 3  
Eagle: 10 (2019)  
Palm: 1  
Merit Badges: 79  
Cyber Chip: 80  
Scholarships: 5  
Ribbons: 2  
Leader Awards: 11

## **For 1st Years**

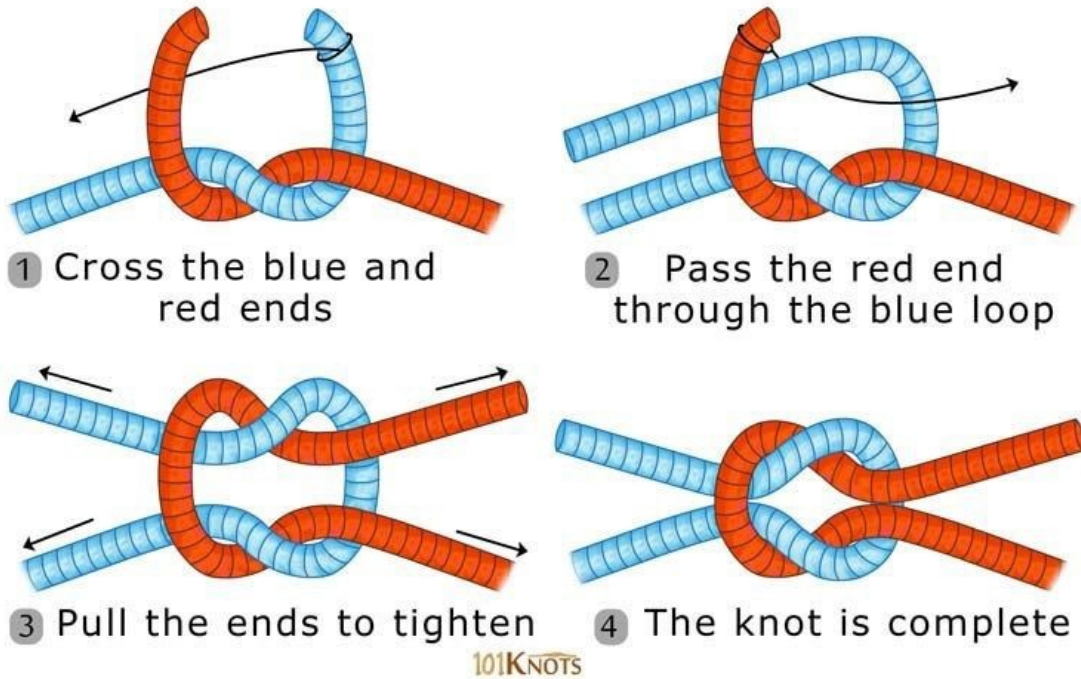
### **5 Scout Skills to Learn**

Hi Scouts! I'm Cole Melton, your instructor. As some of you may know, the New Scout Skills campout was scheduled for this month but had to be cancelled due to the ongoing pandemic. Because we won't have that opportunity this month, I'm going to provide you with a list of 5 Scout skills so the older Scouts can review some important skills and the new Scouts can familiarize themselves with the concepts. I'll try to include some of the skills we would cover at the campout, but there's no way to replace an entire campout.

1. **How to Build A Tepee Campfire (with adult supervision):** First, you will need to find a safe fire site. This should be a spot from which a fire cannot spread, like a provided fire ring or spot on the bare ground far away from trees, brush, and dry grasses. Next, you will need to find tinder, kindling, and fuel wood. Tinder is material like dry pine needles or grass, shredded bark, or other light natural material that will light on fire easily and burn fast. Kindling is typically dead twigs about the width of a pencil. Fuel wood is anything thicker than kindling, but not much thicker than your wrist. Use downed wood from an entire area and not one spot to avoid too much damage to the environment. Return to the fire site and place a big handful of tinder in the middle of the site, then arrange kindling over the tinder to create the cone-shaped tepee. To complete the tepee, place the larger fuel wood around the kindling and leave an opening where air can reach the fire. Finally, light the tinder using a lighter, match, flint and steel, or other fire starting method.
2. **How to Perform First-Aid for Hypothermia and Heat Stroke:** Hypothermia develops when a person becomes very, very cold and their body is unable to produce more heat than it is losing. Someone who is hypothermic may feel very cold and numb, become fatigued and unable to think straight, shiver violently or uncontrollably, make poor decisions and become irritable, or become uncoordinated. First aid involves preventing the victim from being colder, then attempting to slowly warm them up. Move the victim to shelter, like a building or tent, and remove wet clothes. Dress them in warm clothes, then wrap them in a sleeping bag, blanket, jacket, etc. Have them drink warm liquids and call help. Heatstroke is the opposite, and causes a person's core temperature rise to life-threatening levels. Symptoms include skin that is very hot, red, very dry, or damp with sweat, as well as a rapid pulse, quick breathing, confusion and unwillingness to be treated, unconsciousness, and dehydration. Call for medical assistance and move the victim to an air-conditioned or shady area. Loosen tight clothing and cool the skin by fanning and applying wet cloths. Wrap ice packs in a towel or other barrier and put them under the armpits or other core areas. If they are able to drink, give them small amounts of cool water.
3. **How to Use a Knife Safely (with adult supervision):** Knives are important tools for camping and surviving, but they must be used safely to be helpful. Keep the knife's blade closed until use, and then do not open the knife until nobody is in arm's reach. Always cut away from yourself, and close or put a guard on the blade before passing it to someone else. Always keep the knife sharp- this makes the blade easier to control and injuries less severe. Obey all rules and regulations for knife carrying and use. Never carry a knife with the blade open, never throw a knife, never strike a knife with another tool, and never use it as a prying tool. Don't ever do anything with a knife to make another Scout feel threatened or anything that puts you or other Scouts in danger.
4. **How to Tie a Square Knot:** The square knot is one of the most widely useful knots and is used to join two lengths

of rope. It is the first knot Scouts learn when joining the BSA. Tying the knot is as simple as right over left, left over right. To tie one, first hold a rope in each hand. Pass the right end over and under the left rope. Then, pass that rope (now in your left hand) over the and under the other once more. Finally, pull the knot snug.

## Square (Reef) Knot Instructions



5. **How to Treat Drinking Water:** Water is necessary to sustain life, and knowing how to purify it could save your life someday. There are three methods: boiling, filtering, and treating with tablets. Just bringing water to a rolling boil will kill most organisms. Boil it on a campfire or stove using a pot and let it cool before drinking. You can buy commercial filters online and at many camping stores. Follow the manufacturer's instructions to filter water you find. Filters work by pumping water through holes to strain out bacteria and parasites or use chemicals that make it safe to drink. Water treatment tablets are sold in bottles and packets. Follow the instructions closely, and be careful to use the correct amount of water. Most treatments call for dropping one or two tablets into the water, and then either waiting an hour to drink it or dropping in a different type of tablet to make it safe to drink.

I hope you learned something from these 5 Scout skills. Unfortunately, there really is no way to replace teaching in person and some skills, like orienteering, are very difficult to teach through writing. If you would like to learn or brush up on other skills or these in more detail, use your Scout book as a comprehensive guide.

# Troop Procedures For Troop Events

## Troop Procedures at Patrol Outings, Troop Meetings, Campouts

We want you all to know that we have the safety of all the members of our troop in mind. We have to follow the guidelines of the government, state, local, BSA, and charter organization, our charter organization being the ultimate deciding factor.

BSA and Noblesville First United Methodist Church are both following the

Back on Track Indiana Plan Governor Holcomb's Roadmap to Safely

Here is the link if you would like to read <https://backontrack.in.gov/>

This all is subject to change as guidelines change so we need to be flexible.

This is also all voluntary. We are not making anyone attend that is not comfortable attending. We want everyone to feel safe and be safe. |

We have been speaking to the charter over the last couple of weeks getting this all figured out. They have asked for us to start meeting in smaller groups and after a couple weeks we can be fully together.

Starting June 22<sup>nd</sup> we will bring out half the troop for a fun social distancing activity, the following week the other half of the troop will get to do the same fun social distance activity. These will take place at Teter Farms and emails will be sent to the patrols invited for each week.

While we are out at Teter for these first few meeting you will bring your own camp chair if you would like to sit, otherwise you will sit in the grass or stand. We will not be under the shelter at the picnic tables (per the charter request for the time being)

We will have hand sanitizer

Restrooms will not be available (make sure you go before you come)

Masks are recommended but are optional

If you don't feel well, You have a cough, sore throat, fever, have been around someone that has been sick or have symptoms (cough, sore throat, fever), or someone that has Covid -19. **DO NOT COME TO THE MEETING.** Let me repeat that. **DO NOT COME TO THE MEETING.** I hope you understand how serious we are. If you come and are sick you will immediately be sent back home.

## Patrol Outings

You are all free to start having meetings.

We are strongly suggesting they be outdoors. Some good outing ideas would be fishing, campouts (**each scout must be in a separate tent**) campfire – (cook s' mores or a meal), scavenger hunts, hiking, biking, fly a kite, you get the idea.

All the above rules apply.

You should have hand sanitizer

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## Troop Campouts

Yes, we will actually be having some camp outs. The first one is scheduled for late July. Mr. Rohn will be sending out details and signups later.

All scouts will camp in separate tents.

We will have hand sanitizer and you should have a personal one (it's a new 10 essentials)

Masks are recommended but are optional

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