★ Hello Popcorn Kernels and Leaders! ★

What a difference a year can make as we all adjust to the current COVID-19 pandemic. We understand that many of you are continuing to keep your Scouts connected and active "virtually". If you have not yet started virtual Scouting at home, Erie Shores Council will have more information in the days and weeks ahead via email, website, and Facebook on the various tools, activities, and other best practices from around the country. As we all adjust to this new way of doing Scouting, perhaps using this time to complete a couple of tasks for the fall popcorn sale will be helpful to you and your Scouts.

The Erie Shores Council Popcorn Committee has already begun planning for the 2020 Popcorn Sale over the past few months.

We want to give you a few ideas to work on during this time you are home and looking for something to do!

1. **Prize Selection**: We need your help with picking this year’s prizes! Please share with your Scouts!

2. **Sale Preparations**: Select a Kernel, Build a Team, Secure Show & Sell Locations

3. **New Kernel Checklist**: Have a new Kernel? We have a checklist to help them get prepared!
**If you are no longer your Unit's Kernel or Unit's key leader/advisor, please forward this on to the new Kernel and/or your Unit leadership, and "click" the "unsubscribe" link below.**

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**Hey Scouts! Pick This Year's Prizes!**

We need your help!

We would like Scouts to help us pick the prizes that will be available on the prize sheet this year! Just click on the button below and take the survey!

Kernels, please forward this to all your Scouts so they can participate!

THANK YOU!

[Click Here for Prize Survey]

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**2020 Popcorn Sale Preparations**

Here are some ideas on what to do now to prepare for the fall!

1. **Select a Unit Popcorn Kernel**
   - If you will not be returning as Kernel, please inform your Unit now so they can begin looking for a new one.

2. **Build a Popcorn Team**
   - Start connecting with parents to be part of the Popcorn Team which may include the Unit Kernel, a Show & Sell Coordinator, a Logistic and Transportation Coordinator, Publicist (email/social media) and so on.
3. **Line up Show & Sell Locations**
   - Talk to store managers about setting up a booth in the fall. Don't forget to connect with them again in August to confirm!

4. **Plan a Unit Kickoff Date.**
   - Early planning ensures a great Kickoff for your Popcorn Sale!

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**New Kernel Checklist**

Are you a new Kernel? We have developed a New Kernel Checklist to help you get started. Just click on the button below.

Mark your calendar for the New Kernel Trainings on **June 2** and **June 11** at **7:00 p.m.**

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**Mark Your Calendar**

**Popcorn Calendar**

*Mark your calendars now!* Get a complete list of upcoming district kickoff dates, distribution times and locations, form due dates and more.

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Click Here for Popcorn Calendar
★ Additional Resources ★

Erie Shores Council Website - Popcorn - www.erieshorescouncil.org/popcorn

District Facebook Groups - Click on the District Name or search

- **Commodore Perry** - Search for: erie shores popcorn kernels - commodore perry district
- **Eagle Bay** - Search for: erie shores popcorn kernels - eagle bay district
- **Northwest** - Search for: erie shores popcorn kernels - northwest district
- **Swan Creek** - Search for: erie shores popcorn kernels - swan creek district
- **Wood** - Search for: erie shores popcorn kernels - wood district

Questions?

Our Erie Shores Council Popcorn Committee is always ready to help as you plan your 2020 Popcorn Sale! Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions! Just click on our name for an email address or call at the number listed.

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Look for your next Popcorn Newsletter on April 16!

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions! You are welcome to call, email or text me.

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