



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

ERIE SHORES COUNCIL

Hello Erie Shores Council Leaders!

Welcome to another edition of Membership Monday!

*Has there been a change in leadership and you are no longer a Unit's key leader/advisor?
Please forward this on to the new Unit leadership, and instruct them to use the "Subscribe"
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KEEP THE CAMPFIRE BURNING

Join us in a day of giving to "Keep the Campfires Burning"

and preparation by our dedicated and enthusiastic camp staff, Camp Frontier and Camp Miakonda would be eagerly awaiting the first Campers to arrive at camp later this month. Like so many other things in our community, the recent COVID-19 pandemic has made reality a little different this camping season. A Scout is Thrifty and Cheerful and so we have adapted to these current events by offering alternative and modified programs to the traditional summer camp and we will deliver those programs with the same enthusiasm as always.

However, temporary loss of traditional activities sponsored by the Council is estimated to result in a \$507,000 deficit in 2020. We at the Erie Shores Council understand the financial and emotional stress this pandemic has placed on our families. We also appreciate how much our scouts miss the traditional activities of scouting and look forward to safely returning to those just as soon as we can. For the families that are able, we request your financial support to help weather this storm and allow future generations to enjoy all that Scouting offers.

For more info, visit ErieShoresCouncil.org/DayofGiving. #FuelourCampfire.

Tuesday, June 23, 2020
Goal: \$155,000

Together our goal recognizes 103 years of Camp Miakonda and 52 years of Camp Frontier camping seasons.
That's 155 combined years of summer camp!

Camp-To-Go!

Registrations for our virtual Camp-To-Go! program are starting to roll in and we are so excited to provide our Cub Scouts and the community with a fun and engaging opportunity this summer! We'd like to highlight the program again for those of you who may have missed this in our last edition of Membership Monday.

entering the 1st and 3rd grade year. Camp-to-Go! is a program designed by Camp Staff that is as close to the in-person experience as possible. Campers will be placed into age-based dens, work on rank specific advancements, and have opportunities to socialize with their peers while having FUN! In addition, they will be working on activities outside, have exclusive access to Camp Miakonda and get a "Ticket" for a Camp specific Shooting sports event when we are able to do so! Camp-to-Go! will be providing most of the supplies to our campers while they will have to find some other supplies on their adventures outside.

The staff that are designing the program recognize that kids have been having a dramatic increase in screen time in the past weeks. Our goal is to utilize the screen time that we do have to provide socials interaction, meet some new friends, and show off some of their talents and skills. Activities will include, live and pre-recorded program presentations, live advancement activities, and live group activities such as Flags, Camp fires, etc.

*Camp-to-Go! is an online experience where an internet connected device is required.

For more information or register, please visit www.erieshorescouncil.org/VCDC

CAMP- TO-GO

**ERIE SHORES
COUNCIL**

4 DIFFERENT
WEEKS \$65

ACCESS CAMP
THROUGH THE
SECURITY AND
FAMILIARITY OF
GOOGLE
CLASSROOM

YOUR CAMP KIT
PROVIDES
SUPPLIES

A BLEND OF
BOTH LIVE AND
ON DEMAND
ACTIVITIES

QUESTIONS
EMAIL
cmcampdirector@
erishores.org

DAILY SCHEDULE

10:00-11:00AM

**WELCOME & DEN
MEETING (LIVE)**

11:00-12:00PM

**FUN FOR EVERYONE
(PRE-RECORDED)**

12:00-1:00

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:00-1:45

**FUN FOR EVERYONE
(PRE-RECORDED)**

1:45- 2:30

**CUB SCOUT
ADVENTURE WORK
(LIVE)**

2:30-3:00

**ALL CAMP LIVE
EVENT**

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	6/22-26	6/29-7/3	7/6-7/10	7/13-17
TIGER	My Tiger Jungle Sky is the Limit Earning your Stripes	Curiosity Intrigue, and Magical Mysteries Tiger-iffic	Tiger Theater Tiger Tales	Stories in Shapes Tigers in the Wild
WOLF	Adventures in Coins Finding your Way	Digging in the Past Cubs who Care	Air of the Wolf Collections and Hobbies	Code of the Wolf Germs Alive
BEAR	Roaring Laughter World of Sound	Fur, Feathers, Ferns Critter Care	Beat of the Drum Super Science	Bear goes Fishing Forensics
WEBELOS	Maestro Aware and Care	Earth Rocks Into the Wild Into the Woods	Sports Moviemaking	Art Explosion Castaway

2020 BSA National Membership Fees

**Article courtesy of the National organization.*

Information updated on 6/1/2020.

Over the last few months, we have seen the Scouting community come together, even while physically apart, to bring solutions, relief and comfort to those in need. From making masks to supporting food banks, Scouting has been a vital partner for communities across the country.

The value of Scouting is undeniable for those within the program and the greater public, and we are committed to continuing to offer this unmatched opportunity to young people and families nationwide.

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) has worked to keep the membership fee as low as possible. Unfortunately, operating costs have continued to rise and COVID-19 has compounded the need to increase the fee to maintain the program.

To ensure we have the resources to fulfill the promise of Scouting, the updated national membership fee is

- \$66 for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts participants

- \$42 for all adult volunteers (includes cost of background check)
- \$75 for a unit charter fee

The membership fees will take effect August 1, 2020, for new members in the 2020-2021 program year. For renewing members, the new fee will take effect on October 1, 2020. The updated unit charter fee will take effect August 1, 2020, for all new and rechartering units.

Starting August 1, 2020, there will also be a one-time \$25 joining fee for *new* program participants in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts; however, there is no joining fee for Exploring participants, participants previously registered in any BSA program, those transferring from one program to another, council-paid memberships, or adult volunteers.

The national membership fee helps pay for the cost of essential services, including program resources, liability insurance for those participating in approved Scouting activities, youth protection and other local council resources.

National BSA will also continue to develop and improve resources that support our volunteers and youth members through online registration, Scoutbook, and national initiatives that bring us all together like the [National Camp-In](#) and the [Scout Salute](#) partnership with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Across the country and in each of our communities, we know that Scouting remains one of the most valuable investments we can make in young men and women today so they can become the leaders we will turn to tomorrow.

Our dedicated volunteers, staff, and Scouting families make this possible. Thank you for continuing to support one of the most valuable opportunities available to young people today.

To read the FAQs on this new change, click here: [Membership Fee FAQ](#)

2020 BSA National Membership Fees

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

EFFECTIVE

AUGUST

1
2020

FOR ALL
NEW
MEMBERS

EFFECTIVE

OCTOBER

1
2020

FOR ALL
RENEWING
MEMBERS
(RECHARTER)

\$66/YR



Participants in these programs through age 59.

\$42/YR



Participants ages 16-25.

\$42/YR



All registered adult volunteers, non-unit and non-unit positions (counts as multiple registrations will continue to pay for only one position).

NEW-MEMBER JOINING FEE

EFFECTIVE

AUGUST

1
2020

ONE-TIME

\$25

TO JOIN

Some units do matter when you join during the year (no pending) how members pay (total fee is addition to membership fee).



For joining, for adult volunteers, Exploring participants, participants previously registered in any BSA program, or those transferring from one program to another.

UNIT RECHARTER FEE

EFFECTIVE

AUGUST

1
2020

\$75/YR

for all units and rechartering units

BeAScout.org: The smart and simple way to recruit Scouts during COVID-19

Restaurants and retailers go to great lengths to land on the first page of Google. They know a Google search is typically the first stop for customers wanting to order takeout, stream a movie or buy a new desk chair.

Fortunately, you don't need to be a master of search engine optimization to recruit new families to your pack, troop, crew or ship. You just need to update your [BeAScout](https://www.beascout.org) pin. And thanks to some volunteer-focused changes to this process, it's now easier than ever to do so.

"BeAScout is the way that families who are looking to join a Scouting unit can easily find your unit and apply," says Pat Wellen, the BSA's director of research

We talked to Wellen to learn more.

What is BeAScout?

When someone Googles phrases like “join Scouting,” “pack near me” or “find Scout troop,” the result in the coveted top spot is the BSA’s BeAScout page: beascout.scouting.org.

From there, families can type in their ZIP code, select the program that interests them (Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing or Sea Scouts) and click “Find and Apply.”

What happens next? Well, that’s kind of up to you.

If your pin is updated, a prospective Scouting family will find your leader’s contact info, a link to your website and a brief description about your unit.

If you have also turned on the “Apply Now” button, parents can also fill out the application online directly from BeAScout — or they can send you an email for more information.

Recruiting during COVID-19

The BeAScout site has been around for a while, but its importance has only intensified during the COVID-19 outbreak when peer-to-peer recruiting is more difficult.

Families looking for meaningful at-home activities for their children [are turning to Scouting](#) in impressive numbers. Those who aren’t yet involved in our movement are seeing positive stories of [service](#), [Scouting achievement](#) and [friendship](#) on social media and local news.

When they’re ready to join Scouting, families can use BeAScout.org to find you — all while observing their state’s health guidelines.

“This tool give you a touchless way to recruit and onboard members to come to your virtual or live meetings,” Wellen says. “The parent just fills out the online application and pays online.”

After the parent applies, the committee chair, unit leader, chartered organization representative or another registered adult leader who has been granted access goes online and can review and accept the application. Within 24 hours, the member will show in the unit’s my.Scouting roster.

welcome email to go out 24 hours later, telling recipients the time and place of the next meeting (online or in-person) or another message the unit wishes to share.

How to update your BeAScout pin

Who can update the pin? The Key 3 of the unit — committee chair, chartered organization representative and unit leader (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Advisor, Skipper) — has access to Organization Manager in [my.Scouting](#) tools, which will allow them to set up the unit pin.

What's the process for doing so? A step-by-step guide is available online [at this link](#). Look for the PDF link called “Setting Up Your Unit’s BeAScout Pin.”

What has changed? Pin management is no longer in “Legacy Tools.” It has been updated with a new fresh look and easier navigation. Everything you need to set up the pin is in one tool, meaning no more moving back and forth between tools or pages.

Even more to come

More changes are also coming over the next few months to make reviewing and accepting youth and adult applications in my.Scouting even easier.

Look for more information about those changes as they go live in the tool.

*Article courtesy of Scouting Magazine, from May 20th, 2020. Click here to read in original format: [Scouting Magazine](#)

Erie Shores Council - Scouting at Home Facebook Resource Groups

If you haven't already joined these groups, feel free to do so! These groups for Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA families and units are a great resource during this time. They are a place where you can ask questions or share things you've come across online that you are implementing in your Scouting at home.

www.facebook.com/groups/HomeScoutingCubScouts

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