

**HUDSON VALLEY • RIP VAN WINKLE**



**Cub Scouts**



**Scouts BSA**



**SUMMER CAMP!**

**20 IN A BOX 20**

Welcome to Camp in a Box  
**Scouts BSA Program**

We'll bring camp to you!

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## **Welcome to Camp in a Box - we'll bring camp to you!**

We are facing difficult times due to COVID-19 and we have planned a fun, engaging and safe program for Scouts BSA. We are committed to give you a quality program just as if your Scout was at summer camp. The information in this packet is intended to make your preparation for camp run smoothly. We look forward seeing you virtually this summer!

## **How does this work?**

Just like summer camp, we will have an opening and closing ceremony each day. Each Scout will be able to earn up to five merit badges or participate in our First Year Camper program and earn up to three merit badges. There will be live demos and guest speakers throughout the week.

## **What's in the box?**

Camp in a Box T-shirt, Camp in a Box Patch, Mystery Bag, Advancement Supplies as needed, Scouting goodies.

## **How does the virtual part work?**

The live streaming will include pledge, oath, law, exercises, songs, skits, advancements, demonstrations and interviews. We will also have weekly campfires. Merit badges will be completed online via Google Classrooms & merit badge instruction will be via Google Meet. Live streaming of general program will be via Zoom.

## **Is this for everyone?**

Camp in a Box is open to all registered Scouts BSA members. Scouts will need access to a computer and the internet to participate in this program. Please remember we are located in the beautiful Hudson Valley, New York, and each day will begin 8:45AM EST.

## **Merit Badges?**

We will be offering 48 merit badges over a four-week period. Each Scout will be given the opportunity to **take up to five classes**. There will also be a First Year Camper Program allowing scouts the opportunities to work on rank advancement for Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class.

**What's the price?**

\$95 for one week, additional weeks or siblings are \$75. All four weeks are \$300. Payments are due at the time of registration. If you would like to attend all four weeks of our Camp in a Box program, please email Jon Whitaker: [Jon.Whitaker@scouting.org](mailto:Jon.Whitaker@scouting.org) & Donna Helt: [Donna.Helt@Scouting.org](mailto:Donna.Helt@Scouting.org) to make your reservations.

**Class size limits?**

Each merit badge class has a limit of 30 participants per class. We expect all 4 weeks of camp to fill up, be sure to register for the week(s) you want. Please note the merit badge schedule for Weeks 1 & 3 are the same, as well as Weeks 2 & 4.

**Contact Information:**

**Please direct all questions about our Camp in a Box program to Jon Whitaker:**

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## Camp Leadership:

### Hudson Valley Council Program Director/Camp Nooteming Director: Jon Whitaker

Jon Whitaker is a life-long Scout starting as a Wolf Scout in 1996. He earned his Arrow of Light, moved on to Boy Scouts and became an Eagle Scout in 2007. Jon is a Vigil Honor member in the Order of the Arrow. Jon began working for the Boy Scouts of America with the National Supply Division in 2011, moving on to Rip Van Winkle Council serving as a District Executive in 2013. Jon became a Senior District Executive for the Hudson Valley Council in 2017 and began his new role as Council Program Director in 2020. Jon is looking forward to growing Camp Bullowa's Day Camp Program & opening Camp Nooteming as a Cub Scout Resident Camp in 2021! Email: [Jon.Whitaker@scouting.org](mailto:Jon.Whitaker@scouting.org)



### Camp Bullowa Director: Kimberly Gifford

Kim Gifford is looking forward to her 2nd summer as Camp Director and wants to give your scout the best summer camp experience ever! Kim started volunteering in Scouts in 2006 when her oldest son became a Tiger Cub. She continued as den leader for her second son in 2012. During these amazing 10 years with Pack 2046, she spent 8 years multitasking as Committee Chair. In 2016, Kim started working for the Hudson Valley Council at Camp Bullowa as the Nature Director. She probably has had more fun than the scouts exploring the camp, discovering its animals, teaching the children about the environment and hugging trees. Email: [kimgifford75@aol.com](mailto:kimgifford75@aol.com)

### Camp Bullowa Program Director: Dan Decker

Dan Decker started in Boy Scouts as a Tiger Cub in 1999. He earned his arrow of light and continued into Boy Scouts in 2004, earning the rank of Eagle Scout in 2011. Additionally, he spent several years in the BSA Venturing program. Currently he serves as an Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 477. Previously he has filled the roles of Scoutmaster of troop 477, Associate Advisor of Crew 135, Unit Commissioner in the Heritage District, and District Committee member in the Heritage District. Outside of the camp season Dan can be found working as a Sales Associate at the Hudson Valley Scout Shop. Dan has worked at Hudson Valley Council Summer Camps since 2012, initially at Camp Chester, and New Windsor traveling cub camps as Archery Director. In 2015 he became program director for both Camp Chester and New Windsor, until becoming Program Director at Camp Bullowa in 2019. This year, Dan is looking forward to using his scouting experience to create a fun virtual experience for campers participating in the Camp in a Box program. Email: [campbullowaprogram@gmail.com](mailto:campbullowaprogram@gmail.com)



### Rip Van Winkle Council, Camp Tri-Mount Program Director: Danny Zayas

Danny Zayas started scouting in the Boy Scout Troop 182 in Brooklyn, earning the rank of Eagle Scout in 1993 and staying on as an Assistant Scoutmaster for 5 years. After a bit of a break, he rejoined scouts as a Cubmaster for Wallkill Pack 76 when his son first joined scouting, and currently serves as an Assistant Scoutmaster for Modena Troop 195 and the Scouts BSA Roundtable Commissioner for the Algonquin District in the Rip Van Winkle Council. After volunteering for a number of years at Camp Tri-Mount in various roles, he is currently the Program Director, and acts a liaison between Rip van Winkle Council and units for Scoutbook and Tentaroo. Danny is looking forward to transferring the wisdom of older scouters into the magical experience that summer camp can be for younger Scouts. Email: [BlueMarble365@gmail.com](mailto:BlueMarble365@gmail.com)

## Safety at Camp:

Even though we are not physically at camp, we still need to take measures so that our campers are safe!



**Youth Protection Training:** All staff and merit badge counselors are registered BSA leaders and have updated their Youth Protection training in 2020. All youth protection policies still apply in an online environment. Ensure you always have two-deep leadership for online activities and meetings. Our ban on one-on-one contact between an adult leader and youth applies to all interactions – whether in person, online, through a web conference, over the phone, via text, or in any other form.

**Parents:** All aspects of the Scouting program are open to observation by parents.

**Recording:** NO part of the online activities or meetings may be recorded.

**Platforms:** We are only using business-based platforms for Camp In A Box: Zoom and Google Classroom.

**Cyber Chip:** It is recommended that scouts earn their Cyber Chip before participating in Camp in a Box. It is optional.



## **Scouts BSA Program Offerings:**

### **Merit Badges:**

Scouts attending Camp in a Box have an opportunity to earn up to 5 merit badges per week, during their time at camp. Schedules are provided later in this packet allowing the scouts to plan out their experience prior to the start of camp. Our trained counselors are ready and eager to help your scout work towards achieving these Merit Badges. Scouts should seek guidance from their unit leaders on the badges they intend to take.

### **Prerequisites:**

Some merit badges have prerequisites that are required to be completed before camp in order to fully earn the badge. Campers are still able to take these badges but may only earn a partial if the prerequisites are not completed ahead of time. Merit badges with prerequisites are noted in this packet.

### **Materials Costs:**

Some merit badges have an extra cost associated with them due to special materials needed. You may purchase these materials when you select your classes.

### **Homework:**

Some Merit Badges require the campers to put in extra work at home or meet a certain level of skill in order to obtain the merit badge. Failure to complete these assignments or meet these skills may result in a partial.

### **First Year Camper Program:**

We are excited to offer a First Year Camper Program, which takes place during a two-hour period each day. During this time, campers will work on the skills and requirements for the ranks of Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class. It is important to note; Not all requirements can be done virtually, we will not "sign off" on completion, instead we will provide you with a report on what was worked on to show your Scoutmaster. You may still have to demonstrate the skills you learned to have your troop leadership sign off.

### **Registering for classes:**

After you register with the Hudson Valley Council, you will be emailed a link to our merit badge schedule and tracking system, Tentaroo where you will create your own account and you can access your blue cards after camp is over.

### **Does my Scout need to have his/her own e-mail address?**

Yes. Parents will need to ensure they have their unit Scoutmaster's name AND Email Address to be able to complete their registration! Scouts will need their own e-mail address and **CAN NOT** use their parent's e-mail address. Additionally, if you have multiple Scouts you are registering within a family or unit, they also **CAN NOT** use the same e-mail address as their needs to be (1) e-mail address per student for the classroom invitation and access. Please ensure your e-mail address is correct as that is the record we will have on file for you and your Scout when you register. If we get an "undeliverable" notification, we do not have the means to add you to the Google Classroom without your correct e-mail.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Many Scouts' e-mails addresses are not able to be used as they are already associated with a Google G Suite for their school district. Please do not use anything from a (.org) like "[john.smooth@cornwallcentral.org](mailto:john.smooth@cornwallcentral.org)" as it will not be able to be added.

### **Schedule:**

Sunday Evening:	Opening CampFire
Monday - Friday: 8:45AM 9:00AM - 9:50AM 10:00AM - 10:50AM 11:00AM - 11:50AM 12:00PM - 1:00PM 1:00PM - 1:50PM 2:00PM - 2:50PM 3:00PM - 3:50PM 6:00PM - 6:50PM	Opening Period 1: Merit Badge Class Period 2: Merit Badge Class Live Program Lunch/Break Time Period 3: Merit Badge Class Period 4: Merit Badge Class Live Program: Guest Speakers & Demonstrations Period 5: Merit Badge Class
Friday Evening Friday - Saturday	Closing CampFire Camp-in at your home!

## Merit Badge List & Prerequisites:

<b>Badge</b>	<b>Difficulty</b>	<b>Prerequisites and Notes</b>
American Business	Hard	No Prerequisites
American Cultures	Medium	No Prerequisites
American Heritage	Hard	#5
Animation	Hard	No Prerequisites
Art	Easy	Some materials may be needed for art projects. No Prerequisites
Aviation	Medium	Must have a styrofoam plate for a craft. No Prerequisites
Basketry*	Easy	Extra Fee For Basketry Merit Badge Kit. No Prerequisites
Bird Study	Medium	#9, Also requires the scout to have access to binoculars
Chess	Medium	No Prerequisites
Citizenship in the Nation	Hard	#2, #3, #8
Citizenship in the World	Hard	No Prerequisites
Coin Collecting	Medium	Must have a Coin Collection #6, #7, #9
Collections	Medium	Must have a Collection
Communications	Hard	#5, #8
Digital Technology	Medium	No Prerequisites
Energy	Medium	#4
Engineering	Medium	No Prerequisites
Entrepreneurship	Medium	No Prerequisites
Environmental Science	Hard	No Prerequisites
Family Life	Hard	#3, #4, #5
Fingerprinting	Easy	Scouts will need a pencil and scotch tape OR an ink pad
First Aid	Hard	#5, #14
Fish and Wildlife	Easy	#5
Forestry	Medium	No Prerequisites
Game Design	Hard	No Prerequisites
Genealogy	Medium	#3, #4b, 5
Geocaching	Hard	#9, Must have access to a GPS unit, or Smartphone w/ GPS capabilities
Geology	Medium	No Prerequisites
Graphic Arts	Medium	No Prerequisites
Indian Lore*	Medium	Extra Fee for Indian Lore Merit Badge Kit. No Prerequisites
Insect Study	Medium	#9
Mammal Study	Easy	No Prerequisites
Music	Easy	No Prerequisites



Nature	Hard	#4a2
Oceanography	Medium	#7, #8
Personal Fitness	Medium	#1, #6, #7, #8
Personal Management	Hard	#2, #8
Pets	Easy	Must own a Pet. #1, #4
Photography	Medium	Must have access to a digital camera, or phone w/ a digital camera, #1b
Plant Science	Hard	No Prerequisites
Programming	Hard	#1a
Public Health	Medium	No Prerequisites
Safety	Easy	#6
Salesmanship	Medium	#5
Scouting Heritage	Easy	#5, #6
Signs Signals and Codes	Medium	#6b, #7
Soil and Water Conservation	Hard	No Prerequisites
Sustainability	Hard	#2 Water (a), #2 Food (a), #2 Energy (b) or (c), #2 Stuff (a)

# Merit Badge Schedule

Week 1 July 6th - 10th & Week 3 July 20th - 24th							
8:45 Morning Flag Ceremony							
Period 1: 9-9:50	Environmental Science	Geology	Family Life**	First Aid**	Basketry*	Scouting Heritage**	First Year Camper
Period 2: 10-10:50	Insect Study**	Oceanography**	Genealogy**	Safety**	Indian Lore*	Collections	Morning Class
11:00 LIVE PROGRAM							
Period 3: 1-1:50	Weather	Mammal Study	Citizenship in the Nation**	Pets**	Chess	Coin Collecting**	First Year Camper
Period 4: 2-2:50	Bird Study**	Fish and Wildlife**	American Heritage**	Signs Signals and Codes**	Music	Aviation	Afternoon Class
3:00 LIVE PROGRAM							
4:00 Evening Flag Ceremony							
Period 5: 6-6:50	Digital Technology	Energy**	Programming**	Animation	Graphic Arts	Public Health	

\*Extra Cost      \*\*Prerequisite Required

Week 2 July 13th - 17th & Week 4 July 27th - 31st							
8:45 Morning Flag Ceremony							
Period 1: 9-9:50	Environmental Science	Sustainability**	Communications**	First Aid**	Basketry*	Salesmanship**	First Year Camper
Period 2: 10-10:50	Nature**	Plant Science	Personal Management**	Safety**	Indian Lore*	Personal Fitness**	Morning Class
11:00 LIVE PROGRAM							
Period 3: 1-1:50	Forestry	Mammal Study	Citizenship in the World	Pets**	Game Design	Entrepreneurship	First Year Camper
Period 4: 2-2:50	Soil and Water Conservation	Fish and Wildlife**	American Cultures	Geocaching**	Art	American Business	Afternoon Class
3:00 LIVE PROGRAM							
4:00 Evening Flag Ceremony							
Period 5: 6-6:50	Engineering	Energy**	Inventing	Photography**	Fingerprinting	Public Health	

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