



April Council- wide Roundtable

April 2, 2020

New Birth of Freedom Council



Welcome

Introductions



Virtual Meeting Orientation

- Phones and microphones will be muted
- Screen Sharing – Presentation and Personal Screen
- Questions
 - Chat feature
 - Messages to Everyone
 - Messages to Chris Styers
 - Email Options – scoutingfeedbacknbof@gmail.com
 - Opportunity to ask questions
 - District specific information
 - Posted FAQ after the meeting



What we can't
answer

Information is
changing
frequently

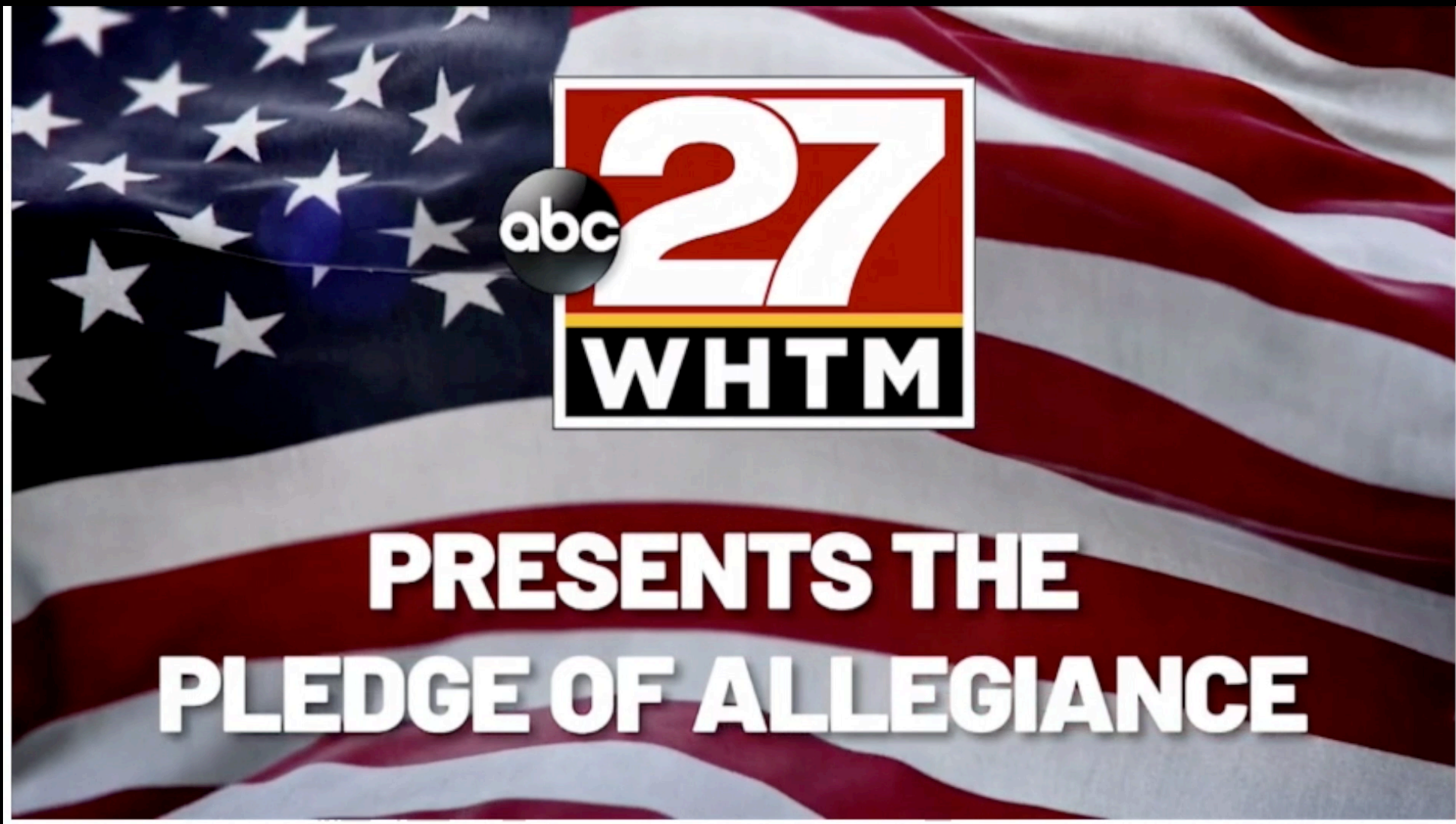
We do not know when the Council Service Centers, Scouts Shops, or Camps will reopen – Cannot reopen until governor lifts ban on non-essential business closures.

We have not made a blanket decision on a window of time for canceling future events beyond April 30 – each is case-by-case.

Cub Scout, Webelos, and Scouts BSA Resident Camps and Day/Twilight Camps are still scheduled to happen this summer. There is no current timetable on decision to change.



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**PRESENTS THE
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**



Bill McQuade

Council Executive Board President
New Birth of Freedom Council



Keep on Scouting

- Make sure that everyone stays safe
- Keep Scouting Programs going
- Support Scouts and families
- YOU ARE NOT ALONE
- For youth – virtual programs, meeting, campouts
- For adults – training, youth protection, background checks



Ron Gardner

Council Scout Executive/CEO

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National BSA Policy

“Please also follow any restrictions outlined by your state and local health department or other state and local authorities. This applies to youth and adults out of an abundance of caution.”

Roger C. Mosby
President and CEO
Boy Scouts of America



Pennsylvania Stay At Home Order

- Governor Wolf has issued a statewide COVID-19 mitigation
 - Refrain from non-essential travel
 - Strongly encourages the suspension of large gatherings, events, conference of more than 10, people, and per White House guidelines, ask that individuals and groups cancel any gatherings planned over the next eight weeks
- Stay at Home Orders in place for ALL Pennsylvania counties
 - Extended through April 30
 - All individuals must **STAY AT HOME** except for certain essential activities and work to provide life-sustaining business and government services.



What we are doing locally?



- Mechanicsburg and York Service Centers and Scout shops will remain closed indefinitely until Gov. Wolf rescinds this order
- Professional staff members continue to work remotely and are available by phone or email
- Camps will remain closed through at least April 30

Other Information

- Deadlines for Campership Applications (now April 15) and Summer Camp Fees (now May 15) have been extended
- All council, district, camp, and Order of the Arrow events have been canceled or postponed through April 30
- All units need to cancel or postpone all physical meetings, service projects, events through the end of the governor's mandate
- Cancellation of council, district, camp, and other events are on the council website and The Hub





Scouting at Home

THE HUB

Where The Adventure Continues!

Resources for Unit Leaders and
Scouting Families

The Hub

- Everything in one place
- #Scoutingathome Web Series
- Activities for Scouts of all ages to do at home
- Links to national and local resources
- Resources for unit leaders
- New Birth of Freedom Council Announcements
- Answers to Advancement Questions



What's Next? Keep Scouting!

- Connect with families in your unit
- Schedule virtual meetings and campouts
- Keep advancing
- Continue to plan for summer camp





Virtual Meeting Best Practices

- Check out our article on The Hub
- Make sure you familiarize yourself with BSA's Social Media Guidelines and practice Scouting's Youth Protection Guidelines and Barriers to Abuse
- Consider the BSA's Cyber Chip Program
- All of your meetings can be virtual (Den, Pack, Patrol, Troop, Committee)
- Select Meeting Platform (all below are FREE)
 - Zoom
 - Webex
 - Free Conference Call
 - Skype



Advancement

Cub Scout Advancement

- Parents may sign off on Webelos and Arrow of Light Requirements
- Cub Scouts can continue to work on requirements for their current rank until July 31, 2020
- Units using Scoutbook can easily track advancement remotely
- You may take pictures of activities/requirements met and share with leaders if no access to internet or video conferencing (Must follow Youth Protection Training Guidelines)





Scouts BSA Advancement

- Merit Badge requirements MAY NOT be modified
- Merit Badge counseling can happen over digital technologies
- Time missed due to canceled unit meetings CAN count toward active participation requirements AND position of responsibility requirements
- Electronic or digital signatures are acceptable for advancement through September 30, 2020
- Board of review can be conducted virtually

Eagle, Summit, and Quartermaster Specific

- National will grant extensions beyond 18th (Eagle) or 21st (Summit/Quartermaster) birthday, but must be for COVID-19 disruptions ONLY
- Scouts that were not yet Life will not be considered for an extension
- Decisions for COVID-19 extensions will be made at the council-level
- Current extensions can grant additional extensions for COVID-19
- Extensions are not required if only the board of review is delayed
- Boards of review can be conducted virtually





Eagle, Summit, and Quartermaster Specific

- Project Approvals
 - Choose a project and plan following guidelines
 - Projects approvals can be digitally sent to Eagle Coordinators for approval
 - Eagle Coordinators give their approval and feedback and project proceeds
- Completion
 - For Scouts that have completed requirements, submitted their book, and had application verified, proceed to virtual board of review
 - For Scouts that complete work while offices are closed, make sure all requirements are complete before 18th/21st birthday
 - It is NOT necessary to physically get documents to the Council before the Scout's 18th birthday. No one should travel and no one will be at the service centers to receive



Questions

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Closing

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Frequently Asked Questions will be posted at www.newbirthoffreedom.org
along with notes from the meeting.