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SENECA WATERWAYS COUNCIL

In Person Joining Event

Fall 2020

Best Practice Guide

⇒ Pre Joining Event

- * Advertise through all means outlined in unit recruitment plan.
- * Set up tables, chairs and other equipment to meet social distancing needs
- * Have handouts/materials preset at seats
- * Have hand sanitizer and masks available if possible

⇒ Joining Event

- * Be welcoming and engaging to all who arrive, start on time
- * Ask everyone to sign in (Joining Night sign in sheet available on council website)
- * Keep program quick, efficient and informative for parents and youth
 - * *If possible have youth engage in brief program with current leaders*
- * Provide overview of unit program, intro key leaders, explain costs to join
- * Have families complete applications
 - * Provide a paper application and collect fee or
 - * Direct families to BeAScout.org for online application and fee collection
- * After completion of paperwork period highlight the next activity/event/meeting for families to attend
- * Review Power of 3 quickly (*council providing invitations to distribute and incentive promos*)

⇒ Post Joining Event

- Submit applications and fees to coordinator and/or approve online apps
- Send welcome note to families providing further information
- Work with new families on promotion to potential new youth to join
- Follow up on any leads that did not participate in Joining Event or that are generated by it



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Virtual Joining Event

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⇒ Pre Joining Event

- * Advertise through all means outlined in unit recruitment plan.
- * Send reminder notices to all RSVPs received.
- * Have shareable PowerPoint prepared and rehearsed (customizable template on council website)

⇒ Joining Event

- * Be welcoming and engaging to all who participate, start on time
- * Ask everyone to provide their contact information if you don't already have it.
- * Keep program quick, efficient and informative for parents and youth
- * Engage participants in a quick home based Scout program
 - * Repeat after me song, inside scavenger hunt, (ideas on council website)
- * Share PowerPoint presentation—quick, efficient presentation
- * Direct families to BeAScout.org for online application and fee collection
- * After completion of apps highlight the next activity/event/meeting for families to attend
- * Review Power of 3 quickly (*council providing invitations to distribute and incentive promos*)

⇒ Post Joining Event

- Approve online applications
- Send welcome note to families providing further information
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Home Based Activities

This list contains activities potential new Scouts and family members can participate in during a Virtual Joining Event. They are quick, easy to accomplish and give a taste of Scouting program.

Repeat After Me Songs:

- ◆ The Other Day I Met a Bear
- ◆ Boom-Chicka-Boom
- ◆ Lion Hunt

*Repeat After Me Songs or other campfire songs are quickly searchable online.
The Cub Scout Song Book is also available in the Strong Scout Shop*

Indoor Scavenger Hunts:

- ◆ Colors—Find a yellow item, find a blue item, etc.
- ◆ Five Food Groups—Find a Vegetable, Fruit, Milk Product, Grain, Protein
- ◆ Cub Scout 6 Essentials—Find a flashlight, water bottle, First Aid Kit, Sun Protection, Trail food

Scavenger Hunt Ideas are limitless, but they need to be quick and efficient to not take up much time.

Just Have Simple Fun

- ◆ Play Scout Says—Simon Says
- ◆ Do You Best Challenge—Quickly Build a tower with only 5 items nearby
- ◆ Tell an audience participation story
- ◆ S'more Tutorial-

You can have lots of fun in a short amount of time. The goal is to be interactive, engaging and get potential Cub Scouts excited.



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Drive Through Joining Event

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- * Advertise through all means outlined in unit recruitment plan.
- * Send reminder notices to all RSVPs received.
- * Set up program stations (using proper current guidelines) and signage
 - * *Ideas for stations available on council website*
- * Have welcome kits ready

⇒ Joining Event

- * Be welcoming and engaging to all who participate, start on time
- * Ask everyone to fill out a registration card (available on council website)
- * Uniformed leader walks alongside vehicle (masked)
- * Unit leader provides specific information about unit.
- * Direct families to BeAScout.org for online application and fee collection
- * Highlight the next activity/event/meeting for families to attend
- * Review Power of 3 quickly (*council providing invitations to distribute and incentive promos*)

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- Send welcome note to families providing further information
- Work with new families on promotion to potential new youth to join
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