



Pre-Opening (6:45 – 7:00)

- Sound and Video checks

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April 2020 SMD Roundtable



Opening



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(Brief) Announcements

- *Please “raise your hand” in the Zoom Participants window if you have an announcement.*
- **Order of the Arrow**
- **Everyone will be on “Mute” until later in the meeting.**
- **Feel free to use “chat” in the meantime.**
 - Note: Default chat goes to everyone.

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Upcoming Dates: As they currently stand

- ~~Cub Spring Event – 4/18~~ Stay tuned for info on the Cub Fall Event!
- National Youth Leadership Training – ~~4/17-19, 4/24-26~~ *postponed*
- Cub Day Camp – July 13-17 – no change
- Summer Camps – no change
 - Email this morning includes adjustments to payment schedule and extension to deadline to [apply for camperships to 4/15/2020](#)
- Fall Shooting Sports Event – late October or Early November - TBA

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National Jamboree Adult Leader Applications

Jamboree Troop Leader Information Form and Application
Minsi Trails Council

July 21-30, 2021
Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reservation
Glen Jean, West Virginia



Background

The National Scout Jamboree is the BSA's biggest event attracting nearly 40,000 Scouts and Scouters from around the world. The Minsi Trails Council will be sending a limited number of participants to this historic event as follows:

- One Scout BSA Boy Troop made up of 36 youth male Scouts and 4 adult male leaders
- Two Scouts BSA Girl Patrols made up of 16 youth female Scouts and 4 adult female leaders

This information in this application will be used to help the MTC National Jamboree Committee determine the key adult roles that will help deliver a memorable and safe Jamboree experience for our youth participants. In addition to this application, an in person interview will be conducted in early April to finalize leader positions.

Scout Leader Qualifications

All jamboree Scoutmasters and first-, second-, and third-assistant leaders must meet the following requirements:

- Possess a current BSA membership with a Scouts BSA Troop or Venturing Crew
- Scoutmasters and first and second assistant Scoutmasters must be at least 21 years old by the first day of the jamboree.





Welcome

- **Introductions**

- Jim Swain, host and moderator
- Tamie Swain, managing the “participants”

- **Agenda**

- 7:00 – 7:10 Opening and Announcements
- 7:10 – 7:25 Introduction to Online Meetings
- 7:25 – 7:35 Lessons Learned at Troop 318, Adam Lansing, ASM
- 7:35 – 7:55 Open Mike – What are your experiences and questions?
- 7:55 – 8:00 Closing

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A very quick poll.

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Did anyone notice?

- **Pledge to the Flag**
 - Everyone was off mute.
 - Chaotic timing.
 - Sense of being together.
- **Announcements**
 - A small, flexible agenda.
 - A “reminder” of proper technique.

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Videoconferencing Etiquette

- Youth Protection!
- Mute yourself unless speaking.
- Wear your uniform.
- Watch your background.
 - Traffic
 - Use an image?
- Video
 - Look at the camera!
 - Lighting is key
 - Watch your camera angle
 - Check yourself in the participants window
 - *The camera is always on unless you know it isn't!*

A 2 minute (humorous) listen:

<https://www.npr.org/2020/03/25/821591023/a-etiquette-primer-for-zoom-and-other-videoconferencing-services>

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Tips

- **Use a headphone+microphone**
- **If a presenter isn't online – text them!!!**
- **Plan your session.**
 - Breaks
 - Changes of pace
 - Physical activities
- **Free Tools:**
 - Availability for various devices
 - Scout friendly
 - Limitations
 - <https://www.voipreview.org/free-web-conferencing>

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T318 online meetings

- **We are continuing to meet at our regular day/time via Zoom**
 - Had two meetings so far (42 attendees first time, 36 the second time)
 - Encouraging everyone to be in their Class A uniform
 - Using our typical meeting format
- **Limiting time on each activity time to keep the boys interested/focused**
 - Kahoot, 60-second exercises, online knot challenges, etc...
 - Zoom breakout rooms for patrol meetings and specific activity planning
- **Two-deep leadership, privacy, and a new meeting format**
 - Cameras can only be on if parent/guardian is with scout.
 - Reminder to keep all chat, voice, and camera actions scout friendly
 - Turned off private chat feature and made sure all “solo” adults have YPT

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Screen grab from meeting

Online Troop Meetings

- **Keep your microphone muted.**
 - It's hard if more than one person talks at a time.
 - If you're not talking, consider muting yourself.
- **Use the chat window; you can chat with everyone.**
- **If there are echoes when someone is talking, check your microphone settings and/or consider muting yourself.**
- **Due to privacy concerns your camera can only be on if your parent/guardian is with you.**
- **Keep all your chat, voice, and camera actions scout friendly**

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Jeff Murphy, ASM	Adam Lansing, ASM	Will Jones - CC	Rob
Sam Murphy, ASPL...	Seth #1 stone c...	Joe Barlow SPL	Mr. Dunham, SM
Mr. Churetta	Sam Stonecutte...	Nathan 1# ston...	Manny , hydro f...
Jack Flaming P...	Ray Robey	Brennan Stone c...	William Barlow, ...
Gavin (hydrofla...	Jim Swain - ASM	Owen, Hydrofla...	Ethan UWU (Firs...
Jacob	Keagan Brenna...	Josh F, Hydrofla...	Luke, Flaming P...



Screen grab from meeting

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface. At the top, a gallery view displays five participants: Adam Lansing, A..., Luke, Flaming Ph..., Peter, Gavin uwu tende..., and Brennan Stone cu... The main video window shows a young man in a tan Boy Scout uniform sitting on a couch, holding a blue rope with a knot. The chat window on the right contains the following messages:

- Zoom Group Chat
- raise hand means in the Participant window I bet
- From Mr. Dunham, SM to Everyone: Kahoot.it. game pin is 1119830
- From Me to Jeff Murphy, ASM: (Privately) I like the speaker focus.
- From Jeff Murphy, ASM to Me: (Privately) agreed its a little work but its worth it
- From Me to Jeff Murphy, ASM: (Privately) Totally I see what you're doing with your background.
- From Jeff Murphy, ASM to Me: (Privately) ha ha
- From Mr. Dunham, SM to Everyone: Type your questions into chat How long does it take to plan a high adventure trip?
- From Josh F, Hydroflask, First Class to Everyone: Josh F
- From Gavin uwu tenderfoot to Everyone: Gavin Bailey
- From Brennan Stone cutters, Life scout to Everyone: Brennan
- From Luke, Flaming Phoenix, Star to Everyone: Luke
- From Jim Swain - ASM to Everyone: bonus points? Why use these knots???

The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 8:18 PM on 3/30/2020.



T318 successes & lessons

- **Did our share of planning and practicing before each meeting**
- **Detailed instructions sent to parents prior to each meeting**
- **First meeting**
 - Focused on getting everyone used to an online meeting
 - Used a photo of our regular meeting space as a virtual background
 - Lead by adults
 - Had some breakout room challenges and scouts did their share of “exploring” Zoom
- **Second meeting**
 - Improved naming practices (scout & patrol names helped w/ breakout room management)
 - Had scouts lead more as well as present
 - Leaders continued to explore and utilize Zoom features (spotlight feature, polls, etc.)

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Lessons Learned and Questions

- **Your turn:**
 - What have you done that worked?
 - What have you done that didn't?
- ***Raise your hand to be unmuted.***
 - *We will try to be fair, but please be patient.*
 - <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/03/25/advancement-during-covid-19-official-details-about-eagle-extensions-and-more/>
 - <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/03/20/merit-badges-for-social-distancing/>
 - <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/03/19/fun-projects-for-kids-that-you-can-do-from-home/>

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Another very quick poll.

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Closing

- Please share your feedback with me at: jim.swain@rcn.com
- Tonight's slides, and any additional information I get before Friday, will be available in PDF form from our South Mountain District webpage:
- <http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/announce.htm>

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Next Roundtable is May 6
Cub Scouts: Roles of Den Chiefs
Scouts BSA: Recruiting Den Chiefs
Good Night and Stay Safe!





Additional Notes

- **Council confirmed the guideline that scouts have a parent or guardian over-seeing youth while they are on video meetings.**
 - Parent is there to help ensure material shared between scouts is appropriate and that any "zombombing", or similar attacks, are dealt with quickly.
- **The recording of the Roundtable is over 100MB, so we may not be able to share it. We are looking into options.**
- **Scoutbook has all electronic "blue cards" that you can use.**
- **Sewing masks is a real value to the health community.**
- **As is donating blood.**

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Additional Zoom Notes

- **We concentrated on Zoom for this Roundtable because that is what I know. There are other good platforms available.**
 - If someone would like to present another platform at the next Roundtable we will add that to the agenda.
 - And we still have challenges getting polls to work as we want them too. We are still learning.
 - Keep an eye on your chat window during meetings. A co-host can help here.
 - Troop 318 bought a Zoom license to avoid the limitations of the free version. Cost is about \$16 a month.

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