SCOUTING ON! AT HOME

LEADER'S GUIDE

www.gulfstreamcouncil.org/online
Health & Safety at Summer Bytes

Safety remains our number one concern for all scouts and leaders participating in this program. Youth Protection policies, the Buddy System, and guidelines provided through the BSA Cyber Chip program are important for ensuring that everyone involved in Scouting On At Home has a secure experience. More information about conducting safe online Scouting activities can be found at https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/

Program Overview
Scouting On At Home is the newest installment of virtual program offered by the Gulf Stream Council, BSA. This program will provide offerings for Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA, ranging from Adventures, Merit Badges, Awards, Training, and more.

Each month’s offerings will be centered around monthly themes. Classes will be offered around your school schedule, either on evenings during the week or on weekends.

Tentaroo
Scouts will sign-up for their individual merit badge sessions via Tentaroo, the same system used typically for event registration. Get started at: www.gulfstreamcouncil.org/online

Camp Fees
The full balance of fees must be paid upfront at registration. Each class is available for a minimal fees, which covers the cost for the platform on which the classes will be held.

Standard Class Fee
$5.00 per scout

Some classes may include extra components, and hence have a higher fee. Be sure to review the “special notes” section under each class to find out if anything additional is included. This may include mailed supplies, an optional in-person component, or a two-in-one Merit Badge/Adventure.

See the end of this document for a step-by-step guide: “How to Register”

Refund Policy
No refunds will be distributed after registration has been completed. Scouts can get a credit when switching classes up to 7 days before the scheduled class. This credit can be used towards another class in Scouting On At Home.

Exceptions will be made only due to one of the following circumstances: sickness or injury (requires physician’s note) or death in the immediate family. Following standard procedure, no refunds will be made under the value of $10.00.

For questions about refunds, contact Robert Ulrich, Program Assistant, at robert.ulrich@scouting.org
Advancement and Merit Badges

To have a successful experience in the merit badge program, scouts must prepare before camp. It is our belief that most badges offered during Scout On At Home can be completed if the scout sets their mind to it. Here are a few tips for ensuring those completed merit badges during our virtual program:

- Our staff are well versed to conduct quality and interactive online sessions to fulfill all your advancement needs. Be sure to work with them and ask them questions.

- Be sure to have any advanced work done before the sessions begin. If you need a note from your Scoutmaster to verify you’ve done some work with your troop beforehand, make sure you have it ready to submit it to your counselor. To satisfy requirements after the end of your Merit Badge Class, work with your unit to get in touch with a Merit Badge Counselor for sign-offs.

- Merit Badge requirements are as stated in the current edition of the Scouts BSA Requirements Book. Our counselors take great pride in their skill instruction, and the integrity of the merit badge program.

Logging On

Our daily skills instructions and camp-wide activities will be conducted through Zoom. Make sure that you are connected with a device with microphone and webcam capabilities. Create a Zoom account to allow for an easier sign-on process. Zoom Links and Counselor information will be sent out by the Monday prior to the scheduled class.

Merit Badge Records & Blue Cards

Partials and Completes earned in Scouting On At Home will be recorded in Tentaroo as quickly as possible after the end of the scheduled class. Parents and leaders will be able to access this information for their own records and to submit to your unit for recognition. No physical blue cards will be issued since all the information will be provided in each scout’s Tentaroo account.

Questions?

If you have any further questions about our offerings in Scouting On At Home, please reach out to Christina Wilson at strwbry98@icloud.com.

For Registration Help, contact Robert Ulrich, Program Assistant at robert.ulrich@scouting.org or call the Gulf Stream Council Service Center at 561-694-8585.
How to Register

Navigate to www.gulfstreamcouncil.org. Select “LOGIN” at the top right-hand corner.

Enter your log-in credentials and select “LOG IN”. If you do not have an account with the Gulf Stream Council, select “CREATE ACCOUNT” and follow the prompts.
Select “GO TO EVENTS” or “EVENTS” on the left hand menu. Under “Available Events” find the event titled, “ALL” SCOUTING ON AT HOME!” select the event tile.

This is the Event Landing Page. Here, you’ll see all of our available sessions. Find and select the class you are looking for. Each class is labeled by program type. i.e. Scouts BSA or Cubs
Once you have selected your class, select “REGISTER FOR EVENT”. Follow the prompts provided on the next screens. Be sure to enter a valid email, or else you will have issues receiving your link!

Make sure to select “ADD CLASS”
You’re almost done! Be sure to “CHECKOUT” before leaving the site.

Complete the Profile Contact Information and check-out at the end of the page with payment. For Registration Help, call the Gulf Stream Council Service Center at 561-694-8585.