



Happy holidays! As we spend time reflecting on the warmth and spirit of the season, thank you for your continued support and engagement. Scouting sure has changed over the last nine months, yet our hard-working volunteers have selflessly put the interest of our scouts first. A heartfelt thank you for your perseverance and for being flexible as you continue to provide Scouting to our youth!

Even in the middle of a pandemic, Scouting is thriving. The events of this year presented us with creative methods to keep on Scouting - virtually. National Council produced a collection of "Cub Scout Adventures" video resources and hosted "Family Fun Fest" on Facebook. Golden Empire Council put on "Merit Badge Madness," "Centennial Quest," and monthly Camp-In events with free programming. Units kept their scouts connected through virtual meetings and online multiplayer games. We do what we can to utilize the tools and resources available to serve our youth.

Right now, the pandemic is raging, and thinking ahead to better days is challenging. While Zoom and remote meetings and events will continue to play in 2021, a hybrid model will likely emerge for most units as vaccine distribution becomes more widely available. Let's use the coming months to strategically plan and reach as many families as possible when restrictions are gradually lifted. Share your stories about the impact Scouting has had, from new skills gained, to character and leadership development, to having fun and adventure in the great outdoors.

Virtual District Roundtables will continue the third Thursday of every month into the foreseeable future. We are all here to support one another through the exchanging of ideas and best practices, forging ahead toward our shared vision - delivering the promise of Scouting to youth.

Thank you for being a valuable part of the Yolano District family. Warm wishes to you and your loved ones for a safe, healthy, and happy holiday season. Here's to the new year and the joys and promise that it brings.

Yours in Scouting,
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