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**DENVER AREA COUNCIL KEEPS SCOUTING GOING  
*AMID COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND STAY-AT-HOME MANDATE***

Lakewood, Colo. — April 6, 2020, while the COVID-19 outbreak is affecting everyone, including more than 33,000 youth members of the Denver Area Council (DAC), Scouts are resilient and Scouting leaders are dedicated to continue investing in our youth by maintaining activities that ensure advancement and instill leadership qualities into our future leaders.

The DAC is supporting Scouting by sharing various Scouting at Home resources on the Council website and social media pages and holding online Merit Badge courses. Units are moving forward with activities and meetings – virtually, while adhering to youth protection guidelines.

Scouts from Troop 114 recently held a virtual campout. It started with one Scout's idea to sleep outside in the backyard in a tent and sparked an entire troop movement. The meeting included a flag ceremony and standard opening. They sang, told jokes, and talked for an hour. They also played games, including Scout Bingo. Everyone planned a meal, cooked outside, and shared pictures of their meals and campsites. They later called in for a virtual group campfire at 8:00 p.m.

One of the Scouts proclaimed, "This is so fun! I hope we get to do it again!" Then she paused, and said, "I mean, I would rather GO on our Moab or backpacking trip... but if we can't!"

Additionally, virtual meetings are taking place to support leadership development. Recently Troop 640 completed a virtual meeting where older Scouts helped younger ones work on Second Class advancement requirements.

The DAC also continues to "Do a Good Turn" by continuing with an annual blood drive that typically takes place during the Scout Show in April. Scouters and families are still encouraged to give blood at one of the Vitalant Donation Centers in Colorado, and report donations to continue to collect service project hours.

The DAC was established in 1913 and serves more than 33,000 youth with the support of 8,000 volunteers. The year 2020 marks the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Boy Scouts of

America (BSA). Throughout history, the BSA mission has remained the same: to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by teaching them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

For more information, please visit [DAC Scouting at Home](#).

**About the Denver Area Council**

The *Denver Area Council, Boy Scouts of America*, serves youth in the Denver Metro and Western Colorado service areas by providing programs and activities that build character and leadership skills. With the support of 8,000 volunteers, the DAC delivers educational programs to approximately 34,000 youth members. The 24 counties currently served by the Denver Area Council are: Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Clear Creek, Delta, Denver, Douglas, Eagle, Elbert, Garfield, Gilpin, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Jefferson, Mesa, Moffat, Montrose, Ouray, Park, Pitkin, Rio Blanco, Routt, San Miguel, and Summit. For more information about the Denver Area Council, please visit [DenverBoyScouts.org](http://DenverBoyScouts.org).

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