Young Braves Summer Adventure (YBSA)
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We are introducing this new and exciting endeavor by our Summer Camp Program Staff & Alumni for the Summer of 2020. YBSA has been created to benefit the traditional 1st to 3rd-year camper at Scout BSA Camps. We’re concentrating on topics that can be addressed virtually for the Scout to First Class Ranks. Also included are some other fun additions to that program including special guest appearances along the way.

One of our primary goals of this virtual program show is to help our Arrow of Lights and families transfer easier into Scout units, as we know they are missing that valuable first-year summer camp. We’re striving to help our younger Scouts build confidence in their abilities and to help our valuable leaders carry on the Scouting program.

Our team researched a lot of what other council programs are doing. We don’t want to be repetitive in our own program offering. We came up with a “TV show” style format that will bring you segments filmed at our camps, while covering the program young Scouts need as they grow in Scouting. These segments will help provide some knowledge, give “pro” tips, and help Scouts become more confident as they return to their units after this “pause”. And most of all, they will be FUN!

We will look at becoming a Scout and cover fun learning programs like Camping, Cooking, Fishing, Woods Tools, Fire Building, Wilderness Survival, on and on!! We will check in with our friends from different areas of Scouting like High Adventure Programs, Jamboree, Order of the Arrow, and our own Scout Shop and Council Staff.

This program will run from 7/20 to 8/17. 45-60 minute segments will premiere three times each week. In addition, once weekly we’ll provide a “live interactive” segment with our staff. Once segments premiere, they will be accessible at your convenience anytime. We hope you all will join us in helping keep the Light of Scouting lit this summer, though we cannot meet in person. See you at the Young Braves Summer Adventure!

**YOUNG BRAVES SUMMER ADVENTURE (YBSA)**

**PROGRAM FEATURES:** (3) 45–60 Minute Sessions per Week. Topics include Camping, Cooking, Fishing, Woods Tools, Fire Building, Wilderness Survival and so much more!

**DATES:** 7/20/2020 – 8/17/2020

**COST:** $115 including 1 Free Merit Badge Registration
EPISODE 1
INTRODUCTION TO SCOUTING

Host: Matt Grosso – Eagle Scout & Young Braves Outdoor Adventure Director

What you need:

- Have your Scouts BSA Handbook ready!

Optional:

- Scouts BSA Fieldbook (optional)

In this introductory episode, we will cover the “Scout Basics”

- The Official Scouts BSA Uniform
- Scout Oath
- Scout Law
- Outdoor Code
- How to use the Scouts BSA Handbook
- How to use the Scouts BSA Fieldbook
- Scouts BSA Merit Badge Program & how to use “Blue Cards”
- Flag Etiquette with special guest Mr. Ron Krawczyk

JUST KEEP SCOUTING!
EPISODE 2

WOODS TOOLS SAFETY &
TOTIN’ CHIP

Host: Chris Matthewson – GNFC Scouts BSA Summer
Camp Program Director & SBSA Outdoor Skills Instructor

What you need:

- How to set up a proper Axe Yard
- Safety and use of the Scouts BSA Axe
- Safety and use of the Scouts BSA Pocketknife
- Safety and use of the versatile Bow Saw
- Wood processing techniques
- The Paul Bunyan Woodsman Award

“CHIP! - CHOP! - CHIP! - CHOP! - CHIP! - CHOP!............TIMBERRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR
Lace up your hiking boots and hit the trail to adventure! In this episode, we show you how much fun a good hike can be, what to take along, and safety on the trail.

**Topics Include:**

- Before you set out
- The SBSA 10 Hiking Essentials
- The Buddy System
- Simple navigation
- Trail signs
- Signs of nature
- Good Trail etiquette
- National Outdoor Awards Program: Hiking
- Hiking Merit Badge

“**I love to go a wandering along the mountain track. And as I go, I love to sing - My knapsack on my back!”**  
- The Happy Wanderer
EPISODE 4
THE PATROL KITCHEN

Host: Chris Matthewson
Program Director Scouts BSA &
BSA Outdoor Skills Instructor

References:

Always have your Scouts BSA Handbook ready!

In this episode, we will discuss and show hints and tips of setting up the Patrol Kitchen for a campout.

Topics Include:

- The Patrol Fly or shelter
- The Patrol Box and contents
- The Trail Chef Kit & Utensil Roll
- Camp Stove setup & placement
- Patrol Kitchen Sanitation
- The Patrol Duty Roster
- Patrol Table & Eating manners

JUST KEEP SCOUTING!
COOKING! A Scout’s favorite word! This episode covers some of the basic cooking skills and knowledge a Scout needs to obtain rank requirements and show off their skills to the gang!

Topics Include:

- Making the Patrol Menu & Shopping List
- Brilliant Breakfast Ideas
- Lunch Favorites
- Dinner Delicacies
- Food prep and storage
- Using a thermometer
- Techniques

“Some of the best times at camp are when we sit together to eat!”
Every Scout knows that when it comes to serious camp meals, cast iron is the way to go! Learn to master this great skill, and be the Champion of the Charcoal!

**Topics Include:**

- Cast Ironware
- Care & Use
- Cleaning
- Seasoning & Storage
- The Dutch Oven Table
- Lighting charcoal with a chimney
- Safety Tips
- The Awesome Extraordinary Pie Iron!

“A Dutch Oven in long-term storage is bad for the soul”

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Every Scout craves adventure! Moreover, what better way than camping with your friends? Matt shows us basic camping techniques along with helpful hints and know-how right from the Scouts BSA Library!

**Topics Include:**

- Where to camp?
- Tents and setting up tents
- The model campsite
- How to pack for Summer Camp @ Scouthaven!
- Tips & Hacks from the Camp Staff Pro Team!

“We are not a club or Sunday school class, but a school of the woods” – Baden Powell
WHICH WAY DO WE GO? Find out in this basic land navigation episode. If you have a compass or GPS have them ready! You may want to ask to use a phone compass and gps if you do not. Have your Handbook with you!

**Topics Include:**

- How a compass works
- Maps – symbols and topography
- Orienting a map
- Distances and scales
- Pacing

“I have never been lost. But I will admit to being confused for several weeks”

- Daniel Boone
EPISODE 9
FIRE BUILDING & SAFETY

Host: Chris Matthewson  
and Special Guest

References:

Topics Include:

- Fire starting = Primitive fire starting  
  WORK & PREPARATION  
  - When wood is wet  
- The safe fire area  
  - The “Cold Out” test.  
- Kinds of fires  
  - Leaving No trace & the environment  
- Kinds of materials  
  - Firem’n Chit  
- Ignition sources
Fishing is one of the most popular Scouting activities. Learn some basics and some safety tips to follow while you enjoy time spent in the great outdoors!

**Topics Include:**

- Angling safety
- Basic Rod & Reel knowledge
- The Scout’s Tackle Box
- Fishing Knots
- The fun and challenge of Fly Fishing
- NYS DEC Rules & Regulations concerning Scouts
- The Complete Angler Award
- The BSA Certified Angler Instructor Program
In this episode... Learn the Leave No Trace and Outdoor Ethics principles we follow in Scouting. Have your Handbooks ready as the host will go over the importance of each principle that will serve you as not only a Scout, but a good steward or stewardess or the outdoors!

"Take only memories, leave nothing but footprints"

- Chief Seattle
EPISODE 12
HIGH ADVENTURE
NATIONAL JAMBOREE

Host: Chris Matthewson and Special Guests

Programs Covered Include:

BIRCHBARK EXPEDITIONS
CANADIAN WILDERNESS VOYAGES

PHILOPTON SCOUT RANCH
GREATER NIAGARA FRONTIER COUNCIL CONTINGENT

FLORIDA NATIONAL HIGH ADVENTURE SEA BASE
“SCOUTING IN THE FLORIDA KEYS”