

October 15, 2021

## **WELCOME TO THE 2021 GNFC UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING**

Dear Scout or Scouter:

On behalf of the entire 2021 University of Scouting Committee, let me welcome you to this year's UOS, to be held on **Saturday, November 6, 2021**, at the Niagara Falls High School, 4455 Portage Road in Niagara Falls, New York. We are looking forward to seeing all of our Scouting Friends at this in-person event. Here is important information about the event:

1. **COVID Adjustments:** We must adhere to vigorous safety protocols in order to be able to conduct UOS. Those protocols include:
  - a. All participants must complete and turn in the "Mandatory Health Screening Re-Assessment" which is attached. **Please complete and bring the form with you, to avoid delays.**
  - b. At the time of registration (from 7:30 to 8:20 a.m.) on November 6, each UOS participant will be given a temperature scan, and the Re-Assessment form will be collected.
  - c. **All persons who enter the NFHS building - regardless of vaccination status — are required to wear masks at all times while at UOS.**
  - d. Morning Beverage/Snack will be adjusted due to COVID. **Scouts and leaders must bring their own mugs for coffee/tea/hot chocolate/bug juice**, all of which shall be served by our volunteer staff. Individually-wrapped snacks (Thanks, Little Debbie) will be provided, and also served by our staff.
  - e. Lunch will likewise be served in a safe manner, meaning individual boxed lunches and condiments. Be sure to indicate your lunch choice at the time you submit your online registration.
  - f. Water bottles can be safely filled at various filling stations in the High School. **Bring your "Nalgene" or other water bottle, as you will need it throughout the day.**
  - g. Hand-sanitizers will be available at various locations at UOS.

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- h. If you are sick/suspect you may have COVID – stay home! We will refund your registration payment upon proof of a COVID – related cancellation..
    - i. UOS will not be able to offer aquatics (swim tests, etc.) in 2021 due to COVID concerns. We expect to be back in the pool in 2022.
2. **Location:** We make an effort of move the UOS location from year-to-year, and/or to look for a location in the center of our Council in order to make getting to the event easy on everyone. In 2021 – due to COVID – several past venues could not commit to hosting UOS. We were extremely fortunate that the Niagara Falls High School was willing to offer us their facility this year.
3. **Cost:** Between inflation in general and the need to make some adjustments due to COVID, our cost-per-participant has increased slightly. 2021's costs will be:
  - **\$25.00** per registrant, if online registration application is submitted by the “early-bird deadline”, October 31, 2021.
  - **\$30.00** per registrant after October 31.
  - **\$20.00** for all UOS Committee members and UOS instructors, if online registration application is submitted by October 31, 2021. All presenters should have received their discount code by email. If you didn't, email me and I will send it to you.
  - Course changes: You will be able to make changes to your course schedule up through November 3. After that date, class assignments may not be changed by the student. If an instructor must cancel a class after November 3 due to COVID or some other issue, then in that instance students will be permitted to attend other classes (space permitting).

If you have any questions concerning the above, or any aspect of UOS, feel free to email me at: [brian@brianrwelshpllc.com](mailto:brian@brianrwelshpllc.com), or call me 716/256-1300. I will do my best to get you a prompt answer.

Yours in Scouting,

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