



2021 Central Region Virtual Outdoor Conferences

The Central Region Outdoor Program Support Committee (CROPS) is hosting two conferences in January 2021 focusing on all aspects of Outdoor Programs for all levels of Scouting - - Cubs, Scouts BSA and Venturing. We will be gathering members of the CROPS Team and other experts from around the country to share new and exciting information on Fishing, Cope & Climbing, Aquatics, Shooting Sports, Conservation, Outdoor Ethics and NCAP. We will be offering sessions on Cub Outdoor program ideas, lessons learned from offering Camp during the pandemic, disaster recovery at camps and much more. Please review all the sessions being offered for more detailed information.

This year's conferences will be virtual meetings using Zoom. They will be offered on Saturday, January 16th, and will be repeated on January 23rd. The conferences are open to all Scouters, volunteers, and professionals, at all levels of Scouting with an interest in Outdoor Programs, NCAP and camping. There will be more than 20 sessions offered each day and you can register, at no cost of course, for both Saturdays to attend more sessions.

Each session will be 50 minutes long with a 10 minute break between sessions.

Register online at:

January 16th [Registration Link Click Here](#)

or Scan QR Code



January 23rd [Registration Link Click Here](#)

or Scan QR Code



You will receive a Zoom invite for each day you are interested in attending. On the day of the conferences, you can then choose what session you are interested in during each time slot.

Attendance will be capped at 300, so be sure to register early!

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2021 Virtual Outdoor Conferences sessions (all times are CST):

8:30am to 9:30am Welcoming and Opening Keynote Addresses

Session Breakouts

9:30 to 10:30

Conservation & Sustainability for Councils: Conservation and sustainability are key parts of maintaining a healthy council property. In this session you learn about this topic from the experience of volunteers.

Scouts BSA Level II Cope/Climbing Templates: This session will review and demonstrate how to easily adapt the generic training courses created by the National COPE/Climbing Sub-Committee.

Aquatics Update: Learn about the newly revised Aquatic Staff Guide. There will also be a discussion of Covid & Aquatics - - best practices and lessons learned in 2020.

Disaster Recovery at Camp: You will hear from councils who have experienced damage from severe weather. They will discuss what to do when the storm hits and how to plan and manage recovery from the storm. Note: There will be another session that explores insurance and camps in more depth.

10:30 to 11:30

COPE and Climbing Program Trainer Course: During this session we will review the pre-requisites, content and supporting documents you will need to attend the Program Trainer Course.

Fishing: My tool for recruitment, retention and reactivation: What makes fishing such a great outdoor activity? This session will answer that question and help you learn how to recruit, retain, and reactivate Scouts through a quality fishing program.

Insurance at Camp: This session will explore the various types of insurance needed at camps, how they work and what they cover.

BSA Distinguished Conservation Service Award Program: Here is your chance to learn about the new conservation award program.

11:30 to 12:30

NCAP Updates: This session will cover updates on the changes in the 2021 NCAP process, the new Short Term Camp Standards and how they apply to council events, an update on the 2021 Assessor Training and will also cover the changes to The Authorization to Operate process. **NOTE: This is a 2-hour session and will be completed following the 12:30 to 1pm lunch break.**

Shooting Sports Update: What's new in Shooting Sports and how can you continue to engage more Scouts in this exciting part of the Scouting program? This session will take aim at all the fun that can be had in BSA's shooting sports programs, including a preview of the soon to be released updated BSA Shooting Sports Manual.

What is Outdoor Ethics? In this session you will learn the answer to this question as well as updates from the 2020 National Outdoor Ethics Conference

High Adventure Updates: The Summit, Orion Project and the Future of the National Scout Jamboree: What is happening at the Summit?! And What is this Orion we keep hearing all about it? What is next for the National Scout Jamboree? Attend this session and you'll zoom through all the excitement that is awaiting Scouts and Scouters over the next few years at the Summit. Want a sneak peek? Check out this video ... it's worth the moment or two to view ... https://youtu.be/Z6-XzxKXB_A

12:30 TO 1:00PM

Lunch

1:00 to 2:00

NCAP Updates Continued

High Adventure Updates: Northern Tier, Philmont and Florida Seas Base: From New Mexico to Minnesota to the Florida Keys – high adventure is preparing for its biggest summer EVER in 2021. Attend this course to find out what's NEW at our national high adventure bases and how you can get in on the action.

The Business of Camping: Camp is a critical delivery method of Scouting's mission! And yet there are real costs associated with maintaining and operating our camping programs. Attend this session to find out how you can take some key steps to ensure your council's camping business is set for success for the next decade.

2:00 to 3:00

Insurance issues related to non-Scout use of council properties: Learn about what types of insurance coverage is needed for non-Scout groups using a council camp or property.

Lessons learned from Covid-19 at camp: Learn from councils who operated camps during the pandemic. What did they do? What programs did they offer? Lessons learned.

The Future of the BSA's Outdoor Programs: What is coming for BSA's outdoor programs?! How will we continue to engage today's youth and families in Scouting's outdoor programs? Attend this session to hear all about what our national outdoor program committees are working on and what the future holds!

3:00 to 4:00

Cub Scout Outdoor Programming: Engaging Cub Scouts in outdoor programs is crucial to Cub Scout retention! From the den, to the pack, to individual families – every level of Cub Scouting deserves quality outdoor programs. This session will walk through ideas you can implement at every level and will highlight resources for 2021 and beyond.

Family Camping Initiatives: Expand camp usage by attracting families to camp at your council camps. How to do this?

Building Effective Camp Websites: Any successful business knows you must have a great website – and this is true for camps too! This session will walk through what GREAT websites have in common and some easy first steps you can take to make sure your camp is attracting a strong online following.