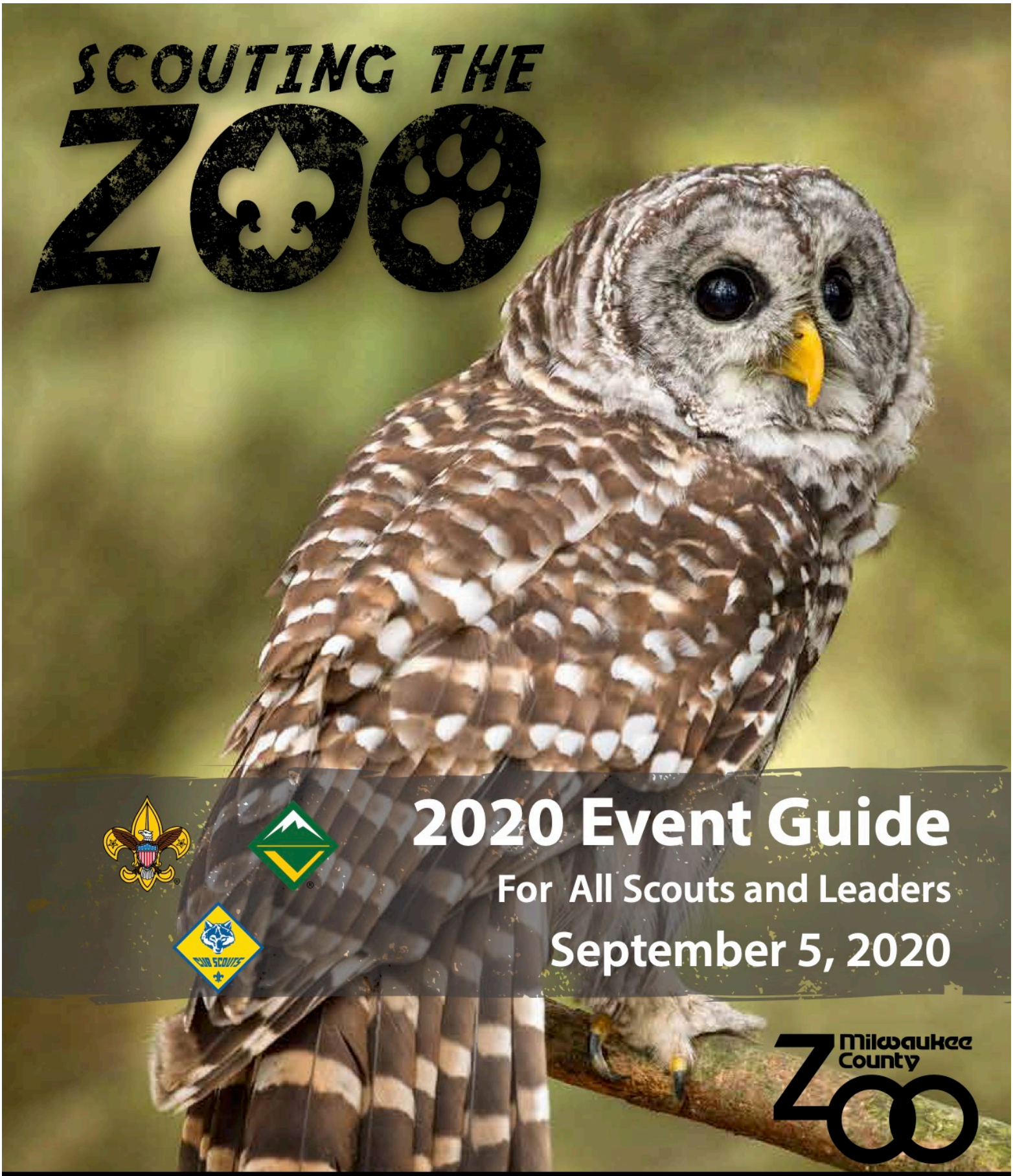

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Dear Friends of Scouting the Zoo,

First, I'd like to thank you all for standing by us and being patient while we've been in a holding pattern and watching what's been going on out there.

Over the last few months the rest of the event staff and I have been committed to hosting a great Scouting event with the understanding that it would likely look very different than the typical Scouting the Zoo event we've all grown to love. Some events we've been able to keep partially intact but the current health and safety guidelines have forced us to make some significant changes. That being said, we feel that we've put together a safe, fun and memorable event for you all. We hope you feel the same.

For the "bad" news, current policies have forced us to postpone the following key features to the 2021 event: behind the scenes programs, service projects, the Critter Crawl, Legendary Fitness, and the Team Challenge Course. Due to social distancing requirements and building occupancy rules, we've also been forced to cancel our coveted camping program, meal plans and unit displays.

While camping has been one of the most fun things we do, the true purpose of Scouting the Zoo has always been a Scouting showcase for the public. But for this year, we are shifting the focus of the event to us, the Scouts, and learning some new skills with a program that exists without the typical public interaction. We know that these are the anchor programs that draw a lot of you to the event but we hope you enjoy the new day program that we've created for you.

First, we will continue the Tiger Cub-annapolis, Pinewood Derby, Cubmobile and LumberScout competitions. We also intend to offer the event scavenger hunt, after hours train rides and the very popular carnival program. While these activities may look somewhat different and will be held in more private areas, we guarantee that they will remain fun and exciting.

Second, we intend to add some new things such as a geocache activity, event participant "passport," and brand new Scout skill "grottos." These areas will only be accessible for our Scout participants and will offer both basic and advanced skills in Scout areas like firebuilding, knots, camping, and many other things.

This guide has been edited to outline the programs we will be offering and we really hope you plan to join us for the new day format. It is our intent to go back to the typical program and activities for 2021 but this will be a unique event and a way to deliver the Scouting program, in a great venue, with a dedicated staff, while staying safe… plus there will be zoo animals.

I hope to see you out there and please feel free to reach out with questions.

Yours in Scouting,
Doug

Doug Reed II
2020 Scouting the Zoo Chair
Three Harbors Council

Scouting The Zoo Family Event
September 5, 2020
Event Overview – Quick Sheet

HIGHLIGHTED CHANGES FOR 2020

- Scouting the Zoo 2020 will be a day event consisting of an updated safe and fun program.
- General shift from unit registration to family registration although units are welcome to register as a group to maximize usage of unit Scout accounts.
- Camping, unit displays and event food services will be postponed to 2021 along with t-shirt and sling bag sales.
- Event programing will shift from a public-facing showcase event to a Scouting-focused skills event.

MEDICAL SCREENING

- All Scouts and Scouters will be required to complete a waiver and will be kept on file by the event staff.
- Medical screening will be conducted on-site for all Scouting participants and will consist of temperature checks as well as exposure questioning.
- All participants over the age of 3 will be required to wear masks unless medically cleared with an exemption.

FOOD OPTIONS

- Families and groups are allowed to bring food to the zoo but cooking is not permitted.
- Zoo concessions will be open during regular zoo hours

PROGRAM

- ***Scout Skill Grottos*** – socially distanced skill areas focusing on both basic and advanced Scout skills.
  - Fire Skills - traditional and unique fire lays and fire starting skills
  - Rope Skills - basic and advanced knots along with rope work activities
  - Camping Skills - packs and packing, cold weather camping and model campsites
  - General Skills - Kim's game, communications, trail signs and track identification
- ***Scavenger Hunt*** – markers placed around the zoo with clues and location identification
- ***Geocache Game*** – GPS coordinates and cache verification via photo confirmation
- ***Event Carnival*** – socially-distanced games using sanitizable or disposable game pieces

CUB SCOUT COMPETITIONS

- ***Cubmobile Races*** – "The Long Push" and "The Big Show" will be postponed until 2021 but "The Cool Cruise" will continue. Each den member will be allowed to race this year and the team will receive an average time. Sanitization will be expected between drivers.
- ***Pinewood Derby Races*** – Race weigh-in will be done early in the day. Cars will be sanitized after weigh-in and prior to pick-up. Both divisional races will be held at an undisclosed location and will be livestreamed for personal viewing. Trophies will be picked up with cars following the races.
- ***Tiger Cub-annapolis*** – Location change but all activities will remain the same for 2020.

SCOUTS BSA COMPETITIONS

- ***LumberScout Competition*** – This competition will shift from a team challenge to 4 individual events. Awards will be announced at the end of the day with trophy pickup at the event information table.

Detailed information can be found in the updated event guide, on our Facebook page and through the council website.

Facebook: facebook.com/ScoutingTheZoo
Website: www.ThreeHarborsScouting.org/ScoutingTheZoo
Email: ScoutingTheZoo@gmail.com

Event Fees

Due to the variety of admission options to the zoo, ticket and program fees are offered separately. Patches are purchased separately as well. **Participation fees do not include parking and parking fees may be paid online or at the zoo gate.**

PARTICIPATION FEES

	Fee	Description
Total number of people in attendance	**N/A**	ALL people coming to Scouting the Zoo associated with your family or unit should be accounted for; this would include anyone who has a zoo pass or other means of zoo admittance.
Zoo Admission	**$9.50**	Zoo ticket for admission *Required if you don't have a zoo pass
Parking Pass	**$12.00**	Required for all vehicles not simply dropping off Scouts or leaders
Program Participant	**$5.00**	All programs Saturday. Patches sold separately. This is required for access to the Scouting grottos and for participation in competitions
Patches	**$1.00**	Anyone can buy a patch

Tickets will be e-mailed throughout August and September 2020

Units who register together will be required to submit a roster but must check in individually.

Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful Campaign (KGMB)
Adults and youth in your unit can get a free pass to admit them to the zoo by participating in the *Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful Campaign*. This is a great way to provide community service while saving the cost of admittance to the zoo, so get your reservation in early! For more details on how your unit can qualify, call (414) 272-5462 ext. 106 or visit the Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful website at www.kgmb.org. Zoo passes for Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful will be honored on the Scouting the Zoo weekend even though they state they are not valid until later.

PARKING INFORMATION

Parking Pass: All units attending the campsite lottery or program specific informational meeting in January/February will be issued one free parking pass. All other vehicles will be required to pay for parking online or at the zoo gate.

SCOUTING THE ZOO

General Information

Medical Screening
To adhere to screening requirements for both Scouting and the Milwaukee County Zoo, all participants will be required to complete a medical waiver before participating in Scouting activities. This waiver will be e-mailed along with a group's tickets. Please complete the waiver and bring it with you to the event.

Temperature checks and exposure questioning will also be done onsite prior to check-in. All participants over the age of 3 are asked to wear a face mask (face shields do not qualify) and special consideration will be allowed for demonstrated medical needs.

Prohibited Items
Frisbees, footballs, baseballs and games of catch (of any sort) are not allowed due to the possibility of a ball or frisbee landing in an animal enclosure. Skateboards, skates, heelys, drones and bicycles are also not allowed. Please discourage your Scouts from playing cards, dice or other games of chance. Consumption of alcohol is prohibited at all Scout events and smoking is not permitted on zoo property.

Uniforming
Scouts are expected to be in field uniform while walking around the zoo. Many units allow varying degrees of pants/shorts but athletic shorts are not appropriate for this event. Official pants/shorts, belt, socks, etc. are encouraged. Per national policies, uniforms are to be worn properly (tucked in). **While participating in zoo competitions, or after the zoo closes, Scouts may wear an activity uniform shirt.** Please remind your Scouts that they are representing the Scouting program when at the zoo. Their appearance and behavior will reflect upon their unit and the organization as a whole.

Recognition
A commemorative patch can be purchased for an additional fee. Don't forget to give your Scouts credit for the numerous achievements, electives and merit badge requirements they may meet by participating in the event activities. Please take note of what your Scouts do; an advancement list will not be provided.

Medical Issues
Minor first aid issues may be handled by the individual unit or family. Larger first aid issues must be documented by Scouting the Zoo leadership team members. For major medical issues, contact appropriate services and then please find a member of the Scouting the Zoo staff. During normal zoo hours, also contact zoo personnel to alert the on-site paramedic.

Inclement Weather
The show goes on, rain or shine, so participants are encouraged to plan accordingly. Weather will be monitored by the event staff and zoo personnel. In the event of severe weather, please follow the instructions of the event staff and/or zoo personnel.

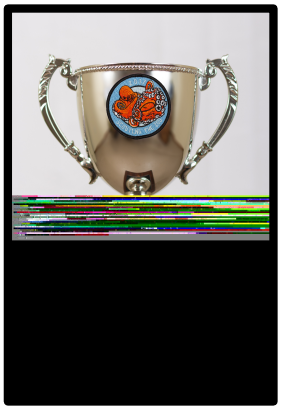
Event Activities and Highlights

Scout Skill Grottos: Since unit displays have been postponed until 2021, we are inviting our participants to enjoy this new activity program designed around basic and advanced Scout skills. Skill areas will include firebuilding, ropes and knots, general camping skills and other games. This will be a socially-distanced activity but will have safe hands-on programming.

Scavenger Hunt: This is an event to get Scouts meeting other Scouts and leaders while learning about the animals at the zoo. Interested Scouts can grab a record sheet from the information booth during registration. When the scavenger hunt is completed, the form can be turned in at the Scouting information booth at the zoo entrance for drawings of special prizes. All Scouts are encouraged to participate.

Geocache Activity: While exploring the zoo, families are encouraged to hunt for event geocaches that will be hidden around the zoo. Participants will be asked to "capture" photos of each cache and upon completion, return to the event information table for recognition.

Secret Scouter Program: Throughout the event, Secret Scouter agents will be walking around looking for Scouts who are showing outstanding Scout spirit. Agent observations will result in points towards The Zoo Cup or Zero's Heroes, as well as individual items being handed out on the spot. Agents could be Scouters or members of the general public.



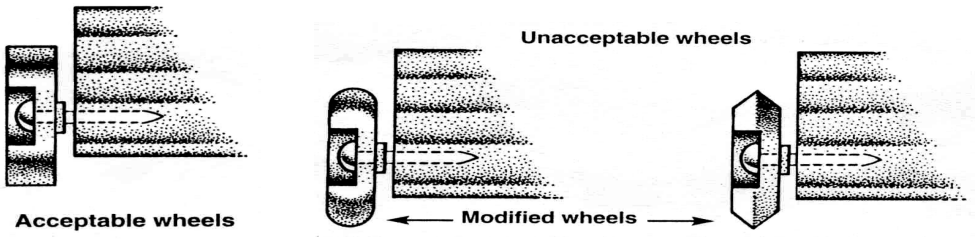
The Zoo Cup: The Zoo Cup will be awarded to a Scouts' BSA or Venturing unit as a culmination of all events at the zoo. Consideration for this award will be given for Scout behavior, activity participation and overall unit presence. The winning unit will be awarded the Zoo Cup to be displayed at one of the council offices and will have second claim to a campsite at next year's campsite lottery meeting in February. The award-winning unit will be expected to help lead the parade at next year's Scouting the Zoo event!

Zero's Heroes: This annual award will be presented to a Cub Scout pack who truly gets involved in the event. Consideration for this award will be given for Scout behavior, activity participation and overall unit presence. The winning unit will receive a commemorative plaque and the trophy will be displayed, with the current unit number, in one of our council offices. The winning unit will be invited to join the Zoo Cup winners in leading next year's parade.

Pinewood Derby Rules

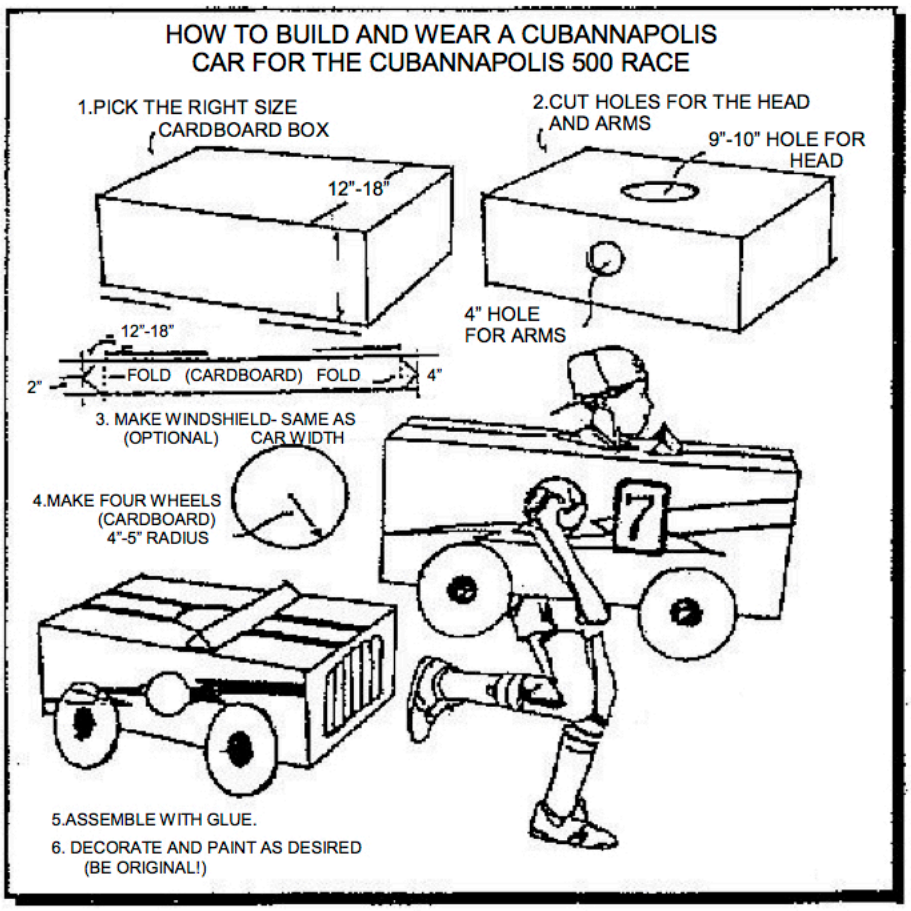
It is expected that all cars entered will have been made during the 2019/2020 Scouting year. All cars must pass inspection to qualify for the race. The inspection points are as follows:

- The car must have been made during the current year.
- The width of the car shall not exceed 2 ¾ inches.
- The length of the car shall not exceed 7 inches.
- The weight of the car shall not exceed 5 ounces.
- The car may be hollowed out and built up to the maximum weight by the addition of wood or solid metal only, provided any additional material is securely built into the body.
- Axles, wheels, and body wood shall be as provided in the kit or official BSA replacement kits, including colored wheels.
- Wheel bearings, washers, and bushings are prohibited.
- The car shall not ride on any kind or type of springs.
- Any details added must be within length, width and weight limits.
- The car must be freewheeling, with no starting devices.
- No loose materials of any kind (such as lead shot) are allowed in or on the car.
- Minimum under clearance is three eighths (3/8) inches. This tolerance must be held to ensure that the car does not drag on the lane guide strip.
- Only the official nails provided in the official BSA Derby Car Kits may be used as axles. Only replacement nails & wheels, including colored wheels, sold at the Council Scout Shop are legal. No solid axles are permitted. Only dry powder lubricants such as graphite may be used.
- Wheels may be sanded to remove mold flash, but the tread must remain full width and flat. Cars must be lubricated before inspection. No further lubrication will be permitted.
- The wheelbase must be kept stock as furnished on the block of wood. This dimension is four and three eighths (4 -3/8) inches. Must use axel slots as furnished.
- This is a parent and Cub Scout project. The parent should do no more than rough shape the block and assist in installing wheels and axles.
- If a car jumps off the track, leaves its lane, or interferes with another car, the heat will be run again. If it happens again, the problem car will automatically lose that heat.
- If a car suffers a mechanical problem (breaks a wheel, etc.) and repair can be made in a reasonable time, the heat will run again. If repair is not possible, the car will lose that heat.
- The name of the Scout must be on the car. This can be directly printed in ink or paint on the car or on a piece of paper and taped on the car.
- All previous numbers and stickers must be removed.
- Pre-registration is required for all Cub Scouts competing.



Tiger Cub-annapolis Rules

- Each Scout should make his own cardboard box car that he wears.
- He can decorate it as he wishes.
- A family member is allowed and required to help as "pit crew."
- Each team will consist of (1) Tiger Cub (Driver) and (1) Family Member (Pit Crew).
- The driver must wear a pair of "lace-up" shoes with socks. NO SLIP-ON SHOES! They must tie!
- Each driver will complete 4 laps stopping after laps 1-3 to complete a pit stop. Pit stop requirements are:
    - After Lap 1 – "Change Tires" (remove shoes, turn socks inside out, replace and retie shoes)
    - After Lap 2 – "Gas Up" (drink ½ a cup of water)
    - After Lap 3 – "Clean Windshield" (wipe goggles with washcloth)
- After the last pit stop, the driver will be directed to the finish line.
- Each Scout should bring:
    - Cardboard Cubannapolis car
    - Shoes with laces and socks
    - A hard-working pit crew!



THIS IS JUST ONE WAY — YOU CAN ALSO BUILD CAR TO GO AROUND WAIST

Event Registration Form
Family and Unit Groups

This form is due no later than August 26, 2020

ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE at www.ThreeHarborsScouting.org/ScoutingTheZoo

Unit type and number: _____ District: _____ Council: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

A roster on the back page must accompany all registrations.

Admission	#	Cost	Total
Total number of people attending		N/A	
How many do not require an admission ticket?		N/A	
How many need zoo admission?		$9.50	
How many drivers need parking passes?		$12.00	

You must purchase a zoo ticket if you don't have a zoo pass and drop off drivers will also need a pass or will be charged for parking at the zoo gate.

Program	#	Cost	Total
How many participation wristbands do you need?		$5.00	
How many patches would you like?		$1.00	

Total: _____

Account #: 1-6801-768-20

Ticket Delivery

Tickets will be e-mailed to the person placing the order throughout August and September 2020. No physical tickets will be issued unless arranged by e-mailing ScoutingTheZoo@gmail.com.

Please return this form and roster to:

Three Harbors Council, BSA
Attn: Katie Schneider
330 South 84th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53214-1468

OR

Three Harbors Council, BSA
Attn: Katie Schneider
7500 Green Bay Rd, Suite LL101
Kenosha, WI 53142

For Office Use Only: Initials: _____ Date: _____

For Day Of Use Only: Total Scouts: _____ Total Adults: _____ Total Other: _____

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Event Roster

All families and units must turn in a roster of all people attending the event.
Please indicate program level
Wristband required for participation in skills and competitions

Unit Type and number: _____ District: _____

Name	Adult, Scout, sibling, or other	Scouts BSA Participant	Cub Scout Participant

Please return this form and roster no later than September 3, 2020 via e-mail to ScoutingTheZoo@gmail.com or through the mail to:

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Our unit has paid fees for the original event but now aren't able to attend or are having families pay separately. How do we request a refund of originally paid fees?
A: Simply e-mail ScoutingTheZoo@gmail.com to request a refund for the event. Refunds can take several weeks to be paid out and must be paid via check. The event leadership will confirm to whom the payment is to be made.

Why would I need to include numbers of participants if I'm not needing to purchase tickets and they are not going to participate in program?
A: We'd like to get an accurate count of all attendees that are connected with the event for tracking and insurance reasons. So, even a family member, with a zoo pass, who doesn't want a patch or food, should still be counted as they wouldn't likely have been at the zoo without their connection to the Scouting program.

I'm a Cub Scout leader, can my pack camp overnight?
A: Unfortunately no, camping is being postponed to 2021.

Can I add people past the registration deadline?
A: There are some circumstances where this will be ok. E-mail ScoutingTheZoo@gmail.com to request the additions before paying for them so that we can record accurate additions if allowed.

I'm from a Scouts BSA or Venturing unit and I missed the campsite lottery, can my unit still camp?
A: Unfortunately, no. Camping is being postponed to 2021.

Where can I find which camping spots are still open?
A: Due to the

We've registered for the event, when will I get my tickets and wristbands?
A: We utilize digital tickets (QR codes) for this event. They should arrive beginning in May and will be sent to the person who placed the order. Each order will be provided one QR code for admission and one QR code for parking and it will scan the appropriate number of times as per the registration. If you haven't received your tickets by September 2, 2020, please e-mail ScoutingTheZoo@gmail.com for inquiries. Wristbands will be handed out at the Friday night leader's meeting (troops and crews) or during check-in on Saturday (packs and day units).

I have my QR codes from my order, what do I do with them now?
A: That is up to how your unit decided how to handle ticket distribution. You can e-mail the QR codes to all your families or some units still want paper copies and you are welcome to print them and distribute. Please note that the number of times each QR code will scan is the exact number of times matching the amount of admission tickets or parking and drop-off passes that were paid for.

I have questions that aren't answered here, who do I talk to?
A: Please e-mail ScoutingTheZoo@gmail.com with your questions. Several members of the leadership team monitor that e-mail and will respond to you and your question. Please allow for 24-36 hours for responses as we are volunteers as well. Of course we will do our best to respond within a few hours, or sooner, as much as possible.

Where can I find more info?
A: There are many resources available if more information is needed. You can follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/ScoutingTheZoo), visit our webpage (www.ThreeHarborsScouting.org/ScoutingTheZoo),