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THIS MONTH

Scouts should wear their class-B shirt, appropriate outerwear, and a mask.

- Sat, 3/6 @ **Roslyn Park**, 10a - 11:30a. Map and compass skills, first aid kit
- Sat, 3/13 @ **Welwyn Preserve**, 10a - 12p. Service project
- Sat, 3/20 @ **Harriman State Park**. 9a - 4p. Hike, establish camp, build campfire, cooking skills, navigation, nature
- Sat, 3/27 - **NO meeting**

Committee Meeting. Wed, 3/10 @ 7:30. Zoom link to follow.

Sun, 3/14 - **Optional 10-mile hiking opportunity at Rocky Point Pine Barrens State Forest** in eastern Long Island, which can be used toward the hiking merit badge requirements. Interested Scout families should email Linda LaMarca directly at linlamarc@hotmail.com for details. Families must provide their own transportation. Trail map for this 5-hour hike is attached. Pack 278 Webelos families are invited!

Survey. We need to get your quick input. **Onteora is planning on having in-person summer camp this year!** Sun, July 25 - Sat, July 31. In order to best figure out logistics, they need a gauge on anticipated participation. *Please let us know if your Scout plans on attending by replying to sctroop43@gmail.com with your answer, ASAP:*

- Definitely!
- Maybe?
- No way

In-person District Round Table. Tues, 3/9 at 7:30 pm in parking lot of the Community Church of East Williston.

Community Service. Due to Covid-19, food pantries need our help now more than ever. Please take this opportunity to donate food to the local food pantry of your choice. Every item makes a big difference to our neighbors who are in need.

NEXT MONTH

LI Orienteering Club Meet at Muttontown Preserve. Scouts will be introduced to the sport of orienteering. Navigation skills will be taught and Scouts will be grouped into small teams to find their way to various checkpoints across the preserve with the aid of a map and compass. An award will go to the winning team with the fastest time! More details to follow.

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TRAINING

In May, Troop 43 is pleased to offer **Red Cross Training for First Aid, CPR and AED**. Upon completion, every Scout and adult participant will receive a 2-year official certificate. The training will take place in two parts:

- The online training portion takes 2 hours, 10 minutes and is self-paced (the progress can be saved to be completed later).
- The in-person training takes about 1 hour and will take place outdoors at Bethpage State Park for Covid-19 safety.

Please RSVP to Elena Vogts if you or your Scout would like to attend so that we can reserve the date. helennikola@hotmail.com

LAST MONTH

The Scouts got a crash course in **Winter Camping 101** at Welwyn Preserve. Skills learned included fire building, camp site considerations, and dressing and packing appropriately. Who knew you could make a fire on top of snow?! Thanks to all the Webelos who joined us!



Let the Adventure Continue!

Thank you to the **Piccoli webmasters** for keeping our Troop 43 website up to date! Links have been added to view our "Troop 43 Tribute to Scout Sunday" video created by Katie Taber! <https://www.seaclifftroop43.org>