

Dog Scouts of America Welcomes You to
Sparky's Summer Block Party

Welcome to the party! This virtual activity starts July 9, runs 4 weeks, provides you with an extra week to submit any videos you'd like to share and culminates with a Zoom Block Party on August 14.

What participants get:

- Four weeks filled with fun and learning
- Weekly activity guide
- Instructional videos and written materials
- Links to additional topic information
- Four Weekly Wag sessions (Zoom) covering IMPROV, K9-Fitness, Trails Titles & our new Urban Hiking merit badge
- Two Zoom training challenge sessions providing participant mixer opportunities
- Opportunities to interact with fellow participants and organizers through closed Facebook group
- A special patch designed just for this event

How it works: Each week you will be able to access a schedule of activities [on the website](#). You may choose to complete all of the activities or pick those that appeal to you the most. The program is geared to dogs of all levels; there's something for everyone.

Along with the weekly schedule, you will get written or videoed instructions for all activities so that you can confidently teach your dog(s) new skills, plus you'll receive all the information needed to play the games and complete the other activities. We will also provide links to explore a topic in more depth. The activity schedule is easy to use and understand.

Types of activities: Activities can be adjusted to the skill level of the dog you're working with and/or the time you have available during week. If an activity is skipped in any week you can return to complete it in subsequent weeks, months or even years. Each week will include activities in each of these categories:

Get Outside! - Time spent outside with your dog can give you a chance to unwind and recharge – these activities will give you a reason to explore your surroundings in a different way.

Sparks of Brilliance – Each week's schedule includes a list of behaviors that are the building blocks for skills we've targeted for you to master – teach them if they're new, add distractions for mastery if your dog already knows them.

Igniting Creativity – this section encourages you to apply behaviors in new ways and create more complex behaviors that can enhance your teamwork.

Fun & Games – Activities that are gathered in this category may nudge you out of your regular training routine and try something new.

Block Party Countdown! – Solve online puzzles and complete quizzes and games to earn a puzzle piece to complete your Block Party Countdown book. You can play alone or team up with other participants.

Arfs & Crafts – Each week we offer some ideas for creative projects, some of them can be used in training and performing the skills featured during this Summer Block Party.