



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®
MIAMI VALLEY COUNCIL

Service Center &
Scout Shop
CLOSED

Through May 1st



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DATES IMPACTED BY COVID-19

Through **May 1**:

- The **Miami Valley Council Service Center** and **Scout Shop** are both closed. The Council staff is working remotely and should you need to be in contact with members of our Council team, please email or call. Contact information for staff can be found [HERE](#). We are working to 'Do Our Best' in these unprecedented times to help you keep the Scouting fire lit for the youth and families of our programs, while keeping all parties safe.
- ALL **DISTRICT** and **COUNCIL** in-person meetings and ALL activities through Thursday, April 30, 2020 are postponed or cancelled.
- ALL **UNITS** are to discontinue in-person meetings and ALL activities, including camping trips. Again, it is our civic duty to play a leadership role and help our country limit the spread of the Corona-virus.

- ALL **COUNCIL** camp properties are closed. For Information regarding refunds for camp facilities rental, event postponement or cancellations, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Please review the [council calendar](#) for information regarding cancelled and suspended programs.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

These cancellations do NOT apply to our summer camp programs and events occurring beyond the closure period of May 1.

SUMMER CAMP UPDATE

The Council Outdoor Adventure and Program Committees met this week to discuss our ability to conduct quality Summer Resident and Summer Day Camps as well as other spring and summer programming, including NYLT. The committee continues to monitor the COVID-19 issue and is meeting again the week of April 13 to make further determinations for our summer programs and camps. As more information and decisions are made, we will keep our Scouts and Scouters informed on the status of these important Scouting experiences. Thank you for your patience as we navigate these uncharted trails!

APRIL 2020 Virtual **ROUNDTABLE!!!**

We are excited to share the Virtual Roundtable for April. Join our Council Key 3 as they share important information and updates during distance Scouting. This month's Roundtable includes information on current business practices, upcoming programs, and how Scouts can keep the flame while we flatten the curve.



Please [CLICK HERE](#) if you have any questions or feedback.

'Keep the Flame' Video Series Launched

SPARK SESSION #3: Virtual Troop Meetings

During our 'distance Scouting' period, it is important to stay connected and for all of us to 'keep the flame' of Scouting burning brightly. A new video series was created to showcase the unique and fun ways our Miami Valley Scouters are keeping Scouts together during our time apart!



Keep the Flame Spark 3: Lori Frankart on Virtual Troop Meetings

Keep the Flame Archives

[Spark Session #1: Richelle Zbinden - Virtual Scouting Ideas](#)

[Spark Session #2: Home Scouting - Short Version](#)

[Spark Session #2: Home Scouting- Extended Version](#)

If you have a creative idea that should be considered for an upcoming episode please [CLICK HERE](#) to submit.



VIRTUAL MERIT BADGE WAVE 2 Coming Soon!!!

Announcing a new way to engage with Scouting at Home! We are now offering Virtual Merit Badge clinics beginning next week, completely free of charge! Selection and availability limited, but we'll be offering several more clinics in the near future.

Wave 1 featured Family Life 'Partial' and Genealogy Merit Badges. They were an overwhelming successful with 30 Scouts participating in both.

As we develop more merit badge clinics for future waves, if you'd like to be a virtual merit badge counselor or would like to see a certain merit badge offered, please [CLICK HERE](#) to email Virtual Merit Badge Staff Adviser, Jay Shankel. Please [FOLLOW US](#) on Facebook to register for Merit Badge Clinics when they go live!

Bryon on Scouting reviewed all the Merit Badges and determined these 58 are the best to complete in a social distancing fashion. [CLICK HERE](#) for the list!

Additionally Bryon provides resources to Scouts for working on Merit Badges at Home. [CLICK HERE](#) to read the full article.

The Miami Valley Council has established a **Virtual Scouting Program Committee** to research and create programming ideas for our Scouting units during our 'distance Scouting' period. There are new resources flooding the internet and Facebook each day to help assist leaders, parents, and Scouts. To help you 'Keep The Flame' for Scouting burning brightly, all Scouting-at-home resources are being linked or uploaded to the front page of our website.

www.miamivalleybsa.org



Our National BSA organization launched a Scouting at Home Website full of resources!

www.scouting.org/scoutingathome



SCOUT-TASK-TIC Challenge & Virtual Roundtable

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Please help us stay connected by participating in the 'Scout-Task-Tic' challenges, which occur twice a week through our Facebook page. These are quick and fun activities that you can conduct from your home and share with our Miami Valley Scouting community.
