

**Service Center &
Scout Shop
CLOSED**

Through May 1st



MIAMI VALLEY COUNCIL

SUMMER CAMP AND PROGRAMS UPDATE

Members of our council's Outdoor Adventure and Program committee met this week to discuss the outlook for our ability to conduct safe camps and programs this summer. Many unit leaders, parents and Scouts are hopeful to attend summer camp this year.

With the recent news of a slow and 'phased' re-opening of our country and the State of Ohio, the committees are working to develop a plan to share with our Miami Valley Council families on the status of summer camps (day camps, resident camps) and programs (National Youth Leadership Training, Cub Adventure, Cub Quest, Scouting for Food, etc) as soon as possible. The safety, care and protection of our young people is still the priority of our council as we look to move away from our 'Scouting-at-home' period and transitioning back to our traditional Scouting program.

Your patience has been and continues to be extremely appreciated and all updates will be shared as soon as decisions have been made.

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 Friday, May 1, 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.

'Keep the Flame' Video Series Launched

SPARK SESSION #4: Scout Health with
Pediatrician, Dr. Greg Eberhart

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 4: Pediatrician Dr. Greg Eberhart

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](#)

[Spark Session #3: Lori Frankhart - Virtual Troop Meeting](#)

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

VIRTUAL MERIT BADGE WAVE 3

WAVE 4 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!

WAVE 3 Features Three Badges!
[CLICK HERE](#) to register for ONE today!



- Entrepreneurship - April 23, 2:00-3:00 PM
- Salesmanship - April 23 & April 30, 3:30-4:30 PM
- Personal Fitness "Jump-Start!" (partial) - April 21 & April 28, 7:00-8:00 PM

**Note* Registration closes at 6:00PM the day before the first session of class.*

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.



ATTENTION CUB PACKS!

Make plans now for your leaders to VIRTUALLY attend our FALL RECRUITING KICKOFF on APRIL 30 at 8:00pm. Here, you'll learn (or be refreshed), from fellow volunteers, the best way to make Fall 2020 your most successful recruitment ever!

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP by April 29 and let us know who is coming! We will send out the meeting link to all who have registered by noon on April 30.



NATIONAL JAMBOREE 2021... FACE THE CHALLENGE!

Applications are now being accepted for our 2021 National Jamboree contingent leadership team. We are seeking 10-12 adult leaders who are interested in serving as Scoutmasters or Assistant Scoutmasters for both male and female contingent troops. If you are interested, please [CLICK HERE](#) to complete the online application. The application deadline is May 15 so that the selection committee can make their decision by the end of May.

Youth who are interested in attending Jamboree should first apply through the national application portal by [CLICKING HERE](#). The registration for the council contingent will be available within the next two weeks. Cost to attend is still being finalized is expected to be in the \$1,400 to \$1,550 range. Scholarship funds are available from the BSA for youth attending the National Scout Jamboree. The application is available as part of the national application portal.

For any questions [CLICK HERE](#) to contact Jody Malone, Council Jamboree Steering Committee Chair or [CLICK HERE](#) to contact Patrick Higgins, Jamboree Staff Adviser.

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



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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.
