

Service Center &
Scout Shop
CLOSED

Through May 17th



MIAMI VALLEY COUNCIL

SUMMER CAMP AND PROGRAMS UPDATE

We continue to monitor both the 'phased' reopening of the State of Ohio and the requirements to keep our families safe and protected. The COVID-19 Task Force of the Miami Valley Council has met weekly since mid-March to make determinations on Scouting's outlook in the Miami Valley. Our ability to conduct safe camps and programs this summer is a topic that we know is very important to our leaders, families, and Scouts.

Our country's national response is moving fast! While there is much we don't know, we can be certain that our youth want to go to summer camp, but only if it is safe to do so. A variety of options have been and are being considered including delaying the start of summer camp, offering shorter sessions of summer camp, and moving toward a virtual summer camp experience. We are also evaluating Cub Scout Day Camp in a similar manor. A number of factors ,some known and some unknown, play into our ability to safely conduct programs at our camps this summer. We also know that our Scouting units are trying to make decisions on their summer plans and wanting to communicate updates to their Scouts and parents.

While we are very close to making a decision on our ability to conduct summer camp, your patience has been and continues to be extremely appreciated and **all updates will be shared as soon as decisions have been made**. Due to the ongoing efforts to identify ways to best offer camp experiences this summer, the early bird dead-line

for all programs will be extended to May 30th to give units and parents ample time to make their own decisions. We will also waive the normal late fee.

PLEASE monitor your email, our council's Facebook and website over the NEXT WEEK for the latest information regarding the status of summer camps and programs.

The safety, care and protection of our young people is still the priority of our council and we will continue with our 'Scouting-at-home' period through May 17th, and revising the date as we learn more in this ever-changing environment.

SCOUTING AT HOME

NOW EXTENDED THROUGH MAY 17

DATES IMPACTED BY COVID-19

NOW Through **May 17**:

- 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 17, 2020 are postponed or cancelled.
- ALL **UNITS** are to discontinue in-person meetings and ALL activities, including camping trips.
- 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.



'CUB SCOUT VIRTUAL ADVENTURES' LAUNCHED

Starting **Monday, April 27**, we will be starting 30 days of Cub Scout Advancement on Facebook. Each week will focus on a different adventure for each rank and we will post a new activity for each rank every day at 8am. Be sure to keep track of what your Scout completes so that their Den Leader or Cubmaster can give them credit. Also don't forget to leave a video or picture of your activity in the comments so your fellow Scouts can see the fun you are having! Be Sure to [FOLLOW US](#) on Facebook!

'Keep the Flame' Video Series

SPARK SESSION #5: Keeping the Flame with
Assistant Chief Scout Executive & National Director of
Field Service, Patrick Sterrett

Topics Include: National 'Camp-In' Announcement and Virtual Scouting ideas



Keep the Flame Spark 5: Patrick Sterrett, Assistant Chief Scout Executive & National Director of Field Service of the Boy Scouts of America

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 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 Frankart - Virtual Troop Meeting](#)

[Spark Session #4: Pediatrician Dr. Greg Eberhart - Scout Wellness](#)

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

VIRTUAL MERIT BADGE WAVE 4

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 4 Features TWO Badges!
[CLICK HERE](#) to register for ONE today!

- **Oceanography** - April 28, May 5 & 12, 10:00-11:00 AM
- **Music** - April 30, 2:00-3:00 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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[Follow us on Facebook](#) for all the latest news and information

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.