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MIAMI VALLEY COUNCIL

MARCH 27 Scouting-At-Home Update



Dear Members of the Scouting Community,

We have now completed our first FULL week of our new 'stay-at-home' lives. I'm sure for all of us, it has brought new tests to our daily lives, pushed us out of our comfort zone, and created moments of reflection. I hope you are adjusting well, staying safe, and keeping the flame for Scouting burning during these unprecedented times. My family and I are doing well. My wife Jen has become a teacher to our first-grade daughter Alexa and I am continuing to work with our council's staff and executive board in a remote setting...all under one roof!

We had several new milestones this week. Our council held our first executive board meeting virtually! We accomplished the business of the council and we had wonderful discussions on how Scouting can still play a role in life, even to those who aren't yet involved. We also discussed the outlook on upcoming events, including summer camp and day camps. Our camp leadership team is in constant communication and continues to plan for a fun and exciting camping season. I'm confident that our youth and families are going to want some outdoor time at one of our beautiful facilities this summer so don't forget to register for camp! We also spent a good portion of our time together discussing the council's financial picture and next steps. Needless to say there are many important decisions to make going forward and as those decisions are made I will continue to keep you informed.



March Executive Virtual Board Meeting
35 Board Members Participated

As always, I appreciate each and every one of you and the effort you are giving.

Keep the Flame!

Sincerely,

Jeffrey R. Schiavone
Scout Executive

Video Series Launched



Keep the Flame Episode 1: Richelle Zbinden

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!

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

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.

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SCOUT-TASK-TIC Challenge & Virtual Roundtable

Coming Soon!!!!

[Follow us on Facebook](#) for all the latest news and information including details on our upcoming **SCOUT-TASK-TIC** challenge. We are also planning our **Virtual Roundtable** and it will be posted to Facebook on April 9th. If you have questions you'd like answers to, please take the brief survey by **CLICKING HERE** and we will do our best to answer your questions at the virtual roundtable on Thursday, April 9. You won't want to miss it!!!

Service Center &
Scout Shop
CLOSED

Through April 6th



MIAMI VALLEY COUNCIL

DATES IMPACTED BY COVID-19

Through **April 6:**

- 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.

Through **April 30**:

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

IMPORTANT NOTE:

These cancellations do NOT apply to our summer camp programs and events occurring beyond the closure period of April 30th. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and may make additional changes on programs, camps, and events beyond the April 30th date should the landscape further evolve.

Don't Forget to register for Camp!!!

Scouts are excited about the adventure that awaits as summer camp and we are stilling planning on making life-changing memories for all who attend. Register for Summer Day Camps and Resident Camps today! [CLICK HERE](#).