



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®  
MIAMI VALLEY COUNCIL

Service Center &  
Scout Shop  
**CLOSED**



Through May 31st

MIAMI VALLEY COUNCIL

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## SUMMER CAMP AND PROGRAMS UPDATE

Hello Scouting Community,

After careful consideration and weighing a number of factors; including the health and safety of our Scouts, staff, and volunteers, we have made the difficult decision **to cancel our summer programming for 2020**. This decision includes the following events:

- Miami Lodge Spring Ordeal
- Beaver Day at Woodland Trails
- Scouts BSA & Cub Scout Resident Camps
- Cub Scout Day Camps

Additionally, our outdoor properties (Cricket Holler, Schiewetz Center, and Woodland Trails) will remain closed to all events and the public through at least **May 31st**. Units

and groups that had reservations or deposits at these facilities, including deposits for summer camp, will be contacted regarding their options for either transferring their deposit, receiving a refund, or rescheduling their reservation. We have rescheduled **NYLT** to be held August 2-7 and **Cub Adventure Weekend** has been rescheduled for September 11-13. We will continue to monitor Local, State and Federal guidance regarding safety and social distancing with any additional programming changes communicated as quickly as possible.

We still wish to provide our Scouts with a summer Scouting experience. Therefore, we are excited to announce that we will be holding a **virtual summer camp experience tentatively beginning June 21<sup>st</sup> with a virtual opening campfire**. More info on this will be coming shortly so please keep an eye out.

We know this decision will be disappointing to many and we have not made it lightly and without considering all options. However, with the hard work of our Scouting community, we know we will still have a fun-packed summer. Rest assured, we will also use this time to make much needed improvements to our facilities so the summer of 2021 will be even more amazing.

For more information about how this decision might impact you or your unit, we have setup a special page on the Miami Valley Council website with additional info.

**Please go to [www.miamivalleybsa.org/summer2020](http://www.miamivalleybsa.org/summer2020) to get more info.**

We thank you for your patience and support during this time and wish you and your family health and success.

Yours in Service,



Brendan Greaney  
Vice President, Outdoor Adventures

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## Update on Summer Camps and Programs

Message from Scout Executive, Jeff Schiavone



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## SCOUTING AT HOME

### NOW EXTENDED THROUGH MAY 31

DATES IMPACTED BY COVID-19

NOW Through **May 31**:

- 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 Sunday, May 31, 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](#).

## CANCELED

- OA Spring Ordeal
- Beaver Day at Woodland Trails - Canceled
- District Day Camps - Canceled, Alternative experience being developed
- Scouts BSA Resident Camp - Canceled, Virtual experience being developed
- Cub Resident Camp - Canceled, Virtual experience being developed

## RESCHEDULED

- Cub Adventure Weekend - rescheduled to September 11-13
- National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) - rescheduled to August 2-7
- Buckskin - rescheduled to October 7, October 16-18



**'CUB SCOUT VIRTUAL ADVENTURES' LAUNCHED: KEEP YOUR CUB...SCOUTING!!!**

Started on **Monday, April 27**, the 30 days of virtual adventure are featuring a daily dose of Scouting for your Cub Scout. 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!

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## 'Keep the Flame' Video Series

Spark Session #6 featuring again Patrick Sterrett, National Assistant Chief Scout Executive discussed Good Turns and Supporting Local Scouting.



Keep the Flame, Spark Session 6: Assistant Chief Scout Executive - National Director of Field Service Pt. 2

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](#)

[Spark Session #5: Assistant Chief Scout Executive & DFS Patrick Sterrett - National Camp-In and Virtual Scouting ideas](#)

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

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## VIRTUAL MERIT BADGE WAVE 5 Coming Soon!

We have already held FOUR waves of virtual Scouting Merit Badges and more than 100 Scouts have participated!!! Thank you for making this so successful and we look forward to announcing the fifth wave in the coming days. Please stay tuned to our Facebook page for more 'real-time' detail.



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.

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## 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.

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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](http://www.miamivalleybsa.org)



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

[www.scouting.org/scoutingathome](http://www.scouting.org/scoutingathome)



## FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK FOR ALL THE LATEST INFORMATION!!!

[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.

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