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MIAMI VALLEY COUNCIL

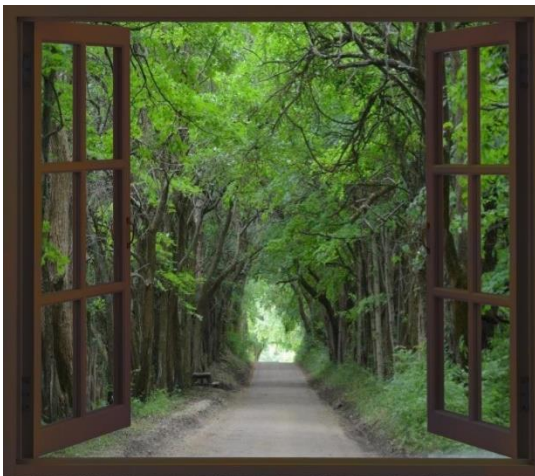
Service Center &
Scout Shop

JUNE 1st
REOPENING



MIAMI VALLEY COUNCIL

WOODLAND TRAILS AT HOME



COMING SOON!

Summer camp is one of the most exciting opportunities Scouts look forward to each year. Though we may be apart this summer, we are proud to present a summer experience as we never have before...*Woodland Trails at Home.*

Woodland Trails at Home is designed to be the highlight of an exciting year in Scouting. It is a time to delight in the outdoors, to learn new skills, to forge new friendships. From the

newest Scout to the most experienced Scout, Woodland Trails at Home is the adventure that puts the "outing" in Scouting.

Continue your Scouting journey with us through advancement opportunities, summer camp traditions, merit badge programs, challenges, and so much more, all from the comfort of your own backyard. More information will be coming soon.

[CLICK HERE](#) if you have questions for Camp Director Tracy Cunningham.

SCOUTING AT HOME

Through MAY 31 & Extensions of Property Closures

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.*

***NOTE:** The COVID-19 Task Force of the Miami Valley Council is working to provide our Scouting units with guidance on how to safely resume Scouting activities after the expiration of our 'Scouting-at-Home' period, which is currently schedule through May 31. The Service Center and Scout Shop are scheduled to reopen June 1 and guidance on how operations will resume for our customers are forthcoming.

NOW Through **June 31**:

- CRICKET HOLLER and THE SCHIEWETZ LEADERSHIP TRAINING CENTER will remain closed. For Information regarding refunds for camp facilities rental, event postponement or cancellations, please [CLICK HERE](#).**

NOW Through **July 31:**

- WOODLAND TRAILS SCOUT RESERVATION will remain closed. For Information regarding refunds for camp facilities rental, event postponement or cancellations, please [CLICK HERE](#).**

****NOTE:** These dates may change once additional guidance is available local, state, and federal sources regarding camp facilities and overnight YOUTH and non-family camping. Guidance is also being sought through our National BSA Council and other experts in the camping field including BSA National Camping Standards Team and the American Camp Association (ACA).

CANCELED

- Dayton VA Cemetery Flag Placement
- 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

- Scouting For Food Drive - New Date TBD
- 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

A COUNCIL-WIDE THANK YOU!!!!

A MESSAGE TO ESSENTIAL WORKERS

Please help us thank Miami Valley's first responders and front-line essential workers by sending a photo of your Scout creatively expressing their appreciation. We are working with local media to send a BIG Scout THANK YOU message to our special heroes.



Additionally, our council is partnering with [Scouting Magazine](#) to send a MASSIVE Scouting thank you video featuring Scouts from across the country.

If you have any questions or to send photos or videos of your Scout for us to share, please [CLICK HERE](#) to email 'Council-Wide Thank You' Staff Adviser, Lilly Pinhas.

VIRTUAL MERIT BADGE WAVE 6!

Featuring 3 Badges

We have already held FIVE waves of virtual Scouting Merit Badges and more than 130 Scouts have participated!!!



**WAVE SIX IS LIVE!!! [CLICK HERE](#)
to REGISTER TODAY!!!!**

Announcing Wave 6!

- Public Health - May 21, 28, Jun 4, 11 4:00PM
- Collections - May 25 -1:30PM, number of sessions TBD
- Programming - June 2, 4, 9 ,11 - 6:00PM

**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.

'Keep the Flame' Video Series

Spark Session #8: Libby Gephart - Home Scouting for your CUB!!!



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!

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the 'Keep the Flame' Archives

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

SUMMER CAMP AND PROGRAMS UPDATE

[CLICK HERE FOR 5/1/2020 COMMUNICATION](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR VIDEO MESSAGE FROM SCOUT EXECUTIVE, JEFF SCHIAVONE](#)



'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!



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



**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.
