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A SCOUT SALUTE TO FALLEN HEROES

We are calling on Scouts across the Miami Valley Council to join other Scouts from across the country to build on the tradition of honoring our nation's fallen heroes this Memorial Day by posting public tributes to our

veterans in partnership with the National Cemetery Administration and by participating in the National Moment of Remembrance with a special Scout salute. Follow the steps below to participate in this important effort.

1. WRITE A TRIBUTE FOR A FALLEN HERO
2. ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO WRITE TRIBUTES
3. CUSTOMIZE A MEMORIAL POSTER TO HANG HIGH IN YOUR WINDOW
4. JOIN OUR COLLECTIVE SCOUT SALUTE DURING THE NATIONAL MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE AT 3:00 ON MEMORIAL DAY. CONNECT ON THE MVC FACEBOOK PAGE FOR AN MVC BUGLER SOUND-OFF
5. SHARE PHOTOS OF YOUR MEMORIAL POSTER AND SCOUT SALUTE

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to view the full article.

**Service Center &
Scout Shop**

**JUNE 1st
REOPENING**



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RESUMING SCOUTING ACTIVITIES SAFELY?

The Miami Valley Council COVID-19 Task Force continues to meet weekly to discuss current-day issues related to the pandemic and its impact on Scouting and to make decisions to provide maximum safety for the care and protection of the young people in our Scouting programs. Next week we will share guidance for our leaders, parents and those organizations who've adopted the Scouting program, about how to safely resume Scouting activities in the current environment. Please stay tuned to next week's email as well as our council's Facebook page for new information regarding Scouting after May 31.

ADVENTURE AWAITS!
PRE ORDER
TODAY!



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CUB SCOUT ADVENTURE BOXES
...order your adventure box!

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YOUR ADVENTURE
AWAITS!!!

The Miami Valley Council is proud and excited to launch our Cub Scout Adventure Boxes. Each rank specific box is filled with nearly everything you need to complete five elective Cub Scout Adventures at home and kickstart your Scout's advancement to the

next rank this summer.

Within each box you will find a copy of the Scout Oath and Law, and other assorted items which will help you to complete the adventure requirements at home as a family. Items may include craft kits, magic sets, and other small science equipment which makes shopping for supplies unnecessary. Each box also comes with activity specific written and video instructions so you can easily participate with your child.

Each Adventure Box is \$55 and designed for one child and will be available for limited contact pickup at the Miami Valley Council office or direct shipped (\$10 per box) to your home after June 26th.

Order yours today at <https://scoutingevent.com/444-CubAdventureBoxes>

WOODLAND TRAILS AT HOME

COMING SOON!



At Home 2020



WE ARE FINALIZING THE PLAN AND GETTING
CLOSER TO PROVIDING MORE INFORMATION
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 30**:

- 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



**NOW OVER 2,000
FOLLOWERS!!!**
THANK YOU FOR FOLLOWING US!

[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.

VIRTUAL MERIT BADGE WAVE 6 ALMOST FULL!

ONLY 3 Spots Remain for Collections Merit Badge

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



[CLICK HERE](#) to REGISTER TODAY!!!!

- Collections - May 25 -1:30PM, number of sessions TBD

**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 #9: Boonshoft Museum of Discovery



Keep the Flame Episode 9: Boonshoft Museum of Discovery

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](#)



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