



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®
MIAMI VALLEY COUNCIL

Service Center &
Scout Shop

JUNE 1st
REOPENING



MIAMI VALLEY COUNCIL



That's right! We're happy to announce the **Miami Valley Scout Shop** AND **Service Center** are reopening on **June 1**. The Scout Shop has temporarily modified operating hours and the Service

Center will maintain normal hours of operation to help further your Scouting adventure! Over the last several weeks, we have been working hard to implement enhanced safety measures that make your and our team members' safety the top priority!

You'll notice the following changes upon entering the Miami Valley Council Scout Shop and Service Center

- Hand sanitizer is available for customer use.
- We've implemented rigorous cleaning routines throughout the day and have temporarily closed fitting rooms.
- Prior to beginning every shift, all team members must complete an Employee Health Screening to ensure they are ready and able to work safely.
- Every team member is provided with facial coverings to use during their shifts and are asked to frequently wash their hands.
- Social distancing markers are placed in the Scout Shop and Service Center.
- All product returns are being disinfected or quarantined for five business days before returning to the sales floor.
- Cash will NOT be accepted as a form of payment until further notice to limit the risk of spreading germs. We will continue to accept Credit/Debit Cards and Checks.
- We have updated our payment systems to need fewer signatures and to accept contact-free pay to include Apple Pay, Google Pay, and Samsung Pay.
- Plexiglass guards are installed at checkout points.
- Limited occupancy regulations will be in place in compliance with state and local requirements.

We respectfully request you to follow social distancing and safety protocols recommended by public health officials, including wearing a facial covering when visiting our store and service center to help protect yourself and our team members.

If you have additional Scouting needs beyond those provided by the Scout Shop, the Miami Valley Council staff is available to assist you, however we highly encourage scheduling meetings with staff members and avoiding 'pop-ins'. Staff will greet you with a smile instead of a hand shake and maintain social distance in meetings. We are looking forward to seeing you again!

There's a new way to shop at our store.

With your safety and convenience as our main goal, you can now purchase any of our 600 Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA Advancement related products online. The order will be gathered, bagged, and set aside for you to either pickup in-store, curbside, or have the items shipped directly to you!

[CLICK HERE](#) or on the image below to check it out.



Looking ahead, we will continue to evaluate and modify our safety measures and in-store experience with you and our team members in mind. In the meantime, we're taking this seriously so we can get it right. We cannot wait to welcome you and our Scouting community back to our Scout Shop and Service Center!

MIAMI VALLEY COUNCIL SCOUT SHOP & SERVICE CENTER Days/Hours of Operation

Monday:	9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Tuesday:	9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Wednesday:	9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Thursday:	9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Friday:	9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Saturday:	10:00 AM-3:00 PM

7285 Poe Avenue
Dayton, OH 45414

Scout Shop ONLY

Remember, every purchase made in our store supports the future of local Scouting.



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Guidelines to Restart Scouting Safely

RESTART SCOUTING SAFELY PLANNING GUIDE

STEP 1	Develop your Scout Unit's COVID-19 'Restart Scouting Safely' plan with your unit committee.
STEP 2	Share your plan with your Scout Unit's Chartered Organization. Discuss other requirements and guidelines they may have in place and if your Scout unit has permission to begin using their facilities/ space for meetings.
STEP 3	Communicate your unit's plan to your Scouting families. Be sensitive to all families and consider offering a hybrid (both in-person and virtual) program to ensure all Scouts have the opportunity to participate. Parents should only resume Scouting when they are comfortable. Parents are highly encouraged to ask their unit leadership questions about the unit's plan to restart Scouting safely and a unit should ONLY begin meeting if social distancing can be assured.
STEP 4	Monitor and adjust your unit's plan to be current with any new local, state, or federal changes (repeat steps 1-3).



Guidelines to Restart Scouting Safely

- Follow local, state, and federal requirements relating to group sizes and keep group sizes manageable so that social distancing can be achieved. Be mindful that social distancing for younger age groups (Cub Scouts) may be more difficult. Include two-deep leadership when factoring group size.
- Always maintain proper social distancing and wear face coverings.
- NO Carpooling. Only transport your Scout to and from Scouting activities.
- NO overnight camping until state requirements allow for non-family group camping. When camping resumes, ONE Scout/ person per tent should be maintained.
- For out-of-state Scouting activities, be advised of any destination state's restrictions and other travel restrictions as Scouting plans are developed.
- Ensure proper sanitation of meeting spaces including Scouting equipment and gear.
- No sharing of food and no communal food preparation. Scouts should bring their own food/ meals to activities.
- Take precautions for elderly Scouters and those most vulnerable including having those Scouts not physically participate.
- Ensure Scouts and Scouters self-screen (at a minimum) before attending unit functions.
- Have a prepared plan to address medical protocol should a Scout or Scouter become ill during a meeting or other activity.
- Maintain attendance records for both youth and adults at all meetings and functions in the event contact tracing is needed.

Should you have questions or concerns regarding the safe restart of Scouting in your unit, please email info@miamivalleybsa.org



[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE RESTART SCOUTING SAFELY PLANNING GUIDE](#)

Since the beginning of our Scouting-at-Home period, Scouts across the Miami Valley Council have continued to learn, advance, and stay connected through a virtual setting. As we begin to come together again in small groups, parents, leaders and chartered org representatives of Scouting units will need to think through and develop a plan to ensure a safe environment for our Scouts and families to gather. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to review the guidelines to safely restart Scouting in your unit.

If you are a parent of a Scout, please discuss what plans your Scout's unit has developed as they begin meeting again. Through thoughtful and intentional planning, our young people will be able to safely meet again to enjoy the company of fellow Scouts and leaders and benefit from all that Scouting offers.

Should you have questions regarding the safe restart of Scouting in your unit, please email by [CLICKING HERE](#).

PROPERTY CLOSURES & PROGRAM CHANGES DATES IMPACTED BY COVID-19

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 group 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

- **National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)****
- 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
- Buckskin - rescheduled to October 7, October 16-18

****NOTE:** New information since last Scouting-at-Home Communication



CUB SCOUT ADVENTURE BOXES

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

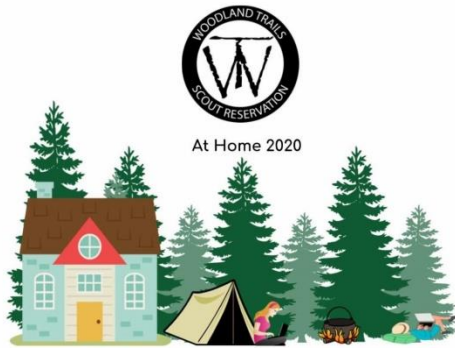
Scout's advancement to the next rank this summer.

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 contact-free pickup at the Miami Valley Council office or direct shipped (\$10 per box) to your home after June 26th. Deadline for orders is June 11.

[CLICK HERE](#) to order yours today!!!

WOODLAND TRAILS AT HOME



REGISTRATION OPENS NEXT WEEK!

**WE WILL OFFER OVER 40 MERIT BADGES
AS WELL AS RANK REQUIREMENTS FOR
SCOUT THROUGH FIRST CLASS ALONG
WITH PLENTY OF FUN AND EXCITING
ACTIVITIES!!! WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE
YOU AT OUR CAMPFIRE!**

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.

VIRTUAL MERIT BADGE SERIES WAS A SUCCESS!!!

From Scouts to the volunteers who provided their time to share a skill with a young person, THANK YOU! The MVC Virtual Merit Badge Series (VMBS) has been one of the many successful elements of our Scouting-at-Home programming.

**MVC VMBS
BY THE NUMBERS:**

- **6** Waves Completed
- **15** Classes Conducted
- **13** Badges Offered (Chess, Citizenship in the Community, Collections, Communication, Oceanography, Entrepreneurship, Family Life, Genealogy, Music, Personal Fitness, Public Health, Programming, Salesmanship)
- **175** Scouts Participated from **9** Councils
- **7** Counselors.



THANK YOU TO THE VIRTUAL MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS THAT MADE THIS PROGRAM POSSIBLE!!!

**Pamela Billingsley
Charles Goodwin
Larry Hodapp
Kelley Kiernan
Br. Andrew Kosmowsky
Curtis Mears
Tammy Sternik**

Are you interested in earning Merit Badges throughout the Summer???

Consider attending WOODLAND TRAILS AT HOME!

'Keep the Flame' Video Series

Spark Session #10: Contact-Free Scouting For Food Drive with Pack 97 Cubmaster, Mike Keiser



Keep the Flame Episode 10: Scouting for Food with Pack 97

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.



**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.



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](#).

Step two in the registration process is to apply for the council contingent by [CLICKING HERE](#) Cost to attend will be \$1,550 per Scout, one of the lowest in the surrounding area.

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
