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A Word From Our Scout Executive

I can't tell you how excited I am right now for Scouting in the Miami Valley Council. If you attended our 100th Anniversary Leadership-Character-Service Camporee the first weekend of May, then you understand what I'm talking about and if you didn't you can feel the excitement in the first minute of the video.

[MVC 100th Anniversary Camporee Photo Slideshow](#)

One of our three areas of emphasis for the foreseeable future is engaging our Scouting families. In the last Miami Valley Messenger article, I spoke about encouraging our Scouting units to take advantage and ownership of all that the council has to offer. From facilities, to staff support, to programs, there is something for everybody. I am proud to say that our 100th Anniversary Camporee was something that many took advantage of as we saw nearly one third of our registered Scouts attend and over 50% of our units participate! This is terrific and that's a lot of Scouts that received a mountaintop experience right in their own backyard.

For fun, here is a breakdown of the 100th Anniversary Camporee by the numbers.

- 1,500+ Scouts and Scouters in attendance
 - COUNCIL TOTAL: 29% of youth, 55% of units
 - SUNWATCH DISTRICT TOTAL: 40% of youth, 65% of units
 - TWO RIVERS DISTRICT TOTAL: 33% of youth, 59% of units
 - WAYNE TRACE DISTRICT TOTAL: 30% of youth, 50% of units
 - WRIGHT BROTHERS DISTRICT TOTAL: 22% of youth, 49% of units
- 30+ Staff hours dedicated to producing the [100th Anniversary Historical Video](#)
- 5 Food-Truck Vendors
- 80+ Individual Camp Sites
- 3 Shuttle Buses
- 36 Portable Toilets
- 4 Subcamps
- 40+ Volunteer Staff
- 150 Folding Chairs
- 21+ Volunteer Committee
- 10 Dozen Donuts
- 100+ Program Volunteers
- 8 Miami Valley Council Staff
- 58 Unique Program Areas

- 15+ Watercraft
- 3 Golf Carts
- 500+ E-Rockets Launched
- 50 Fishing Poles
- 35 10x10 Pop Up Tents
- 14 Months of Planning
- Countless Memories!

As we are now into our second century, I look forward to continuing the work of reintroducing ourselves to the community, engaging our Scouting families, and investing in our programs and properties.

Thank you,



Share Your Story as a BSA Parent

BSA Parents in the Miami Valley have terrific stories to share. Visit www.BSAparents.com to see the impact Scouting is having on families across the country, share your story, and invite others to do the same. This is a great way to engage families and show the value of the Scouting program to others.



Membership Kickoff & UPPE

All Units are invited to the 2019 Membership Kickoff and Unit Program Planning Extravaganza on Tuesday, May 16th at the IBEW Hall at 6550 Poe Avenue from 6:30pm-8pm. Cub Scout units will learn about what resources are available for the fall recruiting campaign, how to best prepare for a fall recruitment, and what training resources are available as you recruit new leadership! Scouts BSA Troops will have a breakout focused around Summer Camping, How to plan for a leader transition, and more! Please be sure to [RSVP here](#) so that we have enough snacks and materials on hand for everyone.



2019 Popcorn Leader Training

All units are invited to the popcorn training on June 27th at the Schiewetz Leadership Training Center beginning at 7pm. This training is for all unit leaders who support the sale. Hear from experts about the 2019 game plan including the new Trails End App, New Credit Card Processing Method, New Scout Rewards program, review the dates, and get tips on how to earn the most commission in the least amount of time. This training starts at 7pm, and will conclude at 8pm with an optional Q&A session after 8pm. [RSVP here.](#)

2019 Popcorn Sale Registration

Units can register now for the popcorn sale this fall. Registering will help us know who unit contacts should be, and help us build the best contact list for the 2019 sale to keep people in the loop. [Click here](#) to join the fun today!

Wood Badge Registration Open

EVERY Scout deserves a TRAINED LEADER!!!

The Wood Badge leadership training course will help you to provide the kind of leadership that every scout deserves. This course will provide you with many tools that you will be able to use in supporting your Scouts and your Unit. This training will help you not only in scouting, but in your job, with your family, in LIFE.



You are invited to join us over two weekends: September 13 - 15 and October 4 - 6. For more information go to www.miamivalleybsa.org/wb2019

Join us to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Wood Badge training course!



2019 National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

The top local leadership course available to youth in the Scouts BSA and Venturing program is called National Youth Leadership Training. This one week course is a deep dive into leadership methods for Scouts BSA members or Ventures at least 13 years old. The NYLT course centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what he or she must KNOW, and what he or she must DO. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on HOW TO. The skills come alive during the week as the patrol goes on a Quest for the Meaning of Leadership. Through activities, presentations, challenges, discussions, and audio-visual support, NYLT participants will be engaged in a unified approach to leadership that will give them the skill and confidence to lead well. Through a wide range of activities, games, and adventures, participants will work and play together as they put into action the best Scouting has to offer. You'll want to make sure this June course is on your calendar now! [More information and registration details are here.](#)

Training Corner

Are you an experienced Scouter who has a lot of knowledge to share? Would you like helping engage new leaders and show them how to avoid some of the mistakes you made early on? If

so, than maybe joining the District Training Committee is a great idea for you! We're working on getting more individuals involved who can run a training session on how to be an effective leader in any position. Den Leader, Cubmaster, Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster, Committee Members, Committee Chairs, and even Charter Organization Representatives...we could use help with all of them! For the prospective training committee member, we offer a guide on how to conduct an effective training and a syllabus for the position that you're helping out with. Reach out to your District Training Chair, or Council Training Chair John Miller today to join in on the fun!



The training committee stands ready to help make your experience as a leader better! Want to know what tools are available to you, what supports exist, and learn from mentors who have faced the same problems you're facing now? Than you want to become position trained! Every position has a training course set up to make you successful, and Council Training Chair John Miller can help connect you with a local team who stands ready to help! You can also take these trainings online at www.my.scouting.org.



Families and Friends of Scouting Dates

Every year, units across the Miami Valley Council hold a "Friends of Scouting" presentation where families are invited to learn more about Scouting, and are given the opportunity to decide if a gift fits in well with their priorities. The monies raised through this campaign go to support Camperships, our properties, registration assistance, and even the less glamorous items like keeping the lights turned on. Your District Executive or Family FOS chair will be reaching out soon to schedule a presentation date. These usually occur at a Court of Honor or a Blue and Gold ceremony. While not every family is able, every family should be able to make their own decision. Please be thinking of what date would work best on your units calendar!

Volunteer Opportunities

We'd like to add you to the Miami Valley Council BSA Team! Many of you reading this notice are already valued volunteers with the Council. From time to time we have a major project come along that requires some extra hands, such as putting together mailings or filing. Hours are completely flexible. Becoming a MVC Central volunteer allows you the opportunity to build new friendships, learn new skills and utilize those you already have. Are you willing to lend a hand?



To learn more about this opportunity, contact Office Manager Daryl Reck at (937) 278-4825 or daryl.reck@scouting.org. We can't wait to hear from you!

Upcoming Events:

May 16

Unit Program Planning Extravaganza (UPPE)

May 24-26



Wright Brothers Honor and Service Camporee

Friday, May 24, 5 p.m. to Sunday 2 p.m. at the National Cemetery

May 25



VA Memorial Grave Decorating

Saturday, May 25, 9 a.m. to noon at the VA National Cemetery

May 27



Memorial Day

In observation of Memorial Day, the Miami Valley Council offices will be closed. The Scout Shop, however, will be open.

May 31



Dayton Dragons Scout Overnight

Friday, May 31 at 5:45 p.m. to Saturday 8:00 a.m.

June 2-7



National Youth Leadership Training

Sunday, June 2 at 9 a.m. to Friday, June 7 at 7 p.m. at Cricket Holler

June 10-14



Wayne Trace Day Camp

Monday, June 10 through Friday, June 14 at Woodland Trails

June 10-14



Wright Brothers Day Camp

Monday, June 10 through Friday, June 14 at Indian Riffle Park

June 17-21



Sunwatch Day Camp

Monday, June 17 through Friday, June 21 at Cricket Holler

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Two Rivers Day Camp

Monday, June 17 through Friday, June 21 at Stillwater Prairie Reserve



Click here for a complete list of upcoming events.



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