Dear Erie Shores Council Scouting Family,

As we continue to adapt to more daily life at home during this National Emergency, here is an update of the Erie Shores Council operations regarding COVID-19.

**Jadel Leadership Center**
Effective Monday, March 16, the Jadel Leadership Center & Iott Scout Shop are closed until further notice. All ESC staff are available to meet virtually, respond to emails, make calls as able, and continue daily business to best serve our volunteers remotely. If you need to conduct business with the Council Staff, please do so preferably by email.


**District and Council Events**
All district and council in-person events are now postponed or cancelled through Sunday, May 10. We encourage District Committee, Commissioner, and Roundtable meetings to be held in a virtual environment. Training is available for those that may need it.

**Unit Meetings & Events**
Unit leadership must follow State of Ohio and CDC guidelines in response to COVID-19. We highly recommend using web technology for your Den, Pack, Patrol, Troop, Crew, and Post meetings. Many of our local Units created several great successes in the past few days with their meetings, and many are starting new learning opportunities such as Bird Study & Cooking merit badges. Adult leaders should continue their training at my.scouting.org.

All units should comply with their charter organization’s policy on meetings and gatherings regarding unit-level activities. Our Scouts’ safety should be our number one priority. Please utilize guidance provided by the CDC, your local authorities, and chartering organizations in determining whether to cancel or postpone your events.

Council staff & volunteers are developing some great supplemental programming to inspire and challenge our local Scouts & families. See more info at www.erieshorescouncil.org/at-home.

Stay connected with other volunteers by joining these Facebook groups:
- ESC Scouting at Home – Cub Scouts https://www.facebook.com/groups/HomeScoutingCubScouts
- ESC Scouting at Home – Scouts BSA https://www.facebook.com/groups/HomeScoutingScoutsBSA

You can also check resources from our National Council at www.scouting.org/scoutingathome/.
Camp Miakonda and Camp Frontier
Both camps are closed March 18 to May 10. This includes hiking, camping, and all unit, district, and council events either postponed or cancelled. Units will be able to change their reservation based upon availability, and the reservation holder will be credited the amount to be used within the next year.

Summer Camp Update
Summer camp has not been affected at this time by this news. All preparations with staff & program & facilities are still underway. All Early Bird payment and reservation deadlines have been extended (PSR to June 1, Miakonda CDC to June 4, and White Star Park to June 22.) The Summer Camping and Outdoor Adventure Refund Policy was revised in a separate announcement made on March 20 – see excerpt below.

As Scouts and Scouters, I know we will all use the principles of the Scout Oath and Law, along with our Slogan and Motto to guide us though these challenging times.

Please know that we look forward to resuming normal Scouting activities as quickly as possible!

Be Prepared,

James D. Wilson | Council Board President
Edward A. Caldwell | Scout Executive/CEO
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
Erie Shores Council

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Revised Summer Camping and Outdoor Adventure Refund Policy

Effective immediately, 100% of monies paid to Erie Shores Council for a Council-sponsored summer camping event or leadership development activity will be returned if a registered participant/camper cancels or is unable to attend for any of the following reasons:

A. A family or a unit has concern for their own safety related to coronavirus/COVID-19.
B. A family encounters financial hardship due to unemployment / underemployment, and camperships are not available
C. A participant has contracted coronavirus/COVID-19 or because an immediate family member has contracted the virus.
D. A participant’s school year is extended into the specific camp session for which the participant is registered.
E. Erie Shores Council cancels/closes camp in response to mandates from governmental entities, the Boy Scouts of America, or if at its own discretion, Erie Shores Council determines that closing a camp is in the best interest of our participants.

(Read full policy here: https://tinyurl.com/ESCRefundPolicy)

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