(Updated 05-08-2020) Erie Shores Council, BSA - Actions Regarding COVID-19

THE MOST RECENT UPDATES ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN RED TEXT.

Dear Erie Shores Council Scouting Family and Friends,

As we continue to be patient and prepared during this National Emergency, here is an update of the Erie Shores Council operations regarding COVID-19.

Please watch your email for updates at the council website www.erieshorescouncil.org/covid-19 and on social media at www.facebook.com/erieshorescouncil/.

Jadel Leadership Center and Iott Scout Shop
The Jadel Leadership Center and Iott Scout Shop will open for mail order and front door pick-up service only beginning Monday, May 11. Some staff are working from the office while others continue to work remotely.

New business hours for the Iott Scout Shop beginning May 11:
Monday, Tuesday, Friday = 8:30am-5:00pm
Wednesday = 8:30am-4:00pm (closing early for specialized cleaning)
Thursday = 8:30am-9:30am for “at-risk” customers only
Thursday = 9:30am-6:00pm for all customers
Closed on Saturday & Sunday

We have created an order form for ease in placing orders. When your order is filled and ready for pick up, the store will contact you for payment information and to schedule a pick up time. Pick up will be at the Jadel Leadership Center main door. If you need special accommodations, please call the shop at 419-843-0113. Mail service by USPS is also an available option with an additional cost for shipping.

For more information and the special order form, please see www.erieshorescouncil.org/iott.

District and Council Events
All district and council in-person events are now postponed or cancelled through Friday, May 29. We encourage District Committee, Commissioner, Roundtable, and other meetings to be held virtually.

We will make every effort to reschedule events postponed by COVID-19. For a variety of reasons, including availability of facilities and staff, we may not be able to hold every event in 2020 and therefore may have to wait until 2021 for that event to occur again. We are looking at several events to reschedule to August, and those announcements will be handled via email, website, and Facebook.
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 have had great success in the past few weeks with their meetings, and new learning opportunities on virtual platforms. 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.

Have you started the “Scouting at Home 419 Challenge” yet? This is an awesome six-week challenge that has many of our local Scouting families engaging some great adventures, fun, and making memories together. You can find more info and sign up at www.erieshorescouncil.org/Challenge-Signup.

We look forward to the “Erie Shores Council Camp-In” on May 16-17. Sign up at www.erieshorescouncil.org/camp-in.

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

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

You can also check resources from our National Council at www.scouting.org/scoutingathome/.

Camp Miakonda and Camp Frontier
Both camps are closed through May 29. 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.

NYLT
National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) will unfortunately not be held in 2020. During a planning meeting earlier this week, the youth & adult leaders made this decision based on many factors. We know how much our local youth want and need this amazing training course, and so we look forward to our next course in Summer 2021.

Due to our temporary refund policy concerning COVID-19, paid participants are eligible for a 100% refund. If you will be able to attend next year’s course, then you have the option to apply your 2020 payment to the 2021 course and secure your spot. Please notify Registrar Karen Krieger at Karen.Krieger@scouting.org with your choice.
Summer Camping Update
We have exciting news to share about plans for adapted programming for our youth & families in Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA – and your friends!

Camp Miakonda – “Camp-to-Go!”
Cub Scout Day Camp at Camp Miakonda for 2020 will be a very interactive virtual day camp called “Camp-to-Go!”

There will be four different weeks with special interactive at-home events that are grade-specific and age-appropriate for Cub Scouts. “Camp-to-Go!” will feature both outside & inside-the-home activities for Cub Scouts and their families. Exclusive remote broadcasts, online skills demonstrations, and memorable Scouting experiences will all be part of the fun!

Youth who register for “Camp-to-Go!” will have special, exclusive access to Camp Miakonda at select times for short, limited family hikes and adventures, and a Shooting Sports Day when Camp Miakonda reopens. Each camper will receive a special shirt and patch.

“Camp-to-Go!” is available to all Cub Scouts and their friends across the country.

- Week 1 – June 22-26
- Week 2 – June 29 – July 3
- Week 3 – July 6-10
- Week 4 – July 13-17

* Supply bag pick up will be Saturday morning prior to each of the program weeks.*

More information is available at [www.erieshorescouncil.org/vcdc](http://www.erieshorescouncil.org/vcdc)

We will not have in-person Cub Scout Day Camp, Tiger Overnighter, or Webelos Overnighter in 2020.

Camp Frontier (at Pioneer Scout Reservation)
With the health and safety of our Scouting family in mind, we have made the difficult decision to cancel our traditional Scouts BSA summer camp program for 2020. Pending state and local approval, the Erie Shores Council Executive Board will be reviewing an abbreviated Troop style program that will be available later in the summer. We hope to offer this new special event with these program highlights:

- Delayed start date in July
- 3-night (72 hour) program
- Health screening protocol before and upon arrival at camp
- Participation at the Troop level with social distancing and limits on group size
- "Round Robin" style programming
- Patrol Cooking in the campsite
- New sanitation and hygiene requirements for staff and participants
More information will be available on May 13, 2020, after the Erie Shores Council Executive Board meets. See www.psrweb.org/2020TroopProgram for more information.

While we are deeply disappointed to not be able to host our traditional camp experience this summer, we would like to offer the opportunity for units to move their 2020 reservations and site fees to our 2021 summer camping year. Please see www.psrweb.org/TransferRequest for more information and timelines.

We know that with large changes come many questions. We ask that you review our Summer Camp 2020 Frequently Asked Questions page at www.psrweb.org/Summer2020FAQ and continue to check https://www.psrweb.org/COVID-19 for updates.

At this time, Arrow of Light Resident Camp is still planned as scheduled.

**Camps hosted by Eagle Bay District**

The Webelos Overnight & Cub Scout Day Camp hosted by Eagle Bay District at White Star Park are cancelled for 2020, and we look forward to those adventures again next summer, now scheduled for July 21-23, 2021. We encourage our local youth & families to sign up for the special interactive & virtual “Camp-to-Go!” Day Camp opportunities detailed above.

**Thank you for your support!**

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

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

Be Prepared,

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