#ScoutingAtHome419 - Take the Challenge!

In response to the recent orders by the Governor to “Stay Home”, Erie Shores Council has kicked off a series of fun, “at-home,” Scouting activities for the entire family to enjoy. The Scouting at Home 419 Challenge reminds us of the importance of the 12 points of the Scout Law!

Both Scouts and community members are encouraged to join the challenge! Each week the challenges provide families an opportunity to work, laugh, play, and help the community together. Families can join the Scouting at Home 419 Challenge anytime. As challenges are completed, please share via social media using #ScoutingAtHome419 or post on the Facebook event at tinyurl.com/ScoutAtHome419.

Scouting at Home 419 Camp-In!
When: May 16-17, 2020
Where: From the comfort of your own homes!
Cost: Free

We know that due to Governor DeWine’s Stay at Home Order our Scouts have not be able to go camping with their families, Packs, Troops, or Crews, but as Scouts, we are always prepared. We are excited to announce the Scouting at Home 419 Camp-In. This event will bring Scouting families together from across the nation to share in activities that make us Scouts.

Participate in camp activities from your homes by sharing pictures of your campsites, indoor forts, hammock setups, and more as you participate along with friends from your neighborhood, Pack, Troop, or Crew, and share with your Scouting connections from across the nation.

A special commemorative patch is available for pre-order at $5 per patch. Order yours when you register. For more information: www.erieshorescouncil.org/camp-in.

Scouting at Home Facebook Groups
Share your questions and ideas on our social media through our ESC Scouting at Home Facebook Groups, where you may also participate in virtual camp song contests, as well as, share your online service projects.

- ESC Scouting at Home – Cub Scouts: www.facebook.com/groups/HomeScoutingCubScouts
- ESC Scouting at Home – Scouts BSA: www.facebook.com/groups/HomeScoutingScoutsBSA

We will also be hosting opportunities for online Merit Badge Classes, Virtual Campfire, and At-Home Camping. Additional resources and other great ideas can be found at:

- www.erieshorescouncil.org/at-home
- www.scouting.org/scoutingathome

Maiakonda Museum Hours:
May 25 - September 7, 2020
Summer Hours - Closed for summer
Tours available by appointment only

2020 Early Bird Deadlines for Summer Camps

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For information about district events and activities, please call or email your district executive, attend your district Roundtable, visit the district website, or link from the council website www.ErieShoresCouncil.org

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Biking: Not Crashed
Hiking: No Blisters
Fishing: Hooked
Cub Scouting: Not Canceled
Family Camping: Not Rained Out
Rank Advancement: Not Stopped
Sunrises and Sunsets: Still Beautiful
Nature: Not Closed
BSA: Open for Scouting

I want to thank all the Scouters who have kept Scouting a part of our youth’s lives during this time. Please reach out to the Erie Shores Commissioner Staff, including me, if you need any help, information, or encouragement on how to provide Scout programming to your youth.

Yours in Scouting,
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Erie Shores Council, BSA Actions Regarding COVID-19

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. Information is current as of April 22, 2020.

Jadel Leadership Center
Effective Monday, March 16, the Jadel Leadership Center & iott Scout Shop are closed until further notice. We look forward to opening sometime in May in accordance with pending directives from State of Ohio Health Department. 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 17. The Summer Camping and Outdoor Adventure environment. We may need to extend this period as more information becomes available from our state leaders.

As District and Council Events begin to be rescheduled for future months, remember that we may not be able to hold every single 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
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.

2020 Annual Popcorn Sale

Now is the time of the year to begin planning for the 2020 Fall Popcorn Sale! Here are a few things to do now so your unit is ready to go in September!

- Select a Unit Popcorn Kernel
- Fill out the 2020 Popcorn Commitment Form
- Plan a Unit Kickoff Date
- Confirm Show & Sell Locations
- Attend a New Kernel Training

New Kernel Training - Whether this is your first year as a Popcorn Kernel or you just want to get a refresher, we have several training opportunities coming up in June for you! You are welcome to attend the one that is most convenient to you.

- Tuesday, June 2, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, June 11, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.

Both trainings will be held virtually and join meeting credentials will be emailed to you after you RSVP at www.erieshorescouncil.org/popcorntraining.

For more information, please go to www.erieshorescouncil.org/popcorn or contact Erin LaLonde at 419-843-0111, Erin.Lalonde@Scouting.org or David Hardy, ESC Popcorn Kernel, at 419-351-8870, david.d.hardy.18e4@statefarm.com.

We highly recommend using web technology for your Den, Pack, Patrol, Troop, Crew, and Post meetings. Many of our local Units have had great successes in the past few weeks with their meetings, and many are starting new learning opportunities with Nova Awards, many activities in their handbooks, and merit badges. Adult leaders should continue their training at myscouting.org.

Camp Miakonda and Camp Frontier
Both camps are closed through May 17. 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. We are remaining flexible in the hopes that we can have some events at the end of May. These decisions will be made and communicated no later than May 15.

Summer Camp Update
Summer camp preparations with staff, program and 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 for the 2020 Summer Camp season.

We are using a multi-step decision-making process for 2020 Summer Camps. Decisions will be communicated in May. As always, safety is our highest priority – closely followed by learning and fun. Our objective is to help you and your Scouts have a great summer adventure so they can keep advancing their next steps on the Scouting Trail.

For more information, please visit: www.erieshorescouncil.org/covid-19, and social media www.facebook.com/erieshorescouncil/ for the most current updates.
New Campsites at Camp Miakonda!

The Rangers at Camp Miakonda are happy to bring you new tent campsites for when you are ready to camp!

Some of you may remember the old Adirondacks, of which some of the concrete platforms will be used as a couple of our new sites. Located on the existing Adirondack loop on the west end of camp, we bring you six new campsites which are named after some of the most important names in Camp Miakonda history.

The campsites are:

**Dutch & Irish** – Named after the two young daughters of our first full time executive. You may recognize their names from the exterior plaster of the museum building where they wrote their names and remain to this day.

**Edward Libbey** – A Toledo glass industrialist and a major benefactor of improvements to the infrastructure at Camp Miakonda.

**Jacob T. Goose** – aka Jake the goose was the famed Camp Miakonda mascot in the 1950s and you can spot his tombstone overlooking the Chapel.

**Backwoods** – One of the earliest tent campsites at Camp Miakonda. This campsite is located right near where the original Backwoods Camp used to be.

**Paul Robinette** – A WPA architect in Toledo who was responsible for designing multiple buildings at the Toledo Zoo as well as the Council Lodge and many other structures at Camp Miakonda.

**J. St. Claire Mendenhall** – One of the first 100 Eagle Scouts in BSA history, founder of the Gimogash Tribe, and our first full time council executive.

To reserve a campsite, visit [www.erieshorescouncil.org/miakonda](http://www.erieshorescouncil.org/miakonda) or call Samantha Andreas at 419-843-0107.

MUSEUM FUN FACT

By Dave Eby, Council Historian

On May 20, 2017, Camp Miakonda celebrated 100 years of service to youth and their families with an Open House. Several current and past Council Scout Executives, Commissioners, and Presidents attended. Through service of these men and many others, the Scouting program at Camp Miakonda has continued to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.
Digital Safety and Online Scouting Activities

As Scouting moves to virtual and online platforms, we offer the following reminders to help keep kids safe. The below guidance applies to all online Scouting activities and meetings.

Follow all youth protection policies.
• All youth protection policies still apply in an online environment. Ensure you always have two-deep leadership for online activities and meetings — whether in person, online, through a web conference, over the phone, via text, or in any other form.
• All aspects of the Scouting program are open to observation by parents, and the BSA suggests parents take part in online activities and meetings.

Use business-oriented conference platforms instead of platforms with other primary purposes (such as gaming).
• Examples of business-oriented conference platforms: Zoom, Skype, GoToMeeting.
• Examples of platforms that are not recommended: Discord, Roblox, and Twitch.
• Please review the terms of service, safety and privacy features, and data collection policies of any platform you use, and review the BSA Digital Privacy and Social Media Guidelines linked below.

Do not record online activities/meetings.
• Call recording is subject to various legal requirements under U.S. law. Considering those potential regulatory risks, the BSA does not authorize the recording of online meetings/activities.

Safeguard personal information.
• If you collect a person’s personal information online—for example, through web forms used to register people for online meetings—then you should post a notice or disclosure at the point of collection describing how you will use the information.
• Meeting organizers must keep such information private and not share a youth’s personal information with anyone except that youth’s parent or guardian or the unit leader responsible for tracking advancements.

Collecting personal information from youth under 13 is not recommended.
• Do not collect personal information directly from youth under 13 years of age due to the parental notice and consent requirements under the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act (“COPPA”). You should collect any data needed from the parent or legal guardian only.

More information:
BSA Digital Privacy: https://www.scoutingwire.org/social-media-guidelines/
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BSA Safety Moment: Communicable Disease Prevention

We’ve all caught some kind of infection, or sickness, from someone else. These illnesses are known as communicable or contagious diseases because they are spread from one person to another. They may occur when a healthy person becomes infected through contact with a sick person or by touching something that a sick person has come in contact with.

Communicable diseases are caused by germs—both viruses and bacteria—and some examples include colds, flu, or strep throat. You can catch infections in several different ways, but all involve germs coming in contact with mucous membranes (like your eyes, nose, or mouth) or through breaks in the skin (like a cut or a hangnail).

For more information about Communicable Disease Prevention and other BSA Safety Moments, please go to www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments

2020 Summer Job Opportunities

Still looking for a fun and exciting summer job? Camp Miakonda and Camp Frontier are still looking for camp staff!

Camp Miakonda – To apply, download and complete the Camp Miakonda Staff Application (www.erieshorescouncil.org/files/24515/2020-Day-Camp-Staff-Application) and return via email to: CMCampDirector@eriereshores.org OR Brandon.Holt@Scouting.org or mail to: Brandon Holt, Staff Advisor, Erie Shores Council BSA, P.O. Box 8728, Toledo, OH 43623. Questions? Call 419-270-7275.

Camp Frontier – Visit www.PSRweb.org/CSO for more information and to apply. Please email all questions to CampDirector@PSRweb.org. Don’t miss out on this once in a lifetime opportunity! DON’T WAIT! APPLY TODAY!

Iott Scout Shop News

Gearing up for summer camp? We have all your needs in one place! Osprey backpacks, tents, sleeping bags, hammocks, mosquito netting, mess kits, first aid kits, water bottles, rain gear, activity t-shirts, and more are available now.

Scout Moms are great supporters and Scouting fans! Remember Mom this May with a great Scouting t-shirt or a proud parent necklace for pins!

Father’s Day is coming in June and there is nothing Dads like better than a great camp gadget or tool! Be sure to check out our knives and new products from Leatherman.

www.facebook.com/iottscoutshop
**Training Opportunities**

**Online Training Modules**

Many adults and youth are working from home, and this is a great opportunity for you to complete several online training sessions to be a better leader.

1. Log in to [My.Scouting.org](http://My.Scouting.org)
2. Click “Menu”
3. Click “My Training”
4. Click “Training Center”

You can complete multiple online training modules in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Exploring. Be sure to check out the “Expanded Learning” section for these trainings listed below and several other unique modules such as Succession Planning.

**Hazardous Weather Training**

All direct contact leaders must complete Hazardous Weather Training to be considered position trained. This training is found under “Program Safety” in the Expanded Learning section.

**STEM in Scouting**

The BSA STEM Nova awards program enables youth to explore STEM fields as they discover the science, math, technology, and engineering all around them as they earn awards. Three modules cover the STEM Nova award program, Nova Counselor, and Supernova Mentor.

**Youth Protection Training**

Now is a great time to get your Youth Protection Training updated! Youth Protection training must be taken every two years. Youth Protection training is required for all BSA registered volunteers and is a joining requirement.

For more information on Youth Protection Training, go to [www.scouting.org/youth-protection](http://www.scouting.org/youth-protection).

**Order of the Arrow**

Tindeuchen #522 is our local Order of the Arrow (OA) Lodge, with several important upcoming events. Visit [www.erieshorescouncil.org/OA](http://www.erieshorescouncil.org/OA) for more details & to pay annual dues.

- **May 3:** Lodge Meeting, 1:30-3:00. This meeting will be online. Send an email to Lodge Chief Jacob Rudebock at lodge.chief.tindeuchen@gmail.com for the credentials to join.
- **May 29-31:** Ordeal & Service Weekend, Camp Miiakonda
- **Calling Out Ceremonies are planned for Wednesday evenings during Scouts BSA Long Term Camp at Camp Frontier.**
- **Updates will be shared with Arrowmen if plans need to change due to the National Emergency.**

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**2021 National Scout Jamboree**

Experience the best of Scouting in one place! You’ll have stadium shows, merit badges, zip lines, patch trading, whitewater rafting, mountain hiking, new friends, and challenging adventures! You’ll want to be at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in southern West Virginia in 2021.

Erie Shores Council is forming a contingent with male and female youth and adults to have an amazing experience of high adventure, personal challenge, and lifelong friendships. Youth must be at least age 12 and First Class rank by July 21, 2021.

The experience will be **July 20-30, 2021**, with the per person fee planned for $1,700 to include all transportation, meals, lodging, and patrol and troop equipment. Please see [www.erieshorescouncil.org/nj2021](http://www.erieshorescouncil.org/nj2021) for more details.
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Calendar of Events  (Check ESC Website for Event Details)

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1-17 All District and Council in-person events cancelled or postponed
1-17 Camp Miakonda and Camp Frontier closed
25 Council Offices & Iott Scout Shop Closed – Memorial Day
29-31 OA Ordeal – Camp Miakonda

JUNE
2 New Kernel Popcorn Training – Virtual Meeting
5-7 NYLT Staff Development – Camp Miakonda
7-12 National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) – Camp Miakonda
10-19 Camp Frontier Staff Development
11 New Kernel Popcorn Training – Virtual Meeting
15-19 Camp Miakonda – Cub Scout Summer Camp Week 1
21-27 Camp Frontier – Summer Camp Week 1
22-26 Camp Miakonda – Cub Scout Summer Camp Week 2
26-27 Tiger Overnighter – Camp Miakonda
28-Jul 4 Camp Frontier – Summer Camp Week 2
29-Jul 3 Camp Miakonda – Cub Scout Summer Camp Week 3

Due to the National Health Emergency, dates are subject to change. Please check our website for the most current information. www.erieshorescouncil.org

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