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BALTIMORE AREA COUNCIL

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Scouting Friends, Family and Supporters:

The number one priority of the Baltimore Area Council and the Boy Scouts of America is the health and safety of our youth, leaders, staff, and families. We are living in unprecedented times, and seeing the need to continually adapt in our response within our community, nation, and world with regards to the coronavirus (COVID-19). The Baltimore Area Council's leadership agrees that following the Governor's directive, the best course of action for our Scouting community is to do our part to help slow the spread of the virus.

Upon the recommendation of the Baltimore Area Council COVID-19 Task Force, the following is in effect March 20. Note: This will be reviewed weekly and adjusted as needed based on national and local directives.

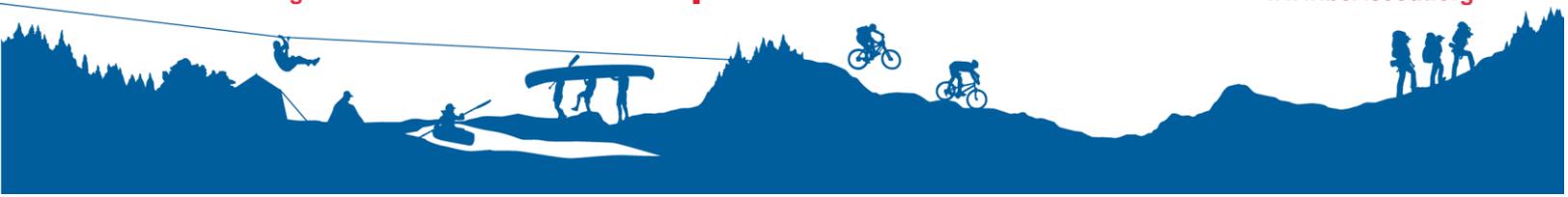
- **The Council Service Center is closed with our council staff working remotely through April 5**
- **Mail, Email and voicemail will be monitored and will be responded to in a timely manner**
- **If you have Scouting business that requires personal attention, please call the Scout Service Center at (443) 573-2500 and leave a voice message. One of our staff will get back to you to schedule a time to meet**
- **Our three local Scout Shops (Baltimore City, Bel Air, and Dorsey Road) will also be closed through April 5**
 - **If you need a Scouting item from the Scout Shops, please call 800-323-0736 and we will make arrangements to get your item to you**
- **Broad Creek Scout Reservation will remain closed to all activities/camping during this time**
- **All council- and district-sponsored events are postponed through April 30; this includes Scouting for Food, Camp Card Show and Sells (booth sales), and other face-to-face activities**
- **When possible, meetings and activities should be held via conference call or video; if an in-person meeting is required, attendance should be limited to 10 individuals, while maintaining a physical separation of at least six feet**
- **The Baltimore Area Council COVID-19 Task Force is continually monitoring the situation, and will provide periodic updates over the course of the coming weeks**

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Although in-person Scouting activities are temporarily paused, Scouting must continue. While self-quarantined, consider starting a new merit badge, or working on physical fitness requirements. We encourage units to continue virtual meetings, and to share on social media how your unit is continuing to make a difference in the lives of our Scouts and our community. #ScoutingContinues

Continual updates are available at www.baltimoreBSA.org/COVID-19.

Take care, and keep up the great work you do for the Scouting movement. At 110 years strong, our organization will make it through this medical emergency, and continue to make a positive impact on the lives of the youth of greater Baltimore.

Yours in Scouting,

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