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BALTIMORE AREA COUNCIL

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Scouting Friends, Family and Supporters:

The Baltimore Area Council (BAC) leadership is committed to the resuming of Scouting activities and in-person service as our State and local authorities and the council's COVID-19 Task Force deem it safe to do so. At this time, the majority of our state remains in Stage One of the Maryland Strong: Roadmap to Recovery (<https://governor.maryland.gov/recovery/>).

Following the direction of State and local authorities, the BAC COVID-19 Task Force has recommended the council's current amended operations be extended to comply with Stage One restrictions, and update when Stage Two is announced by state and local officials. The BAC COVID-19 Task Force has recommended operations as outlined below.

- **Per State policy, the Council Service Center will remain closed to walk-in customers. Our council staff will continue to be available to provide service via email, phone and videoconferencing**
- **We are pleased to announce that the Bel Air Scout Shop is open (Tues-Fri 10 AM – 6 PM; Sat 10 AM – 1 PM) and the Dorsey Road Scout Shop is scheduled to open June 10 (Tues-Fri 10 AM – 6 PM; Sat 10 AM – 1 PM). We are working diligently to support the reopening of the Baltimore Scout Shop as soon as city guidelines allow us to do so**
- **During Stage One, Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation will remain closed to all activities/camping, and all council- and district-sponsored activities and events remain postponed; this position will be reevaluated as we move to Stage Two**
- **Due to recent executive orders from the Maryland Department of Health, traditional resident camp programs are not permitted to operate at this time. We remain committed to providing an alternate outdoor experience as restrictions are lifted. We will be sharing camp programming options in the coming weeks**

The following activities ARE permitted and encouraged while following applicable guidance from national, state, and local jurisdictions.

- **Family Camping among members of the same household**
- **Outdoor activities by Scouts and their families including camping, fishing, hiking, Scoutcraft skills, etc.**
- **Virtual Scouting meetings and virtual events sponsored by units, districts, councils, national, and world-wide Scouting organizations**
- **Visiting the Bel Air Scout Shop and Dorsey Road Scout Shop (beginning June 10) to get all of your Scouting and outdoors essentials (hours and details: www.baltimorebsa.org/scoutshops)**

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We are all eager to get out and return to some semblance of normalcy. As restrictions are lifted, be sure to seek guidance from your chartered partner as it relates to their approval and support of in-person meetings and activities.

Continue to stay focused on the many positives that have emerged or have been created out of this interesting and dynamic time in our lives. We remain committed to supporting each of you, as you continue to deliver the mission of the BSA in many new and creative ways.

Thank you, and Scout On!

Yours in Scouting,

Kenn Miller
Scout Executive

Bruce McMillin
Council President

Jeff Seymour
Council Commissioner

*At-home and virtual Scouting program ideas are available at www.baltimoreBSA.org/ScoutingAtHome.

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

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