

Buffalo Trace Council Roundtable

April 2, 2020 Need to Know

Eykamp Scout Center and Old Ben Scout Reservation are closed to visitors until further notice. Concurrently, all BTC staff have begun to meet virtually, respond to emails, make calls, and continue day-to-day business to best serve our volunteers remotely. Outside traffic to the Eykamp Scout Center will be prohibited. If you need to conduct business with the Eykamp Scout Center, please do it by phone, email or US mail. Web and teleconferencing options are being set up for meetings as needed. Please plan to email any documents that you need turned in to administration@buffalotracecouncil.org or to your District Professional. This email address will be checked regularly during this time and forwarded to the appropriate staff member who will be able to help you with your needs.

Given the fluidity of the situation, with safety of the community in mind, our goal will be to provide guidance and updates through Facebook, mass email and our council website www.buffalotracecouncil.org. Our staff will continue to serve you and local Scouting during this time. Remember that our council remains committed to offer registration and uniform assistance and camperships to those in need. Maintenance and upkeep of council properties will still happen, and council programming and resources will still be available. We understand that there are many hardships caused by the current pandemic. To ensure the Buffalo Trace Council can continue to make Scouting strong now and in the future, please continue to financially support our Friends of Scouting program through gift pledges and payments. Thank you for your continued support.

Unit Meetings Activities & Events: Unit leadership is encouraged to follow their local state and CDC guidelines in response to COVID-19. Consideration should be given to conducting monthly leader and committee meetings, and other meetings using virtual web technology. Our Scout's safety is our number one priority. Please utilize guidance provided by the CDC, your local authorities, and chartered organizations in determining whether to cancel or postpone your events. We encourage active social media updates to your Scouts, and strict adherence to Youth Protection principles.

Recharter: If your recharter paperwork has not been turned in it is LATE! If you need assistance, please contact your district professional. We will do everything we can to help you finish, so please reach out. If you are still working on it but haven't turned it in, please let us know ASAP.

Scouting doesn't have to be put on hold during this time of social distancing. There are many activities Scouts can do with their families or by themselves. Check out some awesome ideas at <https://www.buffalotracecouncil.org/scouting-at-home>

Are you ready for the 2021 National Jamboree? Jamborees are a place to make new friends, to experience adrenaline-raising activities, to attend high-energy stadium shows, to trade patches with Scouts from across the country, to explore the stunning high-adventure playground called the Summit Bechtel Reserve and to unite with tens of thousands of fellow Scouts and Scouters. Get ready, because 2021 will be here before you know it. We are accepting applications for adults and youth for Buffalo Trace Council's National Jamboree contingent. Interested? Contact Michael Richard at Michael.richard@scouting.org. To learn more about the 2021 National Scout Jamboree, go <https://www.buffalotracecouncil.org/activities-events>. Financial assistance will be available.

Eagle Scout Project Proposal Reviews and Eagle Scout Board of Reviews in April will be conducted digitally in each district. District specific information will be sent directly to Scouts and leaders and posted soon. For more information, contact your district Eagle Board Chair:

Lincoln Heritage District Advancement Chair: Jadd Miller, jaddmiller@gmail.com

Algonkian District Eagle Board Chair: Bill Marsh; bilmarsh@sbcglobal.net

Native Trails District Advancement Chair: Doug Sprick; wdsprick1@gmail.com

Events postponed until further notice:

- All April District Roundtables
- Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)
- Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)
- Leave No Trace Trainer Course
- Shooting Sports Merit Badge Weekend at OBSR
- How the West Was Won Spring Camporee at OBSR
- Parent-n-Pal Weekend at Eykamp Scout Center
- Ideal Year of Scouting (Looking to host virtually May 7)
- Cub Scout Range Master Training at Eykamp Scout Center and OBSR

Summer camp season has not been affected at this time. All payments and reservation deadlines will be reviewed in the future if necessary.

Save the Date:

- Resource Camp at Old Ben May 31-June 5. Learn more and sign up at: <https://scoutingevent.com/156-ResourceCamp2020>.
- National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) at Old Ben June 14-June 20. Learn more and sign up at: <https://scoutingevent.com/156-2020NYLT>
- Native Trails, Algonkian and Lincoln Heritage District Travel Through Time Cub Scout Day Camps in June 2020. Learn more at: <https://www.buffalotracedcouncil.org/btcdaycamp>
- Popcorn Kickoff/Training August 15, 2020.

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Webpage: <https://www.buffalotracedcouncil.org/>

Contact your district professional at:

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Algonkian District Associate Chris Felton at christopher.felton@scouting.org

Lincoln Heritage District Director Michael Richard at michael.richard@scouting.org