



To: Three Fires Council Families, Adult Leaders and Stakeholders

From: Clint Scharff Scout Executive/CEO

Subject: Important Update on Council Health & Safety

Date: April 2, 2020

First and foremost, I pray that you and your extended families are safe. These are certainly trying times and many families all across our Scouting community are facing uncertainty and stress financially, educationally, socially and emotionally. Please take time everyday to live the Scout Oath and Law by checking in on family, friends and neighbors.

The state's 'stay-at-home' order has been extended through April 30, 2020. The Three Fires Council Office in St. Charles will continue to be closed through the month of April and will re-open on Friday, May 1, 2020. This closure includes the St. Charles and Naperville Scout Shops.

During this time, mail and email will be answered, and phone calls will be returned as quickly as possible. We are in the process of extending work from home options for all our staff. Contact information for our professional staff, can be found on our [website](#).

We will continue to provide and enhance Scouting resources and meetings virtually to your family. Please take the time to check out our newly launched digital Scouting page with activities for your family to embark on while at home. Be sure to check back periodically for updates. Within the next few days we'll be launching online merit badge courses at no charge to our Scouts BSA members.



Digital Scouting Resources

Information regarding advancement has been provided to District and unit leaders. If you have questions, please reach out to your local staff person or check the update from BSA [here](#). Youth, parents and leaders should work together to implement creative, common sense ways to facilitate advancement while adhering to the Guide to Safe Scouting and following the rules of Youth Protection training. Please follow the [Guide to Advancement](#) which remains the primary source for information related to BSA advancement. It is referenced throughout the information provided [here](#).

We are hopeful that you and your family will be safe and healthy during this time. We will continue to update you on relevant developments, and we appreciate your understanding of any necessary adjustments in the interest of

health and safety.

Finally, thank you for your support-financially and emotionally-of our Scouts, Scout leaders and Council staff. The calls and emails offering support and encouragement and your social media posts of your family incorporating Scouting into your day is encouraging and greatly appreciated.

In gratitude and in service to Scouting,

Clint Scharff
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