

March Mid-Month Newsletter

- As mentioned in a communication sent to all Scouting families on Thursday, March 12th, the Greater St. Louis Area Council's top priority is the health and safety of our Scouts, volunteers, staff, and their family members. In this spirit and given the unprecedented circumstances related to COVID-19, effective March 17th and remaining through April 5th are the following:

- **All UNITS are to discontinue in-person meetings and all activities including camping trips.**
 - **All DISTRICT and COUNCIL in-person meetings, activities, and camps are cancelled. Instead, consider using technology apps such as Zoom, Skype, Facetime, Duo, or Google Hangouts.**
 - **All COUNCIL camps will be CLOSED.**
 - **All SERVICE CENTERS will be closed. Council staff will be working remotely per CDC social distancing recommendations. Minimal services will continue via remote functions.**

These cancellations do NOT apply to our summer camp programs and events occurring beyond the closure period of APRIL 5th. The Council will continue to monitor the situation closely.

For questions, please reach out to Ashley Metelski, District Executive (Ashley.metelski@scouting.org) or Dave Chambliss, Director of Marketing (dave.chambliss@scouting.org)

- Is your Youth Protection Training expiring soon? We will be offering an in-person training session on Tuesday, April 7 at 6pm at the Cape Girardeau Public Library. RSVP to Ashley Metelski- ashley.metelski@scouting.org
- The Camp Card sale can help your unit generate money to deliver the Scouting program! Scouts sell coupon cards for \$5 and keep \$2.50 to help defray the costs of registration, summer camp, uniforms, or equipment! Sale ends April 10. This program is risk free! Turn in any unsold cards by April 3 with no penalty. There is no upfront cost. Sign up for the sale [here](#)
- ScoutFest 2020 registration is now open! Units that pre-registered will go back into their original pre-registration order to fully book your spot. Only units who did not pre-register will need to sign up. Register [here](#)
- All Troops and Crews are invited to join us at the Six District Spring Camporee, held on May 1-3 at Camp Lewallen.



Scouters will participate in Mountain Main/Shooting Sports competitions. Register and see the manual [here](#).

- Add some fun to your Blue & Gold banquets with our FREE Cub Scout camp placemats! These colorful pieces provide families with dates and locations for all of our summer camp offerings. Order your placemats [here](#)
- It's never too early to register for camp! Register by April 8 to save \$10-20 per Scout on summer camp. For Cub Scouts, register [here](#). For Scouts BSA, register [here](#). For Venturing, register [here](#).
- Youth in Scouts BSA and Venturing are invited to participate in the Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge Workshop. Please see flyers **(attached)** for details.
- Congratulations to the following units for achieving their 2020 Friends of Scouting goal! Each unit will receive free rank advancements for a year AND a \$25 Scout Shop gift certificate! Packs 8, 12, 17, 20, 212 and Troops 5, 11, 311.
- Bachelors, Masters and Doctors, Oh My! Congratulations to our very own Shawnee Unit Commissioners for completing courses at the 2020 College of Commissioner Science!



- Special thanks to Ameren Missouri for sponsoring the 6 District Spring Camporee! Many thanks to Plaza Tire Service for sponsoring the Automotive Maintenance Merit Badge!

