

# Dan Beard Council Health & Safety Update on Coronavirus

**Thursday, March 12, 2020** - The health and safety of our Scouts, families, parents, and volunteers is the top priority for all of us. Based on the announcements shared today from local and state officials related to coronavirus (COVID-19), please find below some important information and updates related to the planning of local Scouting activities.

As was shared with Unit Key 3's yesterday, please follow the schedule in your local school district. If classes or activities are canceled or postponed, we recommend that Scout activities should be as well. In Ohio, that means Scouting activities between now and April 6 should be postponed to a future date.

Here are a few additional items to be aware of:

## Scout Achievement Center and Camp Properties

- The Dan Beard Council service center and Scout Shop will remain open at the current time, and our staff will remain available to provide service to your Scouting units. However, all facility and room reservations scheduled to take place at the Scout Achievement Center between now and April 6 will need to be rescheduled to a future date.
- Dan Beard Council Camp Properties will be closed starting today until April 6.

**Date Extensions to Assist Units** – We recognize that units will likely not be meeting as frequently, so we are extending a few dates to help assist you.

- The initial camp deposit deadline for Cub Scout summer camp and free slushies will be extended from March 31 to April 20.
- Campership application due date has been extended to May 1.
- Summer Camp final payment due date has been extended to May 15.
- The end of our Camp Card unit fundraiser has been extended to June 1.

## Upcoming Programs that are Postponed and Will Be Rescheduled

- Merit Badge Challenge at Scott High School in Northern Kentucky will be postponed to a future date.
- District level Pinewood Derby events scheduled to take place prior to April 6 will be postponed to a future date.
- The Scout Impact Project will be postponed until sometime this summer.
- Camp Conservation Day will be postponed to a future date.

For all of the activities and events referenced above, our Dan Beard Council team of volunteers and staff will be working over the coming week to reach out to all participants involved to assist with rescheduling, to provide updated event details and/or assist with refunds where

appropriate. As this is an evolving situation, we will continue to keep you updated as details potentially change.

Your help will ensure that the most appropriate responses and best decisions are made for the safety of our youth in this rapidly changing matter. Thank you for your continued help and all that you do for Scouting. So that the Dan Beard Council can plan and implement some additional remote working options for our team, the Scout Achievement Center will be closed on Thursday, March 19.

However, our district staff and camp directors, who are already working remotely will still be available to support and assist you. Please feel free to reach out to any of those team members.

The Scout Shop will remain open for regular business hours (8:30am-5pm) on Thursday.