



March 16, 2020

Dear W. D. Boyce Council Family,

By now everyone is aware of the Covid-19 (Coronavirus) and its arrival to our area. The W. D. Boyce Council's top priority is the health and safety of our Scouts, Volunteers, Staff, and their family members. Given the rapidly changing situation, its best to error on the side of caution and either limit or cancel certain activities and events through at least March 30, 2020.

The Peoria Scout Service Center and the Bloomington Scout Service Center, along with both Scout Shops, will be closed to the public March 16th – 30th. Your council District Executives, along with the majority of staff, will be available by email or by phone at 309-673-6136, Monday – Friday, 9am – 1pm. We are asking that all meetings that can occur using technology to proceed in that manner and to avoid face to face communications.

- All District and Council Events will be cancelled.
- ISR Camp will be closed during this time. The shooting sports activity will be rescheduled.
- Units should take their leads from their local school district/community, as well as working with your Unit Charter to determine how to proceed.

Please be mindful that Covid-19 effects older adults hardest. Those who are higher risk for severe disease and death are those who are older or have underlying health conditions. Again, we care about the health and safety of every Scout, volunteer, and their family members.

The Council is closely monitoring the situation in our communities, staying current on recommendations from the CDC and consulting with local health professionals on a frequent basis. Please know this situation is fluid and we will adjust as new information and best practices emerge.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience.

For questions, please reach out to your district professional or me.

Sincerely,

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