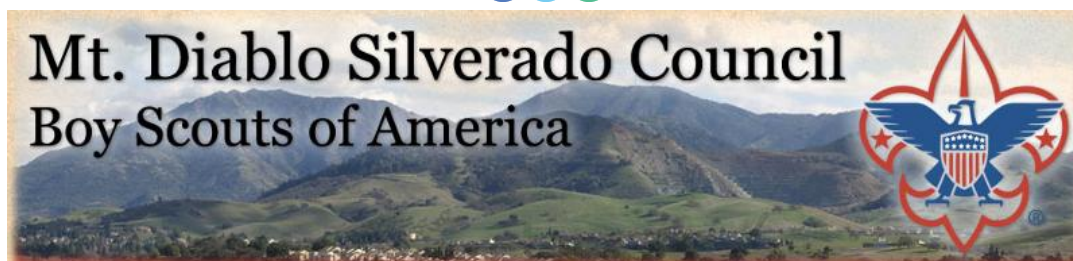


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**Scouting Continues at Home
Despite COVID-19 Disruptions!**



Mt. Diablo-Silverado Council volunteers and staff are hard at work developing a virtual merit badge program.

More exciting news to come in the next few days!

In the meantime, here are some tools for parents and leaders to use in your down time to keep Scouting thriving. We will place these resources on the council website and add to them over the next several weeks!

General Tips for Home Scouting and Cyber Chip

[Scouting Show & Tell: Scouting Remotely](#) - general tips for home Scouting

[Cyber Chip](#) - to help families and volunteers keep youth safe while online, the Boy Scouts of America introduces the Cyber Chip for Scouts of all ages.

[BSA YouTube Channel](#) - lots of amazing tips and activities here!

Don't forget to "[Do a Good Turn Daily!](#)"

Cub Scouts

[Hawkeye Area Council 30 Day Challenge](#) - currently available for Cub Scout Ranks, more to come soon for the other BSA programs!

[Bryan on Scouting Fun Projects](#) - fun list of Cub Scout aged activities, includes a link to access the previous year of Boys' Life magazine!

Scouting at Home, North Florida Council - click on the below links for each Cub rank

[Lion/Kindergarten](#)

[Tiger/1st Grade](#)

[Wolf/2nd Grade](#)
[Bear/3rd Grade](#)
[Webelos & Arrow of Light/4th & 5th Grade](#)

Spirit of Adventure Council Cub Home Activity Instructions:

["Virtual Zoo" Activity Instructions](#)
["Motor Away" Activity Instructions](#)
["Games Tigers Play" Activity Instructions](#)
["Picasso Self Portrait" Activity Instructions](#)
["Outdoor Code & Leave No Trace" Activity Instructions](#)
["Getting Knots Squared Away" Activity Instructions](#)
[The Importance of Washing Hands](#)
[Break Time Activity Ideas](#)

Spirit of Adventure Council Cub Home Activity Videos:

[Live Cameras at the Monterey Bay Aquarium](#)
[Kim's Game - Rudyard Kipling's game](#)
[Bear Necessities- Build a Barometer](#)
[How to Hang a Picture](#)

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[NE Basecamp YouTube Channel](#) - watch and learn outdoor skills!

Spirit of Adventure Council Scout Activity Instructions:

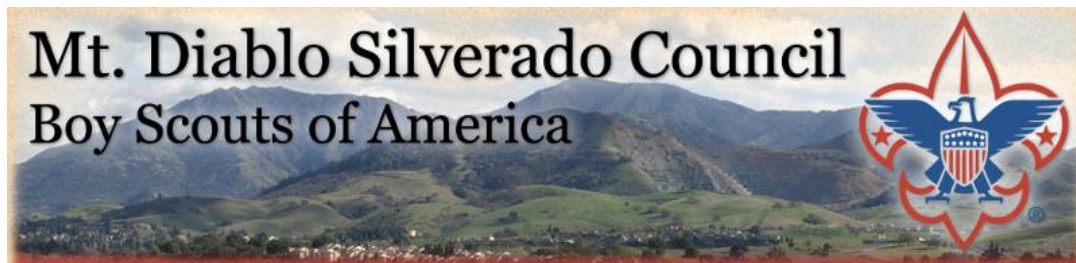
[How to Boost Participation in Virtual Scout Meetings](#)
[The Importance of Washing Hands](#)
["Getting Knots Squared Away" Activity Instructions](#)

Spirit of Adventure Council Scout Activity Videos:

[Doodles - Animation Merit Badge](#)
[Draw Every Day - Art Merit Badge](#)
[Learn to Splice - Pioneering Merit Badge](#)
[Cook a Meal for Your Family- Cooking Merit Badge](#)
[The Water Cycle- Weather and Environmental Science Merit Badge](#)
[Plan and Analyze Four Games- Game Design Merit Badge](#)
[Reinforce a Frame- Home Repairs Merit Badge](#)
[Conduct a Home Inspection- Home Repairs Merit Badge](#)
[Mime a Story- Theater Merit Badge](#)



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This was announced on 3/16/2020.

To Our Scouting Community:

In this unprecedented time the Mt. Diablo Silverado Council (MDSC) wants each one of you to know that you, your families and your extended network of colleagues and friends are of our utmost concern. Under the order of the Health Officer of Contra Costa County we are asking all units to cease its meetings and activities through April 7, 2020. The Council Service Center will remain closed to the public through that date as well. The professional staff is still here to serve you and you may contact them through their office lines and they will receive it as their desk phones are all set to forward to their cell phones. The staff will also be available to respond via email to your needs. Please subscribe to our Facebook page and check out our website www.mdscbsa.org for the latest information from your council.

All applications and Eagle paperwork we assume will be approved for an automatic extension from our National Office and will work with them to make it so. If you are able to make a Friends of Scouting donation to keep the essential services of Scouting running you may donate at: <https://www.mdscbsa.org/donate2020/>

Further, MDSC will honor requests for refund for Camp Wolfeboro and Day Camp. We also will be postponing the deadline for Camp Wolfeboro Payments until April 30th. Additionally, Day Camp late fees are waived for those who wish to register for the summer. After this drastic change in our youth's lives this Spring it is imperative, we do what we can to give them a fun and safe summer.

Districts are encouraged to reschedule their activities currently scheduled through May 11, 2020 to this fall. Camp Herms will also have its drive-in gate closed at least through April 7, 2020.

As Scouts we are expected to be leaders in our community, we need to obey the laws and regulations that have been put in place to protect our community. Utilize virtual methods to conduct your business – Facebook Live can be used through unit and District web pages to communicate. You are also able to correspond with Merit Badge Counselors or your Den Leaders to earn achievements. While the current situation represents a change from or normal operations standard it presents an opportunity for us to break out of our comfort zone and embrace new ways of delivering the promise of Scouting to one another.

Thank you all for what you do to support our community through Scouting, we all benefit from your involvement.



This was announced on 3/18/2020.

To our Scouting community,

In Scouting, we vow to help other people at all times. Now, in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, our Scouting community must do its part to slow the spread of the virus, which will save lives and avoid overwhelming our local healthcare infrastructure.

The safety of Scouts, volunteers, employees and our communities is our top priority.

With safety in mind and based on guidance from national health officials, **the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is strongly advising that in-person meetings, activities, events and gatherings of 10 or more people be suspended through the end of March.** Please also follow any restrictions outlined by your state and local health department or other state and local authorities. This applies to youth and adults out of an abundance of caution.

In accordance with national guidelines, please focus on the following through the end of March:

- Avoid in-person gatherings; instead, utilize available digital and online resources, such as video conferencing, to continue Scouting meetings, projects and advancement, adhering to the current youth protection guidelines already in place for digital communications.
 - If you must meet, limit participants to fewer than 10 people and remain at least six feet apart.
 - Follow BSA blogs and social channels, as well as #ScoutingAtHome, for great examples and ideas of how to continue Scouting.
- If you or any member of your family feel sick, DO NOT go into the office or attend any gatherings. Contact your health professional to get care and notify your supervisor so they can take the appropriate measures while you focus on recuperating.

We will continue to evaluate the ongoing situation and prioritize the safety of everyone involved in Scouting – youth, families, volunteers, employees and our communities – is our number one priority.

We realize these decisions are not without their challenges, and we thank you for helping meet the needs of our communities in difficult times.

The steps we are taking reinforce the many ways – big and small – that Scouting empowers character and leadership today and for generations to come.

Yours in Scouting,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger C. Mosby".

Roger C. Mosby
President and CEO



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For updates on what's happening in the Muir District, please join our Facebook Group.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/325497627480390/?ref=bookmarks>

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