Council Service Centers & Scout Shop

The Jon L. Wanzek Center for Scouting in Fargo and Capital Credit Union Scout Center in Bismarck will return to summer hours starting May 22.

Summer Hours:
- Monday - Thursday 8:00 - 5:00
- Friday 8:00 - 1:30

For the immediate future (subject to change) the Scout Shop operated by the National Council and located in the Jon L. Wanzek Center for Scouting is open during limited hours - 10 am to 5 pm (Monday through Friday). The Scout Shop will be closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

Current Updates

The council will continue to be proactive and make decisions that will protect the communities and families we serve. As this situation continues to evolve, we will evaluate daily and share any updates as they become available on the Scouting Update page and through our social media channels.

Beginning Monday, May 18 (with the expiration of the MN stay at home orders), all Scout units in the council will now be able to resume having meetings with the following stipulations:

- The charter organization approves use of their facilities for meetings
Follow social distancing and state specific guidelines in place

Scouts BSA Summer Camp & Cub Scout Adventure Camp updates have also been posted.

Scouting Updates

Medora Service Project
First Session Delayed to June 28

We have again partnered with the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation (TRMF) for the 2020 season. Troops will provide volunteer service including flag raising and lowering ceremonies and other service projects as needed. In return, the TRMF will provide a Campsite at the Medora Campground, Mini Golf coupon, swimming at the Elkhorn Quarters Pool and tickets to the Pitchfork Fondue and the Medora Musical. There are still sessions available between June 28 and September 5, 2020.

More Information

Continue Scouting at Home

Visit our Home Base Camp to check out activities to do at home and still earn advancements. Scouts will even earn a free patch by completing just three activities!

With the success of the NLC & National Camp In, the council is exploring the possibility of offering a Cub Scout specific virtual activity in June. Watch the Home Base Camp page for more information.

Camping Updates

Merit Badge Weekend - Rescheduled

We will be moving 2020 Spring Merit Badge weekend to a day event to be held on June 13th at the Jon L. Wanzek Center for Scouting.

If you are currently registered for this event your registration will automatically be moved to the new date.

If you are currently registered for this event and you are unavailable for Saturday June 13th, please contact Emilie at emilie.frenzel@scouting.org to process a refund.

We will reduce the cost, TBD. Difference in cost will be refunded.

Classes will be: Aviation, Cit in the Nation, Communication, Reptile Study, and Journalism

Wilderness First Aide - TBD

Register Here
Tiger Cub Weekend - Canceled  
May 29-31

Scouts BSA Summer Camp

- Merit Badge sign up is June 6th
- Early bird deadline for summer camp has been extended to July 1
- "Worry free" refund policy for COVID-19 cancellations
- The new Scouts BSA Camping season will be 5 weeks starting July 5 and ending August 8.
  - Session 1 July 5-11
  - Session 2 July 12-18
  - Session 3 July 19-25
  - Session 4 July 26-August 1
  - Session 5 August 2-August 8 (New)

Troops signed up for a June camp session should reach out to Emilie Frenzel at your earliest convenience via email at emilie.frenzel@scouting.org or phone (701-293-5011) to select a different session of camp and update your group’s estimated contingent size.

Register Here

Cub Adventure Camp

This is one rodeo you and your Scout won’t want to miss!
Early bird deadline for adventure camp has been extended to July 1

Butler Wilderness Outpost
  - Session 1 July 6-9
  - Session 2 July 10-13
  - Session 3 July 13-16
  - Session 4 July 17-20 (New Dates)
  - Session 5 July 20-23 (New Dates)

Heart Butte Scout Reservation
  - Session 1 July 27-30 (New Dates)
  - Session 2 July 31-Aug 3 (New Dates)

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Butler Wilderness Outpost

Heart Butte

June Work Weekend Canceled

Camperships - June 15th Deadline
Camperships are camp scholarships for Northern Lights Council Scouts who would otherwise be financially unable to attend camp. Apply here https://www.nlcbsa.org/assistance

Day Camp
Day Camp updates can be found at https://www.nlcbsa.org/daycamp
National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)  
July 26-Aug 1 at Butler Wilderness Outpost  

NYLT is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide Scouts BSA members with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others. We do plan to hold this as scheduled with a few modifications to keep everyone safe and healthy.  

NYLT is a seven-day course. Content is delivered in a troop and patrol outdoor setting with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in a fun environment. Interconnecting concepts and work processes are introduced early, built upon, and aided by the use of memory aids, which allows participants to understand and employ the leadership skills much faster.

Get Details and Register for NYLT

Special Announcement for Graduating Seniors – The Matt and JoAnn Butler Youth Development Scholarship application is open to all High School Seniors who are currently active in Scouting or were active up to the time that the "aged out" during the 2019/2020 school year. Seniors who aged out should include a statement explaining why they are not currently enrolled as a youth member with their application and other requested documents.

Members of Northern Lights Council and Dakota Horizons Girl Scout Council are encouraged to apply online or through “hard copy”. Hard copy applications are available by contacting your local Scout council. Online applications can be found at www.nlcbsa/finance/financial assistance then scroll to the bottom of the page to Matt and JoAnn Butler Youth Development Scholarship Program

The Matt and JoAnn Butler Youth Development Scholarship Program Committee will award a limited number of $2,000 scholarships to be used for post high school education. Applications are due by 5:00 PM on Friday, May 29 to the Northern Lights Council.

2021 National Jamboree Application

The Northern Lights Council is currently looking for both Scouts and adults to attend the 2021 National Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve July 21 - 30, 2021.
Scouting’s flagship event is one-of-a-kind. It’s a gathering of approximately 40,000 Scouts, leaders, and staff that showcases everything that is great about the BSA and its members. Held every four years, the Jamboree is an amazing opportunity for participants, volunteers, and visitors to experience the best of Scouting, all in one place. Features include; one of the longest zip line courses in North America, a world-class skate park, ATV offerings, treetop canopy tours, rock climbing, patch trading, stadium shows, and much more!

The Jamboree is open to all who are qualified on a first-come, first-served basis. Qualifications to attend the National Jamboree include:

- Registered member of a Scout Troop, who has completed the 6th grade, or will be at least 12 years old (but who has not yet reached their 18th birthday by 8/1/2021) and a first clas Scout by July 1, 2021 - OR -  
- Registered member of a Venturing Crew (but has not reached their 21st birthday by 8/1/2021)  
- Must live and abide by the Scout Oath and Law.  
- Must abide by the Jamboree Code of Conduct
Popcorn Sale

Visit the council popcorn page now to view the 2020 timeline. Check back often for updates as they are posted in May through July.

If you are a unit "popcorn kernel", don't forget to sign up your unit to participate in the sale no later than June 30 to be entered in a drawing for a $50 Scout Shop gift card!

What's Happening in your District?

Click the link to find out!

D3 Oxcart Trails - Fergus Falls, Wahpeton
D4 Lakes - Alexandria, Morris
D5 Northern Sky - Fargo, WF, Moorhead, Jamestown, Detroit Lakes
D8 Lake Agassiz - Grand Forks, EGF, Devils Lake, Thief River Falls,
D10 Roughrider - Dickinson
D11 Tomahawk - Minot
D13 Frontier Trails - Bismarck, Mandan
D14 Great Plains - Williston, Plentywood

Upcoming Meetings & Events

MAY 2020
21 Council Training meeting (GTM)
25 Offices Closed (Memorial Day)
26 Council Day Camp meeting (GTM)
26 Council Commissioner meeting (GTM)
28 Council Camping meeting (GTM)

June 2020
13 Merit Badge Weekend at Jon L. Wanzek Center for Scouting
16 Council Advancement Meeting
18 Breakfast for Scouting (Oakes)
23 Council Commissioner Meeting
28-July 1 Medora Session 7 (space available)
30 Unit Popcorn Registration due

July 2020
5-11 Session 1 Scouts BSA Camp
6-9 Session 1 Butler Cub Camp
7 D13 Cub Scout Day Camp
10-13 Session 2 Butler Cub Camp
12-18 Scouts BSA Camp
13-16 Session 3 Butler Cub Camp
14 D4 Cub Scout Twilight Camp
17-20 Session 4 Butler Cub Camp
19-25 Session 3 Scouts BSA Camp
20-23 Session 5 Butler Cub Camp
26-Aug 1 Session 4 Scouts BSA Camp
27-30 Session 1 Heart Butte
31-Aug 3 Session 2 Heart Butte

**August 2020**
2-8 Session 5 Scouts BSA Camp