



Expeditions SUMMER 2020 BSAC High Adventure

THE HISTORIC TRAILS PROGRAM



Love of America and devotion to our country depend upon a thorough appreciation of the ideals, principles, and traditions that have made our country strong. Historic Trails Award requirements emphasize cooperation between historic societies and Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, and Venturing units. A unit should establish a close relationship with a local society as soon as possible when planning a historic activity—most communities have such societies. Reports from many units indicate that these societies have been eager to offer their cooperation by suggesting trails or sites that are suitable for unit historic activities and exploration, providing units with historic information about the trails or sites, offering guidance to units during restoration and marking projects, financing the cost of materials used by units for restoration and marking projects, state historic pageants and ceremonies with unit participation, directing public attention to unit historic activities through newspapers, television, and radio.

Award Requirements: To earn the award, members of your unit must plan participate in a historic activity. A unit historic activity requires members to 1) Locate a historic trail or site and study information relating to it. (The information may be obtained from an adult historic society, public library, or people living near the trail or site.), 2) Hike or camp two days and one night along the trail or in the vicinity of the site, 3) Cooperate with an adult group such as a historic society to restore and mark all or part of this trail or site. (This may be done during the hike or overnight camp.) Or cooperate with such a group to plan and stage a historic pageant, ceremony, or other public event related to this trail or site—such an event should be large enough to merit coverage by the local press. Your unit leader must then file the Historic Trails Award application with your local council service center. The Historic Trails Award application can be accessed by going to [www.scouting.org>outdoor program](http://www.scouting.org/outdoor_program) , click on Awards and scroll down to Historic Trails Award.

BSA OHIO HISTORIC TRAILS

DAN BEARD RIVERWALK TRAIL, Dan Beard Council, Cincinnati, OH. **LAUGHERY CREEK TRAIL**, Dan Beard Council, Cincinnati, OH. ...

OHIO CITY TRAIL, Greater Cleveland Council, Cleveland, OH. **JOHNNY APPLESEED TRAIL**, Greater Cleveland Council, Cleveland, OH.

ANTHONY WAYNE TRAIL, Erie Shores Council, Toledo, OH.

PHILMONT CLOSURE 2020

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Dear Members of the Colleagues,

The safety of our participants, staff and community has been and will remain our top priority at Philmont Scout Ranch.

It is with great disappointment that we must announce the required cancelation of all remaining programs for the 2020 summer season at Philmont Scout Ranch. Although we had hoped our extensive precautions and mitigation efforts would enable us to provide some programming this summer, our proposals were denied due to New Mexico's COVID-19 state guidelines and travel restrictions from the New Mexico Department of Health.

The Philmont staff is pursuing all options to support our Scouting families, including helping them navigate scheduling options, which we anticipate will include moving this year's reservations to either 2021 or 2022, redirecting to other high adventure bases, and providing refunds when those options are not possible.

We will also continue to pursue programming in the coming autumn, winter, or a future summer season. We will post updates on www.PhilmontScoutRanch.org

Thank you for dedicated support.

Al Lambert
Assistant Chief Scout Executive
National Director of Outdoor Adventures
Boy Scouts of America

Clarion River Water Trail



The Clarion River is the 2019 Pennsylvania River of the Year and was featured on a U.S. Postage stamp. It meanders through the narrow valleys and hardwood forests of the Pennsylvania Great Outdoors region for 110 miles, flowing from Johnsonburg through Cook Forest to Clarion and ultimately joining the Allegheny River near Foxburg. Forested mountain slopes teeming with wildlife, intermittent riffles on the water, and rock outcrops above its surface provide a picturesque backdrop for outdoor recreation. Nearly 52 miles of the river have been designated as scenic and recreational under the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, and adjacent public lands along its shores provide abundant opportunities for camping, hunting, hiking, bicycling, wildlife watching, and picnicking.

ST. MARYS (OHIO) BOAT CLUB'S SCOUT SAILING PROGRAM

St. Marys Boat Club (SMBC) is proud to collaborate with the Scouts of America in helping scouts earn their "Small-boat Sailing Merit Badge". This program was strongly endorsed by the members of SMBC and encourages all youths to learn to sail. The SMBC Scout Coordinator is Phil Albertson and he can be reached at philalb59@gmail.com. Should you have interest in this program, please contact Phil with any questions.



