



An open letter to our 2020 MVSR Summer Camp Adult Leaders

Dear MVSR Summer Camp Unit Leader,

First, on behalf of ALL of the Muskingum Valley Council BSA, Staff and Board Members, we want to say THANK YOU for choosing to spend a week of your summer by serving our young people, who ARE the leaders of tomorrow! Your service to our youth today will pay enormous dividends in the future, and we sincerely appreciate the investment of your Time. As we all prepare to go to MVSR for a week this summer, we would like to ask each Adult Leader to take a moment and consider your expectations. For those who have been through the routine a few times, you know that the MVSR Camp Staff are well trained, eager to teach and well prepared to take control of the youth upon check-in at Camp. Taking a Troop or Crew to MVSR could be viewed as a "week off". If you are thinking that way about your upcoming week at Camp, we totally get that..... But this year is a bit different than any year we have had before. Preparing for Camp this year has had many, many challenges that we have never experienced before. Just making the decision to actually HAVE Camp was a challenge. The restrictions that the Camp Staff are operating under this summer, due to COVID, place them under a tremendous burden and the Staff is stretched thin. Therefore, we are asking you now, before you get to Camp, to please think through your role as an Adult Leader with your Unit while you are at MVSR for your week. This summer, more than ever before, our Camp Director is going to need Unit Leaders to be Prepared to *assist* in the Program where the Camp Staff feels help is needed. It may be in just a minor capacity, such as simple supervision of your "Cohort" while they are "staging", or a more complex capacity, such as assisting at a Program area with Merit Badge Instruction or Safety. We are not asking or expecting Unit Adult Leaders to do the job of Staff at MVSR, but we ARE asking you to be prepared and willing to jump in and help when needed. We appreciate you all very much and look forward to GREAT summer at MVSR. Please remember, we have a **purpose** for doing what we do in Scouting;

"The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law."

Thank you and please feel free to contact any of us if you have any questions.

Yours in Scouting,

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