

The Buckskin Courier

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Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST)

Saturday, January 8, 2022 12:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Youth leadership is a vital part of the Scouting program. Scouts in positions of leadership run the troop by taking care of the many tasks necessary for troop and patrols to run smoothly. Scouts are preparing themselves to be leaders throughout their lives.

Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST) teaches Scouts about their leadership roles and how to succeed. It is most helpful to Scouts just entering a new leadership role. This course will help your troop become a true Scout-led troop. Completion of ILST is a prerequisite for Scouts to participate in more advanced leadership courses like National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT).

Who should attend? Scouts in leadership roles, elected or appointed. Registered adult leaders.

Why should they attend? Scouts take their newfound skills and knowledge back to their units to build a stronger troop. Adult leaders will gain insight into the importance of conducting an ILST course within their troop.

Where is it? H.B. Wehrle Service Center, 2829 Kanawha Blvd E, Charleston

When is it? Saturday, January 8, 2022, 12:30pm to 5:00pm. Check in begins at 12 noon.

How do we register? Register at <u>www.buckskin.org</u>. The fee is \$3 per person. Registration closes Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 11:59 pm.

2022 Camp Kootaga 100th Year Anniversary Logo

The Camp Kootaga 100th Anniversary Logo design contest is over, and a design has been selected. We want to thank everyone who submitted designs. There were a lot of great designs and it was a tough decision. We may incorporate some of the other designs in some other things we do this coming year. We are excited about the 100th Anniversary of Camp Kootaga and are looking forward to a whole year of events incorporating the new logo. While we are honoring the past 99 years at Camp Kootaga, we are also looking toward the future of what the Camp can and will be. Help us celebrate by attending our events, summer camp and our Anniversary Celebration Day on June 25th at Camp Kootaga. Here is a look at the new logo.

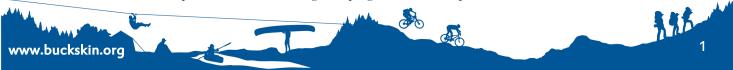


Summer Camp Dates at Camp Kootaga for Summer 2022

Staff Training / Set Up
Week 1 Scouts BSA
Week 2 Scouts BSA
Week 3 Scouts BSA
Week 4 Scouts BSA

Summer Camp Staff Applications Available

If you are or will be at least 14 years old by June 19, 2022, and want to work at Camp Kootaga, staff applications are available. The applications for the 2022 Summer Camp Staff Season are available to download and complete on the Buckskin Council website https://www.buckskin.org/camping/scoutsbsacamp/



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December

- 4 OA Winter Banquet
- 9 Executive Committee meeting
- 11 Charleston Shop open, 9:00 am 1:00 pm
- 18 Huntington Shop open, 9:00 am 1:00 pm
- 19 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace
- 23-24 Service Center & Shops Closed
- 27 All Shops Closed for Inventory
- 31 Service Center & Shops Closed

January

- 8 Scout Day at the Capitol, Charleston
- 8 Charleston Shop open, 9:00 am 1:00 pm
- 8 Council-District Operations mtg (CDO), Wehrle Service Center, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- 9 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace
- 13 Executive Board meeting, Wehrle Service Center
- 17 Martin Luther King, Jr Day, Service Center & Shops Closed
- Huntington Shop open, 9:00 am 1:00 pm

February

- 5 Marshall University Merit Badge College
- 6 Scout Sunday
- 7 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace
- 10 Executive Committee meeting
- 12 Charleston Shop open, 9:00 am 1:00 pm
- 21 Presidents Day Service Center & Shops Closed
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SPECIAL THANKS Volunteers are

heart of Scouting and in the Buckskin Council we have a group who quietly serve you by making sure the newsletters and other key communications are prepared, labeled and mailed. It is

important to let our leaders know who these folks are so you can thank them when you see them.

The person who leads the charge is Bonnie Starling! The November Courier helpers were Carleton Starr and Phil Gaarenstroom. We always look forward to seeing these volunteers in the council office.

The Newsletter is folded on the last Tuesday of each month, between August and May, starting around 8:30 am and ending around noon. If you would like to join this great group of people, call the Scout Service Center at 304-340-3663 and let us know. We would greatly appreciate your help!!!!









A Message from the Scout Executive

Holiday Greetings Scouters,

The twelfth point of the Scout Law is "a Scout is Reverent", and fast approaching is that very special time of year, the holiday season. With all of the hustle and bustle, the true meaning of the season sometimes gets lost in the marketing and celebrations. Let's try to remind our Scouts about the true meaning and purpose of the season, so that they may fully appreciate this wonderful time of year.

This time of year also marks another important event. Unit rechartering is rapidly approaching, and recharter packets should be available now or very soon. Please take advantage of internet rechartering. It is fast, convenient, and improves accuracy. Instructions are in your recharter packet. Also, please make sure all of your registered adults have taken youth protection training. This is a National BSA policy and the biggest impediment to units rechartering on time. Also, every adult will need to review the disclosure documentation and sign a background check authorization. If you did not receive the disclosure and authorization information, please contact your local Scout Shop or the Council Service Center. It's good for you, it's good for our Scouts, and it's good for the BSA.

Happy Holidays to you and yours,

Jeffrey L. Purdy Scout Executive



This holiday season, give your loved ones the inspiration, gear, and tools they need to take their next great adventure. Find everything you need for everyone on your list.

Visit the Scout Shop for gifts that will excite and inspire your Scout!

The world is waiting. Are you ready?



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2023 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE DATES ANNOUNCED

On September 29th the Boy Scouts of America announced that the next National Scout Jamboree will be held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia July 19-28, 2023. More than just a gathering of Scouts, the Jamboree provides High Adventure programming, a chance to meet Scouts from around the country, and so much more. Many of you have waited years for the opportunity to attend a Jamboree, and we are excited to offer a local contingent that will help you reach this Scouting milestone. We hope that you will consider joining with us as we plan and take part in a memorable Scouting adventure!

Due to the recent announcement of the Jamboree dates, we will wait until further event details are published prior to outlining contingent costs and a registration timeline. Check out the next steps listed below in order to stay in the loop on Jamboree and contingent developments.

Next Steps for Parents and Interested Leaders

- 1. To stay in the loop with Jamboree and local contingent developments, please consider joining our mailing list by filling out the online form at www.buckskin.org/events/2023-national-jamboree-dates-announced
- 2. Based on experience, we strongly encourage that parents and Scouts explore fundraising options to help fund participation in the Jamboree.
- 3. A process will be published at a later date outlining the leadership selection process for the units that will make -up our contingent to the Jamboree. Please sign-up for the mailing list and indicate your interest to serve as a leader to receive more information.

See you at the Summit in 2023!

Help bring joy this season

Buy your gifts at **smile.amazon.com** or with AmazonSmile ON in the app and Amazon donates **amazon**Smile



BUCKSKIN COUNCIL

SCOUTS ON SKIS FAMILY SKI OUTINGS AT WINTERPLACE

Have your troop learn to ski and earn the coveted **Snow Sports Merit Badge!**

Sunday, December 19, 2021 Sunday, January 9, 2022 Sunday, February 6, 2022 Sunday, February 27, 2022

Bring Scouts and family members to Scout on Skis and receive:

- •A full day (open to close) lift ticket
- •A 90 minute group lesson customized to each participant's skiing level.
 - •A full set of ski rental equipment including helmet
 •Meal Voucher

Add-ons and upgrades are available.

Check-in at Winterplace between **8:00am - 1:00pm**. Ski until **10:00pm**.

Price: \$80 Ski Package \$10 Snowboard Rental

Register Online at <u>www.buckskin.org</u> or call 304-340-3663



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MERIT BADGE COLLEGES

February and March, 2022

H. Bernard Wehrle, Sr.
Scout Leadership Service Center
and Scout Shop
2829 Kanawha Blvd E
Charleston, WV 25311
Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Phone: 304-340-3663/fax 304-925-0533

Huntington Scout Shop 1037 Sixth Ave Huntington, WV 25701 Monday-Friday 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Phone: 304-523-3408/fax 304-523-3409

Parkersburg Scout Shop 1117 Garfield Ave Parkersburg, WV 26101

Monday-Friday 9:00 am-5:00 pm (No Saturdays)

Phone: 304-422-4507/ fax 304-428-8594

Charleston and Huntington Scout Shops are open one Saturday a month from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

The specific dates are listed below:

Charleston Shop	Huntington Shop
December 11	December 18
January 8	January 22
February 12	February 26
March 12	March 26
April 9	April 23
May 14	May 21

The two major merit badge opportunities the Council has each year are the Marshall University Merit Badge College in February and the University of Scouting in March. In light of the Covid-19 virus, we have been advised of some special conditions we will need to follow for these two events. This information is preliminary and based on conversations with our liaisons at each school. Plans are still being developed and course catalogs will be published before the end of December.

At this time these changes will be made to the in-person Merit Badge Colleges at Marshall University and West Virginia State University:

- Registration will end TWO WEEKS prior to the events.
 Scoutmasters should register and enroll their scouts as early as possible for best merit badge selection.
- Each participant, adult and youth, will need to complete a 14 day pre-screening assessment prior to the date of the event. This will be submitted at check-in. Scoutmasters should make copies of this form which will be in the course catalog and distribute this pre-screening form to each participant in their unit.
- Each participant will need to complete a liability waiver, releasing the University of any liability should the participant be diagnosed with Covid-19 following the event.
- Masks will be required while on campus in a classroom or other building. Masks may be removed in order to eat lunch.
- All sessions will be limited to 15 participants. Seats in most classrooms are already marked to maintain 6 foot distance between course participants.
- For the merit badge and adult training session, we will do unit check-in one adult stops at the registration table and picks up the unit's packet with schedules and locations. However, due to Covid, each participant will need to present themselves for a temperature check during check-in. A wrist band will be issued to each participant who clears check-in. Please wear the wrist band as this will serve as your lunch ticket as well. Adults attending, whether registered for classes and lunch or not must also have their temperature checked and receive a wrist band.
- Buffet style lunch will be replaced with a selection of "box lunch" options. Likewise, physical distancing will be required during lunch time.

More detailed information concerning the registration and check -in processes will be included in the course catalog for each merit badge college.



2023 World Scout Jamboree

August 1 to August 12, 2023 Saemangeum, South Korea

In 2023, the 25th World Scout Jamboree will be hosted by the Korean Scout Association at a new site in SaeManGeum, South Korea. The WSJ offers a wide range of programs, from high adventure to learning about sustainable development. Everyone who attends a World Scout Jamboree leaves with friends from around the world, and memories that will last a lifetime.

Scouts who are age 14-17 at the time of the Jamboree are eligible to apply as participants. Adults 18+ years old can apply to serve on the International Service Team (IST). The Contingent Management Team (CMT) will also need adult volunteers to serve as unit leaders for the USA Contingent.

Registration for the United States Contingent to the 2023 World Scout Jamboree opens on November 15, 2021.

Here are some tips for success:

The registration site will open on November 15, 2021. To register, click the link on the "Apply" page, which will take you to the BSA Event Management System. Put in your my.scouting credentials and click "login". If you are a parent registering on behalf of a Scout, remember to use your Scout's my.scouting credentials (and not the parent's). We encourage Scouts to fill out the application together with their parents. On the next page you will see a tile and link for the "World Scout Jamboree".

At this point, we don't know what time registration will open, so if you don't see the "2023 World Scout Jamboree" tile and link, then come back later in the day and try again. Registration will require you to provide personal information, as well as to read and agree to a number of important policies.

Registration is open for Participants, Unit Leaders and IST. Information about cost and payment policies can be found online at wsj2023.us/apply/.

A \$500 down payment will be required for each applicant. Adults over the age of 21 at the time of the Jamboree can express their interest in being a Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster by applying here. Once you've been accepted, you can register and pay your deposit in the WSJ website. Deposits can be made by credit card or direct from your bank account.

Learn all about it at wsj2023.us

December - Holiday Lights Celebration

December is a time for families and friends to gather and enjoy the spirit of the holidays. During this season every community comes alive with holiday lights.

This year, the Council will send a special patch to Cub Scouts who submit a picture of themselves attending a holiday light display. To earn your patch, find a holiday light display near you and go see it with your den or your family.

Take a picture in front of the display and send it to us.

Pictures and mailing information for the patch should be emailed to Trey Aliff at Johnny. Aliff@scouting.org. Check out all the cool Holiday Light photos on the Buckskin Council Facebook page. (If your child is not to have his/her photo published, please include that note with the picture.)



January 8th - Cub Scout Day at Capitol

All Cub Scouts and their families are invited to tour the WV State Cultural Center on Saturday, January 8, 2022. The learning begins at 9:00 am. After you are finished touring the Cultural Center join us with a free hot dog lunch at the Buckskin Council Scout Service Center at Noon.

The WV State Cultural Center is located in the Capitol Complex on Kanawha Blvd in Charleston. Just a short drive away, the Buckskin Council Service Center is at 2829 Kanawha Boulevard East in Charleston. We ask that you register at www.buckskin.org so we know how many Scouts to expect.









Training Corner

By Susan Williams

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The council training team is conducting an ILST course on January 8, 2022. The class will be at the Wehrle Service Center from 12:30 pm to 5:00 pm. The fee is \$3 per person.

Who should attend? Any scout in a leadership role in your troop. Adult leaders should also attend to learn how to conduct this valuable training in their troops.

Register now at www.buckskin.org/training.

SAVE THE DATE!

<u>University of Scouting at WV State University</u> March 12, 2022

Mark your calendar for University of Scouting at West Virginia State University (WVSU) on March 12, 2022. The training team is planning a host of useful classes to help you build a better program for your Pack and Troop.

In addition to training, many merit badges will be offered for Scouts. The course catalog is expected to be released in the coming weeks.

PLEASE NOTE: Expect to see some changes in registration due to Covid 19 concerns.

Marshall University Merit Badge College February 5, 2022

Adult training will be offered at Marshall University Merit Badge College. Watch for the course catalog coming out soon. PLEASE NOTE: Expect to see some changes in registration due to Covid 19 concerns.



Training Calendar

January

8 ILST training, Wehrle Service Center 12:30 pm - 5:00 pm

February

5 Marshall University Merit Badge College

March

12 University of Scouting, WV State University

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6-7 Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO), Camp Arrowhead

Schedule Training for Your Unit

Call: Sue Williams, Council Training Chair buzy2buzy@gmail.com 217-741-0900

Or Carol McCarthy, Training Vice-Chair DesignsbyCarol@gmail.com 703-587-4453

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All registration links and more information on each event can be found by visiting www.takhonek.org/registration.

Winter Banquet - December 4th

Please join us for the 2021 Takhonek Lodge Winter Banquet for dinner, fellowship, and a celebration of this year's accomplishments. Our keynote speaker will be Patrick Sterrett, the Assistant Chief Scout Executive – High Adventure Bases and General Manager of Summit Bechtel Reserve.

We will be recognizing this year's officers, installing our officers for 2022, First year Arrowman award recipients, new members, new Brotherhood members, as well as announcing this year's Founder's Award recipient. We will also have a presentation about NOAC 2022 and how to register, and a short Lodge meeting. There will be an opportunity to purchase new lodge merchandise and bid on rare lodge and OA items in the silent auction.

Members should arrive in Class A uniform with OA sash. The program will begin at 2:00 pm, and dinner being served at 2:30 pm. We look forward to seeing all Arrowmen and their friends and family on December 4! Register now at www.buckskin.org/oa. There will be no onsite registration.

Make Sure To Pay Your Dues!

Make sure that you pay your dues for 2021. You can pay at the Scout office or online at www.buckskin.org/oa-events/takhonek-lodge-2021-dues. Paying your dues to the lodge helps keep the lodge thriving for years to come and keep the O.A. in our area alive.

National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)

Brothers! Our lodge is putting together a contingent to go to the National Order of the Arrow Conference in 2022. NO-AC is at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville from July 25- July 30. NOAC is a great opportunity to meet Arrowmen from all around the nation from 260 different Lodges. There are trainings, shows, special events, and much more.

2021/2022 Lodge Calendar

Date	Event	Location
Dec 4	Winter Banquet	The Summit
July 25-30	NOAC	UT-Knoxville

- * denotes Ordeal opportunity
- denotes Brotherhood opportunity
- denotes Vigil opportunity



Adena District

Serving: Cabell, Wayne, Lincoln, WV; Lawrence, OH; Boyd, Carter, Lawrence, KY Counties carl.sullivan@scouting.org

Adena Event Calendar

December

December			
2	Roundtable, 6:30 pm		
16	District Committee Meeting, 6:00pm		
18	Huntington Scout Shop Open 9 am - 1 pm		
23-24	Service Center & Shops Closed		
27	All Shops Closed for Inventory		
31	Service Center & Shops Closed for New Year's Day		
January			
6	Roundtable, 6:30 pm		
8	Cub Scout Day at WV State Capitol		
8	Council-District Operations mtg (CDO) 10:00 am		
15	Adena Popcorn Celebration		
17	MLK Jr Day - Service Center & Shops Closed		
20	District Committee Meeting, 6:00pm		

Huntington Scout Shop Open, 9:00am-1:00pm

February

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28-30

3	Roundtable, 6:30pm
5	Merit Badge College
6 or 13	Scout Sunday
17	District Committee Meeting, 6:00pm
21	Presidents Day - Service Center & Shops Closed
26	Huntington Scout Shop Open, 9:00am-1:00pm

Klondike - Camp Cherokee

ROUNDTABLE

The Monthly Roundtable Meeting is the first Thursday of each month. We are having in-person meetings at The Gathering Place, 1511 Chestnut St in Kenova at 6:30 pm. For those unable to make it in person, our roundtable is livestreaming on Zoom.. Watch your email for the link.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE

The District Committee Meeting will be conducted via Zoom Video Conference at 6:00pm. These meetings will continue to be held via Zoom until we are able to meet in person at

Central United Methodist Church, 11th St West and Jefferson Ave, in Huntington. These meetings begin at 6:00pm on the third Thursday of each month. All units should have a representative attend. All District Committee members and Charter Organization Representatives are encouraged to attend.

SECOND POPCORN PICKUP

Orders for the second popcorn sale are due December 1. The order is expected to be available for pickup at the Huntington Scout Shop on Friday, December 17.

ADENA POPCORN CELEBRATION

All scouts who became part of the \$650 Club during the recent popcorn sale are invited to our popcorn celebration on Saturday, January 15, 2022. Leaders, submit the names and contact info for these scouts to Carl. Scouts will receive details about the time and location for the celebration. Congratulations to all our scouts for their participation in the sale. A BIG Thank You to those who became part of the \$650 Club this year.

Adena District Committee

District Chair	Kenneth Bannon	304-633-2645
District Vice-Chair	vacant	
District Commissioner	Alvin Watts	304-751-5686
District Executive	Carl Sullivan	304-523-3408
Nominating Committee	David Amsbary	304-697-5757
Fund Development	David Lunsford	304-733-2780
Family FOS	Pryce Haynes III	304-416-0453
Community FOS	Lee Oxley	304-697-4370
Product Sale	Melanie Young	304-523-3408
Golf Scramble	Mark Cox	304-736-3054
Membership	vacant	
Training	Sue Williams	217-741-0900
Program Chair	Robert Shields	304-638-4536
Camp Promotion	Jon Keelin	606-739-9232
Advancement	Ed Dzierzak	304-634-6189
Marketing	Jeremy Reed	304-972-9116
Cub Scout Roundtable	Melanie Young	606-928-4903
Activities	vacant	
OA Chapter Advisor	Jon Keelin	606-739-9232

BE SURE TO CHECK THE COUNCIL WEBSITE AND DISTRICT FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UPDATES REGARDING SCHEDULED EVENTS.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS

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HUNTINGTON SCOUT SHOP

December is a time for the holidays and to prepare for year end. The Huntington Shop will be open Saturday, December 18, from 9:00am to 1:00pm for your Scouting gift items.

The Council office and shops will be closed December 23 & 24 in observance of Christmas. The Huntington Shop will also be closed on December 27 for inventory.

The Council office and shops will be closed December 31 in observance of the New Year Day holiday.

SCOUT DAY AT THE CAPITAL

Scouts and their families are invited to come to Charleston, WV, on Saturday, January 8, 2022 for the Scout Day at the Capital. Scouts will be able to tour the State Museum at the Culture Center from 9:00am to noon. Scouts are then invited to the Wehrle Scout Center for a hot dog lunch. The Culture Center is located in the Capitol Complex on Kanawha Blvd in Charleston. Just a short drive away, the Buckskin Council Service Center is at 2829 Kanawha Boulevard East in Charleston. We ask that you register at www.buckskin.org so we know how many Scouts to expect.

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Chief Cornstalk District

Serving: Logan, Boone Mingo Kanawha, Braxton & Clay Counties in WV & Pike County in Ky. bill.bryant@scouting.org

Chief Cornstalk Event Calendar

December

16	Cornstalk District Committee Meeting
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21-23	Winter Camporee
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February

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21	Presidents Day - Service Center & Shops Closed

Chief Cornstalk District Committee

Meeting is the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm by Zoom Conference. Anyone can attend help plan upcoming events and receive information about the Council and District activities.

Unit Charters

If you need any assistance with Unit re-chartering please contact Billy Bryant at 304-687-0476 to schedule an appointment. If you have any youth members that need financial assistance to continue their journey in Scouting please send an email to bill.bryant@scouting.org.

Chief Cornstalk District Committee

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Field Director	Billy Bryant	304-340-3663
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Vice Chair	Jeffrey Brandt	304-982-5546
Vice Chair	Steve Snodgrass	304-837-3302
Membership Chair	Kevin Abdalla	304-345-8091
Community FOS Chair	vacant	
Family FOS Chair	Mike Kawash	304-768-3948
Product Sales	Jessica Hunter	304-389-8842
Special Event Chair	Steve Downey	
Program Chair	Grace Ann Tolbert	304-988-9537
Training Chair	Bonnie Starling	304-965-7680
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Camping Chair	James Sutphin	304-553-9676
Marketing Chair	Jim Strawn	
Cub Day Camp	Kara Cvechko	304-573-6720
Cub Day Camp	Alicyn Spencer	304-380-4167
Cub Family Camp	Becky Kinser	304-752-0454
District Chaplain	Danny Pauley	304-561-7666
OA Chapter Advisor	Matt Dawson	304-546-6165

December Holiday Lights Celebration

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Take a picture in front of the display and send it to us. Pictures and mailing information for the patch should be emailed to Trey Aliff at Johnny.Aliff@scouting.org. Check out all the cool Holiday Light photos on the Buckskin Council Facebook page. (If your child is not to have his/her photo published, please include that note with the picture.)





Kootaga District
Serving: Wood, Jackson, Wirt, Roane, Ritchie, Calhoun counties in WV,

Serving: Wood, Jackson, Wirt, Roane, Ritchie, Calhoun counties in WV and the communities of Belpre, Little Hocking, and Coolville in Ohio/michael.cidor@scouting.org

Kootaga Event Calendar

December

14	District Committee, 6:30 pm
14	Roundtable, 7:30 pm
23-24	Service Center & Shops Closed
27	All Shops Closed for Inventory
31	Service Center & Shops Closed

January

8	Cub Scout Day at WV State Capitol
8	Council-District Operations mtg (CDO) 10:00 an
11	District Committee, 6:30 pm
11	Roundtable, 7:30 pm
17	MLK Jr Day - Service Center & Shops Closed
28-30	Klondike Camp Out

February

0	District Committee, 0:30 pm
8	Roundtable, 7:30 pm
21	Presidents Day - Service Center & Shops Closed

2022 Summer Camp Dates at Camp Kootaga

June 12 – 18	Staff Training / Set Up
June 19 – 25	Week 1 Scouts BSA
June 26 – July 2	Week 2 Scouts BSA
July 3 – 9	Week 3 Scouts BSA
July 10 – 16	Week 4 Scouts BSA

Summer Camp Staff Applications Available

If you are or will be at least 14 years old by June 19, 2022, and want to work at Camp Kootaga, staff applications are available. The applications for the 2022 Summer Camp Staff Season are available to download and complete on the Buckskin Council website https://www.buckskin.org/camping/scoutsbsacamp/

Holiday Lights

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Kootaga District Committee

James Bennon	304-485-1547
Christopher Burk	304-615-5648
Michael Cidor	814-860-1562
Kathy Wise	304-482-7576
Kevin Trippett	304-422-0806
Sarah Paxton	304-917-9972
John Shepard	304-588-2849
Jeri Lynn Boudreau	304-991-8870
Jeremy Holland	
Erik Summers	304-531-8452
Keith Morrow	
Patrick Shook	304-481-1792
Pete Conklin	304-455-5064
Jay Wilson	304-481-3731
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Klondike Derby

Scouts get your sleds ready for the 2022 Klondike Derby at Camp Kootaga. Jay Wilson and crew are putting together a program of fun and adventure for Troops to enjoy. Klondike is scheduled for January 29th. Camping is optional for the weekend. Registration and more details will be posted on the Kootaga District page of the Buckskin Council website.

2022 Camp Kootaga 100th Year Anniversary Logo

The Camp Kootaga 100th Anniversary Logo design contest is over, and a design has been selected. We want to thank everyone who submitted designs. There were a lot of great designs and it was a tough



decision. We may incorporate some of the other designs in some other things we do this coming year. We are excited about the 100th Anniversary of Camp Kootaga and are looking forward to a whole year of events incorporating the new logo. While we are honoring the past 99 years at Camp Kootaga, we are also looking toward the future of what the Camp can and will be. Help us celebrate by attending our events, summer camp and our Anniversary Celebration Day on June 25th at Camp Kootaga. Here is a look at the new logo.

Popcorn Drawing Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Popcorn Fill-A-Sheet drawings held during the Fall Popcorn Sale. The winners were Michael Mills from Troop 733 in Adena District, Aiden Rogers from Pack 3 in Kootaga District and Walker Payne from Pack 3 in Kootaga District. Congratulations and thank you for your participation.

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Mountain Dominion District

Serving: Monroe, Mercer , McDowell , Summers & Wyoming Counties in WV; Giles, Bland & Tazewell Counties in VA johnny.aliff@scouting.org

Mt Dominion Event Calendar

December

16	No Roundtable
16	District Committee Meeting- 6:30, Stinson United
	Methodist Church Princeton or via Zoom
23-24	Service Center & Shops Closed
27	All Shops Closed for Inventory
31	Service Center & Shops Closed

Cub Scout Day at WV State Capitol

January

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8	Council-District Operations mtg (CDO) 10:00 am
17	MLK Jr Day - Service Center & Shops Closed
20	Roundtable- 6:30, Stinson United Methodist
	Church Princeton or online via ZOOM
20	District Committee Meeting- 6:30, Stinson United
	Methodist Church Princeton or via Zoom

February

17	Roundtable- 6:30, Stinson United Methodist
	Church Princeton or online via ZOOM
17	District Committee Meeting- 6:30, Stinson United
	Methodist Church Princeton or via Zoom
18-20	Scouts BSA Winter Cold Rush
21	Presidents Day - Service Center & Shops Closed

Important update on district events:

Due to the uncertain nature of the COVD-19 virus, we may have to reschedule several district and council events in the near future. Please check the district website regularly for up to date information for upcoming events. www.buckskin.org/mtdominion

Roundtable

Held the 3rd Thursday each month via an online Zoom Meeting. Topics and links to the meeting for each month will be posted on the Mt Dominion District page on the Council website. Roundtable begins at 6:30pm and is open to all registered leaders. This is a great opportunity to stay up to date with the latest trainings, programs and events in our area. Roundtable does not meet every month; please check the calendar to see which months they will be meeting. District committee starts at 7:15pm and is also open to all registered leaders. The District Committee is responsible for the overall operations of all aspects of the Mt Dominion District. If you are interested in joining the district committee, contact District Chair Phillip Ball at pkball94@hotmail.com

Mt. Dominion District Committee

District Chair	Philip Ball	304-425-2196
District Commissioner	Thomas Kozikowski	540-626-4242
District Director	Trey Aliff	304-308-0405
Cub Scout Prog Chair	Paula Mattox	
Boy Scout Prog Chair	Dan Trent	276-322-3911
Venture Prog Chair	Tim Wallace	276-963-0525
Finance Chair	Philip Ball	304-425-2196
Training Chair	vacant	
Advancement Chair	Dan Cook	540-544-7100
Camping Chair	Kermit Davis	304-425-8889
Unit Service	Thomas Kozikowski	540-626-4242
Popcorn Chair	Angie Higginbotham	540-599-9111
OA Chapter Advisor	Ed Evans	304-673-2969
Membership Chair	Carrie Kozikowski	540-626-4242
Family FOS Chair	Philip Ball	304-425-2196

December Holiday of Lights

If you're Pack or Troop plans on attending a 'Holiday of Lights' event in your area, be sure to take a photo of your group and send it to our district marketing chair, Kim Medley at kkmedley@vt.edu All participants will get a free 'Holiday of Lights' patch for participating. Be sure to share your photo any time in December to earn the patch!

Winter Cold Rush

Mark your calendars for the annual Camp Roland Winter Cold Rush on February 18th-20th. All Scouts BSA Troops are invited to test your survival skills while braving the elements of winter camping at Camp Roland! Webelos are welcome to attend the event on Saturday as well! Check the Mt Dominion page on the council website to preregister for this great event!





Seneca District

Serving: Fayette, Raleigh, Nicholas, Webster, Greenbrier and Pocahontas Counties in WV

Seneca Event Calendar

December

23-24 Service Center & Shops Closed All Shops Closed for Inventory 27 Service Center & Shops Closed 31

January

Scout Day at WV State Capitol 8

Council-District Operations mtg (CDO) 10:00 am 8 MLK Jr Day - Service Center & Shops Closed 17

District Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm 20

Winter Camporee 21-23

February

17 District Committee meeting

21 Presidents Day - Service Center & Shops Closed

Seneca District Committee

District Chair	OPEN	
District Commissioner	Lori Hindson	
Sr District Executive	David Leckie	304-542-5071
Advancement Chair	Jeff Proctor	304-673-2640
Program Chair	OPEN	
Training Chair	Carol McCarthy	703-587-4453
OA Chapter Advisor	Kim Bennett	304-640-3854
Venturing Chair	Dana McCorkle	304-573-4636



Website Resources

Please make sure that you are checking the Buckskin Council The second sale popcorn orders will be available on Decem-Website often for Scouting Resources and upcoming pro- ber 16th. Please call David Leckie to coordinate a time for grams. WWW.BUCKSKIN.ORG

Fall Recruitment

join our program. David Leckie will be calling each of the a Holiday Light Display they will receive a special patch free Packs to schedule a time and place for your roundup. Tradi- of charge. Submissions should be sent to Dlecktionally these are held on Tuesday and Thursday and do not ie@bsamail.org. Include the Scout's Name, Unit Number and need to be on the same night that the Pack meets. If you have mailing address. Pictures will be used on the Buckskin Couna date in mind, please call David Leckie at 304-542-5071

Unit Charters

Please work on your charter THIS MONTH, and if you need All Cub Scouts and their families are invited to tour the WV any assistance please contact David Leckie at 304-542-5071 to State Cultural Center on Saturday, January 8th at 9:00 in the schedule an appointment. If you have any youth members morning. The activity will conclude with a free hot dog lunch that need financial assistance to continue their journey in at the Buckskin Council Scout Service Center at Noon. Ad-Scouting please send David Leckie an email at dleck- dress for the Service Center is 2829 Kanawha Boulevard ie@bsamail.org.

Popcorn Sale

delivery.

Holiday Light Promotion

Fall is the time that we traditionally invite new Cub Scouts to Any Scout that submits a picture of themselves in uniform at cil Facebook Page, and webpage.

Cub Scout Day at Capitol

East, Charleston WV 25311. Register for this event at Buckskin.org.





Shawnee District

Serving: Putnam, Mason, western Kanawha Counties, WV; Gallia and Meigs Counties, OH larry.wunderly@scouting.org

Shawnee District Event Calendar

December

23-24	Service Center & Shops Closed
27	All Shops Closed for Inventory
31	Service Center & Shops Closed

January

8	Cub Scout Day at WV State Capitol
17	MLK Jr Day - Service Center & Shops Closed
20	District Committee Mtg & Roundtable 6:30 p.m.
29	Winter Camporee/Klondike Camp Kootaga

February

17	District Committee Mtg & Roundtable 6:30 p.m.
21	Presidents Day - Service Center & Shops Closed

WINTER CAMPOREE PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FOR SHAWNEE CAMPOREE!

Shawnee and Kootaga District will be combining for the Winter Camporee!

Scouts get your sleds ready for the 2022 Klondike Derby at Camp Kootaga. Jay Wilson from Kootaga District and Michael Lamb from Shawnee District and crew are putting together a program of fun and adventure for Troops to enjoy. Klondike is scheduled for Saturday, January 29th from 8 a.m. to Campfire.

Troops can choose to campout the weekend Friday and Saturday. You are responsible for all your meals and camping arrangements. Registration and more details will be posted on the District page of the Buckskin Council website.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Outstanding effort from scout units in Shawnee District in securing food for the needy. As of this printing of the newsletter over 4,000 individual food items have been collected.

UNIT RECHARTERS

Rosann Brooks and the commissioner team are delivering unit charter packets. If you have not received you packet contact Rosann at rosann1030@aol.com

POPCORN SECOND SALE

If your unit has participated in the second sale please plan to turn in your orders and prize selection to the Council Service Center on or before December 1, 2021. The council must place its order by Noon on December 2 and their will be no opportunity to add to the order once it is sent to the popcorn company.

Shawnee District Committee

District Chair District Commissioner Asst. Scout Executive	Leo Lopez Rosann Brooks Larry Wunderly	304-419-4554 304-881-1042 304-340-3663
Vice District Chair	Colleen Sergent	304-552-0297
Vice District Chair (Finance)		
Advancement Chair	Debbie Slack	304-340-3663
Program Chair	Mike Lamb	
Cub Program Chair	Melinda Craddock	304-727-0143
Camping Chair	Barry Lindley	
Boy Scout Roundtable	Gerry Stover	
Cub Scout Roundtable	Colleen Sergent	304-552-0297
Product Sales/Family FOS	Amy Carte	304-964-4208
Membership Chair	Tracy Hudson	304-382-9679
OA Chapter Advisor	David Duncan	304-541-7559

BE SURE TO CHECK THE COUNCIL WEBSITE AND DISTRICT FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UPDATES REGARDING SCHEDULED EVENTS.

Holiday Lights

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SCOUT DAY AT THE CAPITAL

Scouts and their families are invited to come to Charleston, WV, on Saturday, January 8, 2022 for the Scout Day at the Capital. Scouts will be able to tour the State Museum at the Culture Center from 9:00am to noon. Scouts are then invited to the Wehrle Scout Center for a hot dog lunch. The Culture Center is located in the Capitol Complex on Kanawha Blvd in Charleston. Just a short drive away, the Buckskin Council Service Center is at 2829 Kanawha Boulevard East in Charleston. We ask that you register at www.buckskin.org so we know how many Scouts to expect.

Nominating Committee / District Charter

The district is accepting nominations for the District Committee. Send your nominations to Leo Lopez at llopez167@msn.com. District elections will take place at the February District Meeting.







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Roundtable

Mark your calendar the next Kootaga District Roundtable-Tuesday, December 14 at Camp Kootaga at 7:30pm. Can't attend in person--register at https://www.buckskin.org/.../kootaga-district-virtual.../ for the virtual link. Roundtables are the second Tuesday of each month. Look under events on the Kootaga District, Buckskin Council Facebook Page for all the dates.

See you at Roundtable to stay up to date on what is going on with Scouts. Bring your ideas, questions and suggestions.

Recharters

Re-charters for all Units are due December 31. If you have questions about your re-charter, ask those questions at Roundtable. Also, internet rechartering can be accessed by the Unit Leader, COR, Committee Chair or Key 3 Delegate by logging into their ScoutBook Account or MyScouting Account.

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Take a picture in front of the display and send it to us. Watch for details of where and when these pictures should be sent to receive your special Holiday Lights patch.

January 8th - Cub Scout Day at Capitol

All Cub Scouts and their families are invited to tour the WV State Cultural Center on Saturday, January 8-2022. The learning begins at 9:00 am. After you are finished touring the Cultural Center join us with a free hot dog lunch at the Buckskin Council Scout Service Center at Noon.

The WV State Cultural Center is located in the Capitol Complex on Kanawha Blvd in Charleston. Just a short drive away, the Buckskin Council Service Center is at 2829 Kanawha Boulevard East in Charleston. We ask that you register at www.buckskin.org so we know how many Scouts to expect.

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KLONDIKE

Mike Knight has planned an interesting Klondike to be held January 28-30 at Camp Cherokee, Louisa, KY. The Klondike Derby will have signs, signals, and codes competition along with a miniature Iditarod race (about 3/4 mile). There will also be a winter survival challenge for those who want to test their survival skills or earn their wilderness survival merit badge. There will also be an opportunity to earn the Astronomy merit badge (weather permitting). We have invited a professional meteorologist so it might be possible for them to earn the Weather merit badge from a network meteorologist.

MERIT BADGE COLLEGE

Plans are still being finalized for two in-person Merit Badge Colleges – one to be held at Marshall University in February and the other at West Virginia State University in March. Potential participants should note the special registration and screening requirements for these events. These have been listed on the front page of this issue of the Courier. Watch for more information about each MBC.

ADENA DISTRICT DINNER

February is BSA's Anniversary Month. In celebration of the 112th year of our existence and to recognize the accomplishments of our Eagle Scouts, the District will be hosting a dinner. The District Advancement Committee and the District Committee invite you to share the evening with us. More information will be coming about the February, 2022 District Dinner.

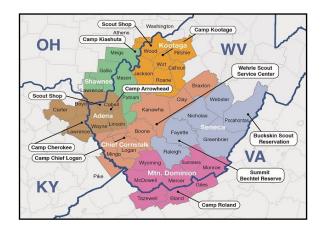






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(In Memory Of, Anniversary, Happy Birthday, Get well.)

Other

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Mail To: Buckskin Council, BSA 2829 Kanawha Blvd. E Charleston, WV 25311







Scouting for Food 2021

District:	
Pack/Troop/Crew/Post #:	
Person Completing Form:	
Number of Cans/Items Collected:	
Number of Scouts:	
Number of Adults:	
Number of Tagalongs:	_

Submit your unit's Scouting for Food totals online at www.buckskin.org/scouting-for-food-2021 OR send this form to the Buckskin Council Office by either e-mail or turn it in to the Buckskin Council Office, Huntington Scout Shop, Parkersburg Scout Shop or mail to:

Buckskin Council Office 2829 Kanawha Blvd. East Charleston, WV25311

Please have these turned in by **December 20, 2021**. If you have any questions, please contact your District Executive.

Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST)

Saturday, January 8, 2022 12:30 pm - 5:00 pm H.B. Wehrle Service Center \$3 per person

Youth leadership is a vital part of the Scouting program. Scouts in positions of leadership run the troop by taking care of the many tasks necessary for troop and patrols to run smoothly. Scouts are preparing themselves to be leaders throughout their lives.

Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST) teaches Scouts about their leadership roles and how to succeed. It is most helpful to Scouts just entering a new leadership role. This course will help your troop become a true Scout-led troop.

Completion of ILST is a prerequisite for Scouts to participate in more advanced leadership courses like National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT).

Who should attend? Scouts in leadership roles, elected or appointed. Registered adult leaders.

Why should they attend? Scouts take their newfound skills and knowledge back to their units to build a stronger troop. Adult leaders will gain insight into the importance of conducting an ILST course within their troop.

Where is it? H.B. Wehrle Service Center, 2829 Kanawha Blvd E, Charleston

When is it? Saturday, January 8, 2022, 12:30pm to 5:00pm. Check in begins at 12 noon.

How do we register? Register at www.buckskin.org. The fee is \$3 per person. Registration closes Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 11:59 pm.

Scouts who complete
Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops
are eligible to wear the Trained patch on
their uniforms.



EARN YOUR TROOP A FREE WEEKEND
OF CAMPING AT A COUNCIL CAMP WITH
A MINIMUM OF ONE SCOUT AND ONE
REGISTERED LEADER ATTENDING.





BUCKSKIN COUNCIL, BSA



WINTER FUN DAY

SCOUTS AT THE STATE CAPITAL

January 8, 2022

Register now to be a part of the Scouts Day at the WV Capital.

The day begins at the West Virginia State Museum. Located at the Culture Center, the State Museum has 26 discovery rooms and 2 connection rooms. If a visitor reads every display and watches every documentary in the museum, the tour will take 26 hours! But we won't be there that long, as lunch will be waiting.

From here the group will go to the H. Bernard Wehrle, Sr Scout Leadership Service Center for lunch. The Council Service Center is located at 2829 Kanawha Blvd E. Enjoy lunch and tour the headquarters for the Buckskin Council serving West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, and Virginia.

