



## 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.

Buckskin Council will send a special Holiday Lights 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 (in uniform!) and send it to us.

Submit pictures and mailing information for the patch online at [www.buckskin.org/holiday-lights-celebration-2022](http://www.buckskin.org/holiday-lights-celebration-2022). You may also email the picture to [bill.bryant@scouting.org](mailto:bill.bryant@scouting.org).

Check out all the cool Holiday Light photos on the Buckskin Council Facebook page. (Parents and Guardians, if you don't want your child's picture published, please let us know when you submit it. Don't worry, your scout will still get a patch!)



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## 35th annual West Virginia Hunting and Fishing Show

January 20-22, 2023

Charleston Convention Center, Charleston, WV

The 35<sup>th</sup> annual West Virginia Hunting and Fishing Show returns to the Charleston Convention Center. Cub Scouts are invited to attend free of charge, just wear your uniform! Learn about fishing and wildlife conservation while having fun too. New events for the 2023 Show include a youth challenge, youth survival training, and Buckskin Council's BB Shooting Range. Sponsored by the West Virginia Trophy Hunters Association, all proceeds, except for costs to run the show and club operating expenses, are donated to programs that promote or protect hunting, fishing, wildlife conservation, and related educational activities.

### Show schedule:

Friday, January 20	12pm to 9pm
Saturday, January 21	9am to 9pm
Sunday, January 22	10am to 5pm



### Admission:

Adults	- \$9.00
Children ages 6 to 12	- \$1.00 *
Children under 6	- Free

\* Cub Scouts in uniform are free



## Council Officers

President	Brian Doughty	304-610-8330
Commissioner	Matt Blackwood	304-552-8395
Scout Executive	Jeffrey L. Purdy	304-340-3663
Executive VP	John McGhee	304-552-1352
Treasurer	Mark Chandler	304-380-0111
Asst. Treasurer	Kent Hartsog	
VP Fund Development	Art King	304-345-1398
VP Program	John McGhee	304-552-1352
VP District Operation	Phil Gaarenstroom	304-345-0351
VP Membership	Pete Roth	304-549-4496
VP Legal Counsel	John Teare, Jr.	304-340-3813
VP JTE/Strategic Planning	Phil Gaarenstroom	304-345-0351
National Council Rep.	Art King	304-345-1398

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## Council Calendar

### December

- 3 Charleston Shop open, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 8 Executive Committee meeting
- 10 OA Banquet, The Summit
- 10 Huntington Shop open, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 23-26 Christmas - Service Center & Shops closed
- 27 Scout Shops Closed for Inventory

### January

- 2 Office and Shops Closed for New Year's Day
- 12 Executive Board meeting
- 14 Charleston Shop open, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 14 Council-District Operations (CDO) mtg, 10am -12pm
- 16 MLK Jr Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 21 Huntington Shop open, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

### February

- 9 Executive Committee meeting
- 11 Charleston Shop open, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 11 Marshall University Merit Badge College
- 18 Huntington Shop open, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 20 Presidents' Day - Service Center & Shops Closed

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and Amazon donates.  
Support your local council.



<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/55-0357013>



## SPECIAL THANKS

Volunteers are the 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.

We always look forward to seeing our 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!!!!





## 2023 National Scout Jamboree Sign Up Today!

We are about eight months from the most spectacular Scouting event – the National Scout Jamboree. The dates are July 19-28, 2023. And the place is right here in our backyard – the Summit Bechtel Reserve near Glen Jean, WV.

Program plans for the Jamboree are being finalized and there will be some major announcements regarding entertainment and special visitors at the event.

Thirty-three slots in the Council's male troop contingent have been reserved. There are eight slots in our female patrol that remain available. Scouts are encouraged to apply now for both the troop and the patrol. If more apply than the number of available slots, these will certainly go on a waiting list. But we may also be able to find available slots in some neighboring council contingents as well.

Effective November 1, the fee for the Jamboree increased to \$2,115 as the early registration discount expired. But this once in a lifetime experience is still very much worth the cost to attend.

As spring approaches, the pace of preparation by our contingent will increase. There will be a "shakedown" campout, informational meetings about what to bring and what to leave at home, outlines of the daily schedules, and the development of menus for the in-camp meals.

Adults who are interested in being a part of the contingent leadership are encouraged to complete the 2023 Leadership Application. This form can be found on the Council website at [www.buckskin.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/2023-NSJ-Leadership-Application-Revised-220407.pdf](http://www.buckskin.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/2023-NSJ-Leadership-Application-Revised-220407.pdf)

Once completed, please send this form to [carl.sullivan@scouting.org](mailto:carl.sullivan@scouting.org).

Time is moving quickly. There are a few youth slots remaining. Now is the best time to apply so you have the most time to pay on your registration fee.

Check out the Jambo videos and imagine yourself on the Big Zip, the Rocks, the Barrels, and so much more. Go to <https://jamboree.scouting.org/marketing/> and scroll to the bottom of the page for videos.

Register at: <https://jamboree.scouting.org/>

Questions? Contact Carl Sullivan at [carl.sullivan@scouting.org](mailto:carl.sullivan@scouting.org)

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
Dec 3	Dec 10**
Jan 14	Jan 21
Feb 11	Feb 18
Mar 11	Mar 18
Apr 15	Apr 22
May 13	May 20

**\*\*Please note date change**



## **MARSHALL UNIVERSITY** **MERIT BADGE COLLEGE**

**February 11, 2023**

February 11, 2023 is the date for the next MU Merit Badge College in Huntington.

A variety of merit badges will be offered during this day long event. Scouts may register for up to two merit badges being offered. We are adding Citizenship in Society to our merit badge offerings.

The fee is \$13 per scout which includes lunch.

Adults may purchase a lunch ticket for \$9.

Most adult training will be offered at no fee, including Youth Protection and Merit Badge Counselor Orientation. Basic First Aid, AED and CPR will again be offered. The fee for this all-day session will be \$45.00.

Register early for best merit badge selection. Scouts are expected to come prepared with any pre-requisite materials completed.

### **Fall Popcorn Sale**

The Buckskin Council would like to thank all of our units that participated in the Fall Popcorn Sale.

Congratulations to the Top 10 selling units in the council!

1. Chief Cornstalk Pack 152
2. Adena Troop 82
3. Shawnee Pack 236
4. Adena Pack 733
5. Chief Cornstalk Pack 195
6. Shawnee Pack 74
7. Adena Pack 36
8. Adena Pack 61
9. Mt. Dominion Troop 1
10. Shawnee Troop 236

Congratulations to Austin B. of Troop 82 in Adena District. He is our Fill-A-Sheet Drawing winner! Great job, Austin!

Campmasters' Online Sale system will be open until December 31st for family and friends to order popcorn online and have it shipped to their homes. Your pack or troop will earn even more money to support your program!

#### **2022 Popcorn Sale Important Dates**

Second Sale orders due	November 30
Second Sale Distribution	December 16-17
Online Popcorn Sale closes	December 31

**[www.buckskin.org/popcorn](http://www.buckskin.org/popcorn)**

## **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 18, 2022**

**Sunday, January 8, 2023**

**Sunday, February 5, 2023**

**Sunday, February 26, 2023**

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

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

**Price: \$80 Ski Package**

**\$10 Snowboard Rental**

**\$11 Additional Meal Voucher**

Register Online at [www.buckskin.org](http://www.buckskin.org) or call 304-340-3663

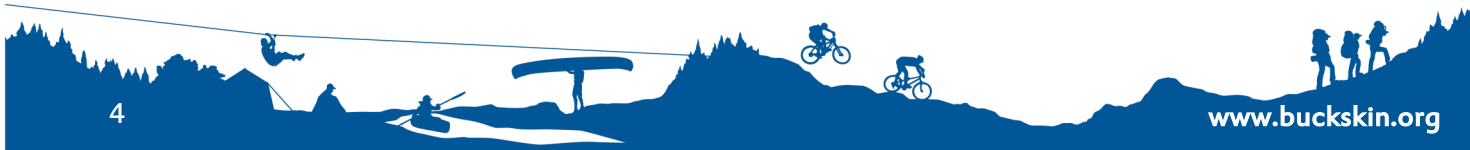
By Thursday before your chosen date

Walk-ins will pay a \$10 late fee.

#### **Snowtubing Add-on**

**\$35 for 2 hours**

**Add-on tickets must be purchased at [winterplace.com/snowtubing-tickets](http://winterplace.com/snowtubing-tickets)**







# TAKHONEK LODGE

## ORDER OF THE ARROW, LODGE #617



It's the most wonderful time of the year. Sorry, I had to get that out of my system. The end of the year is near. As the lodge enters 2023, reflecting on all that has been accomplished is essential. Sadly, management has informed us that we cannot have a movie-style flashback; thus, you can reminisce on your own. Of course, one more event is coming up before we say goodbye to 2022.

### Winter Banquet

Winter banquet is coming up. Now I understand that you're still stuffed from the Thanksgiving Turkey; however, if America can start selling Christmas decorations in October, your body has already made enough space in the stomach for this month. It'll be held on December 10. This will be held again at the Pigott Dining Hall at The Summit. This will be an opportunity to present a few special awards and the installation day of the newly elected lodge officers. Come out for good food and fellowship amongst your brothers and sisters of the order. Go to [www.buckskin.org/oa/](http://www.buckskin.org/oa/) to register for the banquet. Register before December 4 to avoid the late fee. Check-in begins at noon, and the meal is served at 2:00 pm. By the way, stay quiet about this, but I heard there would be a silent auction. As I said, it is all on the hush-hush.

### One Big Thank You

I want to thank everyone for helping this year. The members have had an eventful year, from a successful NOAC to cleaning up campsites. Thank you to all the members who came to these events and had fun. Thank you to all LLC members for helping keep the lodge functioning. Thank you to all the adult leaders who kept us youth from destroying the campsite. Finally, thank you to Will Dudley. Let us all wish him good luck as he leaves for the Air Force and exits the role of lodge chief. Much of what happened this year could not have happened without his leadership.

### Final Words

Parting is such sweet sorrow, as Shakespeare said. Before I end my last newsletter of the year, I must remind everyone to begin paying their dues for the 2023 calendar year. Fox passes for 2023 are also available on the website. Go to [www.buckskin.org/oa/](http://www.buckskin.org/oa/). Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

### 2022 Youth Officers

Lodge Chief	Will Dudley
VC Administration	Francis Deighan
VC Program	Brandon Lockhard
Secretary	vacant
Immediate past Chief	Jack Monks

### 2022 Chapter Chiefs

Adena	Travis Stambaugh
Adjumino	Noah Estep
Hytone	Andrew Davis
Kootaga	Hunter Trippett
Seneca	Jacob McGuire
Wapiti	Grant Hudson

### 2022 Adult Advisors

Lodge Adviser	George Soltis	<a href="mailto:gm.soltis@gmail.com">gm.soltis@gmail.com</a>
Assoc. Adviser Admin.	Sam Brown	<a href="mailto:samuelbrown224@gmail.com">samuelbrown224@gmail.com</a>
Assoc. Adviser Prog.	David Duncan	<a href="mailto:David.duncan@suddenlink.net">David.duncan@suddenlink.net</a>
Staff Adviser	Billy Bryant	<a href="mailto:Bill.Bryant@scouting.org">Bill.Bryant@scouting.org</a>

### Chapter Advisors

Adena	Jon Keelin	<a href="mailto:jkeelin@takhonek.org">jkeelin@takhonek.org</a>
Adjumino	vacant	
Hytone	Ed Evans	<a href="mailto:hytone416@hotmail.com">hytone416@hotmail.com</a>
Kootaga	Jay Wilson	<a href="mailto:jwilson@takhonek.org">jwilson@takhonek.org</a>
Seneca	Kim Bennett	
Wapiti	David Duncan	<a href="mailto:dduncan@takhonek.org">dduncan@takhonek.org</a>

### 2022 Lodge Calendar

Date	Event	Location
Dec. 10	Lodge Winter Banquet	Summit Pigott Dining Hall

### 2023 Lodge Calendar

Date	Event	Location
Mar. 17-19	ICE/AIA Weekend	Camp Arrowhead
Mar. 31-Apr. 2	Spring Ordeal/Brotherhood	Camp Kootaga
May 19-21	E13 Section Conclave	Beaumont Scout Res.
Aug. 5	Summer Picnic Pool Party	Camp Arrowhead
Sept. 15-16	Vigil/Vigil Reunion	Summit – Sub Camp A
Sept. 29 – Oct. 1	Fall Ordeal/Brotherhood	Camp Arrowhead
Oct. 27-28	Lodge Leadership Dev. (LLD)	Buckskin Council Office
Nov. 3-5	Section E13 Forum	Camp Lazarus
Dec. 9	Lodge Winter Banquet	Summit Pigott Dining Hall



## Training Corner

By Susan Williams

### Are you trained?

Are you fully trained for your position? Is your youth protection up to date?? Being fully trained helps you to be an effective leader. It allows you to add fun and excitement to your program because you know the guidelines and how to make the most of every meeting, special event and campout. Are your scouts advancing? Again, being fully trained, will give you the best knowledge, tools and resources.

"Scouting is a game with a purpose " **What is our purpose? Are we fulfilling our purpose? Are we doing all we can to help our scouts succeed? Are we delivering on our promise?**

### Youth Protection Training

Recharter season begins in December for many in Buckskin Council. Over the next few months, Packs and Troops across the council will be working on renewing their 2023 registrations.

**What is one of the biggest issues they will encounter?** Leaders with expired Youth Protection Training!

Now is the time for your Pack or Troop leaders to review the YPT status of all registered leaders to make sure everyone has current Youth Protection.

**How do you check that?** It's easy to check! Just login to your my.scouting.org account and click on the the menu button. Find your unit in the drop-down box and select "YPT Reports" This report lists all the leaders in your unit and their YPT expiration date.

**Want to schedule a group YPT session?** Contact Sue Williams, Carol McCarthy, or your District Executive to schedule a date for an in-person YPT class.

### CUB SCOUT LEADER POW-WOW - December 3

A Day of learning opportunities for Cub Scout Leaders and their Committees. The Pow Wow is December 3rd, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm, at the Wehrle Service Center.

Register at [www.buckskin.org/training](http://www.buckskin.org/training).

### Training Calendar

#### February

11 Adult Training at Marshall Merit Badge College

### Schedule Training for Your Unit

Call: Sue Williams, Council Training Chair  
[buzy2buzy@gmail.com](mailto:buzy2buzy@gmail.com) 217-741-0900

Or Carol McCarthy, Training Vice-Chair  
[DesignsbyCarol@gmail.com](mailto:DesignsbyCarol@gmail.com) 703-587-4453

## WV Capitol and Museum Tour

February 25, 2023 – 10:00am

Capitol Complex, Charleston, WV

All Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Venture Scouts are invited to a fun and educational day on Saturday, February 25, 2023. Scouts will meet in front of the WV Cultural Center, Building 9, Capitol Complex, 1900 Kanawha Blvd E. The full day of activities begins at 10:00am with a 40-minute walking tour of the statuary and monuments on the complex grounds. This will be followed by a guided tour of the Capitol Building. Then head to the Charleston Service Center for a hot dog lunch. (The H. Bernard Wehrle, Sr. Scout Leadership Service Center and Scout Shop is located at 2829 Kanawha Blvd E.)

After lunch everyone has an opportunity to tour the state museum at the Cultural Center. This self-paced tour will take you through the 26 rooms with over 600 thousand artifacts on display. Scouts and their families can take their time as they move from one display room to another. The museum tour concludes our scheduled activities for the day.

This is a Council-wide, no fee event open to all Cubs, Scouts BSA, Venture Scouts, and their families. We do ask that you make reservations via the Council website so adequate preparations for the lunch can be made.



## Scouting For Food

When reciting the Scout Oath, a scout promises to **help other people at all times**. By participating in a Scouting for

Food program, scouts come a step closer to fulfilling those words.

Scouting for Food takes place on two consecutive weekends. On the first weekend, Scouts distribute bags to let their neighbors know about the drive. On the second, Scouts revisit those houses to pick up bags full of canned food, cereal, pasta, peanut butter, juice and other nonperishable items.

Leaders may pick up their bags at the Wehrle Service Center, Huntington Scout Shop or Parkersburg Scout Shop. The bags do not have a date on them so units may choose their own weekends to do the drive. After your Scouts have collected the donations, these items are taken to a food pantry of your choice right in your neighborhood.

Be sure to let the council know how many food items you collected and donated. Submit your totals online at [www.buckskin.org/featured/scouting-for-food-2022/](http://www.buckskin.org/featured/scouting-for-food-2022/)





# Adena District

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

## Adena Event Calendar

### December

- 1 Roundtable – 6:30pm
- 10 OA Winter Banquet
- 10 Huntington Scout Shop open 9am - 1pm
- 15 District Committee – 6:00pm
- 15-20 Huntington Shop Closed
- 23-26 Council Office and Shops Closed for Christmas
- 27 Scout Shops Closed for Inventory

### January

- 2 Office and Shops Closed for New Year's Day
- 5 Roundtable - 6:30 pm
- 14 Council District Operations Meeting (CDO)
- 16 MLK Jr Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 19 District Committee meeting, 6:00 pm
- 21 Adena Popcorn Celebration
- 27-29 Klondike Derby Camporee, Camp Arrowhead

### February

- 2 Roundtable – 6:30pm
- 11 MU Merit Badge College
- 16 District Committee – 6:00pm
- 20 Presidents' Day - Service Center & Shops Closed
- 25 WV Capitol and Museum Tour

### ROUNDTABLE

The Monthly Roundtable Meeting returns to the schedule in September. These meetings will be held in person at the Gathering Place, Kenova, WV. The meeting will also be shown via Zoom for those who may not be able to attend otherwise. Roundtable is held the first Thursday of each month beginning at 6:30pm.

### 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.

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.

### ANNUAL POPCORN SALE CONTINUES

The Second Popcorn Sale ends with the submission of unit orders by midnight on November 30. The Council delivery date will be December 15. We will pick up the district orders and bring these to the Huntington Scout Shop for unit pick-up. Contact Melanie or Carl to schedule your unit's second sale pick-up on Friday Dec 16.

## 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
Community FOS	Lee Oxley	304-697-4370
Product Sale	Melanie Young	304-523-3408
Membership	Jane Mills	304-417-1422
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
OA Chapter Advisor	Jon Keelin	606-739-9232

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

### SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Carl has received some calls from area food banks that have come to depend on the Scouting for Food drives to help prepare for the demands during the holiday season. If you pack, troop or crew has not conducted a food drive in your community, please consider doing so in the next few weeks. As you complete your project remember to report the number of items collected to the council. And be sure to enter your service hours for your unit.

Scouting for Food bags are available at your local scout shop. You can do this service project at any time.

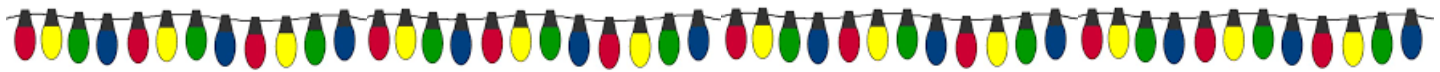
### HOLIDAY LIGHTS

The holiday season gets busy with school programs and other special events at your church or place of worship. That makes it difficult to plan an area event for scouts. So, let's take advantage of the season! Adena District scouts are invited to find a holiday light display and have the scout's picture in uniform taken in front of the light display. Upload the picture to Council's website along with the scout's name and address so we can mail a patch to the scout.

### CDO MEETING

The next scheduled Council District Operations Meeting will be January 14 at the Charleston Council Office. District Committee and functional committee chairs should plan to attend. These include the District Chair, Advancement Chair, Camping Chair, Program Chair, Membership Chair, Marketing Chair, Training Chair, and Day Camp Directors.

(Adena District - continued on page 13)



# Chief Cornstalk District

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

# Chief Cornstalk District Committee

District Chair	Mark Linville	304-369-2795
District Commissioner	Jon Dudley	740-683-2265
Field Director	Billy Bryant	304-340-3663
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
Advancement Chair	John Teare	304-550-3516
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

## Chief Cornstalk Event Calendar

### December

- 1 Cornstalk District Meeting
- 18 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace
- 23-26 Council Office and Shops Closed for Christmas
- 27 Scout Shops Closed for Inventory

### January

- 2 Office and Shops Closed for New Year's Day
- 5 Cornstalk District Meeting
- 8 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace
- 14 Council District Operations Meeting (CDO), Wehrle Service Center
- 16 MLK Jr Day - Service Center & Shops closed

### February

- 2 Cornstalk District Meeting
- 5 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace
- 20 Presidents' Day - Service Center & Shops Closed
- 26 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace

### Cornstalk District Committee

The Meeting is the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. 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](mailto:bill.bryant@scouting.org).



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Submit your picture at [www.buckskin.org](http://www.buckskin.org) or send it to [bill.bryant@scouting.org](mailto:bill.bryant@scouting.org). We will send you our special Holiday Lights Celebration patch for participating. (Parents and Guardians, if you don't want your child's picture published please let us know when you submit it. Don't worry, your scout will still get a patch!)

Happy Holidays!







# Kootaga District

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 District Committee

District Chair	Vernon Criss	
District Commissioner	Christopher Burk	304-615-5648
District Director	Michael Cidor	814-860-1562
Comm. & Marketing	Kathy Wise	304-482-7576
FOS Chair	Susan Barber	
VC Membership	vacant	
Product Sales	vacant	
Camping	Keith Morrow	740-590-7687
Advancement	Patrick Shook	304-481-1792
Training	Pete Conklin	304-455-5064
OA Chapter Advisor	Jay Wilson	304-481-3731

## Kootaga Event Calendar

### December

- 13 District Committee meeting & Roundtable
- 23-26 Council Office and Shops Closed for Christmas
- 27 Scout Shops Closed for Inventory

### January

- 2 Office and Shops Closed for New Year's Day
- 14 Council District Operations Meeting (CDO),  
Wehrle Service Center
- 16 MLK Jr Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 27-29 Klondike Derby, Camp Kootaga

### February

- 5 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace
- 20 Presidents' Day - Service Center & Shops Closed
- 26 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace

### Kootaga District Swimming Day

Kootaga District is planning a swimming time with the Parkersburg YMCA on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Noon to 2 PM. Scouts are FREE, Adults and Siblings must pay \$5 to participate. Preregistration is required to make sure the ratio of lifeguards is covered.

Register at [www.buckskin.org/kootaga](http://www.buckskin.org/kootaga).

### Kootaga District Roundtable

The December Kootaga District Roundtable will December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. The in-person location for the Roundtable will be Wayside United Methodist Church in Vienna. If you cannot make the in-person meeting but would like to join on zoom, you can do so by going to zoom.us and joining the meeting id: 961 9782 7074 and the password: Kootaga.

### Holiday Lights December Activity

Take a picture of you or you and your family visiting a display of holiday lights and post it to our Facebook with a hashtag #BSAHolidayFun Get a free holiday lights patch.

### Klondike Derby

Scouts get your sleds ready for the 2023 Klondike Derby at Camp Kootaga. Troop 20 is putting together a program of fun and adventure for Troops to enjoy. Klondike is scheduled for January 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>. Camping is optional for the weekend. Registration and more details will be posted on the Kootaga District page of the Buckskin Council website.

### Summer Camp Staff Applications Available

If you are or will be at least 15 years old by June 11, 2023, and want to work at Camp Kootaga, staff applications are available. The applications for the 2023 Summer Camp Staff Season are available to download and complete on the Buckskin Council website:

[www.buckskin.org/camping/scoutsbsacamp/](http://www.buckskin.org/camping/scoutsbsacamp/)





# Mountain Dominion District

## Mt. Dominion District Committee

Serving: Monroe, Mercer, McDowell, Summers & Wyoming Counties in WV;  
Giles, Bland & Tazewell Counties in VA  
[bill.bryant@scouting.org](mailto:bill.bryant@scouting.org)

District Chair	Philip Ball	304-425-2196
District Commissioner	Thomas Kozikowski	540-626-4242
Field Director	Billy Bryant	304-340-3663
Cub Scout Prog Chair	Carrie Kozikowski	540-626-4242
Scouts BSA Prog Chair	Dan Trent	276-322-3911
Venture Prog Chair	Tim Wallace	276-963-0525
Finance Chair	Philip Ball	304-425-2196
Training Chair	Daren Law	540-235-6467
Advancement Chair	Barry Nowlin	304-487-5632
Camping Chair	Kermit Davis	304-425-8889
Unit Service	Thomas Kozikowski	540-626-4242
Popcorn Chair	vacant	
OA Chapter Advisor	Ed Evans	304-673-2969
Membership Chair	Kim Medley	540-235-6864
Family FOS Chair	Philip Ball	304-425-2196

## Mt Dominion Event Calendar

### December

- No District Committee/ Roundtable
- 15 District Christmas Dinner- Location TBD
- 23-26 Council Office and Shops Closed for Christmas
- 27 Scout Shops Closed for Inventory

### January

- 2 Office and Shops Closed for New Year's Day
- 14 Council District Operations Meeting (CDO),  
Wehrle Service Center
- 16 MLK Jr Day - Service Center & Shops closed

### February

- 16 District Committee mtg, Stinson UMC, Princeton  
7:15 pm
- 16 District Roundtable, Stinson UMC, Princeton  
6:30 pm
- 17-19 Winter Cold Rush Camporee



### Important update on district events:

Please check the district website regularly for up to date information for upcoming events.

[www.buckskin.org/mtdominion](http://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](mailto:pkball94@hotmail.com)

### Holiday Lights Celebration

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Happy Holidays!





# Seneca District

Serving: Fayette, Raleigh, Nicholas, Webster, Greenbrier and Pocahontas Counties in WV  
bill.bryant@scouting.org

## Seneca Event Calendar

### December

- 18 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace
- 23-26 Council Office and Shops Closed for Christmas
- 27 Scout Shops Closed for Inventory

### January

- 2 Office and Shops Closed for New Year's Day
- 8 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace
- 14 Council District Operations Meeting (CDO),  
Wehrle Service Center
- 16 MLK Jr Day - Service Center & Shops closed

### February

- 5 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace
- 20 Presidents' Day - Service Center & Shops Closed
- 26 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace

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Happy Holidays!

### Unit Charters

Please work on your charters in the upcoming months, and if you need any assistance please contact Billy Bryant at 304-340-3663 to schedule an appointment. If you have any youth members that need financial assistance to continue their journey in Scouting please send Billy Bryant an email at [bill.bryant@scouting.org](mailto:bill.bryant@scouting.org)

## Seneca District Committee

District Chair	Frank Jorgensen	
District Commissioner	Lori Hindson	
Field Director	Billy Bryant	304-340-3663
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

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

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# Shawnee District

## Shawnee District Committee

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

### Shawnee District Event Calendar

#### December

- 23-26 Council Office and Shops Closed for Christmas
- 27 Scout Shops Closed for Inventory

#### January

- 2 Office and Shops Closed for New Year's Day
- 14 Council District Operations Meeting (CDO), Wehrle Service Center
- 16 MLK Jr Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 19 District Committee & Roundtable

#### February

- 5 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace
- 16 District Committee & Roundtable
- 20 Presidents' Day - Service Center & Shops Closed
- 26 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace

District Chair	Leo Lopez	304-419-4554
District Commissioner	Rosann Brooks	304-881-1042
Asst. Scout Executive	Larry Wunderly	304-340-3663
Vice District Chair	Colleen Sergeant	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	
SBSA Scout Roundtable	Gerry Stover	
Cub Scout Roundtable	Colleen Sergeant	304-552-0297
Product Sales/Family FOS	Amy Carte	304-964-4208
Membership Chair	Tracy Hudson	304-382-9679

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#### Shawnee District Committee

The Meeting is the Third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. Anyone can attend help plan upcoming events and receive information about the Council and District activities. Contact Billy Bryant or Leo Lopez for more information.

#### Fall Recruitment

Fall is the time that we traditionally invite new Cub Scouts to join our program. The District Executive will be calling each of the packs to schedule a time and place for your roundup. Traditionally these are held on Tuesday and Thursday and do not need to be on the same night that the Pack Meets

#### 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](mailto:bill.bryant@scouting.org).

#### Holiday Lights Celebration

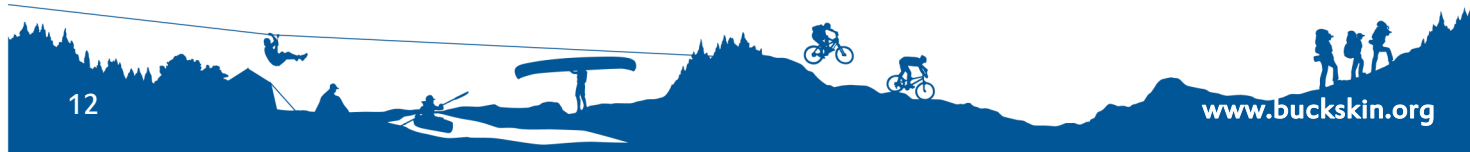
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SEASONS GREETINGS







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### **ADENA POPCORN CELEBRATION**

All scouts in Adena District who sell \$650 or more during the recent Popcorn Sale will be invited to a celebration as a thank you for your efforts. We plan to have this celebration on Saturday, January 21. Watch for more information about this event.

### **KLONDIKE**

Mike Knight is developing a program for the Adena Klondike scheduled for the weekend of January 27-29 has moved. The date is being re-scheduled due to facilities. There will be some changes to this year's event. One change will be the event location. Mike is moving it to Camp Arrowhead. Watch for more developments regarding the Klondike.

### **MARSHALL UNIVERSITY MERIT BADGE COLLEGE**

February 11, 2023 will be the date for the next MU Merit Badge College in Huntington. A variety of merit badges will be offered during this day long event. Scouts may register for up to two merit badges being offered. We are adding Citizenship in Society to our merit badge offerings. The fee is \$13 per scout which includes lunch. Adults may purchase a lunch ticket for \$9. Most adult training will be offered at no fee, including Youth Protection and Merit Badge Counselor Orientation. Basic First Aid, AED and CPR will again be offered. The cost for this all-day session will be \$45.00. Register early for best merit badge selection. Scouts are to come prepared with any pre-requisite materials completed.

### **WEST VIRGINIA CAPITOL & MUSEUM TOUR**

A fun and educational day will take place on February 25, when scouts from the Council will join together at the West Virginia Capitol Complex in Charleston. The full day of activities will begin at 10:00am with a walking tour of the statuary and monuments on the complex grounds. This will be followed by a guided tour of the Capitol. We may be able to arrange some meetings with some state delegates or senators. The group will re-assemble at the Charleston Service Center for a hot dog lunch. The afternoon will give everyone an opportunity to tour the state museum at the Culture Center. This self-paced tour will take you through the 26 rooms with over 600 thousand artifacts on display. This is a Council-wide, no fee event open to all Cubs, Scouts BSA, and Venture Scouts. Reservations via the Council website are requested so adequate preparations for the event can be made.

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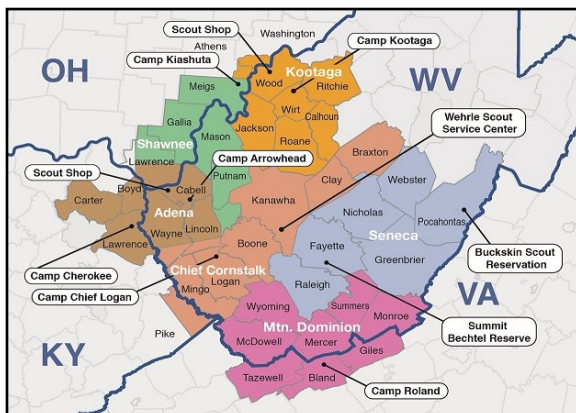
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Mail To: Buckskin Council, BSA

2829 Kanawha Blvd. E

Charleston, WV 25311

[www.buckskin.org](http://www.buckskin.org)

**BUCKSKIN COUNCIL, BSA**  
**WV Capitol and Museum Tour**  
**February 25, 2023 - 10:00am**  
**Capitol Complex, Charleston, WV**

All Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Venture Scouts are invited to a fun and educational day on Saturday, February 25, 2023. Participants will meet in front of the WV Cultural Center, Building 9, Capitol Complex, 1900 Kanawha Blvd E. The full day of activities will begin at 10:00am with a 40-minute walking tour of the statuary and monuments on the complex grounds.

This will be followed by a guided tour of the Capitol Building. We may be able to arrange some meetings with your state delegate or senator. Delegate Vernon Criss, who is also the Kootaga District Chairman, will help us arrange these meetings. You need to let us know with whom you want to meet.

The group will re-assemble at the Charleston Service Center for a hot dog lunch. The H. Bernard Wehrle, Sr. Scout Leadership Service Center and Scout Shop is located at 2829 Kanawha Blvd E.

The afternoon will give everyone an opportunity to tour the state museum at the Cultural Center. This self-paced tour will take you through the 26 rooms with over 600 thousand artifacts on display. Scouts and their families can take their time as they move from one display room to another. The museum tour concludes our scheduled activities for the day.

This is a Council-wide, no fee event open to all Cubs, Scouts BSA, Venture Scouts, and their families. We do ask that you make reservations via the Council website so adequate preparations for the lunch can be made.





# Scouting for Food 2022

District: \_\_\_\_\_

Pack/Troop/Crew/Post #: \_\_\_\_\_

Person Completing Form: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Cans/Items Collected: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Scouts: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tagalongs: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Please send this form to the Buckskin Council office by either e-mailing it or by turning it in to the Buckskin Council Office, Huntington Scout Shop, Parkersburg Scout Shop or mailing it to:

Buckskin Council Office  
2829 Kanawha Blvd. East  
Charleston, WV25311

You may also submit your unit's food collection report online at  
[www.buckskin.org/scouting-for-food-2022](http://www.buckskin.org/scouting-for-food-2022)

Please have these turned in by **December 20, 2022**. If you have any questions, please contact your District Executive.





## Unit Commitment Form 2023 Spring Nut Sale

**Yes, my unit would like to participate in the 2023 Spring Nut Sale**

**Unit Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**District:** \_\_\_\_\_

Pack, Troop, Crew, Ship, Post

**Unit Leader:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Unit Nut Sale chairperson (this should be DIFFERENT than the unit leader):**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Only one name per unit and it must be the person that will oversee the unit's sale)

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone: home:** \_\_\_\_\_

**work:** \_\_\_\_\_

**cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**We must have an email address**

**Approx. number of Scouts in unit:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of adults in unit:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form and return it to the Buckskin Council Office by February 1st.

You may mail the form to:

Buckskin Council, BSA  
Attn: Spring Nut Sale  
2829 Kanawha Blvd, E  
Charleston, WV 25311

or fax it to: 304-925-0533



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### Ski Package Includes

A full day (open to close) lift ticket

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Helmet

■ Customized 90-minute group lesson

Must be minimum age 8 for group lesson

■ Meal voucher

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**Snowtubing**

**\$35.00**

2 hour add-on session must be purchased online at [winterplace.com/snowtubing-tickets](http://winterplace.com/snowtubing-tickets), Tubing availability is limited

**Pre-Register:**

Call 304-340-3663

**Bring your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors!**

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**BUCKSKIN COUNCIL, BSA**  
**2023 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE**  
**Contingent Leadership Application**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Current Registration – Unit / Position \_\_\_\_\_

Contact – Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Buckskin Council is expecting to send a troop and a patrol to the 2023 NSJ. The troop will be for male youth and patrol will be for female youth. No crew will be sponsored for this Jamboree. Each troop will need four (4) adult leaders, one (1) of which should be in the 18-21 year old age range. The female patrol will have one female leader. All adult leaders are expected to register on-line for the 2023 NSJ, pay their initial deposit, and complete this application by **July 1, 2022**. The Council's 2023 NSJ Committee will be making contingent leadership decision shortly thereafter. This application may be mailed to the Charleston Service Center or emailed to [Carl.Sullivan@scouting.org](mailto:Carl.Sullivan@scouting.org). Please don't delay! Acceptance into the Council 2023 NSJ contingent is subject to the participant maintaining the registration payment schedule. Failure to make registration payments in a timely manner may result in forfeiture of your place in the Council's contingent. Applicants must meet 2023 NSJ physical guidelines per the annual BSA Health and Medical Record form, including the Summit Bechtel Reserve addendum.

**Adult Leadership Experience**

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**Previous Jamboree Experience**

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**Unique skills you would bring to the Contingent**

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Are you a medical professional (ie Doctor, PA, EMT, Paramedic, etc)? Please indicate which one? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you certified in wilderness first aid? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, when does your certification expire? \_\_\_\_\_

Complete this form and forward it to the Buckskin Council Service Center, 2829 Kanawha Blvd East,  
Charleston, WV 25311, or email to [Carl.Sullivan@scouting.org](mailto:Carl.Sullivan@scouting.org) by July 12, 2022.