The Buckskin Courier

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Beautiful days, cool crisp nights...everyone loves camping in the fall!



Emergency Preparedness Event October 6-8, 2023 at the Summit Bechtel Reserve



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Lunch is provided for those who pre-register. Walk-ins are welcome but lunch cannot be guaranteed.



Ghost Town Family Camp

October 20-22 at Camp Arrowhead

October can be a time of scary happenings. But our Family Camp will be a fun experience for the entire family. Come visit Camp Arrowhead as it becomes a "Ghost Town". Nothing to be afraid of, just some Cub Scout fun and an exciting weekend of adventure. This main activity day is Saturday plus up to two nights of camping. Families are responsible for their own meals. Activities take place during the morning and afternoon, with a closing campfire Saturday evening. So come visit our Ghost Town for a good time of Cub Scout fun.

This Family Camp is the combined effort of Adena, Chief Cornstalk, and Shawnee Districts but all Cub Scout families are welcome.

The fee is \$8 for youth and \$3 for adults. Youth under 3 years old are free. Register by Friday, October 13th.



KOOTAGA TRAILS CAMPOREE AND CUB FUN DAY

October 13-15 at Camp Kootaga

This event is open to all registered Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, Webelos and Scouts. Our goal is to provide a fun and safe weekend where everyone can enjoy Camp Kootaga through a fun-filled day of events and two nights of camping with their fellow Scouts! THIS IS A FAMILY CAMPING EVENT

Scouts BSA troops should expect to partake in challenge based-events and learn outdoor skills. This Fall Camporee is an excellent opportunity for your unit to demonstrate proficiency in Scout skills and teamwork.

WEBELOS DENS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE KOOTAGA TRAILS EVENT!

Team up with your partnering Scouts BSA troop and see camp activities in action! The Webelos Scouts will practice working together as a Patrol independently under Scout youth leadership. This is a great opportunity for Troops to show Webelos Scouts and their parents why they should join Scouts BSA!

Cub Scouts can come out for a free afternoon of Fun! If your pack wants to camp, the fee is \$20 per person, with Saturday lunch and dinner provided. Coming just for the day? Be sure to bring your lunch, a filled water bottle, and your other Cub Scout Essentials.

Register for all of these camps at www.buckskin.org



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18	Huntington Scout Shop open, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
23-24	Thanksgiving - Service Center & Shops Closed

December

9	OA Winter Banquet
14	Executive Committee meeting
16	Charleston & Huntington Shops open, 9-1
22-25	Christmas Holiday - Service Centr & Shops
	Closed
26	All Shops closed for Inventory

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. Their service is deeply appreciated.







Dear Scout volunteers,

October really represents the scouting program in full swing. Cub Scouts have been recruited, Packs and Troops are once again meeting, and opportunities for Scouting FUN are rapidly approaching. Recent studies have revealed that 15% of our Scouts drop out of the program within the first 60 days. I wonder what could happen to discourage a new Scout so much that they leave the program before they can really start to have fun.

Fun! I think that is the key word. If our newest Scouts don't do anything "fun" in the first sixty days, they quickly become discouraged and disappointed. They have very little invested, so it is easy to just walk away from Scouting. They will never know the ultimate fun they might have enjoyed;

they will never know the life skills, the lessons in citizenship, or the life changing transformation of their character. They may not reach their full potential as adults, and they will probably not strive to involve their children in Scouting.

So what to do? First, make sure that every Scout has a fun Scouting experience in their first sixty days as a Scout. Check out the free Emergency Preparedness Event on October 7th at the Summit. Plan a fun Pack or Troop outing, or take advantage of one of your Districts activities. Check your District page for upcoming events! Make sure every new Scout is invited and attends. If they do, they will stick around long enough to start benefiting from Scouting.

Secondly, every leader that has front line contact with our Scouts should be trained. I have heard many of the reasons why a den leader, cubmaster, or scoutmaster cannot or will not take training. You can pile all those reasons together, and they will pale in comparison when measured against the fact that B.S.A. trained leaders consistently deliver a better program to the Scouts. And that's what we should be all about. Delivering the best program to our precious children. Or to put it another way, every Scout deserves a trained leader.

So let us make this our slogan this fall. "Deliver the Promise" to our Scouts; Trained leaders leading Scouts to their first significant Scouting experience within the first sixty days.

Good Scouting to you and yours,

Jeffrey L. Purdy

Scout Executive

P.S. Don't forget to get your Scouts out selling popcorn. What a great way to pay for those awesome Scouting experiences.

Buckskin Council's Scout Shops are inviting all boys & girls to a

Trunk or Treat

Packs and Troops: If you would like to be part of the fun and decorate a car or have an information station, contact the Scout Shop near you to

Charleston Scout Shop Thursday, October 26, 2023 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm 2829 Kanawha Blyd E. Charleston Kelly Thaxton 304-340-3663

Huntington Scout Shop Trick or Treat at the Scout Shop Thursday, October 26, 2022 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm 1037 Six+h Avenue. Huntington

Melanie Young 304-523-3408

Parkersburg Scout Shop Thursday, October 26, 2023 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Christ UM Church 716 16#h S#. Parkersburg Lisa Wither 304-422-4507









2023 Popcorn Sale

One fundraiser to support your unit's entire year of fun and adventure!

So far popcorn sales reports are looking very good. Units are doing well with Show 'n Sell and Take order sales are going well with the ability for scouts to take credit card payments. Units need to make sure they have their orders turned in by October 25th and any unsold Show 'n Sell product returned by October 24th. If you have questions, please contact our service center or Popcorn Staff Advisor, Mike Cidor. We would also like to recognize Chief Cornstalk Pack 152 for their fantastic Show 'n Sell results. As of the time of this article they had sold over \$15,000 in Show 'n Sell with only a couple weekends.

There are four ways to succeed with your popcorn sale. The more methods you use, the better results you'll have.

- 1. Show-n-Sell
- 2. Show and Deliver
- 3. Take Order
- 4. Online Sale.

How do you get started? The first step is completing the 2023 Popcorn Commitment Form. Find it in the appendix of this edition of the Courier or online at www.buckskin.org/popcorn.

Show N Sell

Unsold Product Return (Full Cases) October 24, 2023

Take Order Sale

Orders due to Council or Online October 25, 2023, by noon
Distribution Nov 10 & 11



JAMBOREE TENTS NOW AVAILABLE

The Council intends to sell the tents that were purchased for the Jamboree. The 9'x11' tents which the leaders used are available for \$90 each. There are 4 of these tents available. Each tent comes with a tarp ground cover.

The 9'x7' tents purchased for the youth members are available for \$50 each. There are 17 of these tents available. A tarp ground cover will be included with each tent.

We also have two day pack—duffle combinations available. These will be offered for \$120 per set. There remain a limited number of Jamboree patch sets available as well at each scout shop.

Sale of any of these items is subject to product availability. Make your purchases now. Those interested in purchasing one or more tents or one of the day pack-duffle combinations should contact Debbie Slack at 304-340-3663 or Carl Sullivan at 304-523-3408. Arrangements can be made to have your item(s) made available for pick up at any of the three scout shops.

Thank You to our

Buckskin Council Champions

for helping to support Scouting in
the local community!

LOC Investment Advisors

Swope Construction Company

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Boyd Machinery

Kanawha Stone

State Electric Supply

Moses Auto Group

The Mountain Company

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Michael Tygart Loop Trail Hike Saturday, October 14th Greenbo State Park

The annual Michael Tygart Loop Trail Hike begins Saturday, October 14th at 9:00 am at Greenbo State Park boat dock.

The Michael Tygart Loop Trail is a wonderful 7.5 mile loop trail at Greenbo State Park in Greenup, KY. The trail hike is hosted by Troop 154 in Bellefonte, KY. The scouts will be provide assistance as needed. You may hike all or part of the trail.

There is no fee but the donation of one can of food per hiker would be appreciated. All collected food is donated to a local food bank. Optional patches are available for \$1.

Questions? Contact Pat Galliher at 606-324-9952.





New to Scouting?.

The experienced staff at our Scout Shops can help you build your uniform.

Whether you need a uniform from head to toe (hats to socks) or just plan to purchase a new shirt, we can help.

Visit one of our three Scout Shops today.













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

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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	
Oct 14	Oct 21*	
Nov 4	Nov 18	
Dec 16	Dec 16	
Jan 13	Jan 20	
Feb 10	Feb 17	
March 9	March 16	
April 13	April 20	
May 11	May 18	

*Open at Cub Family Camp, Camp Arrowhead





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Registration

Registration is required for this event for both day visitors and camping. Please register at the Buckskin Council website at www.buckskin.org/events/emergency-preparedness-camporee/ or scan the OR code.

















TAKHONEK LODGE ORDER OF THE ARROW, LODGE #617



It's spooky month. Boo! I scared ya, didn't I? Oh, I guess I also have news to tell regarding upcoming events. October is It is getting close to the Winter Banquet. Standard fanfare:

Vigil/Vigil Reunion

The Vigil/Vigil Reunion was a success. Vigils got to spend er. Please visit www.buckskin.org/oa for the latest inforsome time together and reminisce about the old times. Con- mation and to register for the event. gratulations to the Vigil Class of 2023: Francis Deighan, Bradley Thompson, Nolan Duncan, and Payton Brown.

Fall Fellowship

Fall Fellowship is wrapping up at the time of this article's release; thus, I will update you all in November.

Emergency Preparedness Camporee OA Service Opportunity

The Emergency Preparedness Camporee is coming up. It will If your chapter would like to share news across the lodge or be held from October 6th to the 8th. Lodge volunteers are if you have an idea for something you would like to see in the only needed for Saturday, Oct. 7th. You can camp on Friday Courier articles, please email your article or ideas to the Counight for \$5, but you can also choose to just drive up on Sat- rier author, Nolan Duncan, at ndunca1@gmail.com or his urday. Volunteers will receive a special, fancy, and shiny new student email duncan 186@marshall.edu patch for their collection alongside service hours that will count toward their lodge service flap. Please let us know if you can help. Go to: www.buckskin.org/OA to register.

NOAC 2024

Attention Arrowmen! Sign-ups for NOAC 2024 are quickly approaching! Next year's NOAC will be held on the University of Colorado Boulder campus from July 29th to August 3rd. Interested Arrowmen can begin signing up in early October to attend this incredible event. Until signups are open, any Arrowmen who would like to receive more information can sign up on this form here: https://forms.gle/ LhZd177kHCBW8TA16. Pricing and transportation are currently TBD. More information about NOAC can be found at the NOAC 2024 website: https://oa-bsa.org/program/ events/noac.

2023 Lodge Calendar

Date	Event	Location
Sept. 29 – Oct. 1	Fall Ordeal/Brotherhood	Camp Arrowhead
Oct 6-8	Emergency Prep. Event	Summit Bechtel Reserve
Oct27-28	Lodge Leadership Dev. (LLD)	Buckskin Council Office
Nov 3-5	Section E13 Forum	Camp Lazarus
Dec 9	Lodge Winter Banquet	Summit Pigott Dining Hall

Winter Banquet

looking to be the beginning of a fun end of the calendar year. Go eat food, Spend time with your fellow Arrowmen, Hand out awards, Passover the duties to the new administration. I will update you with more information as the event gets clos-

2023 Dues

It is essential to remind you to pay your dues. You want to be allowed to go to events or buy merchandise, don't you? Go https://www.buckskin.org/oa-events/2023-takhoneklodge-dues-and-fox-pass/ to pay your 2023 dues!!

Would your chapter like one of its events posted in the Courier or share information about a previous event?

2023 Youth Officers

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2023 Chapter Chiefs

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Training Corner

By Susan Williams

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to those who came out the past couple of weeks and took either

IOLS (Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills)

Of

BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation)
We had fun, ate well, met other leaders and maybe, just maybe, learned a thing or two along the way. After all "Scouting is a game with a purpose"

The next big opportunities for training will be at Marshall University Merit Badge College The University of Scouting

NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training)

Or call and schedule a training of your choosing.

Keep an eye on the Training page of our website for the most up to date information.

For this or any other Cub Scout or Scouts BSA leader training, call Sue Williams, Carol McCarthy or your district training chair.



BALOO participants learn the "3 pot method" of cleaning dishes.

Wash, Rinse, Sanitize

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) July 14 - 19, 2024 Camp Arrowhead

What is NYLT? National Youth Leadership Training is a week-long course at Camp Arrowhead, Ona, WV, that gives Scouts and Venturers the methods, skills and experience to become better leaders in their unit. The course centers around the concepts of what leader must be, what they must know, and what they must do; with a clear focus on how to accomplish this.

The cost is \$300 per youth, which includes: an NYLT field T-shirt, all meals and all course materials. A \$75 deposit is required. We will only be able to accept 48 participants for this course. Please register no later than June 10, 2024.

Who can attend? All eligible Scouts BSA and Venturing youth who wish to improve their leadership skills. To attend the course, you must have a unit leader recommendation.

Scouts: Must be 13 or older by June 2024 and First Class, or a member of a Crew, Ship, or Post, must be 14 and have completed the 8th grade.

Scouts BSA must not be 18 years old and Venturers must not be 21 years old by the last day of the course.

What Participants will learn:

Communications Team Development
Problem Solving Presentation Making
Ethical Decision-Making Resolving Conflict
Servant Leadership Setting Goals

Scouting EDGE

Working with Adult leaders & Youth in Administrative Areas All youth must complete a current BSA Annual Medical Examination (Parts A, B1, B2 & C)

Questions? Email the Course Director, Del Stonestreet at rds2s@aol.com

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Chief Cornstalk	TBD		
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Seneca	Carol McCarthy	designsbycarol@gmail.com	
Shawnee	Rosann Brooks	rosann1030@aol.com	



Adena District

Serving: Cabell, Wavne, Lincoln, WV; Lawrence, OH; Boyd, Carter, Lawrence, KY Counties carl.sullivan@scouting.org www.buckskin.org/adena

Adena Event Calendar

October

CCCOSC	
5	Roundtable – 6:30pm
6-8	Emergency Prep Camporee – Summit
14	Michael Tygart Hike – Greenbo State Park
19	District Committee – 6:00pm
20-22	Cub Family Camp – Camp Arrowhead
21	Huntington Shop Open at Camp Arrowhead
25	Popcorn Orders Due in Council Office
26	Scout Shop Trick or Treat – 5:00pm to 6:30pm
27-28	OA Lodge Leadership Development-Council Office

November

2	Roundtable – 6:30pm
4	Flag Placements @ Spring Hill Cemetery
10	Popcorn pickup
16	District Committee – 6:00pm
18	Huntington Shop open 9am-1pm
23-24	Thanksgiving – Scout Office & shops closed

December

7	Roundtable – 6:30pm
9	OA Winter Banquet
16	Huntington Scout Shop Open 9am-1pm
21	District Committee – 6:00pm
22, 25	& 26 – Scout Office and Shops Closed
Jan 1, 2	2024 – Scout Office and Shops Closed

ROUNDTABLE

The Monthly Roundtable Meeting returns to the schedule in September. October's Roundtable will be on Zoom only because the in person facility is unavailable. 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.

FALL SIGN-UP EVENTS

The sound of school bells, the smell of burning leaves, the cheers for your local football team can only mean one thing - It's Fall Recruitment Time. Start planning now for your "Adventure On" sign-up event. Develop your unit's program calendar and budget. Think about something special you can do with your new and returning scouts during the sign-up event. The recruitment giveaways this fall are rockets. Watch for launch day on October 21.

Adena District Committee

District Chair	vacant	
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	vacant	
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.

POPCORN SALE

All popcorn and prize orders are due in the Council office by October 25. Product pick up for the take order sale will be Friday, November 10. Be sure to contact Melane or Carl to schedule a pickup time. Location is to be announced.

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FAMILY CAMP

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(Adena District - continued on page 15)





Chief Cornstalk District

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

Chief Cornstalk Event Calendar

October

6-8 Emergency Preparedness Camporee, The Summit 19 Cornstalk District Committee Meeting 20 - 22Cub Family Camp – Camp Arrowhead 25 Popcorn Orders due

November

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The fee is \$8 for youth and \$3 for adults. Details about the camp and registration can be found at the website www.buckskin.org.

Cornstalk District Committee

The Meeting is the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. Anyone can attend, help plan upcoming events, and receive in- formation about the Council a District Events.

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		
Marketing Chair		
Cub Day Camp	Kara Cvechko	304-573-6720
Cub Day Camp	Alicyn Spencer	304-380-4167
District Chaplain	Danny Pauley	304-561-7666
OA Chapter Advisor	Scott Dennison	

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Council Trunk or Treat

Buckskin Council is planning a Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 26th at the Scout Service Center on Kanawha Blvd. from 6 to 7:30 PM. We are asking for units to decorate a trunk or truck bed or parking space and pass out candy and information on their Pack. We will have music and some other fun for everyone, and we are looking for members of the community to come as well and have fun and learn more about Scouting.





Kootaga District

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

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13-15	Kootaga Trails Fall Camporee, Camp Kootaga

25 Popcorn orders due **November**

10-11	Poncorn	Distribution
10-11	1 Opcom	Distribution

14	Roundtable @ 7:30 attend by zoom or in person.
	Location TRD

District Committee @ 6:30 attend by zoom or in person. Location TBD

23-24 Thanksgiving - Service Center & Shops closed

December

22-25	Service Center & Shops closed
26	Shops closed for inventory

Read your Courier for details: We are one council, just look at all the activities going on for the benefit or Scouts and Scouters

As your District Executive, I plan to be in the office most Mondays and Tuesdays unless I'm at meetings elsewhere and I'll usually be in the office until late. I'll also answer calls, text and email nearly anytime of the day, if it is possible to do so. I'll be at The Summit for DE District Operations Basics (DOB) Training from Sept 24 - 30th. I will be scheduling scout talks in the schools with each unit, and attend your Unit Roundup meetings. I/we now have Square to help facilitate registration and the collection of fees by credit/debit cards. Please let me know how I can help. Let's build this district together and provide the best experience for youth and families in the Kootaga district.

Popcorn Sales

The Popcorn Sale began September 1st. Encourage your scouts to sell online as well as in-person. You still have opportunity to help scouts earn their way in scouting. Go to www.campmaster.org for details on how to have the best popcorn sale ever. Unit orders are due by October 25th.

Trunk or Treat - Christ United Methodist Church, October 27, 2023 from 6 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Games, Fun and Treats.

Kootaga Trails Fall Camporee

This camporee is scheduled for October 13-15 at Camp Kootaga. See details on the Kootaga Facebook and Council website page.

Kootaga District Committee

District Chair	Vernon Criss	
District Commissioner	Christopher Burk	304-615-5648
District Executive	Michael Fletcher	740-707-0010
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

Camp Kootaga: Summer camp 2024 is already on our minds. We're already planning and looking for next season's staff.

We ask all units to reserve their 2024 camp sites soon. (We had to get the books for 2023 closed first) Reservation info and week by week graph can be found on the website. Reservations can be taken at anytime. Our ability to accept deposits should be open as soon as we can close the books on summer camp 2023.

We still have 4 campsites and one cabin that we would like to get adopted. Units who adopt these sites make a continuous commitment to maintaining, improving, and keeping the site/cabin ready all year long for campers.

We have kicked off the largest capital improvements camp projects that we have seen in many years. Several projects are already in process, and the plan is to complete all projects by December 31, 2023. Follow our progress on the Camp Kootaga Facebook page.

New Capital Improvement Projects

- New climbing tower and zip lines
- New kybo and shower house to be used by Iroquois, Mahonegan and Chippewa campsites
- New 30X60 mechanical storage building
- Purge all of camp and the warehouse of all scrap and junk
- Complete the bouldering wall
- Complete the roof on the ranger's house



Mountain Dominion District

Serving: Monroe, Mercer , McDowell , Summers & Wyoming Counties in WV; Giles, Bland & Tazewell Counties in VA Samuel.bosley@scouting.org www.buckskin.org/mtdominion

Mt Dominion Event Calendar

October

6-8 Emergency Preparedness Camporee, The Summit25 Popcorn orders due

November

10-11 Popcorn Distribution

23-24 Thanksgiving - Service Center & Shops closed

December

22-25 Service Center & Shops closedShops closed for inventory

Important update on district events:

Please check the district website regularly for up to date information on upcoming events. www.buckskin.org/mtdominion

District Committee Meeting

We will have the Mt. Dominion District committee meeting and roundtable on October 19th. It starts at 6:30 pm and is at Stinson United Methodist Church in Princeton, WV.

Popcorn Orders Due October 25th

It's time to begin planning your unit's Fall Popcorn Sale. Proceeds from this can pay for your entire year of program.

Show-N-Sell: Pre-order popcorn for your Scout's to sell in their local area - outside stores, at festivals, you name it! Place your Show-N-Sell order by August 16th. Pick it up Sept. 1st.

Take Order: Scouts take the order form around their neighborhood visiting with friends and family to sell popcorn. Unit Take Order sales must be submitted to the council by October 25th for pickup around November 10th.

Questions? Give Samuel Bosley a call.

Emergency Preparedness Event at The Summit

The Emergency Preparedness Event is from October 6th-8th. This is a fun camp where scouts can come enjoy many outdoor activities and camp out. There will be a Blackhawk helicopter there for the scouts to enjoy. Cub scouts can camp out on the 7th. This is the only day available for the cub scouts. This event is free and open to the public.

Mt. Dominion District Committee

District Chair	Brian Blankenship	304-888-2842
District Commissioner	Jason Anderson	304-960-1096
District Executive	Samuel Bosley	304-573-5499
Cub Scout Prog Chair	Carrie Kozikowski	540-626-7929
Scouts BSA Prog Chair	Dan Trent	276-322-3911
Venture Prog Chair	Tim Wallace	276-963-0525
Training Chair	Daren Law	540-235-6467
Advancement Chair	Barry Nowlin	304-487-5632
Popcorn Chair	Trey Aliff	304-308-0405
OA Chapter Advisor	Brian Blankenship	304-888-2842
Membership Chair	vacant	
Religious Emb. Coordinator	Bill Fuzia	503-440-5185

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Seneca District

Serving: Fayette, Raleigh, Nicholas, Webster, Greenbrier and Pocahontas Counties in WV Samuel.bosley@scouting.org www.buckskin.org/seneca

Seneca Event Calendar

October

6-8 Emergency Preparedness Camporee, The Summit 25 Popcorn orders due

November

10-11 Popcorn Distribution

23-24 Thanksgiving - Service Center & Shops closed

December

22-25 Service Center & Shops closedShops closed for inventory

Seneca District Committee

District Chair	Frank Jorgensen	
District Commissioner	Lori Hindson	304-237-7413
District Executive	Samuel Bosley	304-573-5499
Advancement Chair	Jeff Proctor	304-673-2640
Program Chair	OPEN	
Training Chair	Carol McCarthy	703-587-4453
OA Chapter Advisor	Lee Webb	
Venturing Chair	Dana McCorkle	304-573-4636

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Roundtable

We have reached an agreement with Beckley Community United Methodist Church to host the Seneca district committee meetings and roundtable at their church. The date for the first meeting is still being determined.

Emergency Preparedness Event at The Summit

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Shawnee District

Serving: Putnam, Mason, western Kanawha Counties, WV; Gallia and Meigs Counties, OH michael.cidor@scouting.org www.buckskin.org/shawnee

Shawnee District Event Calendar

October

6-8 Emergency Preparedness Camporee, The Summit

20-22 Cub Family Camp - Camp Arrowhead

Popcorn orders due 25

November

10-11 Popcorn Distribution

23-24 Thanksgiving - Service Center & Shops closed

December

22-25 Service Center & Shops closed 26 Shops closed for inventory

Emergency Preparedness Camporee

The Buckskin Council and WVU Medicine - Thomas Hospitals are sponsoring an Emergency Preparedness Camporee. It features a variety of public safety related hands-on activities and demonstrations on Saturday, October 7, 2023. Activities and lunch on Saturday will be free. If you want to camp, the fee is \$5 per person for the whole weekend.

Meals are the responsibility of the units or individuals who are camping. Cub Scouts are welcome too! Activities provided by the Summit Bechtel Reserve will be available at an additional expense. A complete list of activities is available at www.buckskin.org. This camporee is open to everyone, so get signed up today.

. Cub Scout Family Camp

of the planned activities include BB shooting, archery, boat- their fantastic Show 'n Sell results. As of the time of this artiing, fishing, and rocket launching. Be sure to check out the cle they had sold over \$15,000 in Show 'n Sell with only a abandoned mine. Find details about the camp and register at couple weekends. www.buckskin.org.

Council Trunk or Treat

Buckskin Council is planning a Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 26th at the Scout Service Center on Kanawha Blvd. from 6 to 7:30 PM. We are asking for units to decorate a trunk or truck bed or parking space and pass out candy and information on their Pack. We will have music and some other fun for everyone, and we are looking for members of the community to come as well and have fun and learn more about Scouting.

Shawnee District Committee

District Chair	Loo Lopez	304-419-4554
	Leo Lopez	
District Commissioner	Rosann Brooks	304-881-1042
District Director	Michael Cidor	814-860-1562
Vice District Chair	Colleen Sergent	304-552-0297
Vice District Chair (Finance)	vacant	
Advancement Chair	Debbie Slack	304-340-3663
Program Chair	Mike Lamb	304-590-1354
Cub Program Chair	Melinda Craddock	304-727-0143
Camping Chair	Barry Lindley	
SBSA Scout Roundtable	Gerry Stover	
Cub Scout Roundtable	Colleen Sergent	304-552-0297
Product Sales	David Duncan	304-541-7559
Membership Chair	Traci Hudson	304-382-9679
OA Chapter Advisor	David Duncan	304-541-7559

Shawnee District Committee Meetings

Our meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of most months. We have a zoom link available on the Shawnee page of the Council website. Meetings start at 6:30 PM and all are welcome to join. This is the meeting each month where we discuss upcoming events, plan for recruiting and helping units build membership and share ideas.

Popcorn Sales

So far popcorn sales reports are looking very good. Units are doing well with Show 'n Sell and Take order sales are going well with the ability for scouts to take credit card payments. Units need to make sure they have their orders turned in by October 25th and any unsold Show 'n Sell product returned A ghost town Family Camp will be held at Camp Arrowhead by October 24th. If you have questions, please contact our the weekend of October 20-22. Check-in begins at 5:30pm on service center or Popcorn Staff Advisor, Mike Cidor. We Friday evening. Activities begin on Saturday morning. Some would also like to recognize Chief Cornstalk Pack 152 for

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HUNTINGTON SCOUT SHOP TRICK OR TREAT

The Huntington Shop will be joining the other Council scout shops by conducting a Trick or Treat night at the shop, located at 1037 Sixth Avenue in Huntington. Scouts and their families are welcome to stop by from 5:00pm to 6:30pm for a little treat – no tricks, please. Uniforms, belts and patches will also be available if you need to pick up a uniform for your next Scouting activity.

VETERANS DAY FLAG PLACEMENT

Scouts have a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate respect for our veterans by participating in flag placements at Spring Hill Cemetery in Huntington. Spring Hill placements will begin at 9:00am, on Saturday, November 4. Patches for the first 25 scouts. Other opportunities may exist at a cemetery near you. Check with your local cemetery.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

This annual service project benefits the local food banks in your community. Marked bags are available at any of the three scout shops. Please be sure to report the quantity of food items your unit collects and donates to your local food bank. The first two weekends in November are the traditional dates in the Council, but you can do this service project at anytime.

SCOUT SHOP OPERATIONS

The Council Office and all Scout Shops are closed Nov 23 & 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Other holiday related closing dates are Dec 22, Dec 25, and Jan 1. Shops will also be closed Dec 26 for inventory purposes. Keep an eye on the council website for any changes.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS

The holiday season gets busy with school programs and other special events at your church or place of worship. It 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. Post the picture on the Council website along with the scout's name and address so we can mail a patch to the scout.

UNIT RE-CHARTERING BEGINS

Now is the time to start thinking about your unit's re-chartering. The January, February and March timeframe is when most units in Adena re-charter with the Council. Unit leaders should begin verifying the YPT of their adult leaders and checking to make sure that all youth are properly registered. NOTE – Adults and youth who have joined on or after August 1, 2023, will not renew their membership until a year after their joining date. Youth and adults who were registered in Scouting before August 1, 2023, will renew their membership during the Pack's, Troop's or Crew's re-chartering process.

SKI DAYS

The Winterplace Ski Dates have been announced for 2024. These dates include Jan 7, Jan 21, Feb 4 and Feb 25. The \$80 Scouting package includes the all-day lift ticket, ski or snowboarding equipment (boots, poles, skis and helmet) and a 90 minute group lesson. Upgrades are available for a meal voucher (\$15) and/or 2-hour snowtubing option (\$32). Registrations and ticket purchase must be made by the Thursday before the event date to receive the \$80 rate.

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, January 7, 2024 Sunday, January 21, 2024 Sunday, February 4, 2024 Sunday, February 25, 2024

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

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

NOTE: Meal Voucher NOT included in Ski Package

Add-ons and upgrades are available.

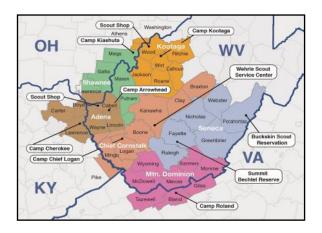
Check-in at Winterplace between **8:00am - 1:00pm**. Ski until **10:00pm**.

Price: \$80 Ski Package \$32 2 hour Tubing pkg \$15 Meal Voucher

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









THE MEMORIAL TRIBUTE FUND

A lasting way to remember someone you care about.

The Buckskin Council offers an excellent way to remember a Scout, family member, Scout volunteer, friend or community leader, through the Tribute fund. All funds received go to the operating cost in the year they are given. Anyone may, however, designate the donations for a specific purpose.

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

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	Please send Acknowledgement To:
Name:	
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Name:	
	Buckskin Council, BSA
	2829 Kanawha Blvd. E

Charleston, WV 25311



The Buckskin Council is inviting all youth to the

Trunk or Treat

Buckskin Council Service Center 2829 Kanawha Blvd.E. Charleston Thursday, October 26, 2023 6-7:30 PM



- . Music
- . Candy & Treats
- . Games
- . Coloring Contest
- And information about Scouting in our area

If you would like to be part of the fun and decorate a car or have information station, please contact Kelly Thaxton at the Service Center at 304-340-3663 or Kelly. Thaxton@scouting.org

The Buckskin Council Kootaga District is inviting all youth to the

Trunk or Treat

Location: Christ UM Church Parking Lot 715 16th Street, Parkersburg, WV

Thursday, October 26, 2023 6-7:30PM

Put on your costume and join us for:

- Music
- . Candy & Treats
- Games
- . Coloring Contest
- And information about Scouting in our area

If you would like to be part of the fun and decorate a car or have information station, please contact Lisa Withee at

304-422-4507 or

Lisa. Withee@scouting.org.





BUCKSKIN COUNCIL, BSA

CUB SCOUT FAMILY CAMP CAMP ARROWHEAD, ONA, WV OCTOBER 20-22, 2023

BROUGHT TO YOU BY ADENA,

October can be a time of scary happenings. But our Family Camp will be a fun experience for the entire family. Come visit Camp Arrowhead as it becomes a "Ghost Town". Nothing to be afraid of, just some Cub Scout fun and an exciting weekend of adventure.

This camp will consist of an activity day on Saturday and up to two nights of camping. Families are responsible for their own meals. Activities take place during the morning and afternoon, with a closing campfire Saturday evening. So come visit our Ghost Town for a good time of Cub Scout fun.

Registration:

Cub Scout Family Camp is open to all Cub Scouts who are entering grades K to 5. Camp activities are intended for these scouts and include some rank advancement opportunities. Adults include parents and registered volunteer leaders. Den chiefs are not responsible for the discipline of the camp den – this is the responsibility of the adults and leaders with the camp den.

Fees:

Cub Scouts, siblings age 3 or older, and other participating youth - \$8.00

Adults / leaders - \$3

Youth younger than 3 years are free.

Registrations are due by Friday, October 13, at 5:00pm. Registrations can be made on the Council website by going to Adena/events.

Directions to Camp Arrowhead: The address is 4081 Scout Camp Rd, Ona, WV.

From I-64, take Exit 20 (Huntington Mall), proceed south to US Rt 60 and turn East at the light. Go 1.4 miles East on US Rt 60 to the second traffic light and turn left onto Blue Sulphur Road. Proceed 1.6 miles to Scout Camp Rd. (It is marked with a green Camp Arrowhead sign on the right.) Turn right onto Scout Camp Rd and follow it to

Special Ski Program Buckskin Council







Special Price \$80, Save Up To 50% January 7, January 21, February 4 & 25

Ski Package Includes:

- A full day (open to close) Lift Ticket
- Ski or Snowboard Rental Equipment (boots, poles, skis)
- Helmet
- Customized 90-minute Group Lesson (minimum age for a group lesson is 8)

2023-24 Upgrades:

- Meal Voucher \$15 (New menu options.)
- Snowtubing \$32
 Available Sessions:
 9AM-11AM, 11AM-1PM,
 3PM-5PM, 5PM-7PM, 7PM-9PM
 (1PM-3PM Session Not Available)

Pre-Register: (304)340-3663 www.buckskin.org

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

Pre-register and purchase your ticket by Thursday before the event to receive the \$80 rate. Your family, friends and neighbors qualify for this special rate.







National Youth Leadership Training July 14 - 19, 2024 Camp Arrowhead

What is NYLT?

It is a week-long course at Camp Arrowhead, Ona, WV, that gives Scouts and Venturers the methods, skills and experience to become better leaders in their unit. The course centers around the concepts of what leader must **be**, what they must **know**, and what they must **do**; with a clear focus on how to accomplish this.

The cost is \$300 per youth, which includes: an NYLT field T-shirt, all meals and all course materials. A \$75 deposit is required. We will only be able to accept 48 participants for this course. Please register no later than June 10, 2024. Late fee will be \$325.00.

Who can attend?

- All eligible Scouts BSA and Venturing youth who wish to improve their leadership skills. To attend the course, you must have a unit leader recommendation.
- **Scouts:** Must be 13 or older by June 2024 and First Class, or a member of a Crew, Ship, or Post, must be 14 and have completed the 8th grade.
- Scouts BSA must not be 18 years old and Venturers must not be 21 years old by the last day of the course.

What Participants will learn

Communications Team Development
 Problem Solving Presentation Making
 Ethical Decision-Making Working with Adult leaders & Youth in Administrative Areas
 Resolving Conflict Servant Leadership
 Setting Goals Scouting EDGE

All youth must complete a current BSA Annual Medical Examination (Parts A, B1, B2 & C)

Questions? Email the Course Director, Del Stonestreet at rds2s@aol.com			
Name:		_ Phone:	
Email:		Birthdate:	
Address:	City:	State: Zip:	
Scout Rank:	Unit Number:	T- Shirt Size (Adult sizes):	

Return this form to the Buckskin Council Office to complete registration and submit payment.