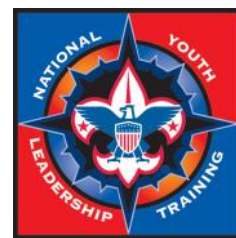




National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) 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 leaders 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
- 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)

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.

As Scouts, we know how fortunate we are to have a warm meal every night — whether around the campfire or at the kitchen table. And we know that not everyone is so lucky. That's the genesis of Scouting for



Food, the annual food collection drive coordinated by the council. It's another reminder to our local communities that Scouts are here, doing good turns.

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.

Units in the Buckskin Council participate in this annual Good Turn every November. 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.

Council Officers

President	John McGhee	304-552-1352
Commissioner	Matt Blackwood	304-552-8395
Scout Executive	Jeffrey L. Purdy	304-340-3663
Treasurer	Mark Chandler	304-380-0111
Asst. Treasurer	Kent Hartsog	304-546-3593
VP Fund Development	Art King	304-345-1398
VP Program	Michael Bledsoe	
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



Council Calendar

November

- 4 Charleston Scout Shop open, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 9 Executive Board Meeting
- 10-11 Popcorn Distribution
- 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

January

- 1 New Year's Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 11 Executive Board meeting
- 13 Council-District Operations (CDO) meeting, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Wehrle Service Center
- 13 Charleston Scout Shop open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 15 Martin Luther King Jr Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 20 Huntington Scout Shop open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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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 Scouters,

DON'T MISS THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR SCOUTS!

The H. Bernard Wehrle Sr. Scout Leadership Service Center has a very unique quality that you should be aware of and take advantage of! We have a program activity room that can accommodate 40 or more Scouts and leaders in sleeping bags. The program activity room also has a drop down screen and projector. The Program activity area has a food prep area with microwave ovens, warming bins, commercial grade refrigerator, and ice machine. We have rest rooms with showers. We have a campfire ring outside along the banks of the Kanawha River. There is camping available on the river, just bring your own camping gear.

Scout units spending the day or weekend will get a pin code to access the program activity area even though the Service Center is closed.

We are a short hike from the State Capitol complex, including the Culture Center and Museum. We have the Craik-Patton House right next door. We have STEM kits so your Scouts can arrange to have a STEM program while using the program activity.

Reservation can be made by contacting the Service Center at 304-340-3663. The cost for Scouts and leaders is a minimal charge of \$2 a person for a day, or \$3 a person for the weekend. Additional cost may be charged if you use expendable supplies for the STEM program.

Best of all, there is a patch for your Scouts if you camp the night at the Wehrle Center!

Good Scouting to you and yours,

Jeffrey L. Purdy

Scout Executive

Fall Take Order Popcorn Distribution

You submitted your popcorn on time. Your prizes have been ordered. The names of all your \$650 Sellers have been forwarded to your District Executive. Now what? When and Where do you pick up your popcorn?

IMPORTANT DATES:

- ◇ **Pick up date: November 10-11** (Contact your District Executive to schedule pick up time.)

Get your 2% Bonus - Remember, to receive your 2% Bonus, you must complete all 4 steps:

- ✓ 1. Attend Popcorn training, turn in the Commitment form.
- ✓ 2. Submit an **annual calendar** and **budget** to Council Office by September 30th.
- ➔ 3. Turn in 100% of money due at or before Popcorn Pickup on November 10-11, 2023.
- ➔ 4. Bring an updated roster of your scouts when you pick up popcorn.

Adena District will be distributing popcorn on Friday, November 10th. Please contact Carl or Melanie at the Huntington Scout Shop to arrange for pick up.

Cornstalk & Shawnee Districts will be distributing popcorn on Friday, November 10th from 8 am to 7 pm. You can contact Mike Cidor by email or call the Scout Service Center to schedule a preferred pick-up time.

Kootaga District will be distributing popcorn on Friday, November 10th from Bob's Market in Belpre, OH. Please contact Michael Fletcher to schedule your pick-up.

Mt. Dominion & Seneca will be distributing popcorn on Friday, November 10th from the Lifeline Princeton Church of God. Anyone wanting to help sort is welcome to pick up their product Thursday evening. Please contact Samuel Bosley to schedule your pick-up time or volunteer to help sort.

Second Chance Popcorn Sale

If you missed getting your order in or have additional customers to ask or maybe just got a late start. You are in luck. We have the Second Chance Sale for popcorn going on now through the end of the month. Orders are due to the Council by Friday, December 1st. We will be placing this order Monday morning, so please do not be late with your order. We are giving you until 11:59 PM to submit your order online. Orders will be distributed Friday, December 15th.

Second Chance Sale

Sale begins	October 23, 2023
Orders due	December 1, 2023
Distribution	December 15, 2023

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 www.buckskin.org
or call 304-340-3663

Silver Beaver & District Award of Merit **Nominations**

The Buckskin Council is accepting nominations for the Silver Beaver Award and District Award of Merit. If you know someone who is worthy, please fill out the form and send it to the Buckskin Council, 2829 Kanawha Blvd. E, Charleston, WV 25311.



Silver Beaver: The Silver Beaver Award recognizes Scouters exemplify the ideals of Scouting both in and out of the Scouting circle. The Silver Beaver Award is a National Award and the highest award that can be presented to a volunteer on a council level.

It is one of the most distinguished forms of recognition in Scouting. You may download the nomination form at: www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-103_WB.pdf



District Award of Merit: The District Award of Merit is a council award presented by districts in the same manner that the Silver Beaver is a national award presented by councils. The award recognizes Scouters who render services of outstanding nature at the district level.

You may download the nomination form at: www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33720.pdf

Nominations are due by January 5, 2024. Buckskin Council's Recognition Dinner is scheduled for March. More information to come.

Free Swim **at South Charleston Recreation Center**

What's better than a trip to the swimming pool? The Cornstalk and Shawnee Districts are sponsoring a free-swimming day for Scouts at the South Charleston Recreation Center Pool, 601 Jefferson Road. Scouts from all districts are invited.

Bring your swimsuit and towel to the Recreation Center on Saturday, November 18th from 12 noon to 2:00 pm.

Scouts and siblings can swim free of charge. Scouts and Youth must be accompanied by parent(s) / adult(s).

No registration required, just show up and enjoy.



TAKHONEK LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW, LODGE #617



Do you hear that sound? It is the sound of Turkeys ready to be consumed. That's right, it's November. You are wrong if you listen to Christmas music before Thanksgiving.

Fall Fellowship

A quick update on the previous business. I am proud to say that the Fall Fellowship was a success. We had 20 ordeal candidates pass and 10 members became Brotherhood. We also completed the final Vigil ceremony. Final congratulations to all new chapter chiefs and LEC members who will take over in 2024.

Emergency Preparedness Camporee

A quick thank you is owed to those who made it out to help with the Emergency Preparedness Camporee. Without your help, the event would not have been as successful.

Winter Banquet

It is getting close to the Winter Banquet. Stand-ard fanfare: Go eat great food, spend time with your fellow Arrowmen, hand out awards, pass over the duties to the new administration. Please visit www.buckskin.org/oa for the latest information and to register for the event.

2023 Lodge Calendar

Date	Event	Location
November 3-5	Section E13 Forum	Camp Lazarus
November 18	Lodge Leadership Dev. (LLD)	Buckskin Council Office
Dec 9	Lodge Winter Banquet	Summit Pigott Dining Hall



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. 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 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 to <https://www.buckskin.org/oa-events/2023-takhonek-lodge-dues-and-fox-pass/> to pay your 2023 dues!!

2023 Youth Officers

Lodge Chief	Sarah Dudley
VC Administration	Dawson Brown
VC Program	Drake Odell
Secretary	Vacant
Immediate Past Chief	Will Dudley

2024 Lodge Officers

Lodge Chief:	Blake Blankenship
VC Administration:	Sam Miller
VC Program:	Wyatt Dennison
Secretary:	Xander Dennison

2023 Chapter Chiefs

Adena	Jayden Burchett
Adjudimo	Wyatt Dennison
Hytone	Blake Blankenship
Kootaga	Hunter Trippett
Seneca	Natalie Barnette
Wapiti	Parker Hawkins

2023 Adult Advisers

Lodge Adviser	David Duncan	david.duncan@suddenlink.net
Assoc. Adviser Admin.	Steve Young	SteveyoungOA@gmail.com
Assoc. Adviser Prog.	Jeff Estep	jmostep136@gmail.com
Assoc. Adviser Summit	George Soltis	gm.soltis@gmail.com
Staff Adviser	Billy Bryant	bill.bryant@scouting.org

Chapter Advisers

Adena	Jon Keelin	adena617oa@gmail.com
Adjudimo	Scott Dennison	scott.dennison@outlook.com
Hytone	Brian Blankenship	blankenshipbrian1@gmail.com
Kootaga	Jay Wilson	jw6180a@yahoo.com
Seneca	Lee Webb	lealwe318@hotmail.com
Wapiti	David Duncan	david.duncan@suddenlink.net



Training Corner

By Susan Williams

Announcing the "SBR-24-1 Linked Troop Wood Badge Course"

Wood Badge is an advanced, national leadership course open only to Scouting volunteers and professionals.

Scouters from Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts, and Explorers, and district and council Scouters all are welcome and belong here.

WHO should attend? Cub Scout leaders, Scouts BSA leaders, Venturing leaders, District and Council leaders. In short, Woodbadge is for every leader.

The **SBR Linked Troop Wood Badge Course** models how a full Troop of Females, and a full Troop of Males works under one Committee to demonstrate how it all works together.

HOUSING is in a warm bunkhouse with pillow & linens supplied...plus coin operated laundry machines and nice hot showers on every floor.

FOOD is ALL provided by competent professional staff (except for the Dutch Oven cooking experience) for participants & Staff.

JANUARY 15-19, 2024 - These dates are built around the MLK Jr National Holiday on Monday to minimize the time off work to attend for 5 days (1 week includes travel.) Be sure to come in on Sunday the 14th early enough to enjoy a special dinner and SBR presentation and update

The purpose of Wood Badge is to develop skilled leaders who can strengthen Scouting units in achieving the mission of the Boy Scouts of America.

When we accomplish the mission of Scouting, we do it in the units. Therefore, the short form of the purpose is, the purpose of Wood Badge is to strengthen units.

Although the course is different today, what Baden-Powell said in 1919 still applies:

One of the purposes of Wood Badge training is to get Scouters to think about the practice of Scouting, to meet together, to exchange experiences, and to live together in the spirit of the Scout Oath.

Register NOW online at

<https://linkedtroopwoodbadge.org/>



Keep those tootsies dry!

Fall is a beautiful time to do some hiking in the great outdoors.

Be sure to keep your feet warm and dry with a fresh pair of socks.

Stop by one of our three Scout Shops for new socks.

ENJOY THE OUTDOORS!



Council Chair	Sue Williams	buzy2buzy@gmail.com 217-741-0900
Council Vice Chair	Carol McCarthy	designsbycarol@gmail.com 703-587-4453
Adena	Sue Williams	buzy2buzy@gmail.com
Chief Cornstalk	TBD	
Kootaga	Pete Conklin	wpconklin@gmail.com 304-455-5064
Mtn Dominion	Daren Law	marshall.d.law@gmail.com 540-235-6467
Seneca	Carol McCarthy	designsbycarol@gmail.com
Shawnee	Rosann Brooks	rosann1030@aol.com

Adena District

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

Adena Event Calendar

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

- 1 2nd Chance Popcorn orders due
- 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

January

- 1 Scout Office and Shops Closed
- 4 Roundtable, 6:30 pm, The Gathering Place
- 13 Council District Operations Mtg – 10:00am-noon
- 15 MLK Jr Day - Service Center & Shops Closed
- 18 District Committee, 6:00 pm
- 19-21 WV Hunting & Fishing Show

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

(Adena District continued on page)

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

November

- 4 Charleston Shop open 9am - 1pm
- 10-11 Popcorn Distribution
- 16 District Committee meeting
- 23-24 Thanksgiving - Service Center & Shops closed

December

- 1 2nd Chance Popcorn orders due
- 9 OA Winter Banquet
- 21 District Committee meeting
- 22-25 Service Center & Shops closed
- 26 Shops closed for inventory

January

- 1 Scout Office and Shops Closed
- 13 Council District Operations Mtg (CDO) – 10:00am-noon
- 15 MLK Jr Day - Service Center & Shops Closed
- 26 Winter Camporee

Cornstalk 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 Events.

Second Chance Popcorn Sale

If you missed getting your order in or have additional customers to ask or maybe just got a late start. You are in luck! We have the Second Chance Sale for popcorn going on now through the end of the November.

Orders are due to the Council by Friday, December 1st. We will be placing this order Monday morning, so please do not be late with your order. We are giving you until 11:59 PM to submit your order online. Orders will be distributed Friday, December 15th.

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	

***Thank You to our
Buckskin Council Champions
for helping to support Scouting in
the local community!***

**LOC Investment Advisors
Swope Construction Company
White Law Offices
John Miesner
Darden Properties
Boyd Machinery
Kanawha Stone
State Electric Supply
Moses Auto Group
The Mountain Company
Steel of WV**

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

Kootaga Event Calendar

November

- 10-11 Popcorn Distribution
- 14 Roundtable @ 7:30 attend by zoom or in person
At Parkersburg Scout Shop
- 14 District Committee @ 6:30 attend by zoom or in
person., Parkersburg Scout Shop
- 23-24 Thanksgiving - Service Center & Shops closed

December

- 1 2nd Chance Popcorn orders due
- 12 District Committee @ 6:30
- 12 Roundtable @ 7:30
- 22-25 Service Center & Shops closed
- 26 Shops closed for inventory

January

- 1 Scout Office and Shops Closed
- 9 District Committee @ 6:30
- 9 Roundtable @ 7:30 attend by zoom or in person
At Parkersburg Scout Shop
- 13 Council District Operations Mtg – 10:00am-noon
- 15 MLK Jr Day - Service Center & Shops Closed
- 26-28 Klondike Derby, Camp Kootaga

The District Commissioner's Role by Christopher Burk

I am sure we can all agree that the Kootaga District, and Scouting in general, has faced many challenges over the past year. But through those challenges one thing has remained the same, the value of Scouting. It is as strong and as important today as it has ever been. Unfortunately, that message of value and the visibility of the Scouting program has been low in the recent past. But we can change that. I am going to share an analogy imparted to me a while back. Think of the early morning remains of the previous night's campfire. It appears to be nothing but ash and a few partially burned logs. Certainly not anything to warm yourself by. But there are some embers remaining. The fire can quickly be brought back to life with some fresh tinder and gentle blowing. With a little effort the warmth and comfort of the fire has returned. The same is true with Scouting. The embers are still there. The passion and support are still strong. With teamwork and collaboration, it can be a roaring blaze once again. My job as the District Commission is to help you fire up Scouting. I'm here to share the things that are working and to brainstorm solutions to the challenges you face. My mission is to help you serve more youth through Scouting. Please feel free to reach out to me or attend a Roundtable. Ask questions, bring suggestions, express difficulties. Together we can create a Scouting fire for everyone to see.

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

Kootaga Trails Fall Camporee

We just finished and it went GREAT! There were about 130 people attended and all had a good time. We had Scouts and Cub Scouts from 5 to 18 with programming appropriate for each age group. About half of those attending were youth participants and half adult leaders. Great job team! Special thank you to chairperson Shaun Harris also Butch Hawkins and Kelly Faires for all their efforts to make it happen and to our resident Frontier Folk, Logan and Mazzie Saho and family for bringing the wagon-train. Planning is already in the works for the winter Klondike Derby at Camp Kootaga.

Increase your unit's visibility!

The Kootaga District is growing with your help! Advertise the great things your unit is doing via social media and your local news. Please send me updates on your unit for the Kootaga District FB page. Yard signs and peer to peer cards are available at the Scout Office. Be seen and heard in your community to help grow your unit and to the promise of Scouting to more families.

Kathy Wise kloua@suddenlink.net

POPCORN:

Unsold Product Return (Full Cases) October 24, 2023

Take Order Sale

Distribution November 10 & 11, 2023,
@ 2514 Washington Blvd, Belpre, OH 45714

We'll need lots of help, especially from those units who are actively selling popcorn.

2nd Chance Sale

Sale begins November 1
Orders due December 1

Things in the planning stages:

- Klondike Derby at Camp Kootaga – Jan 26-28th (Camp Dog Races!)
- Kootaga District Recognition Dinner-
- FOS Campaign and Community Dinner
- Cub Day Camp -
- Summer Camp - It's time to start thinking about working at Camp Kootaga this summer.

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/mtddominion

Mt Dominion Event Calendar

November

- 10-11 Popcorn Distribution
- 23-24 Thanksgiving - Service Center & Shops closed

December

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

January

- 1 Scout Office and Shops Closed
- 13 Council District Operations Mtg – 10:00am-noon
- 15 MLK Jr Day - Service Center & Shops Closed

Important update on district events:

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

www.buckskin.org/mtddominion

District Committee Meeting

We will have the Mt. Dominion District committee meeting and roundtable on November 16th. It starts at 6:30 pm and is at Stinson United Methodist Church in Princeton, WV.

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Scout Ski Days

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January 7, January 21, February 4, February 25

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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
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Seneca District

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Seneca Event Calendar

November

- 10-11 Popcorn Distribution
- 23-24 Thanksgiving - Service Center & Shops closed

December

- 1 Second Chance Popcorn Sale orders due
- 22-25 Service Center & Shops closed
- 26 Shops closed for inventory

January

- 1 Scout Office and Shops Closed
- 13 Council District Operations Mtg – 10:00am-noon
- 15 MLK Jr Day - Service Center & Shops Closed

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

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

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.

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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

November

- 10-11 Popcorn Distribution
23-24 Thanksgiving - Service Center & Shops closed

December

- 1 2nd Chance Popcorn orders due
9 OA Winter Banquet
18 Free Swim Day, 12 noon - 2 pm
22-25 Service Center & Shops closed
26 Shops closed for inventory

January

- 1 Scout Office and Shops Closed
13 Council District Operations Mtg - 10:00am-noon
15 MLK Jr Day - Service Center & Shops Closed

Shawnee District Committee

District Chair	Leo Lopez	304-419-4554
District Commissioner	Rosann Brooks	304-881-1042
District Director	Michael Cidor	814-860-1562
Vice District Chair	Colleen Sergeant	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	Diana Castle	
Camping Chair	Barry Lindley	
SBSA Scout Roundtable	Gerry Stover	
Cub Scout Roundtable	Colleen Sergeant	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

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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.

November Free Event Swimming Party

The Cornstalk and Shawnee District are arranging a free-swimming day for Scouts at the South Charleston Recreation Center Pool on Jefferson Road. On Saturday, November 18th from 12 noon to 2:00 pm. Scouts and siblings can swim free of charge. Scouts and Youth must be accompanied by parent(s) / adult(s). No registration required, just show up and enjoy.

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"SBR-24-1 Linked Troop Wood Badge Course"

WHO should attend? Think about those amazing scouts who are NOT campers and would NEVER attend a camping course sleeping in a tent. They are influential scouts, but never have the opportunity. What about the physically challenged scouts or support staff who cannot navigate the rough Council Camp terrain or do very well without a CPAP or indoor arrangements to sleep. **THIS COURSE IS FOR ALL OF THOSE!** It is the **SBR Linked Troop Wood Badge Course** that models how a full Troop of Females, and a full Troop of Males works under one Committee to demonstrate how it all works together.

HOUSING is in a warm bunkhouse with pillow & linens supplied...plus coin operated laundry machines and nice hot showers on every floor.

FOOD is ALL provided by competent professional staff (except for the Dutch Oven cooking experience) for participants & Staff.

JANUARY 15-19 dates are built around the MLK National Holiday on Monday to minimize the time off work to attend for 5 days (1 week includes travel.) Be sure to come in on Sunday the 14th early enough to enjoy a special dinner and SBR presentation and update. Stay till Saturday morning to avoid the rush home.

Don't WAIT! Jump on board NOW to be ready! These are NATIONAL trainers who lead the course with vast experience to share.

Register NOW online at

<https://linkedtroopwoodbadge.org/>

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SKI DAYS

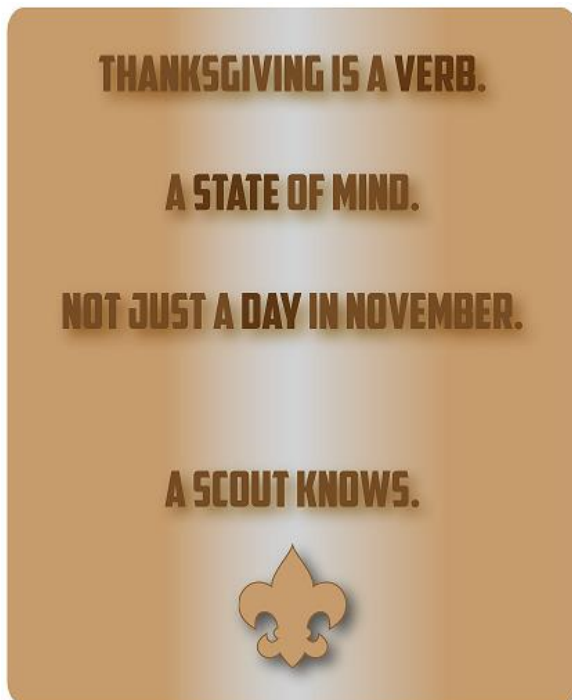
The Winterplace Ski Dates have been announced for 2024. These dates include Jan 7, Jan 21, Feb 4 and Feb 25. The \$80 Scouting package includes the all-day lift ticket, ski or snowboarding equipment (boots, poles, skis and helmet) and a 90 minute group lesson. Upgrades are available for a meal voucher (\$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.

POPCORN CELEBRATION

For those scouts able to sell \$650 or more during the popcorn sale, you have earned a spot at our annual Popcorn Celebration. Leaders are asked to submit a list of scouts from their pack or troop who sold \$650 (total sales – take order, on-line orders, or Show ‘n Sell). Carl will use these lists from each unit to send invitations to the scouts who have qualified for the celebration event. If you sold \$650 or more in popcorn, watch for your invitation in the mail.

KLONDIKE

The Adena Klondike will be January 26-28, 2024, at Camp Arrowhead. The event is open to troops from other districts. Things get underway Friday evening with check-in beginning at 6:00pm. Campsites will be assigned based on unit size. Some campsite sharing may be necessary. In the event of severe weather during the event, buildings in camp will be used as shelters as well. Each unit needs a sled, patrol first aid kit and warm clothing. The Saturday evening meal will be shared together in the Dining Hall. All cooking is to be done outside. Detailed information will be posted on the district webpage when available – www.buckskin.org/adena.



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
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



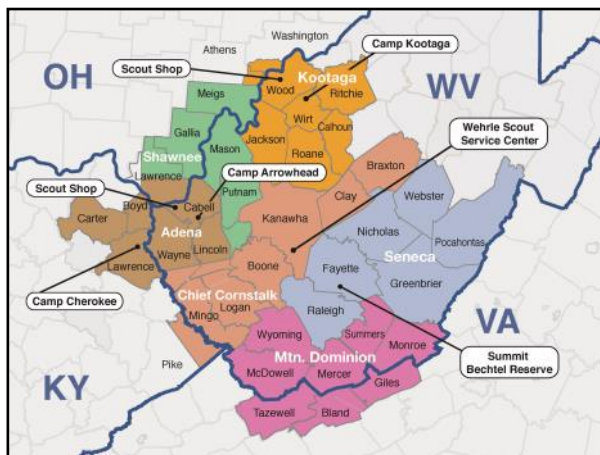
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Other _____

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Name: _____

Address: _____

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

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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.





bsawinterfest.org | BSAWinterfest | bsawinterfest



Talk to your unit so you will be ready when online registration opens. Updated information will be posted at www.bsawinterfest.org & on Facebook/Instagram as it becomes available.



1 WHO SHOULD ATTEND?:

Youth (14-21), Venturing Crews, Sea Scouts, Explorer Posts, and Scouts BSA Troops (14+ only please)

2 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Competitions:
 - Fire and EMS
 - Law Enforcement
 - Team Sports
 - Aquatic Events
- STEM
- Climbing
- Shooting Sports
- Sports Tournaments, & MORE

3 DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 19, 2024 – early registration ends

February 2, 2024 – online registration closes

FEBRUARY 9-11, 2024

GATLINBURG, TN

Winterfest is hosted by the Northeast Georgia Council, BSA

PARTICIPANT PRICE

Youth (14-21): \$55 per youth if paid by January 19, 2024.
After January 19th, the price is \$65 per youth.
At the door price is \$70.

VISITOR PRICE

All others (Adults/youth 5-13): \$10 per adult/visitor if paid by January 19, 2024. After January 19th, the price is \$15. At the door price is \$20.



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.

Camp Kootaga Staff—Friends—Family Reunion

Sunday, December 10.

Arrive early to visit. Eating at 3.

Please bring
a covered dish or 2 to serve hungry Scouters
along with serving utensils.

Please bring your drink and table service.

Dining hall.

Rsvp text to 304.482.7576
By December 1.



Linked Troop Wood Badge SBR-24-1



January 15-19, 2024

Summit Bechtel Reserve
Glen Jean, WV



Living the Values, **Growing**, **Connecting**, **Guiding**, **Empowering**

Why attend Wood Badge?

- ❖ Acquire valuable tools such as listening, communicating, conflict management, project planning, and leading change.
- ❖ Learn to understand and appreciate diversity and differences in our society
- ❖ Learn skills to be a better Scout leader
- ❖ Deliver an improved program and a more meaningful experience for the youth Scouting serves.



Question?

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Register online at <https://linkedtroopwoodbadge.org/>

