



BUCKSKIN COUNCIL  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

# The Buckskin Courier



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## Holiday Lights Celebration

December is a time for families and friends to gather and enjoy the spirit of the holidays. During this season every community comes alive with holiday lights. This year, the Council will send a special Holiday Lights Celebration patch to Scouts who submit a picture of themselves attending a holiday lights display.

To earn your patch, find a holiday lights display near you and go see it with your den, pack, troop, or family. Take a picture of your Scout in front of the display and send it us. We'd love to see you proudly wear your Scout uniform!

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!



## 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](http://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](http://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.



## Council Officers

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## Council Calendar

### 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
- 7 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace
- 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
- 21 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace

### February

- 4 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace
- 8 Executive Committee meeting
- 10 Charleston Shop open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 17 Huntington Shop open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 19 President's Day - Service Center & Shops Closed
- 25 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace

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

The 2024 MUMBC will be on **March 9, 2024**, rather than the scheduled date on the Council planning calendar. It seems that the campus is hosting a number of academic events during February, which did not leave available dates or space for the merit badge college. The March 9 date was the earliest date that could be reserved for the event.

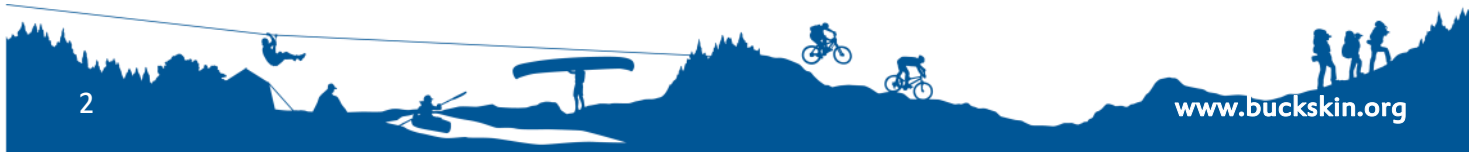
As a result of the delay in the Marshall University MBC, the Council's annual University of Scouting will be moved to April – the date and location are to be announced. The UoS will continue to be the largest adult training event in the Council as well as a major merit badge college event.

The Marshall course catalog will be published shortly. The Merit Badge Catalog for the University of Scouting has been reviewed and we expect some elimination of duplicate elective merit badges between the two merit badge colleges. A significant number of Eagle Required badges will be offered at each college.



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Buckskin Council, BSA is seeking individual to join the professional ranks by serving as a District Executive. Please see the attached position description on page 15 in the newsletter or go to **Indeed.com search for District Executive, Buckskin.**





### *Holiday Greetings Scouters,*

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

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

Happy Holidays to you and yours,

**Jeffrey L. Purdy**

Scout Executive

### **Popcorn Sale Wrap Up**

Thank you to all units that participated in the Fall Popcorn Sale. This sale generates funds to help not only the Buckskin Council, but to each and every unit that participates. Helping unit fund their scouting year is an important part of why we sell popcorn each Fall. We would like to congratulate the top selling unit in the Council for their outstanding effort in Show ‘N Sell, Take Order and Online Sales. These are the Top 10 selling units as of the printing of this article.

District	Unit	Total Sales
Chief Cornstalk	Pack 152	\$42,211
Adena	Pack 733	\$13,415
Adena	Pack 36	\$9,340
Shawnee	Pack 236	\$9,010
Shawnee	Pack 74	\$7,855
Adena	Troop 82	\$7,790
Shawnee	Pack 258	\$6,860
Mt. Dominion	Pack 14	\$6,290
Adena	Pack 61	\$5,825
Chief Cornstalk	Troop 5	\$5,600

We would also like to recognize our Scout “Fill A Sheet” Drawing winners for this year.

September 30<sup>th</sup> - Johnathon M. - Pack 74, Shawnee

October 15<sup>th</sup> – Andrew H. – Troop 5, Chief Cornstalk

October 31<sup>st</sup> – Austin B. – Troop 82, Adena

These Scouts went above and beyond and sold a lot of popcorn for their respective units. We had several other Scouts in the drawings, and we want to thank them as well. Great Job Scouts!

If your unit has not yet placed the unit prize order by the time you receive this, it may be too late. Prize orders are due by December 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions about your prize orders, please contact Becky Hustead in the Scout Service Center 304-340-3663 or [Rebecca.Hustead@scouting.org](mailto:Rebecca.Hustead@scouting.org)



## **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](http://www.buckskin.org)  
or call 304-340-3663

## **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 8<sup>th</sup>
- Scouts BSA must not be 18 years old and Venturers must not be 21 years old by the last day of the course.

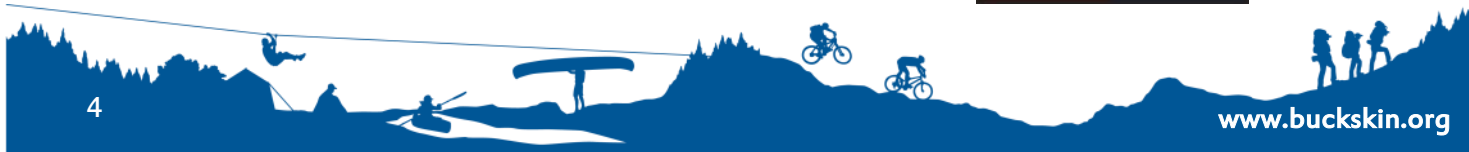
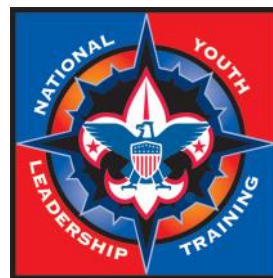
### **What Participants will learn:**

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? Contact Course Director Del Stonestreet at [rds2s@aol.com](mailto:rds2s@aol.com)**

**Or Rosann Brooks at [rosann1030@aol.com](mailto:rosann1030@aol.com)**





# TAKHONEK LODGE

## ORDER OF THE ARROW, LODGE #617



It truly is the most wonderful time of the year. The snow starts falling, you get a break from the hustle and bustle of school and work. If only we could get rid of that Mariah Carey song. Truly, as the last Courier Article of the year, we still got a few events to go over.

### Winter Banquet

It is getting close to the Winter Banquet. Standard fanfare: Go eat great food, spend time with your fellow Arrowmen, hand out awards, and pass over the duties to the new administration. Please visit [www.buckskin.org/oa](http://www.buckskin.org/oa) for the latest information and to register for the event. If you register by December 3<sup>rd</sup> you'll avoid the dreaded late fee. Also, we will have a special guest speaker. I wanna keep it a surprise, but I'll go ahead and tell you. We will have Eastern Region Chief Matt Carlson give a speech.

### 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 29<sup>th</sup> to August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Until signups are open, any Arrowmen who would like to receive more information can sign up on this form here: <https://forms.gle/LhZd177kHCBW8TA16>. The estimate for registration and transportation is \$1,200. More information about NOAC can be found at the NOAC 2024 website: <https://oa-bsa.org/program/events/noac>.

### Hytone Provides Cheerful Service!

On 11/4/23 the Hytone Chapter represented the OA at the local veteran's breakfast to make a total of 35 hours of service for their chapter. Great

### 2024 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> to pay your dues and buy your Fox Pass for 2024!!

### 2023 Lodge Calendar

Date	Event	Location
Dec 9	Lodge Winter Banquet	Summit Pigott Dining Hall

### 2024 Lodge Calendar

Date	Event	Location
March 15-17	ICE/AIA Weekend	Camp Arrowhead
April 5-7	Spring Ordeal/Brotherhood	Camp Kootaga
May 17-19	E13 Section Conclave	Manatoc Sc. Res., Peninsula, OH
July 29-Aug 3	NOAC 2024	Boulder, CO
August 10	Summer Picnic Pool Party	Camp Arrowhead
September 13-14	Vigil/Vigil Reunion	Summit Sub Camp A
Oct. 4-6	Fall Ordeal/Brotherhood	Camp Arrowhead
November 1-3	Section E13 Forum	Camp Lazarus
November 16	Lodge Leadership Dev. (LLD)	Council Office
December 14	Lodge Winter Banquet	Summit Pigott Dining Hall

Lodge Chief  
VC Administration  
VC Program  
Secretary  
Immediate Past Chief

### 2024 Lodge Officers

Lodge Chief:  
VC Administration:  
VC Program:  
Secretary:

Adena  
Adjudimo  
Hytone  
Kootaga  
Seneca  
Wapiti

Lodge Adviser  
Assoc. Adviser Admin.  
Assoc. Adviser Prog.  
Assoc. Adviser Summit  
Staff Adviser

Adena  
Adjudimo  
Hytone  
Kootaga  
Seneca  
Wapiti

### 2023 Youth Officers

Sarah Dudley  
Dawson Brown  
Drake Odell  
Vacant  
Will Dudley

Blake Blankenship  
Sam Miller  
Wyatt Dennison  
Xander Dennison

### 2023 Chapter Chiefs

Jayden Burchett  
Wyatt Dennison  
Blake Blankenship  
Hunter Trippett  
Natalie Barnette  
Parker Hawkins

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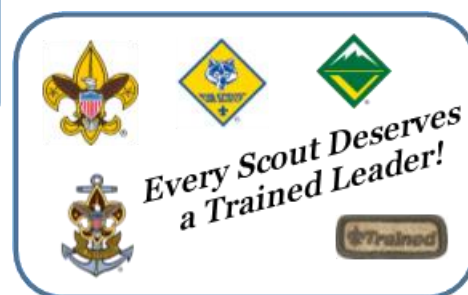


## Training Corner

By Susan Williams



In person training is always more desirable than online training. Scouting does realize that not everyone can do that so that is why they offer online training as well.



To schedule training, contact a member of our council training team.

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

## Cub Scout Program Updates Announced!

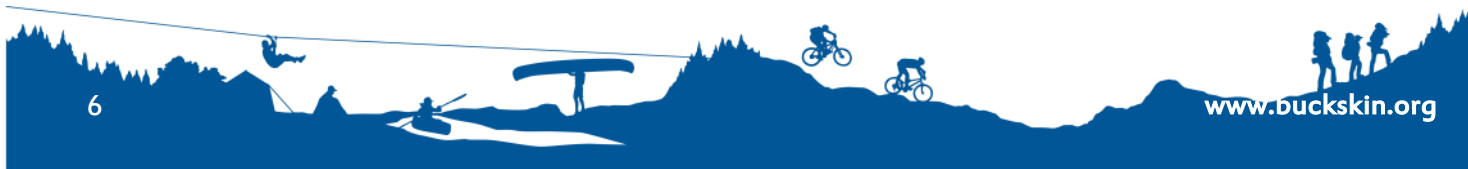
It's official! The Cub Scout program will be updated for the 2024-25 program year. Over the past several years the National Cub Scouting Committee under the leadership of past chair Lisa Wylie and current chair Audrey Oakes has identified four areas to improve the Cub Scout program to ensure that it is fun, simple, and easy.

These updates are based on feedback from over 23,000 parents and Cub Scout leaders through various surveys and data. Listening to and identify the key opportunities to improve the program, the National Cub Scout committee is excited to finally reveal these improvements.

The four areas of improvement are the Bobcat badge, Cub Scout Adventures, Webelos, and Cub Scout Awards. The changes will take effect officially on June 1, 2024.

There are a lot of details that will be shared in future episodes of Cub Chat Live! Make sure to check out the episodes. Cub Chat Live! is a weekly Facebook Live show that streams live every Friday at 2 p.m. Central. Episodes are recorded and are now available as a podcast.

Watch for more information at [www.scouting.org/program-updates](http://www.scouting.org/program-updates).





# Adena District

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

## 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

## Adena Event Calendar

### 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
- 26-28 Klondike Camporee

### February

- 1 Roundtable – 6:30pm
- 4 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace
- 15 District Committee – 6:00pm
- 19 President's Day - Office & Shops Closed
- 24 Winter Fun Day
- 25 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace

### 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.

### 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.

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

### 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.

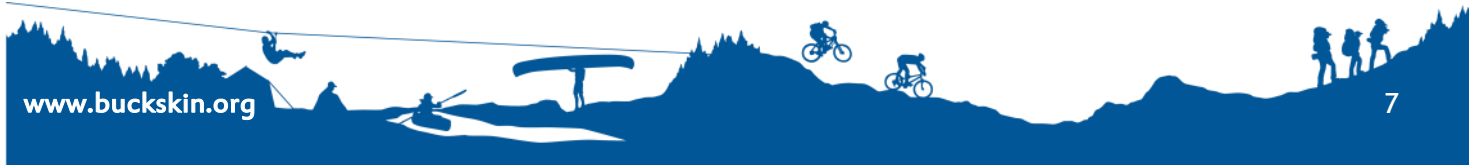
### UNIT RE-CHARTERING BEGINS

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

**Adena District - continued on page 13)**





# Chief Cornstalk District

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& Pike County in Ky.  
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[www.buckskin.org/chiefcornstalk](http://www.buckskin.org/chiefcornstalk)

## Chief Cornstalk Event Calendar

### 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 Cranberry Glades Winter Camporee

### February

- 4 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace
- 15 District Committee – 6:00pm
- 19 President's Day - Office & Shops Closed
- 25 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace

### 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 a District Events.

### 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)

### Cranberry Glades Winter Camporee

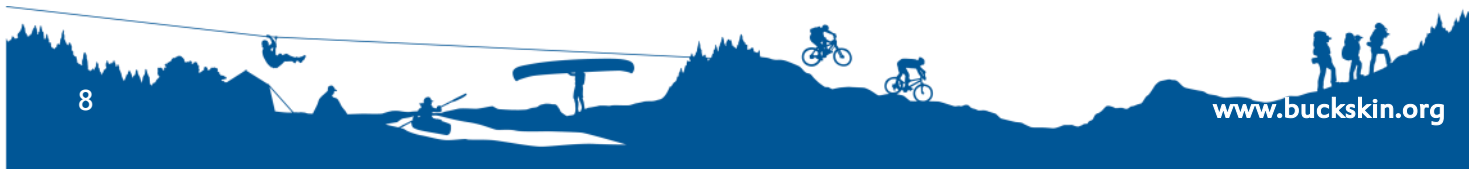
The winter camporee will be at the Cranberry Glades January 19-21. The cost is \$5.00 per person. For more information call Billy Bryant @304-687-0476 or Steve Berkhouse @ 304-547-1890.

## 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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for helping to support Scouting in  
the local community!***

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# Kootaga District

Serving: Wood, Jackson, Wirt, Roane, Ritchie, Calhoun counties in WV,  
and the communities of Belpre, Little Hocking, and Coolville in Ohio/  
bill.bryant@scouting.org  
[www.buckskin.org/kootaga](http://www.buckskin.org/kootaga)

## Kootaga Event Calendar

### 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

### February

- 4 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace
- 13 District Committee & Roundtable
- 19 President's Day - Office & Shops Closed  
Scout Ski Day at Winterplace

### Charter Renewal by Christopher Burk

Yes, it's that time again. Time to renew your unit charter. I am sure several of you have heard the news that 2024 will bring a new charter renewal process. Fortunately, the change doesn't go into effect until March 2024. Meaning most Kootaga District units will recharter the same way we did last year. Here is a quick list of key things to remember to make the rechartering process go smoothly. Check the expiration date for every leader's YPT. It may be current now, but the system will flag any leader whose YPT expires before March 1, 2024. Review your roster online to confirm everyone in your unit is listed properly. Especially Scouts or Leaders added during recent recruiting events or Scouts who recently turned 18. Start collecting membership fees. National fees for Youth are \$80 and Adults are \$60.

You can find additional rechartering resources at <https://www.scouting.org/commissioners/internet-rechartering/>. And please feel free to contact me if you have any issues or questions.

Christopher  
District Commissioner

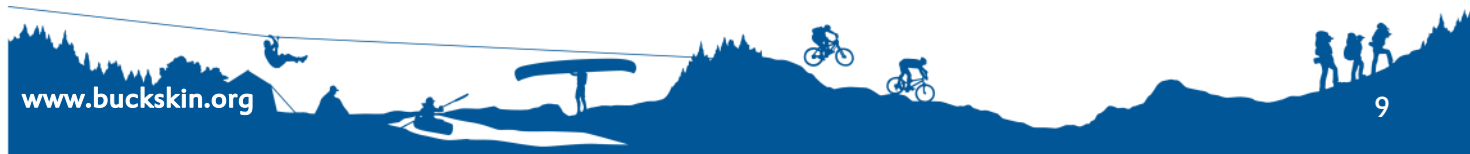
## Kootaga District Committee

District Chair	Vernon Criss	
District Commissioner	Christopher Burk	304-615-5648
Field Director	Billy Bryant	304-340-3663
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

### 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](mailto:kloua@suddenlink.net)





# 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](http://www.buckskin.org/mtdominion)

## Mt Dominion Event Calendar

### December

- 21 District Committee meeting, 6:30 pm
- 22-25 Service Center & Shops closed
- 26 Shops closed for inventory

### January

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

### February

- 4 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace
- 15 District Committee meeting
- 19 Presidents' Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 25 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace

### Important update on district events:

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

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

### \$650 Club Popcorn Party

The party for all the Scouts who sold \$650 or more in popcorn is being planned and will be announced soon. Make sure you have sent in a list of all the Scouts who qualify for the \$650 Club.

### District Committee Meeting

We will have the Mt. Dominion District committee meeting and roundtable on December 21st. It starts at 6:30 pm and is at Stinson United Methodist Church in Princeton, WV.

### Scout Ski Days

The dates for Buckskin Council's Scouts Ski Days at Winterplace have been announced.

### **January 7, January 21, February 4, February 25**

Bring your Scouts, family, friends, co-workers and neighbors and enjoy the day skiing on the beautiful slopes of West Virginia! An all day Ski Package is \$80. Add on a Meal Voucher for \$15 and the 2 hour Snowtubing package for \$32.

Winterplace Ski Resort is located just 5 minutes off I-77, Exit 28 at Ghent/Flat Top, WV.

Sign up today at [www.buckskin.org](http://www.buckskin.org)

## 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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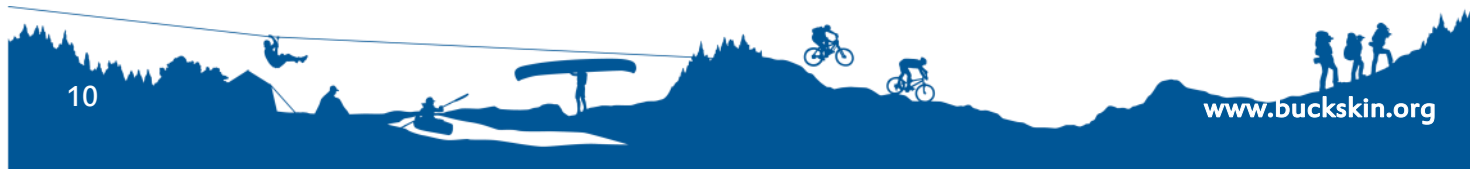
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# Seneca District

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

## Seneca Event Calendar

### December

- 1 Second Chance Popcorn Sale orders due
- 5 District Committee meeting, 7:00 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

### February

- 4 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace
- 15 District Committee meeting
- 19 Presidents' Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 25 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace

## 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 December 5th at 7:00 pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

### \$650 Club Popcorn Party

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

## Shawnee District Event Calendar

### 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
- 7 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace
- 13 Council District Operations Mtg – 10:00am-noon
- 15 MLK Jr Day - Service Center & Shops Closed
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### Holiday Lights Celebration

December is a time for families and friends to gather and enjoy the spirit of the holidays. During this season every community comes alive with holiday lights. This year, the Council will send a special Holiday Lights Celebration 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, pack, troop, or family. Take a picture of your Cub Scout in front of the display and send it us. We'd love to see you proudly wear your Scout uniform! 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!

### Unit Charters

If you need any assistance with Unit re-chartering please contact Mike Cidor at 814-860-1562 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 [Michael.Cidor@scouting.org](mailto:Michael.Cidor@scouting.org)

### Shawnee District Committee

The Meeting is the Third Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM. Anyone can attend help plan upcoming events and receive information about the Council and District activities. Contact Mike Cidor or Leo Lopez for more information. You can get the zoom meeting information by visiting [www.buckskin.org/shawnee-events/shawnee-district-committee-meetings/](http://www.buckskin.org/shawnee-events/shawnee-district-committee-meetings/)

## 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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The cost is \$300 per youth, which includes: an NYLT field T-shirt, all meals and all course materials. A \$75 deposit is required. Class size limited to 48 participants. Register no later than June 10, 2024. The late fee will be \$325.00.

To learn more, visit [www.buckskin.org/training-events](http://www.buckskin.org/training-events). schedule a visit from our leadership team, contact Del Stonestreet [lds2s@aol.com](mailto:lds2s@aol.com) or Rosann Brooks [rosann1030@aol.com](mailto:rosann1030@aol.com)

### Scouts on Skis at Winterplace!

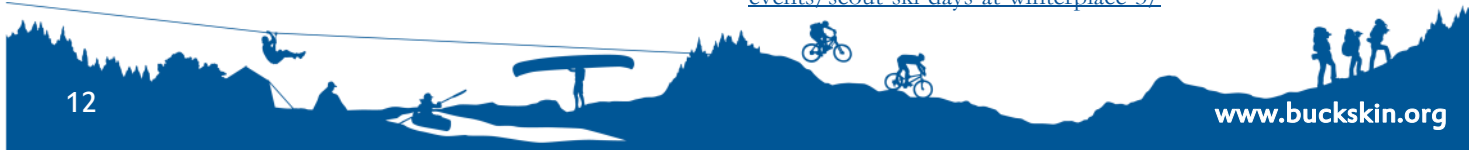
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Sign up today for one Ski Day or all of them!

**January 7    January 21    February 4    February 25**  
**Price \$80.00 (Save up to 50%) Includes:** A Full Day Lift Ticket, open to close; Ski or Snowboard Rental Equipment (boots, poles, helmet); 90-minute Beginner or Intermediate Group Lesson  
\*Minimum Age 8

### **Meal voucher \$15.00 (New menu options)**

Register no later than 11:59 pm on the Thursday before your chosen Ski Day. Walk-in registrations on the day of the event will pay a late fee. Winterplace offers a 2-hour Snowtubing package for \$32.00 Availability is limited. Register at [www.buckskin.org/events/scout-ski-days-at-winterplace-3/](http://www.buckskin.org/events/scout-ski-days-at-winterplace-3/)





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### **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 – [buckskin.org/adena](http://buckskin.org/adena).

### **DISTRICT DINNER**

Plans are being finalized for the Adena District Dinner. Silver Beaver Award nominations can be made now. Nominees can be from any district in the Council. Award of Merit nominations can also be made but are limited to Adena District volunteers. Scoutmaster, Scouter, Cubmaster and Cub Scouter of the Year nominations can also be made now.

The 2023 Class of Eagle Scouts from the district will be recognized at the dinner. Watch for information about registering for the event.

### **WINTER FUN DAY**

Saturday, February 24 will be our Winter Fun Day across the Council. This special “no fee event” will be in Charleston and include a hot dog lunch at the Council Service Center. Listen for the special announcement about this special event coming soon.



**H. Bernard Wehrle, Sr.**

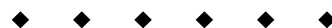
**Scout Leadership Service Center  
and Scout Shop**

**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

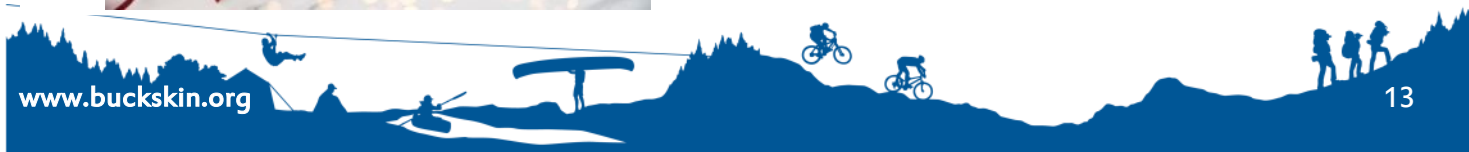


**Charleston and Huntington Scout Shops are  
open one Saturday a month from**

**9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**The specific dates are listed below:**

<b>Charleston Shop</b>	<b>Huntington Shop</b>
Dec 16	Dec 16
Jan 13	Jan 20
Feb 10	Feb 17
March 9	March 16
April 13	April 20
May 11	May 18





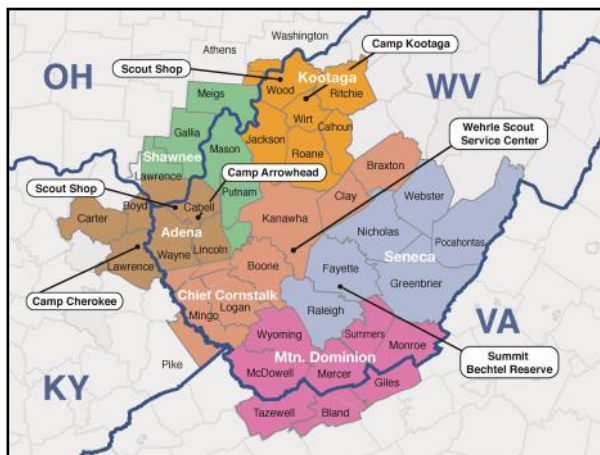
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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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### 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.)  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please send Acknowledgement To:

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

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

IN HONOR OF:

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

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

Mail To: Buckskin Council, BSA

2829 Kanawha Blvd. E

Charleston, WV 25311

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

## **Buckskin Council, BSA      District Executive Field Position**

District Service Territory: Calhoun, Jackson, Ritchie, Roane, Wirt, Wood counties in West Virginia and several communities in Athens and Washington counties in Ohio.

### **Scouting Overview**

Since 1910, Scouting has helped mold the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun. The Boy Scouts of America believes and understands that helping youth puts us on a path towards a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society.

Today's professional Scouters are a diverse group of men and women sharing a dynamic career offering independence, achievement, and stability. This is work that makes a difference, work that calls one to continual learning and challenge, work that offers solid compensation, benefits, and advancement.

### **Job Summary**

The district executive lives in and serves as the manager and operating officer of the district and is responsible for the effective organization, operation, and promotion of the council program within the district. The district executive is responsible for the achievement of district objectives, including the goals. This person will work with volunteer staff to fulfill their functions and facilitate the optimum collaboration between the district and the council. The applicant must have at least a 4-year bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university (transcript with the date degree conferred stated is required for employment).

### **Essential Duties**

- Work with a unit and district level volunteer and other community and business leaders to identify, recruit, train, guide, and inspire them to become involved in youth programs.
  - Achieve progress towards specific goals and objectives which include program development through collaborative relationships, volunteer recruitment and training, fundraising, membership recruitment and retention.
  - Be responsible for extending programs to religious, civic, fraternal, educational, and other community-based organizations through volunteers.
  - Secure adequate financial support for programs in assigned area. Achieve net income and participation objectives for assigned camps and activities.
  - Recruit leadership for finance campaign efforts to meet the financial needs of the organization.
  - Ensure that all program sites are served through volunteers, regular leader meetings, training events and activities.
  - Collaborate with adult volunteers and oversee achievement of training for their respective role.
  - Be a good role model and recognize the importance of working relationships with other professionals and volunteers. The executive must have communication skills and be able to explain the program's goals and objectives to the public.
  - Provide quality service through timely communication, regular meetings, training events and activities.
  - Have a willingness and ability to devote long and irregular hours to achieve council and district objectives.
- Fulfill additional council staff assignments as requested.

### **Desired Skills**

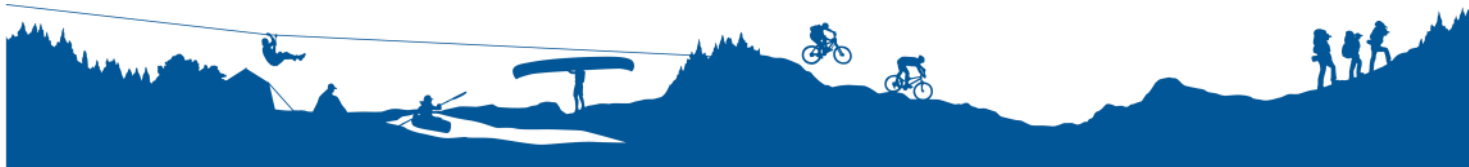
- Strong marketing, fund-raising and program development background is highly desired.
- Non-profit, fundraising or sales experience is a plus.
- Must be comfortable with public speaking and interacting with diverse audiences. Excellent people skills, enthusiastic, punctual, responsible, and creative.
- Self-motivated individual with solid time management skills and strong organizational skills in management, budgeting, and planning. Committed to personal and professional productivity, while maintaining high ethical and professional working standards.

### **Requirements:**

- Must be willing to accept and meet the Boy Scout of America's leadership and membership standards and subscribe to the Scout Oath and Law.
- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university (transcript with the date degree conferred stated is required for employment).
- Attained 21 years of age or older unless prohibited by any applicable law.
- Ability to work varied hours when necessary, evening activities and weekend work is frequently required to achieve positive objectives.
- Ability to travel for training at least once a year for one to two weeks.
- Ability to travel throughout the assigned territory and provide service and support to volunteers in the assigned counties.
- A Scouting background is helpful but not required for employment.
- Monday to Friday, Evenings, Weekend availability
- Have you reached 21 years of age or older unless prohibited by any applicable law?
- Must possess a valid driver's license, the ability to be insured, and able to be travel in assigned territory and live within the assigned area.

**Education:** Bachelor's Degree (Required)

**Salary Range:**      \$38,000 - \$44,000



# 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](http://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.





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



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## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?:

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

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## HIGHLIGHTS:

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

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## 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?

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**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:rds2s@aol.com)

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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.

## What is Wood Badge?

Reflecting the best of nearly a century of Scouting experience, Wood Badge draws upon the most current leadership models used by corporate America, academic circles and successful organizations throughout the country.

Wood Badge training was begun by Baden Powell in 1919 as a way to insure that the leaders of Scout troops were properly trained. Since then Wood Badge has been held worldwide, providing advanced leadership training to thousands of Scout leaders.

Wood Badge builds upon the best traditions and experiences of the Boy Scouts of America and also draws from a wide range of courses within and beyond the bounds of Scouting to present the latest in leadership theory and team development.

"Wood Badge helped me realize the need for better communication between leaders and parents in the Pack. It has opened up a new path for increased parental involvement!"

- BILL HUNT, CUBMASTER, MORGANTOWN

"Wood Badge empowers passionate volunteers to unlock the true potential of young minds!"

- TRAVIS MILLER, TROOP COMMITTEE, BRIDGEPORT

"Wood Badge helped me better understand the aims of Scouting and how to set up a quality program in order to have a strong and successful Troop.

Nearly 60% of our Troop leaders have completed Wood Badge, which has given us the tools we needed to go from adult led to mostly youth led!"

- STEVE BLOSSER, SCOUTMASTER, FAIRMONT



## WOOD BADGE

Mountaineer Area Council

September 20 - 22 and  
October 5 - 6, 2024



TAKE YOUR UNIT  
TO THE  
NEXT LEVEL!

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Wood Badge is designed to meet the advanced leadership needs of all Scouters, particularly unit level Scouters, such as Cub leaders, Scoutmasters and assistants, Venturing Crew Advisors, Committee Chairs and members. Additionally Scouters serving at the district and council levels can achieve greater effectiveness through Wood Badge. To attend a Wood Badge course, individuals must:

1. Be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. (Youth 18 and older may attend as long as the appropriate Youth Protection guidelines are followed. They do not need to be registered in an adult leadership role.)
2. Have completed the basic training courses for their Scouting position.
3. Be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment. All participants are required to complete the Annual Health and Medical Record form.



## COURSE INFORMATION

Mountaineer Area Council  
Camp Mountaineer  
September 20 - 22 and  
October 5 - 6, 2024

Participants must attend  
both sessions.

\$275 if deposit paid by 12/31/23

\$300 if deposit paid by 03/31/24

\$325 after 03/31/2024

\*limited assistance available\*

For additional information, visit:



## WHY ATTEND?

By taking Wood Badge, Scouters will acquire valuable tools such as listening, communicating, conflict management, project planning and leading change. Participants will better learn to understand and appreciate diversity and differences in our society. They will learn skills that will make them a better Scout leader. Units with trained leaders are able to deliver an improved program and a more meaningful experience for the youth Scouting serves.

By attending Wood Badge, the participants will internalize the 5 themes of Wood Badge: Living the Values, Growing, Connecting, Guiding, Empowering.



# 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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steigerwaldw@gmail.com  
Orange Troop Course Director

Kirsten Alworth  
kirsten.alworth@gmail.com  
Gray Troop Course Director

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

