



BUCKSKIN COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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Summer is the perfect time to get outdoors and have some exciting adventures! Being outdoors is what Scouting is all about and Cub Scout Day Camp is filled with adventure from start to finish.

Experience adventures like nature hikes, BB shooting, archery, slingshot, games, and outdoor crafts. Want more? How about fishing, Scouting skills, and STEM adventures?

Cub Scout Packs, plan to bring all your Scouts to join in the fun of Day Camp. Leaders and parents are encouraged to come along and join in the fun because nothing is more fun than helping your Cubs learn new skills.



June 3-7 - Day Camp at Coonskin Park, Charleston

June 9-14 - Day Camp at Camp Arrowhead, Ona

Registration will open soon, so get ready for outdoor fun!



Council Pinewood Derby

Saturday, April 13th

Wehrle Service Center

2829 Kanawha Blvd East, Charleston, WV

The Council Pinewood Derby Race is Saturday, April 13th at the Wehrle Service Center. Weigh Ins will begin at 1 PM with races beginning by 2 PM.

This race will be for the top 3 racers from the District Pinewood Derbies as well as the top racer from each Pack.

The rules are available on the Bucks Skin Council Website at <https://www.bucks skin.org/forms/>



Spring Family Camp

May 17-19

Camp Arrowhead

Come join the Adena, Chief Cornstalk and Shawnee Districts May 17-19, 2024 at Camp Arrowhead for our Spring Cub Family Camp.

We will be on the lookout for the Creepy Cryptids of West Virginia this year. There will be shooting sports, fishing, DNR presentation, crafts, games and a scavenger hunt for Bigfoot.

Registration will be \$6 for Cubs,
\$3 for Tagalongs, Adults are FREE.
Registration will open soon.



Council Officers

President	John McGhee	304-552-1352
Commissioner	Matt Blackwood	304-552-8395
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Council Calendar

April

5-7	OA Spring Fellowship
8	Solar Eclipse
11	Executive Committee
13	Council-District Operations mtg (CDO)
13	Charleston Shop open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
13	Council Pinewood Derby
17	Spring Nut Sale unit orders due by noon
20	Huntington Shop open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

May

2-3	Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO), Camp Arrowhead
9	Executive Board Meeting
10-11	Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS), Camp Arrowhead
10-11	Wilderness First Aid training, Camp Arrowhead
11	Charleston Shop open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
15	Early Bird Deadline for Summer Camp
18	Huntington Shop open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
27	Memorial Day - Service Center & Shops closed

June

3-7	Cub Day Camp at Coonskin Park
9-15	Summer Camp Staff Week
1-14	Cub Day Camp at Camp Arrowhead
12	Council Finance Committee meeting
13	Executive Board meeting
16-22	Summer Camp Week 1
23-29	Summer Camp Week 2



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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



Dear Scouters,

Spring has sprung...well maybe!!! With it comes a new opportunity for the Scouting Movement in the Buckskin Council. In the past few months, the six districts of the Council have been following the District Nominating Committee process. This year has been especially challenging following this important process.

The District Committee is one of the most important committees in Scouting. It is made up of very dedicated and experienced Scouters. The purpose of the District Committee is to support Chartering Partners and their Units. This is accomplished through the four functions of the District Committee; unit service (commissioners), finance, membership, and program. The District Committee is on the front line of support to unit leaders, and provides hands on training, motivation, and support to Scouters in our area.

That's why it is so very important to search for the very best Scout Leaders, and ask them to serve on the District Committee, to have our best leaders teach and support our new leaders. That sounds simple, but far too often retiring Den Leaders, Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, and other senior unit leaders just fade away into the distance, taking all of their hard learned Scouting knowledge with them.

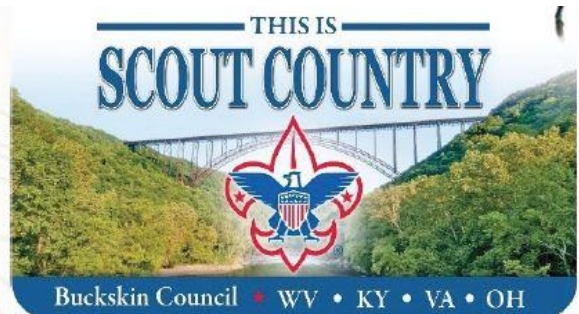
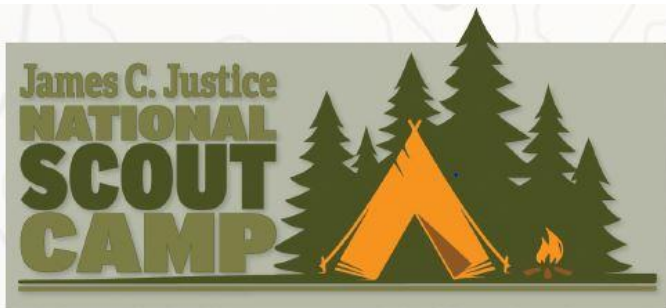
Although the annual meetings for the six districts have passed, the District Nominating Committee work is not done. Recruitment of new members for the District Committee should be a continuous process, with prospecting and recruiting happening year round. You can support this process by keeping an eye out for future District Committee Members. Just send an email or give a call to your District Chairperson or District Executive with your suggestions.

Thank you for all you do for youth.

Good Scouting to you and yours,

Jeffrey L. Purdy

Scout Executive



ALL BUCKSKIN COUNCIL UNITS RECEIVE A 10% DISCOUNT OFF THE CAMP FEE OF \$560.00 PER PERSON!

ALL BUCKSKIN COUNCIL UNITS ALSO RECEIVE TWO FREE LEADERS SPACES!

UNIT LEADERS CAN REQUEST A VIRTUAL OR IN-PERSON CAMP PROMOTION BY E-MAILING CAMP DIRECTOR JOHNNY TRACY, AT JOHN.TRACY@SCOUTING.ORG, OR CALLING 901-489-6027!

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER AT [SUMMITBSA.ORG](https://summitbsa.org)



Camp Kootaga Scouts BSA Summer Camp

The Buckskin Council is looking forward to Summer Camp in 2024. We are working hard on planning a 2024 Summer Camp that will be fun and exciting and most of all SAFE for all Scouts and leaders. The camp staff are working to plan the program, hire an excellent staff and get Summer Camp at Camp Kootaga ready for all the Scouts to enjoy.

The 2024 Leaders Guide and program information will be available soon to help Troops plan their adventure this summer.

Make your troop's campsite reservation today and begin the trail to Summer Camp! Have a favorite campsite? Now is the time to lock it in. Reserve your troop's campsite by clicking on the week you want to attend. A \$100 deposit is due upon Unit Registration. This deposit is not an additional fee. It will go toward your total fee for camp. Be sure to set up a My-Council account, if you don't already have one. After you have entered your troop information, choose your preferred campsite by clicking the "SELECT CAMPSITE" button. You may then proceed through the Checkout process to complete your campsite reservation.

Scout and Leader registration will open soon. Unit leaders who have submitted a campsite reservation can log into their My-Council account on the website to register their Scouts.

Summer Camp Schedule for Scouts BSA for 2024:

Staff Week - June 9-15, 2024

Week 1 - June 16-22, 2024

Week 2 - June 23-29, 2024

Now Hiring Summer Camp Staff

We are looking for staff for the summer season at Camp Kootaga. This year we will have a three-week commitment for staff including one week of training and set up followed by two one-week sessions for Scouts BSA. Any scouts age 14 interested in becoming a Counselor In Training (CIT), we will train you in being a merit badge instructor, let you experience different areas of program as well as the chance to earn merit badges while you are there. Anyone interested in applying, please complete an application from our website at

www.buckskin.org/camping/scoutsbsacamp/

Summer Camp Scholarship Applications Available

Scouts needing assistance to attend Summer Camp at either Camp Kootaga or at the Justice National Scout Camp at the Summit Bechtel Reserve can complete the application found here in the Courier appendix or on the Summer Camp Opportunities page for the Council Website. Applications are due by April 15th for review and consideration. We can help Scout from Buckskin Council only with up to 50% of the early bird camp registration fee. Please submit the application to the Council Service Center address on the application. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Bryant or Mike Cidor.

Find out more about Summer Camp at
www.buckskin.org/camping/scoutsbsacamp/





What is STEM at the Summit?

STEM at the Summit offers youth and adult participants the opportunity to engage with exciting and relevant topics in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, through the lens of outdoor adventure and fun!

Participants in STEM at the Summit will explore the beautiful 10,600-acre Summit Bechtel Reserve, located in southern West Virginia, while interacting with STEM professionals and enthusiasts.

Registration for this amazing program will be available soon, but please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or if you would like to help!

Learn more at <https://www.stematsummit.org/>

Basic Adult Leaders Outdoor Orientation

This one-and-a-half day course is designed as an introduction to the Cub Scout outdoor program for leaders interested in adding a camping component to their Pack activities.

BALOO training consists of an online pre-requisite component in addition to an overnight hands on practical. BSA's Cub Scout level camping policies will be taught along with the discovery of the necessary tools to help units carry out a successful camping experience. Completion of this course is mandatory for a MINIMUM OF ONE adult on a Pack overnighter.

When & Where: May 3-4, 2024 at Camp Arrowhead

Fee: \$25

Register: www.buckskin.org/training

Questions: Sue Williams buzy2buzy@gmail.com

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Training

Working as patrols, this hands-on course provides adult leaders the practical outdoor skills they need to lead Scouts in the outdoors. Upon completion, leaders should feel comfortable teaching Scouts the basic skills required to obtain the First Class rank. Along with Scoutmaster Specifics this course is required of all direct contact leaders registered in Scouts BSA Troops in order to be considered "trained".

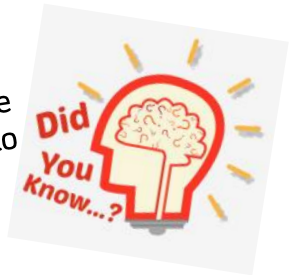
When & Where: May 10-11, 2024 at Camp Arrowhead

Fee: \$25

Register: www.buckskin.org/training

Questions: Rosann Brooks rosann1030@aol.com

Family Friends of Scouting is a vital part of sustaining Scouting in our community! Contact your District Executive or Friends of Scouting Chair to schedule a presentation for your Pack, Troop, or Crew.



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
April 13	April 20
May 11	May 18



Scouts Read Sacred Texts Worldwide

The **Scout Oath** begins with “I will do my best to do my Duty to God... and the **Scout Law** ends with ...” A Scout is Reverent”.

Scouting has organized a few larger Councils around the world to read the **entire** sacred texts of these world religions – Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, and Protestant faiths on May 2, 2024. In addition, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Eastern Orthodox, Hindu, Sikh, and other Faiths will be reading their sacred texts on this same day.

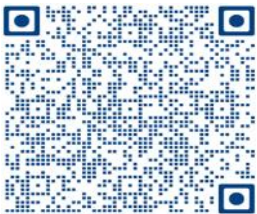
We are inviting every Scout, over one million strong to read their Sacred Texts on this important day.

We encourage Cubs & Scouts to participate in three ways.

- **Read from home with your family** your faith’s Sacred Texts.
- **Ask your Faith leader to read at their faith location.** Faith leaders may suggest the readings, promote, or broadcast this to the public.
- **Invite a Scout friend to participate** in this event at their home or Faith location.

We are pleased to have the Far East and the Transatlantic councils join us. That means Scouts will start reading at 5:30 pm in the Far East, eight hours later, Scouts read in Europe, we cross the Atlantic and six hours later, Scouts begin reading on the East Coast, then Midwest and finish in California. What a vision to have Sacred Texts being read starting in the Far East and sweeping west all around the world – all on the US National Day of Prayer.

Here is the website: <https://stlbsa.org/Scouts-read-sacred-texts-worldwide/>.



Participating in this event could help Scouts satisfy the Duty to God requirement necessary for advancement.

Finally, it wouldn’t be a scouting event without a commemorative patch. Patches will be available for purchase by the council or the individual. Stay tuned.

Questions or comments? Please contact GSLACRRC@gmail.com



Spring Nut Sale

A Scout is thrifty and pays his/her own way. The Buckskin Council has teamed up with Whitley’s Peanuts to bring a spring product sale option to our units. The Spring Nut sale is designed to help units raise funds for summer activities. Many packs, troops, and crews fund their unit through the popcorn sale in the fall, and use the spring nut sale to “fund the Scout”. This is a great opportunity to help raise the funds that give each youth the ability to attend camp.

Units will earn 32% commission. Every Scout that participates will earn a patch.

Find the latest information about the sale and submit your unit’s commitment form at www.buckskin.org/peanut-sale. GO NUTS and get your unit committed today!

Unit orders are due April 17th by NOON

Delivery is scheduled for May 3rd & 4th

Adena/Cornstalk/Shawnee Scout BSA Spring Camporee

Cornstalk, Adena and Shawnee Districts have joined together for a Shooting Sports Camporee to be held April 26-28th.

Our friends at the Northeast Kentucky Fish and Game Association will allow us to camp and provide certified range officers for rifle and shotgun shooting. We will also setup an archery range. And don’t forget about the fishing they have to offer as well.

Fees are \$10 for scouts and \$5 for adults.

Register online on at www.buckskin.org.

Northeast Kentucky Fish and Game Association is located just off I-64, Exit 185 in Cannonsburg, KY.



The Scouts BSA Requirement book is a favorite with Scouts and Leaders.

Filled with the most current requirements for all the Scouts BSA ranks, merit badges, and other awards, this book is a great addition to your Scouting library.

Stop by the nearest Scout Shop and pick one up for your Scouting library!





TAKHONEK LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW, LODGE #617



Between the time springing forward and the April showers, let's hope the weather cooperates for a fun and exciting Spring Fellowship.

Spring Fellowship

Spring Fellowship is happening right now as this article is released. An update will come out in the May Newsletter.

Section E13 Conclave

The Section E13 Conclave will be held this year on May 17-19, 2024 at Manatoc Scout Reservation, 1075 Truxell Rd #9734, Peninsula, OH 44264. This year will feature the usual training, lodge competitions, patch trading, and plenty of FUN! Keep watching our lodge's Facebook page for an announcement of when registration opens.

AIA/ICE Weekend

This year's AIA/ICE weekend was a huge success! Those who attended had a chance to make a mirror board craft that turned out beautifully and along with the beading of hats, medicine bags and much more. This year we had some new perspectives on training as well as how to teach the Jump Start training that every new Ordeal member attends. If you missed the AIA/ICE weekend, you missed a lot.

Unit Elections

With the new year beginning, there is a new chance for new members to join our ranks. All troops are encouraged to hold OA elections if they have any eligible members. Chapters should be beating the bushes and contacting the units in their district to schedule unit elections.

LAST CHANCE to buy your 2024 Fox Pass

After the Spring Fellowship, on Sunday, April 7th at 11:59 pm, we will stop selling the 2024 Fox Pass. If you want to rake in the savings and receive all the event patches, please purchase your Fox Pass before this time. Hurry! They're going fast... We only have 21 Fox Passes remaining!!!

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 or click on the QR code.



Takhonek Social Media

Did you know your Takhonek lodge is on Social Media? Check out the links below for whichever platform you prefer to use.



<https://www.instagram.com/takhoneklodge/>



<https://x.com/takhonek?s=21>



<https://www.facebook.com/Takhonek?mibextid=LQQJ4d>

2024 Lodge Officers

Lodge Chief:	Blake Blankenship
VC Administration:	Sam Miller
VC Program:	Wyatt Dennison
Secretary:	Xander Dennison
Immediate Past Chief:	Sarah Dudley

2024 Chapter Chiefs

Adena	Zach Dillon
Adjudimo	Xander Dennison
Hytone	Landon Palmer
Kootaga	Vacant
Seneca	Dawson Brown
Wapiti	Elijah Cavender

2024 Adult Advisers

Lodge Adviser	David Duncan	david.duncan@suddenlink.net
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Assoc.Adviser Prog.	Jeff Estep	jmestep136@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

2024 Lodge Calendar

Date	Event	Location
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 20-21	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)	Buckskin Council Office
December 14	Lodge Winter Banquet	Summit Pigott Dining Hall



Training Corner

By Susan Williams

Thank You!

Thank you to all the Trainers and Scouters who attended Marshall University Merit Badge College and the University of Scouting!

Attending training is the single best way we, as leaders, can deliver the promise we have made to our Scouts.

What is that promise? To Scouts, we promise fun, adventure, and the opportunity to become your best self. To families, we promise Character, Citizenship, Personal Fitness, and Leadership.

WILDERNESS FIRST AID

What: Boy Scouts of America Wilderness First Aid Class (This class also includes CPR and AED)

When: May 10-11, 2024

Time: Starting at 6 pm on Friday the 10th
Planning on finishing around 9 pm Saturday

Where: Camp Arrowhead, Ona, WV 25545

Who: Adult Leaders, Venturers and Scouts ages 14 yrs and up

Cost: \$ 85.00

Cost includes lodging, cracker barrel on Friday evening, continental breakfast on Saturday, Saturday lunch and dinner

Deadline for Registration: Thursday May 2nd, by 5 pm

Class size limit: 20 (First come basis)

Register online at www.buckskin.org or at the Scout office at 304-340-3663 or 304-523-3408.

For more information contact:

Alvin Watts at: awatts4013@yahoo.com

Sue Williams at: toobuzysue@yahoo.com

Training Calendar

May

3-4 Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO),
Camp Arrowhead

10-11 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS),
Camp Arrowhead

10-11 Wilderness First Aid, Camp Arrowhead

July

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



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 cost is \$300 per youth. A \$75 deposit is required at registration. We will only be able to accept 48 participants for this course. Please register no later than June 10, 2024. Late fee is \$325.**

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.

Questions? Contact Course Director Del Stonestreet at rds2s@aol.com

Or Rosann Brooks at rosann1030@aol.com

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

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

April

- 4 Roundtable – 6:30pm
- 5-7 OA Spring Fellowship
- 13 Council-District Operations mtg. (CDO)
- 13 Council Pinewood Derby
- 18 District Committee – 6:00pm
- 19-21 Webelos-ree – Camp Arrowhead
- 20 Fishing Derby – 8:00am
- 26-28 Spring Camporee

May

- 2 Roundtable – 6:30pm
- 3-4 BALOO – Camp Arrowhead
- 10-11 IOLS - Camp Arrowhead
- 12 Mother's Day
- 16 District Committee – 6:00pm
- 17-19 Multi-Dist Family Camp – Camp Arrowhead
- 25 Flag Placements-Golden Oaks & Spring Hill
- 27 Memorial Day – Office & Shops Closed

June

- 6 Roundtable – 6:30pm
- 10-14 Cub Day Camp – Camp Arrowhead
- 20 District Committee – 6:00pm

July

- 18 - District Committee – 6:00pm

August

- 2-4 Aquatics Camp – Camp Cherokee
- 10 Program Kick-off – Camp Arrowhead
- 15 District Committee – 6:00pm

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. The June Roundtable will be a cookout for pack, troop, and crew leaders at ARMCO Park in Ashland. More details will be available soon.

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.

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	vacant	
Community FOS	Kevin Craig	304-638-0190
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 May 27 for Memorial Day. The Huntington Shop is scheduled to be open the following Saturdays – Apr 20, and May 18.

UNIT RE-CHARTERING BEGINS

If your unit needs assistance in rechartering this year, please contact Carl at the 304-523-3408 or via his email carl.sullivan@scouting.org

FAMILY FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

As you plan your Blue & Gold Banquet, Pinewood Derby, Pack Meeting, Court of Honor, or other gathering where your families will be present, would you please consider allowing us to share with your families the opportunity to support Scouting? Contact Carl with the date of your next event.

WEBELOS-REE

Scott Shuff has planned another interesting campout for the Webelos Scouts. The weekend event will be held at Camp Arrowhead, April 19-21. Campers will participate in the Fishing Derby that morning and then take part in a variety of activities centered on the Webelos elective Castaway. Register on the Council website – www.buckskin.org/adena. The event is open to all Webelos.

FISHING DERBY

Bring your pole. Bring some bait. Come out to catch “the BIG ONE” at Camp Arrowhead on Saturday, April 20 at our annual Fishing Derby. Enjoy a great morning of fishing. We have trophies for the most fish caught and the biggest fish caught. We will also be giving away two rod and reel sets as door prizes. This is a “no fee event” sponsored by Adena District. Please register online to give us an idea of how many will be attending. Parents and adult partners are welcome to throw a line in the water as well, but the prizes are for the scouts.

(Adena District continued on page 15)

Chief Cornstalk District

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

Chief Cornstalk Event Calendar

April

- 13 Charleston Scout Shop open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 13 Council-District Operations mtg (CDO)
- 13 Council Pinewood Derby
- 18 District Committee meeting
- 26 Spring Camporee

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- 16 District Committee Meeting
- 17-19 Multi-District Cub Family Camp
- 27 Memorial Day - Service Center & Shops Closed

June

- 3-7 Cornstalk/Shawnee Cub Day Camp
- 16-22 Summer Camp Week 1
- 23-29 Summer Camp Week 2

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	

Adena/Cornstalk/Shawnee Scout BSA Spring Camporee

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Adena/Cornstalk/Shawnee Cub Family Camp

Join us on a weekend Adventure at Camp Arrowhead May 17-19, 2024, as we explore cryptic legends of West Virginia. Some of the activities will include archery, bb's, crafts, DNR presentation, fishing, and hike to look for Bigfoot. The cost is \$6 per cub and \$3 for tag. For more information, please visit Buckskin.org.

Cornstalk District Committee

The Meeting is the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. Anyone can attend, help plan upcoming events, and receive 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.

Buckskin Council Pinewood Derby

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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

Kootaga Event Calendar

April

- 12 District Committee, 6:30 pm
- 12 Roundtable, 7:30 pm
- 13 Council-District Operations mtg (CDO)
- 13 Council Pinewood Derby

May

- 14 District Committee, 6:30 pm
- 14 Roundtable, 7:30 pm
- 27 Memorial Day - Service Center & Shops Closed

June

- 11 District Committee meeting, 6:30 pm
- 11 Roundtable, 7:30 pm
- 9-15 Summer Camp - Staff Week
- 16-22 Summer Camp - Week 1
- 23-29 Summer Camp - Week 2

Kootaga District Facebook Page

The Official Facebook page of the Kootaga District is the Kootaga District, Buckskin Council. Send Kathy Wise info on what your unit is doing for the page. New Eagle Scout, fundraiser, community service, events, fun stuff, camping trips and more. Kathy's info is kloua@suddenlink.net or 304.482.7576. Keep your unit's social media current and up to date. Families want to join units that are active so please show everyone what you are doing on all your social media. If you need help advertising your unit, give Kathy a call.

Spring Recruiting

Spring recruiting can make your life easier as a unit leader. Get youth signed up in the spring for all your fun spring and summer activities. It's not much work and you have youth already in your unit for dens and patrols in the fall. Invite youth to all your fun spring activities. Many schools have spring events and carnivals. Look for events in your community to set up. And everyone loves to see Scouts in a parade. Set-up a rain gutter regatta, Pinewood Derby track and more. Pass out peer to peer cards to invite youth and families and always have unit info ready to pass out. Yard signs and peer to peer cards work and are available in the Parkersburg Scout Shop. Scouting is fun! Show the youth in your community how much fun they can have in Scouting and your Unit.

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

Camp Kootaga

Do you know Camp Kootaga is open all year long for camping, day trips and hiking? Consider adding Camp Kootaga to your list of fun stuff to do this spring and summer. Call the Scout Shop if you have any questions. Follow Camp Kootaga on Facebook and Instagram.

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Mt Dominion Event Calendar

April

- 13 Council-District Operations mtg (CDO)
- 14 Council Pinewood Derby
- 18 District Committee meeting
- 18 District Roundtable

May

- 16 District Roundtable
- 16 District Committee meeting
- 27 Memorial Day - Service Center & Shops Closed

June

- 20 District Committee meeting
- 20 District Roundtable

Important update on district events:

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

District Meeting

The next district meeting will be held at Stinson United Methodist Church on April 18th..

The roundtable will begin at 6:30 with the district meeting following at 7:15 pm.

Spring Camporee at Raven Knob

This will be April 26th-28th.

266 Raven Knob Road, Mount Airy, NC, 27030



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



Martinsville Speedway: "Scout Experience"

April 5th-7th

There are a few races that scouts can take in:

This is a Friday-Sunday Experience

Friday: April 5th

Coleman Truck Series 7.p.m.

Saturday: April 6th

Xfinity Series0- Dude Wipes 250 - 7p.m.

Sunday: Cup Series- Cookout to 400 3p.m.

Prices:

Friday Race: Scouts are free, Adults \$20

Saturday Race: Scouts free, Adults \$20

Sunday Race: Scouts \$10, Adults \$35

Contact Brandon Hoffman with Nascar if interested at (704) 350-2600. Let him know what races you would like to attend and how many are coming.

Seneca District

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

Seneca Event Calendar

April

- 2 District Committee meeting
- 6 District Pinewood Derby
- 13 Council-District Operations mtg (CDO)
- 14 Council Pinewood Derby

May

- 7 District Committee meeting
- 27 Memorial Day - Service Center & Shops Closed

June

- 4 District Committee meeting

District Committee Meeting

The district meeting will take place on March 5th on zoom! The meeting begins at 7 PM. Come ready to discuss the latest on what is happening in the district! Check your email for the Zoom link.

Seneca District Pinewood Derby

April 6th starting at 2-p.m. The Derby will be held at Pigott

Dinning Hall at the Summit Bechtel Reserve.

Register for the event: www.buckskin.org/seneca

Registration will close on April 3rd



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Seneca District Committee

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

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Shawnee District Event Calendar

April

- 13 Council-District Operations mtg (CDO)
- 14 Council Pinewood Derby
- 17 Mut Sale orders due by Noon
- 18 District Committee meeting

May

- 3-4 BALOO training, Camp Arrowhead
- 10-11 IOLS training, Camp Arrowhead
- 17-19 Multi-Dist Family Camp – Camp Arrowhead
- 27 Memorial Day - Service Center & Shops Closed

June

- 7 Cornstalk/Shawnee Cub Day Camp
- 16-22 Summer Camp Week 1
- 23-29 Summer Camp Week 2

Spring Nut Sale Reminder

For units participating in the Spring Nut Sale, orders are due to the Council Service Center by noon on April 17th. If you need any information or forms, you can find them at www.buckskin.org/peanut-sale/

Spring Family Camp

Come join the Adena, Chief Cornstalk and Shawnee Districts May 17-19, 2024 at Camp Arrowhead for the Spring Family Camp. We will be on the lookout for the Creepy Cryptids of West Virginia this year. There will be shooting sports, fishing, DNR presentation, crafts, games and a scavenger hunt for Bigfoot. Registration will be \$6 for Cubs, \$3 for Tagalongs, Adults -FREE.

Shooting Sports Spring Camporee

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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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Summer Camp

Summer is quickly approaching. If you are looking for fun this summer, spend a week at Camp Kootaga. We have 2 sessions this year, June 16 to 22 and June 23 to 29. We are excited about some improvements to Camp Kootaga with a new climbing tower under construction as well as adding some additional opportunities for shooting sports with our advanced level classes being offered this summer. You can register for camp at www.buckskin.org/camping/scoutsbsacamp/. There are opportunities for staff if you are 14 or older you can find the application there as well. Camp scholarship forms are due by April 15th, please get those in by the deadline so we can have time to review and have the approvals before the early bird deadline of May 15th for registration.

Cub Scout Day Camp

Shawnee District is joining forces with Chief Cornstalk District for our Cub Scout Day Camp this year. Cub Scouts will experience "Outdoor Adventures" at Coonskin Park in Charleston. Mark your calendar for June 3 - 7. Registration will open soon.

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SPRING CAMPOREE

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BALOO COURSE

May 3 and 4 will be the dates for the next BALOO training course for Cub Scout Leaders interested in taking their pack or den on outdoor activities. Held at Camp Arrowhead, Ona, WV, scouts can learn the in's and out's of getting your Cubbies outside. There is an on-line module that participants need to complete prior to the in-person course. Training begins on Friday night about 7:00pm after check-in and camp setup. Training starts with breakfast on Saturday morning and continues until about 6:30pm that evening. The course is \$25.00 per person. This covers course material, cracker barrel on Friday night, along with breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Register online at buckskin/adena.

MULTI-DISTRICT FAMILY CAMP

Plans are underway for a Spring Family Camp at Camp Arrowhead the weekend of May 17-19. Check-in begins at 5:00pm on Friday evening. Activities begin on Saturday morning. Some of the planned activities include BB shooting, archery, boating, fishing and more. Packs will be responsible for their own meals. More detailed information will be forth coming about this event. Save the date – you'll want to be there.

MEMORIAL DAY FLAG PLACEMENT

Memorial Day will be the last Monday in May. Scouts have a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate respect for our veterans by participating in flag placements at Golden Oaks Cemetery in Ashland and at Spring Hill Cemetery in Huntington. On Saturday, May 25, placement at Golden Oaks and Spring Hill begins at 9:00am (bring a screwdriver to help make a hole for the flag). Other opportunities may exist at a cemetery near you. Check with your local cemetery. Patches to the first 25 scouts participating at either Golden Oaks or Spring Hill.

ADENA DAY CAMP

Gather your cubbies and their adult partners for a week of OUTDOOR ADVENTURE at the Adena Day Camp, June 10-14, at Camp Arrowhead. Camp is scheduled for each day from 8:30am to 4:00pm, Monday thru Friday. Packs need to supply some adult supervision with their scouts. Plan to attend now. Registration will open on the website soon.

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



Find Buckskin Council's Cub Scout Pinewood Derby rules and guidelines at
www.buckskin.org/forms

Recognizing a Scout for attaining the rank of Eagle? Celebrating your packs Blue & Gold?

Whatever the occasion, submit your request for permission to use a commercial bakery for use of any Boy Scouts of America logos on a cake.

Please note that it takes 2-3 business days to review requests and respond accordingly.

Submit your request at <http://licensingbsa.org/trademarks/cake-request/>



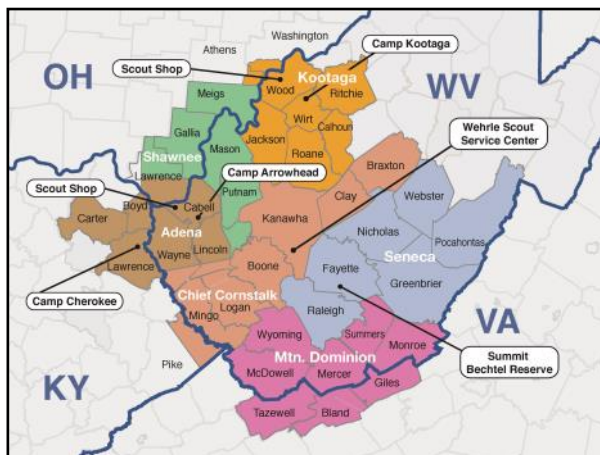
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Charleston, WV 25311

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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

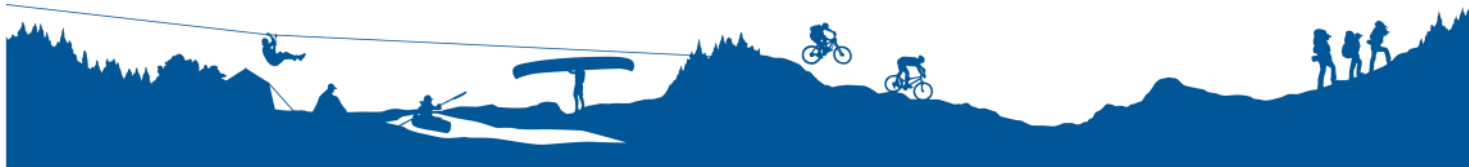
- Strong marketing, fund-raising and program development background is highly desired.
- Non-profit, fundraising or sales experience is a plus.
- Must be comfortable with public speaking and interacting with diverse audiences. Excellent people skills, enthusiastic, punctual, responsible, and creative.
- 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





Introducing the BSA Total Solar Eclipse 2024 Emblem – a unique and collectible emblem designed to commemorate the extraordinary celestial event of the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse. Crafted with precision and attention to detail, this emblem features a captivating design that beautifully captures the essence of this rare phenomenon. Plus—it glows in the dark! Whether you're a Scout or a dedicated collector, this emblem is a must-have addition to your Scouting collection, serving as a timeless reminder of the awe-inspiring eclipse. Own a piece of history and proudly display your connection to this remarkable celestial wonder with the BSA Total Solar Eclipse 2024 Emblem.

How to earn the BSA 2024 Solar Eclipse patch

1. Locate a site suitable for viewing the eclipse. Search Google for “eclipse viewing” and the name of your city or town to find events near you.
2. Describe how to safely view the eclipse.
3. Discuss with your group what you saw and felt during the eclipse.
4. Do the following:
 - Cub Scouts: Discuss what a solar eclipse is with your leaders.
 - Scouts BSA: Draw a diagram of the positions of the moon, earth, and sun to show how the solar eclipse occurs.
 - Venturers: Research Sir Arthur Stanley Eddington’s 1919 experiment and discuss how it confirmed Einstein’s theory of general relativity.
5. Ask your unit leader to buy the 2024 Solar Eclipse Emblem. (The council’s Scout Shops will be taking preorders for the patch and tshirts until March 15th. Order yours today!)



Adena District

2024 Cub Scout Day Camp

June 10-14, 2024

Camp Arrowhead

Ona, WV

Come celebrate the "Great Outdoors" at Camp Arrowhead! What will you do at Day Camp? For starters - swimming, fishing, BB shooting, archery, slingshot, and boating. Then we'll learn about nature, cooking, and Scout skills. Plus we'll play games and do fun STEM projects! Registration will open soon so mark your calendar!



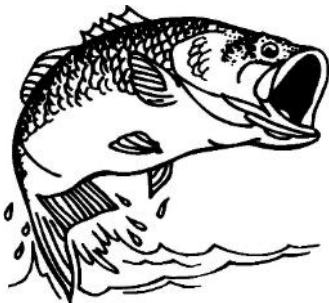
Our Camp Director is looking for a few good adults to help with Day Camp. Do you want to have a week of fun at Camp Arrowhead? Call Jeremy Reed at 304-972-9116 or email nighthawkeye@yahoo.com.



Adena Cub Scout Fishing Derby April 20, 2024 Camp Arrowhead, Ona, WV

The Cub Scout Fishing Derby is open to all Cub Scouts. The fishing at Camp Arrowhead is catch and release. The event will award prizes for Most Fish Caught and for Largest Fish Caught. Trophies will be presented for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each category. All equipment and bait should be provided by the participants. Some camp cane poles and bread for dough balls will be available. There are no awards for adults who wish to fish during this event.

- **All Cub Scouts** may participate in this event.
- **Webelos** attending the **Webelos-ree** that weekend need not register for the Fishing Derby. Your registration for the **Webelos-ree** includes the Fishing Derby.
- All participants should provide their own equipment and bait. A limited number of cane poles are available. Some bread will be provided for "dough balls".
- **Lion and Tiger scouts** must be accompanied by an adult partner 18 years or older.
- **Dens or Packs** must provide sufficient **adult supervision** for their group.
- Since all fishing at Camp Arrowhead is **catch and release**, it is the responsibility of the **Scout to have the judges verify his catch** before it is returned to the lake.
- **Fish caught by an adult** and given to the Scout will result in the Scout being disqualified.
- Trophies will be award based on the decision of the judges. **The judges' decisions are final.**
- Trophies will be presented in two categories — **Most Fish Caught** and **Largest Fish Caught**. Trophies will include a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.



Date : Saturday, April 20, 2024

Time : Registration 8:00-8:30am

Fishing 8:30am to 11:45am

Awards 11:45am to noon

Place : Lower Lake at Camp Arrowhead, Ona, WV

Cost : No fee for Cub Scouts

No fishing license is required.

Adults are welcome to fish during the event but are not eligible for the prizes being awarded. Adult supervision of Cub Scouts is required.

Register at: www.buckskin.org/adena-events/ad-fishing-derby-2024



ADENA DISTRICT

Calling All WEBELOS to a WEBELOS-REE 2024



A **WEBELOS-REE** is a special camping weekend for 4th & 5th grade Webelos. It is also a great opportunity to meet Webelos from other packs. Advancement opportunities for Webelos rank and for the Arrow of Light will also be provided.



Who can attend? Participation is limited to first and second year Webelos scouts, registered Cub Scout leaders, and parents. Packs are expected to provide leadership to their scouts while in camp. It is expected that a pack will have a ratio of at least one adult for every five scouts, with a minimum of two adults. Arrow of Light scouts who have crossed over or are ready to cross over to a troop are also welcome to attend with a parent.

What activities will take place? Planned activities include Fishing Derby, BB's, Archery, sessions to meet the Outdoor Adventure requirements.

Where will the Webelos-ree take place? The Webelos-ree will take place at Council's Camp Arrowhead, just off Blue Sulphur Road, Ona, WV.

When will the Webelos-ree occur? This camping event will begin Friday, April 19 and conclude on Sunday, April 21, 2024. Check-in will begin as early as 5:00pm on Friday evening. (No dinner will be provided on Friday night.) The campout will dismiss after the Sunday Chapel service.

How much will it cost to attend? The fee for Webelos is \$18.00 per scout. The fee for adults is \$13.00 per adult. The event is for first and second year Webelos only. Arrow of Light scouts who have crossed over or are ready to cross over to a troop are also welcome to attend with a parent. This is not a family camp. Other Cub Scout ranks and siblings are not permitted during this camping event. Registrations are due by April 17, 2024.

Schedule for the 2021 Webelos-ree

Friday, April 19

5:00pm - 8:00pm Check-in & camp set up
8:00pm - 9:00pm Leave No Trace
9:00pm - 10:00pm Den time
10:00pm Light's out / quiet time



Saturday, April 20

7:00am Breakfast
8:00am Opening ceremony / flag presentation
8:30am Fishing Derby
Noon - 1:15pm Lunch and rest period
1:30pm - 5:00pm Round robin activities,
Including BB's Archery, Knots, and more
5:30pm - 6:15pm Flag Lowering / Dinner
6:30pm Closing Program
8:00pm Dismissal

Sunday, April 21

8:00am Breakfast
9:00am Chapel
9:30am Dismissal



Register at www.buckskin.org/adena-events/webelos-ree-2024



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.

STEM @ THE SUMMIT

WHAT IS STEM @ THE SUMMIT?

STEM at the Summit is an immersive program that allows Scouts and Venturers to explore the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics aspects of the outdoor adventures they love—and then use what they have learned!

Our goal is to integrate STEM with adventures at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. For example, participants will:

- Calculate how fast you go down a zip line based on its angle and your size
- Figure out how a rock-climbing fall does not cause injury by deconstructing an auto belay
- Experiment at night with liquid nitrogen and other fun chemicals
- Earn the rare Summit Nova Award

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

STEM at the Summit is open to all registered Scouts BSA and Venturers. A separate, concurrent program will be offered for Scouters (adults) to explore ways to integrate and emphasize STEM activities and concepts in their unit, district, and council-level programs. The program begins at 12:00 p.m. on July 12, and concludes at 5:00 p.m. on July 14.

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

STEM at the Summit hosts a Web site, located at stematsummit.org. Visit the site to learn more and to register for the program. Contact coordinator Lisa Balbes, Ph.D., at lisa@balbes.com or 314-283-3203, with program questions. Contact the Summit, at 304-465-2800, with registration questions.

The cost to participate in this program is \$250.00 for youth or adult participants. This fee includes all programs, tent, cot, food, patch, and other expenses. Participants and their families may also elect to stay in other available lodging at the Summit Bechtel Reserve (options include "glamping" tents in Family Adventure Camp and dormitory rooms), for an additional cost.



JULY 12-14, 2024

Learn more and register @
stematsummit.org
or scan the QR code!



March 17, 2024

Dear Scholastic Chess Club Coaches, School Staff, Boy Scouts, and Scout Leaders

The West Virginia Scholastic Chess Association is pleased to announce the 2024 Spring Scholastic Chess tournament will be on April 20, 2024 at John Adams Middle School, 2002 Presidential Drive, Charleston, WV 25314. WVSCA will manage the chess tournament and the United States Chess Federation (USCF) will rate the games. Individual trophies will be awarded. **IMPORTANT:** To play in the event, all players **must** have a USCF membership valid through **April 30, 2024** or later. USCF membership can be obtained instantly from the USCF website www.uschess.org and click "join" or by calling 800-903-8723.

Advance entry only by April 18, 2024. Online entry is preferred at chessregister.com

The tournament entry fee is \$15. The fees go toward event management supplies, USCF rating fees, and trophies.

Sections will be K-3, K-5, K-8, and K-12. Each player needs to check-in between **8 and 8:45 AM on April 20** (coaches may check-in players). Pairings will be generated on the day of play and play is expected to begin at 9 AM. **Players arriving late (after 8:45 AM) will not be paired for the first round.** There will be 4-5 rounds depending on the number of players. Rounds will begin approximately 15 minutes after the last game of a section is completed. All players will play in each round (unless a player receives a bye). Chess sets will be provided for tournament play. **Bring your chess clock and pen or pencil to the tournament.** K-8 and K-12 sections are required to record moves (K-3 and K-5 sections are encouraged to). Score sheets will be provided. Time control will be G/30 d/0 in the K-3 and K-5 sections and G/30 d/5 in the K-8 and K-12 sections. Analog/non-delay clocks are not permitted in the K-8 and K-12 sections. Analog clocks are permitted in the K-3 and K-5 sections. We reserve the right to merge sections if necessary.

If you can help with the tournament preparations and/or during the tournament on April 20, please contact Scott Hamilton at ws.hamilton@yahoo.com or call or text 304-553-8296.

Use Only if NOT Registering Online

CHECKS ONLY, made out to Harrison County Chess Club

US Mail ENTRIES TO/Inquires:

Robert L. Greer

P.O. Box 4338, Clarksburg, WV 26302

304-641-9241 greerlaw@aol.com

Entry to 2024 Spring Scholastic Chess to arrive by April 18, 2024

Name on USCF ID: _____ ID#: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Phone #: _____ Section: _____ Grade: _____

Complete Address: _____

Email Address: _____

School Attending: _____ City: _____

Your SUMMIT SUMMER begins here!



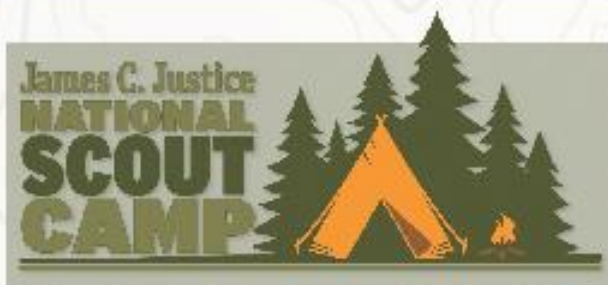
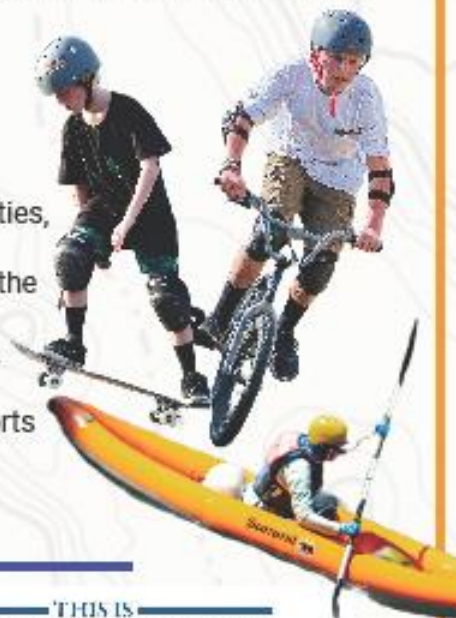
Summer Camp @ the Summit

The James C. Justice National Scout Camp offers week-long resident camp sessions, packed with advancement and enrichment opportunities, for Scouts, Venturers, and leaders. Summer camp is the quintessential Scouting experience, and Justice Scout Camp provides participants opportunities to participate in engaging merit badge and training sessions, experience the thrills of high adventure through buy-up activities, and enjoy Scouting traditions.

Highlights



- Engaging and interactive staff
- Dozens of merit badges, including numerous Eagle-required badges
- Camp-wide programs, including:
 - Appalachian Celebrachian
 - Open activities
 - Sports competitions
 - Theme days
- High-adventure opportunities, including:
 - Whitewater rafting on the New River Gorge
 - BMX, mountain biking, skateboarding
 - Day-long shooting-sports program
 - Ziplines and climbing
 - Much more!



ALL BUCKSKIN COUNCIL UNITS RECEIVE A **10% DISCOUNT** OFF THE CAMP FEE OF \$560.00 PER PERSON!

ALL BUCKSKIN COUNCIL UNITS ALSO RECEIVE **TWO FREE LEADERS SPACES!**

UNIT LEADERS CAN REQUEST A VIRTUAL OR IN-PERSON CAMP PROMOTION BY E-MAILING CAMP DIRECTOR JOHNNY TRACY, AT JOHN.TRACY@SCOUTING.ORG, OR CALLING 901-489-6027!

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER AT **SUMMITBSA.ORG**

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.

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.

"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!**





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.



WILDERNESS FIRST AID

What: Boy Scouts of America Wilderness First Aid Class
(This class also includes CPR and AED)

When: May 10-11, 2024

Time: Starting at 6 pm on Friday the 10th
Planning on finishing around 9 pm Saturday

Where: Camp Arrowhead, 4200 Scout Camp Road, Ona, WV 25545

Who: Adult Leaders, Venturers and Scouts ages 14 yrs and up

Cost: \$ 85.00
Cost includes lodging, cracker barrel on Friday evening, continental breakfast on Saturday, Saturday lunch and dinner

Deadline for Registration: Thursday May 2nd, by 5 pm

Class size limit: 20 (First come basis)

Register online at www.buckskin.org or at the Scout office at 304-340-3663 or 304-523-3408.

For those who wish to stay overnight, arrangements can be made for lodging.

It is suggested that you eat dinner on Friday evening before arriving.

Wilderness First- Aid is required for backcountry trips and excursions

- Backcountry is defined as anywhere that medical care is one hour or more away.

For more information contact:

Alvin Watts at: awatts4013@yahoo.com

Sue Williams at: toobuzysue@yahoo.com



Name _____ Troop/Pack/Crew _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Special Needs, Food Allergies _____

Return to Buckskin Council, 2829 Kanawha BLVD. East, Charleston, WV 25311

Buckskin Council, BSA
BASIC ADULT LEADER OUTDOOR ORIENTATION
MAY 3 - 4, 2024 – CAMP ARROWHEAD

BALOO is intended for new Cub Scout leaders or parent volunteers who have minimal camping experience but want to plan and carry out entry level outdoor experiences for the pack. The format for this training is an outdoor camping adventure. The course is designed to address a wide variety of topics which need to be considered when preparing for a Cub Scout outdoor activity. Some of the topics include Aims & Purposes, Planning, Campfire, Health & Safety, Equipment, Cooking, program ideas, and more.

Prior to taking the practical component, participants must have completed the online component. Both the online and the practical, must be completed in order to fulfill the “BALOO Trained” status. In the event the online component is not completed prior to the practical, the trained status is withheld until both components are successfully completed. The online portion is available through the BSA LearnCenter. Log onto my.scouting.org and select the BSA LearnCenter image on the right side of the home page. Complete the course named “BALOO Prerequisite Training V2”. Bring your completion certificate with you.

The next course will be May 3-4 at Camp Arrowhead. Check-in begins Friday at 6:30pm. All participants are expected to arrive by 7:00pm. The course is planned to conclude by 6:30pm on Saturday. The course is \$25.00 per person. This covers course material, cracker barrel on Friday night, along with breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

You should bring a sleeping bag or blanket, flashlight & batteries, personal items, a notebook and pen or pencil. You may bring your own tent or use a tent provide by the camp. Dress for the weather – the course goes on rain or shine.

If you have questions about this course, please contact Sue Williams at 217-741-0900 or buzy2buzy@gmail.com.

Registration Deadline – Tuesday, April 30, 2024

BALOO REGISTRATION FORM – MAY 3 - 4, 2024

Name _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email Address _____

Pack # _____ Position _____ District _____

Detail any food allergies, please _____

Complete the registration form and return to:

Buckskin Council, BSA, Attn : BALOO – Camp Arrowhead
2829 Kanawha Blvd. East
Charleston, WV 25311

Registration may also be completed using the Council website – www.buckskin.org

Buckskin Council, BSA
INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS
MAY 10 – 11, 2024 – CAMP ARROWHEAD

What is IOLS? The Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) course builds and expands on the concepts and themes introduced in Scoutmaster Positions-Specific Training and Varsity Coach Position-Specific Training, and provides Scouters with the confidence to take youth into the outdoors.

- Gives adult leaders a practical introduction to the patrol method of a boy-led troop by teaching many of the practical outdoor skills they need to lead scouts in the out-of-doors. In addition, the teaching methods, activities, and games model the variety of teaching used in effective and engaging Scouting programs.
- Hands-on participation is the best learning tool, and this course models the techniques used by effective Scoutmasters, and other leaders in the Scouting program. Attendees will see and experience different aspects of how Scouting works while playing the role of Scouts in a troop.
- Participants will leave the training experience with a full understanding of how the patrol method operates, a feeling of comfort in working with the instructing their Scouts, and an increased level of confidence taking Scouts outdoors safely.

What is covered in IOLS? The course is designed to address a wide variety of topics such as Outdoor Ethics, Cooking, Fire Site Preparation & Building, Campfire Program, Interfaith Worship, Flag Ceremony and more.

What is the cost to attend? The course is \$25.00 per person. This covers course material, cracker barrel on Friday night, along with breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

When is IOLS training? The next course will be May 10-11, 2024 at Camp Arrowhead. Check-in begins Friday at 6:00 pm. All participants are expected to arrive by 7:00pm. The course is planned to conclude by 5:00 pm on Saturday.

What should I bring? You should bring a Boy Scout Handbook, a sleeping bag or blankets, flashlight & batteries, personal items, a notebook and pen or pencil. You may bring your own tent or use a tent provide by the camp. Dress for the weather – the course goes on rain or shine.

QUESTIONS? Contact Rosann Brooks 304-881-1042 or rosann1030@aol.com
Registration Deadline – Wednesday, May 8, 2024

IOLS REGISTRATION FORM – MAY 10 – 11, 2024

Name _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email Address _____

Troop # _____ Position _____ District _____

Detail any food allergies, please _____

Complete the registration form and return the form with your registration fee to

Buckskin Council, BSA, Attn : IOLS – Camp Arrowhead
2829 Kanawha Blvd. East
Charleston, WV 25311

Camp Kootaga 2024

Summer Camp Registration Fee Structure

(Register on-line at: <https://www.buckskin.org/camping/scoutsbsacamp/>)

TYPE OF CAMPER	DINING HALL		SELF SUFFICIENT	
	REGULAR PRICE	EARLY BIRD (Paid in full by 5/15/24)	REGULAR PRICE	EARLY BIRD (Paid in full by 5/15/24)
SCOUT	\$325	\$310	\$275	\$260
ADULT	\$175		\$100	

Free Leader discount—unit paid in full before May 15, 2024



Number of Scouts	FREE Adults
1-4	0
5-10	1
11-20	2
21-30	3



Additional leaders coming in for the day may purchase meal tickets in the trading post for meals served in the Dominion Dining Hall at \$10.00 per meal.

Refund Policy

The following refund policy will be in place for the 2024 camping season. Please read this carefully and if you have questions, please contact the Buckskin Council H. B. Wehrle Scout Service Center.

Refund/overpayment requests should be made at check-in on your arrival at camp. A \$30.00 per person administrative fee will be assessed on all refunds, youth and adult.

In cases where a request is not made at check-in, a written request explaining the reason must be submitted to the Buckskin Council H. B. Wehrle Scout Service Center Council Service Center no later than August 13, 2023. Requests received after the deadline will not be considered.

2023 Summer Camp Dates

June 10 – 14 Staff Training / Set Up

June 16 – 22 Week 1 Scouts BSA

June 23 – 29 Week 2 Scouts BSA

Campsite Deposits \$100 – applied to your final camp fees

2024 Camp Kootaga Summer Campsite Deposit Form

Unit Contact Information:

Troop _____ ☐ Boy Troop ☐ Girl Troop
Council _____ District _____
Leader Name _____ Phone _____
Email _____
Address _____ St _____ Zip _____
Estimated number of scouts: _____ Estimated number of adults: _____
Dining Hall _____ or Self Sufficient (Cooking in site) _____

Camp Session:

- ☐ Week 1- June 16-22
☐ Week 2- June 23-29

Campsite: number top 3 site preferences

_____ Subpark _____ Beechwood _____ Baden Powell _____ Dan Beard _____ J.M. Bennett
_____ Seneca _____ Miami _____ Delaware _____ Shawnee _____ Cherokee _____ Dakota
_____ Mohonegon _____ Iroquois _____ Chippewa

We will do our best to accommodate a units first choice of campsite, however we reserve the right to assign units to other sites for accommodating the best use of the facilities. We will work with units when these situations arise to make sure they are happy with the alternate site.

Payment Method:

_____ Cash _____ Check _____ Credit Card

\$100 deposit to hold a site. This deposit will be applied to your final total for summer camp fees.

Scan the QR code to get more information about Camp Kootaga Summer Camp 2024 and register for Camp.

