MARSHALL UNIVERSITY MERIT BADGE COLLEGE

All scouts are invited to experience learning a merit badge subject from a Marshall University professor or a Council approved merit badge counselor. Over 50 merit badges will be offered, so plan to attend. All adult leaders and parents have the opportunity for training that include Youth Protection Training, First Aid/CPR (additional $40 fee), merit badge counselor orientation, and more.

Saturday, February 8, 2020
- Scout $13
- Adult Meal ticket $9
- Adult training w/no meal - Free

Check-in begins at 8:00am. Afternoon session ends at 4:00pm
Scouts and scouters will check-in at the Don Morris Room on the second floor of the Memorial Student Center on the Huntington Campus. Scouts BSA members will be able to take up to two merit badges. Lunch is included for all scouts. Meal tickets are available for adults.
The course catalog contains all of the merit badge and adult sessions being offered. The course catalog may be found on the Buckskin Council website. Find the catalog at: www.buckskin.org/Events/MUMBC-2020
Pre-registration is due at the Buckskin Council Service Center, Huntington Scout Shop or via the council website by February 5, 2020 at 4:30 pm. No registrations will be accepted after the deadline. Register online at www.buckskin.org

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

Saturday, March 14, 2020
West Virginia State University, Institute, WV

The Council's annual adult and youth training event – the University of Scouting – will be held Saturday, March 14th at WV State University. At this writing, we are still receiving WVSU faculty volunteering for a variety of merit badges. The course catalog is expected to be available in February.

A wide selection of intermediate training sessions will be offered for adults. These sessions will assist adults in planning, organizing and conducting den and pack meetings, as well as troop and crew events and activities.
Webelos scouts may select up to two of the six electives being offered. Members of troops and crews may select up to two merit badge sessions from a broad range of Eagle required and elective merit badge sessions.
All registered participants will receive lunch in the campus dining hall. Lunch will be conducted in two seating's with the scouts being in the first seating and the adults in the second. Multiple seating's are necessary due to the size of the dining hall.
Watch for the University of Scouting catalog on the council’s website – buckskin.org.
With the turn of the new year, the Rechartering of units in Buckskin Council is well underway. Although every unit has their own date by which charters are due, the process for Rechartering is the same for all units. Here’s what should be happening (D is the charter renewal due date and each event below should happen not later than the date specified – earlier is great!):
- D-90 Charters are delivered to the head of the chartered organization that sponsors your unit.
- D-60 Units conduct a membership inventory of all members, youth and adult, and utilize the next two weeks to verify currency of information, validate training of adult leaders (particularly youth protection training), contact inactive members and get them back involved, and recruit members.
- D-45 Units conduct a charter renewal meeting during which recharter data is either entered into the charter renewal system (there’s a great internet Rechartering guide available at https://www.scouting.org/commissioners/internet-rechartering/) or recorded for submission to the council registrar. This is also a great time to set Journey-to-Excellence goals for the year.
- D-15 Charters delivered to council office for final review with appropriate signatures, new member applications and youth protection training certificates for new adult members.
- D+60 Charter presentation to chartered organization, usually by your unit commissioner.

A thorough, accurate and timely Rechartering process is key to unit retention. Your unit commissioner is there to help you throughout this process. If you don’t have an assigned unit commissioner and need help, contact your appropriate district commissioner listed in the Courier for assistance.

Let’s work together to meet the Rechartering timelines this year and ensure Scouting in the Buckskin Council continues without interruption for all our units.

Yours in service,
J. Dan McCarthy
Council Commissioner

**Commissioner’s Fireside Chat**

The Tudor’s/Gino’s Card is available year round to help fund your scouting experience. You can purchase the cards for $5 each and sell them for $10 at your own pace or check them out and return the $5 cash for each card you sell along with the cards you did not sell.

Stop by the Service Center or one of the Scout Shops and check out some Gino’s/Tudor’s cards. The Card has $60 worth of coupons for everyone’s favorite items for only $10.

**Units earn $5 for every card they sell!**
A Message from the Scout Executive

Dear Scouters,

Parents are increasingly concerned about the messages children receive from television, music, the Internet, and video games, and the pervasive “anything goes” mentality that exists in our society. Unfortunately, no one is born with good character and strong values; those are learned from friends, peers, mentors, and religious leaders. While building character is primarily the role of parents, the Boy Scouts of America is concerned about the state of America’s youth and help them understand that good character is the foundation of a happy and successful life.

As Scout leaders, we have the duty to teach the importance of values and responsibility to today’s youth—not only right from wrong, but values such as fairness, courage, honor, and respect for others with different views.

Since 1910, words like “trustworthy, loyal, brave, clean, and reverent” from our Scout Law have come to epitomize what the BSA has stood for. Over the past 109 years, parents have come to know that Scouting helps instill character in America’s youth. The Boy Scouts of America has helped lay the foundation for the future for more than 130 million alumni and members. In fact, independent studies show that adults who participated in Scouting as youth are more likely to put the needs of others before themselves; make honest, not easy, decisions; and value education and the environment.

Today, the BSA’s responsibility is no different. We reach out to boys and girls from all economic, ethnic, and religious walks of life who share our values. America’s youth are too important to our nation’s future to ignore their character development. That is why we know an investment in America’s youth will pay dividends today and tomorrow. February is Scout Anniversary month. Let’s celebrate our past and look forward to our future!

We will have a pinewood derby track set up at the H. Bernard Wehrle Sr. Scout Leadership Service Center in February and March, so bring you cars on down during Scout Shop hour’s and race your car. Give me a shout. I have a pretty fast car. Can your Cub Scouts beat the Scout Executive? The challenge is on. Bring your best shot J!

Good Scouting to you and yours.

Jeffrey L. Purdy
Scout Executive

Thank You to our

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SPECIAL THANKS
Volunteers are the heart of Scouting and in the Buckskin Council we have a group who quietly serve you by making sure the newsletters and other key communications are prepared, labeled and mailed. It is important to let our leaders know who these folks are so you can thank them when you see them. The person who leads the charge is Bonnie Starling! January Courier helpers were Art Altman and Bill Evans. We always look forward to seeing these volunteers in the council office. The Newsletter is folded on the last Tuesday of each month, between August and May, starting around 8:30 am and ending around noon. If you would like to join this great group of people, call the Scout Service Center at 304-340-3663 and let us know. We would greatly appreciate your help!!!
**Buckskin Council's 2020 Summit Experience**
**June 14-20, 2020**

The Summit Experience High Adventure Program is a seven-day/six-night program running Sunday to Saturday. It consists of half-day introductory level experiences at each of the nine Summit high adventure venues.

In addition, each group will perform a half-day service project and have the chance to ride The Big Zip – our 3/4 mile zip line. In addition, each night (Monday-Friday), we will open the Scott Summit Center for activities, fun and socializing. The Scott Summit Center incorporates small versions of our adventure sports venues.

Buckskin Council will be sending crews to the Summit Experience in the summer of 2020. We are looking for registered Scouts, Venturers, and Scouters. Scouts must be 13 years of age by September 1, 2019. All participants must complete the BSA Swim Test and will be rechecked on arrival at the Summit.

**Tentative cost: $875**

Contact: Mike Cidor, Staff Advisor
304.340.3663 Michael.Cidor@scouting.org

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**All Packs, Troops & Crews are invited for an official BSA Fun Day!**
**February 7, 8, & 9, 2020**

Take the adventure challenge to earn your free patch:
Visit the following stations for the Wv State University Adventure Challenge:

- The Little General Catch n' Release Trout Pond offers a 'hands-on' opportunity to catch and release a fish. Turns are in five-minute rounds and offered the entire duration of the show. Fishing is free to all participants.
- Experience Disc Golf in our upper lobby and meet three-time world champion Johnny Sias
- Participate in the safe combat sport of Archery Tag. Gameplay is similar to that of dodgeball, but it is done with a recurve bow and patented foam-tip arrows.
- Hit your target at the Boy Scout Safety Shooting Range.
- Improve your golf game at the First Tee Putting Challenge.
- Take the WV Army National Guard Rock Wall Climbing Challenge.
- Enjoy the excitement of LEGO Derby Car Racing!

**Scouts and Leaders in uniform will receive FREE AD-MISSION**

**Guests: Admission - $7 per person**
**Children 12 and under free**

Celebrate Scout Sunday with the 2020 Scout Sunday emblem. Available now at your nearest Scout Shop.

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A sincere **Thank You** to our **Pacesetter Partners** for helping support Scouting in Buckskin Council.

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BUCKSKIN COUNCIL AND BSA NATIONAL OFFER MEMBERSHIP FEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Bucksink Council will be working in connection with the BSA National in offering a membership fee scholarship. This scholarship will be a maximum of 50%. Units and families need to request the funds through the Council not directly to BSA National.

An application for the Membership Fee Scholarship is being developed. Unit leaders will be made aware of where the application can be found once the format is approved.

Although we do not know what the final requirements for the membership fee scholarship will be, we would expect that the requirements will probably include the following:

1. Membership fee scholarships will be for youth members of Packs, Troops, Crews and Ships.
2. The total funds available for scholarships is limited. Therefore, the Council will seek to assist as many scouts as possible with the funds available.
3. Any single scholarship will not exceed 50% of the annual membership fee.
4. Unit leaders will need to approve any request for a fee scholarship.
5. Unit leaders should attempt to collect at least $36 from each youth member seeking a scholarship.
6. The Unit and the scout will need to have participated in Council fundraising activities. Council fundraising activities are intended to help scouts “pay their own way”.
7. Units making requests will need to detail what assistance the unit can provide to the requesting scout.

Watch for more details about the Membership Fee Scholarship and the application form for the scholarship.

Council Pinewood Derby Rules have been Revised

The council’s Pinewood Derby Rules were revised in December. In preparation for upcoming Pack, District, and Council Pinewood Derby races, please make sure your Cub Scout families know the current rules. You can find them on the Resources page of the council website at: https://www.buckskin.org/events/councilderby20/
The Council Derby is April 18th with time and location TBA.

H. Bernard Wehrle, Sr.
Scout Leadership Service Center
and Scout Shop Hours
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
**New Location**
1117 Garfield Ave
Parkersburg, WV 26101
Monday-Friday 8:30 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:

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The 2021 National Jamboree will be Wednesday, July 21, through Friday, July 30, 2021, at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve. Departure day is Friday, July 30.

The 2021 National Jamboree is being planned for up to 32,000 Scouts BSA, Venturers, Sea Scouts, Explorers, and unit leaders, including more than 6,000 Jamboree Service Team members. Each unit consists of 36 Scouts BSA, Venturers, Sea Scouts and Explorers and four unit leaders, a total of 40. Each unit will be made up of groups of 10 that will be grouped together prior to the jamboree to form complete units of 40.

The cost for the NSJ is $1,500. This cost includes the 2021 NSJ registration fee, the Council supplied NSJ patches, nameplates, duffle, day pack, and transportation to and from the Jamboree. Participants are required to make scheduled payments to the NSJ for their registration. These payments are to be made to the Council so the Council can make a single payment to NSJ for all the members of their contingent. To meet this schedule, the Council has established a payment schedule.

The initial payment is $175. Participants should then plan on paying at least $100 a month so the final payment can be made to NSJ by January 15, 2021.

Please review the qualifications prior to submitting your application. Copy and paste the URL below to your browser.

https://jamboree.scouting.org

All applicants (youth, adult leader, and Jamboree Service Team) must complete an online application. The online application can be accessed from the website listed above.

Applicants must have a my.Scouting account with their current BSA membership number linked to the account in order to access the online application.

Adult leaders interested in participating in the 2021 National Scout Jamboree are encouraged to register online and submit the Council’s Leadership Application for the Council’s Jamboree Committee to consider. The Committee hopes to make their leadership selections by the end of February.

The Council’s contingent is expected to consist of two boy troops and one girl troop. Each troop will consist of up to 36 youth and 4 adult leaders. As a result, the Committee is looking for both male and female adults to register for leadership positions.

Leadership positions available include a Scoutmaster, and 3 assistant positions. Scoutmasters and First Assistant Scoutmasters MUST be at least 21 years of age by the first day of the Jamboree. Second Assistant Scoutmasters MUST be at least 18 years of age by the first day of the Jamboree. Third Assistant Scoutmasters MUST be at least 18 years of age by the first day of the Jamboree but not yet 21 years of age by the last day of the Jamboree.

Please review all the qualifications prior to submitting your application. Copy and paste the URL below to your browser.

https://jamboree.scouting.org

The truth is that young people can achieve more than they believe is possible. Scouting uniquely prepares its members to redefine their boundaries, push past them and emerge from the experience with the confidence that no matter the challenge, they can meet it. Nothing is impossible for the prepared young person — no future is out of reach for a group of committed people who care.
Scouts can Earn Their Way to Camp!  
By Selling Whitley’s Peanuts

Help your Scouts earn their way to camp this summer by participating in the 2020 Spring Nut Sale. Once again, we are offering Scouts across our Council the opportunity to earn their way to summer camp.

This year we will be sending sales packets to units that make a commitment to help their scouts. Please fill out the Commitment form and return to the Wehrle Service Center by February 1, 2020 so we can assemble your packet and have them to you for your unit to begin selling on February 17, 2020

Key Dates for the sale are:

- February 17, 2020  Sale Begins
- March 22, 2020  Sale Ends
- March 26, 2020  Unit Nut and Patch Order Due to Council Service Center by Noon
- April 3 & 4, 2020  Distribution of Orders

If you have questions or need more information, please feel free to contact Michael Cidor at the Buckskin Council, H.B. Wehrle Scout Service Center at 304-340-3663.

Day Camp Patch Design Contest Winner Announced!
The winner of the Cub Scout Day Camp Patch Design Contest is Madeline S. from Pack 1993.
Congratulations, Madeline! You are the winner of a free registration to Cub Scout Day Camp this summer!
Watch for more information about Cub Scout Day Camp this summer!

Scouts BSA Summer Camp
Choose Your Adventure

The Buckskin Council is excited to offer resident summer camp opportunities in two locations. Summer camp is truly one of the highlights of the Scouting year. Please look at the programs offered below and start talking with your Troop about what camp best suits your unit.

Camp Kootaga Summer Camp

- Staff Week  (Jun 14-20)
- Week 1  (Jun 21-27)
- Week 2  (Jun 28 - Jul 4)
- Week 3  (Jul 5-11)
- Week 4  (Jul 12-18)
- Week 5  (Jul 19-25)

For more information and the Leader Guide, go to: www.buckskin.org/Events/Scout-Summer-Camp-2020

James C. Justice National Scout Camp
The Summit Bechtel Scout Reserve

Scout Camp participants spend a week in the James C. Justice National Scout Camp exploring the various activities and classes available in the Scott Summit Center. This program is targeted towards Venturers and Scouts looking for adventure sports, merit badges and other activities found at the Summit Bechtel Reserve.

- Week 1  (Jun 14-20, 2020)
- Week 2  (Jun 21-27, 2020)
- Week 3  (Jul 5-11, 2020)
- Week 4  (Jul 12-18, 2020)
- Week 5  (Jul 19-25, 2020)

Register for Summer Camp online at: www.buckskin.org

Camp Kootaga Staff Openings

Camp Kootaga is looking for a few good scouts...for staff. Submit a staff application (www.buckskin.org/events/Scout-Summer-Camp-2020) to serve on Camp Kootaga’s Staff this summer. Open interviews are scheduled for

- February 8th 9am to 4pm
- March 7th – 9am to 4pm
- April 11th St– 9am to 4pm
- May 2nd – 9am to 4pm
- June 6th – 9am to 4pm

Interviews will take place in Kootaga Lodge at Camp Kootaga.
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, February 2, 2020
Sunday, February 23, 2020

Bring Scouts and family members to Scout on Skis and receive:
• A full day (open to close) lift ticket
• A 90 minute group lesson customized to each participant’s skiing level.
• A full set of ski rental equipment including helmet
• Snow Sports Merit Badge option at 10am, 12 Noon or 2 pm.
• Meal Voucher
Add-ons and upgrades are available.

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

Price: $63 per person if paid for at the Council office by the Wednesday before each date.
(The fee is $68 at the door.)
Register Online at Buckskin.org or call 304-340-3663
This fee is for ALL Scouts, Scouters and Family members.
Save 60%!

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)
A WEEK OF FUN, CHALLENGE, AND ADVENTURE
JULY 12th–17th, 2020

What is NYLT?
It is a week-long course at Camp Chief Logan in Chapmanville, 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 a leader must be, what they must know, and what they must do; with a clear focus on how to accomplish this.

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.

Requirements
☐ For Scouts BSA, must be at least 13 years old and First Class. Venturers 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.
☐ Must have a current BSA Health and Medical Record.

The cost is $225 per youth, which includes: an NYLT field t-shirt, all meals and all course materials. A $75 deposit is required with the registration.

Please register no later than May 14th, 2020 at www.buckskin.org
Questions? Contact Matt Blackwood at matthew.blackwood@gmail.com

Schedule your Unit’s Family Friends of Scouting Presentations now!

Family Friends of Scouting is a vital part of sustaining Scouting in our area! Family FOS is an opportunity for Scouting to report on its successes and needs in our 40 counties, and for families to invest in the future of young people through the BSA. Talk to your District Family Friends of Scouting Chair or your District Executive about the date for your presentation in the first few months of 2020.
Marshall University Merit Badge College
Adult Leader training will be offered at Marshall’s Merit Badge College on Saturday, February 8th. Among the classes offered will be Scoutmaster Specific, Youth Protection Training, Merit Badge Counselor Orientation, First Aid & CPR ($40 fee). Find the complete course catalog and register at: www.buckskin.org.

UNIVERSITY of SCOUTING is on March 14th at WVSU campus in Institute, WV. This is an all-day event (8am – 3pm) where youth come to do Merit Badge work while adults take courses in many subject areas to include basic leader training and Youth Protection Training. Mark your calendar and watch Buckskin.org for registration information. This is your chance to network with other leaders and share ideas. The course catalog will be released soon.

Outdoor Leader Training
Outdoor Leader training is important for all units, whether you are a pack, troop, or crew.
BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) training for at least one leader is required to take a Cub Scout pack camping. BALOO is being offered twice this spring.
- March 27-28 at Camp Arrowhead
- May 8-9 at Camp Chief Logan.
IOLS (Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills) is a required training for scoutmasters and assistant scoutmasters. IOLS will also take place twice this spring.
- May 1-2 at Camp Arrowhead
- May 8-9 at Camp Chief Logan

“BLT to Go” Training
Training can be arranged to GO to your unit where you meet in your own community! Just schedule it with Carol or Sue (numbers listed below) and we will bring our materials to your unit. All we ask is that you do your level best to get firm commitments from every leader and/or parent or helper you possibly can to attend and make it worth our time and travel expense. Maybe make it a pizza night, (Carol will bring the Carrot Cake dessert either way). Call or email us with any questions, and to set up a date! EVERY YOUTH DESERVES A TRAINED LEADER and the job is easier when you understand the resources and planning is all done FOR you!

Central Region Program Symposium
The Central Region Program Symposium is March 21, 2020 at the Fred Maytag II Scout Center in Des Moines, Iowa. This year the focus will be on “Bringing Training, Advancement, Venturing and Sea Scouting Together”. Anyone is welcome to attend. The fee is $50 and includes meals, training materials, beverages, etc. To register, go to: www.scoutingevent.com/177-CentralRegionTraining

Wilderness First Aid Class
Wilderness First Aid is required for backcountry trips and excursions. “Backcountry” is defined as anywhere that medical care is one hour or more away.
A Wilderness First Aid Course will be taught March 20-21, 2020, at Camp Kootaga.
The fee is $75 and includes program materials, cracker barrel on Friday, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and snacks. It is suggested that you eat dinner before arriving. For those who wish to stay overnight, arrangements have been made for lodging in the Service Center. Bring your own cot and gear.
Certification is provided through Emergency Care and Safety Institute (ECSI).
For more information, contact Alvin Watts at 304-751-5686 or email him at awatts4013@yahoo.com.

TRAINING CALENDAR

February
8 Marshall University Merit Badge College

March
14 University of Scouting at WVSU in Institute WV
8am to 3pm …Register online
20-21 Wilderness First Aid, Camp Kootaga
21 Central Region Program-Training Symposium in Des Moines Iowa
27-28 BALOO training, Camp Arrowhead

April
3-5 Commissioner College in Cedar Lakes, Ripley WV

May
1-2 IOLS training, Camp Arrowhead
8-9 BALOO and IOLS, Camp Chief Logan

July
12-17 NYLT - National Youth Leadership Training at Camp Chief Logan

Watch for upcoming training classes at www.buckskin.org/training!

Schedule Training for Your Unit
Call: Carol McCarthy, Council Training Chair DesignsbyCarol@gmail.com 703-587-4453
Or Sue Williams, Council Training Vice Chair buzy2buzy@gmail.com 217-741-0900
Greetings Takhonek Lodge,

My name is Jack Monks, I am attending South Charleston High School, I’m an Eagle Scout, and I am honored to serve as your Lodge Chief for 2020. I want to thank my outgoing Lodge officers, as well as chairmen, advisers, and everyone who helped out at our events this year. They’ve put in a lot of work to give the Lodge a great 2019. Last year was an outstanding year, and I’m hoping that, along with my fellow Lodge officers, advisers, and chairman, I can provide you with an even better year. We have the potential to make this year one of the best years for Takhonek Lodge as we are attending NOAC as well as hosting Section C-4’s Conclave. We’re gearing up to have a wild and fun ride this year, so we hope to see you all at our events this year, as well as at NOAC. – Jack Monks 2020 Lodge Chief

**Time to Pay your Lodge Membership Dues**

It’s time to renew your Lodge Membership! To be a member of Takhonek Lodge and the Order of the Arrow, you must be a registered Scout or Scouter and pay lodge dues of $15 annually. It’s very important to keep up with your lodge dues both for yourself and the Lodge. Please contact the Charleston office and speak with Debbie to pay your dues. The number is 304-340-3663, don’t delay call today! Ask about the FOX pass.

**Fox Pass**

Have your heard about the best deal that Takhonek Lodge has to offer? Our Fox Pass is the best deal around. The Takhonek Lodge Fox Pass program is designed to help save you time and money. If you’re a lodge flap collector, then this is the deal for you! All Fox pass members will receive the event lodge flap even if you’re not able to attend the event. For $70.00 the fox pass covers and includes the following: 2020 Lodge Dues, 2 Fox Pass Patches, Spring Ordeal (cost to attend the event), Summer Ordeal (cost to attend the event), Summit Fellowship (cost to attend), Fall Ordeal (cost for the event), Winter Banquet (cost for event). This is over $90.00 worth of attendance, dues and patches for $70.00. Another added perk is when you register for an event you just choose fox pass holder and there is no charge. All events covered under the Fox Pass are paid for up front. It’s a great deal, get yours today.

**Conclave**

Brothers, Conclave is soon upon us and if you have not heard Takhonek is hosting conclave this year and it will be held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. Being the host lodge for Conclave this year we need all the help that you can give! There is a list of committees below which we would love for everyone to sign up! Conclave is May 29-31.

Conclave Committees and Description:

1. Program
2. Recruitment
3. Kitchen Crew
4. Facilities
5. Parking
6. Check In
7. Midway
8. ICE and AIA
9. Strike Team
10. Health and Safety
11. Needs List

As Order of the Arrow members we are called to cheerful service and your Lodge and Section needs your service and help to make Conclave a successful event. You may register to help with Conclave at the following link, www.takhonok.org/conclavehelp. You will be prompted to fill out a Conclave interest form and choose your area of interest, descriptions are on the registration site after the first page.

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**Meet Your 2020 Lodge Chief**

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VC Program Charles Boston cboston@takhonek.org
Secretary Brandon Lockhard blockhard@takhonek.org
Immediate past Chief Dylan Bass dbess@takhonek.org

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Adena vacant
Adjutanto vacant
Hytone Andrew Davis adavis@takhonek.org
Kootaga vacant
Seneca Brodie Simpson bsimpson@takhonek.org
Shawnee vacant

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**2020 Youth Chairmen**

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Elangomat vacant
Finance vacant
Food Services vacant
Memorabilia vacant
Recruitment/Retention vacant
Registration vacant
Service vacant
Vigil Selection vacant

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All registration links and more information on each event can be found by visiting www.takhonek.org/registration.

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**2020 Lodge Calendar**

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* denotes Ordeal opportunity
* denotes Vigil opportunity
* denotes Brotherhood opportunity
Council website. The dinner is $10.00 per person. Committee. Reservations for the dinner can be made via the Council website for registration details.

Thursday, February 13 at 6:30pm at the American Legion Post 16, 1421 Sixth Avenue, Huntington. Eagle Scouts from the Adena District Dinner. The dinner will be held again at Catlettsburg Elementary, 3501 Court St, Catlettsburg, KY. Check-in begins at 8:00am and racing begins at 9:00am. Each Cub rank will have their own track on which to race. Stay for the Race of Champions where the first place finisher in each rank will race to see who is the fastest. Check for details on the Council website.

Your Pack can conduct its own race either before or after the District event. Don’t have a track? There are a couple tracks which you can borrow from the Huntington Scout Shop. Make your reservation by contacting Melanie @ 304-523-3408.

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Chief Cornstalk Event Calendar

February
1  Popcorn Party
6  Charter Renewal Workshop
7-9  WV Outdoor Sports Show
17  President’s Day - Service Center & Shops closed
20  District Annual meeting

March
7  District Merit Badge College
19  District Committee meeting
21  District Pinewood Derby

April
10  Good Friday - Service Center & Shops Closed
16  District Committee meeting
24-26  Spring Camporee

Buckskin Council’s 2020 Summit Experience June 14-20, 2020 High Adventure Opportunity

The Buckskin Council has an opportunity for a limited number of Scouts wanting to attend the Summit 2020 High Adventure program. We may have scholarships for Scouts wanting to have a High Adventure Experience, but we need to have Scouts committed to this adventure to determine the amount. Scouts must be 13 years of age by September 1, 2019. Contact Michael Cidor at michael.cidor@scouting.org

Popcorn Party
The Cornstalk District $600 Club Popcorn Party is scheduled for February 1st at the South Charleston Community Center - 601 Jefferson Rd, South Charleston, WV 25309. Scouts who sold over $600 in the Fall Popcorn sale are invited to attend. You can swim from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. We will be serving pizza at 4:00 p.m. Bring your swimsuit and a towel. Parents and family members attending with their Scout will need to pay to swim if they want to swim as well.

District Annual Meeting
The Chief Cornstalk District Annual Meeting is February 20th at 7 pm at the H.B. Wehrle Sr. Scout Service Center board room. This is our regular District Meeting night but also the meeting for the voting members of the District to approve the slate of members for the upcoming year. Charter Organization Representatives and Members at Large of the District are the voting members.

Friends of Scouting & Camp Promotions
Packs, Troops and Crews are beginning our Annual Friends of Scouting presentations and are looking for opportunities to make the presentations at the Unit level. We would also like to talk to your unit about camping programs in the Buckskin Council. These presentations are about 10 minutes and we are looking for times where we can have the greatest opportunity to speak to all the parents. Pack Blue & Gold Banquets or Pinewood Derbies, Troop and Crew Courts of Honor are typically the best times. If you have a date and time, please let Billy know so we can schedule a presenter for your event at bill.bryant@scouting.org.

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Kootaga District

Serving Wood, Jackson, Wirt, Roane, Ritchie, Calhoun counties in WV, and the communities of Belpre, Little Hocking, and Coolsville in Ohio
michael.cidor@scouting.org

Kootaga District Committee

District Chair James Bennon 304-485-1547
District Commissioner Christopher Burk 304-615-5648
District Director Michael Cidor 814-860-1562
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Vice-Chair Properties vacant
Vice-Chair Finance Kevin Trippett 304 422-0806
Vice-Chair Membership Sarah Paxton 304 917-9072
Vice-Chair Programs Todd Handley 740 538-7299

Kootaga District Mission Statement. The purpose of the Kootaga District is to work through Chartered Organizations and community groups to organize and support successful Scouting units, to provide a Plan and Path of support that allows volunteers to effectively manage and grow their unit, and to provide opportunities for units and their members to experience Scouting through combined District Programs and Adventures. -- James Bennon, Chairman, Kootaga District

Roundtables

As support to the unit leaders, the District’s Roundtable Commissioners will hold monthly roundtables. Roundtables will be held in

- Wood County on the First Tuesday of the month at St Andrew’s UMC
- Jackson/Roane County area on the Second Thursday of the month at St John’s Episcopal Church
- Spencer area on the Second Thursday of the month at St John’s UMC

Roundtables begin at 7:00 pm. All units should have a representative attend the roundtable.

District Committee

The next District Committee meeting will be held in the lodge at Camp Kootaga on February 11th. The meeting starts at 6:30 pm.

The Kootaga District Pinewood Derby racing event will be held again this year at the Grand Central Mall in Vienna, WV, on March 7th. The direct link to the Buckskin Council’s Pinewood Derby rules is located at: http://www.buckskin.org/files/d/usr/2/Pinewood%20Derby%20Rules%20-%20Buckskin%20Council.pdf. Scout and open class races will be held. Watch the Buckskin website and be sure to like and follow the Kootaga District Facebook Page for more details.

Kootaga Event Calendar

February
1. Buckskin Council Recognition Dinner
4. District Roundtable - Wood Community
9. Scout Sunday (traditional)
11. District Committee meeting
13. District Roundtable - Roane Community
13. District Roundtable - Jackson Community
14-16. Kootaga Klondike
17. Presidents Day - Service Center & Shops Closed
23. Scouts on Skis at Winterplace

March
7. District Pinewood Derby @ Grand Central Mall
10. District Committee meeting

April
10. Good Friday - Service Center & Shops Closed

Kootaga Klondike Derby

Scouting developed the Klondike Derby as an activity for Scouts. Each team form a separate expedition, and follows a course outlined on a map given to the team. The map guides the team over the course to simulate this authentic Alaskan adventure. Each team driver (patrol leader) is given instructions. Teams meet at the starting point, are checked for readiness, equipment, etc., and when told are away on the trail. Practical problems involving basic Scouting skills will be encountered along the trail. At the end of the expedition, the team checks in with the judge who tallies the score sheet. Awards are presented accordingly. Sound good? You’re doggone right. Every Scout will want to be in the Derby. Mark your calendars for February 14-16, 2020

This is for all Boy Scouts & Crews. Second Year Webelos may attend this event if invited by their Troop. Please Register on the Kootaga District page at http://www.buckskin.org/kootaga

Gold Rush Chairman- TODD HANDLEY
todd.handley@zoetis.com 740 538-7299

Mayor of Dawson City - JOHN BAKER

Scout Ski Day at Winterplace

Winterplace Ski Resort - The Most Accessible and Affordable Ski Resort in the Southeast! Just 5 minutes off I-77, Exit 28 between Beckley and Bluefield, West Virginia. Winterplace Ski Resort boasts 27 Trails, 9 Lifts, 2 Terrain Parks and WV’s Largest Snowtubing Park. Can’t Ski or Snowboard? No Problem! Winterplace Ski Resort has the Largest Teaching area in the Southeast and was voted the #1 Resort to Learn to Ski/Snowboard at by Blue Ridge Outdoors Magazine. Winterplace ski instructors are certified through the Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA).

Two weekends remain this year. Go to the Buckskin webpage to register for your fun in the snow.

- February 2, 2020
- February 23, 2020

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### Mt Dominion Event Calendar

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14-15 | Scouts BSA Winter Cold Rush- Camp Roland  
20 | Roundtable Meeting- 6:30-Stinson United Methodist Church  
20 | District Committee, 7:15-Stinson United Methodist Church, Princeton  
23 | Ski Outing |
| March | District Pinewood Derby, Princeton Church of God  
19 | Roundtable Meeting- 6:30- Stinson United Methodist Church  
19 | District Committee, 7:15-Stinson United Methodist Church, Princeton  
20 | District Committee, 7:15-Stinson United Methodist Church, Princeton  
24-26 | Scouts BSA Spring Camporee, Camp Roland |
| April | 10 | Roundtable Meeting- 6:30- Stinson United Methodist Church  
16 | District Committee, 7:15-Stinson United Methodist Church, Princeton  
24-26 | Scouts BSA Spring Camporee, Camp Roland |

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### Winter Cold Rush

All Scouts BSA, Venture Scouts & Webelo Scouts are invited to join us for the annual Camp Roland Winter Cold Rush! Experience true winter camping while testing your survival skills in a cold winter setting! More details and registration information will be posted soon on the Mt Dominion page of the council website.

### District Pinewood Derby

The Mt Dominion District Pinewood Derby is scheduled for March 14th and will be held in Princeton, location TBA. The Champions Race is open to the overall 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners from each pack. We will also have an outlaw race that is open to ANYONE! Start times and online registration will be posted soon on the council website. *Please Note* that the council Pinewood Derby rules were revised in December 2019, these rules will replace the old ones immediately. They can be found here: [buckskin_council_pinewood_derby_rules_pdf.pdf](http://storage.buckskin.org/event/docs/895/buckskin_council_pinewood_derby_rules_pdf.pdf)

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### Roundtable

Held the 3rd Thursday each month at Stinson United Methodist Church in Princeton. Roundtable begins at 6:30pm and is open to all registered leaders. This is a great opportunity to stay up to date with the latest trainings, programs and events in our area. Roundtable does not meet every month; please check the calendar to see which months they will be meeting. District committee starts at 7:15pm and is also open to all registered leaders. The District Committee is responsible for the overall operations of all aspects of the Mt Dominion District. If you are interested in joining the district committee, contact District Chair Phillip Ball at pkball94@hotmail.com.
Seneca District

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

Seneca District Committee

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<td>Jeff Proctor</td>
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Unit Commissioners Wanted
The Buckskin Council has unit commissioner vacancies in all our districts. If you know someone you believe would be a good candidate for a unit commissioner position, please contact your David Leckie at david.leckie@scouting.org.

Shooting Sports Day For Cub Scouts
There will be a Cub Scout Shooting Sports Day on Saturday, February 29th in Sophia, WV. Please mark your calendars and look for registration and details on the Buckskin Council Seneca District Web Page.

Pinewood Derby
All First, Second, and Third place derby race winners as well as the best of show winner from each Pack are invited to the Seneca District Pinewood Derby Race! The race will be held at the J.W. and Hazel Ruby West Virginia Welcome Center in Mount Hope, WV on Saturday March 21st. Registration starts at 1:00, and the race will start promptly at 1:30. Cost for the event is $5 per racer. You can find the New Pinewood Derby Rules on the website at www.buckskin.org

Scouting For Food
There is still time to participate in Scouting for food to help your local food pantry! This annual service project benefits the local food banks in your community. Marked bags will be available at either scout shop. Please be sure to report the quantity of food items your unit collects and donates to your local food bank.

Seneca Event Calendar

February
1    Council Recognition Dinner
17   President’s Day - Service Center & Shops closed
20   District Committee meeting
29   Cub Shooting Sports Day, Sophia, WV

March
14   University of Scouting
19   District Committee meeting
21   District Pinewood Derby

April
10   Good Friday - Service Center & Shops Closed
16   District Committee meeting

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Shawnee District Committee

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Barry Lindley
Boy Scout Roundtable
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Cub Scout Roundtable
Colleen Sergent 304-552-0297
Product Sales/Family FOS
Amy Carte 304-964-4208
Membership Chair
Tracy Hudson 304-382-9679

District Meeting
February 6 2020 at Teays Valley Presbyterian Church
6:30pm. 5339 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, WV 25560

Roundtable
February 20, 2020 at Teays Valley Presbyterian Church
6:30pm. 5339 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, WV 25560
Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Popcorn Party
The popcorn party for scouts who sold over $600 will be
February 1st at the South Charleston Rec Center starting at
1:00 pm. The Rec Center is located at 601 Jefferson Rd,
South Charleston, WV 25309. Any units with scouts who
sold $600 or more please contact me with your list at
zachary.bartlett@scouting.org

District Pinewood Derby Race
The District Pinewood Derby race is Saturday, March 21st at
Cross Lanes United Methodist Church, 5320 Frontier Drive
in Cross Lanes.
The Championship Race is open to the Top 3 Finishers of
each pack. Weigh-in begins at 10:00 am and the race starts at
11:00 am. The Open Race is open to all Cub Scouts and sib-
lings (11 yrs & under). Weigh-in begins at 10:00 am and the
Open Race starts after the Championship Race is run.
The entry fee is $5 for each racer and includes a patch. Spec-
tators are asked to bring folding chairs.
Register online at www.buckskin.org/shawnee.
Questions? Call Mendi Craddock at 304-444-8669.

District Recognition Dinner
Please join us to celebrate and honor our Class of 2019 Eagle
Scouts, District Award of Merit honorees and all the out-
standing Volunteers that has given their time for the scouting
program.
The menu is Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans,
Corn, Poultry Gravy, Rolls, Dessert and Drinks.
Please pre-register and pay by February 23, 2020 online
or to the Bucksinisn Council Office so we can have an accu-
rate count for the dinner. Online registration is at
www.buckskin.org.
When: February 29, 2020.  Registration will begin at
5:30pm and dinner will start at 6:17pm.
Where: Cross Lanes United Methodist Church located at
5320 Frontier Drive in Cross Lanes, West Virginia.
Cost: $12.00 per person. Late fee after registration deadline
is $15.00.
Registration Deadline: February 23, 2020

Shawnee District Event Calendar

February
1  Council Recognition Dinner
1  Popcorn Party
6  District Committee meeting, Teays Valley
Presbyterian Church 6:30 pm
17  Presidents’ Day - Service Center & Shops closed
20  Roundtable, Teays Valley Presbyterian Church,
6:30 pm
29  District Recognition Dinner, 6:17 p.m.
Cross Lanes UMC

March
5  District Committee meeting
21  District Pinewood Derby

April
10  Good Friday - Service Center & Shops Closed
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**BALOO**  
Spring brings the return of warmer days when Packs can get back outdoors. This also means that leaders may need to complete Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation for Cub Leaders. This special training session will be held March 27 & 28, at Camp Arrowhead. Check the Council website for details and registration information.

**CAMP ENGINEER IMPROVEMENT DAY**  
As warmer weather approaches it’s time to get Camp Arrowhead ready for the spring and summer camping season. Our first District camping event will be the Webelos-ree the first weekend in April. We need the Camp Engineers (and everyone who wishes to help) to be a part of getting Camp ready. Cleaning, repairs and prepping the Camp will be the order of the day. Plan on being a part of Improvement Day on Saturday, March 28, beginning at 8:30am.

**WEBELOS-REE**  
The annual Webelos-ree will be held at Camp Arrowhead, April 3 & 4. All Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts are invited to attend. Campers will be working on the Outdoor Adventure requirement. The program gets underway Friday evening with a Leave No Trace presentation. Saturday morning, scouts will participate in the Fishing Derby. Afternoon activities include campsite cooking, BB shooting, archery, knots and more. Special event after dinner that you do not want to miss. Register using the Council website.

**FISHING DERBY**  
The annual Adena Fishing Derby will be Saturday, April 4 at Camp Arrowhead. Registration begins at 8:00am, and fishing begins at 8:30am. Trophies will be awarded for the Most Fish Caught and the Biggest Fish Caught. Several rod and reel sets will be presented as door prizes for the participants. Check out the flyer on the District page of the Council website.

**COMMISSIONER COLLEGE**  
Cedar Lakes Conference Center, Ripley, WV will again be the site for the 2020 Commissioner College on Saturday, April 4. Simon Kenton Council is hosting this year’s event. Registration for the college is $15 per person. Lodging and meals are available from the conference center and require separate registration. Use the link below for registration details https://scoutingevent.com/615-32215.

**SPRING CAMPOREE**  
April 24-26 are the dates for the Spring Camporee. Plans are still in development as new personnel are coming on the District Committee. Watch for details.

**Scout Sunday 2020**  
“Reverent” is a year-round part of a Scout’s life. Scout Sunday is held every February. The annual celebration gives Scouts a highly visible way to show their appreciation for their faith. Scouts wear their uniforms to worship services. They may help with the service by conducting a flag ceremony, collecting the offering plate or reading scripture. Depending on your faith organization, Scout Sunday 2020 could be held Feb. 2, Feb. 9, Feb. 16 or Feb. 23.

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**National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)**  
NYLT is a week-long course at Camp Chief Logan in Chapmanville, WV, that gives Scouts and Venturers the methods, skills and experience to become better leaders in their unit. For Scouts BSA, you must be at least 13 years old and First Class. Venturers must be 14 and have completed the 8th grade. The cost is $225. A deposit of $75 is due with each submitted application.

**Charter Renewal Workshops**  
Chief Cornstalk District will hold a series of Charter workshops for the units in the District to come in and ask questions and receive help working on the Charter renewal process. We will have laptops available or you can bring your own if you want and we can help you through the online charter renewal process on February 6th from 4:30 to 6 PM.

**District Pinewood Derby**  
Cub Scouts start your engines… for the Chief Cornstalk District Pinewood Derby Saturday, March 21, 2020 at Morris Memorial United Methodist Church in Kanawha City. Registration starts at 8:30 am with races beginning at 10 am. All Cub Scouts are welcome to race, and we will have two race divisions. The Scout Division for all Cub Scouts in the District using the rules for the Council Derby found on the Buckskin Council Website. Open Division for Adults, siblings, and anyone using a modified car. Open division will still use the size requirements; however, wheels can be modified but must use standard BSA wheels to start, weight up to 10 oz will be allowed. Cost is $3 per car entry. Please register on the Buckskin.org website under the Chief Cornstalk District.

**Spring Camporee**  
We are putting together the final details for our Spring Camporee April 24 – 26, 2020. We are planning to make base camp in Madison, WV and have Saturday be a canoeing and kayaking on the Coal river. Look for the final price and details in the next Courier.

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**Commissioner**  
Please remember that ALL adult leaders must complete Youth Protection Training every two years. This training is available on-line and is available for those who want to do group sessions or have other difficulties using the online version. As we continue to grow, we need help in leadership and volunteers as a district. Adults interested in working with or on The District Committee or as commissioners please contact Jim Bennon (jamesbennon@jamesbennon.com) or Christopher Burk (cbgb@suddenlink.net)

**District Recognition Dinner**  
Our district recognition will be held in April. Plans are being worked on and will be announced soon. Please join us on as we salute the Scouting volunteers of Kootaga District, Buckskin Council. You won’t want to miss this annual event as we recognize Scouters at the unit and district levels with the District Award of Merit, and many other awards.
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
Unit Commitment Form  
2020 Spring Nut Sale

**Yes,** my unit would like to participate in the 2020 Spring Nut Sale

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**Phone:** home: | work:  |
| cell: |

**Email:**

*We must have an email address*

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

**Number of adults in unit:**

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

You may mail the form to: Buckskin Council, BSA  
Attn: Spring Nut Sale  
2829 Kanawha Blvd, E  
Charleston, WV 25311

or fax it to: 304-925-0533

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![Whitley's Peanut Factory Logo](image-url)
SHAWNEE DISTRICT
PINewood DERBY

SATURDAY MARCH 21
Cross Lanes United Methodist Church
5320 Frontier Drive   Cross Lanes, WV

Please Pre-Register online at www.Buckskin.org

CHAMPIONSHIP RACE

- Open to top 3 Finishers of Pack
- Weigh-in at 10:00am, Race at 11:00am
- Entry fee $5.00, includes patch
- Top 3 Finishers of the Championship Race advance to the Buckskin Council Derby Race on April 18, 2020
- Awards following immediately

OPEN RACE

- Open to all Cub Scouts & Siblings (age 11 and under)
- Weigh-In at 10:00am, Race follows after Championship
- Entry fee $5.00, includes patch
- Awards following immediately

Spectators are asked to bring folding chairs
For questions, please call Mendi Craddock 304-444-8669

All cars must follow the Buckskin Council Pinewood Derby Rules, recently revised December 2019.
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.

The next course will be March 27 & 28 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 $18.00 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 provided 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 – Wednesday, March 25, 2020

**BALOO Registration Form – March 27 & 28, 2019**

Name _____________________________________________________ Phone ______________________

Mailing Address __________________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip __________________________________________________________________________

Email Address __________________________________________________________________________

Pack # ______________________  Position _________________________  District ___________________

Detail any food allergies, please ___________________________________________________________

Complete the registration form and return the form with your $18 registration fee 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
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 $20.00 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 1-2, 2020 at Camp Arrowhead. Check-in begins Friday at 6:00 pm. All participants are expected to arrive by 7:00 pm. 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, April 29, 2020

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**IOLS Registration Form — May 1-2, 2020**

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
WILDERNESS FIRST-AID

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

When: March 20-21, 2020

Time: Starting at 6pm on Friday the 20th
Planning on finishing around 9pm Saturday

Where: Camp Kootaga

Who: Adult Leaders, Venture Scouts and Scouts BSA ages 14 yrs and up

Cost: $75.00
Cost includes lodging, cracker barrel on Friday evening, breakfast, lunch, dinner on Saturday, and snacks.

Deadline for Registration: Thursday March 12th by 5pm

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.

The fee is $75 and includes program materials, cracker barrel on Friday, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday.

It is suggested that you eat dinner before arriving on Friday. For those who wish to stay overnight, arrangements have been made for lodging. Bring your own cot and personal gear.

- 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:
Sue Williams at: toobuzysue@yahoo.com
Alvin Watts at: awatts4013@yahoo.com

Register online at www.buckskin.org/training or return this form to Buckskin Council, 2829 Kanawha BLVD. E, Charleston, WV 25311
What is NYLT?

It is a week-long course at Camp Chief Logan in Chapmanville, 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 $225 per youth, which includes: an NYLT field t-shirt, all meals and all course materials. A $75 deposit is required.

Please register no later than May 14th, 2020.

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.

Requirements

- For Scouts BSA, must be at least 13 years old and First Class. Venturers 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.
- Must have a current BSA Health and Medical Record.

Name: _____________________________ Phone: _____________________________
Email: ____________________________ Birthdate: ___________ Gender: _____________
Address: __________________________ City: _____________ State: ______ Zip: _______
Scout Rank: _________________________ Unit: _____________ T-Shirt size (adult sizes): _______

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

Questions?? Email the Course Director, Matt Blackwood at matthew.blackwood@gmail.com.

Registration is limited to the first 48 participants signed up.
Not sure which activity best suits you? Try them all with the Summit Experience program. It is the only program that lets you try all The Summit’s high adventure activities—BMX, skateboarding, mountain biking, zip lines, canopy tours, challenge courses, climbing, shooting sports and more—in one setting.

The Summit Experience High Adventure Program is a seven-day/six-night program running Sunday to Saturday. It consists of half-day introductory level experiences at each of the nine Summit high adventure venues.

In addition, each group will perform a half-day service project and have the chance to ride The Big Zip—our 3/4 mile zip line. In addition, each night (Monday-Friday), we will open the Scott Summit Center for activities, fun and socializing. The Scott Summit Center incorporates small versions of our adventure sports venues.

Buckskin Council will be sending crews to the Summit Experience in the summer of 2020. We are looking for registered Scouts, Venturers, and Scouters. Scouts must be 13 years of age by September 1, 2020. All participants must complete the BSA Swim Test and will be rechecked on arrival at the Summit.

Dates: June 14-20, 2020
Tentative cost: $875

Contact:

Michael Cidor
Contingent Coordinator
304-340-3663
Michael.cidor@scouting.org
**Buckskin Council**  
**2020 Summit Experience**  
**June 14-20, 2020**

Name (print) __________________________________________

First    Middle    Last

Address ________________________________________________

Street ________________________________________________

City     State     Zip

Scout’s Phone H/C ________________ Date of Birth ________________ Age (on 9/1/2020) _____

Scout’s / Parent’s email address 

Youth must be 13 by September 1, 2020 no exceptions. Youth members must be under 18 at time of attendance if a Scout (or under 21 if an Explorer or a Venturer). Adult participation is limited and youth are given preference over adults after minimum adult leadership requirements are met.

**SCOUTING EXPERIENCE:**

Number of Years _____  Troop, Post, Crew number______  Boy Scout Rank _____  District ______________

High Adventure Experience ____________________________________________________________

If applying as a group, list other persons you would like to be in your crew.

1. Me
2. ____________________________
3. ____________________________
4. ____________________________

RETURN THIS APPLICATION AND A $200 DEPOSIT TO THE SCOUT OFFICE

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I do hereby make application for participation in the Buckskin Council’s 2020 Summit Experience. I pledge to do my best to faithfully attend meetings and activities and to prepare myself for participation in the Contingent. I further agree that I will present myself for travel in the full uniform for my type of unit. If applying as an adult and accepted, I agree to participate on the Contingent Advisory Committee.

APPLICANT’S Signature __________________________________________ Date ______________________

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PARENT/GUARDIAN APPROVAL:

*My son / daughter has permission to participate in the 2020 Summit Experience. I also agree to assist our son / daughter in preparing for the trek and encourage full participation in preparatory meetings and activities. Female participation on a Crew requires participation of a female Crew Advisor. I also agree to the best of my ability to keep my Contingent account balance current.*

Parent / Guardian Signature __________________________________________ Date ________________

Parent / Guardian phone numbers H/C ___________________________ email __________________________

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SCOUTMASTER / ADVISOR APPROVAL:

*The above named Scout/Explorer/Venturer is a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America, and meets the age and rank requirements. I understand the physical, mental, and emotional challenges of Summit Experience and approve him / her for participation.*

Leader Signature __________________________________________ Date ________________

Leader Name (print) __________________________________________

Leader Phone Numbers H/C ___________________________ W __________________________ email __________________________
BACKGROUND CHECK
DISCLOSURE

A consumer report is a background check in which information (which may include, but is not limited to, criminal background, driving background, character, general reputation, personal characteristics, and mode of living) about you is gathered and communicated by a consumer reporting agency ("CRA") to Boy Scouts of America and/or its subsidiaries, affiliates, other related entities, successors, and/or assigns (the "Company").

Company may obtain a consumer report on you to be used for employment purposes (in your case, this means for the purpose of evaluating you as a new or existing volunteer).
CALIFORNIA
STATE LAW DISCLOSURES
(Non-Credit)

Under California law, an “investigative consumer report” is a consumer report in which information on a consumer’s character, general reputation, personal characteristics, or mode of living is obtained through any means. Boy Scouts of America and/or its subsidiaries, affiliates, other related entities, successors, and/or assigns (the “Company”) may obtain an investigative consumer report (which may include information described above) from an investigative consumer reporting agency (“ICRA”) on you in connection with your status as a volunteer (i.e., for employment purposes under California law). The nature and scope of this investigation includes your character, general reputation, personal characteristics, or mode of living information, including criminal history, presence on exclusion lists (e.g., OIG/GSA and OFAC), driving record, references, education history, work history, and licensure/certifications.

The ICRA preparing the investigative consumer report and conducting the investigation will be First Advantage, P.O. Box 105292, Atlanta, GA 30348, 800-845-6004. Information regarding First Advantage’s privacy practices can be found at https://fadv.com/privacy-policy/.

Under California Civil Code section 1786.22, you are entitled to a visual inspection of files maintained on you by an ICRA, as follows:

(1) In person, if you appear in person and furnish proper identification, during normal business hours and on reasonable notice. A copy of your file shall also be available to you for a fee not to exceed the actual costs of duplication services provided;

(2) By certified mail, if you make a written request, with proper identification, for copies to be sent to a specified addressee. An ICRA complying with requests for certified mailings under California Civil Code section 1786.22 shall not be liable for disclosures to third parties caused by mishandling of mail after such mailings leave the ICRA;

(3) A summary of all information contained in your files and required to be provided by California Civil Code section 1786.10 shall be provided to you by telephone, if you have made a written request, with proper identification for telephone disclosure, and the toll charges, if any, for the telephone call are prepaid by you or charged directly to you.

“Proper Identification,” as used above, means information generally deemed sufficient to identify you, which includes documents such as a valid driver’s license, social security account number, military identification card, and credit cards. Only if you cannot identify yourself with such information may the ICRA require additional information concerning your employment and personal or family history in order to verify your identity.

The ICRA will provide trained personnel to explain any information furnished to you pursuant to California Civil Code section 1786.10 and will provide a written explanation of any coded information contained in files maintained on you. This written explanation will be provided whenever a file is provided to you for visual inspection under California Civil Code section 1786.22.

You may be accompanied by one other person of your choosing, who must furnish reasonable identification. An ICRA may require you to furnish a written statement granting permission to the ICRA to discuss your file in such person’s presence.
ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES & BACKGROUND CHECK AUTHORIZATION

Additional Disclosures

The state disclosures below are included because state law requires them to be provided in writing. Some of the below rights, notices, or information also may apply to individuals from, applying to, or volunteering in states not listed below. There may be additional requirements, options, or provisions applicable to you and you may have additional rights under applicable law that are not required to be disclosed to you in writing.

Minnesota: You have the right to request a complete and accurate disclosure of the nature and scope of any consumer report from First Advantage, P.O. Box 105292, Atlanta, GA 30348, 800-845-6004.

New York: Boy Scouts of America and/or its subsidiaries, affiliates, other related entities, successors, and/or assigns (the “Company”) may request or utilize subsequent consumer reports (other than investigative consumer reports) on you throughout your volunteer relationship with Company. Upon request, you will be informed whether or not a consumer report was requested, and if such report was requested, informed of the name and address of the CRA that furnished the report. Your written request should be made to Company at Boy Scouts of America, Membership Standards Team S201, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, P.O. Box 152079, Irving Texas 75015-2079. You may also contact the Company by email at MembershipStandards@scouting.org.

Authorization

(Please print)

Name: First __________________ Middle __________ Last __________________ Suffix __________________

List any other names used (nickname, maiden/married last names): _____________________________

Date of Birth: ___________________ Unit Type and Number: _____________________________

To the extent permitted by applicable law, I hereby consent to and authorize the Boy Scouts of America and/or its subsidiaries, affiliates, other related entities, successors, and/or assigns (the “Company”) to procure consumer report(s), which may include criminal background check(s) and/or investigative consumer report(s), on my background from a consumer reporting agency (“CRA”) or from an investigative consumer reporting agency (“ICRA”), as described in the Background Check Disclosure (which I have received separately from the Company), as well as these Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization. I have reviewed and understand the information, statements, and notices in the Background Check Disclosure, as well as these Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization. My authorization remains valid throughout my volunteer relationship with the Company, such that, to the extent permitted by applicable law, I agree Company can procure additional consumer report(s), which may include criminal background check(s), during my volunteer relationship without providing additional disclosures or obtaining additional authorizations. Except as otherwise prohibited by applicable law, I consent to and authorize the Company to share this information with Company’s current or prospective clients, customers, others with a need to know, and/or their agents for business reasons (e.g., to place me in certain positions, work sites, etc.). I understand that, if I am selected for a volunteer position, a consumer report will have been conducted on me.

☐ For Minnesota, or Oklahoma individuals: If you would like to receive from the CRA, the ICRA, or the Company (as applicable) a copy of the report that Company may procure, please check this box.

Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________
Buckskin Council is expecting to send three troops to the 2021 NSJ. Two of these troops will be for male youth and one will be for female youth. No crew will be sponsored for this Jamboree. Each troop will need four (4) adult leaders, one (1) of which should be in the 18-21 year old age range. All adult leaders are expected to register on-line for the 2021 NSJ, pay their initial deposit, and complete this application by **February 29, 2020**. The Council’s 2021 NSJ Committee will be making contingent leadership decision shortly thereafter. This application may be mailed to the Charleston Service Center or emailed to Carl.Sullivan@scouting.org. Please don’t delay! Acceptance into the Council 2021 NSJ contingent is subject to the participant maintaining the registration payment schedule. Failure to make registration payments in a timely manner may result in forfeiture of your place in the Council’s contingent.

**Adult Leadership Experience**

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**Previous Jamboree Experience**

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

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Complete this form and forward it to the Buckskin Council Service Center, 2829 Kanawha Blvd East, Charleston, WV 25311, or email to Carl.Sullivan@scouting.org by February 29, 2020.
CENTRAL REGION PROGRAM SYMPOSIUM

When: Saturday, March 21, 2020
Where: Fred Maytag II Scout Center
       Mid-Iowa Council
       6123 Scout Trail
       Des Moines, Iowa 50321
Fee: $50 (All inclusive: meals, book, beverages, etc.)
Time: Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.
      Program begins at 8:00 a.m.
Register: https://www.scoutingevent.com/177-CentralRegionTraining
          If you have questions, please contact John Gunyon at (262) 745-2230

AGENDA
- Welcome: Kris Zahrobsky, Central Region VP Program
- What’s New At Scouting U: Joel Eacker, Scouting U Vice-Chairman/Learning Diversity
- Dinaz Kachhi-Jiwani, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy Specialist, Office of Diversity, Boy Scouts of America National Office
- Personal Development Book Presentation: The New Breed.
  - Understanding and Equipping the 21st Century Volunteer
- Central Region Training, Advancement, Venturing, and Sea Scout presentations by Regional and National representatives
- SOAR program analysis
- Regional Strategic Planning
- Wood Badge Program Updates
- National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)
- Speakers from the Central Region Executive Committee
- Fireside Chats with Regional and National representatives

The Third Annual Central Region Program Symposium is being held in Des Moines, Iowa. The event is open to all adult Scouters, and includes program content focused on
- Training
- Advancement
- Venturing
- Sea Scouts

The day-long program includes presentations by Regional and National representatives. Registration includes all course materials including your own copy of the personal development text, continental breakfast, delicious lunch and, a great dinner.

Please reserve your place early, as registration will be limited to the first 100 Scouters.

See you in Iowa at the Central Region Program Symposium on March 21st