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

Buckskin Council Recognition Dinner

February 1, 2020 at Columbia Gas, Charleston



The Buckskin Council will honor it's volunteers at the Volunteer Recognition Dinner. 2019 Eagle Scouts and 2020 Silver Beaver recipients will be our guests of honor.

The Eagle Scout Award is the highest award a Scout may earn. All 2019 Eagle Scouts in attendance will receive an Eagle Coin and special patch from the council. The Silver Beaver is the highest award that Buckskin Council may bestow on a volunteer and recognizes Scouters of exceptional character who have provided distinguished service within the council.

Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate, including families. The dinner is Saturday, February 1, 2019, at Columbia Gas, 1700 MacCorkle Ave. SE in Charleston, WV. The doors open at 5:15 pm and dinner begins promptly at 6:17 pm.

Eagle Scouts and Silver Beaver recipients may attend free as our guests. The cost for others is \$15 per person or \$25 for a couple. If you are unable to attend or wish to help more, you may sponsor an honoree by selecting Sponsorship in the checkout.

Please register online by January 24th at www.buckskin.org. If you wish to register after January 24th, you must register in person at the Council Service Center. A \$5 per person late fee will be collected for all late registrations!

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Commissioner's Fireside Chat



Happy New Year! Here's hoping you all had a joyous holiday season and are ready to embark on a new year of Scouting.

January is the month for New Year's resolutions, and my 2020 Scouting resolution is to do all I can to grow our Commissioner ranks in the new year. I could use your help with this resolution.

Commissioners provide an important connection between our units and the district and council leadership. That linkage helps units in two ways: first, by providing an important communication link to ensure they are getting timely information on events within the council as well as on developments in the movement as a whole; and second, by connecting the units with needed assistance at the council and district level when they need outside support.

How can you help with my new year's resolution? If you don't have a unit commissioner supporting your unit, check within your unit family and see if there is someone willing to fulfill this role. The expectations of commissioners are that they visit their assigned unit(s) once a month and attend a district commissioner meeting monthly. If you have someone who would be a good candidate, reach out to your district commissioner and let them know.

Working together we can make a difference is strengthening this key linkage between our units, districts and the council.

Yours in service,
J. Dan McCarthy
Council Commissioner

Council Calendar

January

- 1 New Year's Day - Service Center & Shops Closed
- 7 Shooting Sports Committee meeting
- 9 Executive Board meeting, 6:00 pm, Service Center
- 11 Council-District Operations (CDO) meeting
HB Wehrle Sr Service Center, 10:00 am
- 11 Charleston Scout Shop Open, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 20 MLK Jr Day - Service Center & Shops Closed
- 25 Huntington Scout Shop Open, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 30 Council Commissioner meeting

February

- 1 Council Recognition Dinner
- 4 Shooting Sports Committee meeting
- 8 Marshall University Merit Badge College
- 8 Charleston Scout Shop Open, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 13 Executive Committee meeting
- 17 Presidents' Day - Service Center & Shops Closed
- 21-23 OA Leadership Retreat
- 22 Huntington Scout Shop Open, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 27 Council Commissioner meeting

March

- 7 Huntington Scout Shop Open, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 10 Shooting Sports Committee meeting
- 12 Annual Executive Board Meeting
- 14 University of Scouting, WVSU, Institute, WV
- 14 Charleston Scout Shop @ University of Scouting
- 20-22 OA: AIA/ICE, Camp Arrowhead
- 20-21 Wilderness First Aid training
- 26 Council Commissioner meeting
- 27-28 BALOO & IOLS training, Camp Arrowhead



Tudor's/Gino's Cards

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,

Retention is receiving a lot of attention these days. National BSA has started to track this indicator and there is good reason. Retention measures how many Scouts stay in the program from one year to the next. It most directly affects membership growth, but the underlying **cause** of good or bad retention can be found in many areas.

The most obvious reason would seem to be a good quality program. If Scouts are having fun, and their parent's perceive good value in their child participating in Scouting, then they are much more likely to continue through the next year in Scouting. But there are many, many influencers in the quality of a Scouting program. Trained leaders, robust advancement, exciting outdoor program, weekend camping, long term camping, recognition, good weekly meetings, and quality adult role models are some of the most important ones.

Why is retention important? Because we know for a fact that the longer a youth stays in Scouting, the more positive attributes he or she acquires. Scouts who are in for 5 or more years benefit more from the character development, citizenship training and physical and mental fitness that is Scouting. Also with increased tenure comes a more positive view of Scouting, which helps in recruiting.

Take a little time in your world of Scouting to look at ways to improve the retention of Scouts. Focus on one or more of the above listed influencers that you can help improve in your Cub Scout Pack, Boy Scout Troop, or Venture Crew. The Scouts will benefit from your effort.

Good Scouting to you and yours,
Jeffrey L. Purdy



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! December Courier helpers were Art Altman, Grace Tolbert, Phil Gaarenstroom, 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!!!!

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the local community!
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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: www.buckskin.org/resources



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



New Annual Health and Medical Record

Every few years, the BSA updates its Annual Health and Medical Record (AHMR) after consulting with health care professionals, Scout executives, council and camp health officers and other experts to ensure it is up-to-date and helpful.

This was one of those years, meaning a new form is available for everyone to use for 2020. Your AHMR is valid through the end of the 12th month after the date it was administered by your medical provider. For example, if you got your physical on Nov. 3, 2019, it's valid until Nov. 30, 2020.

Next year will be a transition year, so you can use either the old or new form, but everyone in all Scouting programs must use the updated AHMR form starting Jan. 1, 2021. The old form will be obsolete at that date. So, the BSA recommends using the new form on your next physical exam or if you're a new participant in 2020.

Download the new Annual Health and Medical Record at www.buckskin.org/resources.

A sincere *Thank You* to our
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for helping support Scouting in
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Council-District Operations Meeting (CDO)

Saturday, January 11, 2020

10:00 am - 12 noon

H.B. Wehrle Sr Service Center

2829 Kanawha Blvd E

Charleston, WV

Harlem Globetrotters

The Original Harlem Globetrotters are coming to town! They will play at the Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center on January 11th at 4 pm and at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena on January 12th at 3 pm. To get a great deal on tickets for your Scouts, contact Kristine Slizewski at 678-497-1887 or email her at slizewski@harlemglobetrotters.com.

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HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS

SAVE UP TO 47% PER TICKET!

Buckskin Council

To secure your tickets and save money on your order contact:

Kristine Slizewski at 678.497.1887
 or email slizewski@harlemglobetrotters.com


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Discount tickets are limited and may run out before the deadline!

Deadline to order: 1/2/2020


All tickets are subject to availability. Tickets must be purchased in advance by mail, phone, or email. Orders will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. No refunds or exchanges. Children under 2 do not require a ticket provided they sit on an adult's lap.



Charleston, WV

*Online Price	Your Price	Savings
\$117.55	\$106.00	10%
\$91.95	\$53.50	42%
\$76.05	\$40.50	47%
\$65.30	\$38.00	42%
\$55.05	\$35.50	36%
\$43.80	\$28.00	36%
\$33.05	\$20.00	39%

Charleston, WV • Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020 • 4pm



Huntington, WV

*Online Price	Your Price	Savings
\$113.25	\$98.00	13%
\$81.90	\$43.00	47%
\$70.90	\$40.50	43%
\$60.70	\$38.00	37%
\$49.75	\$30.50	39%
\$38.75	\$23.00	41%

Huntington, WV • Sunday, Jan. 12, 2020 • 3pm

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:

Charleston Shop	Huntington Shop
Jan. 11	Jan. 25
Feb. 8	Feb. 22
*Mar. 14	Mar. 7
Apr. 18	Apr. 25
May 9	May 16

* Scout Shop at the University of Scouting at WVSU

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“FACING THE CHALLENGE” **2021 NATIONAL SCOUT** **JAMBOREE**

A national Jamboree is an encampment of Scouts/Venturers plus their unit leaders with the purpose of providing a dramatic demonstration of Scouting’s ability to develop world goodwill, a spirit of friendship, and a source of understanding among young people through fellowship, activities, and adventure. Most of the participants will come from the Boy Scouts of America although most of the countries with Scout associations will have representation. The National Scout Jamboree is the BSA’s iconic event, and one of the most gratifying experiences a Scout can have. Since 1937, the jamboree has provided an occasion for Scouts from all backgrounds, faiths, cultures, and parts of the country to come together around shared values, and to gain invaluable learning experiences through adventure activities. The jamboree is 10 days long and occurs every four years. With Jamboree happening only once every 4 years, chances are scouts may have only one opportunity to attend a National Scout Jamboree.

Applications are now being taken for Jamboree Service Team. Being a member of Jamboree Staff requires a serious time and financial commitment. Please review the qualifications prior to submitting your application at <https://jamboree.scouting.org/>. Jamboree staff positions are open to youth and adult men and women who meet the required qualifications. A list of positions can be found at <https://jamboree.scouting.org/jamboree-service-team/staff-options-for-application/>. Adults interested in serving as a scoutmaster for one of the Council’s troops should submit their Adult Leader Application by February 29, 2020. The selected adult leaders will become part of the Council’s Jamboree Committee. The Adult Leader Application Form can be found in the appendix of the December and January Courier.

Participant registration is scheduled to open in December. As of this writing, participant registration has not opened, so please check the website to determine when registration will be open. The fee for Buckskin Council contingent participants is \$1,500. This fee includes registration for the 2021 NSJ, transportation from the rally location to the Summit and back, and the required patches, nameplates and related items for the Jamboree. To aid participants, the committee will establish a payment schedule based in part on the fee payment schedule that the Council is required to follow for making periodic payment to NSJ for our contingent.

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. Due by Monday, January 6, 2020

Silver Beaver: The Silver Beaver Award recognizes Scouters who have exemplified 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. 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. Download the nomination form at: scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33720.pdf

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.

Marshall University Merit Badge College
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. No registrations will be accepted after the deadline.

Register online at www.buckskin.org

Recharter Time is Here for Many Units in the Buckskin Council

Leaders, make sure your recharter goes smoothly by:

1. Ensure all the adults in your unit have current Youth Protection training.
2. Turn in the Additional Disclosure & Background Check Authorization Form for all leaders.
3. Take note of the fee increase for Unit Liability Insurance fees, Youth members, and Adult members.
4. Contact your Unit Commissioner, District Commissioner or District Executive for your recharter packet and if you have questions or need help.

Background Rechecks for All Adult Leaders

The BSA will now also perform periodic rechecks of criminal backgrounds to support the continued safety of youth in our programs. Complete the process listed below at your earliest availability to help us continue to provide the safest environment possible for our Scouts and leaders. Please note that these steps must be completed before your 2020 annual registration can be processed. The disclosure forms are in the Appendix section of the electronic Courier. You also will find them on the council website at www.buckskin.org/disclosure.

- * Review the separate disclosure document that is being provided to you separately for your review. It is titled "Background Check Disclosure."
- * Once you have reviewed that, print the separate document titled "Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization." Review the additional disclosures on that form, then complete and sign the Authorization using an ink/wet signature. Note: A print signature is required for this document. Electronic signatures will not be accepted.
- * Turn in the signed "Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization" form promptly to your unit leader or local council service center.

If you choose to decline the background check, or if you do not complete the Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization form and return it to your unit leader or local council service center, your 2020 annual registration will not be processed.

Fee Increase

To ensure we have the resources to fulfill the promise of Scouting despite increasing operating costs, the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America has made the difficult but necessary decision to increase the annual membership fee effective January 1, 2020 to:

- \$60 for youth members in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts, (\$5 a month)
- \$36 for youth members in Exploring, and
- \$36 for adult members
- \$60 for unit charter fees

For more detailed information about the fee increase, go to www.buckskin.org/News/Membership-Fee-19



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 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. Thank you and we look forward to your Scouts having a wonderful experience this summer.

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 January.

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. Registration for the U of S will be made online via the council's website.

**Schedule your Unit's 2020 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.

**BUCKSKIN COUNCIL
SCOUTS ON SKIS
FAMILY SKI OUTINGS
AT WINTERPLACE**

Have your troop learn to ski and earn the coveted **Snow Sports Merit Badge!**

Sunday, January 5, 2020

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%!



**Monster Jam!
Coming to the Charleston Coliseum
Charleston, WV
January 31-February 1, 2020**

**Deadline to order tickets - Monday, Jan. 24th
Free Patch with Every Scout Ticket purchased**

**Order Your Tickets
TODAY for Best Seats!**

***All Seats - \$14**

**Friday, Jan 31, -7pm
Saturday, Feb. 1st - 1pm
Saturday, Feb. 1st - 7pm**

Pit Party

*Sat. Feb. 1st - 10:30am - 12:00pm
Pit Party Passes (\$15.00 each) must be
accompanied by Sat., Feb 1-1pm event ticket.*

To order tickets, go to www.ticketlady.net



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

YOUTH NEEDED!

We need several older scouts- male or female- to have the opportunity to guide adults through games in the Summit Wood Badge Course from 9am to 1pm January 23rd, 2020. Arrive around 9am....in field uniform...and you can depart early afternoon. Drivers are welcome to join a tour of the Summit while they wait for their youth to finish as well. Email Carol at designsbyCarol@gmail.com for more details.

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.

“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!

TRAINING CALENDAR

February

8 Marshall University Merit Badge College

March

14 University of Scouting at WVSU in Institute WV
8am to 3pmRegister online

20-21 Wilderness First Aid, Location TBA

21 Central Region Program-Training Symposium in
Des Moines Iowa

27-28 BALOO training, Camp Arrowhead

27-28 IOLS training, Camp Arrowhead

April

Commissioner College in Cedar Lakes, Ripley WV

May

8-9 BALOO and IOLS, Camp Chief Logan

July

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

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.

Questions? Contact Matt Blackwood at matthew.blackwood@gmail.com

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

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



TAKHONEK LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW, LODGE #617



2019 Youth Officers

Lodge Chief	Jack Monks	jmonks@takhonek.org
VC Administration	Ethan Grose	
VC Program	Charles Boston	
Secretary	Brandon Lockhart	

2019 Chapter Chiefs

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Adjudimo	Jacob Fidele	jfidele@takhonek.org
Hytone	Mickey Hess	mhess@takhonek.org
Kootaga	Ethan Dawson	edawson@takhonek.org
Seneca	John Cowger	jcowger@takhonek.org
Shawnee		

2019 Youth Chairmen

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Service		
Vigil Selection		

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Recruitment/Retention	Steve Young	syoung@takhonek.org
Registration	Debbie Slack	dslack@takhonek.org
Service	Matt Dawson	mdawson@takhonek.org
Vigil Selection		
Webmaster	Isaac Nicholas	inicholas@takhonek.org

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

Greetings, Takhonek Lodge. We've had an amazing year full of great events and fun times in 2019. We thank you all for attending our events this past year, and we hope to see you at all our events in 2020. We do have a few changes to this year's schedule, which allow us to boost attendance and provide more opportunities for fellowship, ordeals and Brotherhood conversions.

Welcome to Our New Officers

The Lodge welcomes in its new leadership this for 2020. Jack Monks, Lodge Chief; Ethan Grose, Vice Chief of Administration; Charles Boston, Vice Chief of Program; and Brandon Lockhart, Secretary are all excited to give Takhonek Lodge a successful year. We would like to thank all previous Lodge, and Chapter Leadership, advisers, and chairmen for making the events of 2019 possible. We look forward to having a busy year and are ready to make it happen.

Summer Ordeal

Our Lodge will be hosting a Summer ordeal this year at Camp Kootaga. This will hopefully boost membership as it gives troops another opportunity to send their elected members to an ordeal. We also will be holding our Fall Ordeal at Camp Roland. Other than these changes, we will be hosting all of our events from the previous year, as well as the annual C-4 Conclave at the Summit. Be sure to mark your calendars and get ready for an awesome year!

NOAC

As most of you know, this year is a NOAC year. NOAC is one of the most anticipated and beloved national events of the Lodge. This year's NOAC is at Michigan State University, on August 3-8. There will be all sorts of things to do, from training classes to patch trading to even Scuba Diving. Don't forget about the midway party as well, which will have all sorts of inflatables, food, and activities. The NOAC experience is the experience of a lifetime, so you don't want to miss out. You can begin making payments at the Scout Office.

Conclave

We will also be hosting Conclave in 2020 at the Summit. This conclave has the potential to be the biggest conclave in section C-4 history. There will be all sorts of things to keep you busy from the high adventure activities at the Summit to making new friends around your section. Conclave will be hosted at the Summit on May 29-31. With Takhonek Lodge hosting the Conclave, we will need all lodge members to help out in some way. There are lots of opportunities to help make this an awesome event. You will be hearing lots about Conclave and ways you can help in cheerful service. Our Lodge is gearing up to make an amazing year out of 2020. We are planning great events for our members to go to, so be sure to make it out when you can. Of course, we can't have events without people. Let's make 2020 the best year for Takhonek Lodge.

2019 Lodge Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Jan 24-26	Carolinas Indian Seminar	Statesville, NC
Feb 21-23	Lodge Leadership Retreat	Scout Office
Mar 20-22	ICE & AIA Weekend	Camp Arrowhead
Apr 3-5	Spring Ordeal*	Camp Chief Logan
May 29-31	Conclave	The Summit
Jun 12-14	Summer Ordeal*	Camp Kootaga
Aug 3-8	NOAC	Michigan State U
Sep 11-13	Summit Fellowship*	The Summit
Oct 9-11	Fall Ordeal*	Camp Roland
Nov 6-8	FORUM	Camp Lazarus
Nov 20-21	Annual Planning Conference	Scout Office
Dec 4	Winter Banquet	The Summit

* denotes ordeal and brotherhood opportunity

Adena District

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

Adena District Committee

District Chair	Stephen Stacks	304-634-9679
District Commissioner	Alvin Watts	304-751-5686
District Executive	Carl Sullivan	304-523-3408
Nominating Committee	vacant	
Fund Development	David Lunsford	304-733-2780
Family FOS	Pryce Haynes III	304-416-0453
Community FOS	Joe Randolph	304-633-1794
Product Sale	Melanie Young	304-523-3408
Golf Scramble	Mark Cox	304-736-3054
Membership	vacant	
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

DISTRICT COMMITTEE

The monthly District Committee Meeting is held at Central United Methodist Church, 11th St W and Jefferson Ave, in Huntington. The meeting begins at 6:00pm on the third Thursday each month. All units should have a representative attend.

ROUNDTABLE

Regular Adena District Roundtable meetings are held the first Thursday of each month. Meetings are for all Scout leaders regardless of your position. The location is The Gathering Place, 1511 Chestnut St, Kenova, WV.

SCOUT SKI DAYS AT WINTERPLACE

Three dates for Scout Ski Days at Winterplace Ski Resort, located near Ghent, WV. The dates are all on Sunday and include January 5, 2020, February 2, 2020, and February 23, 2020. The \$63 fee includes your skis, boots, poles, helmet, a 90 minute lesson, and a meal ticket at the lodge. You must register in advance. Check the Council website for registration details.

WINTER FUN DAY

All scouts are welcome to the Winter Fun Day at the Marshall Recreation Center. Activities include swimming, basketball and the climbing wall. The event is from 9am to 3pm. Come when you want, stay as long as you want. Want to leave for lunch? Use your wrist band to re-enter. Cost is \$10 per participant – scout, parent, or sibling. Come and enjoy the fun! Register at buckskin.org.

KLONDIKE

The District's Klondike will be Friday, Jan 31- Sunday, Feb 2. Registration begins on Friday at 4pm. Competitions include: Klondike sled race, first aid skills, compass course, fire starting, knots & lashings, ice rescue, signaling and Honor Guard uniform inspection. At each station, units will be judged on patrol method, teamwork, leadership and skills. The Klondike will be held at Carter Caves on the old golf course. Register on the

Adena Event Calendar

January

- 1 New Year's Day – Scout Office & Shops Closed
- 2 Roundtable, The Gathering Place, Kenova 6:30pm
- 11 CDO – Charleston, 10:00am
- 11 Popcorn Celebration – TBA
- 16 District Committee, Central UMC 6:00pm
- 20 MLK Jr Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 25 Winter Fun Day – MU Rec Center 9am-3pm
- 31-2/2 Adena Klondike – Carter Caves State Park

February

- 6 Roundtable, The Gathering Place, Kenova 6:30 pm
- 8 MU Merit Badge College
- 13 District Recognition Dinner, Am Legion Post 16, 6:30pm
- 17 Presidents' Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 20 District Committee, Central UMC 6:00pm

March

- 5 Roundtable, The Gathering Place, Kenova 6:30pm
- 14 University of Scouting, WV State, Institute, WV
- 19 District Committee, Central UMC 6:00pm
- 21 Adena Pinewood Derby
- 27-28 BALOO, Camp Arrowhead

Council website. The fee is \$10 per scout and \$3 per adult.

ADENA EAGLE & VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Join with other volunteers as we recognize our outstanding scouters at the Adena District Dinner. The dinner is Thursday, February 13 at 6:30pm at the American Legion Post 16, 1421 Sixth Avenue, Huntington. Nominations are now open for the District Award of Merit, Scoutmaster of the Year, Cubmaster of the Year, Venture Leader of the Year, Troop Leader of the Year and Cub Scouter of the Year. Nominations for these awards and for the Silver Beaver Award must be submitted to the Huntington Scout Shop by January 10, 2020. 2019 Eagle Scouts from the District and an invitee may attend as guests of the District Committee. Reservations for the dinner can be made via the Council website. The dinner is \$10.00 per person.

MU MERIT BADGE COLLEGE

The annual Marshall University Merit Badge College will be Saturday, February 8 on the Huntington Campus. Check-in begins at 8:00am. The orientation session begins at 8:30am and the morning merit badge session begins at 9:00am. A number of Eagle required and non-Eagle merit badges will be offered. Preliminary registration for scouts is \$13. A limited selection of adult training sessions will be offered. There is no charge for these adult trainings, but adults may purchase a lunch ticket for preliminary cost of \$9. Register via the Council website.

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

West Virginia State University at Institute will again be the site for this year's University of Scouting on March 14. Members of Scouts, BSA troops will have a variety of merit badges from which to choose. Webelos may select up to two electives from the six being offered. Adults will have a wide selection of supplemental training sessions being offered. Register early for best selections.

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Chief Cornstalk District

Serving: Logan, Boone Mingo Kanawha, Braxton & Clay Counties in WV & Pike County in Ky.
Michael.cidor@scouting.org

Chief Cornstalk District Committee

District Chair	Mark Linville	304-369-2795
District Commissioner	Paul Helmick	304-744-3211
District Director	Michael Cidor	304-340-3663
Vice Chair	Kem Abraham	304-855-8543
Vice Chair	Jeffrey Brandt	304-982-5546
Vice Chair	Steve Snodgrass	304-837-3302
Membership Chair	Kevin Abdalla	304-345-8091
Community FOS Chair	Les Wilkerson	
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	James Sutphin	304-553-9676
Marketing Chair	Jim Strawn	
Cub Day Camp	Kara Cvechko	304-573-6720
Cub Day Camp	Alicyn Spencer	304-380-4167
Cub Family Camp	Becky Kinser	304-752-0454
District Chaplain	Danny Pauley	304-561-7666

WV Outdoor Sports Show

The West Virginia Outdoor Sports Show is February 7th – 9th at the newly remodeled Charleston Arena and Convention Center. This is a 3-day show was built for families who love outdoor adventure.

The BSA is once again being featured as a top sponsor with prime booth space in exchange for us running our safety range. All of their advertising around the 2020 show will feature the Adventure Challenge for families that includes fishing, climbing wall, golf, and our BB Gun Safety Ranges as well as a Lego Derby track. Any youth that finishes the Challenge will be awarded a prize that just happens to be an official scout patch. Furthermore, we have worked out a deal with the arena that will anyone in a scout uniform obtain free tickets at the box office. In other words, bring your Scouts for FREE!

District Volunteer Recognition Dinner

The Chief Cornstalk District Volunteer Recognition Dinner will be January 18, 2020 at the Thomas Memorial Hospital. Social Hour from 5 to 6 PM with Dinner at 6:17 PM. Cost will be \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. We will recognize volunteers with the Training Awards earned up to the time of the dinner as well as volunteers selected to receive the District Award of Merit, Buck Harless Award, Mike Thompson Award, Brooks Lawson Award, J.T. Fish Award. Nominations for the District Awards need to be received by December 13, 2019 for consideration at the December District Committee Meeting. Please make your reservations for the dinner online or at the H.B. Wehrle Scout Service Center Scout Shop by January 13, 2020.

Chief Cornstalk Event Calendar

January

- 16 District Committee meeting
- 18 District Recognition Dinner
- 20 MLK Jr Day - Service Center & Shops Closed
- 24-26 Winter Camporee

February

- 1 Popcorn Party
- 7-9 WV Outdoor Sports Show
- 17 President's Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 20 District Committee meeting

March

- 7 District Merit Badge College
- 19 District Committee meeting

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. Please contact Michael Cidor at michael.cidor@scouting.org. 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 old by Sept. 1, 2019.

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. Register by calling the Wehrle Center at 304.340.3663. You can swim from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. We will be serving pizza at 5:00 p.m. Bring your swimsuit and a towel. Parents and family members attending with their Scout will need to pay to swim.

District Annual Meeting

The Chief Cornstalk District Annual Meeting is February 20th at 7 pm at the Wehrle 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 District Members at Large are voting members.

Friends of Scouting & Camp Promotions

We 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. Presentations take 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 Michael know so we can schedule a presenter for your event at michael.cidor@scouting.org.

Training

Any units interested having the training for their unit, please contact Michael and we will pick a date and time to have the training committee come to you. If we can get a few dates together we will continue to let everyone know.

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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
joseph.testerman@scouting.org

Kootaga District Committee

District Chair	James Bennon	304-485-1547
District Commissioner	Christopher Burk	304-615-5648
District Executive	Joe Testerman	740-350-3808
Vice-Chair Communications & Marketing	Christopher Burk	304 615-5648
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 thru 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 thru 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 St. Andrews UMC
- Jackson/Roane County area on the Second Thursday of the month St. Johns Episcopal Church in Ripley
- Spencer area on the Second Thursday of the month St. Marks

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 January 14. The meeting starts at 6:30 pm.

The Kootaga District Pinewood Derby

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: www.buckskin.org/resources
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 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

Kootaga Event Calendar

January

- 1 New Year's Day - Service Center & Shops Closed
- 7 District Roundtable - Wood Community
- 9 District Roundtable - Roane Community
- 16 District Roundtable - Jackson Community
- 5 Scouts on Skis at Winterplace
- 11 Council-District Operations Meeting (CDO)
- 20 Martin Luther King Jr -Service Center & Shops closed
- 24-26 Kootaga Klondike

February

- 1 Buckskin Council Recognition Dinner
- 2 Scouts on Skis at Winterplace
- 9 Scout Sunday (traditional)
- 17 Presidents Day - Service Center & Shops Closed
- 23 Scouts on Skis at Winterplace

March

- 3 District Recognition Dinner
- 7 District Pinewood Derby @ Grand Central Mall

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 January 24-26 at Camp Kootaga.

Winterplace Skiing--Where WINTER is FUN for EVERYONE!

Three dates for Scout Ski Days at Winterplace Ski Resort, located near Ghent, WV. The \$63 fee includes your skis, boots, poles, helmet, a 90-minute lesson, and a meal ticket at the lodge.

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

- January 5, 2020
- February 2, 2020
- February 23, 2020

Commissioner

Please remember that ALL adult leaders must complete Youth Protection Training. 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)

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Mountain Dominion District

Serving: Monroe, Mercer, McDowell, Summers & Wyoming Counties in WV;
Giles, Bland & Tazewell Counties in VA
Johnny.aliff@scouting.org

Mt. Dominion District Committee

District Chair	Philip Ball	304-425-2196
District Commissioner	Thomas Kozikowski	540-626-4242
District Director	Trey Aliff	304-308-0405
Cub Scout Prog Chair	Paula Mattox	
Boy Scout Prog Chair	Dan Trent	276-322-3911
Venture Prog Chair	Tim Wallace	276-963-0525
Finance Chair	Philip Ball	304-425-2196
Training Chair		
Advancement Chair	Dan Cook	540-544-7100
Camping Chair	Kermit Davis	304-425-8889
Unit Service	Thomas Kozikowski	540-626-4242
Popcorn Chair	Angie Higginbotham	540-599-9111
OA Chapter Advisor	Barry Nowlin	304-320-7217
Membership Chair	Carrie Kozikowski	540-626-4242
Family FOS Chair	Philip Ball	304-425-2196

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



Mt Dominion Event Calendar

January

- 1 New Year's Day - Service Center & Shops Closed
- 5 Ski Outing
- 16 Roundtable Meeting- 6:30- Stinson United Methodist Church
- 16 District Committee, 7:15-Stinson United Methodist Church, Princeton
- 20 MLK Jr Day - Service Center & Shops closed

February

- 1 Council Dinner
- 2 Ski Outing
- 14-15 Scouts BSA Winter Cold Rush- Camp Roland
- 17 Presidents' Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 20 Roundtable Meeting- 6:30- Stinson United Methodist Church
- 20 District Committee, 7:15-Stinson United Methodist Church, Princeton
- 23 Ski Outing

March

- 14 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

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 at Princeton Church of God. 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: http://storage.buckskin.org/event/docs/895/buckskin_council_pinewood_derby_rules_pdf.pdf

Seneca District

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

Seneca District Committee

District Chair	OPEN	
District Commissioner	William Turner	304-237-2688
Sr District Executive	David Leckie	304-542-5071
Advancement Chair	Jeff Proctor	304-673-2640
Program Chair	OPEN	
Training Chair	Carol McCarthy	703-587-4453

Scouts BSA Winter Camporee

The Winter Camporee is January 24 – 26, 2019 at Cranberry Glades, 1/2 mile before the Cranberry Visitors’ Center. Check in begins at 6:00pm. The fee is \$5 per person. Registration will be online and available in December. Planned activities include Winter Weather First Aid, Snow Sledding, and Winter Shelter building.

Winter camping on Kennison Mountain in Cranberry Glades should not be taken lightly. Wind chill temperatures on the mountain regularly drop **below –10 degrees**. Troops **must** be prepared for these conditions.

Popcorn Party

Any Scout who sold over \$600 in the Popcorn Sale this fall is invited out to a special celebration at Leisure Lanes in Beckley, WV on Saturday, January 11th from 2:30-4:30PM. Pizza, drinks, prizes, and bowling will be provided for all participants. Please send a list of all of your Scouts who qualify for this incentive to dleckie@bsaemail.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 Website after the first of the year.

Seneca Event Calendar

January

- 1 New Year’s Day - Service Center & Shops Closed
- 16 Committee Meeting
- 20 MLK Jr Day - Service Center & Shops Closed
- 24-26 Winter Camporee, Cranberry Glades

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

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.

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.

POPCORN

Thank you to all the units that sold popcorn in the first sale. For all of the units participating in the second sale the orders must be submitted by December 4th, and the product should be in the office on December 17th for pick up.



Shawnee District

Serving: Putnam, Mason, western Kanawha Counties, WV; Gallia and Meigs Counties, OH
zachary.bartlett@scouting.org

Shawnee District Committee

District Chair	Leo Lopez	304-776-6148
District Commissioner	Rosann Brooks	304-881-1042
District Executive	Zachary Bartlett	304-340-3663
Vice District Chair	Colleen Sergent	304-552-0297
Vice District Chair	Mark Newman	304-549-0532
Vice District Chair (Finance)	Brian Linville	
Advancement Chair	Debbie Slack	304-340-3663
Program Chair	Chad Cavender	
Cub Program Chair	Melinda Craddock	304-727-0143
Camping Chair	Barry Lindley	
Boy Scout Roundtable	Mark Newman	304-549-0532
Cub Scout Roundtable	Colleen Sergent	304-552-0297
Product Sales/Family FOS	Amy Carte	304-964-4208
Membership Chair	Tracy Hudson	304-382-9679

Shawnee District Event Calendar

January

- 1 Service Center & Shops Closed
- 2 Committee meeting, Teays Valley Presbyterian Church 6:30 pm
- 11 Popcorn party
- 18 Roundtable, Teays Valley Presbyterian Church, 6:30 pm
- 24 – 26 Shawnee Winter Camporee

February

- 1 Council Recognition Dinner
- 6 District Committee meeting, Teays Valley Presbyterian Church 6:30 pm
- 17 Presidents' Day - Service Center & Shops closed

March

- 5 District Committee meeting
- 21 District Pinewood Derby

District Roundtable

Round tables will resume in January. The first one being January 18, 2020 and Teays Valley Presbyterian Church at 6:30 pm. The address for the church is: 5339 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, WV. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

District Committee Meeting

District Meeting is Jan 2, 2020 at Teays Valley Presbyterian Church at 6:30 pm. The address for the church is: 5339 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, WV.

Winter Camporee

Winter Camporee will be held January 24-26, 2020 at the Hurricane Wave Pool Park, 1 Valley Park Dr., Hurricane, WV 25526.

The theme of the event is Back to the Basics.

The cost for the event will be \$10 per person and registration will be due by January 17, 2020.

Troop 36 is running the event and looking for volunteer assistance. Contact Josh Miller – Scoutmaster Troop 36 at 251-753-2480.

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 their list at zachary.bartlett@scouting.org.



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District Recognition Dinner

Please join us on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, 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. Location TBA

West Virginia Outdoor Sports Show

Fri, Jan 24, 2020--Sun, Jan 26, 2020

Explore the new outdoor adventure zones for travel destinations, golfing, fly fishing, Kayaking, Biking, and much more! Admission \$7 for adults, \$1 for children 6 to 12, under 6 years of age free. Located in the Charleston Convention and Civic Center, 200 Civic Center Drive Charleston, WV.

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. Some Scouting units perform an act of service for their charter organization.

On Scout Sunday, 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. This could be a good time to present the Scouts with the religious emblems they have earned the previous year.

Depending on your faith organization, Scout Sunday 2020 could be held Feb. 2, Feb. 9, Feb. 16 or Feb. 23.

Annual Health and Medical Record (AMHR)

The BSA has updated its Annual Health and Medical Record. The new form is available for everyone to use for 2020. Your AHMR is valid through the end of the 12th month after the date it was administered by your medical provider. For example, if you got your physical on Nov. 3, 2019, it's valid until Nov. 30, 2020.

Next year will be a transition year, so you can use either the old or new form, but everyone in all Scouting programs must use the updated AHMR form starting Jan. 1, 2021. The old form will be obsolete at that date. The BSA recommends using the new form on your next physical exam or if you're a new participant in 2020.

You can download the new form at www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/ or go to the Resources/Forms page at buckskin.org. The Annual Health and Medical Record is required for Scouts and adult leaders who want to go on Scouting events, campouts and high-adventure trips.



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DISTRICT PINEWOOD DERBY

The District PWD will be held March 21. The Derby 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 finishers 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.

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. Watch for details as spring gets closer.

(Chief Cornstalk - continued from page 12)

Winter Camporee

Plans are underway for the Annual Winter Camporee at Cranberry Glades January 24th to 26th, 2020. Troops start planning for this fun winter adventure as we camp out in the wilderness at the Glades. Prepare your Scouts for the experience of cold weather camping as well as the basic Scouting skills, like map and compass, knots and lashings and fire building. We plan to have fun and we hope you join us for this adventure. Look for details coming soon.

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 January 8th from 4:30 to 7 PM. We will have more dates announced online at Buckskin.org and on our Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/chiefcornstalkdistrict/

Buckskin Council, BSA

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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

Unit Number: _____

District: _____

Pack, Troop, Crew, Ship, Post

Unit Leader: _____

Unit Nut Sale chairperson (this should be DIFFERENT than the unit leader):

Name: _____

(Only one name per unit and it must be the person that will oversee the unit's sale)

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

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





BUCKSKIN COUNCIL, BSA
ADENA DISTRICT
DISTRICT WINTER FUN DAY
THE REC AT MARSHALL UNIVERSITY
SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020
9:00AM TO 3:00PM

All Scouts are invited to the Winter Fun Day at the Rec. The event will begin at 9:00am and close at 3:00pm on Saturday, January 25, 2020. Can't be there at 9:00am? Can't stay until 3:00pm? That's fine, activities will be continuous during the event. Bring your swimming gear and use the 100,000 gallon leisure pool or 3,000 gallon hot water spa. Or you may want to start on the basketball court, shooting hoops or playing a pick-up game with other scouts. Participants have a chance to use the climbing wall. Use your wrist band to leave when you want lunch and then return to continue your winter fun day. There is a fee of \$10 per scout or siblings for the event. Fee includes use of the facilities and an event patch. Adults are welcome to participate. Youth should not be left unattended during the event. Parents or scout leaders should plan to supervise their group while at the event.

CLIMBING WALL

The climbing wall at the Rec can handle 12 users per hour (equipment limitation). Participation will be on a first come – first served basis for each time slot. The Wall is available to all participants.

LOCATION

The Rec is located at the corner of 20th Street and 5th Avenue on Marshall's campus in Huntington, WV. The entrance to the Rec is on the campus side of the north end of the building. Check in will be in the main lobby. Access is limited to the first floor. Family changing rooms and locker rooms are available.



Fast food places within walking distance include the following:

Fat Patty's	Domino's Pizza	El Ranchito	Burger King	Subway	Arby's	McDonalds
Wendy's	Firehouse Subs	Captain D's	Buddy's BBQ	Chipotle	Mexican Grill	Tudor's



ADENA DISTRICT
CUB SCOUT WINTER FUN DAY
THE REC AT MARSHALL UNIVERSITY
SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020
9:00AM TO 3:00PM



Early registration deadline is January 22, 2020

Unit Number - Pack _____

Unit Leader _____

Address _____

Contact email & phone number _____

Youth Registration – attach additional sheets if more lines are required

	Name	Scout Rank	Sibling	M/F	Health Form
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
7.					
8.					
9.					
10.					
11.					
12.					

Adult Registration

	Name	Position in Pack	M/F	Health Form
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

Registration Summary

	Quantity	Rate	Total
Youth Registrations		X \$10.00 each	
Adults Participating		X \$10.00 each	
Adults Nonparticipating		Free	---
	Total due Buckskin Council		



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Bring your Pack, Troop, or Venturers for an Official BSA Fun Day on your schedule!



February 7, 8, & 9, 2020
Plan to come when convenient for your group!

Friday	4 PM - 9 PM
Saturday	10 AM - 9 PM
Sunday	Noon - 5 PM

Earn
a **FREE**
Patch!



51st WV Outdoor Sports Show



Charleston
Coliseum
Convention Center



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UNIVERSITY

Adventure Challenge Passport

Visit the following Adventure Challenge Stations:

- The Little General **Catch N' Release Trout Pond** offers a "hands on" opportunity to catch and release a fish, turns are in 5 minute rounds, and offered during 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**. Game play is similar to that of dodgeball, but it is done with a recurve bow and patented foam-tipped arrows. GOTCHA! Archery Games will provide fun for the whole troop!
- Hit your target at the **Boy Scout Safety Shooting Range**.
- Take the WV Army National Guard **Rock Wall Climbing Challenge**.
- Improve your golf game at the **First Tee Putting Challenge**.
- Enjoy the excitement of **LEGO Derby Car Racing!**



Scouts and Leaders in Uniform will receive FREE ADMISSION.
Guests: Admission \$7 per person, Children 12 and under FREE

Monster Jam!

Coming to the Charleston Coliseum - Charleston, WV
January 31 - February 1, 2020

Deadline to Order - Monday, January 24

**Free Patch with Every
Boy Scout - Ticket Purchased!**



**Order Your Tickets
TODAY for Best Seats!**

***All Seats - \$14**

Friday, Jan 31, -7pm
Saturday, Feb. 1st - 1pm
Saturday, Feb. 1st - 7pm

Pit Party

Sat. Feb. 1st - 10:30am - 12:00pm
Pit Party Passes (\$15.00 each) must be
accompanied by Sat., Feb 1-1pm event ticket.

*Original ticket prices vary by section/price level. Discount excludes
Front Row, Premium VIP and VIP seats. Scout price not valid through Ticketmaster or at the Box Office Window.
All prices include facility fee.
\$6 handling fee per entire order when ordering through Ticket lady.
Children age 2 and older must purchase a ticket.
Performance lasts approximately 2 hours and includes a 20-minute intermission.*

To order:

1. Now you can order on our website www.ticketlady.net
2. Someone will call you within 24 hours during business hours for CC information.
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Buckskin Council

National Youth Leadership Training



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.



Chief Cornstalk / Seneca District Winter Camporee January 24—26, 2020

Time: 6:00pm Check In Begins. Leaders meeting and Cracker Barrel 10:00pm

Location: ½ Mile from the Cranberry Visitors Center

Cost: \$5 per Scout and Adult

Please pre-register by January 22nd online at

Buckskin.org/chiefcornstalk

Activities for the weekend include:

- Winter weather First Aid / Precautions
- Snow Sledding
- Winter Shelter Building
- Fun, Fellowship, and Exploration in a real wilderness winter environment
- Activates dependent on weather

NO GROUND FIRES, MUST HAVE ELIVATED FIRE PIT FOR LEAVE NO TRACE FIRES

Winter camping on the top of Kennison Mountain in Cranberry Glades should not be taken lightly. Wind chill temperatures on top of the mountain are known to be below negative ten degrees pretty regularly. Please take time to make sure that all of your Scouts and Scouters have the proper equipment and skills to make this a successful experience for those who have not attended in the past. We suggest that at the Scout meetings prior to the camporee your Troop focus on cold weather camping/survival, and at the meeting preceding the camporee have everyone attending bring their gear in for one final inspection. If you have any questions about equipment/food please feel free to call Steve Berkhouse at 304-546-1890 or Michael Cidor at 814-860-1562.



Buckskin Council

2020 Summit Experience

June 14-20, 2020

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

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** _____

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** _____

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, BSA
2021 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE
Contingent Leadership Application



Name _____

Current Registration – Unit / Position _____

Contact – Email _____ Phone _____

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

Previous Jamboree Experience

Unique skills you would bring to the Contingent

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

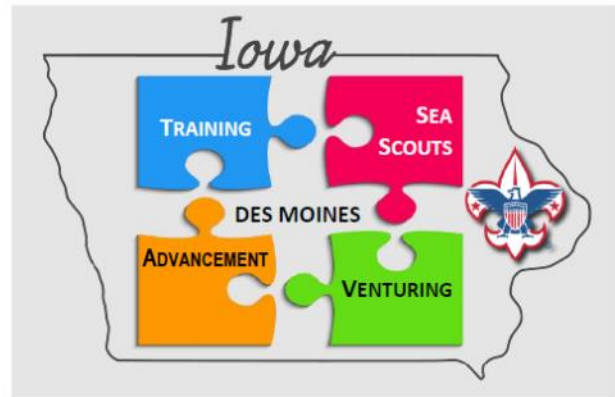
Where: Fred Maytag II Scout Center
Mid-Iowa Council
6123 Scout Trail
Des Moines, Iowa 50321

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



Bringing Training, Advancement,
Venturing, and Sea Scouting Together



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





NOMINATION FOR THE DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT



NOTE: The nomination is confidential.
To avoid possible disappointment,
please do not advise nominee in any
way of your action in his or her behalf.

_____ Council
_____ District
_____ Unit

TO THE DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT COMMITTEE:

It is a pleasure to present for your consideration for the DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT:

Name _____

Address _____

City or Town _____ Zip _____

Currently registered in Scouting as _____

The nominee has earned the following (provide dates):

- | | | |
|--|---|-----------------------|
| _____ Den Leader's Training Award
or Den Leader Award | _____ Scouter's Religious
Award | _____ Other (specify) |
| _____ Den Leader Coach's Training Award
or Den Leader Coach Award | _____ Silver Beaver | _____ |
| _____ Cubmaster Award | _____ Order of the Arrow | _____ |
| _____ Cub Scouter Award | _____ Wood Badge | _____ |
| _____ Webelos Den Leader Award | _____ Venturing Awards | _____ |
| _____ Scouter's Training Award | _____ Distinguished Commis-
sioner Service Award | |
| _____ Scouter's Key | | |

The noteworthy service upon which this nomination is based follows:

(Furnish as much information as possible. For example: president, Rotary Club; vestryman, St. Paul's Church; chairman, Red Cross campaign; vice-president, PTA; medical director, hospital; Cubmaster, 3 years; Scoutmaster, 4 years; Venturing Advisor, 3 years; commissioner, etc. Use additional paper, if necessary.)

_____ Date of nomination

_____ Name of person making nomination

_____ Position in Scouting

_____ Contact number

District Award of Merit Nomination Form - page 2

GENERAL INFORMATION

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 is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level.

The award is made available annually on the basis of 1 for each 25 traditional units or fraction thereof. The district need not present all the awards to which it is entitled each year.

It is not appropriate to nominate a Scouter who has already received this award.

A professional Scouter or other council employee may not receive this award based on employment service. However, a professional Scouter or employee who also serves as a volunteer Scouter may be eligible, based on *volunteer* service.

REQUIREMENTS

1. A nominee must be a registered Scouter.
2. A nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to youth in Scouting, outside Scouting, or both.
Note: The nature and value of "noteworthy service to youth" may consist of a single plan or decisions that contributed vitally to the lives of large numbers of youth or it may have been given to a small group over an extended period of time.
3. Consideration must be given to the nominee's Scouting position and the corresponding opportunity to render outstanding service beyond the expectations of that Scouting position.
4. The nominee's attitude toward and cooperation with the district and/or council is to be taken into consideration.
5. Nominations cannot be considered for posthumous awards.

PROCEDURE

1. Annually, district chairmen will appoint a temporary special District Award of Merit committee of not more than five persons who will consider all candidates and make recommendations of those to receive the award to the council through the Scout executive.
2. The Scout executive will inform the district chairman of those nominations approved by the council committee.
3. The following procedure is suggested for such presentation ceremonies:
 - a. The recipient and spouse should be in attendance at the annual meeting or recognition dinner.
 - b. A district and/or council officer should explain the award and its significance.
 - c. Eagle Scouts or Silver Award Venturers should be asked to escort the recipients to a place of honor at the head table or on stage.
 - d. A suitable citation for each recipient should be read indicating what each has done in Scouting.
 - e. The award (certificate, No. 33719; plaque, No. 17565; and lapel pin, No. 17551) may be presented at this time with appropriate congratulations.
 - f. The only uniform insignia which accompanies this award is an embroidered overhand knot, No. 05013.
 - g. A group picture may be taken for use in neighborhood or community newspapers (district responsibility).

District approval

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