



2023 Popcorn Sale

One fundraiser to support your unit's entire year of fun and adventure!

Popcorn is here to help you fund a fantastic Scouting program in the coming year. With the support of Buckskin Council and CAMP MASTERS, you can earn all the necessary funding through this single activity.

Imagine having secured a spot for every Scout in every activity for the coming year. See the pride your Scouts will have in earning their own way without relying on parents or others for their Scouting adventures.

Make a pledge to your Scouts. Support them in an amazing Scouting experience made possible by their commitment and hard work. Give them the opportunity to learn new skills, grow relationships within their community and reap the rewards of their efforts. Say YES to participating in the fall popcorn sale! And let us help guide you and them to success.

Camp Masters has brought some new tools and features to help you make selling more fun and collecting payments even easier. They have listened and put together some activity guides that will help Scouts from Tigers through Scouts BSA connect the Popcorn Sale to advancement. They have a payment system integrated now so units don't have to set up a payment processing account to take credit cards at Show 'n Sell and Take order.

There are four ways to succeed with your popcorn sale. The more methods you use, the better results you'll have.

- 1. Show-n-Sell:** Order popcorn early. When the sale begins on September 1st, your unit sells popcorn to customers at a pre-determined location, such as a supermarket, big box store, or a festival. Units that have used this method report great success.
- 2. Show and Deliver:** Scouts visit friends and neighbors with the product and a "Take Order" form. They can sell the popcorn on hand or take an order, whatever the customer prefers.
- 3. Take Order:** Scouts visit friends, family, and neighbors with the Order Form and take orders that will be delivered later.
- 4. Online Sale:** Friends and family purchase popcorn online and use a special code number the scout supplies. Campmasters ships the popcorn directly to the customer. Shipping is free. Profit from the online sale is then forwarded to the scout's unit.



How do you get started? The first step is completing the 2023 Popcorn Commitment Form. Find it in the appendix of this edition of the Courier or online at www.buckskin.org/popcorn. Training will be offered at your District Kick-off.



Show N Sell

Show N Sell Order Due
Delivery and Pick up
Unsold Product Return (Full Cases)

August 16, 2023
Sept 1 & 2, 2023 depending on location.
October 24, 2023

Take Order Sale

Sale Begins
Orders due to Council or Online
Distribution

September 1, 2023
October 25, 2023, by noon
November 10 & 11, 2023 depending on location.

Council Officers

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Council Calendar

August

- 5 OA Summer Picnic, Camp Arrowhead
- 4-6 Aquatics Camp, Camp Cherokee
- 10 Executive Committee meeting
- 16 Show-N-Sell popcorn orders due
- 28-29 Parkersburg Scout Shop closed

September

- 1 Popcorn Sale begins
- 4 Labor Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 8-9 IOLS, Camp Arrowhead
- 9 Council - District Operations mtg (CDO), Wehrle Service Center, 10:00 am
- 9 Charleston Scout Shop open, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 14 Executive Board meeting
- 15 BALOO, Camp Arrowhead
- 15-16 Vigil Reunion

October

- 6-8 Emergency Preparedness Camporee, The Summit
- 12 Executive Committee meeting
- 14 Charleston Scout Shop open, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 21 Huntington Scout Shop open, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 25 Popcorn Orders due by Noon
- 26 Council Trunk or Treat
- 27-28 OA LLD



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.

We always look forward to seeing our 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. Thank you to our May Courier folders: Carlton Starr and Phil Gaarenstroom. 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!!!!



WOOO HOOO!!!! This summer has been awesome! Summer Camp at Camp Kootaga, National Jamboree at the Summit, Day Camps and more. It has been FUN to be a Scout in the Buckskin Council!

August starts the fall recruitment season for the Buckskin Council. Cub Scout roundup nights, Scouts BSA troop open houses, Venture Crew rallies and Explorer first nighters are going to happen all over the Buckskin Council, inviting youth to join this wonderful program. Please work with your unit leader, district membership chairman, unit commissioner, and district director/executive to make sure we invite every youth in the Buckskin Council to join Scouting. Because if we do, they will receive the very best youth program in the world, a program that teaches positive character development, citizenship training, and physical and mental fitness. Youth will learn from quality adult role models, they will learn to work as a team, lead others, be of service to their local communities, and also have a mountain of fun.

Recruit early, recruit often.

Jeffrey L. Purdy

Scout Executive

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Pipestem Resort State Park

The Buckskin Council and the West Virginia State Parks have come together to offer camping opportunities for Packs, Troops, and Crews at West Virginia State Parks.

Tent Camping will be free and there are a lot of free and pay to play activities available at Pipestem Resort State Park on the border of Summers and Mercer Counties.

Pipestem Resort has endless adventure activities and is the perfect place for a Scout outing. Campers can enjoy everything from zip line tours to horseback riding to biking and more.

The sprawling 4,050-acre park is located on the border of Summers and Mercer counties and features 82 campsites open year-round, 31 of which are equipped with full hookups. Nineteen sites are electric only.

For more information and to download the reservation form, go to **www.buckskin.org/west-virginia-state-parks**



Annual Membership Fee Update

Beginning August 1, 2023, all new youth and adult members who join Scouting will be enrolled in a 12-month membership cycle and BSA will cease prorating fees. Both youth and adults will pay the full annual membership fee and will renew their membership on the anniversary date of joining Scouting. All proration of membership fees will be eliminated. Each registered member of the BSA will receive an email notice with a registration renewal link beginning 60 days before the anniversary month they joined Scouting. Unit leaders will receive a copy of the email and should stay engaged in the membership renewal process just like rechartering.

Effective **August 1, 2023**, the BSA will implement the following national membership fees which was approved by the National Executive Committee. All fees are good for year.

- \$80/yr for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouting participants (\$5 increase)
- \$60/yr for all adult volunteers (\$15 increase to provide general liability insurance and enhanced background checks)
- \$25 one-time joining fee** for new program participants in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouting. Does not apply to adults (Not prorated and no change in fee)
- \$25/yr for Merit Badge Counselors (New Fee applies only for Merit Badge Counselors not already registered as leaders)
- \$50/yr for Exploring participants Youth & Adult (\$5 increase)
- \$100/yr for a unit charter/affiliation fee (no change in fee)
- \$15/yr for Scout Life magazine

Key Updates for Charter Renewals

- Units with 2023 expiration dates- No changes, you will renew charter and membership as always.
- Units with February 29, 2024, expiration- Unit will automatically lapse after 1 month. Renew your charter by the end of March. Your unit and members will still have a February 2024 expiration date.
- Units with March-December 2024 expiration dates- You will renew your charter and membership under the new system.

**Buckskin Council will continue to pick up the cost of the New Member fee for newly joining Scouts.

Scholarships are available. Ask your District Executive for details or go to www.buckskin.org and download the Membership Assistance Application.

Emergency Preparedness Camporee at The Summit Bechtel Scout Reserve

October 6-8, 2023

The Buckskin Council and WVU Medicine - Thomas Hospitals are sponsoring an Emergency Preparedness Camporee. The Emergency Preparedness Weekend will provide a unique opportunity to interact and learn from a variety of first responders from local, state, and federal governmental agencies as well as private sector organizations. This event is designed for all levels of scouting.

The primary day of activities will be on October 7, 2023. Check-in starts at 7:30am and the first session will start at 9:00am. Lunch starts at 12pm (noon) and runs until 1pm. Sessions will run approximately one hour. The last session will end at 5pm.

This will be a great opportunity to learn more about career fields in first response and public safety.

Participants will have the ability to attend multiple sessions during the day. It should be noted that some of the activities might have limited capacity.

Troops and Crews wanting to camp at the Summit on Friday and/or Saturday evening will need to sign-up for camping and will be responsible for providing equipment and food (except Saturday lunch) for their scouts and leaders. Cub Scout Packs are welcome to participate Saturday, however they will not be able to camp.

Potential activities for Friday and Saturday will include tours of the Sustainable Tree House, fishing, and hiking. Details will be provided closer to the event.

If you are new to Scouting, this is a great opportunity to see some of the activities available through the scouting program. Join us at the camporee and learn more about how you can join the Scouting Movement.

Pre-registration is required to participate in the event.

Register at www.buckskin.org



Updates to the Guide to Safe Scouting

Effective September 1, 2023

What is the Guide to Safe Scouting?

The Guide to Safe Scouting is the BSA's resource for leaders that contains policies and guidelines for Scouting activities created to keep the youth in the program safe. Find this document at www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/. It is important to use the online version to ensure you have the most current version.

Updated Guidelines, Effective September 1, 2023

Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including all meetings. There must be a registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over in every unit serving females. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth or female adult program participants.

Notwithstanding the minimum leader requirements, age and program-appropriate supervision must always be provided.

All adults staying overnight in connection with a Scouting activity must be currently registered in an adult fee required position as listed or as an adult program participant. Limited exception below for Cub Scout overnight Programs.

See www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/yp-faqs/ for a list of adult fee-required positions. Registration as a Merit Badge Counselor does not meet this requirement.

Cub Scout Programs – Overnight Exception: Cub Scout parents or legal guardians taking part in an overnight Cub Scout program with their own child or legal ward are not required to register as leaders. All adults must review the "How to Protect your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide" that can be found in the front of each Cub Scout Handbook. In addition, the parent or legal guardian must be accompanied by a registered leader at any time they are with youth members other than their own child/ward. All other overnight adults must be currently registered in an adult fee-required position.

Download the most current version of the Guide to Safe Scouting at

www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/

H. Bernard Wehrle, Sr.

Scout Leadership Service Center
and Scout Shop

2829 Kanawha Blvd E

Charleston, WV 25311

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Phone: 304-340-3663/fax 304-925-0533



Huntington Scout Shop

1037 Sixth Ave

Huntington, WV 25701

Monday-Friday 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Phone: 304-523-3408/fax 304-523-3409



Parkersburg Scout Shop

1117 Garfield Ave

Parkersburg, WV 26101

Monday-Friday 9:00 am-5:00 pm (No Saturdays)

Phone: 304-422-4507/ fax 304-428-8594



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

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

The specific dates are listed below:

Charleston Shop	Huntington Shop
Sept 9	Sept 21
Oct 14	Oct 21
Nov 4	Nov 18
Dec 16	Dec 16
Jan 13	Jan 20
Feb 10	Feb 17
March 9	March 16
April 13	April 20
May 11	May 18



Aquatics & Nature Camp Camp Cherokee, Louisa, KY

Aquatics and Nature Camp is returning to Camp Cherokee. Now is your chance to take Kayaking, Fishing, Motorboating and a number of other merit badges that you couldn't squeeze in at Summer Camp. Come just for the merit badges on Saturday or Sunday. Or come and camp for the whole weekend while you earn a couple merit badges.

Scouts are \$15. There is no fee for Adults. Troops must provide their own meals.

Be sure to read the **Leader's Guide** so you are prepared to have a great time at beautiful Camp Cherokee.

Camp Cherokee is a primitive camp located near Louisa, Kentucky on Yatesville Lake. The Yatesville Lake State Park is a 2,300 acre mountain reservoir located in eastern Kentucky. Built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the park is managed by the Kentucky Department of Parks. Yatesville Lake is located entirely in Lawrence County, Kentucky, on Blaine Creek; a tributary of the Big Sandy River. It was built under the Flood Control Act of 1965. The dam is rockfill, with a central impervious core and founded on rock. The length of the lake and boatable arms is 20.6 miles upstream from the dam and 18.1 miles upstream from where it flows into the Big Sandy River. The maximum depth of the lake is 60 feet with an average mean depth of 17.7 feet. The shoreline measures 93.9 miles at summer pool level. The lake's watershed is 208 miles. Winter Pool Elevation - 624.0 m.s.l. (1,745 acres) Summer Pool Elevation - 630.0 m.s.l. (2,242 acres) Flood Pool Elevation - 645.0 m.s.l. (3,805 acres).

Directions - From US Route 23, turn on Route 3 West. Go 2.5 miles to Route 1185. Take Route 1185 2.5 miles toward the Marina. Boy Scout Road is on the left as you head toward the Marina. Follow the signs to the camp.

Facilities - There are no showers or running water at the camp. Participants and camping units are encouraged to bring water with them. Showers are located in the state park campground area (will require transportation).

Registration closes August 2nd at 5:00 pm.

Youth fee: \$15

Adults: free

On your mark, get set, Scout! Start off the new

Scouting year with a fresh uniform.

Pick up your new uniform at the local Scout Shop.

Uniforms



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the local community!

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TAKHONEK LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW, LODGE #617



Summer camps are closing, and schools are reopening. There is no universe where that is a joyous sentence. As we enter the last stretch of the calendar year, it is important to highlight some upcoming events that will bring some joy to the school year.

Summer Picnic Pool Party and Brotherhood

I do not know why, but I get hungry every time I look at the calendar. Oh, wait! That is because the summer picnic is coming up. I also heard that our budget allowed us to make it a pool party. Look at us joining the ranks of high society. This year's theme will be the County Fair. Furthermore, if you are eligible for Brotherhood, this will be a great chance to achieve it. The picnic will be held on August 5th, at Camp Arrowhead. If you have not signed up, then get to it. Look at you racing against the clock.

Vigil/Vigil Reunion

The Vigil/Vigil Reunion will be held at the Summit, Sub Camp A on Sept. 15-16. This is for Vigil members only. Be watching our website for registration to open sometime in August.

Fall Fellowship

Fall Fellowship is coming up from September 29th to October 1st. This will be one of two opportunities for Ordeal Candidates to complete the Ordeal. Also, if you miss the summer picnic, or are not eligible until after, this will be another chance to earn Brotherhood. Be watching our website for registration to open sometime in August.

Emergency Preparedness Camporee

OA Service Opportunity

The Emergency Preparedness Camporee is coming up. It will be held from October 6th to the 8th. As of now, there is not much information to provide; however, please put this event on your calendar as help will be needed.

Unit Elections

With summer camp season ending, I want to remind you that every troop can hold an OA election once a year if they have not already. While the call-out ceremonies exist, they are not required in the Ordeal process. With the Fall Fellowship coming up it is highly encouraged you hold your elections. Please contact a chapter or lodge officer/adviser to schedule your unit's election today!

2023 Dues

It is essential to remind you to pay your dues. You want to be allowed to go to events or buy merchandise, don't you? Go to www.buckskin.org/oa-events/2023-takhonek-lodge-dues-and-fox-pass/ to pay your dues!!

Would your chapter like one of its events posted in the Courier or share information about a previous event?

If your chapter would like to share news across the lodge or if you have an idea for something you would like to see in the Courier articles, please email your article or ideas to the Courier author, Nolan Duncan, at ndunca1@gmail.com or his student email duncan186@marshall.edu

2023 Youth Officers

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

2023 Chapter Chiefs

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

2023 Adult Advisers

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Seneca	Lee Webb	lealwc318@hotmail.com
Wapiti	David Duncan	david.duncan@suddenlink.net

2023 Lodge Calendar

Date	Event	Location
August 5	Summer Picnic Pool Party	Camp Arrowhead
September 15-16	Vigil/Vigil Reunion	Summit – Sub Camp A
Sept. 29 – Oct. 1	Fall Ordeal/Brotherhood	Camp Arrowhead
October 6-8	Emergency Preparedness Camporee	Summit Bechtel Reserve
October 27-28	Lodge Leadership Dev. (LLD)	Buckskin Council Office
November 3-5	Section E13 Forum	Camp Lazarus
December 9	Lodge Winter Banquet	Summit Pigott Dining Hall



Training Corner

By Susan Williams

WOOHOO Great Job to the following Packs/Troops for attaining 100% Trained Leader Status.

As of July 12, 2023, we would like to congratulate the following:

Adena

Troop 6400B Center Point United Baptist Church

Chief Cornstalk

Troop 2B Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral

Kootaga

Pack 116F 19th Street Church of God

Troop 116B Kootaga Indian Dancers

Having Trained leaders is an easy way to help attain your JTE award. It was added just a few years ago.

If you are interested in your Pack or Troop attaining 100% Trained status, call your District Training Chair

Or call

Sue Williams Training Chair 217-741-0900

Carol McCarthy Training Vice-Chair 703-587-4453

Watch for information about our upcoming National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) coming in July, 2024!

Basic Adult Leaders Outdoor Orientation

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

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

When: Sept 15-16, 2023

Where: Camp Arrowhead

Fee: \$25

Register: www.buckskin.org/training

By Tuesday, Sept. 12th

Questions: Sue Williams

buzy2buzy@gmail.com

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Training

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

When: September 8-9, 2023

Where: Camp Arrowhead

Fee: \$25

Register: www.buckskin.org/training
by Wednesday, September 6th

Questions: contact Rosann Brooks
rosann1030@aol.com

Training Calendar

September

-8-9 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) at Camp Arrowhead

15-16 Basic Adult Leader Orientation (BALOO) at Camp Arrowhead

July, 2024

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

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Shawnee	Rosann Brooks	rosann1030@aol.com

Adena District

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

Adena Event Calendar

August

- 4-6 Aquatics Camp – Camp Cherokee
- 11 Scramble for Scouting – Sugarwood Golf Course
- 12 District Program Kickoff – Camp Arrowhead
- 17 District Committee – 6:00pm

September

- 1 Popcorn Take Order Sale Begins
- 4 Labor Day – Scout Office and Shops Closed
- 7 Roundtable – 6:30pm
- 8-10 Circuit Rider Camporee – Jackson's Mill
- 8-9 IOLS – Camp Arrowhead
- 9 Council District Operations Meeting – 10:00am
- 15-19 Am Veterans Traveling Tribute – Olive Hill
- 15-19 Am Veterans Traveling Tribute – Parkersburg
- 15-16 BALOO – Camp Arrowhead
- 15-16 OA Vigil Reunion - Summit
- 21 District Committee – 6:00pm
- 23 Rocket Launch & Fun Day – Camp Arrowhead
- 29-Oct 1 OA Fall Ordeal/Brotherhood – Camp Arrowhead

October

- 5 Roundtable – 6:30pm
- 5-8 Pumpkin Festival – Milton
- 6 Michael Tygart Hike – Greenbo State Park
- 6-8 Emergency Prep Camporee – Summit
- 19 District Committee – 6:00pm
- 20-22 Cub Family Camp – Camp Arrowhead
- 25 Popcorn Orders Due in Council Office
- 27-28 OA Lodge Leadership Development–Council Office

ROUNDTABLE

The Monthly Roundtable Meeting returns to the schedule in September. These meetings will be held in person at the Gathering Place, Kenova, WV. The meeting will also be shown via Zoom for those who may not be able to attend otherwise. Roundtable is held the first Thursday of each month beginning at 6:30pm.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE

The District Committee Meeting will be conducted via Zoom Video Conference at 6:00pm. These meetings will continue to be held via Zoom until we are able to meet in person.

These meetings begin at 6:00pm on the third Thursday of each month. All units should have a representative attend. All District Committee members and Charter Organization Representatives are encouraged to attend.

Adena District Committee

District Chair	vacant	
District Vice-Chair	vacant	
District Commissioner	Alvin Watts	304-751-5686
District Executive	Carl Sullivan	304-523-3408
Nominating Committee	David Amsbary	304-697-5757
Fund Development	David Lunsford	304-733-2780
Community FOS	vacant	
Product Sale	Melanie Young	304-523-3408
Membership	Jane Mills	304-417-1422
Training	Sue Williams	217-741-0900
Program Chair	Robert Shields	304-638-4536
Camp Promotion	Jon Keelin	606-739-9232
Advancement	Ed Dzierzak	304-634-6189
Marketing	Jeremy Reed	304-972-9116
Cub Scout Roundtable	Melanie Young	606-928-4903
OA Chapter Advisor	Jon Keelin	606-739-9232

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

AQUATICS CAMP

The first weekend in August will be our annual Aquatics Camp at Camp Cherokee, Lousia, Kentucky. Reserve the dates of August 4-6 to attend this camp. Small Boat Sailing, Kayaking, Fishing, Motorboating and a number of other merit badges will be offered. Come just for the merit badges. Or come and camp and have a great weekend while you earn a couple merit badges. Register by August 2nd at 5 pm.

SCRAMBLE. FOR SCOUTING

Our annual *Scramble for Scouting* golf event will be held Friday, August 11 at Sugarwood Golf Course, Lavalette, WV. This yearly fundraiser supports Scouting in the District. If you enjoy playing golf, put together your foursome and enter a team. Have a business? Consider a tee or a green sponsorship. There are a variety of sponsorship options. Enjoy a continental breakfast, a morning of golf, beverages on the course, lunch in the pavilion and door prizes. A mulligan package is also available for you and each of your team members. Check the Council website at buckskin/adena for the event brochure with all the details.

ADENA PROGRAM KICK-OFF

Scout leaders are invited to learn about the plans for the coming program year at the annual Program Kick-off event to be held August 12 at Camp Arrowhead. Planning calendars for the new program year will be available as well as information about some of the upcoming events. A Fun Day geared for Cub Scouts will be held that day as well. There is no fee to attend but we ask that you register in advance, so we know how many to prepare. Details can be found at buckskin/adena.

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Chief Cornstalk District

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

Chief Cornstalk Event Calendar

August

- 15 Popcorn Show-n-Sell orders due
- 16 Show & Sell Popcorn Orders Due
- 17 Cornstalk District Committee Meeting

September

- 1 Popcorn Sale begins
- 1-2 Popcorn show and sell Pickup
- 4 Labor Day – Council Office & Shops Closed
- 8-9 IOLS, Camp Arrowhead
- 8-10 Circuit Rider Camporee – Jackson's Mill 4H Camp
- 9 CDO – 10:00am, Charleston
- 15-16 BALOO, Camp Arrowhead
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October

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- 20-22 Cub Family Camp – Camp Arrowhead
- 25 Popcorn Orders due

Unit Charters

If you need any assistance with Unit re-chartering please contact Billy Bryant at 304-687-0476 to schedule an appointment. If you have any youth members that need financial assistance to continue their journey in Scouting, please send an email to bill.bryant@scouting.org

Emergency Preparedness Camporee- October 6-8

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Cub Scout Family Camp

A ghost town Family Camp will be held at Camp Arrowhead the weekend of October 20-22. Check-in begins at 5:30pm on Friday evening. Activities begin on Saturday morning. Some of the planned activities include BB shooting, archery, boating, fishing, and rocket launching. Be sure to check out the abandoned mine. Details about the camp and registration can be found at the website buckskin.org/adena.

Chief Cornstalk District Committee

District Chair	Mark Linville	304-369-2795
District Commissioner	Jon Dudley	740-683-2265
Field Director	Billy Bryant	304-340-3663
Vice Chair	Jeffrey Brandt	304-982-5546
Vice Chair	Steve Snodgrass	304-837-3302
Membership Chair	Kevin Abdalla	304-345-8091
Community FOS Chair	vacant	
Family FOS Chair	Mike Kawash	304-768-3948
Product Sales	Jessica Hunter	304-389-8842
Special Event Chair	Steve Downey	
Program Chair	Grace Ann Tolbert	304-988-9537
Training Chair	Bonnie Starling	304-965-7680
Advancement Chair	John Teare	304-550-3516
Camping Chair		
Marketing Chair		
Cub Day Camp	Kara Cvechko	304-573-6720
Cub Day Camp	Alicyn Spencer	304-380-4167
District Chaplain	Danny Pauley	304-561-7666
OA Chapter Advisor	Scott Dennison	

Fall Recruitment

Fall is the time that we traditionally invite new Cub Scouts to join our program. The District Executive will be calling each of the packs to schedule a time and place for your roundup. Traditionally these are held on Tuesday and Thursday and do not need to be on the same night that the Pack Meets. If you would like to schedule your roundup you can call Billy Bryant @304-687-0476.

Cornstalk District Committee

The Meeting is the third Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. Anyone can attend, help plan upcoming events, and receive information about the Council and District activities.

WV Methodist Men Circuit Rider Camporee

The Circuit Rider is returning for 2023 and is open to all Scouts BSA troops and Venture crews! Units do not need to be sponsored by a United Methodist Church to attend this great event. In addition to the numerous free activities provided like past events like the frozen t-shirt contest and cast iron cookoff, the United Methodist Men and WVU Jackson's Mill are pleased to offer special programs this year. Each will last approximately one hour and be led by a program coordinator from Jackson's Mill. Scouts and their Scout-age guests can sign up for one, two, or all four of the special programs offered for a fee of \$10 for each Scout or Scout-age guest. Class spots will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Each class will be offered five times throughout the day with a limited capacity for each offering. Go to Buckskin.org for more information!

Kootaga District

Serving: Wood, Jackson, Wirt, Roane, Ritchie, Calhoun counties in WV,
and the communities of Belpre, Little Hocking, and Coolville in Ohio/
michael.fletcher@scouting.org
www.buckskin.org/kootaga

Kootaga Event Calendar

August

- 6 Camp Kootaga Property Comm., Camp Kootaga, 2pm
- 8 Roundtable & Committee meeting
- 16 Show-N-Sell orders due

September

- 1 Popcorn Sales begins
- 4 Labor Day - Wehrle Service Center & Shops closed
- 8-10 Circuit Rider 33, Jackson's Mill
- 9 Council -District Operations meeting (CDO), 10:00 am
- 12 District Roundtable & Committee meeting

October

- 6-8 Emergency Preparedness Camporee, The Summit
- 13-15 Fall Camporee
- 25 Popcorn orders due

Camp Kootaga Scouts BSA Summer Camp 2023 Wrap-up

It's Friday morning and the last troops from week 4 are pulling out of Camp Kootaga now. The staff is working hard to clean up and pack and we're already starting the beginning of preparations for 2024. It's been a wonderful summer for all and it certain has for me. This staff and Camp Kootaga received nothing but praise this year. We had four weeks of regular camp plus staff week. Our total head count for youth was about what we expected it would be (250). A big thank you to all those who have supported the program. We are rebuilding. Next year, let's double the numbers!

Monday's Cub Day at Camp Kootaga became a recruiting event for the planned new pack with Parkersburg Boys and Girls Club. We had 38 excited youth attending and I think we gave them something good to be excited about. We have plenty of time to start planning 2024 Cub events now. Up first is a Cub Fun Day that needs to be put together for this Fall, ASAP.

Across Kootaga District:

On Aug. 27th we will be kicking off the Fall recruitment drive as our executive team gets some in house training and planning. Personally, I want to meet every unit leader in the District over the next couple months, help you with recruitment and building up your unit. Let's work together. Meanwhile, there are new units in the early planning stages around Kootaga District. If you know of anyone expressing interest in working with a unit or starting a new unit, please let me know so that I can reach out to encourage and assist them.

Read the Courier for more information about programs happening across Buckskin Council.

Also in the works:

Kootaga District Committee

District Chair	Vernon Criss	
District Commissioner	Christopher Burk	304-615-5648
District Executive	Michael Fletcher	740-707-0010
Comm. & Marketing	Kathy Wise	304-482-7576
FOS Chair	Susan Barber	
VC Membership	vacant	
Product Sales	vacant	
Camping	Keith Morrow	740-590-7687
Advancement	Patrick Shook	304-481-1792
Training	Pete Conklin	304-455-5064
OA Chapter Advisor	Jay Wilson	304-481-3731

Kootaga Trails Fall Camporee (think Oregon Trails)

Tentative Dates: October 13-15, 2023

(This avoids OSU and WVU home games, and the emergency preparedness camporee at the Summit.)

Details are being worked out and will be published as soon as possible.

Kootaga District Committee Meeting: Tuesday, Aug 8th, 6:30 pm at the Parkersburg office

Kootaga District Round Table Meeting Tuesday, Aug 8th, 7:30 pm at the Parkersburg office

Camp Kootaga Property Committee Meeting Sunday, Aug 6th, 2:00 pm at Camp Kootaga

We had signs displayed at summer camp all summer. Upcoming camp improvements were discussed each week. The next few months will be one of the most active periods of property improvements since Camp Kootaga was started over 100 years ago. Its all-hands-on deck to get all these projects started and finished before December 31, 2023."

The last set of notes from the Property Committee will be publish on the Facebook page for your review. We need to get all items that are started completed. If you have volunteered to be a project manager on any project, please give us an update on August 6th. Several folks have been vocal on the Camp Kootaga FB page



A big thank you to the Camp Kootaga Summer Camp staff for a great summer. See you next year!

Mountain Dominion District

Serving: Monroe, Mercer, McDowell, Summers & Wyoming Counties in WV;
Giles, Bland & Tazewell Counties in VA
Samuel.bosley@scouting.org
www.buckskin.org/mtdominion

Mt Dominion Event Calendar

August

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September

1 Popcorn Sale begins
4 Labor Day - Wehrle Service Center & Shops closed
9 Council District Operations meeting (CDO), 10:00 am
8-10 Circuit Rider 33 Camporee, Jackson's Mill
11 Best of WV Golf Tournament

October

6-8 Emergency Preparedness Camporee, The Summit
25 Popcorn orders due

Important update on district events:

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

www.buckskin.org/mtdominion

Popcorn sales begin September 1st

It's time to begin planning your unit's Fall Popcorn Sale.

Proceeds from this can pay for your entire year of program.

Show-N-Sell: Pre-order popcorn for your Scout's to sell in their local area - outside stores, at festivals, you name it! Place your Show-N-Sell order by August 16th. Pick it up Sept. 1st.

Take Order: Scouts take the order form around their neighborhood visiting with friends and family to sell popcorn. Unit Take Order sales must be submitted to the council by October 25th for pickup around November 10th.

Questions? Give Samuel Bosley a call.

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Mt. Dominion District Committee

District Chair	Brian Blankenship	304-888-2842
District Commissioner	Jason Anderson	304-960-1096
District Executive	Samuel Bosley	304-340-3663
Cub Scout Prog Chair	Carrie Kozikowski	540-626-7929
Scouts BSA Prog Chair	Dan Trent	276-322-3911
Venture Prog Chair	Tim Wallace	276-963-0525
Training Chair	Daren Law	540-235-6467
Advancement Chair	Barry Nowlin	304-487-5632
Popcorn Chair	Trey Aliff	304-308-0405
OA Chapter Advisor	Brian Blankenship	304-888-2842
Membership Chair	vacant	
Religious Emb. Coordinator	Bill Fuzia	503-440-5185

Best of WV Golf Tournament

Experience the Best of West Virginia plus benefit the Buckskin Council, BSA, Seneca, and Mtn. Dominion District. Join us at the Resort at Glade Springs & Weathered Ground Brewery on Monday, September 11, 2023, for a scramble-style golf tournament at the beautiful Cobb Course at Glade Springs. Scramble includes green fees, carts and prizes for play!

Finish the day at Weathered Ground Brewery with live musical entertainment and a West Virginia themed dinner featuring a beer pairing to compliment each course.

While enjoying the music, dinner and gorgeous Weathered Ground Brewery, you can bid on a variety of "Best of" themed prizes in a silent auction, featuring items and experiences from some of the most notable stores and vendors in Southern West Virginia!

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Seneca District

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

Seneca Event Calendar

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Seneca District Committee

District Chair	Frank Jorgensen	
District Commissioner	Lori Hindson	
District Executive	Samuel Bosley	304-340-3663
Advancement Chair	Jeff Proctor	304-673-2640
Program Chair	OPEN	
Training Chair	Carol McCarthy	703-587-4453
OA Chapter Advisor	Lee Webb	
Venturing Chair	Dana McCorkle	304-573-4636

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Shawnee District

Serving: Putnam, Mason, western Kanawha Counties, WV; Gallia and Meigs Counties, OH
michael.cidor@scouting.org
www.buckskin.org/shawnee

Shawnee District Event Calendar

August

- 12 District Program & Popcorn Kickoff
- 16 Show-N-Sell popcorn orders due

September

- 1 Popcorn Sale begins
- 4 Labor Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 8-10 Circuit Rider 33 Camporee, Jackson's Mill

October

- 6-8 Emergency Preparedness Camporee, The Summit
- 20-22 Cub Family Camp – Camp Arrowhead

District Kickoff

The Shawnee District Program and Popcorn Kickoff will be Saturday, August 12th at Eleanor Park, Shelter 4, from 5-7 PM. We will provide hotdogs, buns, and condiments. Attendees can bring a side dish to share. We will hand out packets for program information as well as do a popcorn training and kickoff for the Fall Popcorn Sale. Please feel free to bring the whole family and we will have some games for the kids to do while we are meeting. Please register on the Shawnee District page of the Buckskin.org website. There is no charge for this event, we just need to have you register for purchasing food and tracking the kickoff for popcorn. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Cidor.

Fall Recruitment

It is once again that time of year when school is just around the corner and that means a new year of Cub Scout recruiting. We are here to help your unit be successful with flyers, yard signs, posters and our District Volunteers and Executive Staff to help do presentations in your schools to promote your unit's sign-up event. Sign-up events should be organized, fun and informative for the families. The kids want to have fun doing an activity, the parents want to see that your unit is organized and can give them information helpful to their family making the decision to join.

Tips and ideas:

- Have your Scouts wear their uniform the day of your event.
- Plan an activity that engages the new families, like a game or a simple craft or science experiment,
- Have a handout packet with information about the unit, upcoming events, Key leadership contact information.
- Have applications, pens with clipboards if tables are not available.
- Be upfront and let families know where you need help with leadership and how family involvement is part of the scouting program.

If you have any questions or are ready to schedule your sign-up contact Mike Cidor at 814-860-1562 or Michael.cidor@scouting.org for Shawnee District.

Shawnee District Committee

District Chair	Leo Lopez	304-419-4554
District Commissioner	Rosann Brooks	304-881-1042
District Director	Michael Cidor	814-860-1562
Vice District Chair	Colleen Sergeant	304-552-0297
Vice District Chair (Finance)	vacant	
Advancement Chair	Debbie Slack	304-340-3663
Program Chair	Mike Lamb	304-590-1354
Cub Program Chair	Melinda Craddock	304-727-0143
Camping Chair	Barry Lindley	
SBSA Scout Roundtable	Gerry Stover	
Cub Scout Roundtable	Colleen Sergeant	304-552-0297
Product Sales	David Duncan	304-541-7559
Membership Chair	Traci Hudson	304-382-9679

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Circuit Rider 33 Camporee

hosted by the W. Va. United Methodist Men
The Circuit Rider is returning for 2023 and is open to all Scouts BSA troops and Venture crews! In addition to the numerous free activities provided similar to past events like the frozen t-shirt contest and cast iron cookoff, the United Methodist Men and WVU Jackson's Mill are pleased to offer special programs. Each will last approximately one hour and be led by a program coordinator from Jackson's Mill. Scouts can sign up for one, two, three, or all four of the special programs offered for a fee of \$10 for each Scout or Scout-age guest.

When: Friday, Sept. 8 - Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023

Where: WVU Jackson's Mill, Weston, WV

Cost: \$4 per person to attend.

Includes: Event patch, facility, Jackson's Mill program activities Register at <https://scoutingevent.com/615-CircuitRider33>

Council Fall Camporee

The Buckskin Council and WVU Medicine - Thomas Hospitals are sponsoring an Emergency Preparedness Camporee. It features a variety of public safety related hands-on activities and demonstrations on Saturday, October 7, 2023. Activities and lunch on Saturday will be free. .

Meals are the responsibility of the units or individuals who are camping. Cub Scouts are welcome to attend but will not be allowed to camp overnight. Activities provided by the Summit Bechtel Reserve will be available at an additional expense. A complete list of activities is available at www.buckskin.org. This camporee is open to everyone, so mark your calendar.

Cub Scout Family Camp

A ghost town Family Camp will be held at Camp Arrowhead the weekend of October 20-22. Check-in begins at 5:30pm on Friday evening. Activities begin on Saturday morning. Some of the planned activities include BB shooting, archery, boating, fishing, and rocket launching. Be sure to check out the abandoned mine. Details about the camp and registration can be found at the website buckskin/adena.

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FALL SIGN-UP EVENTS

The sound of school bells, the smell of burning leaves, the cheers for your local football team can only mean one thing – It's Fall Recruitment Time. Start planning your "Adventure On" sign-up event. Develop your unit's program calendar and budget. Think about something special you can do with your new and returning scouts during the sign-up event. Check out the Council and District activity plans at the Program Kick-off on August 12 at Camp Arrowhead. The recruitment giveaways this fall are rockets. Launch days are September 23, and October 21.

POPCORN SALE

August will again mark the start of our annual CampMaster Popcorn Sale. Very successful units have already begun planning their Show and Sell and Show and Deliver phases of this fall's campaign. I don't know of a Scouting pack, troop or crew that doesn't need some extra money for their program. Popcorn can help. Show and Sell/Show and Deliver orders will be due in the Council office by August 16.

The Take Order part of the sale begins September 1. All popcorn and prize orders are due in the Council office by October 25. Product pick up for the take order sale will be Friday, November 10. Be sure to contact Melanie or Carl to schedule a pickup time. Location is to be announced.

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Register at scoutingevent.com/615-CircuitRider33

COUNCIL DISTRICT OPERATIONS MEETING

Functional committee chairs of the District Committee are reminded of the CDO Meeting on September 9 at the Council Service Center. This meeting runs from 10:00am to noon. Join with your counterparts from across the Council to discuss specifics in your area of responsibility on the District Committee.

AMERICAN VETERANS TRAVELING TRIBUTE WALL

The Council has the unique opportunity to visit the American Veterans traveling Tribute Wall at two locations the weekend of September 15 through Tuesday, September 19. This 212 panel display offers tribute to veterans who died in combat from World War I thru the Afghanistan conflict. The Olive Hill presentation is hosted by American Legion Post 138 along with other community organizations and sponsors. This display will be open from 7:30am to 10:00pm nightly from Friday, Sep 15 thru Monday, Sep 18, and 7:30am to 6:00pm on Tuesday, Sep 19. There is no cost of admission. The display will be located at American Legion Park, Rt 60 and KY-174, just outside of Olive Hill, Ky.

BASIC ADULT LEADER OUTDOOR ORIENTATION (BALOO) COURSE

September 15 - 16 is the date for the next BALOO training for Cub Scout Leaders interested in taking their pack or den on outdoor activities. Held at Camp Arrowhead, Ona, WV, scouters can learn the ins and outs of getting your Cubbies outside. Training begins on Friday night about 7:00pm. The course is \$25.00 per person. This covers course material, cracker barrel on Friday night, along with breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Register online at buckskin.org/training.

INTRO TO OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP SKILLS

IOLS is a course required by troop and crew leaders to be considered fully trained. Camp Arrowhead will be the site for the IOLS course on September 8-9. Scoutmasters and Crew Advisors can register on the Council website.

CUB SCOUT FUN DAY & ROCKET LAUNCH I

All Cub Scouts and their families are invited to Camp Arrowhead on Saturday, September 23 for a day of fun. New scouts who receive rockets for joining will get to launch their rockets as well. Shooting sports, fishing, LEGO building and more activities. Returning scouts will be able to purchase a rocket. Otherwise, this is a no fee event.

MILTON PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

October 5 thru 8 will be the 2023 Pumpkin Festival at Milton Pumpkin Park. An information booth about Scouting will be open during the event. In the evenings we will also have one of the inflatable BB ranges operating. Your help is needed during the day and in the evenings with the booth and the BB shooting. Please contact Carl to let him know when you can help.

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MICHAEL TYGART TRAIL HIKE

The annual Michael Tygart Loop Trail Hike begins Saturday, October 7th between 9 am and 11 am at the Greenbo State Park boat dock. This trail is a wonderful 7.5 mile loop trail. Troop 154 will provide assistance as needed. You may hike all or part of the trail. A patch is available for \$1. A donation of one can of food per hiker would be appreciated and will be given to a local food bank. For more information, contact Pat Galliher at 606-324-9952.

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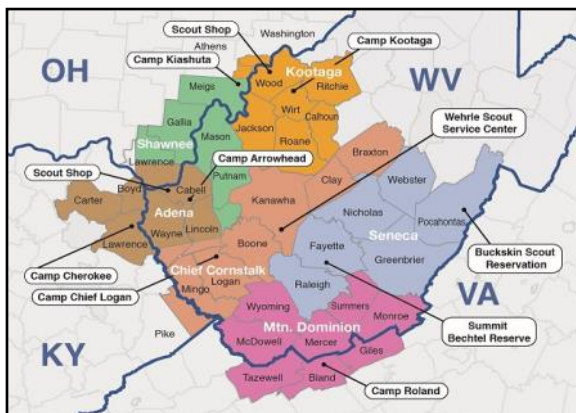
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The Buckskin Council offers an excellent way to remember a Scout, family member, Scout volunteer, friend or community leader, through the Tribute fund. All funds received go to the operating cost in the year they are given. Anyone may, however, designate the donations for a specific purpose. (In Memory Of, Anniversary, Happy Birthday, Get well.)

Other _____

Please send Acknowledgement To:

Name: _____

Address: _____

IN HONOR OF:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Mail To: Buckskin Council, BSA

2829 Kanawha Blvd. E

Charleston, WV 25311

www.buckskin.org



Pipestem Resort State Park

Buckskin Council

(Please print)

Name: _____

Today's Date: _____

Group Name: _____

Arrival Date/Time: _____

How many leaders: _____

How many scouts: _____

Address: _____

Departure Date/Time: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

☐ Splash Pad Area Tent Set Up

☐ Headquarters Area Tent Set Up

Pipestem Adventures

What adventures are you interested in:

<input type="checkbox"/> Zip Lining *	<input type="checkbox"/> Indoor Pool	<input type="checkbox"/> eBikes *
<input type="checkbox"/> Whitewater Rafting *	<input type="checkbox"/> 3D Archery *	<input type="checkbox"/> Disc Golf *
<input type="checkbox"/> Axe Throwing *	<input type="checkbox"/> Skeet Shooting *	<input type="checkbox"/> Mini Golf *
<input type="checkbox"/> Remote Control Cars & Drones *	<input type="checkbox"/> Splash Pad & Adventure Lake *	<input type="checkbox"/> Bike Tours *

* Extra cost and seasonal

Merit Badges

What merit badges are you interested in:

<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking	<input type="checkbox"/> Bird Study	<input type="checkbox"/> Camping
<input type="checkbox"/> Nature	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Archery
<input type="checkbox"/> Geocaching	<input type="checkbox"/> Fire Safety	<input type="checkbox"/> Backpacking
<input type="checkbox"/> Exploration	<input type="checkbox"/> Reptile & Amphibian	<input type="checkbox"/> Golf

*** Please email completed form to tara.a.pack@wv.gov



Unit Commitment Form 2023 Fall Popcorn Sale



Yes, my unit would like to participate in the **Fall 2023**
Camp Masters Popcorn Sale!

_____ **Show & Sell**

_____ **Take Order**

Unit Number: _____ **District:** _____
Pack, Troop, Crew, Ship, Post Adena, Cornstalk, Kootaga, Mt. Dominion, Seneca, Shawnee

Unit Leader: _____

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

Name: _____
(Only one name per unit and it must be the person that will be in charge of the unit's popcorn sale)

Address: _____ **City:** _____
We need a physical address for prize delivery!

State: _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone:
home: _____ work: _____ cell: _____

Email: _____
We must have an email address in order for your unit to order popcorn or prizes!

Approx. number of Scouts in unit: _____

Number of adults in unit: _____

Please complete this form and return it to the Buckskin Council Office.

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

or fax it to 304-925-0533

American Veteran's Travelling Tribute Wall

Sept. 14th thru 19th

American Legion Park, Olive Hill, KY

A tribute to our Nations fallen heroes from WW1 to present day. Memorials from WW1, WW2, Korea and Vietnam. Also 9/11 memorial, Iraq and Afghanistan. Hosted by American Legion Post 138, Olive Hill, Ky. There will be a designated area for scouts to camp in the American Legion Park (Sept. 15th, 16th, and 17th).

All scout units including neighboring councils are invited to camp or visit The park. There is no charge for camping or visiting the memorial displays.

Scouts will be needed to help with parking, guide visitors through the


Memorial displays, police up the park and help with disabled

Visitors. Scouts will also be asked to participate in several

Ceremonies during the weekend a flag retirement

Ceremony Saturday evening. Scouts will need

Class A and B uniforms if possible.



This is a great opportunity to earn service hours for rank and fulfill requirements for several merit badges such as Citizenship in the Nation, American Heritage, Disabilities Awareness and more.

This is a great chance for scouts from all over KY., W.V., and Ohio to Meet and work together.

For more information contact Mike Knight @ 606-225-2370

Buckskin Council, BSA
BASIC ADULT LEADER OUTDOOR ORIENTATION
SEPTEMBER 15-16, 2023 – CAMP ARROWHEAD



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

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

The next course will be September 15-16 at Camp Arrowhead. Check-in begins Friday at 6:30pm. All participants are expected to arrive by 7:00pm. The course is planned to conclude by 6:30pm on Saturday. The course is \$25.00 per person. This covers course material, cracker barrel on Friday night, along with breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

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

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

Registration Deadline – Tuesday, September 12, 2023

BALOO REGISTRATION FORM – SEPTEMBER 15 -16, 2023

Name _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email Address _____

Pack # _____ Position _____ District _____

Detail any food allergies, please _____

Complete the registration form and return to:

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

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

Buckskin Council, BSA
INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS
SEPTEMBER 8 - 9, 2023— CAMP ARROWHEAD

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

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

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

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

When is IOLS training? The next course will be September 8 - 9, 2023 at Camp Arrowhead. Check-in begins Friday at 6:00 pm. All participants are expected to arrive by 7:00pm. The course is planned to conclude by 5:00 pm on Saturday.

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

QUESTIONS? Contact Rosann Brooks 304-881-1042 or rosann1030@aol.com

Registration Deadline – Wednesday, September 6, 2023

IOLS REGISTRATION FORM — SEPTEMBER 8 — 9, 2023

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



BUCKSKIN COUNCIL, BSA
ADENA DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER FUN DAY and
ROCKET LAUNCH
Camp Arrowhead
4081 Scout Camp Road, Ona, WV
Saturday, September 23, 2023

Join with your fellow scouts to "Launch Into Scouting" as we celebrate the start of a new program year. New scouts joining will receive a rocket kit at their signup event. Returning scouts can purchase a rocket kit at the event for \$4.00. We will have rocket building time so you can assemble your rocket. Then it's on to the launch pad where we will see how high your rocket can fly.

BUT THERE IS MORE! In addition to the rocket launch, we will deliver on what you were told at school or the signup event. You will have a chance to do some BB Shooting and Archery. Stop by the slingshot range and see how many time you can hit the pans. You want to fish? Bring your pole and bait to try to catch the big one. (We do catch and release at camp, thank you.) There will be some more activities for you to enjoy as

This is a no fee event. Scouts and their families are welcome to come and enjoy Camp Arrowhead. Come and stay as long as you like. The event will begin at noon and end at 4:00pm. Although there is no fee to attend this event, we do ask that you pre-register so we may have an idea as to how many will be attending. You may register at www.buckskin.org/adena. Walk-ins are welcome.

Scan this QR code to register



www.buckskin.org/adena

Additional rockets will be available to purchase for a nominal fee for those who would like to build and launch one.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP

Camp Arrowhead is located just off Blue Sulphur Road. From the Huntington Mall take exit 20. Follow the access road to US Route 60 E and turn left. Proceed to the second traffic light and turn left on Blue Sulphur Road. Go 1.5 miles and turn right on Scout Camp Road. Stay on Scout Camp Road to the camp entrance. Turn right to enter the camp parking lot. Check-in will be under the awning at Meacham Lodge located on the





National Youth Leadership Training

July 14 - 19, 2024

Camp Arrowhead

What is NYLT?

It is a week-long course at Camp Arrowhead, Ona, WV, that gives Scouts and Venturers the methods, skills and experience to become better leaders in their unit. The course centers around the concepts of what leader must **be**, what they must **know**, and what they must **do**; with a clear focus on how to accomplish this.

The cost is \$300 per youth, which includes: an NYLT field T-shirt, all meals and all course materials. A \$75 deposit is required. We will only be able to accept 48 participants for this course. Please register no later than June 10, 2024. Late fee will be \$325.00.

Who can attend?

- All eligible Scouts BSA and Venturing youth who wish to improve their leadership skills. To attend the course, you must have a unit leader recommendation.
- **Scouts:** Must be 13 or older by June 2024 and First Class, or a member of a Crew, Ship, or Post, must be 14 and have completed the 8th grade.
- Scouts BSA must not be 18 years old and Venturers must not be 21 years old by the last day of the course.

What Participants will learn

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| • Communications | Team Development |
| • Problem Solving | Presentation Making |
| • Ethical Decision-Making | Working with Adult leaders & Youth in Administrative Areas |
| • Resolving Conflict | Servant Leadership |
| • Setting Goals | Scouting EDGE |

All youth must complete a current BSA Annual Medical Examination (Parts A, B1, B2 & C)

Questions? Email the Course Director, Del Stonestreet at rds2s@aol.com

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Scout Rank: _____ Unit Number: _____ T- Shirt Size (Adult sizes): _____

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