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MARSHALL UNIVERSITY MERIT BADGE COLLEGE

March 9, 2024

Marshall University,
Huntington, WV

The course catalogs for these two events have been reviewed and compared with the intention of eliminating duplicate elective merit badges between the two merit badge colleges. Thirty-nine merit badges will be offered during this day long event. Among them will be ten Eagle-required merit badges. Scouts may register for up to two merit badges being offered. The fee is \$15 per scout which includes lunch. Adults may purchase an optional lunch ticket for \$10. Select your merit badges or training when registering.

Several adult training classes will be offered at no fee, including Scoutmaster Specific Training, Youth Protection and Merit Badge Counselor Orientation. Basic First Aid, AED and CPR will also be offered. There is a \$45 fee for this all-day session.

Register early for best merit badge selection. Scouts are expected to come prepared with any pre-requisite materials completed. The course catalog has all the details.

Check in begins at 8:00 am at the Memorial Student Center. Lunch for scouts is included in the registration fee. Adults may purchase a lunch ticket. Lunch will be in the Student Center Food Court. Limited menus will be offered at Chick-Fil-A, Steak n Shake, and La Familia

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

March 23, 2024

West Virginia State University WEST VIRGINIA
Institute, WV STATE
UNIVERSITY



The winter may not seem like a good Scouting time, but March brings about one of the largest Scouting events we conduct each year – the University of Scouting. This year the University of Scouting will be held March 23 on the campus of West Virginia State University, Institute, WV.

In addition to the merit badge college being offered, a wide variety of adult training opportunities will also be provided. Basic First Aid/CPR/AED will also be offered at an additional cost of \$45 to cover course materials.

Scout fee is \$15.00.

Adult taking training fee is \$15

Adult meal ticket (not taking training) \$10

Fee includes merit badge sessions, lunch, and adults will receive a patch.

Registration for University of Scouting will open soon..

Register at
www.buckskin.org



Spring Nut Sale Begins February 1st

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

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

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



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

- 9 Charleston Shop open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 9 Marshall University Merit Badge College
- 14 Annual Executive Board Meeting
- 15-17 OA AIA/ICE Weekend, Camp Arrowhead
- 16 Huntington Scout Shop open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 29 Good Friday - Service Center & Shops closed

April

- 5-7 OA Spring Fellowship
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Recognizing a Scout for attaining the rank of Eagle? Celebrating your packs Blue & Gold?

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

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

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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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



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

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

Since 1910, words like “trustworthy, loyal, brave, clean, and reverent” from our Scout Law have come to epitomize what the BSA has stood for. Over the past 114 years, parents have come to know that Scouting helps instill character in America’s youth.

The Boy Scouts of America has helped lay the foundation for the future for more than 130 million alumni and members. In fact, independent studies show that adults who participated in Scouting as youth are more likely to put the needs of others before themselves; make honest, not easy, decisions; and value education and the environment.

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

February is Scout Anniversary month. Let’s celebrate our past and look forward to our future!

Good Scouting to you and yours.

Jeffrey L. Purdy
Scout Executive

Silver Beaver & District Award of Merit Nominations

The Buckskin Council is accepting nominations for the Silver Beaver Award and District Award of Merit. If you know someone who is worthy, please fill out the form and send it to the Buckskin Council, 2829 Kanawha Blvd. E, Charleston, WV 25311.

Silver Beaver: The Silver Beaver Award recognizes Scouters exemplify the ideals of Scouting both in and out of the Scouting circle. The Silver Beaver Award is a National Award and the highest award that can be presented to a volunteer on a council level.

It is one of the most distinguished forms of recognition in Scouting. You may download the nomination form at: www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-103_WB.pdf

District Award of Merit: The District Award of Merit is a council award presented by districts in the same manner that the Silver Beaver is a national award presented by councils. The award recognizes Scouters who render services of outstanding nature at the district level.

You may download the nomination form at: www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33720.pdf

Buckskin Council’s Recognition Dinner is scheduled for March. More information to come.

Religious Emblems Night

Thursday, February 22nd
Zoom Event from 7pm-8pm (Central)

Learn about religious emblems recognized by the BSA
Hosted by the National Religious Relationships Committee
Sign-up: www.tinyurl.com/religiousemblemsnight

A SCOUT IS REVERENT



Camp Kootaga Scouts BSA Summer Camp Reserve Your Campsite Today!

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

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

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

Summer Camp Schedule for Scouts BSA for 2024:

Staff Week - June 9-15, 2024

Week 1 - June 16-22, 2024

Week 2 - June 23-29, 2024

Now Hiring Summer Camp Staff

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

www.buckskin.org/camping/scoutsbsacamp/

WINTER FUN DAY

The Winter Fun Day on February 24th is a special day at the **World Scouting Museum** in Charleston. Located at 1615 Washington St E, scouts and their families will be able to tour the facility in the morning beginning at 9:00 am..

At Noon, stop by the Council Service Center for a hot dog lunch. Then families will be able to tour the **West Virginia State Museum** at the Capitol Complex.

Come enjoy a fun and educational day. Please register on the Council website.

Buzz Into Action: A Citizen Science Project with the Horn-faced Mason Bee!

The Horn-faced Mason bee is one of the solitary bees that do not build hives. Native to this area, they are gentle, non-aggressive pollinators and vital to our ecosystem, especially in orchard pollination. By understanding more about these bees, we can help promote biodiversity and ensure the health of our local habitats.

Here's where you come in! WVU is leading a study to better understand these bees and is seeking young citizen scientists like you. You will learn about bee behavior, how to manage their habitats, and contribute real data that will help protect these important pollinators.

Earn Your Insect Study Merit Badge: Participating Scouts will have the opportunity to earn their Insect Study Merit Badge. You will engage in hands-on activities, learn from experts, and complete your badge requirements while making a meaningful contribution to science and nature. You may also receive credit as a study participant.

Who Can Join? This project is open to all Scouts with a curiosity about nature and a passion for community service. No prior experience is necessary – we will provide all the training you need!

How to Sign Up: Interested? You must reply with your interest no later than March 1st. For more information, contact Gerry Stover at gerry.stover@gmail.com.

Join us in this buzzing venture as we explore the world of the Horn-faced Mason bee and work together to protect West Virginia's natural beauty. Your participation will not only help the environment but also allow you to discover the fascinating world of insects, earn a merit badge, and develop skills in science and conservation. Besides earning the Insect Study' ... Scout will receive this special patch from the 2023 National Scout Jamboree.

Let's buzz into action and make a difference together!



BUCKSKIN COUNCIL
SCOUTS ON SKIS
FAMILY SKI OUTINGS



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

Sunday, February 4, 2024
Sunday, February 25, 2024

Bring Scouts and family members to Scout on Skis and receive:

- A full day (open to close) lift ticket
- Ski or Snowboard Rental Equipment
- A 90 minute group lesson customized to each participant's skiing level.
- A full set of ski rental equipment including helmet

NOTE: Meal Voucher NOT included in Ski Package

Add-ons and upgrades are available.

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

Price: \$80 Ski Package

\$32 2 hour Tubing pkg

\$15 Meal Voucher

Register Online at www.buckskin.org or call 304-340-3663

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



H. Bernard Wehrle, Sr.
Scout Leadership Service Center
and Scout Shop
2829 Kanawha Blvd E
Charleston, WV 25311

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm
 Phone: 304-340-3663/fax 304-925-0533



Huntington Scout Shop
1037 Sixth Ave
Huntington, WV 25701

Monday-Friday 9:00 am-5:00 pm
 Phone: 304-523-3408/fax 304-523-3409



Parkersburg Scout Shop
1117 Garfield Ave
Parkersburg, WV 26101

Monday-Friday 9:00 am-5:00 pm (No Saturdays)
 Phone: 304-422-4507/ fax 304-428-8594



Charleston and Huntington Scout Shops are open one Saturday a month from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

The specific dates are listed below:

Charleston Shop	Huntington Shop
Feb 10	Feb 17
March 9	March 16
April 13	April 20
May 11	May 18



TAKHONEK LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW, LODGE #617



One month in, and 2024 is already beginning on a great start. While there have been hiccups here and there, we truly are beginning to move on from the dark years of 2020-2021. In light of this joyous year, we have many exciting events coming up for the Lodge.

Unit Elections

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

AIA/ICE Weekend

The first major outing for the lodge will be AIA/ICE weekend. It is a great chance to learn how to help with ceremonies or serve as an elongamat during the Fellowships. To register for AIA/ICE, you can visit <https://www.buckskin.org/oa>. I encourage all to come out for the event.

Spring Fellowship

Spring Fellowship is coming up. More information will be released in the future. This event is another reason to get your elections in. All eligible candidates are encouraged to come out to take their ordeal or brotherhood.

2024 Lodge Calendar

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

NOAC 2024

Attention Arrowmen! Sign-ups for NOAC 2024 are now open! NOAC 2024 will be held on the University of Colorado Boulder campus from July 29th to August 3rd. The cost for registration and transportation is \$1,200. More information about NOAC can be found at the NOAC 2024 website: <https://oa-bsa.org/program/events/noac>. To register for the Takhonek contingent, you can visit <https://www.buckskin.org/oa> or scan the QR code.



2024 Dues

It is essential to remind you to pay your dues. You want to be allowed to go to events or buy merchandise, don't you? Go to www.buckskin.org/oa to pay your dues and buy your Fox Pass for 2024 or click on the QR code.



2024 Lodge Officers

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

2024 Chapter Chiefs

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

2024 Adult Advisers

Lodge Adviser	David Duncan	david.duncan@suddenlink.net
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Assoc.Adviser Prog.	Jeff Estep	jmestep136@gmail.com
Assoc.Adviser Summit	George Soltis	gm.soltis@gmail.com
Staff Adviser	Billy Bryant	bill.bryant@scouting.org

Chapter Advisers

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Adjudimo	Scott Dennison	scott.dennison@outlook.com
Hytone	Brian Blankenship	blankenshipbrian1@gmail.com
Kootaga	Jay Wilson	jw6180a@yahoo.com
Seneca	Lee Webb	lealwe318@hotmail.com
Wapiti	David Duncan	david.duncan@suddenlink.net



Training Corner

By Susan Williams

Upcoming Leader Training

Marshall University Merit Badge College: Troop level training will be available at Marshall University Merit Badge College on March 9, 2024. When you sign your troop up for merit badges, be sure to sign your self up to take training!

What training classes can you choose from?

- Scoutmaster/Asst SM Specific training
- Youth Protection training
- Merit Badge Counselor Orientation
- Troop Committee Challenge
- First Aid & CPR/AED Certification (extra \$45 fee)
- Eagle Scout Process Overview

University of Scouting: The big training event is the University of Scouting, on March 23, 2024, at West Virginia State University in Institute, WV.

Training classes are still being finalized. We will offer both Scouts BSA leader training and Cub Scout Leader training.

Learn how to offer a program that keeps your Scouts coming back for more. Learn everything you need to know about the coming changes to the Cub Scout Program. Find out how to use Scoutbook, tie knots, and cook a gourmet meal in camp!

In a nutshell, University of Scouting is for all leaders. Watch for registration to open soon at www.buckskin.org.

Training Calendar

March

- 9 Marshall Univ. Merit Badge College
- 23 University of Scouting, WVSU

May

- 3-4 Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO), Camp Arrowhead
- 10-11 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS), Camp Arrowhead

July

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



National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is a week-long course at Camp Arrowhead, Ona, WV, that gives Scouts and Venturers the methods, skills and experience to become better leaders in their unit. **The cost is \$300 per youth. A \$75 deposit is required at registration. We will only be able to accept 48 participants for this course. Please register no later than June 10, 2024. Late fee is \$325.**

Who can attend?

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

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

Or Rosann Brooks at rosann1030@aol.com

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

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

Adena District

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

Adena Event Calendar

February

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

March

- 7 Roundtable – 6:30pm
- 9 MU Merit Badge College – 8:30am-4:00pm
- 16 Huntington Shop Open – 9:00am-1:00pm
- 16 Adena Pinewood Derby – 8:00am
- 21 District Committee – 6:00pm
- 29 Good Friday - Office & Shops Closed

April

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

ROUNDTABLE

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

DISTRICT COMMITTEE

The District Committee Meeting will be conducted via Zoom Video Conference at 6:00pm. These meetings will continue to be held via Zoom until we are able to meet in person. These meetings begin at 6:00pm on the third Thursday of each month. All units should have a representative attend. All District Committee members and Charter Organization Representatives are encouraged to attend.

SCOUT SHOP OPERATIONS

The Council Office and all Scout Shops are closed February 19 for Presidents' Day. The Huntington Shop is scheduled to be open the following Saturdays – Feb 17, and Mar 16.

UNIT RE-CHARTERING BEGINS

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

Adena District Committee

District Chair	vacant	
District Vice-Chair	vacant	
District Commissioner	Alvin Watts	304-751-5686
District Executive	Carl Sullivan	304-523-3408
Nominating Committee	David Amsbary	304-697-5757
Fund Development	vacant	
Community FOS	Kevin Craig	304-638-0190
Product Sale	Melanie Young	304-523-3408
Membership	Jane Mills	304-417-1422
Training	Sue Williams	217-741-0900
Program Chair	Robert Shields	304-638-4536
Camp Promotion	Jon Keelin	606-739-9232
Advancement	Ed Dzierzak	304-634-6189
Marketing	Jeremy Reed	304-972-9116
Cub Scout Roundtable	Melanie Young	606-928-4903
OA Chapter Advisor	Jon Keelin	606-739-9232

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

FAMILY FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

There are several units that have been very good over the years to invite us to speak to their families about the work we do to support our packs, troops and crews. As we start into this new year, as you plan your Blue & Gold Banquet, Pinewood Derby, Pack Meeting, Court of Honor, or other gathering where your families will be present, would you please consider allowing us to share with your families and giving them the opportunity to support Scouting? Contact Carl with the date of your next event where a presentation can be made.

SKI DAYS

The Winterplace Ski Dates have been announced for 2024. These dates include Feb 4 and Feb 25. The \$80 Scouting package includes the all-day lift ticket, ski or snowboarding equipment (boots, poles, skis and helmet) and a 90 minute group lesson. Upgrades are available for a meal voucher (\$15) and/or 2-hour snowtubing option (\$32). Registrations and ticket purchase must be made by the Thursday before the event date to receive the \$80 rate.

WINTER FUN DAY

Our Winter Fun Day on February 24th is a special day at the **World Scouting Museum** in Charleston. Located at 1615 Washington St E, scouts and their families will be able to tour the facility in the morning.

After a hot dog lunch at the Council Service Center, families will be able to tour the **West Virginia State Museum** at the Capitol Complex. Come enjoy a fun and educational day. Please register on the Council website.

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Chief Cornstalk District

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

Chief Cornstalk Event Calendar

February

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

March

- 9 MU Merit Badge College – 8:30am-4:00pm
- 16 District Pinewood Derby
- 21 District Committee Meeting
- 29 Good Friday - Office & Shops Closed
- 31 Easter Sunday

April

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

Cornstalk District Committee

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

Unit Charters

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

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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	

***Thank You to our
Buckskin Council Champions
for helping to support Scouting in
the local community!***

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Kootaga District

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

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April

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- 13 Council Pinewood Derby

DISTRICT RECOGNITION DINNER

Please make plans to join us 6:00pm, Tuesday February 6 at Mt. Pleasants United Methodist Church, 62 Turkey Foot Road, Mineral Wells, WV 26150 to renew old friendships and make new ones with the many leaders and units that have played a major role in helping shape the future of the youth in our community. We look forward to reconnecting as well as taking time to recognize deserving nominees from our District for a variety of honors from outstanding first year Leader to the District's highest honor, the "District Award of Merit". The cost is \$5 per person, \$8 per couple, or \$24 per table of six. Dinner will be provided. We just ask you to bring a dessert to share with 6 - 8 people. Register at www.buckskin.org or the Parkersburg Scout Shop.

Keep Your Unit Visible!

Keep your Scout Unit in the public's eye! On a regular basis send items on what your unit is doing to your local media or invite them to your events. Keep your social media current and active. Families want to join units that are active and busy!

Kootaga District's 55th Annual FOS Dinner

The Kootaga District 55th Annual FOS dinner will be on March 22 at the Parkersburg Country Club. This event supports Scouting in the Kootaga District and Camp Kootaga. This year's speaker will be Brad D. Smith, President of Marshall University. Jimmy Asbury is the coordinator of this years event. If you would like to help Jimmy and his team with this event please contact Jimmy at (304) 893-3078. Please mark your calendar for the event. To reserve your seat or sponsor a table, contact Jimmy or the Parkersburg Scout Shop.

Kootaga District Committee

District Chair	Vernon Criss	
District Commissioner	Christopher Burk	304-615-5648
Field Director	Billy Bryant	304-340-3663
Comm. & Marketing	Kathy Wise	304-482-7576
FOS Chair	Susan Barber	
VC Membership	vacant	
Product Sales	vacant	
Camping	Keith Morrow	740-590-7687
Advancement	Patrick Shook	304-481-1792
Training	Pete Conklin	304-455-5064
OA Chapter Advisor	Jay Wilson	304-481-3731

The Morale Officer

Prior to becoming the District Commissioner, I had a very inaccurate understanding of a commissioner's role. Years ago, I was under the belief that a visit from a commissioner was to check up on the unit to see how we were performing and make sure we were following BSA standards and District rules. Having had no experience with a commissioner or a commissioner's visit, I totally bought into their view. I am here to tell you that my perception could not been farther from the truth.

I am a strong proponent that everyone in the Scouting program believes in the values the Oath and Law impart and live up to those ideas, so I am going on faith that every unit is following BSA standards and rules. I mean, why would you continue to support a program and put the time and effort in if you don't believe in its core mission?

Therefore, the commissioner's job is not to be the correction officer or spy, keeping tabs on things the unit does wrong. The role is to be the morale officer and unit champion. The commissioner is there to commend you on the things you're doing well and get you excited about new and different things to add to your program. Scouts are recognized and rewarded for their accomplishments. Units and their leaders need to be as well. Think of a commissioner's visit as a Scoutmaster's Conference or Board of Review for the unit. "Congratulations on the work you have accomplished. What goals are next on your list? Let's plan on how to achieve them." A commissioner's visit is a time for the unit to share their successes as well as communicate their challenges and additional needs.

In a perfect world every unit would have at least six commissioner visits per year. Considering the Kootaga District currently only has one commissioner, that is currently not happening. Clearly, we need more commissioners going forward, if you're interested in being a morale officer for the District, please contact me. Going forward I am going to try and visit as many units as possible, but in the meantime, don't hesitate to send me an email or call if you have questions or need some immediate help.

YIS,

Christopher Burk

Mountain Dominion District

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Giles, Bland & Tazewell Counties in VA
Samuel.bosley@scouting.org
www.buckskin.org/mtdominion

Mt Dominion Event Calendar

February

- 4 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace
- 9-11 Klondike Derby Camporee Pipestem State Park
- 15 District Committee meeting
- 19 Presidents' Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 25 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace

March

- 16 District Pinewood Derby
- 17 District Recognition Dinner
- 21 District Committee meeting
- 29 Good Friday - Service Center & Shops closed

April

- 13 Council-District Operations mtg (CDO)
- 13 Council Pinewood Derby

Important update on district events:

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

District Klondike Derby at Pipestem

Come experience the great outdoors at the Mountain Dominion District Klondike Derby February 9-11, 2024. Camping is available thanks to our gracious hosts at Pipestem State Park.

Troops may set up tents at the Campground Friday and/or Saturday nights. Bathrooms are available (no showers). You must purchase firewood at Pipestem (\$8 per bundle).

Saturday (February 10th) events:

- 9:30 - Welcome
- 10:00 - Session 1
- 11:00 - Session 2
- 12:00 - Lunch
- 1:00 Session 3
- 2:00 - Session 4
- 3:00 - Session 5
- 4:00 - Closing

Lunch is "on your own." Events will center around Scout Skills, Cooking, First Aid, and FUN! Dress for the weather. The fee is Scouts \$5 Adults \$2

Questions? Contact Dan Trent at dantrent@comcast.net

Mt. Dominion District Committee

District Chair	Brian Blankenship	304-888-2842
District Commissioner	Jason Anderson	304-960-1096
District Executive	Samuel Bosley	304-573-5499
Cub Scout Prog Chair	Carrie Kozikowski	540-626-7929
Scouts BSA Prog Chair	Dan Trent	276-322-3911
Venture Prog Chair	Tim Wallace	276-963-0525
Training Chair	Daren Law	540-235-6467
Advancement Chair	Barry Nowlin	304-487-5632
Popcorn Chair	Trey Aliff	304-308-0405
OA Chapter Advisor	Brian Blankenship	304-888-2842
Membership Chair	vacant	
Religious Emb. Coordinator	Bill Fuzia	503-440-5185

Scout Ski Days at Winterplace

Special Ski Package deal! The price will be \$80 which includes a full day of skiing (open to close), ski or snowboard rental equipment and a customized 90-minute Group lesson (minimum age for the lessons is 8 yrs. old).

Snowtubing package for only \$32.

Please see the flyer for available times!

Meal voucher \$15 (optional)

Please, pre-register (304) 340-3663 or go to www.buckskin.org

You must register and purchase your ticket by Thursday before the event to receive the \$80 rate.

District Meeting

The next district meeting will be held at Stinson United Methodist Church on February 15th. The roundtable will begin at 6:30 with the district meeting following at 7:15 pm.



Find Buckskin Council's Cub Scout Pinewood

Derby rules and guidelines at

www.buckskin.org/forms.

Seneca District

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

Seneca Event Calendar

February

- 4 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace
- 6 District Committee meeting
- 9-11 Klondike Derby with Mtn. Dominion Pipestem
- 19 Presidents' Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 25 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace

March

- 5 District Committee meeting
- 29 Good Friday - Service Center & Shops closed

April

- 13 Council-District Operations mtg (CDO)
- 13 Council Pinewood Derby

Klondike Derby at Pipestem

Come experience the great outdoors at the Mountain Dominion District Klondike Derby February 9-11, 2024. Camping is available thanks to our gracious hosts at Pipestem State Park. Troops may set up tents at the Campground Friday and/or Saturday nights. Bathrooms are available (no showers). You must purchase firewood at Pipestem (\$8 per bundle).

Saturday (February 10th) events:

- 9:30 - Welcome
- 10:00 - Session 1
- 11:00 - Session 2
- 12:00 - Lunch
- 1:00 Session 3
- 2:00 - Session 4
- 3:00 - Session 5
- 4:00 - Closing

Lunch is "on your own." Events will center around Scout Skills, Cooking, First Aid, and FUN! Dress for the weather.

Scout Fee: \$5 Adult Fee: \$2 Register Online at:
<https://mycouncil.buckskin.org/Event/2054>

District Committee Meeting

The district meeting will take place on February 6th on zoom! The meeting begins at 7 PM. Come ready to discuss the latest on what is happening in the district! Check your email for the Zoom link.

Scout Ski Days at Winterplace!

Take advantage of a special ski package deal! The price will be \$80 which includes a full day of skiing (open to close), ski or snowboard rental equipment and a customized 90-minute Group lesson (minimum age for the lessons is 8 yrs. old).

Snowtubing package for only \$32. Please see the flyer for available times! Meal voucher \$15 (optional)

Please, pre-register (304) 340-3663 or go to www.buckskin.org You must register and purchase your ticket by Thursday before the event to receive the \$80 rate.

Seneca District Committee

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

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

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Shawnee District Event Calendar

February

- 4 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace
- 15 District Annual meeting, 6:30 pm
- 19 Presidents' Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 24 Winter Fun Day
- 25 Scout Ski Day at Winterplace

March

- 16 District Pinewood Derby
- 21 District Committee meeting
- 29 Good Friday - Service Center & Shops closed

April

- 13 Council-District Operations mtg (CDO)
- 14 Council Pinewood Derby

Now Hiring for Summer Camp Staff

We are looking for staff for the summer season at Camp Kootaga. This year we will have a three-week commitment for staff including one week of training and set up followed by two one-week sessions for Scouts BSA. Any scouts age 14 interested in becoming a Counselor In Training (CIT), we will train you in being a merit badge instructor, let you experience different areas of program as well as the chance to earn merit badges while you are there. Anyone interested in applying, please complete an application from our website at <https://www.buckskin.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Summer-Camp-Staff-Application-Buckskin.pdf>

Marshall University Merit Badge College

Saturday, March 9th is the Marshall University Merit Badge College. Choose from 39 merit badges being offered. Scouts are \$15, adults may purchase a meal ticket for \$10. Leader training will also be available. Register today at www.buckskin.org.

University of Scouting

The council University of Scouting is Saturday, March 23rd at West Virginia State University in Institute. Scouts will be able to choose from a wide range of merit badges. Many training classes for both Cub Scout and Scouts BSA will be offered. The training includes classes about the new Cub Scout program updates, Scoutbook, and ways to raise the level of your unit's program. Watch the council website for registration to open soon.

District Pinewood Derby

The Shawnee District Pinewood Derby will be held on Saturday, March 16th at the Cross Lanes United Methodist Church, 5320 Frontier Dr, Cross Lanes, WV 25313. Weigh-ins at 9am with races at 10am. Races open to all Scouts in the Shawnee District, the top 3 winners will precede to the Council Pinewood Derby in April.

Shawnee District Committee

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

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

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

National Youth Leadership Training or NYLT will be held July 14-19, 2024 at Camp Arrowhead. NYLT simulates a month of the life of a troop. It is a six-day course that reinforces and expands upon Be-Know-Do leadership. Scouts learn a number of leadership skills and concepts. They learn about the stages of team development and how to match the most appropriate leadership style with the developmental stage of the individual or team. The course has many challenges for the youths, including its culmination where they undergo a quest for the meaning of leadership, which they then present to the entire NYLT troop. Register on our website or at any of our Scout Shops. Cost is \$300 per youth, \$75 deposit due when registering. Deadline is June 10, 2024. For questions contact Del Stonestreet at 304-543-8415 rds2s@aol.com.

WINTER FUN DAY

The Winter Fun Day on February 24th is a special day at the **World Scouting Museum** in Charleston. Located at 1615 Washington St E, scouts and their families will be able to tour the facility in the morning beginning at 9:00 am..

At Noon, stop by the Council Service Center for a hot dog lunch. Then families will be able to tour the **West Virginia State Museum** at the Capitol Complex.

Come enjoy a fun and educational day. Please register on the Council website.

District Annual Meeting

The Shawnee District Annual Meeting will be on Thursday, February 15th at 6:30 PM via Zoom. The link can be found on the Shawnee District page of the Buckskin Council website.

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ADENA DISTRICT DINNER

In celebration of the 114th year of our existence and to recognize the accomplishments of our Eagle Scouts, the District will be hosting a dinner on Saturday, March 16. The District Advancement Committee and the District Committee invite you to share the evening with us. Eagle Scouts from 2023 will be recognized at the dinner as guests of the District Committee. The dinner will be held at the American Legion Post 16, 1421 6th Ave, Huntington. Award of Merit nominations can also be made but are limited to Adena District volunteers. Scoutmaster, Scouter, Cubmaster and Cub Scouter of the Year nominations can also be made now. Reservations for the dinner can be made via the website.

MARSHALL UNIVERSITY MERIT BADGE COLLEGE

March 9, 2024, will be the date for the next MU Merit Badge College in Huntington. A variety of merit badges will be offered during this daylong event. Scouts may register for up to two merit badges being offered. Ten Eagle required badges and 29 elective badges are planned to be offered. The fee is \$15 per scout which includes lunch. Adults may purchase a lunch ticket for \$10. Most adult training will be offered at no fee, including Youth Protection and Merit Badge Counselor Orientation. Basic First Aid, AED and CPR will again be offered. The cost for this all-day session will be \$45.00.

Register early for the best merit badge selection. Scouts are to come prepared with any pre-requisite materials completed.

DISTRICT PINEWOOD DERBY

It's time for Cub Scouts to begin working on their Pinewood Derby cars so they are ready to race on Saturday, March 16.

There will be no fee for this event. All participants will receive an event patch. Trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in each Cub rank, as well as for a Grand Champion. There will be an Open class for siblings, parents and leaders who wish to race as well. Come, join the fun of Pinewood Derby on March 16. This is a "no fee event", but we do ask that you register via the Council website. Location will be announced.

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

The winter may not seem like a good Scouting time, but March brings about two of the largest Scouting events we conduct each year – the University of Scouting and the Marshall University Merit Badge College. This year the University of Scouting will be held March 23 on the campus of West Virginia State University, Institute, WV. In addition to the merit badge college being offered, a variety of adult training opportunities will also be provided. Basic First Aid/CPR/AED will also be offered at an additional cost of \$45 to cover course materials. The participant fee for all badges and classes except Basic First Aid is \$15.00. Fee includes merit badge sessions, lunch, and adults will receive a patch. Not registering for classes, or taking First Aid and would also like to have lunch in the Dining Hall, adult lunch tickets are \$10.00.

APRIL 6

Watch for a special announcement regarding the return of an event that has not been observed for some time. This activity will be open to all scouts and family members regardless of age. We are excited to bring this event to you. But we're not quite ready to tell you about it. Keep watching for more information.

WEBELOS-REE

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

FISHING DERBY

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

SPRING CAMPOREE

Plans are being developed for a Shooting Sports Camporee to be held the last weekend of April. Our friends at Northeast Kentucky Fish and Game Association will allow us to camp and provide certified range officers for rifle and shotgun shooting. We will also setup an archery range. And don't forget about the fishing they have to offer as well. Details are still being worked out, so watch for details on registration and fees on our district page – www.buckskin.org/adena.



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come together in faith and
fellowship.**

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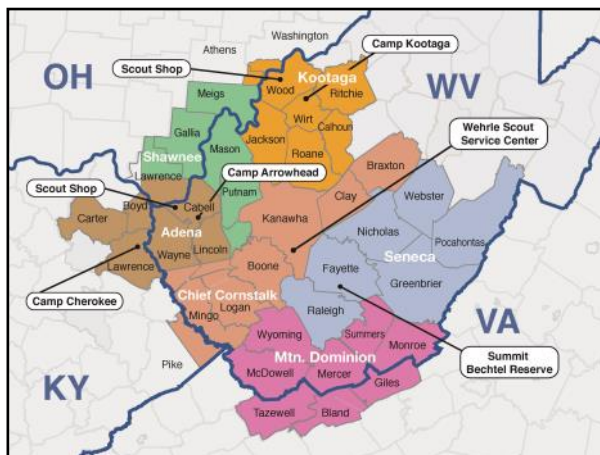
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Buckskin Council, BSA District Executive Field Position

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

Scouting Overview

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

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

Job Summary

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

Essential Duties

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

Desired Skills

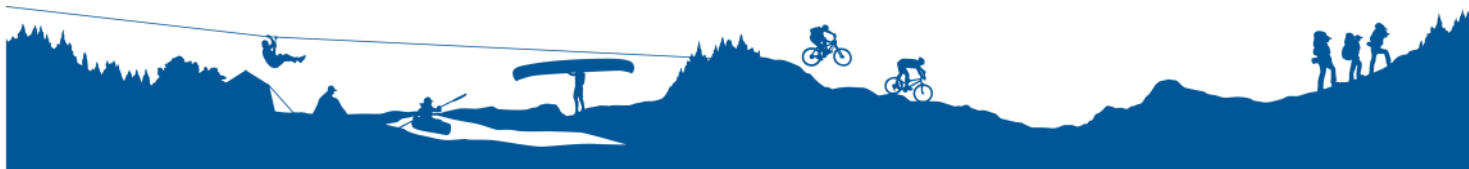
- Strong marketing, fund-raising and program development background is highly desired.
- Non-profit, fundraising or sales experience is a plus.
- Must be comfortable with public speaking and interacting with diverse audiences. Excellent people skills, enthusiastic, punctual, responsible, and creative.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

Requirements:

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

Education: Bachelor's Degree (Required)

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



Special Ski Program Buckskin Council



Special Price \$80, Save Up To 50%
January 7, January 21, February 4 & 25

Ski Package Includes:

- A full day (open to close) Lift Ticket
- Ski or Snowboard Rental Equipment (boots, poles, skis)
- Helmet
- Customized 90-minute Group Lesson (minimum age for a group lesson is 8)

2023-24 Upgrades:

- **Meal Voucher \$15**
(New menu options.)
- **Snowtubing \$32**
Available Sessions:
9AM-11AM, 11AM-1PM,
3PM-5PM, 5PM-7PM, 7PM-9PM
(1PM-3PM Session Not Available)

Pre-Register: (304)340-3663 www.buckskin.org

Bring your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors!

Pre-register and purchase your ticket by Thursday before the event to receive the \$80 rate. Your family, friends and neighbors qualify for this special rate.





National Youth Leadership Training

July 14 - 19, 2024

Camp Arrowhead

What is NYLT?

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

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

Who can attend?

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

What Participants will learn

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

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

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

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Birthdate: _____

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

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

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

Mountain Dominion District

Klondike Derby

February 9-11, 2024

Pipestem State Park, near Athens, WV

Camping available Friday and/or Saturday at Pipestem State Park

Come experience the great outdoors at the Mountain Dominion District Klondike Derby. Camping is available thanks to our gracious hosts at Pipestem State Park. Troops may set up tents at the Campground Friday and/or Saturday nights. Bathrooms are available (no showers). You must purchase fir-wood at Pipestem (\$8 per bundle).

Saturday (February 10th) events:

9:30 - Welcome	12:00 - Lunch	3:00 - Session 5
10:00 - Session 1	1:00 - Session 3	4:00 - Closing
11:00 - Session 2	2:00 - Session 4	

Lunch is "on your own." Events will center around Scout Skills, Cooking, First Aid, and FUN! Dress for the weather. **Scouts \$5 Adults \$2**

Register @ Buckskin.org

Contact DanTrent@comcast.net
for more information

More information @
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Advancement Updates 2024

As of January 1, 2024, the following changes to Scouts BSA requirements become effective.

Rank Requirements:

There were minor changes to Scout (6), and Star (6).

The Cyberchip has been phased out. Scouts should use the Personal Safety Awareness training at <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/scouts-bsa/> for both Scout and Star ranks.

Eagle Palms:

Scouts BSA will no longer have to wait three months between Eagle Palms. They will have to earn five additional merit badges, and live by the Scout Oath and Law.

Merit badge with significant changes to content are:

- Automotive Maintenance – updated to include electric/hybrid vehicles (1c,d,e,f,g,h) (2a,b,c,d,e) (3c) (8a,e,f)
- Canoeing – major reorganization (3) (4b) (7) (8) (9)
- Coin Collecting – reorganization and updated for new/retired coinages (3) (4) (5) (6) (7)
- Fire Safety – safety updates (1c) (2) (4) (6b,c,d,g) (7a) (9a) (10a) (11)
- First Aid* – more hands-on (2) (4) (7) (8d) (10) (11) (12) (13) (14) (15) (16)
- Golf – reorganized and added disc golf option (1) (2)
- Insect Study – expanded requirements (2) (4) (6a,b) (12)
- Journalism – included social media (2a1)
- Nuclear Science – updated, more active options (1a,b,c,d,e) (2b) (3a,b) (4,4c) (6a,b)
- Safety – updated to include natural disasters (1c) (2c,d,e)
- Skating – added skateboarding option (1b)(2) (Skateboarding Option), Ice Skating Option (2b1) (2d2), Roller Skating Option (2c1)(2d2)
- Surveying – added use of drones (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)
- Sustainability* – major reorganization (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9)
- Swimming* – added correct demonstration of strokes (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9)

Merit badges with minor changes include:

Backpacking (11b)	Indian Lore (2) (3) (4) (5)
Bird Study (2) (4) (7) (8c) (9d) (11) (12)	Law (1) (5) (11)
Camping* (9c)	Mining in Society (8c)
Chemistry (2c) (5)	Photography (1a)
Cooking* (5 a,b,c,d,e)	Plant Science (8 Option 1: Agronomy E5c)
Digital Technology (1)	Programming (1a)
Engineering (5) (6c)	Radio (9a5)
Fly-Fishing (3b,c) (10)	Scouting Heritage (2b3, b4) (3) (4c)

The current merit badge requirements are found at <https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/>

"*" indicates Eagle required merit badge

The Guide to Advancement Section 7.0.4.3 addresses what to do when merit badge requirements change and Section 4.0.0.1 addresses changes to rank requirements. This can be found at <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf>



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



1 WHO SHOULD ATTEND?:

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

2 HIGHLIGHTS:

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

3 DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 19, 2024 – early registration ends

February 2, 2024 – online registration closes

FEBRUARY 9-11, 2024

GATLINBURG, TN

Winterfest is hosted by the Northeast Georgia Council, BSA

PARTICIPANT PRICE

Youth (14-21): \$55 per youth if paid by January 19, 2024.
After January 19th, the price is \$65 per youth.
At the door price is \$70.

VISITOR PRICE

All others (Adults/youth 5-13): \$10 per adult/visitor if paid by January 19, 2024. After January 19th, the price is \$15. At the door price is \$20.

What is Wood Badge?

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

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

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

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

- BILL HUNT, CUBMASTER, MORGANTOWN

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

- TRAVIS MILLER, TROOP COMMITTEE, BRIDGEPORT

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

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

- STEVE BLOSSER, SCOUTMASTER, FAIRMONT



WOOD BADGE

Mountaineer Area Council

September 20 - 22 and
October 5 - 6, 2024



TAKE YOUR UNIT
TO THE
NEXT LEVEL!

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

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

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



COURSE INFORMATION

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

Participants must attend
both sessions.

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

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

\$325 after 03/31/2024

limited assistance available

For additional information, visit:



WHY ATTEND?

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

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



Camp Kootaga 2024

Summer Camp Registration Fee Structure

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

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

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



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



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

Refund Policy

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

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

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

2023 Summer Camp Dates

June 10 – 14 Staff Training / Set Up

June 16 – 22 Week 1 Scouts BSA

June 23 – 29 Week 2 Scouts BSA

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

2024 Camp Kootaga Summer Campsite Deposit Form

Unit Contact Information:

Troop _____ ☐ Boy Troop ☐ Girl Troop

Council _____ District _____

Leader Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____ St _____ Zip _____

Estimated number of scouts: _____ Estimated number of adults: _____

Dining Hall _____ or Self Sufficient (Cooking in site) _____

Camp Session:

☐ Week 1- June 16-22

☐ Week 2- June 23-29

Campsite: number top 3 site preferences

_____ Subpark _____ Beechwood _____ Baden Powell _____ Dan Beard _____ J.M. Bennett

_____ Seneca _____ Miami _____ Delaware _____ Shawnee _____ Cherokee _____ Dakota

_____ Mohonegon _____ Iroquois _____ Chippewa

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

Payment Method:

_____ Cash _____ Check _____ Credit Card

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

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



Religious Emblems Night

Religious Emblems Created by Faith Communities for Their Members, Recognized by the B.S.A.

Did you know the B.S.A. recognizes Religious Emblems for wearing on the B.S.A. uniform? There's even a knot for them?

Join us on **Zoom** on **Thursday, February 22nd** from **7pm-8pm (central)** to learn about these programs. This **FREE session** will explain how to start earning the appropriate emblem for your faith group. We encourage youth, parents, unit leaders, and faith leaders to attend. As such, we can't record these sessions. So don't miss out! **Sign-up today!**

Breakout Rooms Offered:

All of these breakout rooms happen at the same time. Make sure you register for a device in each of the breakout rooms your family/unit will have someone attending.

Protestant Rooms:

1. General Information & Virtual Nationwide P.R.A.Y.
2. African Methodist Episcopal Awards/Patches & P.R.A.Y.
3. Baptist Awards & P.R.A.Y.
4. Lutheran Awards & P.R.A.Y.
5. United Methodist Church Awards & P.R.A.Y.
6. How to Serve as a P.R.A.Y. Counselor

Additional Rooms:

7. Jewish Religious Emblems
8. Latter-day Saint (LDS)/Vanguard Scouting
9. Members of Churches of Christ for Scouting
10. Muslim Religious Emblems
11. Hindu Religious Emblems
12. Roman Catholic Emblems/Patches
13. Eastern Orthodox Religious Emblems
14. Sikh Religious Emblems
15. Friends/Quakers Religious Emblems
16. My Faith isn't Listed (Additional Faiths' Religious Emblems)



Why isn't this being recorded?

We have youth attending this and can't record them for Youth Protection purposes. However, we will be hosting all the PowerPoints on our website after the event at www.dutytogodbsa.org

Schedule:

- 6:50 Zoom Room Opens
- 7:00 What are Religious Emblems?
- 7:10 Breakout Sessions
- 8:00 Zoom Room Closes

How do I save my "seat"?

Fill out this Google Form for each device attending. You will select which breakout you want to attend on this form. You'll be sent the Zoom link 48 hours ahead of the event.

<http://tinyurl.com/religiousemblemsnight>

Why do we ask for devices attending instead of people attending?

Zoom meetings are limited by how many devices are attending, and we want to make sure we don't leave people out. If your family/unit can all join together, and sign-up one device per breakout room you want to attend, we can get even more people this information.