



BUCKSKIN COUNCIL
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Camp Kootaga Scouts BSA Summer Camp

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

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

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

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

Summer Camp Schedule for Scouts BSA for 2024:

Staff Week - June 9-15, 2024

Week 1 - June 16-22, 2024

Week 2 - June 23-29, 2024

Now Hiring Summer Camp Staff

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

www.buckskin.org/camping/scoutsbsacamp/

Summer Camp Scholarship Applications Available

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

Cub Scout Program Updates Coming June 1, 2024

It's official! The Cub Scout program will be updated for the 2024-25 program year. Over the past several years the National Cub Scouting Committee has identified areas to improve the Cub Scout program to ensure that it is fun, simple, and easy.

Over the past five years the National Cub Scouting has been working on these updates. These updates are based on feedback from over 23,000 parents and Cub Scout leaders through various surveys and data.

A session on the coming updates will be offered at the University of Scouting on March 23rd at West Virginia State University. We strongly encourage Cub Scout leaders to make plans to attend this training so you will be prepared for the June 1st kickoff.

Council Officers

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Council Calendar

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
- 23 University of Scouting, West Virginia State University, Institute
- 29 Good Friday - Service Center & Shops closed

April

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

May

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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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



Find Bucks skin Council's Cub Scout Pinewood Derby rules and guidelines at

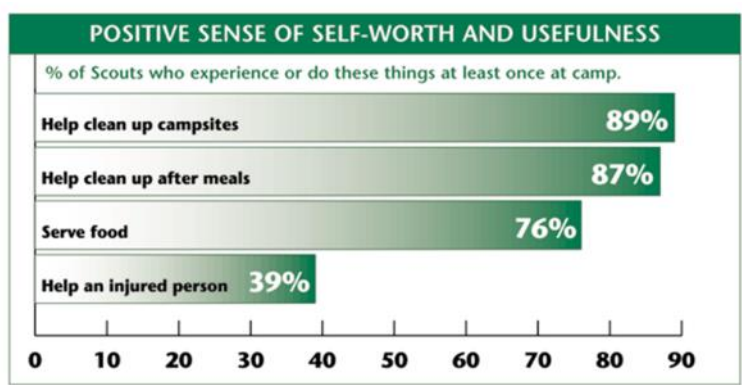
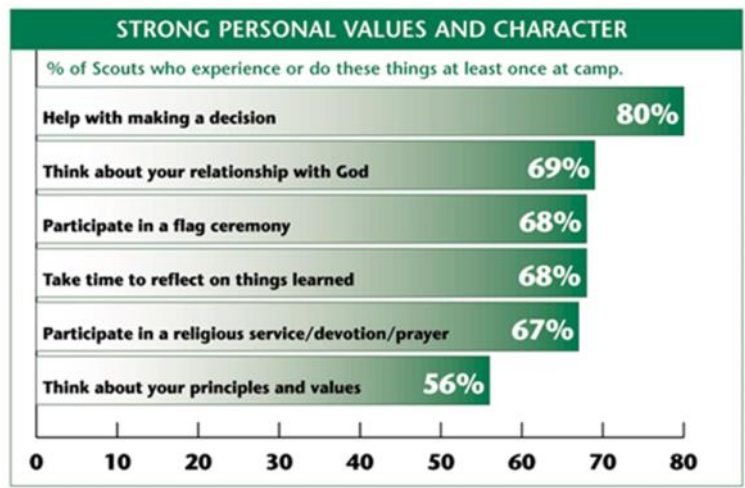
www.buckskin.org/forms.



Dear Scout Volunteers and Parents:

It's time to plan for camp! Every Cub Scout Pack, Scouts BSA Troop, Venture Crew, and Explorer Post should be making your choice on where you plan to attend your respective summer camp program. And we have a plethora of options and choices. We are preparing a summer of outdoor activities for you and your unit to consider.

Harris Interactive of New York designed a study on the impact of summer camp in the lives of Scouts. Here are a few charts that reflect the positive impact of Scout camps:



As you can see, the things most parents want for their children can be found at camp. It's the best part of being a Cub Scout, Scout, Venturer, and Explorer. Let's make sure every youth goes to camp and gets the very best Scouting experience.

Good Scouting to you and yours,

Jeffrey L. Purdy

Scout Executive

MARSHALL UNIVERSITY MERIT BADGE COLLEGE

March 9, 2024

Marshall University

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.

\$15 per scout which includes lunch.

\$10 adult lunch ticket (optional)

Please 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

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.

Cub Scout Leaders

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.

Register today at www.buckskin.org.

Council Pinewood Derby –

Saturday, April 13th

Wehrle Service Center

2829 Kanawha Blvd East, Charleston, WV

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

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

The rules are available on the Buckskin Council Website at <https://www.buckskin.org/forms/>

SCOUT TROOPS

DO YOU NEED SERVICE HOURS FOR YOUR SCOUT RANK OR FOR YOUR SCHOOL?

Scout Service Day at Pipestem State Park

Date: Saturday, March 16, 2024

Time: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Location: Pipestem State Park

Equipment: Gloves, Leaf Rakes & Blowers

Food: Lunch will be provided

Register: www.buckskin.org/pipestem

Fee: Free of Charge

Scouts will receive service hours to be applied to rank, merit badges or school.

Please register so we know how much food to prepare for that day.

Questions! Please email larry.wunderly@scouting.org

Spring Nut Sale

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

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

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



Unit orders are due April 17th by NOON.



HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS **2024 WORLD TOUR**

Where, WHAT JUST HAPPENED?!? happens all the time!

Don't miss your chance to be a part of the world-famous Harlem Globetrotters global tour as they take the court with moments of extreme basketball innovation and unparalleled fan FUN! See the Globetrotter stars LIVE as they DRIBBLE, SPIN, SLAM, and DUNK their way past their relentless rivals, the Washington Generals!

The Harlem Globetrotters will be performing their on-court basketball magic **Tuesday, March 26, in Charleston** at the Coliseum, and **Wednesday, March 27, in Huntington** at Mountain Health Arena. Group ticket pricing is available for groups of 10 or more. Upgrade your experience with the Magic Pass. This 30-minute interactive pre-show experience is held 90 minutes before all Harlem Globetrotters games, and helps create lasting memories for you and your family. Groups do NOT pay on-line service fee.

Magic Pass full price is \$25, the group rate is \$20 and there are no fees for this ticket. To order group tickets for 10 or more call 813-417-3481 or email info@grouptixs.com. Not a group of 10 or more - Purchase on-line with savings on your tickets by entering promo code:GRPGHI. Online tickets can be ordered at <https://www.ticketmaster.com/harlem-globetrotters-2024-world-tour-presented-huntington-west-virginia-03-27-2024/event/16005F2FB76627E2>. Online ticket fees will apply.

DEADLINE TO ORDER: FRIDAY, 3/22/2024 at NOON (12pm EST)

Instructions for On-Line Code: Find the date and time of the show you wish to attend. Once the page with the seating map opens look in the upper right-hand side for "UNLOCK". Click on the "Unlock" - The passcode space will open. "Enter Offer Passcode" - This is where you enter the code GRPHGI. "Unlock" will turn navy blue - click "Unlock". You will now see the discount "SPECIAL OFFERS UNLOCKED" in green: Go to the seating map and locate the seats you are interested in, click on the BLUE DOTS to select the seats. When selecting the seats be sure to click the Blue "Add" button that shows the discount - "Special Offers" as shown above. You will need to add each seat one at a time. - Once you have completed your selection processed to checkout. If you need assistance, please call our office at 813-417-3481. Groups of 10 or more can also place your order directly with us and save on on-line fees.

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 304-925-0534



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
March 9	March 16
April 13	April 20
May 11	May 18

Scouts Read Sacred Texts Worldwide

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

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

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

We encourage Cubs & Scouts to participate in three ways.

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

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

Here is the link to register: [Scouts Read Sacred Texts Worldwide](#)

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



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

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

Questions or comments? Please contact GSLACRRC@gmail.com





TAKHONEK LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW, LODGE #617



As the new year Marches on, we still have some events for the first quarter of the year. While we still have the rest of the year to look forward to, I encourage you to take the time to look at what is coming up.

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. The event will happen March 15-17 at Camp Arrowhead. Registration will close on March 13th. This is a Fox Pass event, but you must still register. To register for AIA/ICE, you can visit <https://www.buckskin.org/oa>. I encourage all to come out for the event.

2024 Dues

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



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 20-21	Vigil/Vigil Reunion	Summit Sub Camp A
Oct. 4-6	Fall Ordeal/Brotherhood	Camp Arrowhead
November 1-3	Section E13 Forum	Camp Lazarus
November 16	Lodge Leadership Dev.(I.L.D)	Buckskin Council Office
December 14	Lodge Winter Banquet	Summit Pigott Dining Hall

Spring Fellowship

Spring Fellowship is a great chance to Spring forward with the lodge's activities and membership. This is an opportunity for anyone elected as an ordeal candidate to complete their ordeal and be welcomed into our order. Springtime is the first opportunity of the year to complete your Brotherhood, thus, anyone eligible for brotherhood should take the opportunity to accomplish this task and reach that goal. The event will be held on April 5-7 at Camp Kootaga. Register online at www.buckskin.org/oa. Register before March 31st to avoid a late fee (which I know we all hate), and registration will close on April 3rd. The cost is \$20 for Arrowman and is included free with this year's Fox Pass. Ordeal candidates, Brotherhood candidates, Arrowmen, and Fox Pass holders all need to pre-register online. Ordeal Candidates should aim to show up to camp between 6:00-7:30pm on Friday evening.

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 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

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Assoc.Adviser Summit	George Soltis	gm.soltis@gmail.com
Staff Adviser	Billy Bryant	bill.bryant@scouting.org

Chapter Advisers

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Seneca	Lee Webb	lealwe318@hotmail.com
Wapiti	David Duncan	david.duncan@suddenlink.net



Training Corner

By Susan Williams

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 overnighiter.

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

Fee: \$25

Register: www.buckskin.org/training

Questions: Sue Williams buzy2buzy@gmail.com

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Training

Working as patrols, this hands-on course provides adult leaders the practical outdoor skills they need to lead Scouts in the 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 & Where: May 10-11, 2024 at Camp Arrowhead

Fee: \$25

Register: www.buckskin.org/training

Questions: Rosann Brooks rosann1030@aol.com

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

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. Knots, Lashings, Outdoor Cooking - it's all there! Learn everything you need to know about the coming changes to the Cub Scout Program. In a nutshell, University of Scouting is for all leaders.

Register today 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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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

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
- 16 District Dinner
- 21 District Committee – 6:00pm
- 23 University of Scouting -
- 29 Good Friday - Office & Shops Closed
- 31 Easter Sunday

April

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

May

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

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 March 29 for Good Friday and May 27 for Memorial Day. The Huntington Shop is scheduled to be open the following Saturdays –Mar 16, Apr 20, and May 18.

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.

UNIT RE-CHARTERING BEGINS

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

FAMILY FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

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

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

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. Reserve your seat at www.buckskin.org/adena.

(Adena District continued on page 14)

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

March

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

District Pinewood Derby

The District Pinewood Derby will be held on March 16 at the council service center. Check-in will begin at 9:00 am, with racing beginning at 10:00 am. There is no fee for this event. Please register your scouts at Buckskin.org

Cornstalk District Committee

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

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	
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Product Sales	Jessica Hunter	304-389-8842
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Program Chair	Grace Ann Tolbert	304-988-9537
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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
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Kootaga Event Calendar

March

- 13 District Committee, 6:320 pm
- 13 Roundtable, 7:30 pm
- 22 District FOS Dinner
- 23 District Pinewood Derby
- 24 Camp Kootaga Summer Staff interviews
- 29 Good Friday - Office & Shops Closed
- 31 Easter Sunday

April

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

May

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

Kootaga District's 55th Annual FOS Dinner

The Kootaga District Friends of Scouting Campaign is off to a great start with just 4 weeks into the campaign we have achieved 32% of the goal and on the fast track to achieving the goal of \$80,000. The 2024 campaign began late January and is being chaired by Jimmy Asbury. For ticket info and table sponsor info contact Jimmy Asbury at 304-893-3078.. More info is also posted on the Kootaga District Facebook Page.

Brad D. Smith, president of Marshall University, will be the featured speaker at the 55th annual Kootaga District of the Buckskin Council Boy Scouts of America Community Leadership Dinner on Friday, March 22, 2024.

With your help, the Kootaga District of the Buckskin Council will continue to motivate young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetime. Your gift will ensure that all youth throughout our District will have the opportunity to experience all that Scouting has to offer.

Stickers!!

We have several different types of stickers to help your Scouts advertise Scouting, but you need to ask Lisa at the Scout office about them. It's spring recruiting time and we all need to recruit to get Scouts ready for summer time activities. Anything your unit does is a recruiting opportunity for your unit. Keep your social media current and updated—folks want to join units that are active—show that activity! Peer to peer cards and yard signs are available at the Scout office. Yard signs work!

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

District Commissioner Message

A Scout Is...

I was gazing at my coffee mug on my desk trying to come up with a topic for this month's newsletter. Many of you would recognize the Friends of Scouting mug with the Scout Oath printed in the middle. Emblazoned in a ribbon across the top are six points of the Scout Law, with the remaining six inscribed across the bottom. That's when it came to me: as supporters of the BSA, we all know what a Scout is and the value the scouting program can bring. But what about the rest of the public? Do they understand what a Scout is?

I continue to hear parents and others comment about what youth are being taught—or not being taught—these days. We can debate whether certain skills are still relevant in today's world, but there is one skill that will always be important, and that is critical thinking. Understanding the *why* is equally as important as understanding the *how*.

If you ask most people what scouting is about, odds are they are going to mention camping and learning to tie knots. Yes, that is true—but those activities have a greater significance than just becoming competent in those specific skills. A rope can be attached to a post with two half-hitches or a clove hitch, but each one functions differently. Understanding the outcome you are trying to achieve and applying the correct tools and methods to accomplish those results are equally as important as knowing how to tie the knot. Untying a bowline is much easier than untying an overhand knot on a bight after they have both been pulled tight.

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetime by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. The twelve points of the Scout Law are specific, but also imprecise. A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent—but it is left to the Scout to understand how to be all of those things. And not just while they are a Scout, but for the rest of their life.

In other words, a Scout has not only learned a lifetime of practical skills, but also the ability to apply those skills to an array of different situations. It seems to me that we should remind people that scouting is about a bit more than tying knots and going camping.

Christopher Burk
Kootaga District Commissioner

Mountain Dominion District

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Mt Dominion Event Calendar

March

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

April

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

May

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

Important update on district events:

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

District Meeting

The next district meeting will be held at Stinson United Methodist Church on March 21st.

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

University of Scouting

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Cub Scout Leaders can learn about the new program updates that will begin June 1st.

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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.

Register today at www.buckskin.org.

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



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How to earn the BSA 2024 Solar Eclipse patch

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2. Describe how to safely view the eclipse.
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 - Cub Scouts: Discuss what a solar eclipse is with your leaders.
 - Scouts BSA: Draw a diagram of the positions of the moon, earth, and sun to show how the solar eclipse occurs.
 - Venturers: Research Sir Arthur Stanley Eddington’s 1919 experiment and discuss how it confirmed Einstein’s theory of general relativity.

The council’s Scout Shops will be taking preorders for the patch and tshirts until March 15th. Order yours today!

Seneca District

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Samuel.bosley@scouting.org
www.buckskin.org/seneca

Seneca Event Calendar

March

- 5 District Committee meeting
- 23 University of Scouting, WVSU, Institute, WV
- 29 Good Friday - Service Center & Shops closed

April

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

May

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

District Committee Meeting

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

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Register today at www.buckskin.org.


Happy
St. Patrick's Day

Seneca District Committee

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

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Shawnee District Event Calendar

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
- 18 District Committee meeting

May

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

Shawnee District Committee

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

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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 move to the Council Pinewood Derby in April.

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. Register today at www.buckskin.org.

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.

Summer Camp Scholarship Applications Available

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

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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.

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.

BALOO TRAINING

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

MULTI-DISTRICT FAMILY CAMP

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

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



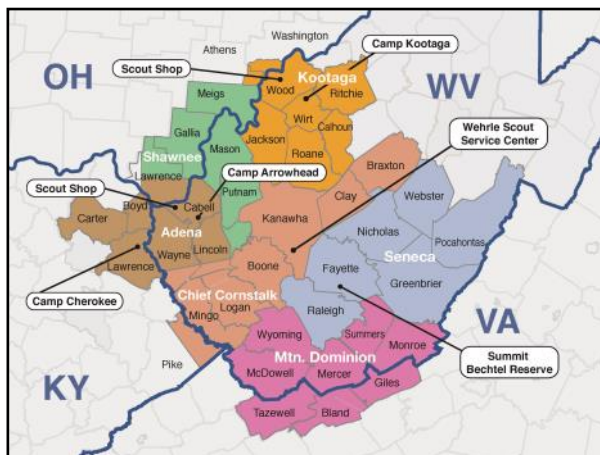
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Buckskin Council, BSA District Executive Field Position

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

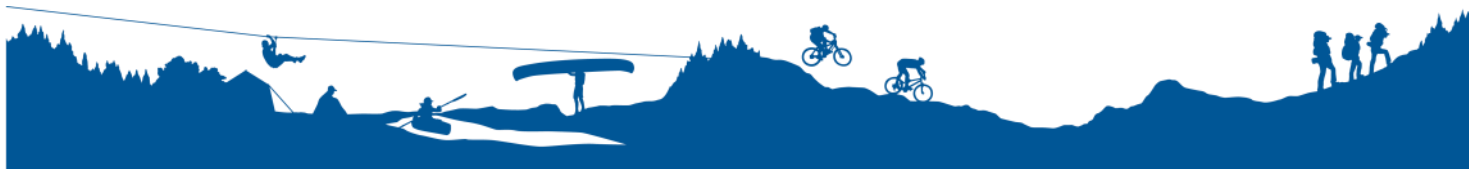
- Strong marketing, fund-raising and program development background is highly desired.
- Non-profit, fundraising or sales experience is a plus.
- Must be comfortable with public speaking and interacting with diverse audiences. Excellent people skills, enthusiastic, punctual, responsible, and creative.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





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5. Ask your unit leader to buy the 2024 Solar Eclipse Emblem. (The council’s Scout Shops will be taking preorders for the patch and tshirts until March 15th. Order yours today!)



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.

BUCKSKIN COUNCIL, BSA
ADENA DISTRICT
Pinewood Derby 2024

WHEN:

March 16, 2024

Check-in begins 8:00 am

Racing begins about 9:00 am

WHERE:

Catlettsburg Elementary School

3501 Court St, Catlettsburg, KY

**Car specifications can be found on the Council website – www.buckskin.org.
See the Pinewood Derby logo on the right side of the main page.**

Event is open to all Cub Scouts in Adena District. Cubs register without a fee.

Open Division for adults, leaders and siblings. Registration fee is \$5.00 per racer.

For more details, check the Adena District page on the website.





KOOTAGA DISTRICT PINWOOD DERBY MARCH 23rd, 2024

10:00 AM Check In

300 Campus Drive Parkersburg, WV 26104

Register online at: www.buckskin.org/kootaga

The Kootaga District Derby invites all scouts and leaders to race.

We race on multiple tracks at the same time.
Compete in our Cub Scout Rank Classes or in an Unlimited Class for adults.

All racers' times will be recorded. Trophies will be awarded based on the fastest in each Cub Scout Rank and the Overall Race Winners will be selected based on fastest total time.

This District Race will be our district Qualifier for the Buckskin Council Championship Race in April in Charleston, WV.

If you're into Pinewood Derby Racing, please become a VOLUNTEER by contacting the KDD Racing Committee at fastantiques@gmail.com



Follow us on FACEBOOK @KootagaDistrictDerby

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CHARLESTON COLISEUM / CHARLESTON, WV

Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 7:00pm

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What is Wood Badge?

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

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

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

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

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

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

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

"Wood Badge empowers passionate volunteers to unlock the true potential of young minds!"
- TRAVIS MILLER, TROOP COMMITTEE, BRIDGEPORT

"Wood Badge helped me better understand the aims of Scouting and how to set up a quality program in order to have a strong and successful Troop. Nearly 60% of our Troop leaders have completed Wood Badge, which has given us the tools we needed to go from adult led to mostly youth led!"
- STEVE BLOSSER, SCOUTMASTER, FAIRMONT



WOOD BADGE

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



**TAKE YOUR UNIT
TO THE
NEXT LEVEL!**



COURSE INFORMATION

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

Participants must attend
both sessions.

\$275 if deposit paid by 12/31/23
\$300 if deposit paid by 03/31/24
\$325 after 03/31/2024

limited assistance available

For additional information, visit:



WHY ATTEND?

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

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



SCOUT TROOPS

DO YOU NEED SERVICE HOURS FOR YOUR SCOUT RANK OR FOR YOUR SCHOOL?

Scout Service Day

Date:	Saturday, March 16, 2024
Time:	10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Location:	Pipestem State Park
Equipment:	Gloves, Leaf Rakes & Blowers
Food:	Lunch will be provided
Register:	buckskin.org/pipestem
Fee:	Free of Charge

Scouts will receive service hours to be applied to rank, merit badges or school.

Please register so we know how much food to prepare for that day.

Questions! Please email larry.wunderly@scouting.org

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



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

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

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

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

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

Registration Deadline – Tuesday, April 30, 2024

BALOO REGISTRATION FORM – MAY 3 - 4, 2024

Name _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email Address _____

Pack # _____ Position _____ District _____

Detail any food allergies, please _____

Complete the registration form and return to:

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

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

Buckskin Council, BSA

INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS

MAY 10 – 11, 2024 – CAMP ARROWHEAD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Registration Deadline – Wednesday, May 8, 2024

IOLS REGISTRATION FORM – MAY 10 – 11, 2024

Name _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email Address _____

Troop # _____ Position _____ District _____

Detail any food allergies, please _____

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

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

Camp Kootaga 2024

Summer Camp Registration Fee Structure

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

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

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



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



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

Refund Policy

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

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

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

2023 Summer Camp Dates

June 10 – 14 Staff Training / Set Up

June 16 – 22 Week 1 Scouts BSA

June 23 – 29 Week 2 Scouts BSA

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

2024 Camp Kootaga Summer Campsite Deposit Form

Unit Contact Information:

Troop _____ ☐ Boy Troop ☐ Girl Troop

Council _____ District _____

Leader Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____ St _____ Zip _____

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

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

Camp Session:

☐ Week 1- June 16-22

☐ Week 2- June 23-29

Campsite: number top 3 site preferences

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

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

_____ Mohonegon _____ Iroquois _____ Chippewa

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

Payment Method:

_____ Cash _____ Check _____ Credit Card

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

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

