



BUCKSKIN COUNCIL  
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## Scouts BSA Summer Camp 2025

### Camp Kootaga

Scouts of all ages have some things in common. If they attend camp in the summer they are much, much more likely to stay in Scouting for another year. And studies have shown us that Scouts learn all kinds of wonderful things when they attend camp. Things like learning to work as a team, learning to be good leaders, learning new skills and new hobbies. They learn to be more self-sufficient, have respect for nature, and have more confidence in themselves. And they have FUN!

Simply put, a Scout without a camping experience in the summer just is not getting his due. We call them Scouts, but they do not get the big prize. They do not get to participate in the biggest and most important event of Scouting.

Camp! It's almost always the main reason they join Scouting, and it is the best Scouting has to offer. Let's get them all to camp. The Bucks skin Council is looking forward to Summer Camp this year. We have been planning all year for a summer camp that is fun, exciting, and most of all SAFE for all Scouts and leaders. Our camp staff is excited and ready to hire an excellent staff and get Summer Camp at Camp Kootaga ready for all the Scouts to enjoy.

The 2025 Leaders Guide and program information is available at [www.bucks skin.org](http://www.bucks skin.org) to help troops plan their adventure this summer. Make your troop's reservation for 2025 today! Full registration is now open.

Choose the Summer Camp week that works best for your troop. Here is the Summer Camp Schedule for Camp Kootaga 2025:

*Staff Week - June 8-14, 2025*

*Week 1 - June 15-21, 2025*

*Week 2 - June 22-28, 2025*

### 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.

### 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 Bucks skin 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.

## UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

March 29, 2025

West Virginia State University, Institute, WV.



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 29 on the campus of West Virginia State University in 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 \$50 to cover course materials.

Scouts \$15.00

Leaders \$15.00

Adult lunch tickets are \$10.00 (for those not taking classes)

There is an additional \$50 fee for CPR/AED & First Aid class.

Fee includes merit badge sessions, lunch, and adults will receive a patch. Register at [www.bucks skin.org](http://www.bucks skin.org).

## Council Officers

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## Council Calendar

### March

- 8 Council Recognition Dinner, 6:17 pm
- 8 Charleston Shop open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 13 Annual Executive Board Meeting
- 14-16 OA AIA/ICE Weekend
- 22 Huntington Shop open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 29 University of Scouting, WVSU
- 31 Unit orders for Whitley's Nuts & Meat Sticks Due

### April

- 4-6 OA Spring Fellowship
- 10 Executive Committee meeting
- 12 Council District Operations meeting (CDO)
- Wehrle Service Center, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- 12 Council Pinewood Derby
- 12 Charleston Shop open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 18 Good Friday - Service Center & Shops Closed
- 26 Huntington Shop open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

### May

- 8 Executive Board meeting
- 10 Charleston Shop open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 17 Huntington Shop open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 26 Memorial Day - Service Center & Shops closed

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### *Dear Scouters,*

An unfortunate fact of our current society is that we spend less and less quality time with the people who are the most important to us—our children. Increasing divorce rates and dual-worker families mean fewer children receive full-time parental supervision. They have fewer positive role models in their lives. In fact, studies show that as our media choices have increased since the early 1980s, our time spent together as families has steadily decreased.

Since the inception of Scouting America in 1910, one of our main objectives has been to provide strong role models for youth during their formative years. In years gone by, these people were called neighbors, teachers, and community and religious leaders, as well as Scoutmasters. Today, we call them mentors.

No matter the name or title, what our youth need are caring adults who are strong role models. Each year, more than a million adults dedicate themselves to the betterment of our nation's youth by volunteering with Scouting America in Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, and Venturing.

However, adults are not the only mentors. Earlier this century, Scouting America pioneered the concept of peer-to-peer mentoring, or letting youth lead other youth. When older youth lead and plan activities and campouts, younger Scouts learn from their example. Today, that same concept of peer-to-peer mentoring is being used in our nation's schools, as well as Scouting activities.

Too many wrong choices are available for our nation's youth. They desperately need, and want, our guidance to successfully navigate the difficult years of adolescence. Being involved in Scouting and mentoring has a powerful impact in the lives of youth. The bottom line is mentoring improves decision-making, builds confidence, and teaches life lessons. And that is what Scouting has always been about—preparing America's youth for the future.

I would like to thank the volunteers in the Buckskin Council for your mentoring of our future leaders. **Please join me Saturday, March 8, 2025 at Christ Church United Methodist, 1221 Quarrier Street, Charleston, WV for the Buckskin Council Recognition Dinner. You can register online at [Buckskin.org](http://Buckskin.org). We will recognize a few of our exceptional volunteers and have a Scouting Good Time!**

Good Scouting to you and yours,

**Jeffrey L. Purdy**

Scout Executive

"This is Scout Country"

### **Council Pinewood Derby**

#### **Championship Race**

Ladies and gentleman, boys and girls, get ready to start your engines for the Buckskin Council Pinewood Derby. Come prepared for the fun and excitement of Pinewood Derby racing at its finest. How does your car stand up to competition from across the council?

The Council Pinewood Derby Race is Saturday, April 12th at the Wehrle Service Center, 2829 Kanawha Blvd East in Charleston.

The race is open to Pack Champions and District 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners. Weigh-ins begin at 12:00 pm and the racing starts at 1:00 pm.

The fee to enter is \$5 per racer.

Please register at [www.buckskin.org](http://www.buckskin.org).

### **Buckskin Council**

#### **Annual Recognition Dinner**

**March 8, 2025**

#### **Christ Church United Methodist**

Scouting America depends on the leadership of its volunteers. The Buckskin Council will honor its volunteers, Eagle Scout Classes of 2022, 2023, and 2024, and 2025 Silver Beaver recipients at our Volunteer Recognition Dinner. The Eagle Scout Award is the highest award a Scout may earn. All 2022, 2023, and 2024 Eagle Scouts are invited. The Silver Beaver is the highest award that Buckskin Council may bestow on a volunteer and recognizes Scouters of exceptional character who have provided distinguished service within the council.

Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate, including families. The dinner is Saturday, March 8, 2025 at Christ Church United Methodist, 1221 Quarrier Street, Charleston, WV. The doors open at 5:15 pm and dinner begins promptly at 6:17 pm.

The cost for a meal ticket is \$15 per person. Please register online by March 5th. If you wish to register after March 5th, you must register in person at the Council Service Center.

Join us in celebrating the best of Scouting in The Buckskin Council. Register today at [www.buckskin.org](http://www.buckskin.org).

## 2026 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE

### *Hi Scouts and Scouters!*

Have you been to a National Jamboree? The National Jamboree is a gathering of scouts and scouters from all over the country and around the world. It is only held every four years and because of that, many scouts only get one opportunity to attend a Jamboree as a youth. Thousands of scouts and scouters describe the National Jamboree as one of the mountaintop experiences of their scouting career.

**The Jamboree will be held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve (SBR), July 22 – 31, 2026.** The fee for the 2026 jamboree is \$1850. That may sound like a lot, but you have almost 18 months to raise the funds. Many youth cut grass, or wash cars, or shovel snow. Many sell popcorn or nuts. Sometimes groups of scouters work together on a fund-raising project like selling Easter flowers or selling mulch in the Spring. There are many, many ways to raise what you need to attend. While that fee may seem high, believe it or not, it is the cheapest ticket to the Jamboree in the country.

Buckskin Council is sending one full male troop and a half female troop. A troop consists of 36 scouts and 4 leaders. A half troop consists of 18 scouts and two leaders. That is a total of 60 scouts and scouters from Buckskin Council

So, what will I do at the Jamboree? Well, you will camp with 15,000 of your closest new friends from around the world. There will be scouts from all 50 states and around 30-40 countries. You will rock climb, skateboard, mountain bike, swim, boat, fish, hike, work on Merit Badges, ride a zipline, learn Mountain Man skills, shoot rifles, pistols, and shotguns, learn archery, and many more activities. There will even be whitewater rafting, though there will be an additional fee for that. Like handicrafts? They'll be there. Like STEM projects? They'll be there. Computers? Yes! There will also be displays from all aspects of industry and society for you to investigate and participate in. Oh, and I almost forgot! You will be engaged in what might be the most popular activity at a Jamboree; Patch Trading. You'll meet friends and trade and collect patches and other items from all over the country and around the world.

The fee is all-inclusive and covers all of the equipment you will need to camp, it covers all of your food, and activities. It covers your transportation to and from the Jamboree, and you will also get a daypack, a duffel, t-shirts, hats, patches, and other items. They are all included in your fee. You might want some extra spending money for snacks and the trading post.

So, what do I need to do? Go to [Buckskin.org](http://Buckskin.org) and you will find instructions and a place to register. Do it soon before we fill up. If you would like to be a leader, please send an email to either your DE or to Vic Sands at [vic.sands@mail.com](mailto:vic.sands@mail.com). Keep an eye on the Courier for updates related to the Jamboree!

## Council Service Territory 12 Program Conference

The fourth annual CST 12 Conference (formerly the Program Conference) will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at Camp Sinoquipe (677 Boy Scout Road Fort Littleton, Pennsylvania 17223). Featured sessions include:

- Recruiting Members for Program Committees Workshop
- What's New in the Guide To Advancement
- NCAP Updates for 2025

Registration will open soon. Go to [www.sacscouting.org/CST12Conference](http://www.sacscouting.org/CST12Conference) for more information.

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**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:**

<b>Charleston Shop</b>	<b>Huntington Shop</b>
March 8	March 22
April 12	April 26
May 10	May 17

## **Spring Product Sale**



Help your Scouts earn their way to camp this summer by participating in the 2025 Spring Product Sale. This spring we are offering Scouts across our Council the opportunity to earn their way to one or more of our summer camping opportunities in West Virginia by selling nuts from Whitley's Peanuts and Country Meats Five Pack Sticks. The Unit Commission is 32% for this fundraiser.

We are pleased to announce that we have partnered with Country Meats to sell their meat sticks as a fundraiser. Country Meats has put together a 5 stick pack of savory meat sticks. Each 5 stick pack sells for \$10.00. The unit earns \$3.20 per pack. There are three great tasting flavors to choose:

- Savory – Original Smoked Hickory
- Spicy – Hot Cajun
- Sweet – Sweet BBQ

Each flavor is ordered by the case. Each case consists of 40 packets of 5 stick multi-packs. These meat sticks are available for Show & Sell.

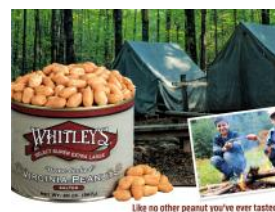
This year we will be sending sales packets to units that make a commitment to help their scouts by selling. Please fill out the Commitment forms and return them to us by February 1, 2025, so we can assemble your packet and get it to you in time to begin selling on February 15, 2025

### **Key Dates for the sale are:**

- February 15, 2025** Sale Begins
- March 31, 2025** Take Orders Due
- April 11 – 12, 2025** Distribution of Orders

If you have questions or need more information, contact us at the Buckskin Council, H.B. Wehrle Scout Service Center at 304-340-3663.

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



### **Show your Scouting America Pride.**

**Stop by the Scout Shop and pick up a new Scouting America strip for your uniform.**

**We have them for your khaki Scout uniform or your blue Cub Scout uniform.**



# TAKHONEK LODGE

## ORDER OF THE ARROW, LODGE #617



2025 is MARCHing on. We got a slew of events coming up. AIA/ICE is obviously up first, and we really hope you come out for the event.

### AIA/ICE

The first big event of the year will be AIA/ICE at Camp Arrowhead, March 21-23. This event will allow members to learn more about what goes on to prepare the ceremonies and the work that is done to ensure the success of the various fellowships. Please visit [Buckskin.org/OA](https://Buckskin.org/OA) to register for this event. Bring an OA friend and make sure you attend this event. It's fun, like really, really fun.

### Spring Ordeal/Brotherhood

Spring Fellowship will be held April 4-6 at Camp Arrowhead. Come out to help with the work projects and spend time with your fellow Arrowmen. This is also a great chance to obtain your Brotherhood if you have not already. We also encourage units to hold elections before April so Scouts may be able to complete their Ordeal at this event. Please visit [Buckskin.org/OA](https://Buckskin.org/OA) to register for this event.

### 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Patch Set

Another reminder, the lodge is offering a special 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 3 Patch Set!!! This set went on sale at the Winter Banquet. There is a limited number of sets, and it's first come first serve. The set includes a 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 8" Chenille, Lodge Flap, and Kitchen Crew patch. There is a limit of 1 set per dues paying member until the end of the Spring Fellowship, then we will lift the 1 per member limit.

### 2025 Lodge Officers

Lodge Chief:	Sam Miller
VC Administration:	Natalie Barnette
VC Program:	Matthew Holland
Secretary:	Xander Dennison
Immediate Past Chief	Blake Blankenship

### 2025 Chapter Chiefs

Adena	Trey Singer
Adjudimo	Xander Dennison
Hytone	Landon Palmer
Kootaga	Vacant
Seneca	Dawson Brown
Wapiti	Elijah Cavender

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Wapiti	David Duncan	<a href="mailto:david.duncan@suddenlink.net">david.duncan@suddenlink.net</a>

### 2026 Conclave

We wanted to announce that Takhonek Lodge will be hosting the 2026 Section Conclave. The lodge is looking for someone to serve as the chair for the committee in charge of preparing for this event. If you are interested in being the chairperson or serving on the committee, please reach out to members of the lodge leadership as soon as possible.

### 2025 Dues & Fox Pass

With a new year, comes new dues. You can now begin paying your 2025 dues and purchasing a 2025 Fox Pass.

Go to [www.buckskin.org/oa](https://www.buckskin.org/oa) to pay your dues and buy your Fox Pass for 2025.



### Takhonek Social Media

Did you know your Takhonek lodge is on Social Media? Check out the links below for whichever platform you prefer to use.



**Snapchat-** [takhonek.lodge](https://www.snapchat.com/add/takhonek.lodge)



**Facebook-** [Takhonek lodge #617](https://www.facebook.com/Takhonek.lodge.617)



**Instagram-** [takhoneklodge](https://www.instagram.com/takhoneklodge)



**X (Twitter)-** [@Takhonek](https://twitter.com/Takhonek)

### 2025 Lodge Calendar

Date	Event	Location
March 21-23	AIA/ICE Weekend	Camp Arrowhead
April 4-6	Spring Ordeal/Brotherhd	Camp Arrowhead
May 16-18	E13 Section Conclave	Camp Falling Rock
August 2	Summer Picnic Pool Party	Camp Arrowhead
September TBD	Vigil/Vigil Reunion	Summit – Sub Camp A
Oct. 3-5	Fall Ordeal/Brotherhood	Camp Arrowhead
November TBD	Section E13 Forum	Camp Lazarus
November 15	Lodge Leadership Dev. (LLD)	Council Office
December 13	Lodge Winter Banquet	Summit Pigott Dng Hall



## Training Corner

By Susan Williams

### Wood Badge

Wood Badge is an exciting, engaging adult leader training that is designed to make you a better Scout Leader. Attending Wood Badge will help you learn the what and why of Scouting and to build your unit stronger.

Wood Badge takes place over two weekends this fall - September 26-28 and October 11-12 - at Camp Arrowhead. Registration is now open. There are a limited number of slots for this valuable training, so reserve your seat today!

The fee is \$325. A \$100 deposit is due when you register and payments may be made until the deadline of August 17, 2025. Your fee must be paid in full by the deadline.

Consider Wood Badge an investment in your pack, your troop, and yourself!

### University of Scouting

The big training event is the University of Scouting, on March 29, 2025, 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. 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.

Register today at [www.buckskin.org](http://www.buckskin.org).

### 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 overnigher.

When & Where: May 2-3, 2025 at Camp Arrowhead

Fee: \$25

Register: [www.buckskin.org/training](http://www.buckskin.org/training)

Questions: Sue Williams [buzy2buzy@gmail.com](mailto:buzy2buzy@gmail.com)

#### Training Calendar

##### March

29 University of Scouting, WVSU

##### May

2-3 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS), Camp Arrowhead

2-3 Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO),  
Camp Arrowhead

##### Fall

Sept 26-28 & Oct 11-12 Wood Badge, Camp Arrowhead

## Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)

May 2-3, 2025

Camp Arrowhead

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 skills they need to take youth into the outdoors.

IOLS is an outdoor classroom training required for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters to be classified as position trained. (If attending Wood Badge, IOLS is required for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters)

It gives adult leaders a practical introduction to the patrol method of a scout-led troop by teaching many of the practical outdoor skills they need to lead scouts in the outdoors.

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.

The course is \$30.00 per person. This covers course material, cracker barrel on Friday night, along with breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

You should bring a Scouts BSA Handbook, a tent, a sleeping bag or blankets, flashlight & batteries, personal items, a notebook and pen or pencil. Dress for the weather – the course goes on rain or shine.

Register at [www.buckskin.org](http://www.buckskin.org)

**QUESTIONS?** Contact Rosann Brooks at

304-881-1042 or [rosann1030@aol.com](mailto:rosann1030@aol.com)

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

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# Adena District

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www.buckskin.org/adena

## Adena Event Calendar

### March

- 6 Roundtable - 6:30 pm
- 8 Aviation Merit Badge – Yeager Airport
- 14-15 OA AIA/ICE Weekend
- 15 Adena Pinewood Derby
- 20 District Committee Meeting 6:30pm (new time)
- 29 University of Scouting – WV State University

### April

- 6 Roundtable – 6:30pm
- 11-13 Webelos-ree
- 12 Adena Fishing Derby
- 17 District Committee Meeting – 6:30pm (new time)
- 18 Good Friday - Scout Office & shops Closed
- 25-27 Multi-District Camporee – Camp Arrowhead

### May

- 1 Roundtable – 6:30pm
- 2-3 BALOO at Camp Arrowhead
- 2-3 IOLS at Camp Arrowhead
- 11 Mother's Day
- 15 District Committee Meeting – 6:30pm (new time)
- 16-18 Multi District Family Camp- Camp Arrowhead
- 24 Flag Placements – Golden Oaks & Spring Hill
- 26 Memorial Day - Service Center & Shops closed

### June

- 9-13 Day Camp at Camp Arrowhead

### ROUNDTABLE

The Monthly Roundtable Meeting will be conducted online via Zoom for March. You can use the meeting id 864 7853 6793 for the March Roundtable. Roundtable is held the first Thursday of each month beginning at 6:30pm. Join with other scout leaders to learn about what is happening in the Scouting program.

### DISTRICT COMMITTEE

The March District Committee Meeting will be conducted at a new time. The meeting will now begin at 6:30 pm. We will continue to provide access via Zoom for the next several months. The Zoom meeting ID for the March District Committee meeting is 846 3566 4748.

### SPRING PRODUCT SALE

The Spring Product Sale continues thru the month of March as packs, troops and crews sell Whitley's Nuts and Country Meats 5 count meat sticks. Take orders for the product sale are due by noon on March 31 for both the nut sale and County Meats snacks. Take order products should be available for pick-up by April 12.

## Adena District Committee

District Chair	Brian Kinghorn	517-974-4996
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	vacant	
Product Sale	Melanie Young	304-523-3408
Membership	vacant	
Training	Sue Williams	217-741-0900
Program Chair	Robert Shields	304-638-4536
Camp Promotion	Jon Keelin	606-739-9232
Advancement	Ed Dzierzak	304-634-6189
Marketing	Jeremy Reed	304-972-9116
Cub Scout Roundtable	Melanie Young	606-928-4903
OA Chapter Advisor	Jon Keelin	606-739-9232

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AND DISTRICT FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UPDATES  
REGARDING SCHEDULED EVENTS.**

### DISTRICT PINEWOOD DERBY

Adena District will be conducting their annual District Pinewood Derby on Saturday, March 15 at Second Presbyterian Church, 901 Jefferson Avenue, Huntington. Weigh-ins begin at 8:00am, with racing starting about 9:00am. Multiple tracks are planned so each rank group can run at the same time. Volunteers are needed to help put on the event. This is a District "no-fee" event. Trophies for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each group. Stick around as we race the first-place finishers in each rank for the Grand Championship. An Open Division will welcome adults and siblings who want to race.

### AVIATION MERIT BADGE

The Marshall University Division of Aviation has again offered to conduct an Aviation Merit Badge session. It has been scheduled for March 8, 2025. The session will be at the Bill Noe Flight School at Yeager Airport, Charleston, WV. The session will be limited to 30 scouts. All Aviation Merit Badge Requirements will be covered by the instructors, but scouts will be expected to complete requirement 5 as a pre-requisite for the session. Registration fee is \$5.00 per scout. Adults may attend at no charge and should register as well. Yeager Airport is located at 100 Airport Road #175, Charleston, WV. If coming via I-64, take exit 99 to WV-114/Greenbrier St. Follow WV-114/Greenbrier St to Airport Road. Follow the signs to the flight school building.

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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

### March

- 8 Council Recognition Dinner
- 20 District Committee meeting
- 29 University of Scouting, WVSU
- 31 Orders due for Spring Product Sale

### April

- 15 District Pinewood Derby
- 18 Good Friday - Service Center & Shops Closed
- 20 District Committee Meeting
- 25-27 Cornstalk/Adena/Shawnee Spring Camporee

### May

- 15 District Committee Meeting
- 16-18 Cub Scout Family Camp
- 26 Memorial Day - Service Center & Shops closed

## 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	vacant	
Marketing Chair	vacant	
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	

### 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.

### District Pinewood Derby

The District Pinewood Derby will be held on March 15 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. This event is open to all Cub Scouts.

### 2025 Friends of Scouting & Camp Promotions

Packs, Troops and Crews we are Planning our 2025 Annual Friends of Scouting presentations and are looking for opportunities to make the presentations at the Unit level. We would also like to talk to your unit about camping programs in the Buckskin Council. These presentations are about 10 minutes, and we are looking for times where we can have the greatest opportunity to speak to all the parents. Pack Blue & Gold Banquets or Pinewood Derbies, Troop and Crew Courts of Honor are typically the best times. If you have a date and time, please let Billy Bryant know so we can schedule a presenter for your event.

### 2025 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](mailto:bill.bryant@scouting.org).

### Now Hiring for Summer Camp Staff

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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/  
[andrew.murphy2@scouting.org](mailto:andrew.murphy2@scouting.org) [www.buckskin.org/kootaga](http://www.buckskin.org/kootaga)

## Kootaga District Committee

District Chair	vacant	
District Commissioner	Christopher Burk	304-615-5648
District Executive	Andrew Murphy	330-631-5524
Comm. & Marketing	Kathy Wise	304-482-7576
FOS Chair	Susan Barber	
VC Membership	vacant	
Product Sales	vacant	
Camping	Keith Morrow	740-590-7687
Advancement	Patrick Shook	304-481-1792
Training	Pete Conklin	304-455-5064
OA Chapter Advisor	Jay Wilson	304-481-3731

## Kootaga Event Calendar

### March

- 11 District Committee, 6:30pm
- 11 Roundtable, 7:30pm
- 31 Spring Product Sale orders due by noon

### April

- 8 District Committee meeting, 6:30 pm
- 8 Roundtable, 7:30 pm
- 18 Good Friday - Service Center & Shops closed

### May

- 2-4 Spring Camporee
- 13 District Committee meeting, 6:30 pm
- 13 Roundtable, 7:30 pm
- 26 Memorial Day - Service Center & Shops closed

### Kootaga District Committee

The District Committee Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm and will be both in-person, at the Parkersburg office, and online, via Zoom. All units should have a representative attend. All District Committee members and Charter Organization Representatives are encouraged to attend. Please inquire with Christopher Burk for a link to the meeting if you do not normally receive it.

### Roundtable

The Monthly Roundtables are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm and will be both in-person, at the Parkersburg office, and online, via Zoom. Please inquire with Christopher Burk for a link to the meeting if you do not normally receive it.

### Kootaga District Spring Camporee

With the Kootaga District thawing out from such a cold winter, we hope that you will join us for the Kootaga District Spring Camporee this May 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>! Please keep an eye out on the Kootaga District page on the Buckskin Council website. More information will be provided as the event draws nearer.

### Now Hiring for Summer Camp Staff

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**Happy**  
**St. Patrick's Day**

# Mountain Dominion District

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

## Mt Dominion Event Calendar

### March

- 20 District Committee meeting, 7:15 pm
- 21 Roundtable, 6:30 pm
- 29 District Pinewood Derby, Mercer Mall, Bluefield
- 31 Spring Product Sale orders due

### April

- 17 District Committee meeting, 7:15 pm
- 17 Roundtable, 6:30 pm
- 18 Good Friday - Service Center & Shops closed
- 26 Bobcat Day, The Summit

### May

- 26 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](http://www.buckskin.org/mtdominion)

### District Committee Meeting and Roundtable

The District meeting is Thursday, March 20th.

Roundtable begins at 6:30 PM followed by district meeting at 7:15PM. Stinson United Methodist Church (across from Chick-Fil-A in Princeton).

### District Pinewood Derby

The Mtn Dominion District Pinewood Derby Race is Saturday, March 29th at the Mercer Mall in Bluefield. Bring your best car and test your skills against other Cub Scouts. This is a free event and open for all Cub Scouts. Walk-ins are welcome but we ask that you pre-register at [www.buckskin.org/mtdominion](http://www.buckskin.org/mtdominion) so we know how many to expect.

Check-in is 10:00-10:30 am

Racing begins at 11:00 am

A LEGO Outlaw Race will take place after the Cub Scout race. The Lego Outlaw race is open to all scouts, parents, siblings, etc.

For all the details, go to [www.buckskin.org/mtdominion](http://www.buckskin.org/mtdominion).

The race track will be located inside the mall going down the hall facing HOBBY LOBBY. Be sure to review the Buckskin Council Pinewood Derby Rules for good sportmanship and maximum fun!

Questions? Contact David Montang at 276-722-0022

## 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

### Bobcat Day

We are having a Bobcat Day on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. More details to come

### Wood Badge 2025

Wood Badge is Scouting's premier training for leaders. The council is conducting a course this fall at Camp Arrowhead. It is two weekends. Participants must attend both weekends.

1<sup>st</sup> weekend: September 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2025

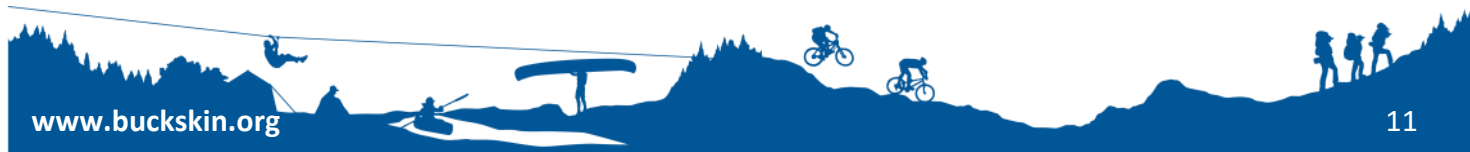
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# Seneca District

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

## Seneca Event Calendar

### March

- 11 District meeting, 7:00 pm on Zoom
- 29 District Pinewood Derby, The Summit
- 31 Spring Product Sale orders due by noon

### April

- 8 District meeting, 7:00 pm on Zoom
- 18 Good Friday - Service Center & Shops closed
- 26 Bobcat Day, The Summit

### May

- 26 Memorial Day - Service Center & Shops closed

## Seneca District Committee

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

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### District Committee Meeting

The next District Committee meeting is March 11th at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be on Zoom.

### District Pinewood Derby

The Seneca District Pinewood Derby is Saturday, March 29th at the Pigott Dining Hall, the Summit Bechtel Scout Reserve. The fun begins at 2:00 pm. Check in your Pinewood Derby, then get ready to RACE!

All Cub Scouts, Webelos, and Arrow of Light Scouts are welcome. There is no fee to enter, but we ask that you register below so we know how many to expect.

Remember to review the Buckskin Council Pinewood Derby Rules. Register at [www.buckskin.org/seneca](http://www.buckskin.org/seneca).

Questions? Contact Johnny Tracy at 901-489-6027.

### Bobcat Day

We are having a Bobcat Day on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. More details to come.

### Wood Badge 2025

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# Shawnee District

Serving: Putnam, Mason, western Kanawha Counties, WV; Gallia and Meigs Counties, OH  
Larry.wunderly@scouting.org  
[www.buckskin.org/shawnee](http://www.buckskin.org/shawnee)

## Shawnee District Committee

District Chair	Leo Lopez	304-419-4554
District Commissioner	Rosann Brooks	304-881-1042
Asst. Scout Executive	Larry Wunderly	304-340-3663
Vice District Chair	Colleen Sergent	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 Sergent	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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## Shawnee District Event Calendar

### March

- 20 District Committee meeting
- 29 University of Scouting, WVSU
- 31 Spring Product Sale orders due by noon

### April

- 18 Good Friday - Service Center & Shops closed
- 25-27 Multi-District Camporee – Camp Arrowhead

### May

- 26 Memorial Day - Service Center & Shops closed

### District Pinewood Derby

The Shawnee District Pinewood Derby will be held on Saturday, March 15th at the Cross Lanes United Methodist Church, 5320 Frontier Dr, Cross Lanes, WV 25313.

Weigh-ins begin at 9am with races at 10am. Races are open to all Scouts in the Shawnee District. The top 3 winners will move to the Council Pinewood Derby in April. Cost \$5.00 per participant. Register at [www.buckskin.org/shawnee](http://www.buckskin.org/shawnee).

### Shawnee District Committee Meetings

Our meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of most months. We have a zoom link available on the Shawnee page of the Council website. Meetings start at 6:30 PM and all are welcome to attend. This is the meeting each month where we discuss upcoming events, plan for recruiting and helping units build membership and share ideas.

### Spring Product Sale

It is that time of year for units to commit to the Spring Product Sale. This year we are doing the Whitley Nut, and we are also offering the Country Meats bundle packs. Units interested in selling should complete the commitment form by February 1st. More details will be posted on the Buckskin Council site and sent out in early to mid-January. Please commit to the sale using the form in this Courier or online.

### University of Scouting

It's almost time for one of the largest Scouting events of the year – University of Scouting. This year the University of Scouting is March 29 at 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 \$50 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.

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### **COUNCIL RECOGNITION DINNER**

The Buckskin Council will honor its volunteers, 2024 Eagle Scouts, and 2025 Silver Beaver recipients at our Volunteer Recognition Dinner. The Eagle Scout Award is the highest award a Scout may earn. All 2024 Eagle Scouts are invited. The Silver Beaver is the highest award that Buckskin Council may bestow on a volunteer and recognizes Scouters of exceptional character who have provided distinguished service within the council.

Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate, including families. The dinner is Saturday, March 8, 2025, at Christ Church United Methodist, 1221 Quarrier Street, Charleston, WV. The doors open at 5:15 pm and dinner begins promptly at 6:17 pm.

The cost for a meal ticket is \$15 per person. Please register online by March 5th. If you wish to register after March 5th, you must register in person at the Council Service Center.

### **UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING**

Registration is now open for the University of Scouting Merit Badge College at WV State University, Institute, WV. This year the University of Scouting will be held March 29. 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 \$50 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**

April brings the promise of warmer weather, sunshine and lite breezes. What a great time to get outside and do some camping! April 11-13 will be a fun time for Webelos and Arrow of Light scouts to gather at Camp Arrowhead for our annual Webelos-ree. The program is still in development to address the requirements of the revised Webelos and Arrow of Light adventures. Watch for updates in the council website or here in upcoming issues of the *Buckskin Courier*.

### **FISHING DERBY**

The annual Adena Fishing Derby is scheduled for Saturday, April 12, at Camp Arrowhead. 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.

### **BALOO COURSE**

May 2 and 3 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 ins and outs 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 continues with breakfast on Saturday morning and scheduled to conclude about 6:30pm that evening. The course is \$25.00 per person. This covers course material,

cracker barrel (snack time) on Friday night, along with breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Course registration will open soon on the council website.

### **IOLS COURSE**

Scouts BSA leaders need Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS) to be fully trained. The next course will be at Camp Arrowhead, Friday and Saturday, May 2 and 3. The cost is \$30 per person which covers course materials, cracker barrel on Friday night, along with breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Check-in begins Friday at 6:00pm. All participants are expected to arrive by 7:00pm. The course is planned to conclude by 5:00pm on Saturday. The course is designed to address a variety of topics dealing with the outdoor program of Scouts BSA.

### **WATCH FOR INFORMATION ON THESE UPCOMING EVENTS**

Multi-district Spring Camporee – April 25-27

Spring Family Camp – May 16-18

Adena Flag Placements – May 24

Day Camp at Camp Arrowhead – June 9-13

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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.

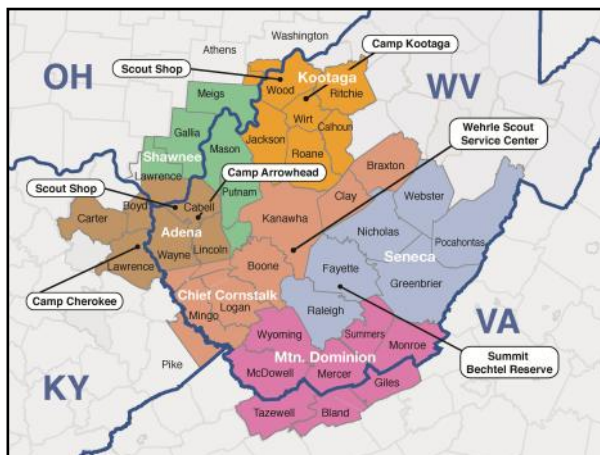




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### **THE MEMORIAL TRIBUTE FUND**

A lasting way to remember someone you care about.

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

Please send Acknowledgement To:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail To: Buckskin Council, BSA  
2829 Kanawha Blvd. E  
Charleston, WV 25311



[www.buckskin.org](http://www.buckskin.org)





# **Pinewood Derby**

Presented by the Seneca District  
Buckskin Council, Scouting America



**SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025**  
**2-5 P.M. | SUMMIT BECHTEL RESERVE**



**REGISTER TODAY:**  
**[WWW.BUCKSKIN.ORG/CALENDAR](http://WWW.BUCKSKIN.ORG/CALENDAR)**

Open to all Cub Scouts, Webelos, and AoL Scouts in any district.  
There is no cost, but registration is required!



**BUCKSKIN COUNCIL, BSA**  
**ADENA DISTRICT**  
**Pinewood Derby 2025**

**WHEN:** March 15, 2025  
Check-in begins 8:00 am  
Racing begins about 9:00 am

**WHERE:** Second Presbyterian Church  
901 Jefferson Ave, Huntington, WV

Car specifications can be found on the Council website – [www.buckskin.org](http://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.

Families may wish to bring a camp chair as there is no seating in the gym.





## BUCKSKIN COUNCIL, BSA 2026 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE Contingent Leadership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Current Registration – Unit / Position \_\_\_\_\_

Contact – Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Buckskin Council is expecting to send a full troop of male scouts and a half troop of female scouts to the 2026 NSJ. No crew will be sponsored for this Jamboree. The male troop will need four (4) adult leaders, one (1) of which should be in the 18-21 year old age range. The female half-troop will have two female leaders. All adult leaders are expected to register on-line for the 2026 NSJ, pay their initial deposit, and complete this application by **December 31, 2024**. The Council's 2026 NSJ Committee will be making contingent leadership decision shortly thereafter. This application may be mailed to the Charleston Service Center or emailed to [Carl.Sullivan@scouting.org](mailto:Carl.Sullivan@scouting.org). Please don't delay! Acceptance into the Council 2026 NSJ contingent is subject to the participant maintaining the registration payment schedule. Failure to make registration payments in a timely manner may result in forfeiture of your place in the Council's contingent. Applicants must meet 2026 NSJ physical guidelines per the annual BSA Health and Medical Record form, including the Summit Bechtel Reserve addendum.

### Adult Leadership Experience

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### Previous Jamboree Experience

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### Unique skills you would bring to the Contingent

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Complete this form and forward it to the Buckskin Council Service Center, 2829 Kanawha Blvd East, Charleston, WV 25311, or email to [Carl.Sullivan@scouting.org](mailto:Carl.Sullivan@scouting.org) by December 31, 2024.

**Buckskin Council, BSA**  
**INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS**  
**MAY 2 - 3, 2025— 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 skills they need to take youth into the outdoors.

- IOLS is an outdoor classroom training required for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters to be classified as position trained. (If attending Wood Badge, IOLS is required for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters)
- 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 \$30.00 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 2 - 3, 2025 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 Scouts BSA Handbook, a tent, a sleeping bag or blankets, flashlight & batteries, personal items, a notebook and pen or pencil. Dress for the weather – the course goes on rain or shine.

**QUESTIONS?** Contact Rosann Brooks 304-881-1042 or [rosann1030@aol.com](mailto:rosann1030@aol.com)

**Registration Deadline – Friday, April 25, 2025**

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## **IOLS REGISTRATION FORM – MAY 2 – 3, 2025**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Troop # \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Detail any food allergies, please \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Buckskin Council, BSA  
**BASIC ADULT LEADER OUTDOOR ORIENTATION**  
**MAY 2-3, 2025 – 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](http://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 2-3 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](mailto:buzy2buzy@gmail.com).

**Registration Deadline – Tuesday, April 29, 2025**

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## **BALOO REGISTRATION FORM – MAY 2-3, 2025**

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**

Or register on the Council website – [www.buckskin.org](http://www.buckskin.org)





# WOOD BADGE 2025

## What is Wood Badge?

Reflecting on the best of 115 years of Scouting experiences, Wood Badge draws upon the most current leadership models used by corporate America, academic circles, and other successful public and private organizations.

Wood Badge is designed to meet the advanced leadership needs of all Scouters, including Cub Scout leaders, Scoutmasters and Assistants, Venturing Crew Advisors, Sea Scout Skippers, Committee Chairs, and Committee Members. Additionally, Scouters serving at the District and Council levels can achieve greater effectiveness through Wood Badge.

## Why attend Wood Badge?

By taking Wood Badge, Scouters gain valuable skills like listening, communicating, conflict management, project planning, and leading change. Participants learn how to be a better Scout leader, professional, and person. Attending Wood Badge will help you learn the what and why of Scouting and to build your unit into a stronger unit. Units with trained leaders are able to deliver an improved program and a more meaningful experience for the youth Scouting serves.

## Location and Dates:

### **Camp Arrowhead**

**September 26-28, 2025 and October 11-12, 2025**

**(You must attend both weekends.)**

## Course Specifics:

This course is an exciting, high energy, and engaging time! Wood Badge fills up quickly! Your registration must be paid in full to guarantee your spot in the course. The first 48 participants **paid in full** will be guaranteed a spot. Come join the most fun adult Scouting adventure out there.

**The fee is \$325, which must be paid in full by August 17, 2025.**

**(\$100 deposit due at registration. Thereafter, you may make payments. \$50 late fee will be charged if not paid in full by Aug. 17, 2025)**

## Qualifications:

To attend a Wood Badge course, you must:

- Be a registered member of Scouting America, 18 years of age or older
- Have completed the basic training courses for your current Scouting position
- Be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment. All participants are required to complete the Annual Health and Medical Record form (parts A, B, and C)

**Course Director:** Michael "Rosie" Bowsher [mbowsher@marshall.edu](mailto:mbowsher@marshall.edu) 304-208-0802

**Register Now:** [www.buckskin.org](http://www.buckskin.org)

***Join the fun, experience the excitement, get ready  
for an inspiring experience! Sign up today!***





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**Marshall University Division of Aviation and  
Buckskin Council, BSA**

**Present the**

# **Aviation Merit Badge**

**March 8, 2025 – Bill Noe Flight School, Yeager Airport, Charleston, WV**

Check-in begins at 9:00am. Merit badge session will be from 9:30am to 1:00pm.

Lunch will be provided.

**Session is limited to 30 scouts.**

All Aviation Merit Badge Requirements will be covered by the instructors, but scouts will be expected to complete **requirement 5 as a pre-requisite** for the session.

Registration fee is **\$5.00 per scout**. Adults may attend at no charge and should register as well.

Yeager Airport is located at 100 Airport Road #175, Charleston, WV. If coming via I-64, take exit 99 to WV-114/Greenbrier St. Follow WV-114/Greenbrier St to Airport Road.

To register for the event, you can go to [www.buckskin.org/events/aviation-mb](http://www.buckskin.org/events/aviation-mb) or use the QR code.

