



Fall Product Sale

Product sales are more than just a fundraiser; they are a vital part of helping your unit succeed. Each dollar raised supports exciting opportunities like camping trips, leadership training, service projects, and essential program costs. More importantly, product sales teach Scouts valuable life skills: goal setting, communication, responsibility, and perseverance.

Every unit is different, and your fundraising approach should reflect that. This year, the Buckskin Council is offering units more flexibility by providing an additional product option to help you meet your goals and fund your adventures.

In addition to our traditional popcorn sale, units now have the opportunity to enhance their fall fundraising efforts by also selling **Country Meats Meat Sticks**. This allows you to tailor your fundraiser to fit your unit's size, goals, and community. Whether you choose to focus on one product or both, our goal is to support your unit's success and empower every Scout.

Your leadership plays a direct role in shaping each unit's experience. By building a strong sales foundation, you're not just raising funds; you're building confidence, character, and community. Let's make this season the best yet for your Units and Scouts!



There are three ways to sell:



Show & Sell – The Pack or Troop orders Popcorn or Meat Sticks before the sale begins. When the sale begins, your unit can set up a booth and sell that product or check out the product to scouts for them to sell independently. You “**Show** the product **and Sell** it” all at once. This is the preferred option with the Country Meats Meat Sticks.

Take Order – Using the brochures from CAMP MASTERS and/or Country Meats, scouts can sell to family, friends, and neighbors. They “**Take** the **Order**” by filling out the brochure order form and collecting money up front, then deliver the product later.

Direct Order – Available for popcorn only, scouts can have distant family and friends place orders on popcornordering.com using the scout's unique code. This is called a “Direct Order” because the person can “**Order** for **Direct** delivery” to their door.

What's the first step? Submit your unit's Commitment Form. That tells the council you want to sell. We are here to help you have a great fundraiser.

What is the commission? Units earn 31% profit. You can earn an additional 2% profit by:

1. Attending a popcorn training.
2. Submitting your unit's annual budget and calendar by October 1st.
3. Paying for your popcorn and meat sticks by November 14th.



What are the important dates I need to know?

Sale Dates

- Aug 1 Unit Commitment Form due to council.
- Aug 8 Unit Show & Sell orders due to council.**
- Aug 22 Unit Show & Sell Product ready for pick up.
- Aug 23 Council Product Sale Kickoff at the Wehrle Service Center and Zoom.
- Aug 29 Popcorn and Meat Sticks Sale begins!!**
- Oct 1 Unit annual budget and calendar due to council.
- Oct 29 Unsold Show & Sell product returned to council.
- Oct 29 Unit Take Orders and Prize Orders due to council by Noon.**
- Nov. 14 Product Pickup **and** Payment Deadline.



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Council Calendar

August

- 1 Product Sale Commitment forms due
- 8 Product Sale Show & Sell orders due
- 14 Executive Committee meeting
- 22 Product Sale Show & Sell pickup
- 29 Fall Product Sale begins

September

- 1 Labor Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 5-7 Circuit Rider 35 camporee
- 11 Executive Board meeting
- 12-13 OA Vigil Reunion
- 13 Charleston Shop open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 13 POLAR (formerly CDO), 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- 19-20 IOLS training, Camp Arrowhead
- 26-28 Wood Badge Weekend 1, Camp Arrowhead
- 27 Huntington Shop open, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

October

- 3-5 Fall Camporee & Family Camp, The Summit
- 3-5 OA Fall Ordeal/Brotherhood
- 9 Executive Committee meeting
- 11 Charleston Shop open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 11-12 Wood Badge Weekend 2, Camp Arrowhead
- 18 Huntington Shop Open, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 23 Council Trunk or Treat
- 24-25 BALOO training, Camp Arrowhead
- 29 Fall Product orders due

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Buckskin Council Champions
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WOOO HOOO!!!!

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

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

Recruit early, recruit often.

Good Scouting to you and yours,

Jeffrey L. Purdy

Scout Executive

“This is Scout Country”

YPT is now SYT: Safeguarding Youth training

Scouting America’s most important training has been updated with an entirely new look and feel, including a greater emphasis on the organization’s SAFE initiative, updated information on technology and the threat to youth online, and the use of real volunteers in real Scouting environments.

The training previously known as Youth Protection is now called Safeguarding Youth and is available now on my.Scouting.

While YPT focused mostly on preventing abuse, SYT includes information on SAFE: supervision, assessment, fitness and skill, and equipment and environment.

The Safeguarding Youth training is required for all current Scouting America registered volunteers and is a joining requirement for new adult members.

The new Safeguarding Youth training is 90 minutes. It does not have to be completed in one sitting; you can pause and come back as needed.

Safeguarding Youth training replaces the previous Youth Protection Training (YPT) and reflects a significant investment in updated content, delivery, and compliance standards. SYT is designed to be more engaging, accessible, and aligned with current best practices in youth protection.

What You Need to Know:

- **Deadline:** All volunteers must complete SYT by May 31, 2026.
- **Recognition of Prior Training:** If you completed YPT before May 22, 2025, it will be honored until May 31, 2026, after which SYT will need to be taken.
- **Why This Matters:** This overhaul is more than a name change. SYT introduces updated modules, clearer policies, and a more robust learning experience to ensure every adult in our movement is equipped to protect and empower youth.
- **The Next Step:** Log in to your My.Scouting account and click the Safeguarding Youth Training logo on the right of the page to be taken directly to the new course. Want to take Safeguarding Youth Training in person?

Contact your District Training Chair or District Executive to schedule a training session for your unit’s leaders.





2026 National Scout Jamboree Update

Online registration is now open for the 2026 National Scout Jamboree! This once in a lifetime Scouting experience will be held July 22-31, 2026, at the Summit Bechtel Reserve, near Glen Jean, WV.

Scouting's premier event is truly one-of-a-kind—a massive gathering of tens of thousands of Scouts, leaders, and Jamboree Service Team members, all coming together to celebrate the very best of Scouting America. Held once every four years, the National Jamboree is a 10-day summer adventure like no other.

From exhilarating stadium shows and hikes up Mount Jack to exploring a pioneer village and diving into adrenaline-pumping adventure sports, every moment is packed with excitement. Set against the stunning backdrop of the Summit Bechtel Reserve's 10,000-acre natural playground, the Jamboree offers endless opportunities to create unforgettable Scouting memories.

What's the cost to attend? The 2026 NSJ registration fee for Buckskin council scouts is \$1,950. This amount must be paid in full by March 15, 2026. The National Jamboree fee covers the expense of program materials, food, insurance, as well as the use of dining shelters, cot, stoves, fuel, and cooking utensils; in addition to a "participant recognition kit," which includes two participant patches, a neckerchief, and a custom 2026 National Jamboree daypack. The Council provides a 130L duffle, tee-shirt, hat, nameplate, Jamboree Council Shoulder Patch, Jamboree Unit Numeral, tent, a shakedown campout, and transportation to and from the Summit.

The 2026 National Jamboree at the Summit will be filled with programs that will excite Scouts from across the country. We will be delivering the National Jamboree program at participant subcamps and basecamps, the adventure activity areas on-site, the Summit Center, Basecamps A and B, and offsite at the New River Gorge National River Area. A few programs at the 2026 National Jamboree will be scheduled, but there will be plenty of time for participants to choose those activities that they most enjoy. Over the 10 days of the National Jamboree, participants will spend one day on the Hometown Celebration, a morning of reflection with optional religious and spiritual services, a half day of program at Service & Impact, and an Americana Extravaganza afternoon. The rest of the time, they will be able to participate in the adventure programs or visit the Summit Center and the programs in Basecamps A and B.

Register for the Jamboree on the Buckskin Council website

www.buckskin.org. On the main page click on the 2026 NSJ banner. This will link you to the Council's NSJ page. Scroll down this page to Register Now and click on the red Click Here button. This will link you to the Event Information page. Here you see the pricing and registration options. The \$1,950 fee is valid for registrations made before November 3, 2025. Beginning November 3, 2025, the NSJ fee increases \$240 to \$2,190. The sooner you register, the more time you have to raise the money for your fee.

To proceed to register, select the green button labeled "Register Online". Select the appropriate scout designation and enter the



quantity being registered. Once completed, click on the blue bar at the bottom of the screen, "Register Individuals". The screen will update and display the Event Order. Be sure to click on the red button labeled "Add Information". This is where you enter detailed information about the scout being registered. In the middle of the event order screen you will see a summary of your order showing the quantity, the price, the net amount due and the default payment amount. If you wish to pay a larger amount, click the "Change Payment" button. The screen will then change to the "Change Purchase Detail" screen, where you can click the radio button labeled "Pay Other Amt" and enter the other amount you wish to pay in the box. Click the Save button at the top right. You can now proceed to the checkout process.

Jamboree Scoutmasters Named

The Buckskin Council's NSJ Committee is please to announce the adult leaders for the male troop and female half-troop planned for the Jamboree. The leaders for the male troop include (in no particular order) Andy Berkhouse (T59), Jeff Bucy (T91), Kahle Mahoney (T91), and Jon Neff (T91). The two leaders of the female half-troop are Kim Bennett (T1885) and Robert Merrill (T200).

Scholarship Announcements

National Scholarship Program

Scouting America's aim is to ensure that every eligible Scout who is interested in attending the Jamboree is able to do so, regardless of financial background. While Scouts are encouraged to fundraise as much as they reasonably can, some Scouts will need additional financial support to cover Jamboree costs. Councils are expected to be the primary provider of scholarships to Scouts who need them. To supplement council scholarships, some national scholarships will be available.

To be eligible for a National scholarship, you must be a Scouts BSA youth (under age 18) or a Venturing / Sea Scouting participant (under age 21). Jamboree staff members are not eligible for a scholarship; however, all staff members ages 16-29 automatically receive a reduced fee.

Scholarships will only cover a portion of the national Jamboree registration fee and do not include any additional fees required by your local council (for travel, etc.). Full scholarships will only be given in the most extraordinary cases; most scholarships will total less than half the national fee (up to \$780 of the \$1560 fee).

Applications must be completed online via the National Jamboree website by one of the two deadlines. A committee will review the applications and determine scholarship amounts for each applicant. Recipients and their councils will be notified of the results of their application: either approved for a certain amount, not approved, or waitlisted to be considered in the second round.

The first round deadline to apply is July 31, 2025, with those applicants being notified of their results in early Fall. The second (final) round deadline is November 30, 2025, with those applicants being notified by mid-Winter. To apply for a National Scholarship, go to the: jamboree.scouting.org/participants/. Then scroll down to the Scholarship Program and click on the Apply Here button.

(Jamboree Scholarships - continued on page 15)

Circuit Rider 35

September 5-7, 2025

WVU Jackson's Mill, Weston, WV

The Circuit Rider is returning for 2025 and is open to all Scouts BSA troops (Boy troops and Girl troops), Venturing crews and Webelos. Webelos/AOL may only participate in Saturday activities. If Webelos/AOL plan to stay for the Saturday dinner, there will be a \$4 fee. Units do not need to be sponsored by a United Methodist Church to attend this camporee.

Scout Leaders: Pre-registration is required! Register for Circuit Rider 35 by clicking the blue button above. Registration deadline August 18, 2025. In addition to the numerous free activities provided similar to past events like the frozen T-shirt contest and cast iron cookoff, the United Methodist Men and WVU Jackson's Mill are pleased to offer the following special programs. Each will last approximately one hour and be led by a program coordinator from Jackson's Mill. Scouts and their Scout-age guests can sign up for one, two, three or all four of the special programs offered for a fee of \$10 for each Scout or Scout-age guest. Class spots will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Each class will be offered five times throughout the day with a limited capacity for each offering.

1. **Historic Area Program:** tour historic area featuring a demonstration of an operational gristmill
2. **Outdoor Recreation Program:** a mountain bike course and group ride around the grounds
3. **STEM Program:** practice problem-solving skills as you use the engineering design process to create, build, test, and improve a drone
4. **Wall Climb:** try your strength and agility at climbing a rock wall

Cost: \$ 4 per person to attend. Scouts and Scout-age guests may participate in one, two, three, or four special programs for an additional fee of \$ 10 per youth.

Webelos & AOL are free but if they are staying for Saturday's dinner must pay \$4.

Rules of conduct:

- No ground fires permitted. Bring a portable fire pit if you want a site campfire.
- All Scouts & leaders must wear registration wristbands.
- All Scouts need to be in their camping area from 10 p.m. until morning flags.
- Remember the Outdoor Code and Leave No Trace principles while camping.
- No pets allowed.

Register at www.buckskin.org/events/circuit-rider-35



Wood Badge

Wood Badge is an 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!

Register today at www.buckskin.org.

Council Fall Camporee & Family Camp

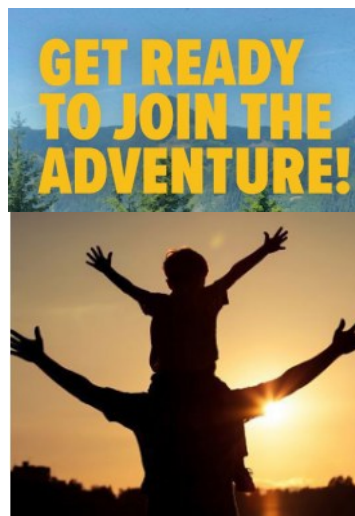
October 3-5, 2025

Looking for a weekend of fun in the beautiful West Virginia mountains? Come to our Fall Family Camporee. Buckskin Council's Fall Camporee and Family Camp is October 3-5, 2025 at The Summit Bechtel Scout Reserve.

Cub Scout Packs and Scouts BSA Troops will experience the excitement of The Summit! Fun Scouting adventures will fill the weekend. Ziplining and the Climbing Wall will be available for an additional \$10 each when you register online. Come for the whole weekend or Saturday only.

The fee for the weekend of camping is \$20 per person and includes meals (Saturday breakfast, lunch & dinner). If you come on Saturday only, the fee is \$8 per person and includes lunch.

Please note: if you want to experience the zipline and climbing wall, you **must** pre-register. Registration will open soon.



Scouts BSA Introduces A Revised Troop Self-Assessment Program

Scouts BSA introduces its revised Troop Self-Assessment program, which enables Scout troops to evaluate their performance and improve their program quality. The new assessment tool functions as a replacement for Journey to Excellence (JTE) by providing troops with specific methods to enhance their operations.

The revised self-assessment questionnaires include 9-12 targeted questions that can be completed in approximately 10 minutes. The assessment process should be repeated by troops throughout the year, especially before starting their annual program planning. The surveys provide immediate feedback and connect troops with relevant resources to address identified areas for improvement.

The revised Troop Self-Assessment surveys utilize the Unit Metrics system which commissioners use to help troops while providing a complete evaluation of program quality indicators. The assessment tools evaluate how often troops conduct outings and measure both program participation rates and suitable activities for different age groups and ranks to verify that all Scouts receive appropriate support.

The Troop Self-Assessment program features essential elements which include:

- Brief, user-friendly surveys requiring minimal time commitment
- Immediate access to tailored resources and improvement strategies
- Data-driven insights for Scoutmasters, troop committees, and patrol leaders' councils
- Flexible implementation that complements existing planning processes
- Focus on youth engagement and program quality metrics

The Troop Self-Assessment program information can be found at: troopleader.scouting.org/troop-planning/troop-self-assessment.



The Parkersburg Scout Shop has moved!

**The new location is
1900 Garfield Avenue, Unit D,
Parkersburg. This is on the
corner of Garfield Avenue and 19th Street.**

Stop by and show Lisa some appreciation for her hard work! Thanks for your dedication, Lisa!



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Charleston, WV 25311

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Huntington Scout Shop

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Huntington, WV 25701

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

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Parkersburg Scout Shop

1900 Garfield Ave Unit D

Parkersburg, WV 26101

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

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

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

The specific dates are listed below:

Charleston Shop	Huntington Shop
Sept. 13	Sept. 27
Oct 11	Oct 18
Nov 8	Nov 15
Dec 6	Dec 13
Jan 10	Jan 17
Feb 7	Feb 21
March 14	March 21
April 18	April 25
May 2	May 16



TAKHONEK LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW, LODGE #617



10th Anniversary Patch Set

FINAL REMINDER, the lodge is offering a special 10th 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 10th 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.

2026 Conclave – We Are Hosting!

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 OA Dues

With a new year, comes new dues. Go to www.buckskin.org/oa to pay your dues for 2025.



2025 Lodge Calendar

Date	Event	Location
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.	Council Office
December 13	Lodge Winter Banquet	Summit Pigott Dining Hall

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 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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Training Corner

By Susan Williams

Hazardous Weather Training

Robert Baden-Powell once said the definition of the Scout motto Be Prepared is this: "A Scout must prepare himself by previous thinking out and practicing how to act on any accident or emergency so that he is never taken by surprise." Baden-Powell also advocated that young men spend a lot of time learning in and about the out-of-doors, as he said, "The open-air is the real objective of Scouting and the key to its success." However, we still need to be aware of our surroundings and their changing conditions, including what is happening with the weather.

All Direct Contact Leaders are required to complete Hazardous Weather Training to be considered "trained" in their position.

This training can ONLY be completed using on-line modules offered through my.Scouting and is valid for two years.

It is recommended that any adult leader, who is attending an outdoor event, with a unit, complete Hazardous Weather Training.

Basic Adult Leaders Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)

This one-and-a-half day course is required training for Cub Scout leaders who want to take their pack or den camping.

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 overnighter.

When: Oct 24-25, 2025
Where: Camp Arrowhead
Fee: \$25
Register: www.buckskin.org/training
Questions: Sue Williams buzy2buzy@gmail.com

Training Calendar

Sept 19-20	Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS), Camp Arrowhead
Sept 26-28 & Oct 11-12	Wood Badge, Camp Arrowhead
Oct 24-25	BALOO, Camp Arrowhead

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)

Sept 19-20, 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 out-of-doors.

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

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

Adena District

Serving: Cabell, Wayne, Lincoln, WV; Lawrence, OH;
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www.buckskin.org/adena

Adena Event Calendar

August

- 8 Fall Product Sale Show & Sell orders due
- 9 Program Kick-off & Product Sale trng, Camp Arrowhead
- 21 District Committee Meeting
- 29 Fall Product Sale begins

September

- 1 Labor Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 4 Roundtable - 6:30pm
- 5-7 Circuit Rider Camporee – Jackson's Mill
- 13 POLAR (formerly CDO) – Charleston, 10:00am
- 18 District Committee Meeting – 6:30pm
- 19-20 IOLS – Camp Arrowhead, 6:00pm

October

- 2 Roundtable - 6:30pm
- 3-5 Fall Camporee & Family Camp, The Summit
- 16 District Committee Meeting – 6:30pm
- 23 Huntington Scout Shop Trunk or Treat, 5:00pm-6:30pm
- 24-25 BALOO – Camp Arrowhead, 6:00pm
- 29 Show and Sell product return
- 29 Fall Product orders due

ROUNDTABLE

The Monthly Roundtable Meeting will resume on September 4. As of now, these will continue to be conducted via Zoom.

You can use the meeting ID 864 7853 6793 for the September 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 August District Committee Meeting will be conducted at 6:30pm on August 21. This meeting will be conducted via Zoom. Please use the meeting ID 846 3566 4748 to join.

We plan to add an in-person option with the September meeting. The proposed location is the Education Building, located at 1740 College Ave. From Fifth Ave, turn left onto 17th St at the Campus Christian Center. Parking should be available next to the Education Building and behind Buskirk Hall. The conference room is located on the first floor, room 112.

PROGRAM KICK-OFF

In lieu of the August Roundtable, the District will be hosting the annual Program Kick-off at Camp Arrowhead on Saturday, August 9, beginning at 10:00am. Pick up the latest planning calendar, talk with some of the volunteers heading up the activity programs for this year, and find out about what exciting events will occur this year for your unit. Register for free online at www.buckskin.org/adena-events/adena-kickoff-2025/

Adena District Committee

District Chair	Brian Kinghorn	517-974-4996
District Vice-Chair	vacant	
District Commissioner	Alvin Watts	304-751-5686
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Fund Development	vacant	
Community FOS	Joshua Scott	
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

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

FALL PRODUCT SALE

This fall Scouting units will have the opportunity to sell Camp Masters Popcorn, or Country Meats meat sticks, or both. Units should make their commitments about Aug 1. Commitments can be made on-line on the Council website or by using the commitment form in this issue of the Courier. Product Sale Training will be held on Saturday, August 9 beginning about 11:00am at Camp Arrowhead. Units interested in participating in Show and Sell should order product by August 8. For more details visit the Product Sales page on the Council website and attend the training on August 9.

CIRCUIT RIDER 35 CAMPOREE

The Circuit Rider is returning for 2025 and is open to all Scouts BSA troops (Boy troops and Girl troops), Venturing crews and Webelos. Webelos may only participate in Saturday activities. If Webelos plan to stay for Saturday dinner, there is a \$4 fee. Units do not need to be sponsored by a United Methodist Church to attend this camporee. The event is held at WVU Jackson's Mill, Jane Lew, WV. The camporee is September 5-7. Troops and crews may camp overnight and enjoy dinner Saturday evening for \$4 per person. Register at www.buckskin.org/events/circuit-rider-35/

BALOO COURSE

October 24-25 is the dates for the next BALOO training for Cub Scout Leaders interested in taking their pack or den on outdoor activities. Held at Camp Arrowhead, Ona, WV, scouters 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. Training continues on Saturday and wraps up

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Chief Cornstalk District

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www.buckskin.org/chiefcornstalk

Chief Cornstalk Event Calendar

August

- 8 Show & Sell Popcorn Orders due
- 21 District Committee Meeting
- 22 Show & Sell Popcorn Pickup
- 29 Popcorn Take Order Sale Begins

September

- 1 Labor Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 5-7 Circuit Rider Camporee – Jackson's Mill
- 13 POLAR (formerly CDO) 10 a.m. Wehrle Center
- 18 District Committee Meeting
- 19-20 IOLS, Camp Arrowhead

October

- 3-5 Fall Camporee & Family Camp, The Summit
- 16 District Committee Meeting
- 24-25 BALOO, Camp Arrowhead
- 29 Popcorn Take Orders Due

Fall Recruitment

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

Cornstalk District Committee Meeting

The District Committee 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.

Outdoor Leader Training

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) is required training for scoutmasters and assistant scoutmasters. IOLS training will take place at Camp Arrowhead on September 19-20. The fee is \$30.

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) is training for Cub Scout leaders who want to take their pack camping. This training is October 24-25 at Camp Arrowhead. The fee is \$25.

Leaders can register for these trainings on the council website: www.buckskinorg.

Chief Cornstalk District Committee

District Chair	Mark Linville	304-369-2795
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Family FOS Chair	vacant	
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Special Event Chair	vacant	
Program Chair	vacant	
Training Chair	vacant	
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Camping Chair	vacant	
Marketing Chair	vacant	
Cub Day Camp	vacant	
Cub Day Camp	vacant	
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OA Chapter Advisor	Scott Dennison	

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Kootaga District

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andrew.murphy2@scouting.org www.buckskin.org/kootaga

Kootaga Event Calendar

August

9 Kootaga Kickoff! 12pm

29 Fall Product Sale begins

September

1 Labor Day - Service Center & Shops closed

5-7 Circuit Rider Camporee, Jackson's Mill

9 District Committee, 6:30pm

9 Roundtable, 7:30pm

13 POLAR (formerly CDO) 10 a.m. Wehrle Center

20 Join Cub Scouts Fun Day!

October

3-5 Fall Camporee & Family Camp, The Summit

14 District Committee, 6:30pm

14 Roundtable, 7:30pm

17 Camporee and Family Camp

23 Trunk or Treat

29 Fall Product orders due

Summer Camp Wrap-up

What a summer at Camp Kootaga! Merit badges were earned, friendships were made, and memories will last a lifetime. Last year was great—this year was even better—and we're excited to keep that momentum going. A big highlight of this summer was our brand-new climbing tower! Scouts and *some* scout leaders had a blast reaching new heights!

Thank you to our incredible staff, volunteers, leaders, Scouts, and families. Summer camp thrives because of your passion and dedication. We're proud to be part of this long-standing tradition—and we hope to see you back next summer!

Kootaga Kickoff

Instead of a roundtable in August, we'll be doing a Kootaga District Kickoff! We'll be covering the upcoming year of programming, cover plans for upcoming fall recruitment, supply updates regarding trainings, and will be providing a few handouts to help make sure your unit is up-to-date for the upcoming year. **Stout Memorial** will be hosting this event on **August 9th at noon**. If possible, please try to have at least one leader from each unit present. If you cannot make it in person, there will be a zoom meeting as well. Address: 3329 Broad St, Parkersburg. See you there!

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 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. **Due to the relocation of the Parkersburg Scout Shop, we will no longer be able to meet in person there. More information will be provided as the next meeting draws closer.**

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
Membership Chair	vacant	
Product Sales	vacant	
Program Chair	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

Roundtable

The Monthly Roundtables are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm and will be both in-person and online, via Zoom. Please inquire with Christopher Burk for a link to the meeting if you do not normally receive it. **Due to the relocation of the Parkersburg Scout Shop, we will no longer be able to meet in person there. More information will be provided as the next meeting draws closer.**

Kootaga Join Cub Scouts Fun Day

Join us for a day of fun as you get to know some of the new cub scouts! This event will take place on Saturday, September 20th. All cub scouts, new and existing, are welcome to attend. There's a bunch of fun stuff in store!

Good Friends Camporee and Family Camp

We have a bunch of fun activities planned this fall for our Good Friends Outing and we hope that you will join us! This event is open to both Scouts BSA and Cub Scouts! Keep an eye out for more information on the Buckskin website or our social media! (Fun Fact: the district and camp namesake, "Kootaga," comes from the Kiowa Language of "Ko-otaga," meaning Good Friends!)

Fall Recruitment

It is that time of the year. Schools have started up and future Cub Scouts are itching to join. To get as many youth as possible, we need your help! This help can come as posting flyers, yard signs, and posters, or by volunteering! Our District Volunteers and Executive Staff will promote your unit's sign -up event by doing presentations in schools. The goal of sign -up events is to promote fun learning to the youth and demonstrate organized unit leadership to the adults.

Tips/Ideas:

- Have the scouts wear their uniforms to the event.
 - Plan an activity that engages the new families like a game, simple craft, or science experiment.
 - Have a handout packet with information about the unit, upcoming events, and key leadership contact information.
 - Have applications, pens, and clipboards (if tables are not available).
 - Be honest and let families know where you need help with leadership and stress that family involvement is a part of scouting.
- If you have any questions or are ready to schedule your signup contact Andrew Murphy at (330)631-5244 or email Andrew.Murphy2@scouting.org.

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Mountain Dominion District

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

Mt Dominion Event Calendar

August

- 8 Fall Product Show & Sell orders due
- 21 Roundtable, 6:30 pm, Stinson United Methodist Church
- 21 District Committee mtg, 7:15 pm, Stinson United Methodist Church
- 29 Fall Product Sale begins

September

- 1 Labor Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 13 POLAR (formerly CDO) 10 a.m. Wehrle Center
- 12-14 Fall Camporee, Triangle Sportsman's Club

October

- 3-5 Fall Camporee & Family Camp, The Summit
- 29 Fall Product orders due

District Meeting

The District Meeting is Thursday, August 21st.
Roundtable starts at 6:30PM followed by the district meeting at 7:15PM
Both meetings are at Stinson United Methodist Church, Princeton, WV

Fall Camporee

The Fall Camporee is September 12th-14th at the Triangle Sportsman's Club, 770 Triangle Road Bluefield, Virginia, 24605. More information to come about this great event.

Wood Badge 2025

Wood Badge is a training designed for adult leaders. The course will be at Camp Arrowhead. Registration deadline is August 25th.

1st week: September 26th-28th, 2025

2nd week: October 11th-12th

You must attend both weekends

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

Important update on district events:

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

www.buckskin.org/mtdominion

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Seneca District

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www.buckskin.org/seneca

Seneca Event Calendar

August

- 5 District Committee meeting, 7:00 pm
- 7 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
- 8 Product Sale Show & Sell orders due
- 29 Fall Product Sale begins

September

- 1 Labor Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 13 POLAR (formerly CDO) 10 a.m. Wehrle Center
- 12-14 Fall Camporee
- 26-28 Wood Badge, weekend 1

October

- 3-5 Fall Camporee & Family Camp, The Summit
- 11-12 Wood Badge, weekend 2
- 29 Fall Product orders due

District Committee Meeting

The District Committee meeting is Tuesday, August 5th.
The meeting begins at 7:00 pm and will be on Zoom.
We hope you can log in and join us in planning a great program for the upcoming months.

Fall Product Sale

SEE DETAILS ON PAGE FRONT PAGE & Page 12

Cub Scouts: Round-Table meeting

Roundtable is Thursday, August 7th at 7:00 pm. It will be on Zoom. Every leader is encouraged to log in. Roundtable is for sharing and learning about exciting new ideas to take back to your unit.

Fall Camporee

The Fall Camporee is September 12th-14th at the Triangle Sportsman's Club, 770 Triangle Road Bluefield, Virginia, 24605. More information to come about this great event.

Wood Badge 2025

Wood Badge is a training designed for adult leaders. The course will be at Camp Arrowhead. Registration deadline is August 25th.

1st week: September 26th-28th, 2025

2nd week: October 11th-12th

You must attend both weekends

Seneca District Committee

District Chair	Matthew Davis	
District Commissioner	Lori Hindson	304-237-7413
District Executive	Samuel Bosley	304-573-5499
Advancement Chair	Jason Brown	304-872-8163
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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www.buckskin.org/shawnee

Shawnee District Event Calendar

August

- 1 Unit Commitment Forms Due
- 8 Show and Sell Orders Due
- 9 District Kickoff, Poca Hunting and Fishing Club
- 22 Show and Sell Product Pick Up
- 23 Council Product Sale Kickoff
- 29 Fall Product Sale begins

September

- 1 Labor Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 5-7 Circuit Rider 35 Camporee, Jackson's Mill
- 13 POLAR (formerly CDO) 10 a.m. Wehrle Center
- 18 Shawnee District Committee Meeting
- 19-20 IOLS, Camp Arrowhead

October

- 3-5 Fall Camporee & Family Camp, The Summit
- 16 Shawnee District Committee Meeting
- 19 Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training, TBD
- 21 Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training, TBD
- 23 Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training, TBD
- 24-25 BALOO, Camp Arrowhead
- 28 Product Sale Ends
- 29 Fall Product orders due

District Kickoff

The Shawnee District Kickoff will be Saturday, August 9th at the Poca Hunting and Fishing Club pavilion from 5-7 pm. This will be in lieu of the August District Committee Meeting. District leadership will provide water, hot dogs, and condiments. Attendees are welcome to bring side dishes to share. We'll discuss the program calendar, have a brief training for the upcoming product sale, and hand out info packets. Invite your family! The Club is letting us use their ponds, so bring your fishing gear and cast a line before the meeting beginning at 3 pm. During the meeting we'll have games for the kids. This is a free event, but please register by August 7th so we can get a headcount for food. Open to all Shawnee District units, families, and invitees. Email ellen.blackwood@scouting.org to register.

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Shawnee District Committee

District Chair	Leo Lopez	304-419-4554
District Commissioner	Rosann Brooks	304-881-1042
District Executive	Ellen Blackwood	304-993-8648
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	vacant	
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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Fall Recruitment

A new school year is just around the corner which means it's time to be thinking about recruitment! We are here to help your unit draw new members so you can share the Scouting program with more youth. We can provide flyers, yard signs, and posters. District Volunteers and Executive Staff can also help give presentations in your schools to promote your unit's open house or sign-up event. Sign-up events should be informative but still fun for the families. Kids want to have fun doing an activity and parents want to see that your unit is organized and can tell them why they should get involved.

Tips and ideas:

- Have your Scouts wear their uniform the day of your event
- Plan an activity that engages the new families such as a game, craft, or science experiment
- Have a packet to hand out with unit information, a calendar of upcoming events, and leadership contacts
- Have plenty of applications and pens available (clipboards too if there aren't any tables)
- Be upfront and let families know where you need help with leadership and how family involvement is part of the scouting program

Email ellen.blackwood@scouting.org if you have any questions or are ready to schedule presentations.

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Product Sale

Get those microwaves ready; it's popcorn season! A well-utilized popcorn campaign can pay for an entire year of scouting. **New this year:** We're also running a meat stick sale as well! Take Order sales for both products begin August 29th to sell to friends, family, and neighbors. Orders are due October 29th at noon and distribution will occur November 14th. *(Want more commission on your sales? You can get an extra 2% of every sale by following the steps at bucks.kin.org/product-sale/)*

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Fall Trainings

In addition to the Wood Badge, IOLS, and BALOO courses offered by the Council this fall, Shawnee District will be offering Cub Scout Leader Position-Specific Training towards the end of October. The training is offered online but the in-person group setting allows trainees to meet other leaders and get answers to any questions right away. In three modules, new leaders will learn the basics of the Cub Scout program and how to successfully carry out the duties of their position. The district is offering the complete course on Sunday, October 19th. Additionally, the first half of the course will be offered on the evening of October 21st and the second half will be offered on the evening of October 23rd. Leaders attending the evening sessions will need to attend both nights to receive credit for the course. More information will be available soon!

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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, September 19-20. 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 runs until 5:00pm Saturday. The course is designed to address a variety of topics dealing with the outdoor program of Scouts BSA.



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(Jamboree Scholarships - continued from page 4)

WV United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men of the West Virginia Annual Conference have announced that they will provide five (5) \$300 scholarships to scouts from the Buckskin Council. There are two qualifications that scouts must meet.

The first is the scout must first have attended the annual WV Circuit Rider Camp in either 2024 or 2025. (The 2025 camp is the weekend of September 5-7, at Jackson's Mill State 4-H Camp, just outside Weston, WV.)

The second requirement is that the scout submit a minimum 200 word essay on "What I Plan to Learn at the Jamboree".

The deadline for the scholarship entry is January 1, 2026. Recipients will be chosen by January 10, 2026.

Buckskin Council Scholarships

In the planning for this Jamboree, the cost to purchase tents for the contingent was to be covered by third party donations made specifically designated for this purpose. Since that plan was developed and a number of donors had pledged to help purchase these tents, tents have been secured for another source at no cost to the Council. The potential donors when notified that tents had been secured were asked if they would contribute their tent pledge to a scholarship fund to help send scouts to the Jamboree. Many of these have agreed to do so.

At this time, the committee is developing a process by which these funds will be distributed. Details are not available at this time. Financial need will certainly be one of the main criteria. More information will be provided regarding the Council's Scholarship Program in the near future.

Youth currently registered are encouraged to take advantage of these scholarship programs. Scouts and their families who are considering registering for the Jamboree are also encouraged to go to the Buckskin Council website, click on the Jamboree link on the main page and register as soon as possible. The sooner a scout registers for the Jamboree, the more time the scout has to raise the money to pay the total registration fee. It also provides the scout more opportunities to apply for not just these scholarship programs, but any additional scholarship programs which may arise between now and March 2026 when the fee must be paid in full. There is a suggested payment plan outlined on the Council website to let scouts and their families see how the fee can be paid making monthly payments between now and March next year.

Fall Product Sales and Jamboree

Buckskin Council has agreed for Jamboree participants to have their commission on products sold during the fall product sale applied to their Jamboree registration fee. Participating scouts will be placed into a "Jamboree troop" – Troop 617 - for reporting purposes. These scouts may order popcorn or meat sticks through this Jamboree troop and report their sales by October 29 to the council. The commission from these sales will be credited to the Jamboree fee of the selling scout. Scouts may order product for Show and Sell, as well as doing take orders and online sales. Scouts need to be registered for the Jamboree to participate. Show and sell orders are due by August 8.

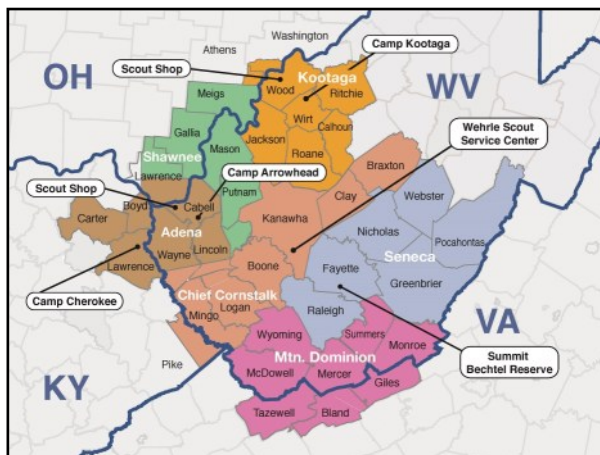
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Unit Commitment Form 2025 Fall Product Sale



Yes, my unit would like to participate in the Fall 2025 Product Sale!

CAMP MASTERS Popcorn: _____ Show & Sell _____ Take Order

Country Meats Meat Sticks: _____ Show & Sell _____ Take Order

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

Unit Leader: _____

Unit Product Chair (this should be **DIFFERENT** than the unit leader):

Name: _____
(Only one name per unit, and it must be the person responsible for placing the unit's product sale order)

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

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone:
home: _____ work: _____ cell: _____

Email: _____
(We must have an email address for your unit to be able to order product and prizes!)

Approx. number of Scouts in unit: _____

Number of adults in unit: _____

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

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

304-925-0533 (fax)



FALL PRODUCT SALE

KICKOFF EVENT

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10 AM - NOON**



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2829 KANAWHA BLVD E
CHARLESTON, WV 25311**





ADENA DISTRICT

Camp Arrowhead
Saturday, August 9, 2025

PROGRAM KICK-OFF EVENT—10:00am POPCORN PRESENTATION—11:00am

Join with our volunteers at Camp Arrowhead for the annual Program and Popcorn Kickoff Event. Every pack, troop and crew is encouraged to attend and find out about what is happening in the district and council for the coming year. You will also have the opportunity to speak to district committee members responsible for Advancement, Membership, Training, Order of the Arrow, and more.

Lunch will be provided for those who register to let us know they are attending.

Camping is available if your unit wishes to stay Friday and/or Saturday night. Contact the Huntington Scout Shop for availability.

All volunteer Scouting leaders are welcome to attend. Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Crew Advisors, and Popcorn Kernels are expected.



Each adult attending should please complete a registration form.

Name _____

Unit type Pack ____ Troop ____ Crew ____ Unit # _____

Position in unit _____

Are scouts attending with you? If so, how many do you expect to attend? _____

Do you plan on camping? _____

Thank you. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, August 9 at Camp Arrowhead.

Adena District Committee

Buckskin Council, BSA

INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS

SEPTEMBER 19 & 20, 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 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 September 19 & 20, 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 Boy Scout 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

Registration Deadline – Friday, September 12, 2025

IOLS REGISTRATION FORM – SEPTEMBER 19 & 20, 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



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 304-208-0802

Register Now: www.buckskin.org

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



Buckskin Council

Council-wide Camporee

&

Family Camp

October 3-5, 2025



The Summit Bechtel Reserve (or “The Summit,” for short) is a unique Scouting facility with an expansive main property spanning over 10,000 acres. One of the reasons Scouting America chose this site for the Summit was its adjacency to New River Gorge National River. More than 13 miles of the property borders the park, giving Scouts and Scouters access to more than 70,000 acres of managed wilderness beyond the Summit property.

Planning is underway for a Cub Scout Family Camp and a Council-wide Camporee at the Summit. Separate camping and program areas will be set aside for the Family Camp and for the troops and crews who will be participating in the Camporee. Final program activities are still being developed for each event.

A number of the typical Summit activities will be available for the participants. These include BB Shooting, Archery, Fishing, and Boating. Ziplining and Climbing will both be available for a additional fee.

Check-in begins Friday evening. Saturday check-in is also offered for those attending just the activity day. Check-out will occur on Sunday.

Fees are dependent on your level of participation.

- Event fee - \$20 per person – access to all the activities for your scout’s age group, 2 nights camping at the Summit and 3 meals on Saturday.
- Saturday only - \$8 per person – access to all the activities for your scout’s age group, no camping, and lunch only Saturday.
- Ziplining - \$10 per person (most pre-register, limited number of tickets available)
- Climbing Wall - \$10 per person (most pre-register, limited number of tickets available)

Save the date and make plans now to bring your pack, troop or crew to the Summit for this memorable experience.