



Leader Training is Important to your Scouts

Your pack just had its recruitment night and a bunch of excited, new Cub Scouts joined. You even had some parents agree to become leaders. What a successful night! Now how do you take a bunch of nervous adults with no experience in Scouting and turn them into confident, capable Den Leaders and Committee Members? The short answer is TRAINING!

Common sense tells us that training is important, and research shows the importance of trained leaders. A trained leader is knowledgeable and more confident in the role being performed. Trained leaders impact the quality of programs, leader tenure, youth tenure, safety, and a whole lot more. A trained leader is better prepared to make the Scouting program all it can be!

What does it take to be fully trained?

The first step is Safeguarding Youth Training. (This is the new name for Youth Protection Training.) Every adult must take Safeguarding Youth Training before they can be registered.

The next step is taking the training specific to your position in the pack. Den Leaders must take Den Leader Specific training, Committee Members must take Pack Committee Challenge. These trainings can be taken online or in person.

Every "Direct Contact" leader must also take Hazardous Weather Training. This Course expires every 24 months and must be retaken to keep your training status intact. Hazardous Weather Training is only available in the online Training Center. This course covers hazardous weather conditions that Scouts need to know about and the steps they should take to Be Prepared.

A list of the training required for every position in Scouting can be found at www.buckskin.org/training. Look for "Leader Position Trained Requirements (revised June 2025)"

In-person training

If you are a new leader, the best way to take training is in person. In a classroom setting, so much can be learned through the interaction with trainers and other leaders.

Upcoming in-person training dates: The training is free, but we ask that you register so we can Be Prepared. Both training sessions will be at Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church, 2848 Putnam Ave., Hurricane, WV.

- Sunday, October 19th session - Complete the training in one day. The class begins at 2:00 pm.
- Split it up over two nights - Tuesday, October 21st and Tuesday, October 28th. Both sessions begin at 6:00 pm. You must attend both nights to complete the training.

Online training

Training can also be taken online in the Training Center. Log into my.scouting.org. If you haven't set up an account, you will be prompted to do that. Select the "My Training" button and it will direct you to the Training Center. The Training Center offers a wealth of training for all leaders. For specific training, find your program (Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, etc.) then select the position-specific training you need.

Have questions about training? Contact the council training team.

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Council Calendar

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
- 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

November

- 8 Charleston Shop open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
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- 14 Popcorn Pickup
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- 27-28 Thanksgiving - Service Center & Shops closed

December

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- 24-25 Christmas - Service Center & Shops closed
- 26 Shops closed for inventory

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Dear Scout volunteers,

October really represents the scouting program in full swing. Cub Scouts have been recruited, Packs and Troops are once again meeting, and opportunities for Scouting FUN are rapidly approaching. Recent studies have revealed that 15% of our Scouts drop out of the program within the first 60 days. I wonder what could happen to discourage a new Cub Scout or Boy Scout so much that they leave the program before they can really start to have fun.

Fun! I think that is the key word. If our newest Scouts don't do anything "fun" in the first sixty days, they quickly become discouraged and disappointed. They have very little invested, so it is easy to just walk away from Scouting. They will never know the ultimate fun they might have enjoyed; they will never know the life skills, the lessons in citizenship, or the life changing transformation of their character. They may not reach their full potential as adults, and they will probably not strive to involve their children in Scouting.

So what to do? First, make sure that every Scout has a fun Scouting experience in the first sixty days as a Scout. Plan a fun Pack or Troop outing, or take advantage of one of your Districts activities. Check your District page for upcoming events! Make sure every new Scout is invited and attends. If they do, they will stick around long enough to start benefiting from Scouting.

Secondly, every leader that has front line contact with our Scouts should be trained. I have heard many of the reasons why a den leader, cubmaster, or scoutmaster cannot or will not take training. You can pile all those reasons together, and they will pale in comparison when measured against the fact that B.S.A. **trained leaders** consistently deliver a better program to the Scouts. And that's what we should be all about. Delivering the best program to our precious children. Or to put it another way, every Scout deserves a trained leader.

So let us make this our slogan this fall. "Deliver the Promise" to our Scouts; Trained leaders leading Scouts to their first significant Scouting experience within the first sixty days.

Good Scouting to you and yours,

Jeffrey L. Purdy

Scout Executive

"This is Scout Country"

P.S. Don't forget to get your Scouts out selling popcorn. What a great way to pay for those significant Scouting experiences.



Trunk or Treat

The Buckskin Council Scout Shops have teamed up to enjoy some Halloween fun at each shop on

Thursday, October 23rd.

Decorate your trunk And join in the fun!



Charleston Shop

Trunk or Treat 6:00 —7:00 pm

Wehrle Service Center
2829 Kanawha Blvd East,
Charleston

Contact Kelly Thaxton to
reserve your spot.

kelly.thaxton@scouting.org



Parkersburg Shop

Trunk or Treat 6:00—7:30 pm

Christ UM Church
715 16th Street, Parkersburg

Contact Lisa Withee to reserve
your spot.

lisa.withee@scouting.org

Huntington Shop

Trick or Treat 5:00—6:30 pm

1037 6th Avenue, Huntington

Contact Melanie Young to help.
melanie.young@scouting.org





2026 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE
JULY 22 – 31, 2026
SUMMIT BECHTEL RESERVE
GLEN JEAN, WV

Scouts and their families still considering the 2026 NSJ are invited to join us online for a “Question and Answer” session. This meeting is Tuesday, October 7 at 7:00pm. The Zoom meeting will include members of the Council’s NSJ Committee and several of the adult leaders of the contingent. The meeting ID follows –

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83152971893>

Meeting ID: 831 5297 1893

Register Now to Avoid a Fee Increase

Scouts wanting to attend the 2026 National Scout Jamboree should register quickly to avoid the scheduled fee increase effective Nov 3, 2025. The participant’s fee increases \$240.

Council Contingent Staff

Councils may register additional adults to serve as Council Contingent Staff for the 2026 National Jamboree. These adults (21 years or older) will play a dual role—supporting Jamboree operations during the day while remaining embedded with their contingent in the evenings. This is a great opportunity for adults who want to contribute to the success of the Jamboree while staying connected to their local youth.

Key Details

Role & Responsibilities: Council Contingent Staff will assist with Jamboree operations for at least 6 of the 7 program days. They’ll work with a team lead to determine their schedule and may be required to complete training prior to the event.

Travel & Lodging: These staff members will travel, eat, and camp with their council contingent.

Registration: Register as part of the council contingent under the designation “Council Contingent Staff Member.”

Refund & Recognition -

Refund: Upon successful completion of service, each Council Contingent Staff member will receive a \$400 refund, issued to the council for distribution.

Recognition Kit Includes: Two participant patches, Participant neckerchief, Custom 2026 National Jamboree red daypack, A special Staff Gift - distributed onsite.

National Scholarship Program – Round 2

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. Scholarships will only cover a portion of the national Jamboree registration fee and do not include any additional fees required by your local council. 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 by Nov. 30, 2025. Recipients and their councils will be notified of the results: either approved for a certain amount, or not approved. Applicants being notified by mid-Winter.

Questions? Contact Carl Sullivan carl.sullivan@scouting.org



Reserve your Troop’s Campsite
For Summer Camp 2026 at
Camp Arrowhead

The Buckskin Council is bringing Summer Camp back to Camp Arrowhead in 2026!

Next summer will be fun and exciting for all Scouts and leaders as Summer Camp returns to beautiful Camp Arrowhead. Our camp staff is hard at work getting the camp ready for all Scouts to enjoy.

The 2026 Leaders Guide and program information will be available in the coming months to help Troops plan their adventure this coming summer, so reserve your troop’s campsite for 2026 today!

Want a favorite campsite? Reserve it today at www.buckskin.org/camping/scoutsbsacamp.

Choose the Summer Camp week that works best for your troop.

Here is the 2026 Summer Camp Schedule for Camp Arrowhead:

Staff Week - June 8-13, 2026

Week 1 - June 14-20, 2026

Week 2 - June 21-27, 2026



Scout Day at
Marshall University
Football



Be a part of the action of Marshall University Football as the Thundering Herd takes on Old Dominion on October 11 (kick-off to be announced). Scouts and their families can purchase tickets for this game online for \$10 each (plus taxes and processing fee for a total of \$11.50 per ticket).

Go to www.buckskin.org/events/rally-the-scouts to order the tickets. Be sure to use the code SCOUT to receive your discount. Seating will be in sections 101 and 103 on the east side of the stadium near gate D.

Scouts are welcome to arrive early for the game to be a part of Fan Fest. Fan Fest is located outside of the Rec Center. Be sure to come out and get your face painted while enjoying magic, balloon animals and inflatables including bouncy houses, obstacle course and more.

About 2 hours before game time, scouts can be part of the Thunderwalk. Thunderwalk starts in the West Lot at the gate on 20th street, closest to Third Avenue, and continues through the parking lot toward Gate A. Greet the Thundering Herd team as they arrive for the game.

RALLY THE SCOUTS for the MU vs Old Dominion football game on Saturday, October 11.

Fall Product Sale

Packs and troops across the council have been doing a great job with the product sale, but there's still time and product left!

The sale ends October 28th and unit orders are due the 29th along with any unopened, unsold cases. Remember, you can use your Show and Sell inventory to fulfill Take Orders. There are a few openings left at storefronts this month for units to do Show and Sell. You can claim those in the Camp Masters system.

If you need more product for Show and Sell, let a member of the sales team know and we can get you set up.

Don't forget Direct Order sales! Direct Order is a great way to get support from distant family and friends and the product ships to their door. Find your scout's unique Key Code on Camp Masters.

Make sure to turn in the names of scouts eligible to join the \$650 Club. All sales (Show & Sell, Take Order, and Direct Order) can be included in the scout's total. Scouts selling \$650 will be invited to a special celebration.

Important Sale Dates to Remember

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

Nov 14 Product Pickup and Payment Deadline.

Council Fall Camporee & Family Camp

October 3-5, 2025 The Summit

Buckskin Council is having a Cub Scout Family Camp and a Council-wide Camporee at the Summit. Separate camping and program areas will be set aside for the Cub Scout Family Camp and for the troops and crews who will be participating in the Camporee. Many exciting activities will be available, including BB Shooting, Archery, Fishing, and Boating. Ziplining and Climbing will be available for a additional fee.

Registration closes October 1st, so get signed up today!

Event fees

- Weekend of Camping - \$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 on Saturday.
- Ziplining - \$10 per person (must pre-register, limited number of tickets available) Available for troops and crews only.
- Climbing Wall - \$10 per person (must pre-register, limited number of tickets available) Available for Cub Scouts, Troops, and Crews.

H. Bernard Wehrle, Sr.

**Scout Leadership Service Center
and Scout Shop**

2829 Kanawha Blvd E

Charleston, WV 25311

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

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



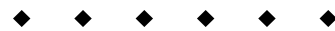
Huntington Scout Shop

1037 Sixth Ave

Huntington, WV 25701

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

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



Parkersburg Scout Shop

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
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



Lodge Leadership Development

Lodge Leadership Development is being held on November 15th, at the council office in Charleston. This event is where Arrowmen participate in training and thoughtful discussion about the future of the lodge. Everyone can come, as we work together to strengthen our leaders and prepare for the year ahead.

FORUM 2025

Arrowmen from across Ohio and West Virginia will gather at Camp Lazarus, October 31–November 2, 2025, for Section E13 FORUM. This annual event provides a weekend of training, fellowship, and idea-sharing as lodges work together to strengthen the Order of the Arrow across the section. With meals, heated cabins, and plenty of time to connect with Arrowmen from other lodges, FORUM is a valuable opportunity for all members to learn, share, and grow.

Bridge Day 2025

Each October, Takhonek Lodge's Seneca Chapter supports West Virginia's Bridge Day with post-event service, pitching in on end-of-day cleanup alongside local partners. Arrowmen should come prepared with work gloves and sturdy footwear; grabbers are often provided on site, if you are interested in helping, contact Lee Webb.

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

2025 Adult Advisers

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Wapiti	David Duncan	david.duncan@suddenlink.net

2025 OA Dues

With a new year, comes new dues. Go to www.buckskin.org/oa to pay your dues for 2025 or scan the QR code.

Fall Ordeal/Brotherhood

Our Fall Ordeal and Brotherhood and fellowship is coming up October 3rd -5th. If you were elected as a candidate to the Order of the Arrow, sign up and complete the ordeal. This weekend will also be the start of our major work on Camp Arrowhead in preparation for Conclave 2026 and Summer Camp.

Need an Election?

Every troop has the opportunity to recognize their most dedicated Scouts by electing them into the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's national honor society. To schedule an election or to learn more about the process, please reach out to your chapter adviser from the list below.

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
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



Training Corner

By Susan Williams

Leader Recognition

Awards and recognition aren't just for scouts. Adult leaders can earn them too. It's important that we recognize our adult leaders to help keep them energized.

Of course, the most important adult award that Scouting America has is the Trained patch.

After earning the Trained patch, what else can you earn? You can earn Training Awards, which are the knots on many adult uniforms.



Den Leader Training Award - awarded to den leaders who complete their training and serve for one year.



Scouter's Training Award - awarded to leaders in all programs who have completed their position specific training plus some additional training and attained certain performance related goals.



Scouter's Key - awarded to unit leaders who have attained tenure, training, and performance goals.

Want to learn more about how to earn these awards? Talk to your district advancement chair or go to:

www.scouting.org/training/training-awards-and-recognition

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

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

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.

Prior to taking the practical component, participants must have completed the online component. The online portion is available through the BSA LearnCenter. Log onto my.scouting.org and select "My Training" on the home page, then Cub Scouts. Complete the course named "BALOO Pre-requisite Training V2". Bring your completion certificate with you.

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

Upcoming Cub Scout Leader Training

Shawnee District is offering Cub Scout Leader training twice this October at Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church, 2848 Putnam Ave, Hurricane. Pick the class that works best for you!

- ♦ Attend the Sunday, October 19th session and complete the training all at once. The class begins at 2:00 pm.
- ♦ Split it up over two nights - Tuesday, October 21st and Tuesday, October 28th. Both sessions begin at 6:00 pm. You must attend both nights to complete the training.

Training Calendar

Oct. 19	Cub Scout Leader Training, Forrest Burdette UMC
Oct. 21 & 28	Cub Scout Leader Training, Forrest Burdette UMC (please note the new date)
Oct 24-25	BALOO, Camp Arrowhead

Adena District

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

Adena Event Calendar

October

- 2 Roundtable, 6:30pm
- 3-5 Fall Camporee & Family Camp, The Summit
- 16 District Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
- 18 Huntington Shop open 9am - 1pm
- 18 Rocket Day & KT Fall Hike, Camp Arrowhead, 9:00 am
- 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

November

- 6 Roundtable, 6:30pm
- 8 Flag Placements at Spring Hill Cemetery, 9:00am
- 11 Veterans Day
- 14 Fall Product pickup
- 15 Huntington Shop open 9am - 1pm
- 20 District Committee, 6:30pm
- 27-28 Thanksgiving - Council Office & Shops Closed

December

- 4 Roundtable 6:30 pm
- 13 OA Winter Banquet
- 18 District Committee, 6:30pm
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ROUNDTABLE

The Monthly Roundtable Meeting is October 2. As of now, these will continue to be conducted via Zoom.

You can use the meeting ID 864 7853 6793 for the October 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 October 16. This meeting will be conducted via Zoom. Please use the meeting ID 846 3566 4748 to join.

COUNCIL-WIDE CAMPOREE & FAMILY CAMP

The Summit Bechtel Reserve will be the site for a very special Council-wide Camporee for troops and crews along with a Family Camp for our Cub Scout packs and families. The date is October 3-5. Check-in begins Friday evening for those camping and continues Saturday morning for those attending for the activity day. Check-out is Sunday morning. A number of the typical Summit activities will be available for the participants. These include BB Shooting, Archery, Fishing, and Boating.

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

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

FALL PRODUCT SALE

Show & Sell returns, Take Orders and Prize Orders are due October 29. Scouts and Leaders – don't forget about the \$650 Club! Scouts who sell a total of \$650 or more either by Show & Sell, or Take Order, or Online Sales of popcorn and meat sticks will be invited to our district product sales celebration in January.

MARSHALL UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL

Be a part of the action of Marshall University Football as the Thundering Herd takes on Old Dominion on October 11 (kick-off to be announced). Scouts and their families can purchase tickets for this game online for \$10 each (plus taxes and processing fee for a total of \$11.50 per ticket). Tickets can be purchased at www.buckskin.org/events/rally-the-scouts. Please use the code SCOUT. Seating is in sections 101 and 103 on the east side of the stadium near gate D.

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Chief Cornstalk District

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

Chief Cornstalk Event Calendar

October

- 3-5 Fall Camporee & Family Camp, The Summit
- 16 District Committee Meeting
- 23 Trunk or Treat Council Service Center 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
- 24-25 BALOO, Camp Arrowhead
- 29 Popcorn & Meat Stick Take Orders Due

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Chief Cornstalk District Committee

District Chair	Mark Linville	304-369-2795
District Commissioner	Jon Dudley	740-683-2265
Field Director	Billy Bryant	304-340-3663
Vice Chair	Jeffrey Brandt	304-982-5546
Vice Chair	Steve Snodgrass	304-837-3302
Membership Chair	Jim Porter	304-389-3862
Community FOS Chair	vacant	
Family FOS Chair	vacant	
Product Sales	Debra King	304-925-3625
Special Event Chair	vacant	
Program Chair	vacant	
Training Chair	vacant	
Advancement Chair	Blair Taylor	304-419-1461
Camping Chair	vacant	
Marketing Chair	vacant	
Cub Day Camp	vacant	
District Chaplain	Danny Pauley	304-561-7666
OA Chapter Advisor	Scott Dennison	

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.

District Committee meeting

The 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.

Product Sale

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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.

Register at Buckskin.org

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 www.buckskin.org/kootaga

Kootaga Event Calendar

October

- 3-5 Fall Camporee & Family Camp, The Summit
- 14 District Committee, 6:30pm
- 14 Roundtable, 7:30pm
- 17 Good Friends Camporee and Family Camp
- 23 Trunk or Treat
- 29 Fall Product orders due

November

- 8 Cub Fun Day
- 11 District Committee, 6:30pm
- 11 Roundtable, 7:30pm
- 14 Fall Product pickup
- 27-28 Thanksgiving - Council Office & Shops Closed

December

- 6 Kootaga Merit Badge College
- 9 District Committee, 6:30pm
- 9 Roundtable, 7:30pm
- 24-25 Christmas - Service Center & Shops closed
- 26 Shops closed for inventory

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. **District Committee Meetings are held at Pickering Associates (11283 Emerson Ave.) in Building 2.**

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. **Roundtable is held at Pickering Associates (11283 Emerson Ave.) in Building 2.**

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! There's more information on the buckskin website or our social media! Registered today at buckskin.org/kootaga! (Fun Fact: the district and camp namesake, "Kootaga," comes from the Kiowa Language of "Ko-otaga," meaning Good Friends!)

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	Alan Campbell	
Advancement	Patrick Shook	304-481-1792
Training	Pete Conklin	304-455-5064
OA Chapter Advisor	Jay Wilson	304-481-3731

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.

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 buckskin.org/product-sale/.)*

Kootaga Cub Scout Fun Day

Just because it's starting to get colder doesn't mean that Cub Scouting slows down! Join us for a fun time on Saturday, November 8th. Estimated cost is \$10 per person. More information coming soon!

Kootaga Merit Badge College

Join us at West Virginia University - Parkersburg on December 6th for a day focused on merit badges! Try out a badge you've always wanted to try or finish one you've already started. Adult Leaders, keep an eye out for a survey of trainings you would like to have going on. Merit badge counselors who want to help will be greatly appreciated!

Trunk or Treat

Kootaga District is having a Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 23rd. Our Trunk or Treat will be at Christ United Methodist Church at 16th Street and St. Marys Ave. The fun runs from 6:00 - 7:00 pm.

Contact Lisa at the Parkersburg Scout Shop (304-422-4507) if you want to help - or even join the fun with a decorated trunk!

Mountain Dominion District

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

Mt Dominion Event Calendar

October

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

November

- 14 Fall Product pickup
- 27-28 Thanksgiving - Council Office & Shops Closed

December

- 24-25 Christmas - Service Center & Shops closed
- 26 Shops closed for inventory

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
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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

District Meeting

The District Meeting is Thursday, October 16th.
Roundtable starts at 6:30PM followed by the district meeting at 7:15PM

Both meetings are at Stinson United Methodist Church, Princeton, WV.

Cub Scout Fun Day at Triangle Sportsman's Club.

Cub Scouts! Cub Fun Day is coming to Triangle Sportsman's Club. Bring your rocket and see how far it blasts off! Lots of fun activities are planned. Try your hand at BB Shooting, Archery, or even Slingshot.

The fee is \$10 per person. Lunch is included.

Register at www.buckskin.org/mtdominion.

Fall Product Sale

The Fall 2025 Product Sale is officially underway and it's bigger, better, and tastier than before! The Council is partnering with Camp Masters and Country Meats to give units more options and more opportunities. Scouts can earn prizes for Camp Masters sales made in person (Show & Sell, Take Order) and online (Direct Order).

There are a couple more incentives for Scouts selling Camp Masters products at the Council level. As you fill order forms throughout the sale, turn in a copy of the completed form to the Council for a chance to win some prizes. Drawings will be held September 30th, October 15th, and at the end of the sale. For any Scouts that sell at least \$650 in Camp Masters product, they'll earn a spot at a party in their district.

The sale runs through October 28th so get out there and sell!



Charleston Scout Shop
2829 Kanawha Blvd E.
Charleston, WV
304-340-3663

Huntington Scout Shop
1037 Sixth Ave.
Huntington, WV
304-523-3408

Parkersburg Scout Shop
1900 Garfield Ave, Ste D
Parkersburg, WV
304-422-4507

Seneca District

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

Seneca Event Calendar

October

- 3-5 Fall Camporee & Family Camp, The Summit
- 7 District Committee meeting, 7:00 pm
- 9 Roundtable, 7:00 pm
- 25 Cub Fun Day, Triangle Sportsman's Club
- 29 Fall Product orders due

November

- 14 Fall Product pickup
- 27-28 Thanksgiving - Council Office & Shops Closed

December

- 24-25 Christmas - Service Center & Shops closed
- 26 Shops closed for inventory

District Committee Meeting

The District Committee meeting is Tuesday, October 7th.
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.

Cub Scout Roundtable

Cub Scout Roundtable is Thursday, October 9th at 7:00 pm.
The meeting will be on Zoom. Join us to learn more about the Cub Scout program and upcoming events.

Cub Scout Fun Day at Triangle Sportsman's Club.

Cub Scouts! Cub Fun Day is coming to Triangle Sportsman's Club. Bring your rocket and see how far it blasts off! Lots of fun activities are planned. Try your hand at BB Shooting, Archery, or even Slingshot. The fun is October 25th, 9 am - 3 pm. The fee is \$10 per person. Lunch is included.
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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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Shawnee District Event Calendar

October

- 3-5 Fall Camporee & Family Camp, The Summit
- 3-5 OA Fall Fellowship, Camp Arrowhead
- 16 Shawnee District Committee Meeting
- 19 Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training
- 21 Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training, part 1
- 23 Trunk or Treat Council Service Center, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
- 24-25 BALOO, Camp Arrowhead
- 28 Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training, part 2
- 28 Product Sale Ends
- 29 Fall Product orders due

November

- 8 Zoology Zone Visit
- 14 Fall Product pickup
- 27-28 Thanksgiving - Council Office & Shops Closed

December

- 18 District Committee Meeting
- 24-25 Christmas - Service Center & Shops closed
- 26 Shops closed for inventory
- 31-Jan 1 Service Center & Shops closed for New Year's

Fall Family Camp and Camporee

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Conservation Service Hours

For troops needing service project hours relating to conservation or environmental issues, Gerry Stover is willing to help with those projects and sign off on requirements. Gerry is willing to help with three hours of conservation service for Life rank and/or environmental issues impacting our community, which is a First Class requirement. If scouts are interested, then they need to contact Gerry through their Scoutmaster and get signed up for a Saturday. He plans to do the service project through West Virginia DEP's Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan (REAP) program on the Kanawha River by the Eleanor Lock and Dam. Gerry does not plan to be there unless a Scoutmaster contacts him. He can also assist with the Conservation Good Turn Award. Units in

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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other districts may contact Gerry.

Product Sale

Units in Shawnee have been doing a great job with the product sale, but there's still time and product left! The sale ends October 28th and unit orders are due the 29th along with any unopened, unsold cases. Remember, you can use your Show and Sell inventory to fulfill Take Orders. There are a few openings left at storefronts this month for units to do Show and Sell. You can claim those in the Camp Masters system. If you need more product for Show and Sell, let a member of the sales team know and we can get you set up. And don't forget Direct Order sales! Direct Order is a great way to get support from distant family and friends and the product ships to their door. Find your scout's unique Key Code on Camp Masters.

District Committee Meeting

Shawnee District's Committee Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of most months. October's will be on the 16th. 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 unit growth, and share ideas.

Fall Trainings

Shawnee District will be offering Cub Scout Leader Position-Specific Training two times towards the end of October. The training is offered online but it is highly recommended to go through the course in person. 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.

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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 28th. Leaders attending the evening sessions will need to attend both nights to receive credit for the course. Registration is now available on the district's page on the Council website. (www.buckskin.org/shawnee-events/cs-leader-training/)

Trunk or Treat

There will be a Trunk or Treat at the Council Service Center on October 23rd from 6-7 pm. Wear your costumes and join us for some games, music, and sweet treats! If your unit would like to decorate a car and hand out candy and info about your pack or troop, contact Kelly Thaxton kelly.thaxton@scouting.org.

Zoology Zone Visit

The District is hosting a visit to the Zoology Zone at Valley Park in Hurricane, WV on Saturday, November 8, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Troops can visit and work on requirements for Reptile & Amphibian Study, and Insect Study merit badges under Gerry Stover's guidance. Insect Study will be a partial as Scouts need to observe 20 species and make a scrapbook of photos and information they collect. Gerry has a limited number of Madagascar Hissing cockroaches those working on Insect Study can take home and raise—with parental approval. This is optional, but it could help with research for requirement 9b.

The event is open to Packs as well. The Zoology Zone strives to inspire wildlife and environmental conservation through hands-on education. Scouts will learn the importance of each species and how to show them proper care. Some of the topics covered do pertain to elective adventures of the older Cub Scout ranks, which participating Cubs can get credit for. The primary goal, though, is to have fun, and spark curiosity.

Thanks to a generous sponsor, this event is free. Space is limited though, so you will need to register on the Council website.



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ROCKET LAUNCH DAY

Cub Scouts and their families are invited to bring their new rocket kit to Camp Arrowhead on Saturday October 18 for the Rocket Launch Day. New scouts receive a rocket kit when they join a pack. Existing Cubs may purchase a kit for \$4 each. Build and launch your rockets behind the Dining Hall, near the upper lake. The rocket launch gets underway at noon. Other activities that afternoon include Fishing, BB Shooting, Archery and more. The event runs until 4:00pm. There is no fee for this event, but we ask that you register on the Council website.

FALL HIKE

The annual Fall Hike on the Kanawha Trace will be Saturday October 18. Bring your pack or your troop or your family and enjoy the fall colors as you leisurely hike a portion of the nationally recognized Kanawha Trace. Interpreters along the trail will provide some interesting tales and history of the area. Everyone is welcome to participate. There is a cost of \$0.50 per hiker which supports maintenance of the Trace. A collectible patch will also be available for \$3.00 each.

BALOO COURSE

The planned BALOO course has been moved to October 24 & 25. BALOO training course is 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 Cub Scouts outside. Participants must complete an online module prior to the in-person course. Training begins Friday at 7:00pm. 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. Register at www.buckskin.org/training.

FLAG PLACEMENTS

For Veterans Day, join with other scouts at Spring Hill Cemetery on Saturday, November 8, at 9:00am to place flags on the graves of our military veterans. Your participation is greatly appreciated. Patches will be given to the first 25 scouts who participate. The cemetery is large so we can use your help.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS

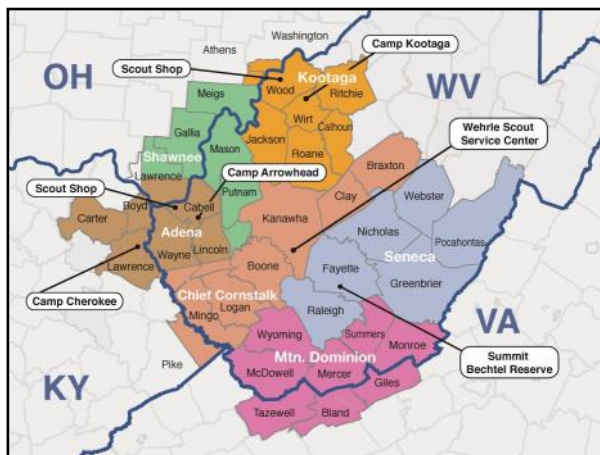
December is a time for families and friends to gather and enjoy the spirit of the holidays when every community comes alive with holiday lights. This year, the Council will send a special Holiday Lights Celebration patch to scouts who submit a picture of themselves attending a holiday light display. To earn your patch, find a holiday light display near you and go see it with your den, pack, troop, or family. Take a picture of your scout in front of the display and send it to us. We'd love to see you proudly wear your scout uniform! Submit your picture at www.buckskin.org or send it to bill.bryant@scouting.org. We will send you our special Holiday Lights Celebration patch for participating. (Parents and Guardians: if you do not wish to have your child's picture published, please let us know when you submit it. Don't worry, your scout will still get a patch.)



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Council-wide Camporee

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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.

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



Good Friends Outing

Fall Camporee

Location: Camp Kootaga

Friday, October 17 – Sunday, October 19, 2025

Cub Fun Day (Saturday, October 18, from 9 am-5 pm)

Something for everyone!

Cub Scouts are welcome to family camp at this event OR attend Saturday Only (Cub Fun Day).

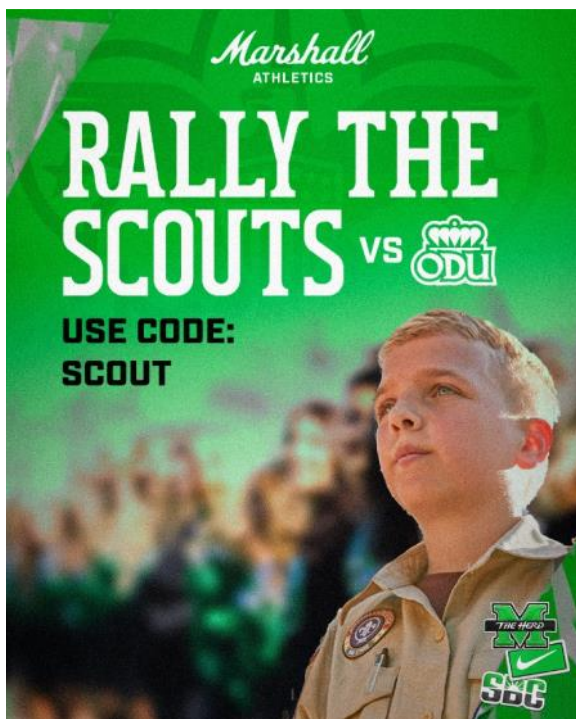
Scouts BSA - A Forestry merit badge opportunity is available for those motivated to work ahead and come prepared!

Enjoy a variety of stations to visit at your own pace!

- The STEAM Machine from Discovery World
- Ohio State Highway Patrol Crime Scene Van
- Pumpkin Decorating - bring your tools and plan your strategy
- Climbing Wall Open!
- Shooting sports
- Field Games such as:
 - Tug-of-War
 - Rock-Paper-Scissors Relay



Hosted by: Troop 203 Questions: Please call Shaun Harris, 740-525-4640.



**Scouting America
&
Marshall University Football
announce**

RALLY THE SCOUTS

October 11, 2025

(kickoff time to be announced)

Be a part of the action of Marshall University Football as the Thundering Herd takes on Old Dominion on October 11 (kick-off to be announced). Scouts and their families can purchase tickets for this game online for \$10 each (plus taxes and processing fee for a total of \$11.50 per ticket).

Go to www.buckskin.org/events/rally-the-scouts. For the discounted pricing when ordering tickets, please use the code SCOUT. Seating will be in sections 101 and 103 on the east side of the stadium near gate D.

Scouts are welcome to arrive early for the game to be a part of Fan Fest. Fan Fest is located outside of the Rec Center. Be sure to come out and get your face painted while enjoying magic, balloon animals and inflatables including bouncy houses, obstacle course and more.

About 2 hours before game time, scouts can be part of the Thunderwalk. Thunderwalk starts in the West Lot at the gate on 20th street, closest to Third Avenue, and continues through the parking lot toward Gate A. Greet the Thundering Herd team as they arrive for the game.



BUCKSKIN COUNCIL, BSA
ADENA DISTRICT
**OCTOBER FUN DAY and
ROCKET LAUNCH**

Camp Arrowhead
506 Scout Camp Road, Ona, WV
Saturday, October 18, 2025
Noon to 4:00pm

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

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

SPECIAL MORNING ACTIVITY - Come to camp early on Saturday and enjoy the Fall Hike on the Kanawha Trace. This annual event gives scouts, their families and those in the community to spend some time walking this National Recognized trail. Visit with some re-enactors along the way and learn about the pioneer days of the area. There is a suggested fee of \$.50 per person. A collectable patch will also be available. Proceeds from the fee and patch sales go to support trail maintenance. Groups head out from Meachem Lodge beginning about 8:15am. Last group will head out 11:00am. You will be back in time to go out and grab some lunch (or bring lunch with you) and then enjoy the fun of Rocket Day.

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



Scan this QR code
to register

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP

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



Shawnee District Cub Scout Leader Position-Specific Training

October 19th 2 pm **or** October 21st 6 pm **AND** October 28th 6 pm*
Forrest Burdette UMC 2848 Putnam Ave. Hurricane, WV 25526

The Cub Scout Leader Position-Specific Training course brings together all the basics of Cub Scout leadership into one course, with separate mini-modules to deal with position-specific topics such as den leader, Cubmaster, and pack committee and chair. It has been developed to give new leaders the knowledge and skills, as well as to generate the enthusiasm, needed to successfully carry out the duties of their position. The course is made up of three parts.

You'll Learn About:

- Aims and Methods of Cub Scouting (why we do what we do and how we do it!)
- Pack Structure (including Adult and Youth Leadership roles)
- Uniforms
- Advancement
- Conducting either a den, pack, or committee meeting
- Outdoor program preparation
- Keeping Cub Scouting safe
- Recruitment
- Resources available to you as you continue your learning journey

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Adult Leader!

***Shawnee District is offering the full course twice.** If you attend on October 19th, you will complete the entire course that day. **If you attend on October 21st, you must also attend on October 28th to complete the course.**



Oct. 19th

Scan the QR codes or visit www.buckskin.org/shawnee to register.
Registration deadline is October 17th



Oct. 21st & 28th

Buckskin Council, BSA
BASIC ADULT LEADER OUTDOOR ORIENTATION
OCTOBER 24-25, 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 and select “My Training” on the home page, then Cub Scouts. Complete the course named “BALOO Prerequisite Training V2”. Bring your completion certificate with you.

The next course will be October 24-25 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 (snacks) on Friday night, along with breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

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

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

Registration Deadline – Tuesday, October 21, 2025

BALOO REGISTRATION FORM – OCTOBER 24-25, 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



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2829 Kanawha Blvd. E. Charleston
Thursday, October 23, 2025 6-7:00 PM



Put on your costume and join
us for:

- Music
- Candy & Treats
- Games
- Coloring Contest
- And information about
Scouting in our area

If you would like to be part of the fun and
decorate a car or have an information
station, please contact Kelly Thaxton at
the Service Center at 304-340-3663 or
Kelly.Thaxton@scouting.org





**TRICK OR TREAT
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HUNTINGTON SCOUT SHOP
1037 SIXTH AVE, HUNTINGTON
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23**



5:00 - 6:30 PM

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