



Scouting for Food Do a Good Turn Daily

As Scouts, we know how fortunate we are to have a warm meal every night — whether around the campfire or at the kitchen table. And we know that not everyone is so lucky. That's the genesis of Scouting for Food, the annual food-collection drive run by the council. It's another reminder to our local communities that Scouts are doing good turns.



Scouting for Food takes place on two consecutive weekends. On the first weekend, Scouts distribute bags to let their neighbors know about the drive. On the second weekend, Scouts revisit those houses to pick up bags full of canned food, cereal, pasta, peanut butter, juice and other nonperishable items.

Units in the Buckskin Council participate in this annual Good Turn every November. The bags do not have a date on them so units may choose their own weekends to do the drive. While your unit may choose the weekends that best fit your schedule, Buckskin Council's designated dates are November 1st and 8th. After your Scouts have collected the donations, take these items to a food pantry of your choice right in your neighborhood.

We ask unit leaders to please let the council know how many cans/items you collected. **Please report the number of items your unit collects online at www.buckskin.org/events/scouting-for-food-2025. You may also submit the Scouting for Food report (find it in the appendix) to your District Executive.**

Remember to take time to submit your service hours through Scoutbook Plus at my.scouting.org.

We have new bags this year, so be sure to pick up your bags. Stop by the Wehrle Service Center, Huntington Scout Shop or Parkersburg Scout Shop to get bags.

Deadline to report the number of items collected - December 20th

Fall Product Sale

Fall Popcorn Distribution

Orders for the Popcorn Take Order should have been turned in and now it is time for the distribution. If you would like to help sort the orders for your distribution site, you might be able to take your order back to your unit quicker. Contact your District Executive to schedule your pickup. Please remember, all orders must be paid before you pickup your popcorn.

Popcorn 2nd Chance Sale!

That's right we are doing a second chance sale for the Popcorn Sale. If you missed getting your order in or have additional customers to ask or maybe just got a late start. You are in luck! We have the Second Chance Sale for popcorn going on from November 1st to December 1st. Second Chance Sale orders are due Tuesday, December 2nd by noon.

Orders are due to the Council by Tuesday, December 2nd by 5:00 pm. Orders will be distributed December 17th.

Second Chance Sale Dates

Sale November 1 to December 1, 2025

Orders due December 2, 2025 - due by 5:00 pm

Distribution December 17, 2025

Don't forget about Online Direct Sales! Friends and family purchase popcorn online and use a special code number the scout supplies. Camp Masters ships the popcorn directly to the customer. Shipping is free. Profit from the online sale is then forwarded to the scout's unit.

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Council Calendar

November

- 13 Executive Board Meeting
- 14 Popcorn Pickup
- 15 Charleston Shop open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 15 Huntington Shop open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 27-28 Thanksgiving - Service Center & Shops closed

December

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January 2026

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- 11 Ski Day at Winterplace
- 17 Huntington Shop open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 19 MLK Jr Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 25 Ski Day at Winterplace

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

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Dear Scouters,

DON'T MISS THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR SCOUTS!

The H. Bernard Wehrle Sr. Scout Leadership Service Center has a very unique quality that you should be aware of and take advantage of! We have a program activity room that can accommodate 40 or more Scouts and leaders in sleeping bags. The program activity room also has a drop down screen and projector. The Program activity area has a food prep area with microwave ovens, warming bins, commercial grade refrigerator, and ice machine. We have rest rooms with showers. We have

a campfire ring outside along the banks of the Kanawha River. There is camping available on the river, just bring your own camping gear.

Scout units spending the day or weekend will get a pin code to access the program activity area even though the Service Center is closed.

We are a short hike from the State Capitol complex, including the Culture Center and Museum. We have the Craik-Patton House right next door. We have STEM kits so your Scouts can arrange to have a STEM program while using the program activity.

Reservation can be made by contacting the Service Center at 304-340-3663. The cost for Scouts and leaders is a minimal charge of \$2 a person for a day, or \$3 a person for the weekend. Additional cost may be charged if you use expendable supplies for the STEM program.

Best of all, there is a patch for your Scouts if you camp the night at the Wehrle Center!

Good Scouting to you and yours,

Jeffrey L. Purdy

Scout Executive

"This is Scout Country"

National Jamboree Participants

Special Fall Product Sale Opportunity

Scouts registered to attend next year's National Jamboree as part of the Council's contingent are eligible to continue selling product as a member of the Jamboree unit. They will earn a higher commission, which will go directly toward their balance for the Jamboree. Starting 10/31, these Scouts will be added to "Troop 617" in the Camp Masters system and be removed from their home troops to ensure the sales they make moving forward earn them the appropriate commission. Country Meats sales are still only made via the paper order form, but the commission is the same amount for both companies. Sales must be made using a new order form or the links generated by Camp Masters for the new unit. Do not use partially filled forms from the first leg of the sale.

Jamboree Scouts can sell Camp Masters product until December 1st, with orders being due to the Council by 5 pm December 2nd. They can continue to sell Country Meats product up until March 27, 2026. To keep better track of sales and collected payments, we are implementing a few deadlines throughout the extended sale. The first deadline will be December 2nd just like the second-chance popcorn sale.

(NSJ 2026 Popcorn - continued on page 14)



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



Contingent Openings

The Council Jamboree Committee is continuing to recruit scouts seeking to attend the 2026 National Scout Jamboree. 18 male scouts have registered as of this writing. Additional scouts who register will be waitlisted in anticipation of recruiting the additional 18 male scouts needed to complete a full troop. Families and scouts seeking to register should go online to the buckskin council website – buckskin.org, and click on the 2026 NSJ banner on the landing page. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the red “Click Here” button to begin the registration process.

Zoom Meeting Calls with Jamboree Participants/Families

Sunday, November 2 is the first scheduled Zoom meeting with those registered for the Jamboree. The session will include an introduction to the contingent leadership. The call will also provide an opportunity for families to ask questions related to the Jamboree. The meeting ID will be emailed to the scouts and their parents. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 4:00pm and intended to last no more than an hour.

National Scholarship Program – Round 2

The first round of National Scholarship recipients has been announced. Three applicants from Buckskin council received partial scholarships.

Scouts may now apply for the second round of National Scholarships. 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 via the National Jamboree website by November 30, 2025. Recipients and their councils will be notified of the results of their application: either approved for a certain amount, or not approved. Applicants being notified by mid-Winter.

How Important is the Scout Uniform?

Imagine watching a baseball game where the players are wearing jeans and an old t-shirt. In the same way that members of your favorite baseball team are recognized by their baseball uniforms, Scouts are also recognized by their uniforms.

The Scout uniform is a symbol of Scouting America. It tells others that you are a Scout and represents Scouting's history of service to the nation and world. Wearing a Scout uniform instills a sense of belonging and pride in scouts. It's not just clothing; it's a symbol of membership in a worldwide movement dedicated to making a positive impact in communities.

Scouting America has always been a uniformed body. Its uniforms help to create a sense of belonging. They symbolize character development, leadership, citizenship training, and personal fitness. Wearing a uniform gives youth and adult members a sense of identification and commitment.

Community: Wearing uniforms gives Scouts a sense of belonging and community. This shared background creates a unique connection between Scouts who may not even know each other! The uniform identifies youth and adult members of Scouting America, visible as a force for good in the community. When properly worn, the uniform can build good unit spirit and even attract new members.

Personal equality: The uniform represents a democratic idea of equality, bringing people of different backgrounds together in the Scouting tradition. Uniforms remind Scouts that they're all equally deserving of respect. No matter who you are or what your family background is, when you put on your Scouting uniform, you become equal to the Scouts standing beside you.

Teamwork: When your peers wear the same uniform as you, teamwork blossoms. Similar to how uniforms establish equality among Scouts, that equality can help to promote a sense of teamwork. Everyone who is wearing a uniform is part of the same team and is working towards the same goal: to become the best Scouts they can be!

Belief in Scouting's Values: Every time a Scout properly wears their uniform, the Scout Oath and Law are reinforced within them. Although Scouts should be living by these tenets in their daily lives, their uniform serves as a great and constant reminder of a Scout's duty to themselves, God, and their country.

Achievement: The uniform shows the wearer's activity, responsibility, and achievement. What each youth or adult member has accomplished with program opportunities can be seen by the awards worn on the uniform.

Encourage your Scouts to wear a full uniform, neatly and proudly. As the founder of Scouting, Lord Robert Baden Powell said, “The uniform makes for brotherhood, since when universally adopted it covers up all differences of class and country.”



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
Nov 15	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

Holiday Lights Celebration

December is a time for families and friends to gather and enjoy the spirit of the holidays. During this season 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.)

New Dates for Merit Badge Colleges Confirmed

Dates for the Buckskin Council's two major merit badge events have been confirmed. These dates vary slightly from those shown in the annual planning calendar.

Marshall University Merit Badge College will be Saturday, February 14, 2026. The Don Morris Room in the Memorial Student Center is our check-in and dismissal site. We expect to offer 10 Eagle required badges, including all four Citizenship badges, Personal Fitness, Communications, Personal Management, and Family Life. First Aid and Sustainability will be offered as all-day session badges. In addition to these, around 25 elective badges will be offered.

University of Scouting is on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at West Virginia State University. The UoS includes not just a merit badge college for Scouts BSA members, but a slate of adult training sessions for Cub Scout and Scouts BSA leaders. Ferrell Hall will be our check-in location for all participants. Merit badges to be offered include 10 Eagle required badges such as the four Citizenship badges, Communications, Personal Management, Family Life and Emergency Preparedness. First Aid and Sustainability will be offered as all-day session badges. In addition to these, approximately 25 elective badges will be offered as well.

Make plans to attend these merit badge colleges. Most of the elective badges will only be offered at one location as we try to increase the variety of merit badges being offered.

We expect to offer the new Safeguarding Youth Training at both venues for adults. All registered adult leaders must complete the new Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT) by May 31, 2026, even if you had completed the old YPT in 2025. The Council encourages all registered adults to take the new Safeguarding Youth Training before May 31, 2026.



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. Register today at www.buckskin.org.

Winter Banquet

Our annual Winter Banquet at the Summit Bechtel Reserve is coming up on December 13th, where we will have great fellowship, food, a patch auction, and recognize individuals for accomplishments. This is another chance to get access to our inventory sale, only happening at lodge events, with most patches as cheap as \$1.

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.

2025 OA Dues

So, you have been intending to pay your Lodge Dues all year. Now is the time before it's too late. Go to www.buckskin.org/oa to pay your dues for 2025 or scan the QR code.



Incoming Lodge Leadership

During the lodge's fall fellowship/ordeal, lodge elections were conducted, and next year's lodge officers were chosen, they will take office on December 13th, at our annual Winter banquet. Takhonek Lodge's 2026 officers are:

2026 Lodge Chief

Natalie Barnette

2026 Vice Chief of Administration

Jacy Sanderson

2026 Vice Chief of Program

Maddox Dunford

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



Facebook- [Takhonek lodge #617](https://www.facebook.com/TakhonekLodge617)



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

2025 Adult Advisers

Lodge Adviser	George Soltis	gm.soltis@gmail.com
Assoc. Adviser Admin.	Kim Bennett	oasenecaadvisor@gmail.com
Assoc. Adviser Admin.	Lee Webb	lealwe318@hotmail.com
Assoc. Adviser Prog.	Jeff Estep	jmestep136@gmail.com
Comm. Adviser	David Duncan	david.duncan@suddenlink.net
Staff Adviser	Billy Bryant	bill.bryant@scouting.org

Chapter Advisers

Adena	Jon Keelin	adena617oa@gmail.com
Adjudimo	Scott Dennison	scott.dennison@outlook.com
Hytone	Brian Blankenship	blankenshipbrian1@gmail.com
Kootaga	Jay Wilson	jw6180a@yahoo.com
Seneca	Lee Webb	lealwe318@hotmail.com
Wapiti	David Duncan	david.duncan@suddenlink.net

2025 Lodge Calendar

Date	Event	Location
Oct 31-Nov 2	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

Release of Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging Course

This new replacement course is now available since the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion course has been retired. It replaces the requirements for Merit Badge Counselors who desire to teach the Citizenship in Society Merit Badge.

We encourage everyone involved in Scouting to take this course as **Scouting America** promotes a culture where **every** youth, volunteer, and employee feels a sense of belonging and builds communities where **every** person feels respected and valued.

This course covers understanding identities, diversity, inclusion, belonging, unconscious bias, and creating inclusive units. The course aligns with Scouting America's mission to prepare youth to make ethical and moral choices by living the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

The course can be accessed from the my.scouting home page and is the catalog of the Volunteer Learn Center.

Safety Moments

Safety moments are a crucial component of Scouting America's Culture of Safety, underscoring our commitment to identifying, preventing, or mitigating hazards and risks in all Scouting activities. As with other safety-conscious organizations, we initiate meetings and events with a brief pause to discuss potential dangers and how to avert them, focusing the group's attention on safety protocols.

What Makes a Good Safety Moment?

- **Conciseness:** Limited to about one page and readable in 2 minutes or less.
- **Focus:** Addresses a single topic or a specific aspect of a larger subject.
- **Audience Relevance:** Tailored to the educational level of the audience.
- **Delivery:** Crafted for Scouts to present to fellow Scouts, with some topics suitable for adult-to-adult communication.
- **Structure:** Includes an opening statement, core information, a brief wrap-up, and at least one follow-up resource.
- **Non-Specificity:** Avoids references to or about specific individuals.
- **Compliance:** Conforms to Scouting America policies, practices, guidelines, and standards; excludes activities prohibited by Scouting America.

You can find ready-made Safety Moments at www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments



Congratulations to our newest BALOO graduates who braved the cool fall temperatures at Camp Arrowhead to learn how to camp with Cub Scouts. Do you want to take your Cub Scout Pack camping? The next BALOO course is scheduled for May 2026.

Training Calendar

February 14	Marshall University Merit Badge College
March 21	University of Scouting, WVSU
May 1-2	BALOO training, Camp Arrowhead

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

Council Chair	Sue Williams	buzy2buzy@gmail.com 217-741-0900
Council Vice Chair	Carol McCarthy	designsbycarol@gmail.com 703-587-4453
Adena	Sue Williams	buzy2buzy@gmail.com
Chief Cornstalk	TBD	
Kootaga	Pete Conklin	wpconklin@gmail.com 304-455-5064
Mtn Dominion	Daren Law	marshall.d.law@gmail.com 540-235-6467
Seneca	Carol McCarthy	designsbycarol@gmail.com
Shawnee	Rosann Brooks	rosann1030@aol.com

Adena District

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

Adena Event Calendar

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

January, 2025

- 1 New Year's Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 8 Roundtable - 6:30pm
- 10 POLAR Meeting - Charleston 10:00am
- 11 Ski Day at Winterplace
- 15 District Committee, 6:30pm
- 17 \$650 Club Celebration
- 19 MLK Jr Day - Service Center & Shops Closed
- 25 Ski Day at Winterplace

ROUNDTABLE

The Monthly Roundtable Meeting will be on November 6. As of now, these will continue to be conducted via Zoom. You can use the meeting ID 864 7853 6793 for the November 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 November District Committee Meeting will be conducted at 6:30pm on November 20. This meeting will be conducted via Zoom. Please use the meeting ID 846 3566 4748 to join. Nominations for the District Committee positions are being taken now so the slate of candidates can be prepared. If the slate can be prepared in time, elections will be held in January. Otherwise elections must be conducted at the February meeting. Terms of office are from April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027.

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.

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.

FLAG PLACEMENTS

For Veterans Day, you are invited to 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 really can use your help in this service project.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

This annual service project benefits the local food banks in your community. New marked bags are available at any of the three scout shops. Be sure to report the quantity of food items you collect and donate to your local food bank. The first two weekends in November are the traditional dates in the Council, but you can do this service project at any time.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS

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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

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- 14 Fall Product pickup
- 20 District Committee Meeting
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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 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

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.

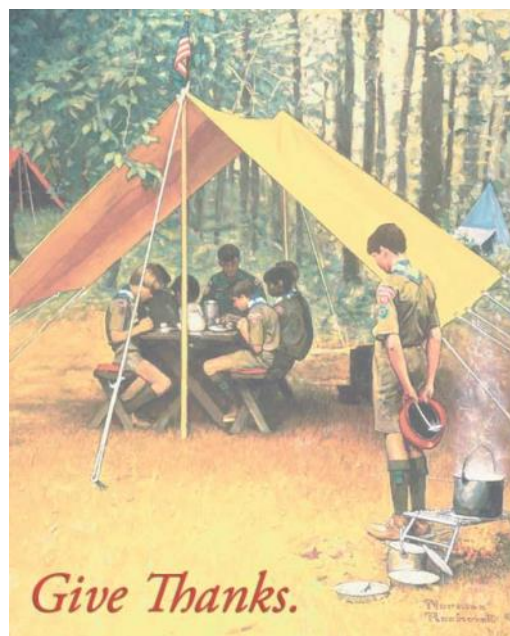
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Kootaga District

Serving: Wood, Jackson, Wirt, Roane, Ritchie, Calhoun counties in WV,
and the communities of Belpre, Little Hocking, and Coolville in Ohio
andrew.murphy2@scouting.org www.buckskin.org/kootaga

Kootaga District Committee

District Chair	vacant	
District Commissioner	Christopher Burk	304-615-5648
District Executive	Andrew Murphy	330-631-5524
Comm. & Marketing	Kathy Wise	304-482-7576
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

Kootaga Event Calendar

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

January

- 1 New Year's Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 11 Ski Day at Winterplace
- 13 District Committee, 6:30pm
- 13 Roundtable, 7:30pm
- 19 MLK Jr Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 23-25 Kootaga Klondike
- 25 Ski Day at Winterplace

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.**

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! Distribution for orders made will occur November 14th at Bob's Market in Belpre, Ohio. *(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 at Discovery World on Market on Saturday, November 8th, from noon to 4pm on National STEM Day! Enjoy watching their Power Wheels race or register with Discover World On Market and race in it! Wear your scout clothes to show off your scouting pride! There's also a discounted rate for cub scouts and their accompanying adults - \$7 per person! If you haven't stopped by Discover World on Market, now is a great time to check it out!

Kootaga Merit Badge College

Join us at West Virginia University - Parkersburg for a day focused on merit badges on December 6th! 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!

Unit Rechartering

Now is the time to have rechartering on your mind! December is the most common timeframe when units in Kootaga recharter with the council. Unit leaders should be verifying the Safeguarding Youth of their adult leaders and checking that all members are properly registered. As a reminder, there is no window for rechartering beyond your unit's expiration date. If you have questions about rechartering, do not hesitate to reach out to your District Commissioner, Christopher Burk, or District Executive, Andrew Murphy.

Kootaga Klondike

Just because it is cold outside doesn't mean scouting takes a break! We'll be having a Kootaga District Klondike Derby to kick off scouting in 2026! More information will be available as the event draws near. Keep an eye out and stay warm!

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

November

- 14 Fall Product pickup, Lifeline Church, Princeton
- 20 District Committee & Roundtable
- 27-28 Thanksgiving - Council Office & Shops Closed

December

- 18 Christmas Dinner, 6-8 pm, Schell Hall, Princeton
- 24-25 Christmas - Service Center & Shops closed
- 26 Shops closed for inventory

January

- 1 New Year's Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 11 Ski Day at Winterplace
- 19 MLK Jr Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 25 Ski Day at Winterplace

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

District Meeting

The District Meeting is Thursday, November 20th.
Roundtable starts at 6:30PM followed by the district meeting at 7:15PM
Both meetings are at Stinson United Methodist Church, Princeton, WV.

Christmas Dinner

Our District Christmas Dinner is Thursday, December 18th from 6pm-8pm. The dinner will be in Princeton at Schell Hall (building next to First United Methodist Church or scout hall). More information to come. Plan to attend and celebrate the holidays with our Scouting family.

Second Chance Product Sale

If you missed getting your order in or have additional customers to ask or maybe just got a late start. You are in luck! We have the Second Chance Sale for popcorn going on from November 1st to December 1st. Second Chance Sale orders are due Tuesday, December 2nd by noon.

Second Chance Sale Dates

Sale November 1 to December 1, 2025
Orders due December 2, 2025 - due by 5:00 pm
Distribution December 17, 2025

Don't forget about Online Direct Sales! Friends and family purchase popcorn online and use a special code number the scout supplies. Camp Masters ships the popcorn directly to the customer. Shipping is free. Profit from the online sale is then forwarded to the scout's unit.



Seneca District

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www.buckskin.org/seneca

Seneca Event Calendar

November

- 4 District Committee meeting, 7:00 pm
- 14 Fall Product pickup
- 27-28 Thanksgiving - Council Office & Shops Closed

December

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

January

- 1 New Year's Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 11 Ski Day at Winterplace
- 19 MLK Jr Day - Service Center & Shops closed

District Committee Meeting

The District Committee meeting is Tuesday, November 4th.
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.

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Klondike Derby

Mark your calendars for the Seneca District Klondike Derby on February 28th - March 1st. The Klondike Derby will be at The Summit, Base Camp Bravo. The cost is \$20 per Scout and \$10 per Adult. Registration will open soon. Watch for more information about the exciting activities we have planned.

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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REGARDING SCHEDULED EVENTS.**

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Shawnee District

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www.buckskin.org/shawnee

Shawnee District Event Calendar

November

- 1 Second Chance Popcorn Sale begins
- 8 Zoology Zone Visit
- 14 Fall Product pickup
- 27-28 Thanksgiving - Council Office & Shops Closed

December

- 2 Second Chance Popcorn order due
- 16 Second Chance Sale Product Delivered
- 18 District Committee Meeting
- 24-25 Christmas - Service Center & Shops closed
- 26 Shops closed for inventory

January

- 1 New Year's Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 11 Ski Day at Winterplace
- 19 MLK Jr Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 24 District Dinner
- 25 Ski Day at Winterplace
- 30-31 Multi-District Klondike

Product Sale Pickup

The first round of the product sale has wrapped up with orders having been submitted to Camp Masters and Country Meats yesterday. Product will be delivered to Tyler Mountain on November 13th and will be available for pickup on November 14th. Units that send their Product Chair or a representative to help sort product on delivery day can take their product back that day. **Please contact Ellen Blackwood if you will be available to help.** Otherwise, Unit Product Chairs will be contacted to schedule a time for product pickup on Friday, November 14th.

Second-Chance Sale

Maybe you missed getting your orders in on time or maybe your unit simply got a late start with all the excitement a new school year brings. Whatever the case may be, you are in luck. The Council will be placing another order for both Camp Masters and Country Meats products at the beginning of December. Now through December 1st, your unit can do Take Order and Direct Order sales for Camp Masters and Show and Sell and Take Order for Country Meats. The Show and Sell product for Country Meats comes from the inventory the Council already has; no new orders will be placed until December. Unit orders for the second-chance sale are due to the Council by December 2nd at 5 pm. Product will come in by the 16th and units can come pick it up from the Council Service Center that week.

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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Jamboree Contingent Product Sales

Scouts registered to attend next year's National Jamboree as part of the Council's contingent can continue to sell Country Meats products up until March 27, 2026. Orders are due to the Council by 5 pm that day. Their Jamboree fee is due in full March 31st and this gives the Council a couple of days to apply their commissions to their balance. The sale deadline for the Jamboree contingent is separate from the rest of the Spring Sale.

Scouting for Food

It's time for the Council's annual food drive, Scouting for Food. Bags are available now at each of the Scout shops. Bags are distributed and collected on consecutive weekends. The Council has traditionally used the first and second weekends in November, the 1st and 8th this year, but units may choose the pair of consecutive weekends that best fit their schedule. Once bags are filled and collected, take the items to your local food pantry.

The Council would like to know how many items your unit collects. You can fill out a form on the Council website www.buckskin.org/events/scouting-for-food-2025/ or submit the attached form to your DE.

District Committee Meeting

Shawnee District's Committee Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of most months. November's will be on the 20th. 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.

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Zoology Zone Visit

The District is hosting a visit to the Zoology Zone at Valley Park in Hurricane, WV on Saturday, November 8th. Troops can visit and work on requirements for Reptile and Amphibian Study merit badge under the guidance of Gerry Stover. The merit badge will be a partial because of the required three-month observation period. Scouts will have the option of watching a livestream of a critter in the care of the Zoology Zone staff or revisiting the facility to complete the final requirement.

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 for the merit badge is very limited, so registration is required. Cub Scout registration is appreciated but not required.

If you have any questions, please contact Ellen Blackwood ellen.blackwood@scouting.org.

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The other deadlines are December 29th, January 26th, February 23rd, and March 27th. Orders are due to the Council by 5 pm each of those days. Their Jamboree fee is due in full March 31st and the final deadline of March 27th gives the Council a couple of days to apply their commissions to their balance. The sale deadlines for the Jamboree contingent are separate from the rest of the Spring Sale.

The Council needs unit leaders to assist with tracking Show and Sell inventory loaned to the Scouts. **At each deadline, the Council will need payment for any sales made since the previous deadline.** The inventory sheet given to each Scout that takes product should be updated to reflect the sales made. **The Council needs the updated counts of product each Scout should still have based on the sales made and payment received. Product that is unaccounted for is the responsibility of the Scout.**

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THANKSGIVING

The Council Service Center and the Scout Shops will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving on November 27&28. Regular hours will resume on Monday, December 1. Don't forget to checkout your local shop for some unique scouting items for your scouts and leaders.

COUNCIL SCOUT SHOP OPERATIONS

With the holidays at the end of the year, please be aware that your local scout shop will be closed in celebration of Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, for year-end inventory, and New Year's Day.

POLAR MEETING

January brings the second POLAR meeting of the program year. District Committee chairs and their Council counterparts will meet to discuss common issues and plan for the future. It is important that each district be represented at this meeting. Functional chairs from Adena who are expected to attend include the District Chair, District Commissioner, Membership Chair, Program Chair, Training Chair, Advancement Chairs, and Day Camp Directors. The meeting begins at 10:00am and lasts about 2 hours. There is an option to attend via Zoom. Your meeting reminder email will have this meeting ID included.

SKI DAYS AT WINTERPLACE

Two ski dates at Winterplace will occur in January. These are Jan 11, and Jan 25. This year the typical Ski or Snowboarding package is \$80 per person. This package includes the all-day lift ticket, equipment rental (boots, poles, helmet, and skis/snowboard), and a customized 90 minute group lesson. New this season is a \$60 all-day snowtubing ticket. This option is good from 9:00am to 8:45pm. There is also a 2 hour 45 minute session for \$35. Simple select the time block in which you wish to participate, but capacity is limited. Time blocks include 9:00am to 11:45am, 3:00pm to 5:45pm, or 6:00pm to 8:45pm. Reservations must be made in advance by Thursday before the event. All of your family, friends, and neighbors qualify for this special rate with pre-registration. Reservations are made thru the Council service center at 304-340-3663. Additional date are scheduled in February as well. These are Feb 8 and Feb 22.

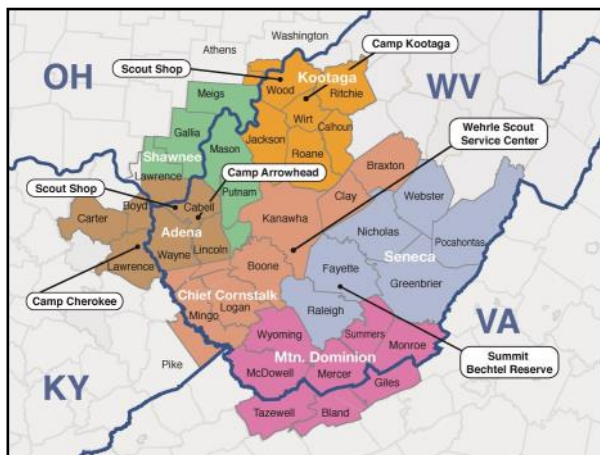




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Number of Adults: _____

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***Please send this form to the Buckskin Council office by either e-mailing it or by turning it in to the Buckskin Council Office, Huntington Scout Shop, Parkersburg Scout Shop or mailing it to:

Buckskin Council Office
2829 Kanawha Blvd. East
Charleston, WV25311

You may also submit your unit's food collection report online at
www.buckskin.org/scouting-for-food-2025

Please have these turned in by **December 20, 2025**.

If you have any questions, please contact your District Executive.