



BUCKSKIN COUNCIL
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MARSHALL UNIVERSITY MERIT BADGE COLLEGE

Saturday, February 14, 2026

Marshall University, Huntington, WV

One of the largest single day Scouting events in the Council, MUMBC attracts scouts not just from Buckskin Council, but from surrounding councils as well. How many merit badges will be offered? Close to fifty merit badges will be available. From Fingerprinting and First Aid to Programming and Nuclear Science, you'll find a merit badge that will engage you. Scouts may register for up to two merit badges being offered. We are adding Citizenship in Society to our merit badge offerings. Register early for best merit badge selection.

The fee is \$15 per scout which includes lunch. Adults may purchase a lunch ticket for \$10.

Most adult training will be offered at no fee, including Safeguarding Youth Training and Merit Badge Counselor Orientation. Basic First Aid, AED and CPR will again be offered, with a fee of \$50.00. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. The complete course catalog will be available soon. Register early for the best selection of merit badges as many merit badge sessions will have a limited number of seats.

Registration will open soon. Watch www.buckskin.org for more information.

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

Save the Date! March 21, 2026 at West Virginia State University, Institute, WV.

Watch for all the details in next month's Courier!

SCOUTS ON SKIS AT WINTERPLACE

Scouts on Skis is back for the 2026 Season! Cub Scout Packs, Scouts BSA Troops, and individuals can sign up and spend a day learning how to ski, snowboard, or even snowtube! Bring your friends and family too.

SKI/SNOWBOARD PACKAGE: \$80 per person - includes a lift ticket for all open areas, equipment rental (skis or snowboard* and helmet) and a group lesson**.

The all day Ski/Snowboard Package has an optional 2 hour 45 minute snowtubing add-on for an additional \$35.

*There is a \$10 charge to change your equipment during your visit.

**Group lessons are available at 10 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 4 pm.

SNOWTUBING : All Day package \$60

If you only want to snow tube, choose the All Day Snowtubing Package. Persons tubing must be at least 44 inches tall. Only single riders per tube. Meal vouchers are available for \$17 per person.

Registration Link: www.buckskin.org/events/ski-days-2026/



Council Officers

President	David Lunsford	
Commissioner	Matt Blackwood	304-552-8395
Scout Executive	Jeffrey L. Purdy	304-340-3663
Treasurer	Mark Chandler	304-380-0111
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VP Fund Development	Art King	304-859-9300
VP Program	Michael Bledsoe	
VP District Operation	Rick Atkinson	304-741-0500
VP Membership	Pete Roth	304-549-4496
VP Legal Counsel	Bill Murray	
Executive Vice President	vacant	
Immediate Past President	John McGhee	304-552-1352
National Council Rep.	Art King	304-345-1398

POLAR Meeting
Saturday, January 10, 2026
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Wehrle Service Center
2829 Kanawha Blvd East, Charleston, WV

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Council Calendar

January

- 1 New Year's Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 8 Executive Board meeting
- 10 POLAR meeting, Service Center, 10:00 am
- 10 Charleston Shop open, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 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

February

- 7 Charleston Shop open, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 12 Executive Committee meeting
- 14 Marshall University Merit Badge College
- 16 President's Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 21 Huntington Shop open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

March

- 7 MU Aviation Merit Badge Day
- 12 Annual Executive Board meeting
- 14 Council Recognition Dinner 6:17 p.m.
Christ United Methodist Church
- 14 Charleston Shop open, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 21 Huntington Shop open, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 21 University of Scouting, WVSU

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

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Dear Scouters,

Retention is receiving a lot of attention these days. National BSA track this indicator and there is good reason. Retention measures how many Scouts stay in the program from one year to the next. It most directly affects membership growth, but the underlying **cause** of good or bad retention can be found in many areas.

The most obvious reason would seem to be a good quality program. If Scouts are having fun, and their parents perceive good value in their child participating in Scouting, then they are much more likely to continue through the next year in Scouting. But there are many, many influencers in the quality of a Scouting program. Trained leaders, robust advancement, exciting outdoor program, weekend camping, long term camping, recognition, good weekly meetings, and quality adult role models are some of the most important ones.

Why is retention important? Because we know for a fact that the longer a youth stays in Scouting, the more positive attributes he or she acquires. Scouts who are in for 5 or more years benefit more from the character development, citizenship training and physical and mental fitness that is Scouting. Also with increased tenure comes a more positive view of Scouting, which helps with recruiting.

Take a little time in your world of Scouting to look at ways to improve the retention of Scouts. Focus on one or more of the above listed influencers that you can help improve in your Cub Scout Pack, Scouts BSA Troop, or Venture Crew. The Scouts will benefit from your effort.

Good Scouting to you and yours,

Jeffrey L. Purdy

Scout Executive

“This is Scout Country”

COUNCIL SERVICE TERRITORY 12
CONFERENCE
HOSTED BY SHENANDOAH AREA COUNCIL
AT CAMP SINOQUIPE SCOUT RESERVATION

NEW Breakout Sessions for:

- Executive Board & Commissioners
- Council & District Key 3's
- All Program & Scout Leaders

Topics will include: Training, Advancement, Inclusivity, Outdoor Programs & Administration, and NCAP

MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION GO TO:
WWW.SACSCOUTING.ORG/CST12CONFERENCE

APRIL 11, 2026

Network with fellow Scouters
Learn about latest updates
Strengthen your skills
Deliver a quality program
Bring home actionable items



Contingent Openings

The Council Jamboree Committee is continuing to recruit scouts seeking to attend the 2026 National Scout Jamboree. 27 scouts have registered as of this writing. Additional scouts who register will be waitlisted in anticipation of recruiting the additional 7 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. Both male and female scouts are welcome to register.

For those scouts and families who may be “sitting on the fence” in making the decision to go to Jamboree or not, we have some good news to share. A local foundation has agreed to provide Buckskin Council youth with a \$500 grant. This grant will be applied to the Jamboree registration fee in March, 2026 when the balance of the registration fee must be paid. In effect, this grant reduces the Council’s Jamboree fee to \$1,450, but scouts need to register now to take advantage of this grant.

Council Contingent Staff Welcome

Adults who wish to attend the Jamboree with the council contingent may register as Council Contingent Staff. If interested, an adult should review the list of Jamboree staff positions at <https://jamboree.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2025/02/General-Interest-Job-Catalog-2.19.25.pdf>. Follow the process outlined in the listing. CCS personnel are expected to work 6 of the 7 program days during the Jamboree. CCS personnel will travel, camp, and eat with the council contingent. CCS participants will receive all the Jamboree “bling” that both the youth and the NSJ staff will receive. After the Jamboree, the Council will receive a \$400 refund for each CCS personnel who completed their six work day requirement. The Council will pass this refund along to the CCS member.

Help Send the Contingent to the Jamboree

The Council is receiving contributions from individuals and businesses to provide scholarships to the youth participants from the Buckskin Council. The Order of the Arrow has agreed to match up to \$5,000 in contributions the Council may receive. For those interested in supporting this scholarship program, please direct your contributions to the Council Service Center, designated for Jamboree Scholarship Fund. Your tax-deductible contribution is gratefully appreciated.



Council Recognition Dinner

Honoring our volunteers and leaders who make scouting possible for our youth.

Saturday, March 14, 2026

Christ United Methodist Church (1221 Quarrier St., Charleston, WV) starting at 6:17 p.m.

Registration and Cost will be available at www.buckskin.org.

Silver Beaver & District Award of Merit Nominations

The Buckskin Council is accepting nominations for the Silver Beaver Award. If you know someone who is worthy, please fill out the form and send it to the Buckskin Council, 2829 Kanawha Blvd. E, Charleston, WV 25311. Find the forms in the newsletter appendix.



Silver Beaver: The Silver Beaver Award recognizes Scouters exemplify the ideals of Scouting both in and out of the Scouting circle. The Silver Beaver Award is a National Award and the highest award that can be presented to a volunteer on a council level. **Nominations are due by January 15, 2026.** It is one of the most distinguished forms of recognition in Scouting. You may download the nomination form at: www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-103_WB.pdf



District Award of Merit: The District Award of Merit is a council award presented by districts in the same manner that the Silver Beaver is a national award presented by councils. The award recognizes Scouters who render services of outstanding nature at the district level. **Check your district page or with your district leadership for deadline to submit.**

You may download the nomination form at: www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33720.pdf



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
Jan 10	Jan 17
Feb 7	Feb 21
March 14	March 21
April 18	April 25
May 2	May 16



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!

Summer 2026 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

Camper	Dining Hall	Self Sufficient
Scout	\$310	\$260
Adult	\$150	\$90
\$15 per person late fee if paid after May 1st One free leader for units with 5-10 scouts. One additional free leader for every 10 scouts.		



AVIATION MERIT BADGE DAY

Buckskin Council is partnering with the Marshall University Aviation Department to offer an Aviation Merit Badge Day at the Marshall University Bill Noe Flight School at Yeager Airport in Charleston, WV.

The Merit Badge Day is Saturday, March 7, 2026. Check-in begins at 9:00am. The session will run from 9:30am to 1:00pm. The session is limited to 30 scouts.

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

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

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



TAKHONEK LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW, LODGE #617



Conclave 2026

We are hosting Section E13's annual conclave at Camp Arrowhead, with that comes a lot of help needed. If you are interested in helping to prepare or volunteer at Conclave, contact the advisor.

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

2026 OA Dues

With a new year, comes new dues. Go to www.buckskin.org/oa to pay your dues for 2026.



2026 Lodge Officers

Lodge Chief:	Natalie Barnette
VC Administration:	Jacy Sanderson
VC Program:	Maddox Dunford
Secretary:	Xander Dennison
Immediate Past Chief	Sam Miller

2026 Chapter Chiefs

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

2026 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

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](https://www.snapchat.com/add/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 Calendar

Date	Event	Location
Feb. 14	Lodge Leadership Dev (LLD)	TBA
Mar 20-22	AIA/ICE	TBA
Apr 10-12	Spring Fellowship	Camp Arrowhead
May 15-17	Section E13 Conclave	Camp Arrowhead



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Training Corner

By Susan Williams

Upcoming Leader Training Events

Two important leader training events are coming soon.

Marshall University Merit Badge College will offer adult training primarily for troop leaders. This is a good time to complete your Scoutmaster Specific training, Merit Badge Counselor training, and update your Safeguarding Youth Training.

Marshall University Merit Badge College is Saturday, February 14th. Registration will open soon.

University of Scouting is the premier adult training event. Training for both troop leaders and pack leaders will be offered. We will have training for both new and experienced leaders to help you make your pack or troop's program the best it can be.

University of Scouting is Saturday, March 21st at West Virginia State University. Registration will open in mid-January.

Training Calendar

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

BUCKSKIN COUNCIL

SCOUTS ON SKIS FAMILY SKI OUTINGS AT WINTERPLACE

Have your troop learn to ski and earn the coveted **Snow Sports Merit Badge!**

Sunday, January 11, 2026

Sunday, January 25, 2026

Sunday, February 8, 2026

Sunday, February 22, 2026

Bring Scouts and family members to

Scout on Skis and receive:

- A full day (open to close) lift ticket
- Ski or Snowboard Rental Equipment including helmet (\$10 charge to change equipment during your visit)
- A 90 minute group lesson customized to each participant's skiing level.

Tubing: 2 hour 45 min. package available.

Persons tubing must be at least 44 inches tall.

Only single riders per tube.

Check-in at Winterplace between

8:00am - 1:00pm. Ski until **10:00pm.**

Price:

\$80 Ski/Snowboard Package

\$35 2 hr 45 min. Tubing add-on

\$60 All Day Tubing pkg

\$17 Meal Voucher

NOTE: Meal Voucher NOT included in Ski Package

Register Online at www.buckskin.org

or call 304-340-3663

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

January

- 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

February

- 5 Roundtable - 6:30pm
- 7 Adena District Dinner – Am Leg Post 16 – 6:00pm
- 8 Ski Day at Winterplace
- 14 Marshall University Merit Badge College
- 16 Presidents Day - Council Office & Shops Closed
- 19 District Committee, 6:30pm
- 22 Ski Day at Winterplace

March

- 5 Roundtable - 6:30pm
- 7 Aviation Merit Badge
- 14 District Pinewood Derby
- 19 District Committee, 6:30pm
- 21 University of Scouting – WV State

ROUNDTABLE

The Monthly Roundtable Meeting will be on January 8. As of now, these will continue to be conducted via Zoom.

You can use the meeting ID 864 7853 6793 for the January 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 January District Committee Meeting will be conducted at 6:30pm on January 15. 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

The Fall Product Sale may be over, but don't forget to recognize those top sellers in your unit – especially those who sold \$650 or more. Please be sure to submit their names and contact information to Carl by January 3. We are planning our \$650 Club celebration for January 17. We want to make sure all of these top sellers are invited to the celebration.

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.

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 New Year's Day.

UNIT RE-CHARTERING BEGINS

If your unit needs help rechartering this year, contact Carl at 304-523-3408 or via his email carl.sullivan@scouting.org. Unit leaders need to consider that Unit Rechartering is now separate from membership renewals. Leaders need to renew unit charters prior to the current charter period ends. Scouts and leaders need to renew their membership before their current membership expires. These dates may not be the same. When preparing to recharter the Pack, Troop or Crew, unit leaders need to verify that the registered adults in the roster are up-to-date on the Safeguarding Youth Training. If there are registered adults without a current SYT certificate, these adults will not be re-registered with the unit. This may result in the unit not having enough required adults registered in order for the unit to complete its rechartering. Avoid the issue. Check the SYT status of your registered adults.

POLAR MEETING

The second POLAR meeting of the program year is January 10th. 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 reminder email will have this meeting ID included.

(Adena District - continued on page 14)

Chief Cornstalk District

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

Chief Cornstalk Event Calendar

January

- 1 New Year's Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 10 POLAR mtg, Wehrle Service Center, 10 am—12 pm
- 11 Ski Day at Winterplace
- 19 MLK Jr Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 23-25 Cranberry Glades Camporee
- 25 Ski Day at Winterplace

February

- 8 Ski Day at Winterplace
- 16 Presidents Day - Council Office & Shops Closed
- 19 District Committee meeting
- 22 Ski Day at Winterplace

March

- 7 Aviation Merit Badge Day, Yeager Airport
- 19 District Committee meeting
- 21 University of Scouting, WVSU, Institute

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	

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.

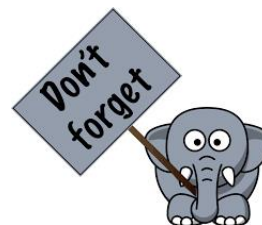
2026 Unit Charters

If you need any assistance with Unit re-chartering please contact Billy Bryant at 304-687-0476 to schedule an appointment. If you have any youth members that need financial assistance to continue their journey in Scouting, please send an email to bill.bryant@scouting.org.

Cranberry Glades Winter Camporee

The winter camporee will be at the Cranberry Glades January 23-25. The cost is \$5.00 per person.

For more information call Billy Bryant @304-687-0476 or Steve Berkhouse @ 304- 546-1890. Register at Buckskin.org



Schedule your Unit's 2026 Family

Friends of Scouting

Presentations now!

Family Friends of Scouting is a vital part of sustaining Scouting in our area! Family FOS is an opportunity for Scouting to report on its successes and needs in our 40 counties, and for families to invest in the future of young people through the BSA. Talk to your District Family Friends of Scouting Chair or your District Executive about the date for your presentation in the first few months of 2026.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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

January

- 1 New Year's Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 10 POLAR mtg, Wehrle Service Center, 10 am—12 pm
- 11 Ski Day at Winterplace
- 19 MLK Jr Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 20 District Committee, 6:30pm
- 20 Roundtable, 7:30pm
- 23-25 Kootaga Klondike
- 25 Ski Day at Winterplace

February

- 8 Ski Day at Winterplace
- 10 District Recognition Dinner
- 16 Presidents Day - Council Office & Shops Closed
- 22 Ski Day at Winterplace
- 28 Pinewood Derby

March

- 20 District Committee, 6:30pm
- 20 Roundtable, 7:30pm
- 21 University of Scouting, WVSU, Institute

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.** Special Note: The January District Committee Meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, January 20th at 6:30pm.

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.** Special Note: The January Roundtable has been rescheduled to Tuesday, January 20th at 7:30pm.

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 must verify the Safeguarding Youth of their leaders and check that all members are properly registered. There is no window for rechartering beyond your unit's expiration date. If you have questions about rechartering, reach out to Christopher Burk or Andrew Murphy.

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 Klondike

There's gold in the Kootaga hills! Join us on January 23rd-25th, at Camp Kootaga for our Kootaga District Klondike Derby! Event fee is \$15 per participant. Custom event patches & awards, Troop participation flag streamers, Friday Cracker Barrel, Saturday lunch, hot beverages throughout will be provided. Get your patrol sleds ready and register now! Curious about how to strike gold this winter? Have a burning question about the whereabouts of the mountain monster? Want to help? The leader's guide is available now! Stay warm and happy prospecting!

District Recognition Dinner

Please make plans to join us on Tuesday February 10 at Mt. Pleasants United Methodist Church, 62 Turkey Foot Road, Mineral Wells, WV 26150 at 6 p.m. to renew old friendships and make new ones with the many leaders and units that have played a major role in helping shape the future of the youth in our community. We look forward to reconnecting as well as taking time to recognize deserving nominees from our District for a variety of honors from outstanding first year Leader to the District's highest honor, the "District Award of Merit". The cost is \$5 per person, \$8 per couple, or \$24 per table of six. Dinner will be provided. Register Online at www.buckskin.org Kootaga district.

Pinewood Derby

Join us on Saturday, February 28th, at West Virginia University at Parkersburg (300 Campus Dr, Parkersburg, WV), with your pinewood derby car and get ready to compete with fellow scouts for who has the fastest (or best looking) car! \$5 per racer and check in starts at 10 a.m. To attend, you must register online – available now! Derby car specifications are also available online. **On your mark, get set, race!**

Want help building your pinewood derby car? Woodcraft of Parkersburg (4420 Emerson Avenue) has offered to help cut your pinewood car throughout the month of January! Bring a sketch of your design and call ahead (304-485-4050) to make sure that they're available.

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

January

- 1 New Year's Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 10 POLAR mtg, Wehrle Service Center, 10 am—12 pm
- 11 Ski Day at Winterplace
- 19 MLK Jr Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 22 District Committee meeting, 7-8 pm
- 24 Swim-o-Ree, Bluefield State University
- 25 Ski Day at Winterplace

February

- 8 Ski Day at Winterplace
- 16 Presidents Day - Council Office & Shops Closed
- 20-22 Klondike Derby, Pipestem State Park
- 22 Ski Day at Winterplace

March

- 19 District Committee meeting
- 21 University of Scouting, WVSU, Institute

District Meeting

The District meeting is January 22nd at Stinson United Methodist Church, Princeton, WV. The church is at 800 Oakvale Road, Princeton, WV, 24740.

Our meeting is 7PM-8PM. Everyone is welcome.

Swim-o-Ree

The district Swim-o-Ree is scheduled for Saturday, January 24, 2026, 9am to 3 pm. Cub Scouts can swim from 12 noon to 3 pm. What a great activity for your Scouts! Join us at Bluefield State University for a great time in the pool. Even better—it's FREE! Lunch will be provided for those who register. Register at www.buckskin.org/mtdominion.

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		
Popcorn Chair		
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

Klondike Derby at Pipestem State Park

Come experience the great outdoors at the Mountain Dominion District Klondike Derby. Camping is available thanks to our gracious hosts at Pipestem State Park. Plan to participate in a great weekend of winter camping February 20-22, 2026. We'll share more information soon. Register at www.buckskin.org/mtdominion.

Klondike Derby: Summit Bechtel Reserve

Seneca District's Klondike Derby is February 28th-March 1st, 2026. Troops can set up campsites the night of February 27th or on Saturday, the 28th.

\$20 for Scouts and \$10 for Adult Leaders

Register at www.buckskin.org/seneca

Enter at the North gate entrance: 2550 Jack Furst Drive, Glen Jean, West Virginia 25846



Seneca District

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

Seneca Event Calendar

January

- 1 New Year's Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 6 District Committee meeting, 7:00 pm
- 10 POLAR mtg, Wehrle Service Center, 10 am—12 pm
- 11 Ski Day at Winterplace
- 19 MLK Jr Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 24 Swim-o-Ree, Bluefield State University
- 25 Ski Day at Winterplace

February

- 8 Ski Day at Winterplace
- 16 Presidents Day - Council Office & Shops Closed
- 22 Ski Day at Winterplace
- 28-Mar 1 Klondike Derby, The Summit

March

- 3 District Committee, 7:00 pm
- 21 University of Scouting, WVSU, Institute

District Committee Meeting

The District Committee meeting is Tuesday, January 6th.
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.

Swim-o-Ree

The district Swim-o-Ree is scheduled for Saturday, January 24, 2026, 9am to 3 pm. Cub Scouts can swim from 12 noon to 3 pm. What a great activity for your Scouts! Join us at Bluefield State University for a great time in the pool. Even better—it's FREE! Lunch will be provided for those who register. Register at www.buckskin.org/mtdominion.

Klondike Derby: Summit Bechtel Reserve

Seneca District's Klondike Derby is February 28th-March 1st, 2026. Troops can set up campsites the night of February 27th or on Saturday, the 28th.

\$20 for Scouts and \$10 for Adult Leaders

Register at www.buckskin.org/seneca

Enter at the North gate entrance: 2550 Jack Furst Drive, Glen Jean, West Virginia 25846

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

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

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www.buckskin.org/shawnee

Shawnee District Event Calendar

January

- 1 New Year's Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 10 POLAR mtg, Wehrle Service Center, 10 am—12 pm
- 11 Ski Day at Winterplace
- 15 District Committee meeting
- 19 MLK Jr Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 24 \$650 Club Party
- 24 District Dinner
- 25 Ski Day at Winterplace

February

- 8 Ski Day at Winterplace
- 16 Presidents Day - Council Office & Shops Closed
- 22 Ski Day at Winterplace

March

- 7 Aviation Merit Badge Day
- 21 University of Scouting, WVSU, Institute
- 21 District Pinewood Derby

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

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

Scout Ski Days at Winterplace

Buckskin Council has partnered with Winterplace Ski Resort again to provide Scouts with the opportunity to have some winter fun. The \$80 package includes a full-day lift ticket, equipment rental (boots, poles, skis/snowboard, and helmet), and a 90-minute group lesson. Snowtubing tickets are \$35 for a 2 hour and 45 minute session (9 am-11:45 am, 3 pm-5:45 pm, or 6 pm-8:45 pm) or \$60 for an all-day ticket (9 am-8:45 pm). Dates are January 11th, January 25th, February 8th, and February 22nd. Call the Council Service Center at 304-340-3663 to pre-register.

\$650 Club Party

Any Scouts that sold at least \$650 in popcorn are eligible to attend a swim and pizza party at the South Charleston Rec Center on January 24th from 10 am to 1 pm. Youth must be accompanied by an adult. Please register on the Council website by 11:59 pm Wednesday, January 21st so we know how much pizza to buy!

District Dinner

The Shawnee District Dinner is back! The District will be hosting a pasta dinner at Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church in Hurricane on Saturday, January 24th to recognize our Eagle Scouts of 2024 and 2025 and our volunteers. It will be a nice time for fellowship and to look back at this past year's accomplishments. Please RSVP on the Council website by 11:59 pm Monday, January 19th. The cost of the dinner will be \$20/person.

District Pinewood Derby

The District Pinewood Derby will be held at Cross Lanes United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 21st. \$5 fee and check-in at 9 a.m. race starts at 10 a.m. The first, second, and third place winners from each unit are welcome to participate and see who will advance to the Council Pinewood Derby on April 11th. More details to come!

Jamboree Contingent Product Sales

Scouts registered to attend this July'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.

The Council has set up more dates for Show and Sell in front of stores throughout the Council. For the Charleston area, Scouts can set up in front of Cabela's on January 17th, February 14th, and March 21st.

District Committee Meeting

Shawnee District's Committee Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of most months. January's will be on the 15th. We have a zoom link available on the Shawnee page of the Council website. Meetings start at 6:30 PM. All are welcome. This is the meeting each month where we discuss upcoming events, plan for recruiting and unit growth, and share ideas.

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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.

ADENA DISTRICT DINNER

Plans are being finalized for the Adena District Dinner. The tentative date is Saturday, February 7, 2026. The dinner will be held at the American Legion Post 16, 1421 6th Ave, Huntington. Silver Beaver Award nominations can be made now. Nominees can be from any district in the Council. Award of Merit nominations can also be made but are limited to Adena District volunteers. Scoutmaster, Scouter, Cubmaster and Cub Scouter of the Year nominations can also be made now.

The 2024 and 2025 Class of Eagle Scouts from the district will be recognized at the dinner. Watch for information about registering for the event.

MARSHALL UNIVERSITY MERIT BADGE COLLEGE

February 14, 2026 will be the date for the next MU Merit Badge College in Huntington. A variety of merit badges will be offered during this daylong event. Scouts may register for up to two merit badges being offered. We are adding Citizenship in Society to our merit badge offerings. The fee is \$15 per scout which includes lunch. Adults may purchase a lunch ticket for \$10. Most adult training will be offered at no fee, including Safeguarding Youth Training and Merit Badge Counselor Orientation. Basic First Aid, AED and CPR will again be offered. The cost for this all-day session will be \$50.00. Register early for best merit badge selection. Scouts are to come prepared with any pre-requisite materials completed.

AVIATION MERIT BADGE DAY

Arrangements have been made with the Marshall University Aviation Department to offer the Aviation Merit Badge. The session will be March 7, 2026, with check-in beginning at 9:00am. The session will be from 9:30am to 1:00pm. The site will be the Bill Noe Flight School at Yeager Airport, Charleston, WV. The session will be limited to 30 scouts. All Aviation Merit Badge Requirements will be covered by the instructors, but scouts will be expected to complete requirement 5 as a pre-requisite for the session. Registration fee is \$5.00 per scout. Adults may attend at no charge and should register as well. Yeager Airport is located at 100 Airport Road #175, Charleston, WV. If coming via I-64, take exit 99 to WV-114/Greenbrier St. Follow WV-114/Greenbrier St to Airport Road. Follow the signs to the flight school building.

ADENA PINEWOOD DERBY

The fast action of Pinewood Derby Racing will occur in Adena District as we host the annual district wide event on Saturday, March 14. Weigh-ins will begin at 8:00am, with racing beginning at 9:00am. All Cub Scout Packs in Adena District are welcome to participate. Cubs will race against other Cubs in the same rank. The first place finishers in each rank will race against each other to determine the Grand Champion. There will be an Open Division for adults and other siblings if they wish to race. Patches for all racers and trophies for the top finishers in each rank group. Watch for details on the location for the event.

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

March brings about one of the largest Scouting events we conduct each year – the University of Scouting. This year the University of Scouting will be held March 21 on the campus of West Virginia State University, Institute, WV. In addition to the merit badge college being offered, a variety of adult training opportunities will also be provided. Basic First Aid/CPR/AED will also be offered at an additional cost of \$50 to cover course materials. The participant fee for all badges and classes except Basic First Aid is \$15.00. Fee includes merit badge sessions, lunch, and adults will receive a patch. Not registering for classes or taking First Aid and would also like to have lunch in the Dining Hall, adult lunch tickets are \$10.00.

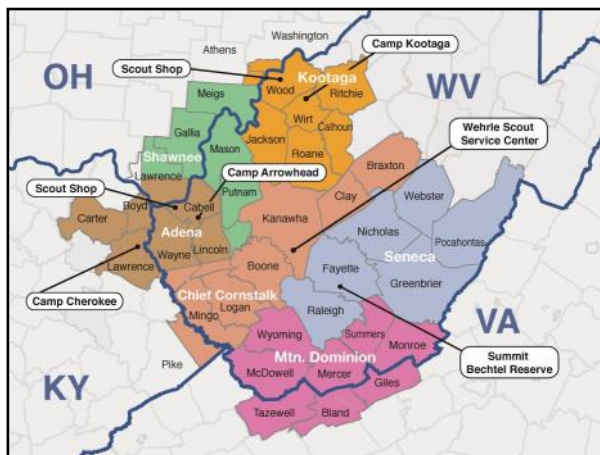




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Aviation Merit Badge

March 7, 2026 – Bill Noe Flight School, Yeager Airport, Charleston, WV

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

Lunch will be provided.

Session is limited to 30 scouts.

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

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

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

To register for the event, you can go to www.buckskin.org/events/aviation-merit-badge-day or use the QR code.



Special Ski Program for the Buckskin Council



Buckskin Council and Winterplace Ski Resort are working together to provide our scouts another great season of skiing, snowboarding and tubing at an outstanding value.

Ski/Snowboarding Package includes a full day lift ticket, equipment rental (boots, poles, skis/snowboard and helmet), a customized 90 minute group lesson for \$80 per person.

**NEW – Snowtubing tickets are \$35 for a 2 hour 45 minute session. Sessions are
9am-11:45a, 3p-5:45p, 6p-8:45p**

(All day snowtubing option 9a-8:45p for \$60)

Meal voucher option will be available. The price for the voucher is to be determined.

Winterplace 2026 dates for Buckskin Council

January 11

January 25,

February 8

February 22.

**Pre-Register:
Call 304-340-3663**

Bring your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors!

Rate is if you pre-register and purchase your ticket by Thursday before the event. All of your family, friends, and neighbors qualify for this special rate with pre-registration.



**Located Just 5 Minutes Off 1-77, Exit 28 at Ghent/Flat Top, WV
Winterplace.com**

Mountain Dominion District

2026 SWIM-O-REE

Saturday, January 24th

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

CUB SCOUTS WELCOME at NOON-3:00

BELT LOOPS—Pins

FREE!

Bluefield State University

219 Rock Street in Bluefield, WV—Turn right and head to the Ned E. Shott Gym

You can take your **SWIM TEST** for Summer Camp (save yourself several hours at Camp!)
Work on the **SWIMMING** and **LIFE SAVING** merit badges (knock off several requirements)

Enjoy the **HEATED POOL** in blustery January!

CUB SCOUTS WELCOME NOON to 3 p.m.

Lunch will be provided IF you pre-register before January 16th



Register at CampRoland.com

Info: Email DTrent@BluefieldState.edu

(276) 322-3911

NOMINATING FORM
FOR
ADENA DISTRICT AWARDS

The Adena District provides this opportunity for all Scouts, Scouters and Friends of Scouting America to express their appreciation to individuals throughout the District Scouting Program for their generous and dedicated service to the youth of our area.

Our program is successful only when dedicated, enthusiastic individuals join with others to support, plan, develop and put into action the wide variety of activities and programs which go to make up the Boy Scouts of America movement.

There are many ways to recognize dedicated service and The District Recognition Committee has provided a form to nominate the following awards: (1) Cubmaster of the Year, (2) Scoutmaster of the Year, (3) Cub Scouter of the Year, and (4) Scouts BSA Leader of the Year. (District Award of Merit nominations **MUST** be made on the separate BSA approved form.)

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I wish to nominate _____ for the _____
_____ award. This person has been active in Scouting for _____ years with
_____ Unit(s) as _____.
(Position)
He/She has been instrumental or responsible for _____
_____.

List other: accomplishments, offices, training, etc. which you feel qualify your nominee for this award

Nominated by

Mail nominations to: Huntington Scout Shop, 1037 Sixth Avenue, Huntington, WV 25701

Awards to be presented at District Dinner on Saturday, February 7, 2026.

Forms are due in to the District Executive by Friday, January 16, 2026.



NOMINATION FOR THE DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT



NOTE: The nomination is confidential.
To avoid possible disappointment,
please do not advise nominee in any
way of your action in his or her behalf.

Council

District

Unit

TO THE DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT COMMITTEE:

It is a pleasure to present for your consideration for the DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT:

Name _____

Address _____

City or Town _____ Zip _____

Currently registered in Scouting as _____

The nominee has earned the following (provide dates):

_____ Den Leader's Training Award or Den Leader Award	_____ Scouter's Religious Award	_____ Other (specify)
_____ Den Leader Coach's Training Award or Den Leader Coach Award	_____ Silver Beaver	_____
_____ Cubmaster Award	_____ Order of the Arrow	_____
_____ Cub Scouter Award	_____ Wood Badge	_____
_____ Webelos Den Leader Award	_____ Venturing Awards	_____
_____ Scouter's Training Award	_____ Distinguished Commis- sioner Service Award	
_____ Scouter's Key		

The noteworthy service upon which this nomination is based follows:

(Furnish as much information as possible. For example: president, Rotary Club; vestryman, St. Paul's Church; chairman, Red Cross campaign; vice-president, PTA; medical director, hospital; Cubmaster, 3 years; Scoutmaster, 4 years; Venturing Advisor, 3 years; commissioner, etc. Use additional paper, if necessary.)

Date of nomination

Name of person making nomination

Position in Scouting

Contact number

GENERAL INFORMATION

The District Award of Merit is a council award presented by districts in the same manner that the Silver Beaver is a national award presented by councils.

The award is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level.

The award is made available annually on the basis of 1 for each 25 traditional units or fraction thereof. The district need not present all the awards to which it is entitled each year.

It is not appropriate to nominate a Scouter who has already received this award.

A professional Scouter or other council employee may not receive this award based on employment service. However, a professional Scouter or employee who also serves as a volunteer Scouter may be eligible, based on *volunteer* service.

REQUIREMENTS

1. A nominee must be a registered Scouter.
2. A nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to youth in Scouting, outside Scouting, or both.
Note: The nature and value of "noteworthy service to youth" may consist of a single plan or decisions that contributed vitally to the lives of large numbers of youth or it may have been given to a small group over an extended period of time.
3. Consideration must be given to the nominee's Scouting position and the corresponding opportunity to render outstanding service beyond the expectations of that Scouting position.
4. The nominee's attitude toward and cooperation with the district and/or council is to be taken into consideration.
5. Nominations cannot be considered for posthumous awards.

PROCEDURE

1. Annually, district chairmen will appoint a temporary special District Award of Merit committee of not more than five persons who will consider all candidates and make recommendations of those to receive the award to the council through the Scout executive.
2. The Scout executive will inform the district chairman of those nominations approved by the council committee.
3. The following procedure is suggested for such presentation ceremonies:
 - a. The recipient and spouse should be in attendance at the annual meeting or recognition dinner.
 - b. A district and/or council officer should explain the award and its significance.
 - c. Eagle Scouts or Silver Award Venturers should be asked to escort the recipients to a place of honor at the head table or on stage.
 - d. A suitable citation for each recipient should be read indicating what each has done in Scouting.
 - e. The award (certificate, No. 33719; plaque, No. 17565; and lapel pin, No. 17551) may be presented at this time with appropriate congratulations.
 - f. The only uniform insignia which accompanies this award is an embroidered overhand knot, No. 05013.
 - g. A group picture may be taken for use in neighborhood or community newspapers (district responsibility).

District approval

Council approval



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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

The Silver Beaver Award Nomination Form



The Silver Beaver Award was introduced in 1931 and is a **council-level** distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered Scouters who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given at the council level. **This nomination form must be sent to the local council.**

To prevent embarrassment, the candidate should not be notified of this nomination.

Name _____ Spouse's name _____

Home address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Country _____ Home phone _____ Mobile phone _____

Company name _____ Professional title _____

Scouting position _____ Unit type and No. _____ District name _____

The nominee is registered in Scouting as _____ and holds a membership certificate
expiring _____. (If Scouter is currently unit-connected, give unit number: _____)

If the award is granted, we plan to present it on _____
(This date is required, as it is recorded on the certificate.)

I confirm that the nominee lives by the principles of the Scout Oath and Scout Law in word and deed, and is exemplary in his/her personal, family, and professional activities.

Confirmation by person submitting nomination: _____
(Printed name)

Scouting position _____
(Signature)

Home phone _____ Mobile phone _____ Email _____

* Silver Beaver Award committee chair signature

* Scout executive signature

* ONLY NECESSARY IF NOMINEE IS SELECTED

RECORD OF SERVICE IN THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Please list registered adult positions in the Boy Scouts of America with dates listed chronologically. Indicate unit number, chartered organization, and district where appropriate.

Position	Unit No.	District	Council	Dates From – To	Total Years
Council-level Leadership Roles					
District-level Leadership Roles					
Unit-level Leadership Roles					

Total number of years as a registered adult **Council** volunteer: _____

What significant council-level service to youth has been made by this nominee?

(Attach additional page if needed)

TRAINING COURSES

Please indicate which training courses the nominee participated in and/or staffed with year completed.

Training Courses	Participant	Staff/Faculty
Florida Sea Base Conference		
Kodiak or Kodiak X Staff		
National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) Staff		
National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) Staff		
National Camping School		
National Junior Leader Instructor Camp (NJLIC)		
Philmont Leadership Challenge		
Philmont Training Center Conference		
Powder Horn		
Seabadge		
Wood Badge		
Other BSA Training Courses	Staff/Faculty	

SCOUTING RECOGNITION

Scouting Honors					
Type	Year	Type	Year	Type	Year
Eagle Scout		National Eagle Scout Association		Distinguished Eagle Scout	
Scouter's Key		Scouter's Training Award		Arrow of Light	
Order of the Arrow member		Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor		Arrowhead Honor	
Youth Religious Emblem		Adult Religious Award		Silver Award	
Unit Leader Award of Merit		NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award		District Award of Merit	
Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award		Distinguished Commissioner Service Award		James E. West Society Fellowship Award	
Other Scouting Awards including Cub, Explorer, Learning for Life, STEM, Varsity and Venturing					
Type	Year	Type	Year	Type	Year

NOTEWORTHY SERVICE OF EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER TO YOUTH OUTSIDE OF SCOUTING

Please list organization, position held, recognition received and year(s) involved or awarded.

Organization	Position/Recognition	Year(s)

Additional noteworthy comments on service of character to youth outside of Scouting:

ADDITIONAL NOTEWORTHY COMMENTS OF THE NOMINEE’S STANDING IN THE COMMUNITY

Information covering the nominee’s standing in the community, citing activities in which he/she is **most active** in business, professional, civic, religious, educational, fraternal, veterans, and other non-Scouting areas.

Organization	Positions Held	Years Served	Accomplishments

Comments

(Attach letters of recommendation if appropriate.)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Give the full name and titles (if any) of the nominee exactly as you want them to appear on the certificate.
2. Furnish as much information as possible for each section.
3. Long-established policy limits the award of the Silver Beaver to adults 21 and older who are registered with the Boy Scouts of America as volunteer Scouters.
4. Nominations will not be considered for current or former professional Scouters within five (5) years of their leaving employment with the BSA. Other council employees (part time or full time) are eligible to receive the Silver Beaver Award based on their volunteer service, not employed service.
5. Nominations cannot be considered for posthumous awards.
6. Order Silver Beaver insignia using the regular Supply order form from the Supply Group distribution center.

RULES AND REGULATIONS of the BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Article X, Section 6, Clause 3 Silver Beaver Award

The Boy Scouts of America, acting through the National Court of Honor, may award the Silver Beaver for distinguished service to youth upon the following basis and procedure:

- a) Each local council may process their own annual allotment of Silver Beaver awards and shall send a list of Silver Beaver recipients presented each calendar year to the National Court of Honor no later than January 31 of the following year.
- b) The award is made for noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by registered Scouters within the territory under the jurisdiction of a local council.
- c) As evidence of the award there shall be presented: a suitable certificate, duly authenticated by the Boy Scouts of America, pursuant to the action of the National Court of Honor; and a miniature Silver Beaver suspended by a blue, white, and blue ribbon to be worn around the neck.
- d) It shall be a general policy that no public announcements shall be made by the local council in advance of action by the National Court of Honor with reference to names presented for consideration.
- e) These awards shall be made to the recipients by the local council concerned in connection with its annual meeting or other public location.
- f) Each duly chartered local council shall be entitled to one nomination. Councils having more than 60 units shall be entitled to further nominations on the basis of one for each additional 60 units or fraction thereof in their territory, as of December 31 preceding the nomination, according to the records of the national office.
- g) Councils not using their full allotment in any year may accumulate the unused portion for use in any subsequent year.
- h) In extraordinary cases, the Silver Beaver Award may be made by the National Court of Honor to a Scouter upon the recommendation of the duly constituted Scouting authorities having supervision of one or more units of the Boy Scouts of America, located outside of the United States and not under the jurisdiction of a local council.