



University of Scouting

March 21, 2026 West Virginia State University.

The Buckskin Council and the 2026 University of Scouting team have teamed up to offer Scouts the University of Scouting at West Virginia State University in Institute, WV

The University of Scouting offers merit badge classes for Scouts and training for adult and select youth leaders in Buckskin Council! In addition, you'll have the opportunity to meet and share ideas with other like-minded friends of scouting throughout the area. We encourage you to use your time between classes for networking, meet up with old friends, make new friends and enjoy a great lunch.

This year we have added two adult sessions that highlight great activities from around our region that your pack or troop will want to take advantage of. If you are looking for some inspiration, this is where to find it!

Scout fee: \$15 - includes lunch

Adult fee: \$15 if taking training - includes lunch

\$10 optional meal ticket if not taking training

Scouts may work on 1 all-day or 2 half-day merit badges

Schedule:

- 8:00 - 8:30** Check-in (Ferrell Hall)
 - 8:30 - 9:05** Assembly in auditorium on second floor of Ferrell Hall
 - 9:10 - 12:10** Morning Sessions for Scouts BSA and Venture Scouts
 - 12:10 - 12:55** Merit Badge participants Lunch
 - 1:00 - 4:00** Afternoon Sessions for Scouts BSA and Venture Scouts
- Register today at www.buckskin.org while there is still room.

Buckskin Council Recognition Dinner



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



The 2026 Silver Beaver recipients are Gerry Stover from Shawnee District, Eric Reitmire from Kootaga District, and Brian Blankenship from Mountain Dominion District. We invite everyone to come and celebrate with us.

Saturday, March 14, 2026

Christ United Methodist Church (1221 Quarrier St., Charleston, WV)

starting at 6:17 p.m.

The doors open at 5:15 pm and dinner begins promptly at 6:17 pm.



The fee is \$15 per person. Registration closes March 7, 2026. If you want to sign up after March 7th, you must call the Wehrle Service Center at 304-340-3663. A late fee will apply. So register today at www.buckskin.org.

Council Officers

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Find Buckskin Council's Cub Scout Pinewood Derby rules and guidelines at www.buckskin.org/forms.



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Council Calendar

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
20-22	OA Inductions Weekend (AIA/ICE)
21	Huntington Shop open, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
21	University of Scouting, WVSU

April

3	Good Friday - Service Center & Shops closed
9	Executive Committee meeting
10-12	OA Spring Fellowship
11	POLAR (formerly CDO) - 10am - 12pm, Wehrle Service Center
11	Council Pinewood Derby Championship Race
18	Charleston Shop open, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
25	Huntington Shop open, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

May

1-2	IOLS training, Camp Arrowhead
1-2	BALOO training, Camp Arrowhead
2	Charleston Shop open, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
14	Executive Board meeting
15-17	OA Conclave, Camp Arrowhead
16	Huntington Shop open, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
25	Memorial Day - Service Center & Shops closed

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the local community!

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Dear Scouters,

Spring has sprung...well maybe!!! With it comes a new opportunity for the Scouting Movement in the Buckskin Council. In the past few months, the six districts of the Council have been following the District Nominating Committee process. This year several districts have put extra effort into this important process.

The District Committee is one of the most important committees in Scouting. It is made up of very dedicated and experienced Scouters. The purpose of the District Committee is to support Chartering Partners and their Units. This is accomplished through the four functions of the District Committee; unit service (commissioners), finance, membership, and program. The District Committee is on the front line of support to unit leaders, and provides hands on training, motivation, and support to Scouters in our area.

That’s why it is so very important to search for the very best Scout Leaders, and ask them to serve on the District Committee, to have our best leaders teach and support our new leaders. That sounds simple, but far too often retiring Den Leaders, Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, and other senior unit leaders just fade away into the distance, taking all of their hard learned Scouting knowledge with them.

Although the annual meetings for the six districts have passed, the District Nominating Committee work is not really done. Recruitment of new members for the District Committee should be a continuous process, with prospecting and recruiting happening year round. You can support this process by keeping an eye out for future District Committee Members. Just send an email or give a call to your DE or District Chairman with your suggestions.

Thank you for all you do for youth.

Good Scouting to You and Yours,

Jeffrey L. Purdy

Scout Executive

“This is Scout Country”



Safeguarding Youth
Training

Only Four Openings Left!

We have only four slots left on the 2026 National Scout Jamboree Contingent! 28 Scouts have registered as of this writing. The additional 4 Scouts, boys or girls, must be age 12 by start and no more than age 17 on the last day, July 31st. We are sending a single family unit of boys and girls. Full payment is due by March 15, 2026. Register today at www.buckskin.org for this once in a lifetime experience.

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. 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. If you are interested in supporting this scholarship program, send your contributions to the Council Service Center, designated for Jamboree Scholarship Fund. Your tax-deductible contribution is gratefully appreciated.

Safeguarding youth is Scouting America’s top priority. When the new Safeguarding Youth Training was rolled out in May 2025, the timeframe for renewal changed. Every Scouting America volunteer must renew their Safeguarding Youth Training yearly. Scouters who took the older version of Youth Protection training now have a Safeguarding Youth expiration date of May 31, 2026, no matter when you took the training.

Those who have taken the new Safeguarding Youth Training, your training expires after one year and must be renewed.

The Council Training Team encourages everyone to renew their SYT before May to avoid the nationwide rush to complete the training.

Find SYT by going to my.scouting.org. Log in and click on the Safeguarding Youth Training logo.



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 today at www.buckskin.org.

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.



Spring Country Meats Sale



Help your Scouts earn their way to camp this summer by participating in the 2026 Spring Product Sale. **Scouts can earn the Country Meats Super Patch Series.** See patches and rules attached or online at www.buckskin.org/product-sale.

The Council is partnering with Country Meats again to bring you a budget-friendly product option that is tasty, portable, and packed with protein! The Country Meats 5-packs come in three flavors: Original Smoked Hickory, Sweet BBQ, and Hot Cajun. The Unit Commission is 32% for this fundraiser. We will be sending sales packets to units that make a commitment to help their scouts by selling meat sticks.

Fundraising not only supports programming, but it also supports personal growth and helps develop communication, time management, teamwork skills and more! Please fill out the commitment form and return to us so we can prepare a packet for your unit.

Key Dates for the sale are:

February 14, 2026	Sale Begins
March 30, 2026	Unit Take Orders and Unsold Product Due to Service Center
April 10, 2026	Distribution of Orders

If you have questions or need more information, please feel free to contact us at the Buckskin Council, H.B. Wehrle Scout Service Center at 304-340-3663. We look forward to your Scouts having a wonderful experience this summer.



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

NEW Breakout Sessions for:

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

APRIL 11, 2026

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

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

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

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
March 7*	March 14*
April 18	April 25
May 2	May 16

***DATE CHANGE**



Family Friends of Scouting is a vital part of sustaining Scouting in our community! Contact your District Executive or Friends of Scouting Chair to schedule a presentation for your Pack, Troop, or Crew.

Buckskin Council Pinewood Derby Championship Race

April 11, 2026

H.B. Wehrle Service Center

2829 Kanawha Blvd East, Charleston

You have won your Pack Pinewood Race. Then placed in the top three of your District Pinewood Derby Race. How far can you go? Can your car make it to the top? Find out if your Pinewood Derby car has what it takes to win the Buckskin Council Pinewood Derby Race!

Buckskin Council's Pinewood Derby will be on Saturday, April 11th at the Council Service Center in Charleston.

Check-in will start at Noon after the POLAR conference wraps up. Races will begin at 1 pm.

Each district's 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners are eligible to participate. Every pack's 1st place winner is eligible to race also. We will have an Outlaw Race that is open to everyone. Register today and see if you've got what it takes to make it to the top!

Be sure to review the Buckskin Council Pinewood Derby Rules at www.buckskin.org/forms.

Please register at www.buckskin.org. There is no fee.



Cub Scout Summer Camps

Summer is coming! What better place to be during the summer than Cub Scout Camp?

Celebrating America's 250th Anniversary!

Cub Scout Day Camp

Coonskin Park Day Camp - June 8-12

Camp Arrowhead Day Camp - June 29 - July 3

Kootaga District Day Camp - late July (exact date will be announced soon)

Cub Scouts from Tiger to Arrow of Light may attend Day Camp.

Wild West Pioneer Days

Cub Scout Resident Camp

Camp Arrowhead - June 11-13

Cub Scout Resident Camp is a sleepover camp for Cub Scouts. All Cub Scouts from Tigers to Arrow of Light may attend.

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 is available now 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.

Staff Week

June 8-13

Week 1

June 14-20

Week 2

June 21 -27

Type of 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.		

UNITS MUST BE FULLY PAID BY MAY 1ST 2026

Financial assistance is available for campers.

Applications are available at www.buckskin.org/camping/scoutsbsacamp and may be submitted starting February 1st and are due no later than April 15th.





TAKHONEK LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW, LODGE #617



Inductions Training Weekend

The Lodge Inductions Training Weekend is an event for current and future induction team members. We are actively looking for members of our lodge interested in joining the inductions team, if you are interested, please join us this weekend! This event is filled with tons of training, fun and of course wonderful food, all at Camp Arrowhead, March 20th – 22nd.

Conclave 2026

We are hosting Section E13's annual conclave at Camp Arrowhead, with that comes a lot of help needed. There are many areas to help with, from camp maintenance to on the ground staff during conclave. If you are interested in helping to prepare or volunteer at Conclave, contact the lodge 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 to your Chapter's Advisor or the Lodge Advisor.

26 OA Dues and Fox Pass

With a new year, comes new dues and Fox Passes! The Fox pass gets you access to all events throughout the year and even if you don't attend, you still get the patches and beads! Go to www.buckskin.org/oa to pay your dues for 2026



2026 Lodge Calendar

Date	Event	Location
Mar 20-22	Inductions Weekend	Camp Arrowhead
Apr 10-12	Spring Fellowship	Camp Arrowhead
May 15-17	Section E13 Conclave	Camp Arrowhead

Lodge Leadership

Lodge Chief	Natalie Barnette
Vice Chief of Admin	Jacy Sanderson
Vice Chief of Program	Maddox Dunford
Lodge Advisor	George Soltis gm.soltis@gmail.com
Adena Chapter Advisor	Jon Keelin Adena617oa@gmail.com
Adjudimo Chapter Advisor	(Vacant)
Hytone Chapter Advisor	Brian Blakenship Blakenshipbrian1@gmail.com
Kootaga Chapter Advisor	Vacant
Seneca Chapter Advisor	Lee Webb Jealwe318@hotmail.com
Wapiti Chapter Advisor	Vacant

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)



SCOUTING AMERICA™

ORDER OF THE ARROW



Training Corner

By Susan Williams

University of Scouting

University of Scouting is a great 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. We encourage Cub Scout leaders to attend University of Scouting.

This year we are offering Program Resources Round Robins for both indoor and outdoor activities. We will have presentations of lots of great places to take your Scouts, both indoor and outdoor. These activities are located all over the region. University of Scouting is Saturday, March 21st at West Virginia State University. Register at www.buckskin.org.

WILDERNESS FIRST AID

What: Scouting America Wilderness First Aid Class (This class also includes CPR and AED)
When: April 17-18, 2026
Time: Starting at 6 pm on Friday the 10th
Plan to finish around 9 pm Saturday
Where: Camp Kootaga, Walker, WV
Who: Adult Leaders, Venturers and Scouts ages 14 yrs and up
Cost: \$ 100.00
Cost includes lodging, cracker barrel on Friday evening, continental breakfast on Saturday, Saturday lunch and dinner
Deadline for Registration: Wednesday April 8th, by 5 pm
Class size limit: 25 (First come basis)
Register online at www.buckskin.org or at the Scout office at 304-340-3663 or 304-523-3408.
For more information contact:
Alvin Watts awatts4013@yahoo.com

Basic Adult Leaders Outdoor Orientation

This one-and-a-half day course is required training for Cub Scout leaders interested in adding a camping component to their Pack activities.

BALOO training consists of an online pre-requisite component in addition to an overnight hands on practical. BSA's Cub Scout level camping policies will be taught with tools units need to carry out a successful camping experience. Completion of this course is mandatory for a MINIMUM OF ONE adult on a Pack overnighter.

When & Where: May 1-2, 2026 at Camp Arrowhead

Fee: \$25

Register: www.buckskin.org/training

Questions: Sue Williams buzy2buzy@gmail.com

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)

May 1-2, 2026

Camp Arrowhead

The Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) course builds and expands on the concepts and themes introduced in Scoutmaster Positions-Specific Training and Varsity Coach Position-Specific Training and provides Scouters with the skills they need to take youth into the outdoors.

IOLS is an outdoor classroom training required for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters to be classified as position trained. It gives adult leaders a practical introduction to the patrol method of a scout-led troop by teaching many of the practical outdoor skills they need to lead scouts in the out-of-doors.

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

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

Register at www.buckskin.org/training

QUESTIONS?

Contact Rosann Brooks 304-881-1042
rosann1030@aol.com
OR Colleen Sergent 304-552-0297
csergent2@gmail.com

Training Calendar

March 21 University of Scouting, WVSU
May 1-2 BALOO training, Camp Arrowhead
May 1-2 IOLS training, Camp Arrowhead

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

March

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

April

- 2 Roundtable - 6:30 pm
- 3 Good Friday - Service Center & Shops closed
- 11 POLAR (formerly CDO) - 10am - 12pm, Wehrle Service Center
- 16 District Committee meeting
- 17 Webelos-Rec
- 18 Cub Scout Fishing Derby
- 24-26 Multi-District Camporee – NE Ky Fish & Game

May

- 1-2 BALOO - Camp Arrowhead
- 1-2 IOLS – Camp Arrowhead
- 7 Roundtable - 6:30pm
- 8-10 Multi-District Family Camp – Camp Arrowhead
- 15-17 OA Conclave – Camp Arrowhead
- 21 District Committee, 6:30pm
- 23 Flag Placements – Spring Hill & Golden Oaks
- 25 Memorial Day - Council Office & Shops Closed

ROUNDTABLE

The Monthly Roundtable Meeting will be on March 5. This meeting will be conducted via Zoom. You can use the meeting ID 864 7853 6793 for the March Roundtable. Roundtable is held the first Thursday of each month beginning at 6:30pm. Join with other scout leaders to learn about what is happening in the Scouting program.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE

The March District Committee Meeting will be conducted at 6:30pm on March 19. This meeting will be conducted via Zoom. Please use the meeting ID 846 3566 4748 to join.

MEAT STICKS STILL AVAILABLE FOR SALE

The Fall Product Sale may be over, but the Council does have several boxes of the Country Meats meat sticks available for units to sell. The 5-stick packs sells for \$10 each. Units make 32% on their sales. Contact us if you are interested in making some money for your pack, troop or crew.

COUNCIL SCOUT SHOP OPERATIONS

Just a quick note to let you know the local Scout Shops and the Council Service center will be closed for Good Friday (Apr 3) and Memorial Day (May 25).

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.

UNIT RE-CHARTERING BEGINS

If you unit needs assistance in rechartering this year, please contact Carl at the 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. Units that recharter online must still submit signed paperwork and proof of payment to the Council to complete the process.

ADENA DISTRICT DINNER

Plans are being finalized for the Adena District Dinner. The date has been moved to Saturday, March 28, 2026. The dinner will be held at the American Legion Post 16, 1421 6th Ave, Huntington. Plans are being finalized for the Adena District Dinner. Distinguished volunteers to be recognized include Jeremy Reed-Award of Merit, Jon Fannin-Cubmaster of the Year, Holly Fannin-Cub Scouter of the Year, Bryan Workman-Scoutmaster of the Year, and Jeff Davis-Scouter of the Year. The 2024 and 2025 Class of Eagle Scouts from the district will be recognized at the dinner. Register at www.buckskin.org/adena.

AVIATION MERIT BADGE

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.

(Adena District - Continued on page 15)

Chief Cornstalk District

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

Chief Cornstalk Event Calendar

March

- 7 Aviation Merit Badge Day, Yeager Airport
- 14 Council Recognition Dinner
- 19 District Committee meeting
- 21 University of Scouting, WVSU, Institute
- 28 District Pinewood Derby

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May

- 8-10 Multi District Family Cub Camp, Camp Arrowhead
- 21 District Committee Meeting
- 25 Memorial Day - Service Center & Shops Closed

Chief Cornstalk District Committee

District Chair	Mark Linville	304-369-2795
District Commissioner	Jon Dudley	740-683-2265
Field Director	Billy Bryant	304-340-3663
Vice Chair	Jeffrey Brandt	304-982-5546
Vice Chair	Steve Snodgrass	304-837-3302
Membership Chair	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.

District Pinewood Derby

The District Pinewood Derby will be held on March 28 at the Wehrle Service Center.

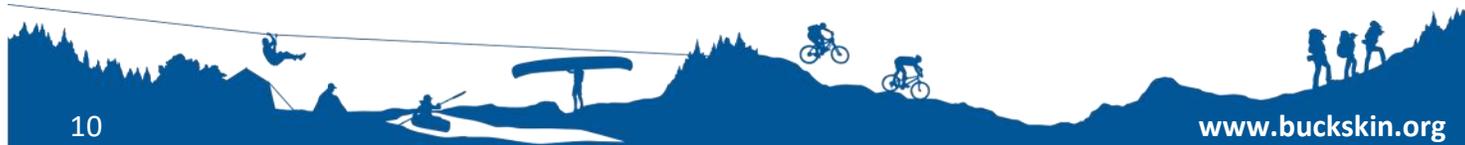
Who can race? The district race is open to all Cub Scouts. There is no fee to enter. Check-in will begin at 9:00 am, with racing beginning at 10:00 am. There is no fee for this event. Please register your scouts at Buckskin.org/chiefcornstalk.

APRIL SHOOTING SPORTS CAMPOREE

Plans are underway for a multi-district camporee to be held April 24-26. The camporee will be a shooting sports weekend hosted Northeast Kentucky Fish and Game, outside Cannonsburg, KY. Troops and Crews will be able to camp on site near the range area. The shooting will be for skill development, not for any of the merit badges. Activities will include rifle, shotgun, and archery. We are looking to confirm if fishing will be available at the camping site. The event is open to all troops and crews in the Council, and is specifically planned for troops and crews in Chief Cornstalk, Shawnee and Adena Districts. The fee is \$10 per scout and \$5 per adult. Scouts and adults will be able to participate in the shooting activities. Registration will open soon for this event.

Protect your Scout's shiny new handbook with a zippered handbook cover. The Scout Shop has three designs, all equipped with zippered pockets to keep your blue cards handy, a bookmark, and a pen loop.

Stop by the Scout Shop and grab one today!



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

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- 21 University of Scouting, WVSU, Institute

April

- 3 Good Friday - Service Center & Shops closed
- 11 POLAR (formerly CDO) - 10am - 12pm, Wehrle Service Center
- 14 District Committee, 6:30 pm
- 14 Roundtable, 7:30 pm
- 16-17 Wilderness First Aid training
- 25 Amputee Fun Fest

May

- 1-3 Spring Camporee - The Great Patrol Race
- 12 District Committee, 6:30 pm
- 13 Roundtable, 7:30 pm
- 25 Memorial Day - Service Center & Shops Closed

Kootaga District Committee

District Chair	Brandon Mercer	
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 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.**



Spring Camporee – The Great Patrol Race!

Prepare for adventure at this year’s Spring Camporee, May 1 –3, at Camp Kootaga, as Scouts embark on The Great Patrol Race! Patrols will journey across camp, traveling from place to place as they compete at stations themed for various locations. Each stop will test a different set of skills, from outdoor know-how and teamwork to problem-solving and Scout spirit. Success won’t depend on speed alone; patrols must work together, think strategically, and demonstrate their mastery of Scout skills to earn points along the way. Open to Scouts BSA troops and newly crossed-over Arrow of Light Scouts, this weekend promises challenge, camaraderie, and outdoor adventure for all experience levels. Registration will open soon at buckskin.org/kootaga.

Amputee Fun Fest

Join us April 25th at the Resiliency Center (300 2nd St., Parkersburg) for a full day of volunteering, learning, and fun. Volunteer opportunities run from 8am–5pm, and lunch is provided for all participants. Scouts can also work on the Disabilities Awareness merit badge during the event. Hear keynote speaker Gary Weild, author, amputee, American Ninja Warrior, and firefighter, and enjoy a performance by Division Street Band at 5pm. This is a free event, with vendors present. Register by March 31st to receive a free event t-shirt!

Mountain Dominion District

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www.buckskin.org/mtdominion

Mt Dominion Event Calendar

March

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

April

- 3 Good Friday - Service Center & Shops closed
- 11 POLAR (formerly CDO) - 10am - 12pm, Wehrle Service Center

May

- 25 Memorial Day - Service Center & Shops Closed

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

District Meeting

The District meeting is March 19 at Stinson United Methodist Church, Princeton, WV. The church is at 800 Oakvale Road, Princeton, WV, 24740.

Roundtable starts at 6:30 pm. The District Committee is 7:00 PM-8:00 PM. Everyone is welcome.

District Pinewood Derby

Our District Pinewood Derby is March 28th at the Mercer Mall in Bluefield, WV.

Setup begins at 10:00 am. The race runs from 11am-4PM.

We will be set up near the Hobby Lobby inside the mall entrance. Bring your best car to find out if you have the fastest car in Mountain Dominion District. The fee is \$5 per scout.

Register at www.buckskin.org/mtdominion.

Swim O-Ree

Bluefield State University

Join us for a day of swimming at Bluefield State University.

Saturday, March 7th, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Cub Scouts are welcome to swim from NOON-3:00 pm.

You can take your swim test for Summer Camp.

Work on the swimming and Lifesaving merit badges.

Enjoy the HEATED POOL! Lunch will be provided IF

you pre-register. Bluefield State University,

219 Rock Street in Bluefield, WV—Turn right and head to

the Ned E. Shott Gym

Questions? Contact Dan Trent at dtrent@bluefieldstate.edu

Spring Camporee

Mark your calendars!

Our Spring Camporee is scheduled for April 24-26, at Camp Raven Knob in NC.

The ATV experience for scouts is \$60. More information to come.



Seneca District

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

Seneca Event Calendar

March

- 3 District Committee, 7:00 pm
- 7 Swim-O-Ree (new date)
- 21 University of Scouting, WVSU, Institute

April

- 3 Good Friday - Service Center & Shops closed
- 11 POLAR (formerly CDO) - 10am - 12pm, Wehrle Service Center

May

- 25 Memorial Day - Service Center & Shops Closed

District Committee Meeting

The District Committee meeting is Tuesday, March 3rd. 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.

District Pinewood Derby Championship

Our District Pinewood Derby Race will be March 14th at Daniels Elementary School. The race will be from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. All Cub Scouts are invited to participate. Daniels Elementary is located at 351 4-H Lake Road in Daniels, WV. Register at www.buckskin.org/seneca.

Swim O-Ree

Bluefield State University

Join us for a day of swimming at Bluefield State University. Saturday, March 7th, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cub Scouts are welcome to swim from NOON-3:00 pm. You can take your swim test for Summer Camp. Work on the swimming and Lifesaving merit badges. Enjoy the HEATED POOL! Lunch will be provided IF you pre-register. Bluefield State University, 219 Rock Street in Bluefield, WV—Turn right and head to the Ned E. Shott Gym
Questions? Contact Dan Trent at dtrent@bluefieldstate.edu

Mark Your Calendars!

We are planning a Merit Badge College at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. The scheduled date is Saturday, November 14th. WV School of Osteopathic Medicine is located at 400 N Lee Street in Lewisburg, WV. More information will be available as we solidify our plans.

Seneca District Committee

District Chair	Matthew Davis	
District Commissioner	Lori Hindson	304-237-7413
District Executive	Samuel Bosley	304-573-5499
Advancement Chair	Jason Brown	304-872-8163
Program Chair	Johnny Tracy	
Training Chair	Carol McCarthy	703-587-4453
OA Chapter Advisor	Lee Webb	
Venturing Chair	Dana McCorkle	304-573-4636

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www.buckskin.org/shawnee

Shawnee District Event Calendar

March

- 7 Aviation Merit Badge Day
- 8 District Recognition Dinner
- 14 Council Recognition Dinner
- 19 District Committee meeting
- 21 University of Scouting, WVSU, Institute
- 28 District Pinewood Derby

April

- 3 Good Friday - Service Center & Shops closed
- 11 POLAR (formerly CDO) - 10am - 12pm, Wehrle Service Center
- 11 Council Pinewood Derby
- 24-26 Multi-District Spring Camporee

May

- 2 District Visit to McClintic WMA
- 8-9 Multi-District Cub Family Camp
- 25 Memorial Day - Service Center & Shops Closed

District Pinewood Derby

The District Pinewood Derby will be held at Cross Lanes United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 28th. There will be a \$5 fee to race and check-in will start at 9 am with the races beginning at 10. 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.

Council Pinewood Derby

Buckskin Council's Pinewood Derby will be on Saturday, April 11th at the Council Service Center in Charleston. Check-in will start at noon after the POLAR conference wraps up. Races will begin at 1 pm. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners from each district are eligible to participate. Everyone else can race in the Outlaw Race.

Safeguarding Youth Training

If you haven't already taken the Safeguarding Youth Training (formerly YPT), you will need to do so by May 31, 2026. Your Youth Protection Training certificate will be expiring on that date no matter when you originally took the course. Safeguarding Youth Training will then need to be retaken annually. The course will be offered in person at WVSU's University of Scouting but is available online 24/7 on my.scouting.org.

Spring Product Sale

The Council is continuing to sell Country Meats products for the Spring Sale. There are 3 flavors: Original Smoked Hickory, Sweet BBQ, and Hot Cajun. The packs of 5 individually-wrapped sticks retail for \$10 and make delicious, filling snacks that are great for on the go. The Spring Sale has started but the Council is ready any time to set you up with product you can show—and sell—in front of local stores or by

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 Sergent	304-552-0297
Vice District Chair (Finance)	vacant	
Advancement Chair	Debbie Slack	304-340-3663
Program Chair	Mike Lamb	304-590-1354
Cub Program Chair	Diana Castle	
Camping Chair	vacant	
SBSA Scout Roundtable	Gerry Stover	
Cub Scout Roundtable	Colleen Sergent	304-552-0297
Product Sales	David Duncan	304-541-7559
Membership Chair	Traci Hudson	304-382-9679
OA Chapter Advisor	David Duncan	304-541-7559

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going door-to-door in your neighborhood. The sale will wrap up on March 30th with product available for pickup on April 10th.

District Committee Meeting

Shawnee District's Committee Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of most months. March's will be on the 19th. 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.

District Advancement Adventure Day -McClintic WMA

Shawnee District is hosting a hike at McClintic Wildlife Management Area outside of Point Pleasant to allow Scouts another opportunity to work on rank requirements. The structured 2-mile hike will feature stations for Scout, Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, and 1st Class Scouts to use the EDGE method to mentor the previous ranks through the set requirements. Scouts and Tenderfoot Scouts will work on Outdoor Code requirements at the first station. The second station will focus on Tenderfoot 5a-5d. The third and fourth stations will be for animal identification for Second Class and First Class Scouts respectively. There will be a modified 1-mile hike for Cub Scouts during which time they can learn about local flora and fauna and practice species identification.

APRIL SHOOTING SPORTS CAMPOREE

A multi-district camporee will be held April 24-26. This camporee is a shooting sports weekend hosted Northeast Kentucky Fish and Game, outside Cannonsburg, KY. Troops and Crews will be able to camp on site. The shooting will be for skill development, not for any of the merit badges. Activities will include rifle, shotgun, and archery. The event is open to all troops and crews in the Council, and is specifically planned for troops and crews in Chief Cornstalk, Shawnee and Adena Districts. The fee is \$10 per scout and \$5 per adult. Scouts and adults will be able to participate in the shooting. Register at www.buckskin.org.

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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. **THIS EVENT IS CURRENTLY FULL.**

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 at the Westmoreland United Methodist Church. 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.

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. Those adults not registering for classes or taking First Aid, may purchase tickets for lunch in the Dining Hall for \$10.00.

FISHING DERBY

The annual Fishing Derby is scheduled for Saturday, April 18, at Camp Arrowhead. Enjoy a great morning of fishing at camp as we have trophies for the most fish caught and the biggest fish caught. We will also be giving away two rod and reel sets as door prizes. This is a “no fee event” sponsored by Adena District. Participants are asked to register online at <https://www.buckskin.org/adena-events/fishing-derby-2026/> to give us an idea of how many will be attending. Parents and adult partners are welcome to throw a line in the water as well, but the prizes are for the scouts.

POLAR MEETING

April 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.

APRIL SHOOTING SPORTS CAMPOREE

Plans are underway for a multi-district camporee to be held April 24-26. The camporee will be a shooting sports weekend hosted Northeast Kentucky Fish and Game, outside Cannonsburg, KY. Troops and Crews will be able to camp on site near the range area. The shooting will be for skill development, not for any of the merit badges. Activities will include rifle, shotgun, and archery. We are looking to confirm if fishing will be available at the camping site. The event is open to all troops and crews in the Council, and is specifically planned for troops and crews in Chief Cornstalk, Shawnee and Adena Districts. The fee is \$10 per scout and \$5 per adult. Scouts and adults will be able to participate in the shooting activities. Registration will open soon for this event.

BALOO COURSE

BALOO training course is for Cub Scout Leaders interested in taking their pack or den on outdoor activities. Held May 1-2, at Camp Arrowhead, Ona, WV, scouters can learn the ins and outs of getting your Cubbies outside. There is an on-line module that participants need to complete prior to the in-person course. Training begins on Friday night about 7:00pm after check-in and camp setup. Training continues with breakfast on Saturday morning and scheduled to conclude about 6:30pm that evening. The course is \$25.00 per person. This covers course material, cracker barrel (snack time) on Friday night, along with breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Course registration will open soon on the council website.

IOLS COURSE

Scouts BSA leaders need Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS) to be fully trained. The next course will be at Camp Arrowhead, Friday and Saturday, May 1 and 2. The cost is \$30 per person which covers course materials, cracker barrel on Friday night, along with breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Check-in begins Friday at 6:00pm. All participants are expected to arrive by 7:00pm. The course is planned to conclude by 5:00pm on Saturday. The course is designed to address a variety of topics dealing with the outdoor program of Scouts BSA. All Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters are required to have this course to be considered fully trained.

MAY FAMILY CAMP

A multi-district Family Camp is planned for May 8-10 at Camp Arrowhead. This event is planned specifically for Cub Scout Packs in Shawnee, Chief Cornstalk, and Adene districts but all cub scouts and their families are welcome to attend. Watch for additional information in the next several weeks. Check-in begins Friday evening from 5:00pm to 9:00pm. Saturday walk-ins are welcome. Fees are expected to be \$10 for scouts and tagalongs older than 3. Adults and siblings 3 years of age or under are free.



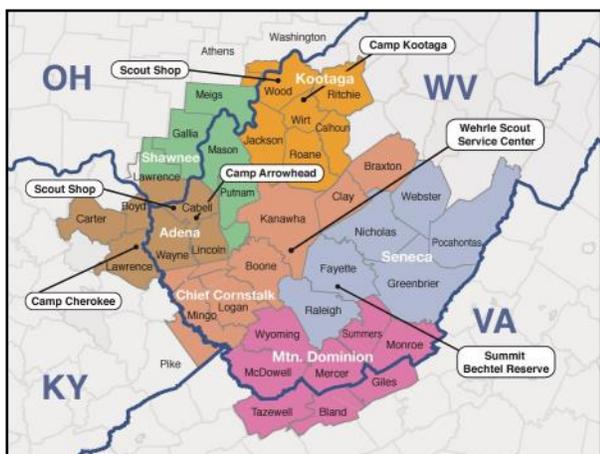
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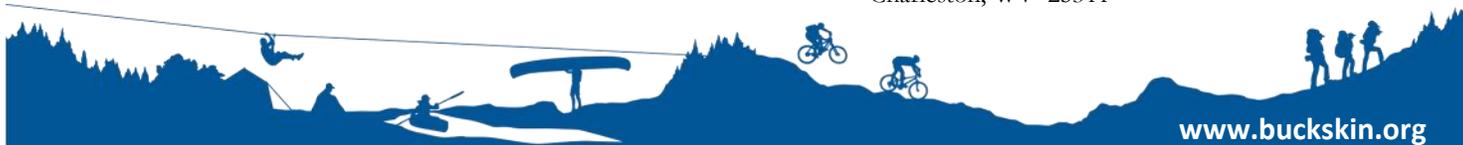
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WILDERNESS FIRST AID

What: Scouting America Wilderness First Aid Class
(This class also includes CPR and AED)

When: April 17-18, 2026

Time: Starting at 6 pm on Friday, April 17th
Plan to finish around 9 pm Saturday

Where: Camp Kootaga, 79 Camp Kootaga Road, Walker, WV 26180

Who: Adult Leaders, Venturers and Scouts ages 14 yrs and up

Cost: \$ 100.00
Cost includes lodging, cracker barrel on Friday evening, continental breakfast on Saturday, Saturday lunch and dinner

Deadline for Registration: Wednesday, April 8th, by Noon

Class size limit: 25 (First come basis)

Register online at www.buckskin.org or at the Scout office at 304-340-3663 or 304-523-3408.

For those who wish to stay overnight, arrangements can be made for lodging.

It is suggested that you eat dinner on Friday evening before arriving.

Wilderness First- Aid is required for backcountry trips and excursions

- Backcountry is defined as anywhere that medical care is one hour or more away.

For more information contact:

Alvin Watts at: awatts4013@yahoo.com

Name _____ Troop/Pack/Crew _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Special Needs, Food Allergies _____

Return to Buckskin Council, 2829 Kanawha BLVD. East, Charleston, WV 25311



Scoutmasters,

One of the old jokes in the military is, “I’m with the federal government and I’m here to help you!” I assure you this message comes in a much more helpful spirit.

As the Ecology Director for Buckskin Council, I am committed to supporting you and your Scouts in all areas of conservation service—whether that involves the Environmental Science Merit Badge, helping a Life Scout identify and complete a three-hour conservation service project, or guiding your troop toward earning one of the Conservation Awards.

On March 21 at the University of Scouting at West Virginia State University in Institute, I will be offering a class on the role and responsibilities of the “Outdoor Ethics Guide.” After speaking with several Scoutmasters, I have found that this leadership position is often underutilized and not well recognized. This class will be open to both adult leaders and Scouts.

Given the responsibilities of the position, I believe it is generally best suited for a Life Scout, though it ultimately depends on the maturity of the individual Scout.

If you are unable to attend, please feel free to reach out to me and we can arrange a personal visit. I will also be offering this training during our summer camp sessions at Arrowhead from June 14–28.

Yours in Scouting,

Gerry D. Stover Colonel, USAF (Ret.)

Ecology Director - Buckskin Council

gerry.stover@gmail.com

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**Unit Commitment Form
2026 Spring Product Sale
Country Meats**

Please complete this form and return it to the Buckskin Council Office by February 6th.

✓ **YES**, my unit would like to participate in the 2026 Spring Meat Sticks Sale

Show and Sell: _____ Take Order: _____

Unit: _____ **District:** _____
Pack, Troop, Crew, Ship, Post

Unit Leader: _____

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

If it's the same person from the Fall 2025 Sale, please check here and disregard the below fields:

Name: _____
(Only one name per unit and it must be the person that will oversee the unit's sale)

Address: _____ **City:** _____

State: _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Approx. number of Scouts in unit: _____

Number of adults in unit: _____

For Show and Sell: **How Many of Each Flavor Would You Like to Start With?** *You can return partial cases to the Council at no cost if the multipacks are unopened and in sellable condition. You cannot return partial multipacks; units will be responsible for any individual sticks they cannot sell.*

Original Smoked Hickory: _____ cases _____ packs

Sweet BBQ: _____ cases _____ packs

Hot Cajun: _____ cases _____ packs

Each pack retails for \$10 (individual stick for \$2)

Please return to: Buckskin Council, 2829 Kanawha Blvd. E, Charleston, WV 25311
Scan & Email to Janet Smith | janet.smith@scouting.org



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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.



Buckskin Council, BSA
INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS
MAY 1 & 2, 2026 – CAMP ARROWHEAD

What is IOLS? The Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) course builds and expands on the concepts and themes introduced in Scoutmaster Positions-Specific Training and Varsity Coach Position-Specific Training and provides Scouters with the to take youth into the outdoors.

- IOLS is an outdoor classroom training required for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters to be classified as position trained. (If attending Wood Badge, IOLS is required for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters)
- Gives adult leaders a practical introduction to the patrol method of a boy-led troop by teaching many of the practical outdoor skills they need to lead scouts in the out-of-doors. In addition, the teaching methods, activities, and games model the variety of teaching used in effective and engaging Scouting programs.
- Hands-on participation is the best learning tool, and this course models the techniques used by effective Scoutmasters, and other leaders in the Scouting program. Attendees will see and experience different aspects of how Scouting works while playing the role of Scouts in a troop.
- Participants will leave the training experience with a full understanding of how the patrol method operates, a feeling of comfort in working with the instructing their Scouts, and an increased level of confidence taking Scouts outdoors safely.
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What is covered in IOLS? The course is designed to address a wide variety of topics such as Outdoor Ethics, Cooking, Fire Site Preparation & Building, Campfire Program, Interfaith Worship, Flag Ceremony and more.

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

When is IOLS training? The next course will be May 1 & 2, 2026 at Camp Arrowhead. Check-in begins Friday at 6:00 pm. All participants are expected to arrive by 7:00pm. The course is planned to conclude by 5:00 pm on Saturday.

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

QUESTIONS? Contact Colleen Sergent 304-552-0297 or csergent2@gmail.com
Rosann Brooks 304-881-1042 or rosann1030@aol.com

Registration Deadline – Friday, April 24, 2026

IOLS REGISTRATION FORM – MAY 1 & 2, 2026

Name _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email Address _____

Troop # _____ Position _____ District _____

Detail any food allergies, please _____

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

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

Buckskin Council, BSA
BASIC ADULT LEADER OUTDOOR ORIENTATION
MAY 1-2, 2026 – CAMP ARROWHEAD



BALOO is intended for new Cub Scout leaders or parent volunteers who have minimal camping experience but want to plan and carry out entry level outdoor experiences for the pack. The format for this training is an outdoor camping adventure. The course is designed to address a wide variety of topics which need to be considered when preparing for a Cub Scout outdoor activity. Some of the topics include Aims & Purposes, Planning, Campfire, Health & Safety, Equipment, Cooking, program ideas, and more.

Prior to taking the practical component, participants must have completed the online component. Both the online and the practical, must be completed in order to fulfill the “BALOO Trained” status. In the event the online component is not completed prior to the practical, the trained status is withheld until both components are successfully completed. The online portion is available through the BSA LearnCenter. Log onto my.scouting.org and select the BSA LearnCenter image on the right side of the home page. Complete the course named “BALOO Prerequisite Training V2”. Bring your completion certificate with you.

The next course will be May 1-2 at Camp Arrowhead. Check-in begins Friday at 6:30pm. All participants are expected to arrive by 7:00pm. The course is planned to conclude by 6:30pm on Saturday. The course is **\$25.00 per person**. This covers course material, cracker barrel on Friday night, along with breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

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

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

Registration Deadline – Tuesday, April 28, 2026

BALOO REGISTRATION FORM – MAY 1-2, 2026

Name _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email Address _____

Pack # _____ Position _____ District _____

Detail any food allergies, please _____

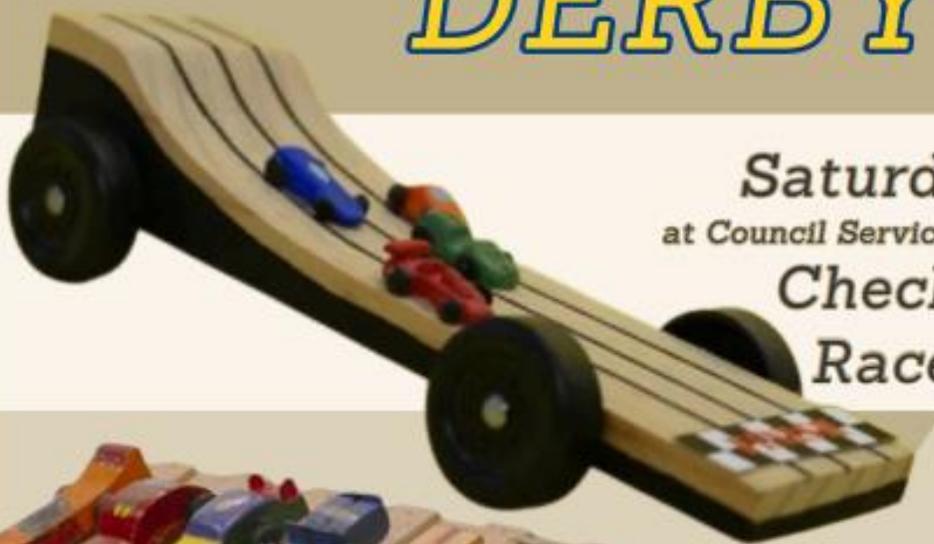
Complete the registration form and return to:

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

Or register on the Council website – www.buckskin.org



Buckskin Council
PINEWOOD
DERBY



Saturday, April 11
at Council Service Center after POLAR
Check-in: noon-1
Races start at 1

Free!



2829 Kanawha Blvd. E
Charleston, WV 25311
Open to 1st Place Pack Winners and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place District Winners
Additional Outlaw race open to anyone!
Register at buckskin.org!
Contact 304-340-3663 or ellen.blackwood@scouting.org if you have questions!

BUCKSKIN COUNCIL, BSA
ADENA DISTRICT

Pinewood Derby 2026

WHEN: March 14, 2026

Check-in begins 8:00 am

Racing begins about 9:00 am

WHERE: Westmoreland United Methodist Church
3602 Auburn Rd
Huntington, WV 25704

Car specifications can be found on the Council website at
www.buckskin.org/forms

Event is open to all Cub Scouts in Adena District. Cubs register without a fee.

Open Division for adults, leaders and siblings. Registration fee is \$5.00 per racer.

For more details, check the Adena District page on the website.





shawnee district pinewood derby

SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH
CROSS LANES UMC GYM
CHECK-IN STARTS AT 9 AM
RACES WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM

1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD PLACE PACK
WINNERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO RACE
TO ADVANCE TO COUNCIL DERBY
EVERYONE ELSE IS INVITED TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE OUTLAW
RACE!

\$5 TO RACE



Adena District, Buckskin Council, BSA

In Recognizing the 2024 and 2025 Class of **EAGLE SCOUTS and DISTINGUISHED VOLUNTEERS**



Saturday, March 28, 2026
American Legion Post 16
1421 Sixth Avenue, Huntington, WV
Dinner at 6:00pm

The Adena District Dinner will include recognition of our 2024 and 2025 Eagle Scouts as well as the distinguished district volunteers. The dinner will begin at 6:00pm and will be held at the American Legion Post 16, 1421 Sixth Avenue, Huntington. All Eagle Scouts, parents, scout leaders, Silver Beaver recipients, District Award of Merit recipients and the public are invited to attend. 2024 and 2025 Eagle Scouts and one companion are welcome to attend as guests of the district.

The cost for dinner is \$15.00 for those attending. Reservations must be made by **Friday, March 20, 2026** to avoid a late registration fee of \$10. Scouts BSA Troops, unit leaders, and supporters of Scouting are encouraged to sponsor an Eagle Scout at the dinner for \$25.

Please return this reservation form at your earliest convenience to the Huntington Scout Shop, 1037 Sixth Avenue, Huntington, WV 25701

_____ Recognition Dinner ticket @ \$15 each = _____
(\$10 late fee if paid after March 20, 2026) = _____

Names of those attending:

_____ Eagle Scout Sponsor @ \$25 each = _____

Total submitted Circle one CASH CHECK CREDIT CARD \$ _____

VISA/MASTERCARD # _____

Expiration Date: _____ Name on card _____

Credit Card payment can be made also, by calling Huntington Scout Shop, 304-523-3408.

Registration can also be made through the Council website — www.buckskin.org/adena



Buckskin Council, BSA
Multi-District
Spring Camporee
Shooting Sports & Fishing
April 24-26, 2026



Troops and Crews of Adena, Chief Cornstalk, and Shawnee Districts are invited to share in a shooting sports weekend at Northeastern Kentucky Fish & Game Association, Herbert C Ross Road, Ashland, KY 41102.

Check-in begins Friday evening, April 24, at 6:00pm. Camping will be done in a designated area. Units are responsible for their own meals during the event. No ground fires, please. Use portable fire pits, grills, camp stoves or dutch oven tables. The camp will close at 11:00am on Sunday, April 26.

Scouts and adults will have the opportunity to participate in rifle shooting, shotgun shooting and archery. Fishing on the site may also be available. Those wishing to fish should bring their own fishing gear. We will practice "catch and release" while on site.

All attending should also have current BSA Annual Health forms. Unit leaders are expected to keep these available during the event in case these are needed.

The cost for this event is \$10.00 per scout and \$5.00 per adult. Fee includes event patch, camping and participation in shooting and fishing activities. Adults are welcome to join in the fun as well. Registration closes Wednesday, April 22nd at 11:59 pm.

Units should register on the Council website. Please register here so we have an idea of how many will be attending and camping on site. If your unit wishes to attend, but does not wish to camp at this time, please register your unit for participating in the activities. The fee is the same for those camping and those not camping. Event will take place, rain or shine.

Check-in will occur at the Clubhouse on the property (follow the signs). Camping will be in the adjoining fields below the clubhouse area. Restrooms and water is available in the clubhouse.

All shooting activities will take place on the ranges located off Long Shot Road. Bring drinking water with you to this site. Port-a-johns are available.

Fishing will take place at a pond below the camping area, accessible by walking down the hill to the road and following the road down to the pond. Bring drinking water. There are no facilities at the pond.

A shooting safety presentation will be made at the clubhouse on Saturday morning. Participants are required to attend this presentation. The presentation will begin at 9:00am. Those arriving on Saturday should plan to arrive in time for this presentation.

Directions to Northeastern Kentucky Fish and Game Association

Take I-64 to exit 185 to KY-180 S in Boyd County.

Turn right onto South Big Run Road (across from the Flying J) to Rocky Gorge Range (follow the signs).

Check-in will take place at the entrance to the range area. Camping will be in the fields across from the shooting ranges.



Register at

www.buckskin.org/events/shooting-sports-camporee-2026