



BUCKSKIN COUNCIL
SCOUTING AMERICA

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Gear Up for the Fall Product Sale!



The Fall 2026 Product Sale is almost here and there are multiple opportunities for your unit to get involved! Buckskin Council is partnering with Camp Masters and Country Meats again to bring you a wide range of products and price points sure to tingle the tastebuds and wallets of even more customers. This one fundraiser can support your unit's entire year of fun and adventure!

How can your Pack or Troop make the most of it's fall sale? The first step is to attend your district's Product Sale Training. You may also attend the Council Product Sale Training on August 22nd. Commitment forms and "Show and Sell" orders are due August 7th. Learn about the extensive prize program at Product Sale Training.

Units participating in the Fall 2026 Product Sale will receive a base commission of 31% of gross sales. An additional 2% of gross sales can be earned if the unit does all of the following:

1. Attend one of the product sale trainings hosted by Buckskin Council or the District kickoff events featuring a training.
2. Submit an annual budget and calendar to Buckskin Council by October 1st. (Don't forget to share with your families too!)
3. Submit 100% of money at product pickup.

Buckskin Council is offering a couple of new products this year:



Sea Salt & Dark Cacao Sunflower Seeds

A little bit sweet, a little bit salty, a whole lot of yum. These sunflower seeds are coated in sea salt and dark cacao goodness for just the right snack any time of day...or night.



Country Meats Variety Bundle 5 Pack

Five bold flavors in every pack:
Bold Teriyaki, Old #9, Pepperoni,
Sweet Maple Bacon, and Sweet
Annie Brown.

Key Dates to Remember:

August 7th	Unit Commitment forms and "Show and Sell" orders are due
August 21st	"Show and Sell" product delivered
August 22nd	Council Product Sale Training, 10:00 am, Wehrle Service Center
August 28th	Sale begins
October 28th	Sale ends and orders are due. Leftover "Show and Sell" product must be returned.
November 13th	"Take Order" product is delivered

Find the Leader Guide, forms, and resources at www.buckskin.org/product-sale

POLAR (Program Operations, Leadership and Resources)

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE: Saturday, August 29, 2026

Due to scheduling conflicts with other Council Programs and Activities the POLAR for all Council & District Committees has been moved to

Saturday, August 29th, 2026, at the Wehrle Service Center from 10 a.m. – Noon.

Please plan to attend and provide input to the program and services offered by the Buckskin Council.

Council Officers

President	David Lunsford	
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Council Calendar

August

- 7 Fall Product Sale Show & Sell orders due
- 13 Executive Committee meeting
- 21 Show & Sell product pickup
- 22 Council Product Sale training
- 28 Fall Product Sale begins
- 29 POLAR meeting, Wehrle Service Center, 10:00 am

September

- 7 Labor Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 10 Executive Board meeting
- 11-13 Circuit Rider Camporee
- 12 Charleston Scout Shop open - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 12 Huntington Scout Shop open - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 18-19 OA Vigil/Vigil Reunion

October

- 2-4 OA Fall Fellowship, Camp Arrowhead
- 8 Executive Committee meeting
- 9-11 Council Camporee & Family Camp, The Summit
- 17 Huntington Scout Shop open - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 22 Council Trunk or Treat
- 23-24 IOLS training, Camp Arrowhead
- 23-24 BALOO training, Camp Arrowhead
- 24 Charleston Scout Shop open 9:00 am—1:00 pm
- 28 Popcorn "Take Order" orders due by Noon

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

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Dear Scouters,

What an exciting time of the year! Children are preparing to start another school year. Moms and dads also anxiously await the new school year, perhaps with even more anticipation than the youth.

Today our young people are given the chance to participate in many, many activities. Athletics, band, drama clubs, church youth groups, clubs, Scouting and more, all compete for the small amount of free time children have available today. Parents are forced to choose for their child which activities they will participate in, and inevitably they choose that which they perceive to have the greatest value to their children.

As Scouters and parents, we know the tremendous value of Scouting to our children and our families. We know that citizenship training, character development, and mental and physical fitness can be a foundation to a child reaching their full potential as adults. Few things could be more important to our children.

I believe that most parents, when confronted with the true value of Scouting, would choose Scouting over most of the other activities presented to their children. Our challenge then is to effectively communicate the Scouting story to the parents of future Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA.

At your district Program Kickoff, your unit will receive a pack or troop program packet. Please review the fall membership drive materials in the packet. The fall recruitment plan has been designed to make your fall recruitment efforts easy and effective. Also please do not hesitate to call your District Executive or the Council Service Center for additional information and assistance in planning your fall recruitment efforts.

I wish every youth a good Scouting experience.

Good Scouting to you and yours,

Jeffrey L. Purdy

Scout Executive

“This is Scout Country”

Two New Merit Badges Unveiled

Now available, Competitive Gaming and Wildland Fire Management give Scouts two new ways to build practical skills, explore future opportunities, and take on exciting new challenges.

Please note: all requirements are digital and available on Scouting.org.



Wildland Fire Management Merit Badge

Explore fire safety, prevention, conservation, and fire management careers.

What Scouts Learn:

- Understand the causes and impact of wildland fire
- Learn how fire can harm communities and support ecosystems
- Explore prevention, suppression, and safety strategies
- Discover careers in forestry, conservation, and fire management

Competitive Gaming Merit Badge

Build teamwork, communication, online safety, and smart decision-making.

What Scouts Learn:

- Build strategy, teamwork, and communication skills
- Practice leadership and sportsmanship in digital spaces
- Learn online safety and healthy gaming habits
- Explore careers in gaming, esports, and technology



Circuit Rider 36

September 11-13, 2026
Jackson's Mill, WV

The Circuit Rider is returning for 2026 and is open to all Scouting America troops (Boy and Girl troops), Venturing crews and Webelos. The Circuit Rider is a camporee sponsored by the West Virginia United Methodist Men at Jackson's Mill, WV.

Webelos may only participate in Saturday activities. If Webelos plan to stay for the Saturday dinner, there will be a \$4 fee. Units do not need to be affiliated with a United Methodist Church to attend this great event.

Scout Leaders: Pre-registration is required! Register for Circuit Rider 36 by going online to
www.buckskin.org/events/circuit-rider-36

Registration deadline is Monday, August 24, 2026.

In addition to the numerous free activities provided similar to past events like the frozen T-shirt contest and cast iron cook-off, the United Methodist Men and WVU Jackson's Mill are pleased to offer the following special programs. Each will last approximately one hour and be led by a program coordinator from Jackson's Mill. Scouts and their Scout-age guests can sign up for one, two, three, or all four of the special programs offered for a fee of \$10 for each Scout or Scout-age guest. Class spots will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Each class will be offered five times throughout the day with a limited capacity for each session.

Historic Area Program: tour historic area featuring a demonstration of an operational gristmill

Outdoor Recreation Program: a mountain bike course and group ride around the grounds

STEAM Program: practice problem-solving skills as you use the engineering design process to create, build, test, and improve a drone

Wall Climb: try your strength and agility at climbing a rock wall

Cost:

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

Compete in the Dutch Oven Cooking Contest (Dessert Only) 4 pm. Saturday in front of the Assembly Hall ***Must Supply Recipe***

For more information, contact:

Wayne Custer (304) 238-6807 wcuster855@aol.com

Pastor Gregory Godwin 304-952-1526 gagodwin@citilink.net

District Program Kickoff Events

The new program year is fast approaching. Be sure to attend your district's Program Kickoff. You will learn about all the year's upcoming events and get a calendar too!

Adena District

Saturday, August 8th, 10:00 am at
Camp Arrowhead Dining Hall

Chief Cornstalk District

Saturday, August 22nd, 9:00 am at
Wehrle Service Center

Kootaga District

Saturday, August 15th - location TBA

Mountain Dominion District

Thursday, August 20th, 7:00 pm at Stinson UMC

Seneca District

Tuesday, August 4th, 7:00 pm on Zoom

Shawnee District

Saturday, August 8th, 5:00 pm at Eleanor City Park



It's time to pick up
your new handbook.

Stop by one of our
Scout Shops and start
your program year the
right way!

Prepare Now for an Enhanced BeAScout Experience Coming August 3

An enhanced BeAScout.org experience launches August 3, making it easier for prospective families to find the right Scouting unit and learn key information before reaching out. Since July 9, unit leaders have been able to update new fields in their Unit Pin through Organization Manager, including whether fundraising helps offset costs, if trial visits are encouraged, any additional unit fees, and the unit's meeting schedule.

Updates should be made before August 3 so families will see accurate, complete information when the new BeAScout experience goes live. Changes made before the launch date will not appear on BeAScout until the updated site is released.

How do you update your BeAScout pin? Unit leaders log into my.scouting.org and go to your unit's Organization Manager. On the left, select Unit Pin. Then you can update your unit information, contact details, and meeting time. If you need help with your unit pin, contact the Wehrle Service Center at 304-340-3663.

Scouting America Announces

Military Family Fee Waiver

Scouting America is committed to expanding access to Scouting for military-connected youth with a Military Family Fee Waiver. Funded through philanthropic efforts, the \$85 national youth registration fee has been waived for eligible military families through a verification and code process during online registration.

This waiver is available only for youth members who are new or renewing with online registration.

Eligibility

Youth in families with current service in:

- Active Duty
- Reserves
- National Guard

How it works

- National fee reduced to \$0
- Select "Get Military Discount Code"
- Receive code
- Enter code at checkout
- National fee reduced to \$0 Notes:
- Local council, unit, optional add-ons (e.g. Scouting Life magazine), and processing fee may still apply.
- **This waiver is only available for online registrations.**

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
Sept. 12	Sept. 12
Oct. 24	Oct. 17
Nov. 21	Nov. 21
Dec. 19	Dec. 12
Jan. 9	Jan. 16
Feb. 6	Feb. 20
March 6	March 13
April 3	April 17
May 8	May 15



TAKHONEK LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW, LODGE #617



Summer Picnic

Come join other OA members before the school year starts to cool off and relax. Our picnic is at Camp Arrowhead August 1st. Check-in starts at 10:30 am in the Dining Hall. Lunch will be served at noon. Bring the whole family!

Arrowmen are \$10 and family members are free. Fox Pass holders pay no fee but must register so we know how many to expect.

Vigil Reunion

Vigil members will be meeting at Summit sub camp "A" for the yearly Vigil Reunion. The reunion is September 18-19.

Fall Ordeal

Fall Ordeal is coming up on the first weekend of October. We would love to have some interested ceremonialists join us. Arrowmen will also get some hours in the OA to be recognized at banquet.

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.

2026 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
Aug. 1	Summer Picnic	Camp Arrowhead
Sept. 18-19	Vigil & Vigil Reunion	The Summit
Oct. 2-4	Fall Ordeal/Brotherhood	Camp Arrowhead
Nov. 14	Lodge Leadership Development	Wehrle Service Ctr
Dec. 12	Winter Banquet	TBA

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](#)



Facebook- [Takhonek lodge #617](#)



Instagram- [takhoneklodge](#)

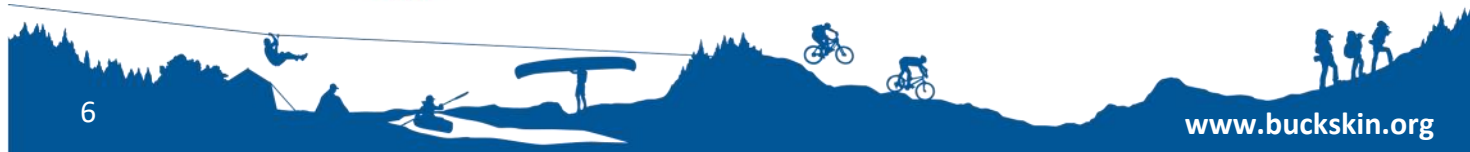


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Training Corner

By Susan Williams

Cub Scout Leader Training

Cub Scout Leader position specific training brings together all the basics of Cub Scout leadership in one course, with separate mini-modules to address position specific topics such as den leader, cubmaster, and pack committee. It has been developed to give new leaders the knowledge and skills needed to successfully carry out the duties of their positions.

Sunday, November 1st, 2:00 - 6:00 pm
Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church
2848 Putnam Ave., Hurricane, WV

There is no fee for this training but we ask that you register by October 28th, so we know how many to expect.

Register at

www.buckskin.org/shawnee



Basic Adult Leaders Outdoor Orientation

This course is required training for Cub Scout leaders who wish to go camping with their Cub Scout Pack. BALOO training consists of an online pre-requisite component, plus an overnight hands-on practical session. BSA's Cub Scout level camping policies will be taught with tools units needed to carry out a successful camping experience.

Completion of this course is mandatory for a MINIMUM OF ONE adult on a Pack overnigher.

When & Where: October 23-24, 2026 at Camp Arrowhead
Fee: \$25

Register: www.buckskin.org/training

Questions: Sue Williams buzy2buzy@gmail.com

Have You Checked your Safeguarding Youth Training Expiration Lately?



If your Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT) has expired or is about to expire, now is the time to get current. If you've never taken the updated course introduced in May 2025, you'll need to complete it to renew and remain current. If you have completed the updated course within the last 12 months, you're eligible to renew

through the **Safeguarding Youth Training Refresher Course**. Both courses can be found at my.scouting.org. Thank you for your commitment to safeguarding youth!

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)

October 23-24, 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

October 23-24	IOLS	Camp Arrowhead
October 23-24	BALOO	Camp Arrowhead
November 1	Cub Leader trng	Forrest Burdette UMC

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

August

- 7 Fall Product Show & Sale Orders Due
- 8 Adena Program Kick-off
- 20 District Committee
- 21 Show & Sale Product Delivery
- 28 Fall Product Sale begins
- 29 POLAR – Charleston, 10:00am

September

- 3 Roundtable – 6:30pm
- 7 Labor Day- Service Center & Shops closed
- 11-13 Circuit Rider Camporee, Jackson's Mill
- 17 District Committee
- 19 Huntington Scout Shop Open 9am-1pm

October

- 1 Roundtable – 6:30pm
- 2-4 OA Fall Fellowship/Ordeal – Camp Arrowhead
- 9-11 Council Camporee – Summit
- 15 District Committee
- 17 Huntington Scout Shop Open 9am-1pm
- 17 Adventure Day – Camp Arrowhead
- 22 Council Trunk or Treat
- 23-24 BALOO Training – Camp Arrowhead
- 23-24 IOLS Training – Camp Arrowhead
- 28 Fall Product Sale ends/Take Orders Due

ROUNDTABLE

The Monthly Roundtable Meeting resume on September 3. This meeting will be conducted via Zoom. You can use the meeting ID 864 7853 6793 for the September Roundtable. Roundtable is held the first Thursday of each month beginning at 6:30pm. Join with other scout leaders to learn about what is happening in the Scouting program.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE

The August District Committee Meeting will be conducted on August 20. The start time will be announced. This meeting will be conducted via Zoom. Please use the meeting ID 846 3566 4748 to join.

PROGRAM KICK-OFF EVENT

Make plans to attend the annual Fall Program Kick-off Event at Camp Arrowhead on Saturday, August 8. All leaders are invited to attend and receive information about the upcoming programs for the upcoming school year. Things get underway at 10:00am. And YES, we will be doing Fall Product Sales Training that day as well. This training will begin after the program kick-off meeting. Be sure to have your unit's Product Sales Chair attend.

FALL MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

All Unit Leaders – Carl will be contacting you soon to schedule your sign up night. With school starting in August we want to do our sign up events as soon as possible. Please look at your calendar so when he contacts you, you will be ready to schedule your fall recruitment meeting.

Adena District Committee

District Chair	John Bruce	304-730-0257
District Vice-Chair	vacant	
District Commissioner	vacant	
District Executive	Carl Sullivan	304-523-3408
Nominating Committee	Scott Shuff	304-634-2960
Fund Development	vacant	
Community FOS	Isaac Sinclair	
Product Sale	Melanie Young	304-523-3408
Membership	Alvin Watts	304-751-5686
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.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Unit leaders need to keep an eye on the membership renewals of the scouts and other volunteers. Scouts and leaders need to renew their membership before their current membership expires. These dates may not be the same as the unit or as other members of the unit. National sends emails to the member and to the unit leader. Leaders need to follow up on these emails to make sure your members stay registered.

REGISTERED LEADERS TAKE NOTE

If you have not taken the Safeguarding Youth Training, please know that your old Youth Protection Training expired May 31, 2026. If you find yourself in this situation, you need to complete the new Safeguarding Youth Training to avoid having your membership suspended. If you took Safeguarding Youth Training after June, 2025, please note that the new annual renewal is now available online. Keep your youth protection current to protect you and the youth in your Scouting program. Missed the deadline and got suspended? You must take the 90 minute SYT and send your completion certificate to your District Executive.

CIRCUIT RIDER 36

Circuit Rider 36 is an exciting camping weekend sponsored by the West Virginia United Methodist Men filled with more activities than you can imagine. Come out and enjoy your weekend camping at historic Jackson's Mill. Pre-registration is required by August 24, 2026. Cost: \$ 4 per person to attend. Scouts and Scout-age guests may participate in one, two, three, or four special programs for an additional fee of \$ 10 per youth. Webelos are free but if they are staying for Saturday's dinner must pay \$4. Registration information is available on the Council website at www.buckskin.org.

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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

August

- 7 Show & Sell Popcorn Orders due
- 20 District Committee meeting
- 21 Show & Sell Popcorn Pickup
- 22 District Program Kickoff, 9:00 am, Wehrle Service Center
- 28 Popcorn Sale Begins

September

- 7 Labor Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 11-13 Circuit Rider Camporee – Jackson's Mill
- 17 District Committee meeting
- 29 POLAR (formerly CDO) 10 a.m. Wehrle Center

October

- 9-11 Fall Camporee & Family Camp, The Summit
- 15 District Committee meeting
- 23-24 IOLS training, Camp Arrowhead
- 23-24 BALOO training, Camp Arrowhead
- 28 Popcorn Take Orders Due

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	vacant	

Fall Product Sale

One fundraiser to support your unit's entire year of fun and adventure! The Fall Product Sale is nearly here and this time around units will have the opportunity to sell both popcorn and meat sticks. With the support of Buckskin Council, CAMP MASTERS, and Country Meats, you can earn all the necessary funding for your unit through this one activity. The sale also enriches the Scouting experience. Scouts work on goal setting, money management, and communication skills. It builds their self-confidence and gives them a sense of accomplishment.

Give your Scouts this opportunity and say YES to participating in the fall product sale!

How do you get started? The first step is completing the 2026 Product Sale Commitment Form. Find it in the appendix of this edition of the Courier or online at www.buckskin.org/productsale.

The next big deadline is August 7th—that's when show and sell orders are due. "Show and sell" sales are popular, especially with the meat sticks, because you show the product and sell it all at once. Units can also do "take order" sales, where Scouts take the order down on the order form and deliver the product later. "Direct order" sales are available for CAMP MASTERS products and allow people to order directly to their door.

Fall Recruitment

Fall is the time that we traditionally invite new Cub Scouts to join our program. The District Executive will be calling each of the packs to schedule a time and place for your roundup. Traditionally these are held on Tuesday and Thursday and do not need to be on the same night that the Pack meets.

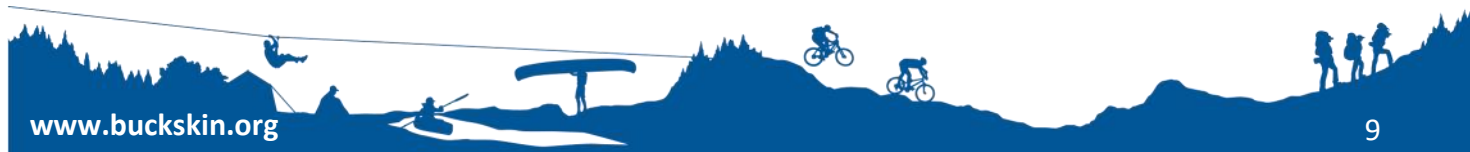
If you would like to schedule your roundup you can call Billy Bryant 304- 687-0476.

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Kootaga District

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

Kootaga District Committee

Kootaga Event Calendar

August

- 7 Show & Sell Popcorn Orders due
- 15 Kootaga Kickoff
- 15 District Committee, 6:30pm
- 22 Council Product Sale training
- 28 Fall Product Sale begins

September

- 7 Labor Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 8 District Committee, 6:30pm
- 8 Roundtable, 7:30pm
- 11-13 Circuit Rider Camporee – Jackson's Mill

October

- 13 District Committee, 6:30pm
- 13 Roundtable, 7:30pm
- 15-18 Good Friends Camporee
- 22 Trunk or Treat

Kootaga Kickoff

To start off the scouting year, we will be having a kickoff on Saturday, August 15th, where we will cover the upcoming year of programming, recruitment, training, and everything else to help you have an awesome year of scouting! **At this meeting, we will be having a product sale training to help you be prepared to do your best in funding your scouts' year of scouting.** We ask that your unit product sales chairperson to attend this meeting or the council product sale training. There will be a zoom meeting sent to every unit leader and product sales chairperson. The physical location is TBA, but will be communicated to unit leaders, product sales chairpersons, and district committee members.

Product Sale

Get ready for some snacks; it's popcorn & meat stick season! A well utilized product sale campaign can pay for an entire year of scouting. Take Order sales for both products begin August 28th to sell to friends, family, and neighbors. Orders are due October 28th at noon and distribution will occur November 13th. *(Want more commission on your sales? You can earn even more for every product you sell by following the steps at buckskin.org/product-sale/ or by asking Andrew!)*

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.** The August District Committee Meeting will be held on the 15th, alongside the Kootaga Kickoff.

District Chair	Brandon Mercer	740-350-8670
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	vacant	

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.** There will **not** be a roundtable for the month of August. Instead, unit representatives are encouraged to attend the Kootaga Kickoff.

Fall Camporee – Good Friends Outing

Open to Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA, the second annual Good Friends Outing will occur this October 16th through 18th at Camp Kootaga. Troops and Packs are encouraged to camp overnight but have the option to participate in the activities all day on the 17th. We have a bunch of fun things planned for both program levels. Keep an eye out for more information on the Buckskin website or Kootaga District Facebook page. *(Fun Fact: the district and camp namesake, "Kootaga," comes from the Kiowa Language of "Ko-otaga," meaning Good Friends!)*

Trunk or Treat

Kootaga District is having a Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 22nd. Please contact Lisa Withee at the Parkersburg Scout Shop (304-422-4507) if you want to help - or even join the fun with a decorated trunk!

Merit Badge College at WVU-P

Calling all prospective merit badge counselors! We will be having a Merit Badge College at WVU-P on **December 5th**. If you would like to be a merit badge counselor, please contact Andrew Murphy at Andrew.murphy2@scouting.org. Thank you for your consideration!

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

August

- 7 Show & Sell Popcorn Orders due
- 20 District Committee meeting, 7:00 pm
- 20 Roundtable, 6:30 pm
- 22 Council Product Sale training
- 28 Fall Product Sale begins

September

- 7 Labor Day- Service Center & Shops closed
- 11-13 Circuit Rider Camporee, Jackson's Mill
- 12 Youth Day, Triangle Sportsmen's Club
- 17 District Committee meeting, 7:00 pm
- 17 Roundtable, 6:30 pm

October

- 15 District Committee meeting, 7:00 pm
- 15 Roundtable, 6:30 pm

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 August 20th at Stinson United Methodist Church, Princeton, WV. The church is at 800 Oakvale Road, Princeton, WV, 24740. We will have our Program Kickoff beginning at 7:00 pm.

Roundtable starts at 6:30 pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Youth Day at Triangle Sportsmen's Club

Cub Scouts are invited to Triangle Sportsmen's Club for a fun day of Scouting. Come on out Saturday, September 12th and enjoy nature plus lots of Scouting fun. More information to come!

CIRCUIT RIDER 36

Circuit Rider 36 is an exciting camping weekend sponsored by the West Virginia United Methodist Men filled with more activities than you can imagine. Come out and enjoy your weekend camping at historic Jackson's Mill. Pre-registration is required by August 24, 2026. Cost: \$ 4 per person to attend. Scouts and Scout-age guests may participate in one, two, three, or four special programs for an additional fee of \$ 10 per youth. Webelos are free but if they are staying for Saturday's dinner must pay \$4. Register on the Council website at www.buckskin.org.

Fall Product Sale

One fundraiser to support your unit's entire year of fun and adventure! The Fall Product Sale is nearly here and this time around units will have the opportunity to sell both popcorn and meat sticks. With the support of Buckskin Council, CAMP MASTERS, and Country Meats, you can earn all the necessary funding for your unit through this one activity. The sale also enriches the Scouting experience. Scouts work on goal setting, money management, and communication skills. It builds their self-confidence and gives them a sense of accomplishment.

Give your Scouts this opportunity and say YES to participating in the fall product sale!

How do you get started? The first step is completing the 2026 Product Sale Commitment Form. Find it in the appendix of this edition of the Courier or online at www.buckskin.org/productsale.

The next big deadline is August 7th—that's when show and sell orders are due. "Show and sell" sales are popular, especially with the meat sticks, because you show the product and sell it all at once. Units can also do "take order" sales, where Scouts take the order down on the order form and deliver the product later. "Direct order" sales are available for CAMP MASTERS products and allow people to order directly to their door.

Seneca District

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

Seneca Event Calendar

August

- 4 District Committee & Program Kickoff
- 7 Show & Sell orders due
- 21 Show and Sell Product Pickup
- 22 Council Product Sale training
- 28 Fall Product Sale Starts
- 29 POLAR, Scout Service Center

September

- 1 District Committee meeting
- 7 Labor Day- Service Center & Shops closed
- 11-13 Circuit Rider Camporee, Jackson's Mill
- 19 Rocket Rodeo, The Summit

October

- 6 District Committee meeting
- 9-11 Council Camporee, The Summit

District Committee Meeting

Program Kickoff

Seneca District's Committee meeting is Tuesday, August 4th at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be on Zoom. This month we will also have our Program Kickoff. Be sure to attend and learn about all the exciting events planned in the coming year.

Rocket Rodeo: Summit Bechtel Reserve

Free event! The Rocket Rodeo is 9am-2pm on Saturday, September 19th at The Summit. Cub Scouts will be able to experience rockets, archery, and lots of Cub Scout fun.

Lunch is provided! Registration will open soon at www.buckskin.org/seneca.

Summit Showdown Camporee

Troops are invited to join us for a great weekend at The Summit. Test your scout skills, leadership, and teamwork. The camporee is April 2-4, 2027. Registration will open soon.

Seneca District Committee

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

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Shawnee District

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ellen.blackwood@scouting.org
www.buckskin.org/shawnee

Shawnee District Event Calendar

August

- 7 Show & Sell Popcorn Orders due
- 8 Program Pop-Off, Eleanor City Park
- 21 Show and Sell Product Pickup
- 22 Council Product Sale training
- 28 Fall Product Sale Starts
- 29 POLAR, Scout Service Center

September

- 7 Labor Day- Service Center & Shops closed
- 11-13 Circuit Rider Camporee, Jackson's Mill

October

- 2-4 OA Ordeal/Brotherhood
- 9-11 Council Camporee, the Summit
- 22 Trunk-Or-Treat, Scout Service Center
- 23-24 IOLS and BALOO, Arrowhead

November

- 1 Cub Leader Position-Specific Training, Forrest Burdette UMC
- 7 Scouting for Food Drop-Off
- 14 Scouting for Food Pick-Up

Program Pop-Off

Shawnee District will be kicking off the program year with a potluck at Eleanor City Park Saturday, August 8th from 5-7 pm. We'll be at Shelter #6 right behind the Volunteer Fire Department at 600 Roosevelt Boulevard, Eleanor, WV 25070. Please join us for some food, fellowship, and a discussion of upcoming events and the fall fundraiser. District leadership is providing hot dogs, corn, and basic condiments. Feel free to bring the whole family; there's a playground and we'll have some games set up for the kids. Please RSVP by 8/6 so we can prepare sufficient food and program material packets. This event will take place in lieu of the monthly District Committee Meeting.

Fall Product Sale

The Fall 2026 Product Sale is almost here and there are multiple opportunities for your unit to get involved! Buckskin Council is partnering with Camp Masters and Country Meats again to bring you a wide range of products and price points sure to tingle the tastebuds and wallets of even more customers. This one fundraiser can support your unit's entire year of fun and adventure! Commitment forms and Show and Sell orders are due August 7th. The sale will run until October 28th.

Show and Sell sales involve showing the product and selling it right then and there. People like buying what they can see. Your unit can sign-up for timeslots to sell at local storefronts on the Camp Masters system or you can take product door-to-door throughout your neighborhoods. Another sale option is Take Order, which is where you take an order using the brochure order form and deliver the product on a later date. It requires a bit more coordination but gets the best results since the scout is going to the customer. There's a

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	vacant	

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third option with Camp Masters—Direct Order. Customers can order products directly to their door through the online ordering system. All they need is the individual scout's key code (generated when the scout is added to the unit roster in Camp Masters) to be able to support a specific scout.

In addition to the financial incentive, there are prize incentives. Camp Masters has a comprehensive prize program with 14 benchmarks to reach of multiple prize options plus a \$650 Bonus Club and High Achiever prize selection. They even offer an incentive for online sales—if a scout sells \$400 online, they can earn an Amazon gift card. At the Council level, scouts can turn in a copy of their filled order forms from both Camp Masters AND Country Meats to be entered in a drawing for additional prizes. Drawings will be held September 30th, October 15th, and at the end of the sale. For any scouts that sell at least \$650 in Camp Masters product, they'll earn a spot at the party in their district.

Fall Recruitment

School starts back this month, which means it's time to start thinking about fall recruitment. Recruitment involves coordination with your District Executive, your feeder schools, and your current families! Units should plan a roundup event 2-3 weeks after school starts to give schools time to settle into the new year and allow for council staff and district volunteers to visit the schools for Scout Talks.

Scout Talks are short and memorable in-school promotions for scouting and your unit and will take place 1-2 days ahead of your roundup, as much as possible. Council staff and volunteers will send each student home with a flyer advertising your roundup event and each teacher will receive a digital copy to send directly to parents. Unit leadership is welcome to tag along during the talks if desired, but it's not required. Encourage your scouts to wear a unit T-shirt or field uniform to school on the day of the Scout Talks and/or roundups.

Roundups should take place on an evening your District Executive

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and at least a few of your leaders are available. It's recommended you hold the event the day of the week your unit normally meets to reduce confusion for new families. These are recruitment events for both the new adults and the new scouts; make them informative, organized, and fun! Hand out a packet with unit information, a calendar, and leadership contacts. Recruit current leaders to lead an activity for the kids while you discuss the Scouting program with parents. Unit leaders need to be upfront with expectations and how family involvement is critical to the progression of each scout's journey.

Email ellen.blackwood@scouting.org if you have any questions or would like to coordinate meeting up for Scout Talks.

New Adult Member Basics

We love to see more parents and guardians (and past Scouts) step up and volunteer in an official capacity with a unit! Please submit any new applications along with payment and their Safeguarding Youth Training certificate in a timely manner so that the council Registrar, Jeanette, may process their paperwork as soon as possible and get the adult on the unit roster. The adult member application includes a background check authorization, which can take up to a couple of weeks to complete, but we cannot initiate that process until the council has received all the elements. We don't receive a report on Safeguarding Youth Training completions, so we rely on the applicant to notify us when they have done so. Please be aware that an adult cannot participate in an official capacity (i.e., be considered part of two-deep leadership) if s/he has not yet completed the required training and passed the background check. Additionally, all direct-contact leaders must complete Hazardous Weather training every two years.

Cub Scout Leader Position-Specific Training

Shawnee District will be offering Cub Scout Leader PST in person at the beginning of November. The training is offered online but it is highly recommended leaders attend the course in person. The in-person group setting allows trainees to meet other leaders and get answers to any questions right away. In three modules, leaders will learn the basics of the Cub Scout program and how to successfully carry out the duties of their position. Help us lay the groundwork for a strong foundation in your unit by taking this course. We want each leader to succeed because when you succeed, so does each scout. Register now at www.buckskin.org/shawnee.



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COUNCIL-WIDE CAMPOREE & FAMILY CAMP

The Summit Bechtel Reserve will be the site for a very special Council-wide Camporee for troops and crews along with a Family Camp for our Cub Scout packs and families. The date is October 9-11. Check-in begins Friday evening for those camping and continues Saturday morning for those attending for the activity day. Check-out is Sunday morning. A number of the typical Summit activities will be available for the participants. These include BB Shooting, Archery, Fishing, and Boating.

CUB SCOUT ADVENTURE DAY

Cub Scouts and their families are invited to bring their new rocket kit to Camp Arrowhead on Saturday October 17 for the Adventure Day/Rocket Launch Day. New scouts will receive a rocket kit when they sign up to join a pack. Existing Cubs may purchase a kit for \$4 each. The building and launching of rockets will take place behind the Dining Hall, near the upper lake. The rocket launching gets underway at noon. Other activities that afternoon include Fishing, BB Shooting, Archery and more. The event will run until about 4:00pm. There is no fee for this event, but we do ask that you register in advance on the Council website.

BALOO COURSE

BALOO training course is for Cub Scout Leaders interested in taking their pack or den on outdoor activities. Held October 23-24, 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, October 23-24. 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.



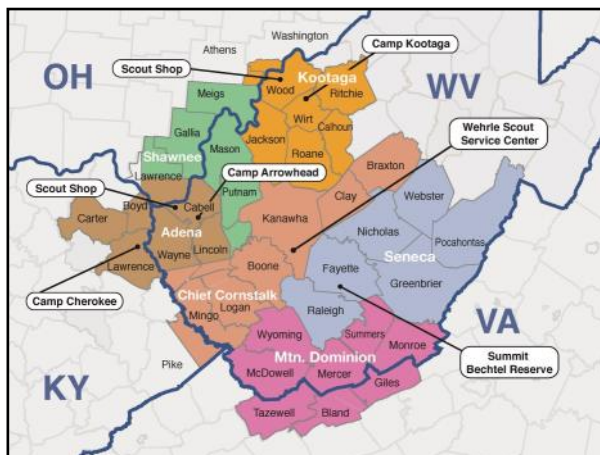
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Charleston, WV 25311



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Unit Commitment Form 2026 Fall Product Sale



Yes, my unit would like to participate in the Fall 2026 Sale!

CAMP MASTERS Popcorn _____ Show & Sell _____ Take Order

Country Meats Meat Sticks _____ Show & Sell _____ Take Order

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

Unit Leader: _____

Unit Popcorn chairperson (this *should* be someone other than the unit leader):

Name: _____
(Only one name per unit and it must be the person that will be responsible for placing the unit's order and handling paperwork)

Address: _____ City: _____
We need a physical address for prize delivery! No P.O. Boxes!

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone:
primary: _____ alternative: _____

Email: _____
(We must have an email address on file for your unit to place product and prize orders and receive invoices!)

Approx. number of Scouts in unit: _____

Number of adults in unit: _____

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

You may mail the form to: Buckskin Council, Scouting America
Attn: Fall Product Sale
2829 Kanawha Blvd. E
Charleston, WV 25311
or email it to janet.smith@scouting.org
or fax it to 304-925-0533

Buckskin Council Product Sale Kickoff



Saturday, August 22nd
10 am to noon
Council Service Center

2829 Kanawha Blvd. E
Charleston, WV 25311

Come learn about the exciting new
offerings from Camp Masters
and Country Meats!



lunch provided!

Have questions? email
ellen.blackwood@scouting.org

MILITARY FAMILY FEE WAIVER

Scouting America is committed to expanding access to Scouting for military-connected youth.

OVERVIEW

Scouting America is waiving the **\$85 national youth registration fee** for eligible military families through a verification and code process during online registration.

- Youth members only
- New and renewing online registrations
- Funded nationally through philanthropic efforts

ELIGIBILITY

Youth in families with current service in:

- **Active Duty**
- **Reserve**
- **National Guard**

FEE COVERAGE

- **\$85 National Registration Fee — Waived**
Reduced to \$0 after verification and code application.
Applies only to the national fee.

HOW IT WORKS

1. National fee reduced to \$0
2. Select **"Get Military Discount Code"**
3. Complete verification process
4. Receive code
5. Enter code at checkout
6. **National fee reduced to \$0**

ADDITIONAL COSTS

Local council, unit, optional add-on (e.g., *Scout Life* magazine), and processing fees may still apply.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHO QUALIFIES?

Eligible youth in Active Duty, Reserve, or National Guard families.

WHY DOES THE \$85 FEE APPEAR?

The national fee appears at checkout and is removed after the verification code is applied.

WHAT FEES DOES THE WAIVER COVER?

The waiver applies only to the national youth registration fee. Other local, unit, optional, and processing fees may still apply.

IS THIS AVAILABLE FOR ALL REGISTRATIONS?

No—this waiver is available for online registrations only.



Effective June 1, 2026

Buckskin Council, BSA
BASIC ADULT LEADER OUTDOOR ORIENTATION
OCTOBER 23-24, 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 October 23-24 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, October 20, 2026

BALOO REGISTRATION FORM – OCTOBER 23-24, 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

Buckskin Council, Scouting America
INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS
OCTOBER 23 - 24, 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 Position-Specific Training provides Scouters with the skills and knowledge 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 scout-led troop by teaching many of the practical outdoor skills they need to lead scouts in the out-of-doors. In addition, the teaching methods, activities, and games model the variety of teaching used in effective and engaging Scouting programs.
- Hands-on participation is the best learning tool, and this course models the techniques used by effective Scoutmasters, and other leaders in the Scouting program. Attendees will see and experience different aspects of how Scouting works while playing the role of Scouts in a troop.
- Participants will leave the training experience with a full understanding of how the patrol method operates, a feeling of comfort in working with the instructing their Scouts, and an increased level of confidence taking Scouts outdoors safely.

What is covered in IOLS? The course is designed to address a wide variety of topics such as Outdoor Ethics, Cooking, Fire Site Preparation & Building, Campfire Program, Interfaith Worship, Flag Ceremony and more.

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

When is IOLS training? The next course will be October 23 - 24, 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 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.

QUESTIONS? Contact Rosann Brooks 304-881-1042 or rosann1030@aol.com

Registration Deadline – Friday, October 16, 2026

IOLS REGISTRATION FORM – OCTOBER 23-24, 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, Scouting America, Attn: IOLS – Camp Arrowhead
2829 Kanawha Blvd. East
Charleston, WV 25311

Shawnee District Cub Scout Leader Position-Specific Training

Sunday, November 1st 2 pm to about 6 pm
Forrest Burdette UMC 2848 Putnam Ave. Hurricane, WV 25526

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

You'll Learn About:

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

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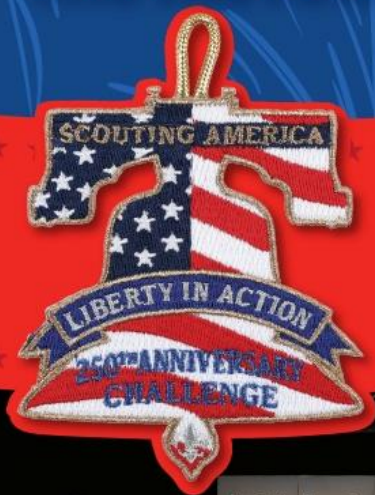
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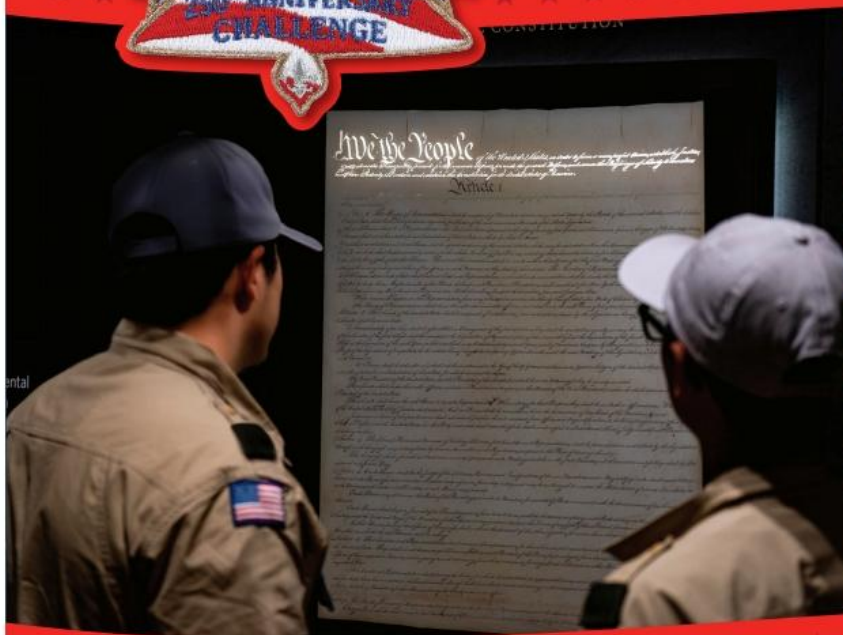
Scan the QR code or visit www.buckskin.org/shawnee to register.
Registration deadline is October 28th

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250TH ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE EMBLEM**



SCAN TO LEARN MORE



LIBERTY IN ACTION: 250TH ANNIVERSARY *Challenge*

In honor of America's 250th anniversary, Scouting America invites Scouts across all programs to take part in the Liberty in Action: 250th Anniversary Challenge. By completing requirements centered on American history and civic values, Scouts can earn this commemorative patch while deepening their understanding of our nation's past.



Shawnee District Program Pop-Off

Join District leadership for a potluck to get the fall fundraiser and program year poppin'! We'll provide the corn and hot dogs and have a brief sale training.

**August 8th 5-7 pm
Eleanor City Park
Shelter #6**

Please RSVP by 8/6!

ellen.blackwood@scouting.org

behind the Municipal Building/VFD

600 Roosevelt Blvd.

Eleanor, WV 25070

The Seneca District, Buckskin Council, Scouting America
presents

the 2027 Summit Showdown Camporee

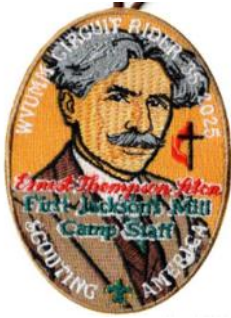
at the Summit Bechtel Reserve



April 2-4, 2027

This event is open to all Scouts BSA (any district/council) and to Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts participating with a Scouts BSA unit.





36th Circuit Rider

Sept. 11, 12, and 13, 2026

At WVU Jackson's Mill



The Circuit Rider is returning for 2026 and is open to all Scouting America troops (Boy and Girl troops), Venturing crews and Webelos. Webelos may only participate in Saturday activities. If Webelos plan to stay for the Saturday dinner, there will be a \$4 fee. Units do not need to be affiliated with a United Methodist Church to attend this great event.

Scout Leaders: Pre-registration is required! Register for Circuit Rider 36 by going online to www.buckskin.org/events/circuit-rider-36



The registration deadline is Monday, August 24, 2026.

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

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

Cost: SCOUTS - \$ 4 per person to attend the Circuit Rider. Scouts and Scout-age guests may participate in one, two, three, or four special programs for an additional fee of \$ 10 per youth. UNITED METHODIST MEN - attending the West Virginia United Methodist Men's Annual gathering must register and pay a \$20 registration fee.

GOOD CONDUCT IS EXPECTED

Rules of conduct:

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

Current Safeguarding Youth or Youth Protection Training is required

- Who needs this training?
1. Any Scout who is 18 years old.
 2. Any parent who goes along with the unit.
 3. Any Adult Leader

Needs:

- * Flag details for 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 a.m. Sunday.
- * Chaplain aides for 9 a.m. Sunday