



THE BUCKSKIN COURIER

Janssen W. Lemley Named Scout Executive of Buckskin Council

Janssen W. Lemley has been selected as Scout Executive of the Buckskin Council, Scouting America, effective October 1, 2026. In this role, Lemley will lead the council's professional staff and work in partnership with volunteers, community leaders, families and chartered organizations to strengthen Scouting programs across the council's service area.

Lemley was selected as current Buckskin Council Scout Executive Jeffrey L. Purdy retires after serving his role for the past 18 years and scouting professionally for 40 years.

Lemley began his Scouting career in 2011 as a District Executive and later Senior District Executive with the Black Swamp Area Council in Findlay, Ohio. He subsequently served in multiple leadership roles with the Michigan Crossroads Council in Lansing, Michigan, including Program Director, Field Director and Camping Director. He later became Director of Camping Services for the Longhorn Council in Fort Worth, Texas, before returning to the Michigan Crossroads Council, where he most recently served as Director of Development.

An Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow, Lemley brings broad experience in program delivery, camping operations, field service, volunteer engagement and development. Outside of Scouting, he enjoys endurance races, running, camping, fishing, Broadway musicals, exploring national parks, cheering on Cleveland sports and going on adventures with his wife, Carol. "Impacting the lives of our young people with Scouting is what drives me. I'm honored and excited to serve as the Scout Executive of Buckskin Council and deliver the mission of Scouting," said Janssen Lemley.

Buckskin Council is headquartered in Charleston, West Virginia, and provides Scouting programs that help young people develop character, citizenship, leadership, self-confidence and practical life skills. The council serves communities across West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio and Virginia through districts and local units supported by trained volunteers and professional staff.

"Janssen brings strong experience in membership growth, program development, camp operations and fundraising, all of which align well with the Buckskin Council's strategic priorities," said Buckskin Council Scouting America President David Lunsford. "On behalf of Buckskin Council, we sincerely thank outgoing Scout Executive Jeffrey Purdy for his dedication and long-standing commitment to our mission, and we look forward to welcoming Janssen and his wife, Carol, into the Charleston and Buckskin Council community," said Lunsford.



Council Officers

President	David Lunsford
Commissioner	Matt Blackwood
Scout Executive	Janssen Lemley
Treasurer	Mark Chandler
Asst. Treasurer	Skip Hageboeck
VP Fund Development	Brian Doughty
VP Program	Michael Bledsoe
VP District Operation	Rick Atkinson
VP Membership	Pete Roth
VP Legal Counsel	Bill Murray
Executive Vice President	Kevin Craig
Immediate Past President	John McGhee
National Council Rep.	Art King



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Council Calendar

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

November

- 7 Scouting for Food Drop Off
- 12 Executive Board Meeting
- 14 Scouting for Food Pick Up
- 21 Charleston Scout Shop open 9:00 am—1:00 pm
- 21 Huntington Scout Shop open 9:00 am—1:00 pm
- 26-27 Thanksgiving - Service Center & Shops closed

December

- 10 Executive Committee meeting
- 12 Huntington Scout Shop open 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
- 19 Charleston Scout Shop open 9:00 am—1:00 pm
- 24 Christmas Eve – Service Center & Shops Closed
- 28 Scout Shops closed for inventory



The Fall Product Sale Keeps Rolling!



The first leg of the Fall Product Sale will end October 28th. Any unsold, unopened product will need to be turned into the Council along with any Take Orders on that date as well. The Council then uses that product to fulfill Take Orders throughout the council, so it is very important to meet the deadline.

Be sure to submit your "Take Order" by the deadline, which is Wednesday, October 28th. Orders must be submitted by noon. We prefer that popcorn orders are submitted on the Camp Masters website, so be sure you are able to log in properly before the deadline. It's better to Be Prepared! Can't submit the order online? We can also take the orders on our "Take Order Master Record Form 2026" which you can find at www.buckskin.org/product-sale.

The "Take Order Master Record Form 2026" is an excel workbook which includes order forms for both Camp Masters and Country Meats.

Until then, keep selling! We still have open Storefronts available in the Camp Masters system and inventory if you want to try Show and Sell.

In addition to the paper order forms, don't forget you can use your Scout's unique key code for Direct Order popcorn sales!

Key Dates to Remember:

- **October 28th** Sale ends and orders are due. Leftover "Show and Sell" product must be returned by this day.
- **November 13th** "Take Order" product is delivered



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

THE MEMORIAL TRIBUTE FUND

A lasting way to remember someone you care about. The Buckskin Council offers an excellent way to remember a Scout, family member, Scout volunteer, friend or community leader, through the Tribute fund. All funds received go to the operating cost in the year they are given. Anyone may,

however, designate the donations for a specific purpose.
(In Memory Of, Anniversary, Happy Birthday, Get well.)

Other _____

Please send Acknowledgement To:

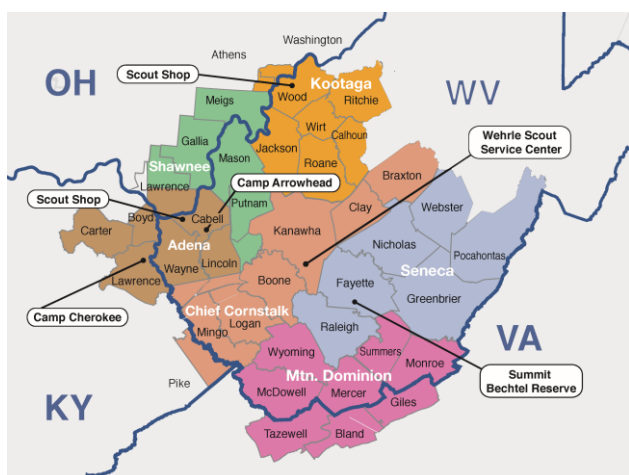
Name: _____

Address: _____

IN HONOR OF:

Name: _____

Address: _____



Mail To: Buckskin Council, BSA
2829 Kanawha Blvd. East
Charleston, WV 25311



Council-wide Camporee & Family Camp

October 9-11, 2026

The Summit Bechtel Reserve

The Summit Bechtel Reserve (or “The Summit,” for short) is a unique Scouting facility with an expansive main property spanning over 10,000 acres. One of the reasons Scouting America choose this site for the Summit was its adjacency to New River Gorge National River. More than 13 miles of the property borders the park, giving Scouts and Scouters access to more than 70,000 acres of managed wilderness beyond the Summit property.

Bring your Cub Scouts, Scouts, and Venturers to our Cub Scout Family Camp and a Council-wide Camporee at the Summit. Separate camping and program areas will be set aside for the Family Camp and for the troops and crews who are participating in the Camporee.

Lots of fun activities will keep your scouts busy all weekend. What sort of activities? For starters, BB Shooting, Archery, Fishing, and Boating. Ziplining and Climbing will both be available with an additional fee. Many more activities will be added.

Check-in begins Friday evening. Saturday check-in is also offered for those attending just the activity day. Check-out will occur on Sunday.

Fees are dependent on your level of participation.

- Event fee - \$20 per person – access to all the activities for your scout’s age group, 2 nights camping at the Summit and 3 meals on Saturday.
- Saturday only - \$8 per person – access to all the activities for your scout’s age group, no camping, and lunch only Saturday.
- Ziplining - \$10 per person (must pre-register, limited number of tickets available to Scout BSA only)
- Climbing Wall - \$10 per person (must pre-register, limited number of tickets available to Cub Scouts and Scout BSA)

Register now to bring your pack, troop or crew to the Summit for this memorable experience.

www.buckskin.org/events/camporee-family-camp-2026/



New Member ID Process

Many volunteers have more than one Member ID number. This happens for a variety of reasons. National has unveiled a process to merge Member IDs (MID). You will be able to merge all of the MIDs that have been created throughout your time in Scouting across different councils (or the same council in some cases). You can now merge these down to one single, surviving MID that will follow you across councils and units.

To start this process, navigate to Manage Member ID in My.Scouting. You can get there one of two ways.

- 1) You can navigate there by clicking the Manage Member ID button from the My.Scouting home page after login.
- 2) You can click Menu in the upper left corner of the page > Manage Member ID.

On the Manage Member ID screen, a popup appears listing all of the MIDs that have been found for you. These are MIDs that are already on your account and ones found using a unique algorithm created to locate other MIDs that could belong to you. Review this list **carefully** to determine if a MID does or does not belong to you. If all MIDs belong to you, then you can click Merge. If one or more does not, click “Unlink” which removes it from the list. It will then be unassociated with you.

If you know that you have a MID that is not showing in this list, you can click the X at the top right corner of the popup. This will then take you to the regular Manage Member ID tool where you can add that MID. You can then use the “Click Here” button to open it up again. Clicking Merge will start the process of merging all your MIDs together. It takes 24 hours for all data to be fully merged. Once merged, you will only see one surviving MID on your account.

If you have more than one account that you log in with (using different usernames), the merge process should identify those and update the MID on those accounts as well. Once this is done, no matter which username you use to login, you should get the exact same account each time.

Scoutbook will also be updated so that your surviving MID will be listed under all of your registrations in all of the units you are registered in.

- You'll need to log back into Manage Member ID after 24 hours to confirm only one MID remains.
- Your current SYT completion record, registration history, and position history will be retained under the surviving MID.

If you don't have an active registration, then the “Merge Member ID” will not appear for you. Phase 2 and 3 will not have this restriction so you will be able to be merged at that time. You can only merge the MIDs on your own account. If your child is able to log into their own account, has an active registration, and has more than one MID, they can do this.



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**Buckskin Council &
Marshall University Football
announce**

RALLY THE SCOUTS

November 14, 2026

Be a part of the action of Marshall University Football as the Thundering Herd takes on Appalachian State on November 14 (kick-off to be announced). Scouts and their families can purchase tickets for this game online at a reduced price.

Go to www.gofevo.com/event/Scoutday736. Seating will be in sections 105, 107, or 113 on the east side of the stadium near gate D.

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

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

Don't Forget!

**Reserve your troop's favorite
campsite for
Summer Camp 2027.**

**Your \$100 deposit holds your
space at Camp Arrowhead.**

www.buckskin.org



2026-2028 Membership Transition:

The Move to February

Beginning in September 2026, Scouting America begins the process of shifting all unit renewals to February. Starting in 2027, member (adult and youth) renewals will also shift to February. This strategic shift will create a true 'renewal season', improve retention, better capture those who join in peak recruiting season and, most importantly, puts leaders in control of the renewal process. In addition, these shifts lower the initial fee to join, eliminates the 2 month lapse period and aligns safeguarding training to renewal dates.

As units renew after October 31, 2027, the unit renewal fee will be prorated to February 2028. To illustrate, let's look at a scout unit that will renew as of November 1, 2026. The normal renewal period is 12 months (November 1, 2026 to October 31, 2027). With the shift to February, the unit will pay a prorated amount for an additional four months (November 1, 2027 to February 29, 2028), or 16 months in total.

Let's take a look at a new unit which starts on December 10, 2026. As we know, charters always begin on the first day of the month. The normal charter fee for this new unit would be from December 1, 2026 to November 30, 2027. But to get to a February renewal date, the new charter would be for 15 months (December 1, 2026 to November 30, 2027 plus December 1, 2027 to February 29, 2028).

The same proration rationale applies to membership fees. Under this new membership transition plan, all memberships (existing and new) need to include the number of months to arrive at February 29, 2028.

The National Council has also announced fee increases effective January 1, 2027.

- Youth membership fee for Cub, Scouts BSA, and Venturing is going from \$85/year to \$96/year. The proration would be \$8/month.
- Adult membership fee for all programs is going from \$65/year to \$72/year. The proration would be \$6/month.
- Unit Charter Fee for all programs is going from \$100/year to \$120/year. Since all unit renewals include a portion of 2027, the \$120/year or \$10/month charter fee is in effect now.

As we begin the unit renewal season, please be sure to check with the Council Service Center or your district professional about your unit renewal. Units need to renew before the end of the month in which the charter expires as there is no grace period now. Leaders should be aware that any unit that does not renew by the expiration date of their current charter will immediately lapse.

H. Bernard Wehrle, Sr.
Scout Leadership Service Center
and Scout Shop

2829 Kanawha Blvd E
Charleston, WV 25311

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

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



Huntington Scout Shop

1037 Sixth Ave

Huntington, WV 25701

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

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



Parkersburg Scout Shop

1900 Garfield Ave Unit D

Parkersburg, WV 26101

Monday-Friday 9:00 am-5:00 pm (No Saturdays)

Phone: 304-422-4507/ fax 304-428-8594

Charleston and Huntington Scout Shops are open
one Saturday a month from

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

The specific dates are listed below:

Charleston Shop	Huntington Shop
Oct. 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



Trunk or Treat

The Buckskin Council Scout Shops have teamed up to enjoy
some Halloween fun
at each shop on
Thursday, October 22nd.
Decorate your trunk And join in the fun!



Charleston Shop

Trunk or Treat 5:30 —7:00 pm

Wehrle Service Center

2829 Kanawha Blvd East, Charleston

Contact Kelly Thaxton to
reserve your spot.

kelly.thaxton@scouting.org



Parkersburg Shop

Trunk or Treat 6:00—7:00 pm

Christ UM Church

715 16th Street, Parkersburg

Contact Lisa Withee to reserve your spot.

lisa.withee@scouting.org



Huntington Shop

Trick or Treat 5:00—6:30 pm

1037 6th Avenue, Huntington

Contact Melanie Young to help.

melanie.young@scouting.org



Scouting for Food

Do a Good Turn Daily

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

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

Units in the Buckskin Council participate in this annual Good Turn every November. While your unit may choose the weekends that best fit your schedule, Buckskin Council's designated dates are November 7th and 14th. After your Scouts have collected the donations, take these items to a food pantry of your choice right in your neighborhood.

Stop by the Wehrle Service Center, Huntington Scout Shop or Parkersburg Scout Shop to get bags.



Keep your handbook protected (and looking sharp) with a handbook cover. Built from durable nylon, these covers zip shut to guard against wear and tear, while built-in bookmarks and pen holders help Scouts stay organized at every meeting.



Your Scout needs their handbook to start the program. The cover makes sure it lasts through every adventure!





TAKHONEK LODGE ORDER OF THE ARROW

Lodge Leadership Development, November 14th!

Lodge Leadership Development or LLD is taking place at the Charleston Scout Office. This is the premier training event for all Order of the Arrow members interested in taking leadership roles in the lodge. Everyone is welcome, training begins at 9am and finishes by 3pm, we provide free lunch as well, and snacks throughout. Are you ready to step up and lead?

Winter Banquet December 12th

Winter Banquet is our annual gathering of the entire lodge at the Summit Bechtel Reserve to recognize those that have gone above and beyond, as well as our outgoing and incoming leaders. Fun, food and fellowship is what this is all about, join us in honoring those and welcoming our new leaders!

Not a Member? What is the OA?

The Order of the Arrow is the **Brotherhood of Cheerful Service** and provides life-long leadership skills that will help you not just now, but also in your future. By putting young people into roles locally, regionally, and across the nation, you gain skills in a wide range of areas, from team management, to marketing, to hands-on skills through service. The Order of the Arrow is the best place to go if you love scouting and want to take your journey to new heights. Talk to your scoutmaster about having a unit election and have them reach out to the Lodge Advisor to get it scheduled.

2026 Lodge Calendar

Date	Event	Location
Oct. 2-4	Fall Ordeal/Brotherhood at Camp Arrowhead	
Oct 31 – Nov 2	Section E13 Forum	Camp Falling Rock
Nov. 14	Lodge Leadership Development at the Wehrle Service Ctr	
Dec. 12	Winter Banquet	The Summit

Lodge Leadership

Lodge Chief: Natalie Barnette
Vice Chief of Admin: Jacy Sanderson
Vice Chief of Program: Maddox Dunford
Lodge Advisor: George Soltis
Contact: gm.soltis@gmail.com

Lodge Chief's Corner

Fall Ordeal is coming up October 2nd- 4th, and during this we will be conducting lodge leadership elections for our Lodge Chief and Vice Chiefs for 2027! Each election will include speeches by the candidates then a vote by current members. If you are interested in running be sure to get your paperwork in no later than October 3rd at Lunch!

Lodge Advisor's Corner

Welcome, welcome, welcome to our new Chief of the Fire and Buckskin Chief Scout Executive Janssen Lemley. Janssen assumes his duties on October 1st. We are all looking forward to spending time with Janssen around our council fire in the years ahead. The Lodge picnic at Camp Arrowhead was a great success. We were all well represented at the 2026 National Jamboree by five Youth in the contingent and Lodge Leadership at the unveiling of the Legacy Statue at the new OA Legacy Plaza at the Summit.. Our Leadership attended the presentation at the Summit Circle of the pilot for the new Brotherhood ceremony. Two youth members of our Induction team have gone through the new induction process. New and positive changes are coming to the Lodge in the future. Vigil weekend was a success. Welcome to our new Vigil members, Sam Miller and Lee Webb. Don't forget Fall Fellowship at Camp Arrowhead on October 2nd.

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](#)



X (Twitter)- [@Takhonek](#)





Training Corner

By Susan Williams

Cub Scout Leader Training

Encourage your new leaders to attend Cub Scout Leader position specific training. This 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



Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

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 Position-Specific Training and provides Scouters with the skills they need to take youth into the outdoors.

IOLS is an outdoor training required for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters to be classified as position-trained.

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

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

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 overnighter.

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

Register: www.buckskin.org/training

Questions: Sue Williams 217-741-0900
buzy2buzy@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 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

Adena Event Calendar

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

November

- 5 Roundtable – 6:30pm
- 7 Flag Placements – 9:00am
- 13 Product Sale Pick-up
- 14 MU Football Scout Day
- 19 District Committee
- 26-27 Thanksgiving – Service Center & Shops closed

December

- 3 Roundtable – 6:30pm
- 12 OA Winter Banquet
- 17 District Committee
- 24-25 Christmas – Service Center & Shops Closed
- 28 Shops Closed for Inventory

ROUNDTABLE

The Monthly Roundtable Meeting will be October 1. This meeting will be conducted via Zoom. Use the meeting ID **864 7853 6793**. 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 October District Committee Meeting will be conducted on October 15. The start time will be announced. This meeting will be conducted via Zoom. Please use the meeting ID **846 3566 4748** to join.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Unit leaders should watch the membership renewals of their scouts and other volunteers. Scouts and leaders must renew 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, please follow up to make sure your members stay registered.

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

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 took Safeguarding Youth Training after June, 2025, the new annual renewal is now available online. Keep up to date on your training to protect you and the youth in your Scouting program.

COUNCIL-WIDE CAMPOREE & FAMILY CAMP

The Summit Bechtel Reserve is the site for our 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 just the activity day. Many fun activities will be offered, including 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 received a rocket kit when they joined a pack. Existing Cubs may purchase a kit for \$4 each. Build and launch your rocket above the Dining Hall, near the upper lake starting at noon. Other activities include Fishing, BB Shooting, Archery and more.

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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

October

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

November

- 7 Scouting for Food bag drop-off
- 13 Popcorn/Meat Stick pickup
- 14 Scouting for Food pick-up
- 19 District Committee meeting
- 26-27 Thanksgiving – Service Center & Shops closed

December

- 5 Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge Conf.
- 17 District Committee meeting
- 24-25 Christmas – Service Center & Shops Closed
- 28 Shops Closed for Inventory

Fall Recruitment

Fall Recruitment Fall is the time that we traditionally invite new Cub Scouts to join our program. The District Executive will be calling each of the packs to schedule a time and place for your roundup. Traditionally these are held on Tuesday and Thursday and do not need to be on the same night that the Pack Meets. If you would like to schedule your roundup you can call Billy Bryant 304- 687-0476.

Fall Camporee & Family Camp

The Summit Oct 9-11, 2026

Cub Scout Family Camp and a Council-wide Camporee at the Summit. Separate camping and program areas will be set aside for the Family Camp and for the troops and crews who will be participating in the Camporee. Experience fun Summit activities like BB Shooting, Archery, Fishing, and Boating. Ziplining and Climbing will both be available for a \$10 fee.

- The whole weekend - \$20 per person – access to all the activities for your scout's age group, 2 nights camping at the Summit and 3 meals on Saturday.
- Saturday only - \$8 per person – access to all the activities for your scout's age group, no camping, and lunch only Saturday.
- Ziplining or Climbing Wall - \$10 per person (must pre-register, limited number of slots available)

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!

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. Current Cubs may purchase a kit for \$4 each. Build and launch your rocket starting at noon. Other activities that afternoon include Fishing, BB Shooting, Archery and more. It's free, but we do ask that you register in advance.



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

October

- 9-11 Council Camporee Summit Bechtel Reserve
- 13 District Committee, 6:30pm
- 13 Roundtable, 7:30pm
- 17 Rocket Day, Camp Kootaga
- 22 Trunk or Treat
- 23-25 District Hike
- 28 Fall Product Sale ends/Take Orders Due

November

- 6-8 Kootaga Good Friends Camporee
- 10 District Committee, 6:30 pm
- 10 Roundtable, 7:30 pm
- 26-27 Thanksgiving – Service Center & Shops closed

December

- 5 & 12 Merit Badge College Days
- 8 District Committee, 6:30pm
- 10 Roundtable, 7:30pm
- 24-25 Christmas – Service Center & Shops Closed
- 28 Shops Closed for Inventory

Fall 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 no longer at Pickering Associates. October's meeting is at Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church in Mineral Wells.**

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 no longer at Pickering Associates. October's meeting is at Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church in Mineral Wells.**

Rocket Day at Camp Kootaga

Kick off the Cub Scout year with a blast at Camp Kootaga! We'll be launching rockets, testing our skills on the climbing tower, and enjoying plenty of other exciting activities. Lift-off will be October 17th at 11 a.m., and a light lunch will be provided. Register online at buckskin.org/kootaga and get ready for an out-of-this-world day!

Trunk or Treat

Kootaga District is having a Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 22nd, at Christ United Methodist Church. 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!

District Hike

Lace up your boots and hit the trail with your fellow Scouts! Scouts BSA Scouts are invited to join us for the District Hike on October 23rd-25th. Come enjoy the great outdoors, get some exercise, and spend time with friends from across the district. For more information, contact Brandon Mercer (brandon@belprescouts91.org). There are several pre-hike preparatory meetings with a Zoom option.

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Mountain Dominion District

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

Mt Dominion Event Calendar

October

- 9-11 Council Camporee & Family Camp
- 15 District Committee meeting, 7:00 pm
- 15 Roundtable, 6:30 pm
- 28 Fall Product Sale ends/Take Orders Due

November

- 7 Scouting for Food bag drop-off
- 14 Scouting for Food pick-up
- 19 District Committee meeting, 7:00 pm
- 19 Roundtable, 6:30 pm
- 26-27 Thanksgiving – Service Center & Shops closed

December

- 12 OA Winter Banquet
- 18 District Dinner
- 24-25 Christmas – Service Center & Shops Closed
- 28 Shops Closed for Inventory

District Meetings

The District meeting is October 15th at Stinson United Methodist Church, Princeton, WV. The church is at 800 Oakvale Road, Princeton, WV, 24740. Roundtable starts at 6:30 pm and our District Committee meeting is 7:00 -8:00 pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Council Camporee and Family Camp

The Summit Oct 9-11, 2026

Cub Scout Family Camp and a Council-wide Camporee at the Summit. Separate camping and program areas will be set aside for packs and troops and crews. Fun Scout events include BB Shooting, Archery, Fishing, and Boating. Ziplining and Climbing will both be available for a \$10 fee for each. **Camping - \$20 per person** – 2 nights camping at the Summit and 3 meals on Saturday. **Saturday only - \$8 per person** – no camping, and lunch only Saturday.



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
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Training Chair	Daren Law	540-235-6467
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Popcorn Chair		
OA Chapter Advisor	Brian Blankenship	304-888-2842
Membership Chair	vacant	
Religious Emb. Coord.	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

Outdoor Leader Training

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) training for Cub Scout leaders is being offered on October 23-24 at Camp Arrowhead. Every Cub Scout pack that wants to camp is required to have one BALOO trained leader in attendance.

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) training is required training for all Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters. IOLS training is being offered October 23-24 at Camp Arrowhead.

To get more information and register, go to www.buckskin.org/training.

Upcoming 2027 Events

The district has some great events planned for 2027, so watch for more information and plan to bring all of your scouts!

Swim-o-ree: Bluefield State University:

Late January 2027, date TBD

Klondike Derby: Pipestem State Park

February, date TBD

District Pinewood Derby: Mercer Mall (Bluefield, WV)

March, date TBD

Seneca District

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

Seneca District Committee

Seneca Event Calendar

October

- 6 District Committee meeting
- 9-11 Council Camporee, The Summit
- 28 Fall Product Sale ends/Take Orders Due

November

- 3 District Committee meeting
- 13 Fall Product Sale pickup
- 26-27 Thanksgiving – Service Center & Shops closed

December

- 12 OA Winter Banquet
- 24-25 Christmas – Service Center & Shops Closed
- 28 Shops Closed for Inventory

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

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

District meeting

The District Committee meeting is Tuesday, October 6, 2026. The meeting begins at 7:00 pm and will be on Zoom.

Council Camporee and Family Camp

The Summit Oct 9-11, 2026

Cub Scout Family Camp and a Council-wide Camporee at the Summit. Separate camping and program areas will be set aside for packs and troops and crews. Fun Scout events include BB Shooting, Archery, Fishing, and Boating. Ziplining and Climbing will both be available for a \$10 fee for each. **Camping - \$20 per person** – 2 nights camping at the Summit and 3 meals on Saturday. **Saturday only - \$8 per person** – no camping, and lunch only Saturday.

Upcoming District Events

Klondike Camporee

The Klondike Camporee is scheduled for February 26-28, 2027. Mark your troop's calendar. More information will be available as we get closer to it.

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.

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Shawnee District

Serving: Putnam, Mason, western Kanawha Counties, WV; Gallia and Meigs Counties, OH
ellen.blackwood@scouting.org
www.buckskin.org/shawnee

Shawnee District Committee

Shawnee District Event Calendar

October

- 2-4 OA Ordeal/Brotherhood
- 9-11 Council Camporee, the Summit
- 22 Trunk-Or-Treat, Scout Service Center
- 23-24 IOLS and BALOO, Camp Arrowhead
- 28 Fall Product Sale ends/Take Orders Due

November

- 1 Cub Leader Position-Specific Training, Forrest Burdette UMC
- 7 Scouting for Food Drop-Off
- 13 Popcorn Pickup
- 14 Scouting for Food Pick-Up
- 21 Cub Scout Fun Day, Scout Service Center
- 26-27 Thanksgiving – Service Center & Shops closed

December

- 5 Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge Conference
- 24-25 Christmas – Service Center & Shops closed
- 28 Scout Shops closed for inventory

Cub Scout Fun Day

An addition to the calendar, we are excited to announce a Cub Scout Fun Day at the Council Service Center on November 21st. Come join us for some shooting sports, crafts, games, and a STEM activity! More information and registration to come!

Fall Product Sale

The first leg of the Fall Product Sale will end October 28th. Any unsold, unopened product will need to be turned into the Council along with any Take Orders on that date as well. The Council then uses that product to fulfill Take Orders throughout the council, so it is very important to meet the deadline. Until then, keep selling! We still have open Storefronts available in the Camp Masters system and inventory if you want to try Show and Sell. And in addition to the paper order forms, don't forget you can use your Scout's unique key code for Direct Order popcorn sales!

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	vacant	

Council Trunk-Or-Treat

Calling all boys and ghouls...dress in your spookiest or most boo-tiful costumes and come on out to the Council Trunk-Or-Treat October 22nd from 5:30-7 pm. There will be sweet treats and games galore! If units want to decorate a car and distribute candy or recruitment flyers, please contact Kelly Thaxton at Kelly.thaxton@scouting.org.

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 where you succeed, so does each scout. Registration is available now on the Council website at www.buckskin.org/shawnee.

District Committee Meeting

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

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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. Register today at www.buckskin.org.

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.

FALL PRODUCT SALE ORDER PICK-UP

The Fall Product Sale ends Wednesday, October 28. Units that ordered Show and Sale product can return unopened cases of product. Take Orders are due by noon – either enter on-line or submit your unit order to the Huntington Scout Shop or the Charleston Service Center. Take Order pick up is planned for Friday, November 13 at the Huntington Scout Shop.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

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

VETERAN'S DAY FLAG PLACEMENTS

November 7 is the Saturday before Veterans Day. On Saturday, scouts, leaders and their families will gather at Spring Hill Cemetery in Huntington. The group will be placing flags on the graves of veterans buried at this cemetery. This service project begins at 9:00am near the cemetery office in the old cemetery section at the east end of the cemetery. There will be 30 patches available on a first-come basis for the scouts.

MU FOOTBALL SCOUT DAY

Marshall University Football will play Appalachian State on Saturday, November 14. Scouts and their families can order game tickets for \$15 per ticket plus applicable fees through a dedicated Scout Day ticket link. Make plans now to be there. Let's Rally the Scouts for Marshall. The link for Scout Day tickets is www.gofevo.com/event/Scoutday736.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

The Council will observe the Thanksgiving holiday on November 26 & 27. The Scout Office in Charleston and the local Scout Shops will be closed both days. Please plan accordingly.

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Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge Conference

An all-day event, Scouts will have the opportunity to work with local, state, and federal emergency managers at the Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge Conference. The conference will run from 8 am to 4:30 pm at the former Union Carbide/Bridge Valley campus and feature stations on topics like: Go Kits, Dangerous Situations, Signaling, the 5 Steps of Disaster Risk Management, Running an Emergency, and Roles to Assume in an Emergency. There will be a working lunch (provided) during which Scouts will learn about career opportunities in this field. Registration is limited to 60 Scouts and is available on the Council website now! <https://mycouncil.buckskin.org/Event/2755>

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Fall Camporee – Good Friends Outing

Open to Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA, the second annual Good Friends Outing will occur this November 6th through 8th at Camp Kootaga. Troops and Packs are encouraged to camp overnight but have the option to participate in the activities all day on the 7th. 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!*)

Merit Badge College with WVU-P & Boys and Girls Club

Have a few blue cards or merit badge partials left over? Want to earn a few more merit badges? Join us for a Merit Badge College! We'll have two opportunities this December to work on completing those merit badges and earning some new ones. The first session will be December 5th at WVU-P, followed by a second session on December 12th at the Boys and Girls Club of Parkersburg. Keep an eye out for more information and registration details!





Council Fall Camporee & Family Camp October 9-11, 2026

The Summit Bechtel Reserve (or “The Summit,” for short) is a unique Scouting facility spanning over 10,000 acres. One of the reasons Scouting America chose this site for the Summit was its location next to New River Gorge National River. More than 13 miles of the property borders the park, giving Scouts and Scouters access to more than 70,000 acres of managed wilderness beyond the Summit property.

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

Check-in begins Friday evening. Saturday check-in is also offered for those attending just the activity day. Check-out will occur on Sunday. Fees are dependent on your level of participation.

Plan to bring your pack, troop or crew to the Summit for this memorable experience.

Registration will open soon. Exciting events are being finalized and a guide will be released soon.

Watch for updates at www.buckskin.org/events/camporee-family-camp-2026





BUCKSKIN COUNCIL, BSA
CAMP ARROWHEAD
OCTOBER ADVENTURE DAY
and
ROCKET LAUNCH
506 Scout Camp Road, Ona, WV
Saturday, October 17, 2026
Noon to 4:00pm

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

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

SPECIAL MORNING ACTIVITY - Come to camp early on Saturday and enjoy the Fall Hike on the Kanawha Trace. This annual event gives scouts, their families and those in the community to spend some time walking this National Recognized trail. This year we will have a Living History Interpreter, Doug Wood, that will offer up some history of the area as well as the character he will be portraying. He will be portraying Gwaysuta that was a viceroy appointed by the 6-Nations Confederated Iroquois Tribes to oversee their vast land claims in the Ohio Valley.

There is a suggested fee of \$.50 per person. A collectable patch will also be available. Proceeds from the fee and patch sales go to support trail maintenance. Groups head out from Meachem Lodge beginning about 8:15am. Last group will head out 11:00am. You will be back in time to go out and grab some lunch (or bring lunch with you) and then enjoy the fun of Adventure Day.

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

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP

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





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**Scouting America, Buckskin Council
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Marshall University Football
announce**

RALLY THE SCOUTS

November 14, 2026

(kickoff time to be announced)

Be a part of the action of Marshall University Football as the Thundering Herd takes on Appalachian State on November 14 (kick-off to be announced). Scouts and their families can purchase tickets for this game online at a reduced price (details to be announced).

Go to <https://www.gofevo.com/event/Scoutday736>. Seating will be in sections 105, 107, or 113 on the east side of the stadium near gate D.

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

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

October 22nd 5:30-7 PM

H. Bernard Wehrle, Sr. Scout
Leadership Service Center

2829 Kanawha Blvd. E

Charleston, WV 25311

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16TH STREET AT ST. MARYS AVE.

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DOES YOUR GROUP/BUSINESS
WANT TO HAVE A SPACE AND JOIN
IN THE FUN! CALL LISA AT THE
SCOUT OFFICE 422-4507



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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

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

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

Every Scout Deserves a Confident, Knowledgeable Adult Leader...

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Adult Leader!



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

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.



JUNE 7-11, 2027
COONSKIN PARK



JUNE 28-JULY 2, 2027
CAMP ARROWHEAD

*SOFT SAND UNDER YOUR FEET, A REFRESHING SURF SPLASHING AGAINST YOU, WARM SUN ON YOUR FACE, AND A GENTLE BREEZE THROUGH YOUR HAIR. AHHH...PARADISE, RIGHT? WE'RE BRINGING PARADISE TO YOUR BACKYARD SUMMER 2027 WITH THE CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP THEME: **SCOUTING TOWARD PARADISE!***

WE ALREADY BELIEVE SCOUTING PUTS US ALL ON PATH TOWARD A BETTER WORLD, OR PARADISE, IF YOU WILL, IF WE LIVE BY THE SCOUT OATH AND LAW. THIS CAMP WILL TAKE THAT PARADISE ONE STEP FURTHER WITH TROPICAL GAMES, ARTS AND CRAFTS, A CONSERVATION STATION, AND THE TRADITIONAL CAMP ACTIVITIES OF FISHING, SWIMMING, AND SHOOTING SPORTS.

*REGISTRATION WILL OPEN SOON ON THE COUNCIL WEBSITE.
WATCH HERE FOR UPDATES:*

