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Scouting for Food
Do a Good Turn Daily

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

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

Units in the Buckskin Council participate in this annual Good Turn every November. The bags do not have a date on them so units may choose their own weekends to do the drive. While your unit may choose the weekends that best fit your schedule, Buckskin Council's designated dates are November 7th and 14th. After your Scouts have collected the donations, take these items to a food pantry of your choice right in your neighborhood.

We ask unit leaders to please let the council know how many cans/items you collected. **Please report the number of items your unit collects to your District Executive.**

Remember to take time to submit your service hours through Scoutbook Plus at my.scouting.org. Be sure to pick up your bags. Stop by the Wehrle Service Center, Huntington Scout Shop or Parkersburg Scout Shop to get bags.

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

Fall Product Sale
Fall Popcorn Distribution

Orders for the Popcorn Take Order should have been turned in and now it is time for the distribution. Distribution is scheduled for November 13th. If you would like to help sort the orders for your distribution site, you might be able to take your order back to your unit quicker. Contact your District Executive to schedule your pickup. Please remember, all orders must be paid before you pickup your popcorn.

Popcorn 2nd Chance Sale!

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

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

Second Chance Sale Dates Sale November 1 to December 1, 2026

Orders due December 1, 2026 - due by 5:00 pm

Distribution December 17, 2026

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

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November

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

December

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January 2027

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9	Charleston Scout Shop open 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
9	POLAR meeting, Wehrle Service Center, 10:00 am
10	Scout Ski Day at Winterplace
14	Executive Board meeting
16	Huntington Scout Shop open 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
18	MLK Jr Day – Service Center & Shops closed
24	Scout Ski Day at Winterplace



Buckskin Scouting Family,

I'm honored to be serving each of you as your new CEO & Scout Executive. I've already had the pleasure of meeting some of you at the Order of the Arrow Induction weekend where we had over 50 Scouts providing service to Camp Arrowhead, building trails, fixing roofs, and repairing fences. Then the following weekend, we had the Council Camporee at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in Glen Jean. Thank you to Pack 4008 for letting me camp and enjoy the campfire with you. Saturday was filled with so many Scouting adventures, it truly put a smile on my face as I saw Scouting in action! My hope is to meet more of you at our upcoming events or on the Scouting trail. Please be sure to say "Hi" if you have the chance.

If my team or I can be of service in supporting your efforts to grow Scouting, please let me know. There is still time to invite more young people to join! I want to ensure every young person that is involved in Scouting is officially registered, please double check your rosters in Scoutbook. This will help us prepare for rechartering and properly documenting the advancements that Scout is achieving.

As we look forward, this time of year allows us as Scouts to *Do Our Best* and *Help Other People at All Times*. Please join in our Scouting for Food efforts to fill the food pantries in our communities. Find ways for your Scouts to provide service to your community, neighbors and friends. Be mindful of what you're thankful for and spread the Scouting spirit to as many as possible.

As a Scout is Reverent, you're in my prayers,



Janssen W. Lemley
CEO & Scout Executive
Scouting America, Buckskin Council



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

Merit Badge College with WVU-P and 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.

The second session on December 12th at the Boys and Girls Club of Parkersburg.

The fee is $15. Register online at buckskin.org/kootaga.

New Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook Now Available!

Scouts BSA has released the October 2026 edition of the Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook. It's shorter, easier to use, and focused on what Scouts need to do to complete their project.

What's new:

- Same five parts: Information for Beneficiaries, Project Proposal, Fundraising Application, Project Plan, and Project Report
- Fewer pages: The Scout's portion is now 22 pages, down from 32 in the 2023 edition
- Project plan required: Scouts must use the workbook's project plan
- Firm report deadline: The project report must be completed, signed, and dated before the Scout's 18th birthday
- Better PDF: Fixes several Adobe PDF problems from the 2023 edition
- Stronger guidance: New guidance on safety and Safeguarding Youth

Already started in the 2023 workbook? If your project proposal was fully approved before January 1, 2027, you can finish with that workbook.

Download it at www.buckskin.org/forms/advancement-forms



Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge Conference

Saturday, December 5th
8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Bridge Valley Community & Technical College, South Charleston

Join with the Emergency Management Division of West Virginia for an Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge Conference on December 5th. This is an all-day event and Scouts will have the opportunity to work with local, state, and federal emergency managers to earn their Emergency Preparedness merit badge.

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, so reserve your spot today!

Please complete these Emergency Preparedness merit badge prerequisites before you attend:

Req. 2a-c - Planning for Family Emergencies. Do the following:

(a) At a family meeting, discuss the situations on the chart you created for requirement 1(b) and make emergency plans for sheltering-in-place and for evacuation of your home. Discuss your family meeting and plans with your counselor.

(b) Develop and practice a plan of escape for your family in case of fire in your home. Draw a floor plan with escape routes and a map with a safe meeting place. Discuss your family's home escape plan with your counselor.

(c) Using a checklist in the *Emergency Preparedness* merit badge pamphlet or one approved by your counselor, prepare or inspect a family disaster kit for sheltering-in-place and for evacuation of your home. Review the needs and uses of the items in a kit with your counselor.

Req. 9 - First Aid Merit Badge. Earn the First Aid merit badge.

Register today at www.buckskin.org.



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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



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

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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

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Parkersburg Scout Shop
1900 Garfield Ave Unit D
Parkersburg, WV 26101
Monday-Friday 9:00 am-5:00 pm (No Saturdays)
Phone: 304-422-4507/ fax 304-428-8594

Charleston and Huntington Scout Shops are open one Saturday a month from
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
The specific dates are listed below:

Charleston Shop	Huntington Shop
Nov. 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

Cub Scout Fun Day

Wehrle Service Center
November 21 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

The Buckskin Council is hosting a Cub Scout Fun Day on November 21st from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Wehrle Service Center.

All Cub Scouts are invited to join us for lots of Cub Scouting fun! There will be shooting sports, fall crafts, fall-inspired STEM activities, games, and food!

This free event is a wonderful way to spend a late fall day with other Cub Scouts before the holidays. We hope to have some activities outside, but we'll move everything inside if there are storms.

Contact the Service Center at 304-340-3663 if you have any questions! Advance registration is requested so we can have a better estimate for food.

Register at **www.buckskin.org/shawnee-events/cub-scout/fun-day-Nov21**

Holiday Lights Celebration

December is a time for families and friends to gather and enjoy the spirit of the holidays. During this season every community comes alive with holiday lights. This year, the Council will send a special Holiday Lights Celebration patch to scouts who submit a picture of themselves attending a holiday light display.

To earn your patch, find a holiday light display near you and go see it with your den, pack, troop, or family. Take a picture of your scout in front of the display and send it to us. We'd love to see you proudly wear your scout uniform! Submit your picture at www.buckskin.org or send it to bill.bryant@scouting.org.

We will send you our special Holiday Lights Celebration patch for participating. (Parents and Guardians: if you do not wish to have your child's picture published, please let us know when you submit it. Don't worry, your scout will still get a patch.)

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. This training is by invitation only. Training begins at 9am and finishes by 3pm, we provide free lunch as well, and snacks throughout.

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!
Register today at **www.buckskin.org.**

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
Nov. 14	Lodge Leadership Development at the Wehrle Service Ctr	
Dec. 12	Winter Banquet	The Summit

Lodge Dues

Have you paid your 2026 Lodge Dues? You have until December 1st to pay your dues for 2026. After December 1st, you may pay your 2027 Lodge Dues.
Lodge members may also purchase a 2027 Fox Pass for $60. A limited number of Fox Passes are available, so get them while they last. The Fox Pass pays for your attendance at Inductions Weekend, Spring Ordeal & Brotherhood Weekend, Fall Ordeal & Brotherhood Weekend, and the Winter Banquet. Please remember that you must pay your 2027 dues to purchase a Fox Pass. Questions about dues? Call the Wehrle Service Center at 304-340-3663.

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

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

****DATE CHANGE** 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, December 6, 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 November 28th, so we know how many to expect.
Register at **www.buckskin.org/shawnee**

Training Calendar		
November 1	Cub Leader trng	Forrest Burdette UMC
February	Marshall Univ. Merit Badge College	
March	University of Scouting at WVSU	
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	TBA	
Kootaga	Pete Conklin	wpconklin@gmail.com 304-455-5064
Mtn Dominion	Daren Law	marshall.d.law@gmail.com 540-235-6467
Seneca	Carol McCarthy	designsbycarol@gmail.com
Shawnee	Rosann Brooks	rosann1030@aol.com

BUCKSKIN COUNCIL SCOUTS ON SKIS FAMILY SKI OUTINGS AT WINTERPLACE

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

Sunday, January 10, 2027
Sunday, January 24, 2027
Sunday, February 7, 2027
Sunday, February 21, 2027

Ski Package $80

Includes:

- Full day lift ticket
- Equipment rental (skis, boots, poles)
- Helmet
- 90 minute beginner group lesson (age minimum 8 years old)

Add-on Options

- Meal ticket $17
- Snowtubing $35 (minimum height 44") Three sessions available
- Snowtubing all day $60

Must purchase your ticket by Thursday before the event to receive the group discount.

Register at
shop.winterplace.com/groups



Adena District

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

Adena Event Calendar

November

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

December

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

January, 2027

1	New Year's Day – Office & Shops Closed
7	Roundtable – 6:30pm
9	POLAR – 10am-noon-Charleston
16	Huntington Shop Open 9am-1pm
18	MLK Day – Office & Shops Closed
21	District Committee – 6:00pm
23	Adena Product Celebration
29-31	Multi-District Klondike – Camp Arrowhead

ROUNDTABLE

The Monthly Roundtable Meeting will be November 5. 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 November District Committee Meeting will be conducted on November 19. The start time will be 6:00pm. This meeting will be conducted via Zoom. Please use the meeting ID 846 3566 4748 to join.

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.

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.

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.

FALL PRODUCT SALE

The Fall 2026 Product Sale ended October 28 with take orders submitted and leftover Show & Sale product returned. Product pick-up for this sale will be available November 13. Adena District orders will be picked-up at the Huntington Scout Shop. Can your unit sell a bit more or you have a new units that just started? The second chance sale runs from November 1-30. Orders are due December 1st. Raise a little more money to help pay for advancements and program activities. Second sale product will be available by Dec. 17.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

This annual service project benefits 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. **(Adena District Continued on page 15)**

Chief Cornstalk District

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

Chief Cornstalk Event Calendar

November

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

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Chief Cornstalk District Committee

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

Cub Scout Fun Day at Wehrle Service Center

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Be sure to complete the Emergency Preparedness merit badge prerequisites before you attend.

Kootaga District

Serving: Wood, Jackson, Wirt, Roane, Ritchie, Calhoun counties in WV, and the communities of Belpre, Little Hocking, and Coolville in Ohio

andrew.murphy2@scouting.org www.buckskin.org/kootaga

Kootaga Event Calendar

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
8	Roundtable, 7:30pm
24-25	Christmas – Service Center & Shops Closed
28	Shops Closed for Inventory

January

1	New Year's – Service Center & Shops Closed
12	District Committee, 6:30pm
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18	MLK Jr Day – Service Center & Shops closed
22-24	Klondike Derby

Product Sale Pickup

We hope that everyone has had a successful product sale this fall. Distribution for Take Order sales will occur November 13th at Bob's Market in Belpre, OH. To schedule product sale pickup, please contact Andrew Murphy.

Second Chance Product Sale

Miss the first round of product sale? Want to sell more? You can sell more popcorn and meat sticks to help pay for your year of scouting! Take Order sales for the second sale begin November 1st. Orders are due December 1st at noon and distribution will occur December 17th.

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. **November's meeting is at Stout Memorial United Methodist Church.**

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Kootaga District Committee

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	Jay Wilson	

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 contact Christopher Burk for a link to the meeting if you do not normally receive it. Roundtable is no longer at Pickering Associates. November's meeting is at Stout Memorial United Methodist Church.

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. Register at www.buckskin.org/Kootaga. *(Fun Fact: the district and camp namesake, "Kootaga," comes from the Kiowa Language "Gkohm t'ah-gyah," meaning Good Friend!)*

Merit Badge College with WVU-P and Boys & 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 those merit badges and earn some new ones. The first session is December 5th at WVU-P, followed by a second session on December 12th at the Boys and Girls Club of Parkersburg. Register online at buckskin.org/kootaga.

Klondike Derby at Camp Kootaga

Invest in handwarmers, footwarmers, and some winter gear as you come out to spend the weekend on January 22nd-24th. Will the Mountain Monster be back this year or has he been scared off for good by camp dog Odin? Come see what's happening at camp this winter! Information is available online at buckskin.org/kootaga.

Mountain Dominion District

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

Mt Dominion Event Calendar

November
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

January
1 New Year's Day – Service Center & Shops closed
9 POLAR Meeting, Wehrle Service Center, 10:00 am
18 MLK Jr Day – Service Center & Shops closed

Mt. Dominion District Committee

District Chair	Brian Blankenship	304-888-2842
District Commissioner	Jason Anderson	304-960-1096
District Executive	Samuel Bosley	304-573-5499
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Advancement Chair		
Popcorn Chair		
OA Chapter Advisor	Brian Blankenship	304-888-2842
Membership Chair	vacant	
Religious Emb. Coor.	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 Meetings

The District meeting is November 19th 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.

Christmas Dinner: December 17th, 2026
Registration will open soon at CampRoland.com or Buckskin.org/mtdominion

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
January 23, 2027 9am-3pm
Location: Bluefield State University pool
Cub scouts will do swimming activities after lunch (1pm-3pm)

Klondike Derby: February 19th-21st, 2027
Location: Pipestem State Park

District Awards Dinner: March 20th, 2027
Location: Schell Hall
Time 6PM
Watch for more information

Spring Camp-O-REE: April 2027
Watch for more information
Badge-O-REE: Third week in July 2027
Watch for more information



Seneca District

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

Seneca Event Calendar

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

January
1 New Year's Day – Service Center & Shops closed
9 POLAR Meeting, Wehrle Service Center, 10:00 am
18 MLK Jr Day – Service Center & Shops closed

Seneca District Committee

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

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

District meeting

The District Committee meeting is Tuesday, November 3, 2026. The meeting begins at 7:00 pm and will be on Zoom.

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.

Swim-O-Ree

Join us at Bluefield State University for a day of swimming. Practice your skills and have a good time with friends. The Swim-o-Ree is January 23, 2027, from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Cub scouts will do swimming activities after lunch (1pm-3pm). Watch for registration to open soon.

Klondike Derby Camporee

Our Klondike Derby is scheduled for February 26-28, 2027. More information to come.

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
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www.buckskin.org/shawnee

Shawnee District Event Calendar

November

7	Scouting for Food Drop-Off
13	Popcorn Pickup
13	Scouting for Food Pick-Up
21	Cub Scout Fun Day, Scout Service Center
26-27	Thanksgiving – Service Center & Shops closed

December

1	Second Chance Product Sale ends – Orders due
5	Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge Conference
6	Cub Leader Position-Specific Training, Forrest Burdette UMC
17	Second Chance Sale product delivery
24-25	Christmas – Service Center & Shops closed
28	Scout Shops closed for inventory

January

1	New Year's Day – Service Center & Shops closed
18	MLK Jr Day – Service Center & Shops closed

Scouting for Food

Scouting for Food is the annual push to fill local food pantries and kitchens. Scouts distribute grocery bags throughout their neighborhoods one Saturday and collect them the next. The bags should state when they'll be picked up so neighbors know when to fill and set them out. Units can choose when they participate in the service project, but the Council plans for the first and second Saturday in November to encourage an organized effort of restocking before the holidays. Bags are available at the Council Service Center.

Cub Scout Fun Day

We are hosting a Cub Scout Fun Day on November 21st from 10-2 at the Council Service Center. There will be shooting sports, a couple of fall crafts, fall-inspired STEM activities, games, and food! This event is free and should be a wonderful way to spend a late fall day with other Cub Scouts before the holidays. We hope to have some activities outside, but we'll move everything inside if there are storms. Contact me or Billy if you have any questions! Advance registration is requested so we can have a better estimate for food.

Shawnee District Committee

District Chair	Leo Lopez	304-419-4554
District Commissioner	Rosann Brooks	304-881-1042
District Executive	Ellen Blackwood	304-993-8648
Vice District Chair	Colleen Sergent	304-552-0297
Vice District Chair (Finance)	vacant	
Advancement Chair	Debbie Slack	304-340-3663
Program Chair	Mike Lamb	304-590-1354
Cub Program Chair	Diana Castle	
Camping Chair	vacant	
SBSA Scout Roundtable	Gerry Stover	
Cub Scout Roundtable	Colleen Sergent	304-552-0297
Product Sales	David Duncan	304-541-7559
Membership Chair	Traci Hudson	304-382-9679
OA Chapter Advisor	vacant	

Fall Product Sale

If you didn't quite reach your sales goal or if your unit is just getting off the ground, you can still participate in the product sale this month! With Camp Masters and Country Meats, there's something for everyone! They'll make great gifts or stocking stuffers, too! The Second Chance Sale runs until December 1st. All orders need to be in that day so the Council can get products ordered in time for winter break. Product pickup is scheduled for December 17th at the Scout shops.

Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge Conference

An all-day event, Scouts will work with local, state, and federal emergency managers at the Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge Conference. The conference runs from 8 am to 4:30 pm at the former Union Carbide/Bridge Valley campus and features 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. Register today at www.buckskin.org/Shawnee. Limit 60 scouts.

District Committee Meeting

Shawnee District's Committee Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of most months. November's will be on the 19th. A zoom link is available at www.buckskin.org/Shawnee. Meetings start at 6:30 PM and all are welcome to attend. We discuss upcoming events, plan for recruiting and unit growth, and share ideas.

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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 https://www.gofevo.com/event/Scoutday736 .

CUB SCOUT FUN DAY

A November Cub Fun Day will be held at the Charleston Service Center on Saturday, November 21 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. All Cub Scouts are invited to join us for lots of Cub Scouting fun! There will be shooting sports, fall crafts, fall-inspired STEM activities, games, and food!

This free event is a wonderful way to spend a late fall day with other Cub Scouts before the holidays. We hope to have some activities outside, but we'll move everything inside if there are storms. Advance registration is requested so we can have a better estimate for food. Check the Council website for registration information.

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.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MB 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 at Bridge Valley Community and Technical College in South Charleston. The date is December 5. Event is from 8:00am to 4:30pm, with a working lunch provided. There is no fee to participate, but pre-registration is a must as attendance is limited to 60 scouts. Adults planning to attend are also required to pre-register as well.

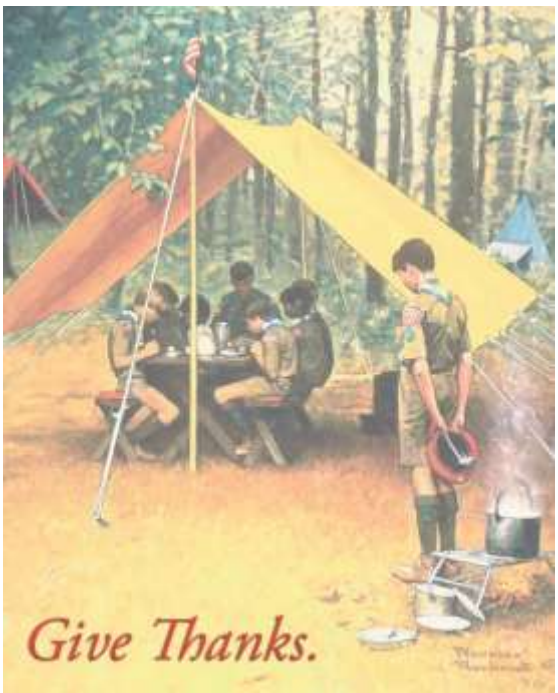
Please complete these Emergency Preparedness merit badge prerequisites: 2a-c, 8b, and 9 (documentation of First Aid merit badge completion).

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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.

CUB SCOUT FUN DAY

JOIN US FOR SOME FREE, FUN, FESTIVE FALL-OWSHIP!

SHOOTING SPORTS

GAMES

CRAFTS

STEM ACTIVITIES

FOOD

REGISTER HERE!

NOVEMBER 21ST
10 AM - 2 PM

COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER

2829 Kanawha Blvd. E Charleston, WV 25311

Scouting for Food 2026

District: _____

Pack/Troop/Crew/Post #: _____

Person Completing Form: _____

Number of Cans/Items Collected: _____

Number of Scouts: _____

Number of Adults: _____

Number of Tagalongs: _____

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

Buckskin Council Office
2829 Kanawha Blvd. East
Charleston, WV25311

You may also submit your unit's food collection report online at
www.buckskin.org/scouting-for-food-2026

Please have these turned in by **December 20, 2026**.

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

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

MERIT BADGE CONFERENCE



DECEMBER 5TH 8-4:30

BLDG 2000
2001 UNION CARBIDE DR
SO. CHARLESTON, WV 25303

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Jan 10, Jan 24, Feb 7, Feb 21, 2027

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- A full day (open to close) **Lift Ticket**
- Ski or Snowboard **Rental** Equipment (boots, poles, skis)
- Helmet
- 90-minute **Beginner Group Lesson** (minimum age for a group lesson is 8)

ADD-ON OPTIONS:

- Meal Voucher $17
- Snowtubing $35 (must be 44" or taller) Available Sessions: 9AM-12PM, 3PM-6PM, 6PM-9PM
- Snowtubing (All Day) $60

DATES:	CODES:
January 10	BUCKJAN1027
January 24	BUCKJAN2427
February 7	BUCKFEB727
February 21	BUCKFEB2127

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

Pre-register and purchase your ticket by Thursday before the event to receive the $80 rate. Your family, friends and neighbors qualify for this special rate.

Contact: Larry Wunderly Email: larry.wunderly@scouting.org

WINTERPLACE

The Seneca District, Buckskin Council, Scouting America
presents

the 2027 Summit Showdown Camporee

at the Summit Bechtel Reserve

Summit
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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.

SCOUTING TOWARD PARADISE



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: