



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXPERIENCE CAMPOREE AND CUB SCOUT FAMILY CAMP

Bucks skin Council, WVU Medicine Thomas Hospitals, and the Summit Bechtel Reserve are hosting a **Emergency Preparedness Experience Weekend** on October 4-6.

What great activities are planned? In addition to many displays and demonstrations by state and local first responders, a ton of activities will be offered in the afternoon for packs, troops and crews. Do you like fishing, range and target sports, RC planes, field games? This is the weekend for you!

The activity day on Saturday, Oct 5 is free. Packs will have a special area for overnight camping Friday and Saturday nights. Troops and crews will have a separate camping area as well.

What does it cost? The full weekend of camping at the Cub Family Camp or Troop /Crew Camporee is \$20 per person.

This includes all activities and three meals on Saturday

OR

If you plan to just visit for the day, the event is FREE. (Lunch is included, but *no breakfast or dinner.*)

For an additional fee of \$10, Scouts and leaders can do Climbing and ziplining or Cub Scouts can do Climbing.

Registration is required for this event for both day visitors and camping. Register at www.bucks skin.org/



Fall Popcorn Sale 2024 Begins September 1st!

One fundraiser to support your unit's entire year of fun and adventure! Popcorn is here to help you fund a fantastic Scouting program in the coming year. With the support of Bucks skin Council and CAMP MASTERS, you can earn all the necessary funding through this single activity.

There are four ways to succeed with your popcorn sale. The more methods you use, the better results you'll have.

- 1. Show-n-Sell:** Order popcorn early. When the sale begins on September 1st, your unit sells popcorn to customers at a pre-determined location, such as a supermarket, big box store, or a festival. Units that have used this method report great success.
- 2. Show and Deliver:** Scouts visit friends and neighbors with the product and a 'Take Order' form. They can sell the popcorn on hand or take an order, whatever the customer prefers.
- 3. Take Order:** Scouts visit friends, family, and neighbors with the Order Form and take orders that will be delivered later.
- 4. Online Direct Sale:** 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.

Popcorn Sale Dates

September 1	Sale begins
October 29	Unsold Show & Sell Product returned
October 30	Orders due by NOON
November 15-16	Take Order Product delivered

Council Officers

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Council Calendar

September

- 1 Fall Popcorn Sale begins
- 2 Labor Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 6-8 Circuit Rider 34 Camporee, Jackson's Mill
- 12 Executive Board meeting
- 14 Council-District Operations meeting (CDO), 10:00 am, Wehrle Service Center
- 14 Charleston Scout Shop open, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 20-21 BALOO training, Camp Arrowhead
- 20-21 IOLS training, Camp Arrowhead
- 28 Huntington Scout Shop open, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 28 Sportsman Clays Classic, WV Clays Inc.

October

- 4-6 Council Emergency Preparedness Camporee
- 4-6 OA Fall Fellowship, Camp Arrowhead
- 10 Executive Committee meeting
- 12 Charleston Shop open, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 19 Huntington Shop open, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 24 Council Trunk or Treat
- 30 Popcorn Orders due to council by Noon

November

- 1 Second Chance Popcorn Sale begins
- 2 Charleston Shop open, 9:00 am—1:00 pm
- 9 Huntington Shop open, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 14 Executive Board meeting
- 15 Popcorn Distribution
- 28-29 Thanksgiving—Service Center & Shops Closed

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Council - District Operations Meeting (CDO)
Saturday, September 14, 2024
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
 H.B. Wehrle Service Center
 2829 Kanawha Blvd East
 Charleston, WV
 (Zoom option available)





Dear Scout Leaders,

The Scout Program Year is now in session. New Scouts should be filling our ranks and our experienced Scouts should be returning to have another great year of adventure and excitement!

Recruit early, recruit often. Every family should have the chance to have the positive experience that comes from being a Scout Family. Extend the invitation to as many youth and families as possible.

Take advantage of the free monthly Scouting activities your district and the council offers all Scouts in the Buckskin Council. Information on these free activities can be found here in the Courier and on

the council web site.

The Buckskin Council Popcorn Sale starts this month. Each year hundreds of Buckskin Packs and Troops raise much needed unit funding by participating in the safe and very profitable popcorn sale. Scouts also get benefits with a great prize program and learning to “earn their way”. And the council benefits from the sale as well. It is a win-win-win situation.

Highlights for this years popcorn sale can be found in this issue of the Courier. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with this vital information.

Good Scouting to you and yours,

Jeffrey L. Purdy
Scout Executive

Journey to Excellence (JTE) Unit Recognition Program to Be Retired

Effective December 31, 2024, the Journey to Excellence unit recognition program will be retired. Moving forward, metrics for Scouting and Exploring unit success will be seamlessly integrated into unit leader support materials and resources. These metrics will be consistent with those used by the Commissioner corps to support Scouting and Exploring units. This new approach aims to provide a consistent and more streamlined and effective method for evaluating and enhancing unit performance. Feedback from unit leaders and survey results played a crucial role in making this decision. We believe this transition will better support our unit leaders and ultimately improve the experience for all participants as we continue to develop and deliver relevant programs. Units can continue to purchase 2024 Journey to Excellence recognition items through December 31, 2025.

**Sportsman Clays Classic
Presented by WV Clays Inc. and
Buckskin Council**

Saturday, September 28, 2024



Whether you’re a seasoned shooter or a beginner, you are invited to the Sporting Clays Classic at West Virginia Clay, Inc. West Virginia Clays, Inc. is one of West Virginia's best skeet, trap and 5-stand sporting clays clubs. It is located in the scenic mountains just 18 miles from downtown Charleston, WV.

Bring your own equipment and ammunition. Enjoy food and refreshments, plus prizes for top teams.

COST \$400 per Team
 \$100 per Individual Shooter

Register at www.buckskin.org





2026 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE DATES ANNOUNCED

The Boy Scouts of America announced that the next National Scout Jamboree will be held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia July 22-31, 2026. More than just a gathering of Scouts, the Jamboree will provide High Adventure programming, a chance to meet Scouts from around the country, and so much more. Many of you have waited years for the opportunity to attend a Jamboree, and we are excited to offer a local contingent that will help you reach this Scouting milestone. We hope that you will consider joining with us as we plan and take part in a memorable Scouting adventure! Preliminary plans for the 2026 NSJ include the Buckskin Council sending a male troop of 40 (36 youth and 4 adults) and a female troop of 20 (18 youth and 2 adults).

The event-wide arena shows will be returning during the 2026 NSJ. The Jamboree will also incorporate the 250th birthday of the USA. National Jamboree plans to open registration in November, 2024.

Due to the recent announcement of the Jamboree dates, we will wait until further event details are published prior to outlining contingent costs and a registration timeline. Check out the next steps listed below in order to stay in the loop on Jamboree and contingent developments.

Next Steps for Parents and Interested Leaders

- To stay in the loop with Jamboree and local contingent developments, join our mailing list by filling out the online form at www.buckskin.org/events/2026-nsj.
- Based on experience, we strongly encourage that parents and scouts explore fundraising options to help fund participation in the Jamboree.
- A process will be published at a later date outlining the leadership selection process for the units that will make-up our contingent to the Jamboree. Please sign-up for the mailing list, and indicate your interest to serve as a leader to receive more information.

See you at the Summit in 2026!

Basic Adult Leaders Outdoor

Orientation

This one-and-a-half day course is designed as an introduction to the Cub Scout outdoor program for leaders interested in adding a camping component to their Pack activities.

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

When & Where: Sept. 20-21, 2024 at Camp Arrowhead

Fee: \$25

Register: www.buckskin.org/training

Questions: Sue Williams buzy2buzy@gmail.com

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

Training

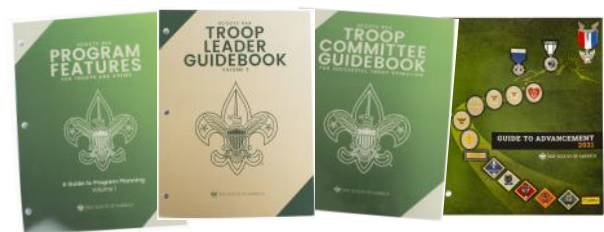
Working as patrols, this hands-on course provides adult leaders the practical outdoor skills they need to lead Scouts in the out-of-doors. Upon completion, leaders should feel comfortable teaching Scouts the basic skills required to obtain the First Class rank. Along with Scoutmaster Specifics this course is required of all direct contact leaders registered in Scouts BSA Troops in order to be considered "trained".

When & Where: Sept. 20-21, 2024 at Camp Arrowhead

Fee: \$30

Register: www.buckskin.org/training

Questions: Rosann Brooks rosann1030@aol.com



Scoutmasters!

Start your new program year off with a great plan. Learn how with guidebooks filled with over 100 years of experience.

Wilderness First Aid Training

November 1-2, 2024

Camp Kootaga

Wilderness First Aid training is required for units taking back-country trips and excursions. "Backcountry" is defined as anywhere that medical care is more than one hour away.

The training is November 1-2 at Camp Kootaga and is available for adults and scouts who are at least 14 years old.

The fee is \$85. As part of the training, participants will also receive CPR/AED certification. The class is limited to the first 20 who register. Please register at www.buckskin.org/training by Friday, October 25th at Noon.

If you have any questions, contact Alvin Watts at 304-751-5686 or awatts4013@yahoo.com.



Scout Day at WVU Football

October 19, 2024

WVU vs Kansas State Wildcats

The Scouts and your West Virginia Mountaineers have teamed up for the 7th annual **Scout Day** on **October 19th vs. the Kansas State Wildcats**. Tickets start at **\$40.00** each and include admission to the event and each Scout Member in attendance will receive an **EXCLUSIVE 2024 Scout Day Football Patch!**

The amount of patches you order can not exceed the amount of tickets you purchase!!

A portion of every ticket sold goes back to directly support the **Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council & Boy Scout Councils**. **BE SURE TO SELECT YOUR COUNCIL DURING CHECKOUT!**

All Scouts will receive **discounted tickets** along with **group seating** that way you can experience the excitement together. Once you purchase tickets, you will be able to search a friend's name in the "who's going tab" and select seats next to them. The other party must have purchased their tickets first!

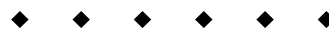
Purchase tickets at

fevo-enterprise.com/event/wvufootballscoutday2024

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

1117 Garfield Ave

Parkersburg, WV 26101

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

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



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

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

The specific dates are listed below:

Charleston Shop	Huntington Shop
Sept 14	Sept 28
Oct 12	Oct 19
Nov 2	Nov 9
Dec 21	Dec 14
Jan 11	Jan 18
Feb 8	Feb 22
March 8	March 22
April 12	April 26
May 10	May 17



TAKHONEK LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW, LODGE #617



September is the beginning of the final quarter of the year, which is sad. 2024 is a year I will miss; however, trek on we must. We still have events to enjoy at least.

Summer Picnic

The summer picnic was perfect. Special thanks to all staff involved. With plenty of sun and pool side fun, everyone had a fun Saturday full of good food and fellowship. We also announced the vigil candidates for this year. This is a picnic that won't be topped for a while.

Fall Fellowship

Fall Fellowship will be held at Camp Arrowhead October 4-6. This is a great opportunity to get your brotherhood or have ordeal candidates go through the ordeal. This is the last big lodge-wide service event until the spring fellowship. I encourage all to come out. Even if you are not an ordeal candidate or brotherhood candidate the opportunity to reexperience the ceremonies from a new perspective is worth it alone. Visit [Buckskin.org/OA](https://www.buckskin.org/OA) to register.

Vigil/Vigil Reunion

The Vigil/Vigil Reunion this year has been moved to September 20-21. It will be held at the Summit Bechtel Scout Reservation. This event can only be attended by Vigil members and Vigil Candidates. Registration is officially open online for all interested.

Annual Lodge Officer Elections at Fall Fellowship

Are you interested in running for a lodge office position for 2024? Download the form from this link

<https://www.buckskin.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Takhonek-Officer-Nomination-Form.pdf>

fill it out, and return it to be eligible to run. Positions include Lodge Chief, Vice Chief of Administration, Vice Chief of Program, and Lodge Secretary. Please make sure to have your parent, Scoutmaster, and Chapter Adviser all sign the form before you submit it at the event. Applications that are not signed cannot be accepted.

Fall Fellowship will also have Chapter Chief elections held during the event. Due note, you do not need any special paperwork filled out to run for chapter chief, just lodge offices.

Unit Elections

As the year comes to an end, more scouts may become eligible to join the ranks of the OA. All troops are encouraged to hold OA elections if they have any eligible members. Chapters should be beating the bushes and contacting the units in their district to schedule unit elections.

2024 Dues

It is essential to remind you to pay your dues. You want to be allowed to go to events or buy merchandise, don't you?

Go to <https://www.buckskin.org/oa> to pay your dues or click on the QR code.



Takhonek Social Media

Did you know your Takhonek lodge is on Social Media? Check out the links below for whichever platform you prefer to use.



Snapchat- [takhonek.lodge](https://www.snapchat.com/add/takhonek.lodge)



Facebook- [Takhonek lodge #617](https://www.facebook.com/takhonek.lodge.617)



Instagram- [takhoneklodge](https://www.instagram.com/takhoneklodge)



X (Twitter)- [@Takhonek](https://twitter.com/Takhonek)

2024 Lodge Officers

Lodge Chief: Blake Blankenship
VC Administration: Sam Miller
VC Program: Wyatt Dennison
Secretary: Xander Dennison
Immediate Past Chief: Sarah Dudley

2024 Chapter Chiefs

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

2024 Adult Advisers

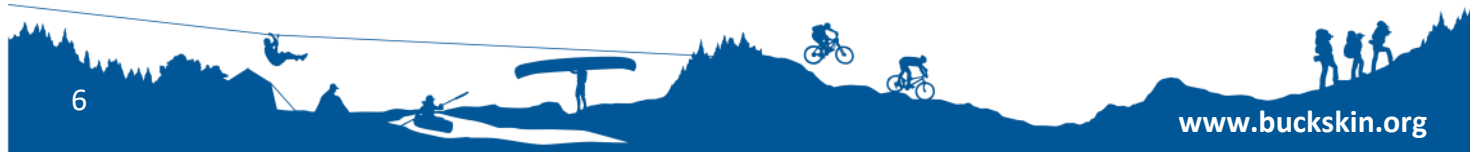
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Wapiti: David Duncan david.duncan@suddenlink.net

2024 Lodge Calendar

Date	Event	Location
September 20-21	Vigil/Vigil Reunion	Summit Sub Camp A
Oct. 4-6	Fall Ordeal/Brotherhood	Camp Arrowhead
November 1-3	Section E13 Forum	Camp Lazarus
November 16	Lodge Leadership Dev.(LLD)	Buckskin Council Office
December 14	Lodge Winter Banquet	Summit Pigott Dining Hall





Training Corner

By Susan Williams

Cub Scout Leader Training

Online Cub Scout leader training has been updated and reflects changes to the new Cub Scout program that was launched on June 1, 2024. We strongly suggest anyone who has previously completed this training to complete the updated online modules, this will ensure they are prepared to conduct the new Cub Scout program.

Which sections on the online Cub Scout training site have been updated?

Online Cub Scout position-specific training is conveniently broken into modules that you can take at the time of your choosing. You do not have to take every module of any particular training in the same session.

(All Cub Scout online training can be found under the “My Training” section of [my.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org).)

All of the training modules have been updated to ensure they reflect the current program. Here are the online position-specific trainings that contain modules that have the most significant updates:

- ✦ Den Leader/Assistant Den Leader
- ✦ Cubmaster/Assistant Cubmaster
- ✦ Pack Committee Chair
- ✦ Pack Committee Members

If you hold one of these positions and it’s been a while since you reviewed the online training, it might be a good idea to retake these entire trainings. However, if you’re short on time and are looking to get up to speed right away, there are certain modules you can take first.

Which modules should I really focus on?

The National Cub Scouting Committee recommends that — at a minimum — you review the following modules:

- ✦ **Bobcat:** Bobcat is now a Cub Scout Adventure required for all ranks.
- ✦ **Advancement:** Updates how each badge of rank is earned.
- ✦ **Cub Scout Uniforms:** Includes information on Webelos and Arrow of Light uniform updates.
- ✦ **Conducting a Den Meeting:** Outlines how to plan and conduct a den meeting using the updated Adventures and Den Meeting Resources found in the handbooks and [online](#).
- ✦ **Denners and Den Chiefs:** Recommended for den leaders for Bears, Webelos and Arrow of Light dens. The updated Bobcat requirement for these ranks includes the Denner and Arrow of Light Patrol Leader.
- ✦ **Conducting a Pack Meeting:** Includes information on planning for Cub Scout Adventures that can be completed as a pack and making pack meetings more activity based.
- ✦ **Pack Structure:** Includes updated information about forming dens.
- ✦ **Annual Program Planning:** Update includes planning for Cub Scout Adventures that can be completed as a pack. The average time it will take to refresh your training is 30 minutes, give or take a few minutes depending on what position you hold.

Woodbadge

Buckskin Council will offer a Woodbadge course in September, 2025.

Wood Badge is an advanced, national leadership course open only to Scouting volunteers and professionals.

Scouters from Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts, and Explorers, and district and council Scouters all are welcome and belong here. *The purpose of Wood Badge is to develop skilled leaders who can strengthen Scouting units in achieving the mission of the Boy Scouts of America.*

When we accomplish the mission of Scouting, we do it in the units.

Although the course is different today, what Baden-Powell said in 1919 still applies: *“One of the purposes of Wood Badge training is to get Scouters to think about the practice of Scouting, to meet together, to exchange experiences, and to live together in the spirit of the Scout Oath.”*

Training Calendar

September

20-21 Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO),

Camp Arrowhead

20-21 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS),

Camp Arrowhead

November

1-2 Wilderness First Aid training, Camp Kootaga

To schedule training, contact a member of our council training team.

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Council Vice Chair	Carol McCarthy	designsbycarol@gmail.com 703-587-4453
Adena	Sue Williams	buzy2buzy@gmail.com
Chief Cornstalk	TBD	
Kootaga	Pete Conklin	wpconklin@gmail.com 304-455-5064
Mtn Dominion	Daren Law	marshall.d.law@gmail.com 540-235-6467
Seneca	Carol McCarthy	designsbycarol@gmail.com
Shawnee	Rosann Brooks	rosann1030@aol.com

Adena District

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

Adena Event Calendar

September

- 1 Popcorn Take Order Sale Begins
- 2 Labor Day – Council Office & Shops Closed
- 5 Roundtable – 6:30pm
- 6-8 Circuit Rider Camporee – Jackson’s Mill
- 13-14 O/A Vigil Weekend
- 14 Council/District Operations Meeting – 10:00am
- 20-21 BALOO Training – Camp Arrowhead
- 20-21 IOLS Training – Camp Arrowhead

October

- 2 Roundtable – 6:30pm
- 4-6 Emergency Preparedness Camporee & Family Camp, The Summit
- 17 District Committee – 6:00pm
- 19 Rocket Launch Day / JOTA – Camp Arrowhead
- 24 Trunk or Treat – Huntington Scout Shop 5pm-6pm
- 29 Return Unsold Show & Sell for Credit
- 30 Popcorn Take Orders Due

November

- 7 Roundtable – 6:30pm
- 9 Flag Placements – Spring Hill Cemetery 9:00am
- 11 Veterans Day
- 15 Popcorn Pickup - TBD
- 21 District Committee – 6:00pm
- 28-29 Thanksgiving – Council Office & Shops Closed

ROUNDTABLE

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

DISTRICT COMMITTEE

The September District Committee Meeting will be conducted via Zoom Video Conference at 6:00pm. These meetings will continue to be held via Zoom until we are able to meet in person. We are open to suggestions as to where we can resume our in-person meetings. The Zoom meeting ID for the September District Committee meeting is 846 3566 4748.

These meetings begin at 6:00pm on the third Thursday of each month. All units should have a representative attend. All District Committee members and Charter Organization Representatives are encouraged to attend.

Adena District Committee

District Chair	Brian Kinghorn	517-974-4996
District Vice-Chair	vacant	
District Commissioner	Alvin Watts	304-751-5686
District Executive	Carl Sullivan	304-523-3408
Nominating Committee	David Amsbary	304-697-5757
Fund Development	vacant	
Community FOS	Kevin Craig	304-638-0190
Product Sale	Melanie Young	304-523-3408
Membership	vacant	
Training	Sue Williams	217-741-0900
Program Chair	Robert Shields	304-638-4536
Camp Promotion	Jon Keelin	606-739-9232
Advancement	Ed Dzierzak	304-634-6189
Marketing	Jeremy Reed	304-972-9116
Cub Scout Roundtable	Melanie Young	606-928-4903
OA Chapter Advisor	Jon Keelin	606-739-9232

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

SCOUT SHOP OPERATIONS

Fall recruiting season is upon us as school has begun across the district. Many Cub Scout Packs will be starting their meetings after the summer break, while most troops and crews have met during the summer. In any case, new youth and adult volunteers will be signing up to be a part of the fun and excitement of Scouting. Help direct your new families to the Huntington Scout Shop. Melanie has the new handbooks, along with uniforms, uniform parts, and other nifty Scouting items for you and your families.

POPCORN SALE

The annual Campmaster Popcorn Sale gets underway early this year. The Show & Sell and Online Sale portions of the fundraiser have begun. The Take Order portion of the sale begins September 1. Full cases of Show & Sell popcorn may be returned by October 29 for credit. Popcorn orders received during the Take Order sale must be submitted to Council by October 30. The anticipated pickup date for the Take Order products is November 15 & 16. Fund your year of Scouting adventure by selling Campmaster Popcorn! Watch for information about the popcorn pickup site.

CIRCUIT RIDER CAMPOREE

The West Virginia United Methodist Men are sponsoring the Circuit Rider Camporee at WVU Jackson’s Mill, Jane Lew, WV. The camporee will be September 6-8. All scout units are welcome to attend. Troops and crews may camp overnight and enjoy dinner Saturday evening for \$4 per person. Check the website on the Council web page - <https://mycouncil.buckskin.org/Event/2101>

COUNCIL DISTRICT OPERATIONS MEETING

The September CDO meeting will be Saturday, September 14 at the Council Service Center in Charleston. District Committee members meet with their Council counterpart during this meeting which begins at 10:00am. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this meeting.

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Chief Cornstalk District

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Chief Cornstalk District Committee

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District Commissioner	Jon Dudley	740-683-2265
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Vice Chair	Jeffrey Brandt	304-982-5546
Vice Chair	Steve Snodgrass	304-837-3302
Membership Chair	Kevin Abdalla	304-345-8091
Community FOS Chair	vacant	
Family FOS Chair	Mike Kawash	304-768-3948
Product Sales	Jessica Hunter	304-389-8842
Special Event Chair	Steve Downey	
Program Chair	Grace Ann Tolbert	304-988-9537
Training Chair	Bonnie Starling	304-965-7680
Advancement Chair	John Teare	304-550-3516
Camping Chair		
Marketing Chair		
Cub Day Camp	Kara Cvechko	304-573-6720
Cub Day Camp	Alicyn Spencer	304-380-4167
District Chaplain	Danny Pauley	304-561-7666
OA Chapter Advisor	Scott Dennison	

Chief Cornstalk Event Calendar

September

- 1 Popcorn Take Order Sale Begins
- 2 Labor Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 6-8 Circuit Rider Camporee – Jackson’s Mill
- 14 Council/District Operations Meeting – 10:00am
- 19 District Committee Meeting

October

- 4-6 Emergency Preparedness Camporee & Family Camp, The Summit
- 17 District Committee Meeting
- 30 Popcorn Take Orders Due

November

- 15 Popcorn Pickup
- 28-29 Thanksgiving – Council Office & Shops Closed

Emergency Prep Cub Family Camp at the Summit

Cub Scouts and their families are invited to share the weekend in a Family Camp. In addition to the Emergency Preparedness Experience, Cubbies will be able to participate in other activities in the afternoon.

The cost for the weekend, including all activities and meals on Saturday is \$20 per person or if just visiting for the day the event is FREE but includes only lunch, not breakfast or dinner.

Climbing is available for an additional fee of \$10 per person. Registration is required for this event for both day visitors and camping. Please register at the Buckskin Council website at www.buckskin.org

Emergency Prep Scouts BSA Camporee at the Summit

Scouts BSA troops and Venture Crews are encouraged to participate in a weekend camporee at the Summit. Scouts and leaders will take part in the displays and demonstration which are a part of the Emergency Preparedness Experience held on Saturday. In the afternoon, scouts can take part in the special activities planned for this camporee, which will include radio-controlled airplanes and more.

The cost for the weekend, including all activities and meals on Saturday is \$20 per person. If just visiting for the day the event is FREE but includes only lunch, not breakfast or dinner.

For an additional fee of \$10, Scouts and leaders can do Climbing and ziplining.

Fall Recruitment

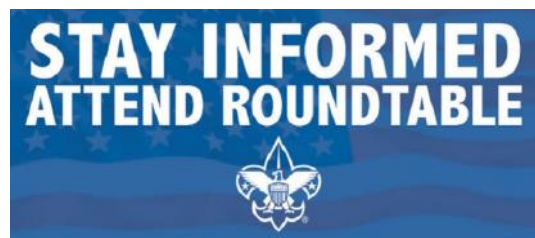
Fall is the time that we traditionally invite new Cub Scouts to join our program. The District Executive will be calling each of the packs to schedule a time and place for your roundup. Traditionally these are held on Tuesday and Thursday and do not need to be on the same night that the Pack Meets. If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

Popcorn

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Orders are due October 30th at noon and distribution will occur November 15th.



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

September

- 1 Popcorn Sale begins
- 2 Labor Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 10 District Committee, 6:30pm
- 11 Roundtable, 7:30pm
- 14 Council/District Operations Meeting – 10:00am

October

- 4-6 Emergency Preparedness Camporee & Family Camp, The Summit
- 8 District Committee 6:30pm
- 8 Roundtable, 7:30pm

November

- 12 Committee, 6:30pm
- 13 Roundtable, 7:30pm
- 15 Popcorn Pickup
- 28-29 Thanksgiving – Council Office & Shops Closed

Camp Kootaga Summer Camp Wrap-up

We enjoyed a wonderful summer out at Camp Kootaga. We had fun, earned merit badges and made great memories. This summer we got to unveil one of the most recent improvements—the Bouldering Grotto! It is available 24/7 for anyone to try! Can you go all the way around the shelter? The Bouldering Grotto is not all that's new. Next summer you'll be able to harness up and climb our new climbing tower! Stay updated in all things Camp Kootaga by following us on our Facebook (Camp Kootaga) or our Instagram (campkootaga).

Camp Kootaga was made possible thanks to the hard work and dedication from many people: camp staff, volunteers, scout leaders, scouts, their families, and many more. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for allowing Camp Kootaga to be so great. Let's work together to make next year even better.

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, at the Parkersburg office, and online, via Zoom. All units should have a representative attend. All District Committee members and Charter Organization Representatives are encouraged to attend.

Roundtable

The Monthly Roundtables are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm and will be both in-person, at the Parkersburg office, and online, via Zoom.

Kootaga District Committee

District Chair	Vernon Criss	
District Commissioner	Christopher Burk	304-615-5648
District Executive	Andrew Murphy	330-631-5524
Comm. & Marketing	Kathy Wise	304-482-7576
FOS Chair	Susan Barber	
VC Membership	vacant	
Product Sales	vacant	
Camping	Keith Morrow	740-590-7687
Advancement	Patrick Shook	304-481-1792
Training	Pete Conklin	304-455-5064
OA Chapter Advisor	Jay Wilson	304-481-3731

Fall Recruitment

It is that time of the year. Schools have started up and future Cub Scouts are itching to join. To get as many youth as possible, we need your help! This help can come as posting flyers, yard signs, and posters, or by volunteering! Our District Volunteers and Executive Staff will promote your unit's sign-up event by doing presentations in schools. The goal of sign-up events is to promote fun learning to the youth and demonstrate organized unit leadership to the adults.

Tips/Ideas:

- Have the scouts wear their uniforms to the event.
- Plan an activity that engages the new families like a game, simple craft, or science experiment.
- Have a handout packet with information about the unit, upcoming events, and key leadership contact information.
- Have applications, pens, and clipboards (if tables are not available).
- Be honest and let families know where you need help with leadership and stress that family involvement is a part of scouting.

If you have any questions or are ready to schedule your sign-up contact Andrew Murphy at (330)631-5244 or email Andrew.Murphy2@scouting.org.

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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

September

- 1 Popcorn Sale begins
- 2 Labor Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 14 Council/District Operations Meeting – 10:00am
- 19 District Committee meeting
- 20-21 Shooting Merit Badge Day
- 20-21 Bobcat Day

October

- 4-6 Emergency Preparedness Camporee & Family Camp, The Summit
- 30 Popcorn Orders due to council by NOON

November

- 15 Popcorn Pickup
- 28-29 Thanksgiving – Council Office & Shops Closed

Important update on district events:

Please check the district website regularly for up to date information on upcoming events.

www.buckskin.org/mtdominion

District meeting

The next District Committee meeting is September 19th
At Stinson United Methodist (Princeton, WV).
Roundtable starts at 6:30pm with the district meeting following at 7:15pm.

Shooting Merit Badge Day

Combined District (Mt. Dominion, Seneca)

Details: September 20-21st
Camping available on the 20th
Location: Summit Bechtel Reserve
Program details to come soon!

Bobcat Day (Cub Scouts)

Combined District (Mt. Dominion, Seneca)

Details: September 20th-21st
Family camping available
Leaders must have BALOO training completed!
Location: Summit Bechtel Reserve
Program details coming soon!

Mt. Dominion District Committee

District Chair	Brian Blankenship	304-888-2842
District Commissioner	Jason Anderson	304-960-1096
District Executive	Samuel Bosley	304-573-5499
Cub Scout Prog Chair	Carrie Kozikowski	540-626-7929
Scouts BSA Prog Chair	Dan Trent	276-322-3911
Venture Prog Chair	Tim Wallace	276-963-0525
Training Chair	Daren Law	540-235-6467
Advancement Chair	Barry Nowlin	304-487-5632
Popcorn Chair	Trey Aliff	304-308-0405
OA Chapter Advisor	Brian Blankenship	304-888-2842
Membership Chair	vacant	
Religious Emb. Coordinator	Bill Fuzia	503-440-5185

Cub Fun Day

September 28th at the Triangle Sportsman's Club
Address: 770 Triangle road, Bluefield, VA, 24605
Activities: Stem related activities, Shooting sports!
Fee: Scouts \$10
Tagalongs \$3
Adults \$5

Join us for a great day of Cub Scouting!

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Seneca Event Calendar

September

- 1 Popcorn Sales begins
- 2 Labor Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 14 Council/District Operations Meeting – 10:00am
- 20-21 Shooting Merit Badge Day
- 20-21 Bobcat Day

October

- 4-6 Emergency Preparedness Camporee & Family Camp, The Summit
- 30 Popcorn orders due by NOON

November

- 15 Popcorn Pickup
- 28-29 Thanksgiving – Council Office & Shops Closed

District Committee Meeting

The next District Committee meeting is September 3rd at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be on Zoom.

Shooting Merit Badge Day

Combined District (Mt. Dominion, Seneca)

Details: September 20-21st
Camping available on the 20th
Location: Summit Bechtel Reserve
Program details to come soon!

Bobcat Day (Cub Scouts)

Combined District (Mt. Dominion, Seneca)

Details: September 20th-21st
Family camping available
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Seneca District Committee

District Chair	Frank Jorgensen	
District Commissioner	Lori Hindson	304-237-7413
District Executive	Samuel Bosley	304-573-5499
Advancement Chair	Jeff Proctor	304-673-2640
Program Chair	Johnny Tracy	
Training Chair	Carol McCarthy	703-587-4453
OA Chapter Advisor	Lee Webb	
Venturing Chair	Dana McCorkle	304-573-4636

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Shawnee District

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michael.cidor@scouting.org
www.buckskin.org/shawnee

Shawnee District Committee

District Chair	Leo Lopez	304-419-4554
District Commissioner	Rosann Brooks	304-881-1042
District Director	Michael Cidor	814-860-1562
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	Barry Lindley	
SBSA Scout Roundtable	Gerry Stover	
Cub Scout Roundtable	Colleen Sergent	304-552-0297
Product Sales	David Duncan	304-541-7559
Membership Chair	Traci Hudson	304-382-9679
OA Chapter Advisor	David Duncan	304-541-7559

Shawnee District Event Calendar

September

- 1 Popcorn Sale begins
- 2 Labor Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 6-8 Circuit Rider 34 Camporee, Jackson's Mill
- 14 Council/District Operations Meeting – 10:00am

October

- 4-6 Emergency Preparedness Camporee & Family Camp, The Summit
- 30 Popcorn orders due by NOON

November

- 15 Popcorn Pickup
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Popcorn Sale 2024

One fundraiser to support your unit's entire year of fun and adventure! Popcorn is here to help you fund a fantastic Scouting program in the coming year. With the support of Buckskin Council and CAMP MASTERS, you can earn all the necessary funding through this single activity.

Camp Masters has brought some new tools and features to help you make selling more fun and collecting payments even easier. They have listened and put together some activity guides that will help Scouts from Tigers through Scouts BSA connect the Popcorn Sale to advancement. They have a payment system integrated now so units don't have to set up a payment processing account to take credit cards at Show 'n Sell and Take order.

There are four ways to succeed with your popcorn sale. The more methods you use, the better results you'll have.

1. Show-n-Sell: Order popcorn early. When the sale begins on September 1st, your unit sells popcorn to customers at a pre-determined location, such as a supermarket, big box store, or a festival. Units that have used this method report great success.
2. Show and Deliver: Scouts visit friends and neighbors with the product and a "Take Order" form. They can sell the popcorn on hand or take an order, whatever the customer prefers.
3. Take Order: Scouts visit friends, family, and neighbors with the Order Form and take orders that will be delivered later.
4. Online Direct Sale: 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.

How do you get started? The first step is completing the 2024 Popcorn Commitment Form. Find it in the appendix of this edition of the Courier or online at www.buckskin.org/popcorn. Training will be offered at your District Kickoff.

Fall Camping Opportunities

October 4-6, 2024, there will be both a Scouts BSA Camporee and Cub Scout Family Camp weekend held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve, hosted by the Buckskin Council partnering with WVU Medicine for the activities on Saturday. We will have a full flyer and details in the appendix of this newsletter.

District Meetings

The Shawnee District Meeting is scheduled for September 19th at 6:30 PM. You can find the link to join the meeting on the Shawnee District page of the Buckskin Council website.

Fall Recruitment

Fall Recruitment is in full swing. We are here to help your unit be successful with flyers, yard signs, posters and our District Volunteers and Executive Staff to help do presentations in your schools to promote your unit's sign-up event. Sign-up events should be organized, fun and informative for the families. The kids want to have fun doing an activity, the parents want to see that your unit is organized and can give them information helpful to their family making the decision to join.

Tips and ideas:

- Have your Scouts wear their uniform the day of your event.
- Plan an activity that engages the new families, like a game or a simple craft or science experiment. Have a handout packet with information about the unit, upcoming events, Key leadership contact information.
- Have applications, pens with clipboards if tables are not available.
- Be upfront and let families know where you need help with leadership and how family involvement is part of the scouting program.

If you have any questions or are ready to schedule your sign-up contact Mike Cidor at 814-860-1562 or

Michael.cidor@scouting.org for Shawnee District.

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BALOO COURSE

September 20-21 will be the dates for the next BALOO training course for Cub Scout Leaders interested in taking their pack or den on outdoor activities. Held at Camp Arrowhead, Ona, WV, scouts can learn the in's and out's 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 begins with breakfast on Saturday morning and continues until about 6:30pm that evening. The course is \$25.00 per person. This covers course material, cracker barrel on Friday night, along with breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Register online at [buckskin/adena](https://www.buckskin.org/adena).

INTRO TO OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP SKILLS

IOLS is a course required by troop and crew leaders to be considered fully trained. Camp Arrowhead will be the site for the IOLS course on September 20-21. Scoutmasters and Crew Advisors can register on the Council website.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXPERIENCE

CAMPOREE AND FAMILY CAMP

Buckskin Council, WVU Medicine Thomas Hospitals, and the Summit Bechtel Reserve will be hosting a special Emergency Preparedness Experience weekend on October 4-6. In addition to the displays and demonstrations by state and local first responders, additional activities will be offered in the afternoon for Cubbies, troops and crews. The activity day on Saturday, Oct 5 is free. Packs will have a special area for overnight camping Friday and Saturday nights. Troops and crews will have a separate camping area as well. To participate in the Cub Family Camp or the Troop /Crew Camporee the fee is \$20 per person. This fee covers the overnight camping and three meals on Saturday. Checkout the event flyers included in the appendix and the online registration on the Council website.

KANAWHA TRACE FALL HIKE

The annual Fall Hike on part of the Kanawha Trace is scheduled for Saturday, October 19, beginning at 8:00am. Groups will depart at intervals during the morning. The last group will be scheduled to leave so they may return to camp about 1:00pm. The Fall Hike is open to everyone – scouts and non-scouts, adults and youth. A voluntary contribution of \$0.50 per person for trail maintenance is requested. Patches commemorating this hike will also be available for \$3 each. Dress for the weather – the hike goes on rain or shine. Check-in at Meacham Lodge just off the parking lot at Camp Arrowhead.

ROCKET LAUNCH DAY

Cub Scouts and their families are invited to bring their new rocket kit to Camp Arrowhead on Saturday October 19 for the Rocket Launch Day. New scouts will receive a rocket kit when they sign up to join a pack. Existing Cubs may purchase a kit for \$4 each. The building and launching of rockets will take place behind the Dining Hall, near the upper lake. The rocket launching gets underway at noon. Everyone is invited to arrive early and take part in the Fall Hike that day as well. Other activities are planned for the afternoon as well. These include Fishing, BB Shooting, Archery and more. The event will run until about 4:00pm. There is no fee for this event, but we do ask that you register in advance on the Council website.

TRUNK or TREAT

The Scout Shops across the Council will be hosting Trunk or Treat events on Thursday, Oct 24. The Huntington Shop will have some activities and sweet treats for those who stop by between 5:00pm and 6:00pm that evening. If your unit would like to get in on the fun by decorating a vehicle and treating some merrymakers that evening, please let Melanie know, and then come on down and enjoy the good time at the Trunk or Treat at the Huntington Scout Shop.

VETERAN'S DAY FLAG PLACEMENTS

Scouts have a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate respect for our veterans by participating in flag placements at Spring Hill Cemetery in Huntington. Spring Hill placements will begin at 9:00am, on Saturday, November 9. Patches for the first 25 scouts. Other opportunities may exist at a cemetery near you. Check with your local cemetery.

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Circuit Rider 34

September 6-8, 2024, at WVU Jackson's Mill, Weston, WV
The Circuit Rider is returning for 2024 and is open to all Scouts BSA troops (Boy troops and Girl troops), Venturing crews and Webelos. Webelos may only participate in Saturday activities. If Webelos plan to stay for the Saturday dinner, there will be a \$4 fee. Units do not need to be sponsored by a United Methodist Church to attend this camporee.

Scout Leaders: Pre-registration is required! Register for Circuit Rider 34 by visiting <https://www.buckskin.org/events/circuit-rider-34/> Registration deadline August 18, 2024.

In addition to the numerous free activities provided similar to past events like the frozen T-shirt contest and cast iron cookoff, the United Methodist Men and WVU Jackson's Mill are pleased to offer the following special programs. Historic Area Program: tour historic area featuring a demonstration of an operational gristmill

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

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

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

Cost: \$ 4 per person to attend. Scouts and Scout-age guests may participate in one, two, three, or four special programs for an additional fee of \$ 10 per youth. Webelos are free but if they are staying for Saturday's dinner must pay \$4.

Trunk or Treat

Buckskin Council is hosting a Trunk or Treat on October 24th at the Council Service Center. Units are encouraged to provide a decorated vehicle or more and invite your ghouls and goblins from your Pack to attend. There will be music and games as well as treats for those who attend. Look for the flyer in the appendix of this newsletter

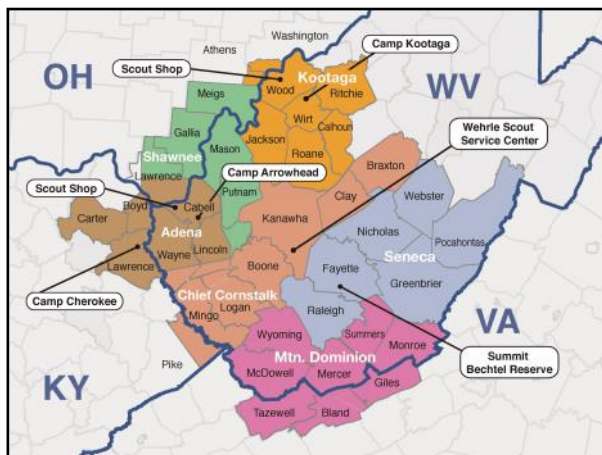




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Emergency Preparedness Event October 4 - 6, 2024

**THIS IS FREE AND OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC ON SATURDAY**

Summit Bechtel Reserve Glen Jean, WV

The Buckskin Council and WVU Medicine - Thomas Hospitals are sponsoring an Emergency Preparedness Event the weekend of October 4-6, 2024. First responders and public safety agencies will be providing training and hands-on activities throughout the day from 9 AM to 5:30 PM. Lunch will be provided to those who register. All other meals are an individual or unit responsibility.

Registration

Registration is required for this event for both day visitors and camping. Please register at the Buckskin Council website at www.buckskin.org/events/emergency-preparedness-camporee/ or scan the QR code.

**Registration Deadline is
October 2nd**



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY

5 PM TO 8 PM ARRIVAL & CHECK IN
(FOR THOSE WHO ARE CAMPING)

SATURDAY

7:30 AM TO 9:00 AM CHECK-IN
GLEN JEAN ENTRANCE (NORTH
ENTRANCE)
9:00 AM TO NOON MORNING
SESSIONS
NOON TO 1:00 PM LUNCH
1:00 PM TO 5:30 PM AFTERNOON
SESSIONS
5:30 PM TO 10:00 PM FREE-TIME,
DINNER, UNIT CAMPFIRE (FOR
THOSE WHO ARE CAMPING)

SUNDAY

TEAR DOWN CAMP AND DEPART
BY NOON



Camping

Camping is available for Scouts BSA and Cub Scout Families at a cost of \$20 per person for the weekend. Camping check in Friday 5 PM and Checkout Sunday by noon. Please select the camping option at registration on the website if you are camping.



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BUCKSKIN COUNCIL
FALL CAMPOREE
October 4-6, 2024
Summit Bechtel Reserve
Glen Jean, West Virginia



Scouts BSA troops and Venture Crews are encouraged to participate in a weekend camporee at the Summit. Scouts and leaders will take part in the displays and demonstration which are a part of the Emergency Preparedness Experience held on Saturday. In the afternoon, scouts can take part in the special activities planned for this camporee, which will include radio-controlled airplanes and more. **Cost for the weekend, including all activities and meals on Saturday is \$20 per person or if just visiting for the day the event is FREE but does not include breakfast or dinner. For an additional fee of \$10, Scouts and leaders can do Climbing and ziplining.**

Registration is required for this event for both day visitors and camping. Please register at the Buckskin Council website at www.buckskin.org
Registration Deadline is October 2nd

Activities Schedule:

Friday:

5 pm to 8 pm Arrival and Check-in for families camping.

Saturday:

8 am – Breakfast

9 am to noon – Emergency Preparedness displays and demonstrations.

Noon – Lunch

1 pm to 4 pm – Afternoon camporee program activities, including R/C planes, fishing, boating, archery and field games.

4 pm – 5:30 pm – Free time

5:30 pm – Dinner

7:30 pm Campfire program

Sunday:

Tear down camp and depart by noon



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BUCKSKIN COUNCIL FALL CUB SCOUT FAMILY CAMP October 4-6, 2024 Summit Bechtel Reserve Glen Jean, West Virginia

Cub Scouts and their families are invited to share the weekend in a Family Camp. In addition to the Emergency Preparedness Experience, Cubbies will be able to participate in other activities in the afternoon. **Cost for the weekend, including all activities and meals on Saturday is \$20 per person or if just visiting for the day the event is FREE but does not include breakfast or dinner. Climbing is available for an additional fee of \$10 per person.**

Registration is required for this event for both day visitors and camping. Please register at the Buckskin Council website at www.buckskin.org

Registration Deadline is October 2nd

Activities Schedule:

Friday:

5 pm to 8 pm Arrival and Check-in for families camping.

Saturday:

8 am – Breakfast

9 am to noon – Emergency Preparedness displays and demonstrations.

Noon – Lunch

1 pm to 4 pm – Archery, BB's, fishing and field games

4 pm – 5:30 pm – Free time

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Sunday:

Tear down camp and depart by noon



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BUCKSKIN COUNCIL, BSA
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OCTOBER FUN DAY and
ROCKET LAUNCH

Camp Arrowhead
506 Scout Camp Road, Ona, WV
Saturday, October 19, 2024
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. Stop by the slingshot range and see how many time you can hit the pans. 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.

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.

Scan this QR code to register



Additional rockets will be available to purchase for a nominal fee for those who would like to build and launch one.

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.





MICHAEL TYGART LOOP TRAIL HIKE

**Saturday, - October 12th, - 9 a.m.
Greenbo State Park**

The annual Michael Tygart Loop Trail Hike begins Saturday, October 12th, between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., at Greenbo State Park boat dock. A patch will be available for \$1.00. Boy Scout Troop 154 will provide assistance as needed along the 7 ½ mile trail. You may hike all or part of the trail.

All Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Church Youth Groups, and their families are encouraged to hike the trail.

A donation of one can of food per hiker would be appreciated.

WILDERNESS FIRST AID

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

When: November 1-2, 2024

Time: Starting at 6 pm on Friday, Nov. 1st
Planning on finishing around 9 pm Saturday

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

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

Cost: \$ 85.00
Cost includes lodging, cracker barrel on Friday evening, continental breakfast on Saturday, Saturday lunch and dinner

Deadline for Registration: Friday, October 25th, by Noon

Class size limit: 20 (First come basis)

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

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

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

Wilderness First- Aid is required for backcountry trips and excursions

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

For more information contact:

Alvin Watts at: awatts4013@yahoo.com

Sue Williams at: toobuzysue@yahoo.com

Name _____ Troop/Pack/Crew _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Special Needs, Food Allergies _____

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

Buckskin Council, BSA
BASIC ADULT LEADER OUTDOOR ORIENTATION
SEPTEMBER 20-21, 2024 – 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 September 20-21 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, September 17, 2024

BALOO REGISTRATION FORM – SEPTEMBER 20-21, 2024

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

Registration may also be completed using the Council website – www.buckskin.org

Buckskin Council, BSA
INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS
SEPTEMBER 20-21, 2024 – CAMP ARROWHEAD

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

- Gives adult leaders a practical introduction to the patrol method of a boy-led troop by teaching many of the practical outdoor skills they need to lead scouts in the out-of-doors. In addition, the teaching methods, activities, and games model the variety of teaching used in effective and engaging Scouting programs.
- Hands-on participation is the best learning tool, and this course models the techniques used by effective Scoutmasters, and other leaders in the Scouting program. Attendees will see and experience different aspects of how Scouting works while playing the role of Scouts in a troop.
- Participants will leave the training experience with a full understanding of how the patrol method operates, a feeling of comfort in working with the instructing their Scouts, and an increased level of confidence taking Scouts outdoors safely.

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 September 20-21, 2024 at Camp Arrowhead. Check-in begins Friday at 6:00 pm. All participants are expected to arrive by 7:00pm. The course is planned to conclude by 5:00 pm on Saturday.

What should I bring? You should bring a Boy Scout Handbook, a sleeping bag or blankets, 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.

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

Registration Deadline – Wednesday, September 18, 2024

IOLS REGISTRATION FORM – SEPTEMBER 20 – 21, 2024

Name _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email Address _____

Troop # _____ Position _____ District _____

Detail any food allergies, please _____

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

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



Unit Commitment Form 2024 Fall Popcorn Sale



Yes, my unit would like to participate in the **Fall 2024
Camp Masters Popcorn Sale!**

_____ **Show & Sell**

_____ **Take Order**

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

Unit Leader: _____

Unit Popcorn chairperson (this should be DIFFERENT than the unit leader):

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

Address: _____ **City:** _____
We need a physical address for prize delivery!

State: _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone:
home: _____ work: _____ cell: _____

Email: _____
We must have an email address in order for your unit to order popcorn or prizes!

Approx. number of Scouts in unit: _____

Number of adults in unit: _____

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

You may mail the form to: Buckskin Council, BSA
Attn: Fall Popcorn Sale
2829 Kanawha Blvd, E
Charleston, WV 25311

or fax it to 304-925-0533