



## Scouting For Food



When reciting the Scout Oath, a scout promises to **help other people at all times**. By participating in a Scouting for Food program, scouts come a step closer to fulfilling those words.



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 coordinated by the council. It’s another reminder to our local communities that Scouts are here, 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, 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. Leaders may pick up their bags at the Wehrle Service Center, Huntington Scout Shop or Parkersburg Scout Shop. The bags do not have a date on them so units may choose their own weekends to do the drive. After your Scouts have collected the donations, these items are taken to a food pantry of your choice right in your neighborhood. Remember to submit your service hours on Scoutbook Plus and report your success to the council. Go to [www.buckskin.org/scouting-for-food-2024](http://www.buckskin.org/scouting-for-food-2024) for details.

## Fall Popcorn Sale

### Fall Popcorn Distribution

Orders for the Popcorn Take Order should have been turned in and now it is time for the distribution. 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. Talk to your contact from your district listed below.

- Adena District will be on November 15 at 840 14th St West, Huntington. Contact Carl Sullivan to schedule your pickup.
- Chief Cornstalk & Shawnee will be on Friday, November 15th at Tyler Mountain Water warehouse. 159 Harris Street, Poca, WV – Please contact your district executive to schedule your pickup time.
- Kootaga District, with a few exceptions, will be November 15th at Bob’s Market in Belpre, OH – Contact Andrew Murphy to schedule your pickup.
- Seneca & Mt. Dominion will be on November 14 & 15 at Lifeline Church in Princeton, WV. Contact Sam Bosley to schedule your pickup.

### Popcorn 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 now through the end of November.

Orders are due to the Council by Monday, December 2nd. We are giving you until noon to submit your order online. Orders will be distributed Friday, December 13th.

### Second Chance Sale

Sale begins October 23, 2024

Orders due December 2, 2024

Distribution December 13, 2024

**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.



## Council Officers

President	John McGhee	304-552-1352
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## Council Calendar

### 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
- 23 Scout Swim Day—S. Charleston Rec Center  
10 a.m—12 p.m. Free of Charge
- 28-29 Thanksgiving—Service Center & Shops Closed

### December

- 12 Executive Committee meeting
- 14 Huntington Shop open, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 14 Takhonek Lodge Winter Banquet
- 21 Charleston Shop open, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 24-25 Christmas Eve & Christmas Day—Service Center and Shops Closed
- 26 Scout Shops closed for inventory
- 31 New Year's Eve—Service Center & Shops closed

### January

- 1 New Year's Day—Service Center & Shops closed
- 5 Winterplace Ski Day
- 9 Executive Board Meeting
- 11 Charleston Shop open 9:00 am –1:00 pm
- 11 Council-District Operations mtg (CDO), 10 am—12:00 pm
- 18 Huntington Shop open 9:00 am—1:00 pm
- 20 Martin Luther King Jr Day—Service Center & Shops closed
- 26 Winterplace Ski Day



### Keep your tootsies dry!

Fall is a beautiful time to do some hiking in the great outdoors.

Be sure to keep your feet warm and dry with a fresh pair of socks.

Stop by one of our three Scout Shops for soft, new socks.

**ENJOY THE OUTDOORS!**





Dear Scouters,

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the Emergency Preparedness Weekend last month at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. What a great event! We had over 400 participants attend, plus multiple state and county EMS service providers who provided excellent displays and hands-on experience. Special thanks goes to Thomas Hospital/WVU Medicine for their sponsorship. Also hats off to the co-chairs Brian Lilly and Matt Blackwood for their leadership and support. Great fun and learning was had by all!

**DON'T MISS THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR SCOUTS!**

The H. Bernard Wehrle Sr. Scout Leadership Service Center has a very unique quality that you should be aware of and take advantage of! We have a program activity room that can accommodate 40 or more Scouts and leaders in sleeping bags. The program activity room also has a drop down screen and projector. The Program activity area has a food prep area with microwave ovens, warming bins, commercial grade refrigerator, and ice machine. We have rest rooms with showers. We have a campfire ring outside along the banks of the Kanawha River. There is camping available on the river, just bring your own camping gear.

Scout units spending the day or weekend will get a pin code to access the program activity area even though the Service Center is closed.

We are a short hike from the State Capitol complex, including the Culture Center and Museum. We have the Craik-Patton House right next door. We have STEM kits so your Scouts can arrange to have a STEM program while using the program activity.

Reservation can be made by contacting the Service Center at 304-340-3663. The cost for Scouts and leaders is a minimal charge of \$2 a person for a day, or \$3 a person for the weekend. Additional cost may be charged if you use expendable supplies for the STEM program.

**Best of all, there is a patch for your Scouts if you camp the night at the Wehrle Center!**

Good Scouting to you and yours,

*Jeffrey L. Purdy*  
Scout Executive

**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 Cub Scouts who submit a picture of themselves attending a holiday lights display during the month of December.

To earn your patch, find a holiday lights display near you and go see it with your den, pack, troop, or family. Take a picture of your Cub 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 on the council website or send it to [bill.bryant@scouting.org](mailto:bill.bryant@scouting.org). We will send you our special Holiday Lights Celebration patch for participating. (Parents and Guardians, if you don't want your child's picture published please let us know when you submit it. Don't worry, your scout will still get a patch!)

**Happy Holidays!**



**2026 NATIONAL SCOUT  
JAMBOREE  
JULY 22 – 31, 2026  
SUMMIT BECHTEL RESERVE  
GLEN JEAN, WV**

**Jamboree Service Team / Staff  
Deliver the Jamboree Experience**

What makes a jamboree awesome? What is the key to a world-class, life changing experience? It's you. If you love Scouting and being part of a high functioning team that delivers amazing experiences, then we want you on the 2026 National Jamboree Service/Staff Team. The 2026 jamboree is all about elevating the Scouting experience for thousands of youth, and no matter your skillset, we need you to help deliver the promise of this historic event.

**JST/Staff Fees**

- Staff full fee – \$1,060 for the full duration of the jamboree
- Staff reduced fee – \$650 for the full duration of the jamboree for staff aged 30 and under
- Staff partial fee – \$700 for one week of attendance at the jamboree
- Staff partial reduced fee – \$400 for one week of attendance at the jamboree for staff aged 30 and under

JST/Staff registration is expected to open in late September 2024. Keep an eye on the 2026 National Scout Jamboree webpage for updates and additional information.

For questions or assistance with registration, please reach out to [national.jamboree@scouting.org](mailto:national.jamboree@scouting.org).

**COUNCIL CONTINGENT  
ADULT LEADERSHIP APPLICATION**

As with prior Jamborees, the Council National Scout Jamboree Committee is beginning its search for adult leaders who will serve as the scoutmaster and assistants for the group that will go to the 2026 NSJ. The Council is proposing to send one all-male troop of 36 youth and 4 adults, along with a half troop of female scouts and scouters consisting of 18 youth and 2 adults.

Enclosed in the appendix of this issue of the *Buckskin Courier* is a copy of the adult leadership application. For those interested in being part of the adult leadership for the Council's 2026 NSJ contingent. Please review, complete and send this form to the Buckskin Council Service Center, 2829 Kanawha Blvd E, Charleston, WV or email the form to [carl.sullivan@scouting.org](mailto:carl.sullivan@scouting.org).

Forms should be submitted by December 31, 2024.

**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**  
1117 Garfield Ave  
Parkersburg, WV 26101  
Monday-Friday 9:00 am-5:00 pm (No Saturdays)  
Phone: 304-422-4507/ fax 304-428-8594

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**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 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



As the weather begins to cool down and the year begins to end, we all start thinking of the holidays and nice breaks. Before your nice break, there are still some nice events to help have fun and relax.

### Lodge Leadership Development - LLD

Lodge leaders are required to attend LLD on November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Scout Office in Charleston. This is a one-day event only and begins at 9:00 am. The cost is FREE, but those attending still need to register online so food can be planned.

### Fall Fellowship

Fall Fellowship was a success. Thank you to everyone who came out to help with service projects. Also, congratulations to everyone who passed their ordeal and those who earned their brotherhood. For those who went through the ordeal, remember that you can earn your brotherhood in the spring.

### Winter Banquet

As the calendar year closes out, it's time for our yearly winter banquet. The event will be held once again at the Summit, Pigott Dining Hall. Visit [www.buckskin.org/OA](http://www.buckskin.org/OA) to register for the banquet. This is a family event, so please feel free to bring your family as well. Besides the food and fellowship, lodge members who have paid their 2025 dues will be eligible to be entered for the chance to win several door prizes. Alongside that, this will also be the first chance to buy the new 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary patch set. The Winter Banquet will be an exciting time, so don't miss out!

#### 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

Lodge Adviser: David Duncan [david.duncan@suddenlink.net](mailto:david.duncan@suddenlink.net)  
Assoc. Adviser Admin: Steve Young [SteveyoungOA@gmail.com](mailto:SteveyoungOA@gmail.com)  
Assoc. Adviser Prog: Jeff Estep [jmestep136@gmail.com](mailto:jmestep136@gmail.com)  
Assoc. Adviser Summit: George Soltis [gm.soltis@gmail.com](mailto:gm.soltis@gmail.com)  
Staff Adviser: Billy Bryant [bill.bryant@scouting.org](mailto:bill.bryant@scouting.org)

#### Chapter Advisers

Adena: Jon Keelin [adena617oa@gmail.com](mailto:adena617oa@gmail.com)  
Adjudimo: Scott Dennison [scott.dennison@outlook.com](mailto:scott.dennison@outlook.com)  
Hytone: Brian Blankenship [blankenshipbrian1@gmail.com](mailto:blankenshipbrian1@gmail.com)  
Kootaga: Jay Wilson [jw6180a@yahoo.com](mailto:jw6180a@yahoo.com)  
Seneca: Lee Webb [lealwe318@hotmail.com](mailto:lealwe318@hotmail.com)  
Wapiti: David Duncan [david.duncan@suddenlink.net](mailto:david.duncan@suddenlink.net)

### 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Patch Set

Another reminder, the lodge is offering a special 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 3 Patch Set!!! This set will go on sale at the Winter Banquet. There is a limited number of sets, and it's first come first serve. The set includes a 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 8" Chenille, Lodge Flap, and Kitchen Crew patch.

### 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/TakhonekLodge617)**



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



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

### 2024 Lodge Calendar

Date	Event	Location
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

### Woodbadge

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.*

Buckskin Council will offer a Woodbadge course this coming fall. Woodbadge takes place over two weekends. You must attend both weekends.

Weekend #1—September 26-28, 2025  
Weekend #2—October 11-12, 2025

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.”*

### Cub Scout Leader Training

A big thank you to all who attended Cub Scout Leader training in October. Trained leaders build a great program for our scouts! Thank you to the trainers who did such a great job. Learning happened that day and it’s a good thing!

### Training Calendar

#### November

1-2 Wilderness First Aid training, Camp Kootaga

#### February 2025

8 Marshall University Merit Badge College

#### Fall 2025

Sept. 26-28 Woodbadge, week 1

Oct. 11-12 Woodbadge, week 2



## Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation

December 6-7, 2024

Camp Arrowhead

The training team is presenting a BALOO course at Camp Arrowhead on December 6-7, 2024.

BALOO is intended for Cub Scout leaders or parent volunteers who want to take their pack camping. This training is an outdoor camping adventure and 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. At least one BALOO trained leader must be present for every pack campout.

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.

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 materials, cracker barrel on Friday night, plus breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Register at [www.buckskin.org/training](http://www.buckskin.org/training). Registration closes Tuesday, December 3rd.

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](mailto:buzy2buzy@gmail.com).

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

<b>Council Chair</b>	Sue Williams	<a href="mailto:buzy2buzy@gmail.com">buzy2buzy@gmail.com</a> 217-741-0900
<b>Council Vice Chair</b>	Carol McCarthy	<a href="mailto:designsbycarol@gmail.com">designsbycarol@gmail.com</a> 703-587-4453
<b>Adena</b>	Sue Williams	<a href="mailto:buzy2buzy@gmail.com">buzy2buzy@gmail.com</a>
<b>Chief Cornstalk</b>	TBD	
<b>Kootaga</b>	Pete Conklin	<a href="mailto:wpconklin@gmail.com">wpconklin@gmail.com</a> 304-455-5064
<b>Mtn Dominion</b>	Daren Law	<a href="mailto:marshall.d.law@gmail.com">marshall.d.law@gmail.com</a> 540-235-6467
<b>Seneca</b>	Carol McCarthy	<a href="mailto:designsbycarol@gmail.com">designsbycarol@gmail.com</a>
<b>Shawnee</b>	Rosann Brooks	<a href="mailto:rosann1030@aol.com">rosann1030@aol.com</a>

# Adena District

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

## Adena Event Calendar

### 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

### December

- 5 Roundtable – 6:30pm
- 19 District Committee – 6:00pm
- 24-25 Christmas – Council Office & Shops Closed
- 26 Scout Shops Closed for Inventory
- 31-Jan 1 New Year's - Council Office & Shops Closed

### January

- 5 Ski Day at Winterplace
- 9 Roundtable – 6:30pm
- 11 Council District Operations Meeting (CDO) – 10:00am
- 16 District Committee – 6:00pm
- 17-19 Cornstalk Winter Camporee at Cranberry Glades
- 18 Huntington Scout Shop Open
- 20 Martin Luther King Day-Scout Office & shops Closed
- 26 Ski Day at Winterplace
- 31-Feb 2 Klondike Camporee – Camp Arrowhead

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

### Roundtable

The Monthly Roundtable Meeting will be conducted online via Zoom for November. You can use the meeting id 864 7853 6793 for the November 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 November District Committee Meeting will be conducted at 6:00pm in the Education Building on Marshall University's campus. This meeting will be returning to an in-person format. We will continue to provide access via Zoom for the next several months. The Zoom meeting ID for the November 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

### 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.

### SCOUTING FOR FOOD

This annual service project benefits the local food banks in your community. 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.

### POPCORN PICKUP

Popcorn orders should be available for pickup on Friday, November 15. Please contact Melanie at the scout shop to schedule your pickup time. A pickup location has been confirmed. Melanie will relate this location to you when scheduling your product pickup. Don't forget the second sale!

### HOLIDAY LIGHTS

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](http://www.buckskin.org) or send it to [bill.bryant@scouting.org](mailto: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.)

# 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](http://www.buckskin.org/chiefcornstalk)

## Chief Cornstalk District Committee

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

### November

- 15 Popcorn Pickup
- 21 District Committee meeting
- 23 Free Swim at S. Charleston Rec. Center
- 28-29 Thanksgiving – Council Office & Shops Closed

### December

- 19 District Committee meeting
- 24-25 Service Center & Shops closed for Christmas
- 26 Shops closed for inventory
- 31 Service Center & Shops closed for New Year's Eve

### January

- 1 New Year's Day—Service Center & Shops closed
- 11 Council District Operations Meeting (CDO)
- 16 District Committee Meeting
- 17-19 Winter Camporee at Cranberry
- 20 Martin Luther King Day-Scout Office & shops Closed

### Fall Recruitment

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

### November Free Event Swimming Party

The Cornstalk and Shawnee Districts are arranging a free-swimming day for Scouts at the South Charleston Recreation Center Pool on Jefferson Road. On Saturday, November 23rd from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Scouts and siblings can swim free of charge. Scouts and Youth must be accompanied by parent(s)/adult(s). Walk-ins are welcome but we'd like you to register so we know how many to expect. Register at [www.buckskin.org/chiefcornstalk](http://www.buckskin.org/chiefcornstalk).

### Cornstalk District Committee

The Meeting is the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. Anyone can attend, help plan upcoming events, and receive information about the Council and District Events.

### SCOUTING FOR FOOD

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# Kootaga District

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

## Kootaga Event Calendar

### November

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

### December

- 10 District Committee & Roundtable meeting
- 14 Merit Badge College
- 24-25 Service Center & Shops closed for Christmas
- 26 Shops closed for inventory
- 31 Service Center & Shops closed for New Year's Eve

### January

- 1 New Year's Day—Service Center & Shops closed
- 13 District Committee, 6:30pm
- 13 Roundtable, 7:30pm
- 20 Martin Luther King Jr Day—Service Center & Shops closed
- 31 Klondike Derby

### 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.

### Merit Badge College

Join us for a day to have fun and work on some merit badges at our Merit Badge College this December 14th! Keep on the lookout for registration and more information as the event gets closer!

## 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

### Klondike Derby

Just because it is cold outside doesn't mean scouting takes a break! We'll be having a Kootaga District Klondike Derby to kick off scouting in 2025! More information will be available as the event draws near. Keep an eye out and stay warm!

### Unit Rechartering

Now is the time to have rechartering on your mind! December is the most common timeframe when units in Kootaga recharter with the council. Unit leaders should be verifying the YPT of their adult leaders and checking that all members are properly registered. As a reminder, there is no window for rechartering beyond your unit's expiration date. If you have questions about rechartering, do not hesitate to reach out to your District Commissioner, Christopher Burk, or District Executive, Andrew Murphy.



# 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](http://www.buckskin.org/mtdominion)

## Mt Dominion Event Calendar

### November

- 15 Popcorn Pickup
- 21 Roundtable & District Committee meeting
- 28-29 Thanksgiving – Council Office & Shops Closed

### December

- 19 Roundtable & District Committee meeting
- 24-25 Service Center & Shops closed for Christmas
- 26 Shops closed for inventory
- 31 Service Center & Shops closed for New Year's Eve

### January

- 1 New Year's Day—Service Center & Shops closed
- 20 Martin Luther King Jr Day—Service Center & 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](http://www.buckskin.org/mtdominion)

## 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

### District Committee Meeting and Roundtable

The District meeting is November 21st.

Roundtable begins at 6:30 PM followed by district meeting at 7:15PM.

Stinson United Methodist Church (across from chick-fil-a in Princeton).

### Popcorn Distribution

Popcorn pickup is November 14-15 at Lifeline Church in Princeton. Contact Samuel Bosley to schedule your time for pickup.

Think you can sell more popcorn? The Second Chance Popcorn Sale is for you! Orders for the Second Chance Sale are due December 2nd with distribution on December 13th.

### SCOUTING FOR FOOD

This annual service project benefits the local food banks in your community. 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.

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# Seneca District

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

## Seneca Event Calendar

### November

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

### December

- 3 District Committee meeting
- 24-25 Service Center & Shops closed for Christmas
- 26 Shops closed for inventory
- 31 Service Center & Shops closed for New Year's Eve

### January

- 1 New Year's Day—Service Center & Shops closed
- 20 Martin Luther King Jr Day—Service Center & Shops closed

### District Committee Meeting

The next District Committee meeting is November 5th at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be on Zoom.

### Popcorn Distribution

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## Seneca District Committee

District Chair	Matthew Davis	
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

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

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# Shawnee District

Serving: Putnam, Mason, western Kanawha Counties, WV; Gallia and Meigs Counties, OH  
michael.cidor@scouting.org  
[www.buckskin.org/shawnee](http://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

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## Shawnee District Event Calendar

### November

- 15 Popcorn Pickup
- 21 District Meeting
- 23 Free Swim at S. Charleston Rec Center
- 28-29 Thanksgiving – Council Office & Shops Closed

### December

- 19 District Meeting
- 24-25 Service Center & Shops closed for Christmas
- 26 Shops closed for inventory
- 31 Service Center & Shops closed for New Year's Eve

### January

- 1 New Year's Day—Service Center & Shops closed
- 16 District Meeting
- 20 Martin Luther King Jr Day—Service Center & Shops closed

### Fall Popcorn Distribution

Orders for the Popcorn Take Order should have been turned in and now it is time for the distribution. 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.

Shawnee District's pickup will be on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at Tyler Mountain Water warehouse. 159 Harris Street, Poca, WV. Please contact your district executive to schedule your pickup time.

### Popcorn 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 now through the end of the month.

Orders are due to the Council by Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are giving you until noon to submit your order online. Orders will be distributed Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Second Chance Sale

- Sale begins October 23, 2024
- Orders due December 2, 2024
- Distribution December 13, 2024

### Wood Badge 2025

We have been approved to host a Wood Badge course for 2024. Those interested should submit their deposit to hold their spot as soon as possible. Space is limited, so don't miss out. The course dates will be Sept. 26-28, 2025, and Oct. 11-12, 2025. Keep in mind that we need to have paid deposits to hold your spots and make sure that we can hold the course. If you would like to more information, please contact Sue Williams at [buzy2buzy@gmail.com](mailto:buzy2buzy@gmail.com).

### November Free Event Swimming Party

The Cornstalk and Shawnee District are arranging a free-swimming day for Scouts at the South Charleston Recreation Center Pool on Jefferson Road. On Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Scouts and siblings can swim free of charge. Scouts and Youth must be accompanied by parent (s)/adult(s). Walk-ins are welcome but we'd like you to register so we know how many to expect. Register at [www.buckskin.org/shawnee](http://www.buckskin.org/shawnee).

### Shawnee District Committee Meetings

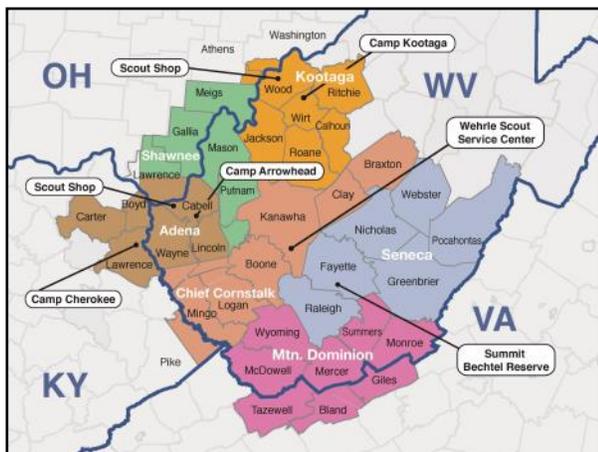
Our meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of most months. We have a zoom link available on the Shawnee page of the Council website. Meetings start at 6:30 PM and all are welcome to attend. This is the meeting each month where we discuss upcoming events, plan for recruiting and helping units build membership and share ideas.



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Mail To: Bucks Skin Council, BSA  
 2829 Kanawha Blvd. E  
 Charleston, WV 25311



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**BUCKSKIN COUNCIL, BSA**  
**2026 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE**  
**Contingent Leadership Application**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Current Registration – Unit / Position \_\_\_\_\_

Contact – Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Buckskin Council is expecting to send a full troop of male scouts and a half troop of female scouts to the 2026 NSJ. No crew will be sponsored for this Jamboree. The male troop will need four (4) adult leaders, one (1) of which should be in the 18-21 year old age range. The female half-troop will have two female leaders. All adult leaders are expected to register on-line for the 2026 NSJ, pay their initial deposit, and complete this application by **December 31, 2024**. The Council’s 2026 NSJ Committee will be making contingent leadership decision shortly thereafter. This application may be mailed to the Charleston Service Center or emailed to [Carl.Sullivan@scouting.org](mailto:Carl.Sullivan@scouting.org). Please don’t delay! Acceptance into the Council 2026 NSJ contingent is subject to the participant maintaining the registration payment schedule. Failure to make registration payments in a timely manner may result in forfeiture of your place in the Council’s contingent. Applicants must meet 2026 NSJ physical guidelines per the annual BSA Health and Medical Record form, including the Summit Bechtel Reserve addendum.

Adult Leadership Experience

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Previous Jamboree Experience

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Unique skills you would bring to the Contingent

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Complete this form and forward it to the Buckskin Council Service Center, 2829 Kanawha Blvd East,  
 Charleston, WV 25311, or email to [Carl.Sullivan@scouting.org](mailto:Carl.Sullivan@scouting.org) by December 31, 2024.

**Buckskin Council, BSA**  
**BASIC ADULT LEADER OUTDOOR ORIENTATION**  
**DECEMBER 6-7, 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](http://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 December 6-7 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](mailto:buzy2buzy@gmail.com).

**Registration Deadline – Tuesday, December 3, 2024**

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## **BALOO REGISTRATION FORM – DECEMBER 6-7, 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](http://www.buckskin.org)



# Scouting for Food 2024

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-2024](http://www.buckskin.org/scouting-for-food-2024)

Please have these turned in by **December 20, 2024**.

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