



## MARSHALL UNIVERSITY MERIT BADGE COLLEGE

Saturday, February 8, 2025

Marshall University, Huntington, WV

One of the largest single day Scouting events in the Council, MUMBC attracts scouts not just from Bucks Skin Council, but from surrounding councils as well. How many merit badges will be offered? Close to fifty merit badges will be available. From Fingerprinting and First Aid to Programming and Nuclear Science, you'll find a merit badge that will engage you.

There will also be some adult leader training scheduled at the event as well. This includes Basic First Aid/AED/CPR (additional cost of \$50 per participant), Scoutmaster Specific training, Merit badge Counselor Orientation and Youth Protection Training, along with other adult trainings.

Lunch will be included in the registration fee. Adult lunch tickets will also be available. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. The complete course catalog will be available soon. Online registration will also be available. Register early for the best selection of merit badges as many merit badge sessions will have a limited number of seats.

Registration will open on January 10, 2025. Watch [www.bucks skin.org](http://www.bucks skin.org) for more information.

## UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

**Save the Date! March 29, 2025 at West Virginia State University, Institute, WV.**

Watch for all the details in next month's Courier!

## SCOUT SKI DAYS AT WINTERPLACE

Announcing Scouts on Skis for the 2025 Season. Cub Scout Packs, Scouts BSA Troops, and individuals can sign up and spend a day learning how to ski, snowboard, or even snowtube!

The all day Ski Package has an optional 2 hour snowtubing add-on for an additional \$32. If you only want to snowtube, choose the 4 hour Snowtubing Package for \$50. Persons tubing must be at least 44 inches tall. Only single riders per tube.

**SKI PACKAGE:** \$80 per person - includes a lift ticket for all open areas, equipment rental (skis or snowboard\* and helmet) and a group lesson\*\*.

\*There is a \$10 charge to change your equipment during your visit. \*\*Group lessons are available at 10 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 4 pm.

**SNOWTUBING :** 4 hour package \$50 (9 am-1 pm & 3 pm-7 pm) Specifically for Cub Scout Families  
2 hour add-on \$32 (9 am, 11 am, 3 pm, 5 pm, 7 pm)

**Food vouchers** are available for \$16 per person



## Council Officers

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## Council Calendar

### 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
12	Council-District Operations mtg (CDO), 10 am—12:00 pm
18	Huntington Shop open 9:00 am—1:00 pm
18	Free Scout Swim Day at S. Charleston Rec Center 10a.m—Noon.
20	Martin Luther King Jr Day, Service Center & Shops closed
26	Winterplace Ski Day

### February

2	Winterplace Ski Day
8	Charleston Shop open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
8	Marshall University Merit Badge College
13	Executive Committee meeting
17	Presidents' Day - Service Center & Shops Closed
22	Huntington Shop open 9:00 am—1:00 pm
23	Winterplace Ski Day

### March

8	Charleston Shop open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
13	Annual Executive Board Meeting
14-16	OA AIA/ICE Weekend
22	Huntington Shop open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
29	University of Scouting, WVSU

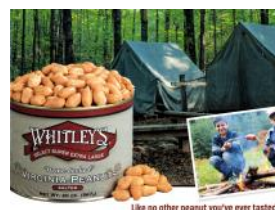
### Spring Product Sales

It is that time of year for units to commit to the Spring Product Sale.

This year we are doing the Whitley's Nuts, and we are also offering the Country Meats bundle packs. Units interested in selling should complete the commitment form by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

More details will be posted on the Buckskin Council site and sent out in early to mid-January.

Please commit to the sale using the form in this Courier or online.



COUNCIL-DISTRICT OPERATIONS  
MEETING (CDO)  
JANUARY 11, 2025 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
H.B.WEHRLE, SR SERVICE CENTER  
2829 KANAWHA BLVD E  
CHARLESTON, WV

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*Dear Scouters,*

Retention is receiving a lot of attention these days. National BSA track this indicator and there is good reason. Retention measures how many Scouts stay in the program from one year to the next. It most directly affects membership growth, but the underlying **cause** of good or bad retention can be found in many areas.

The most obvious reason would seem to be a good quality program. If Scouts are having fun, and their parent's perceive good value in their child participating in Scouting, then they are much more likely to continue through the next year in Scouting. But there are many, many influencers in the quality of a Scouting program. Trained leaders, robust advancement, exciting outdoor program, weekend

camping, long term camping, recognition, good weekly meetings, and quality adult role models are some of the most important ones.

Why is retention important? Because we know for a fact that the longer a youth stays in Scouting, the more positive attributes he or she acquires. Scouts who are in for 5 or more years benefit more from the character development, citizenship training and physical and mental fitness that is Scouting. Also with increased tenure comes a more positive view of Scouting, which helps in recruiting.

Take a little time in your world of Scouting to look at ways to improve the retention of Scouts. Focus on one or more of the above listed influencers that you can help improve in your Cub Scout Pack, Scouts BSA Troop, or Venture Crew. The Scouts will benefit from your effort.

Good Scouting to you and yours,

**Jeffrey L. Purdy**

Scout Executive

## Silver Beaver & District Award of Merit Nominations

The Buckskin Council is accepting nominations for the Silver Beaver Award and District Award of Merit. If you know someone who is worthy, please fill out the form and send it to the Buckskin Council, 2829 Kanawha Blvd. E, Charleston, WV 25311.



**Silver Beaver:** The Silver Beaver Award recognizes Scouters exemplify the ideals of Scouting both in and out of the Scouting circle. The Silver Beaver Award is a National Award and the highest award that can be presented to a volunteer on a council level.

It is one of the most distinguished forms of recognition in Scouting. You may download the nomination form at: [www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-103\\_WB.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-103_WB.pdf)



**District Award of Merit:** The District Award of Merit is a council award presented by districts in the same manner that the Silver Beaver is a national award presented by councils. The award recognizes Scouters who render services of outstanding nature at the district level.

You may download the nomination form at: [www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33720.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33720.pdf)

More information about Buckskin Council's Recognition Dinner will be released soon.

## Council Service Territory 12 Program Conference

The fourth annual CST 12 Conference (formerly the Program Conference) will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at Camp Sinoquipe (677 Boy Scout Road Fort Littleton, Pennsylvania 17223). Featured sessions include:

- Mental, Emotion, and Social Health (MESH) in Scouting
- Recruiting Members for Program Committees Workshop
- What's New in the Guide To Advancement
- NCAP Updates for 2025

Registration will open soon. Go to [www.sacscouting.org/CST12Conference](http://www.sacscouting.org/CST12Conference) for more information.

## Revised Eagle Scout Application

An updated Eagle Scout application is available in Scouting America's website. You can find it at

[www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/resources/](http://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/resources/)

## Merit Badge Updates for 2025

The Scouts BSA Committee periodically reviews all Merit Badges and annually publishes applicable updates. The updates and changes as of January 1, 2025 have been released. You can find them at [www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/all/](http://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/all/)



# 2026 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE

July 22-31, 2026

The National Jamboree is Scouting's premiere event, bringing together thousands of Scouts and leaders from across the country. If you've ever attended a Jamboree, or just hear others talk about it around the campfire, you know it's a life-changing experience. And we need you to be a part of the staff who make it happen! Serving on the Jamboree staff is an opportunity for Scouts and Scouters aged 16 and up to "Elevate" Scouting for all of those in attendance. Let me give you the top 10 reasons to "Elevate" your Scouting by becoming a Jamboree staff member:

## 1. The biggest Scouting event of the year

The National Jamboree is like building our own Scouting city, requiring thousands of dedicated volunteers to make it run smoothly. By serving on staff, you're helping to create lifelong memories for tens of thousands of Scouts, leaders and visitors. Your contribution, no matter the role, is crucial to the success of the Jamboree. You'll leave knowing you helped to Elevate Scouting's future.

## 2. Leadership opportunities

One of the aims of Scouting is leadership development. This is not just for the youth. Jamboree staff positions are leadership development opportunities unlike any other. Whether you're leading a group of volunteers while running an activity area, or providing behind-the-scenes support, you'll hone valuable skills such as teamwork, problem-solving, and communication. These experiences not only strengthen your Scouting resume but also give you skills that are transferable to work, school, and other aspects of life.

## 3. Lifelong friends!

The friendships you form as a Jamboree staffer are one of the main reasons that people return each Jamboree. You'll work alongside volunteers from all over the country, people who share your passion for Scouting. The bonds you create while working, learning, and having fun together will last a lifetime. You'll also meet Scouts and leaders from around the world, expanding your Scouting network in ways you never thought possible.

## 4. Personal growth

Serving on Jamboree staff pushes you out of your comfort zone in the best way possible. You'll be challenged with new responsibilities, often in fast-paced environments, giving you the chance to grow as an individual. Whether you're 16 or 60, Jamboree staff service helps you discover new strengths and passions. It's an experience that will Elevate you personally and that will stay with you long after the Jamboree ends.

## 5. Staff perks

Being a staff member has its perks! You'll have access to special staff only areas, receive unique staff swag, and have opportunities to participate in staff-only activities. Plus, being on staff allows you to experience the Jamboree from a behind-the-scenes perspective, offering an entirely different view. From the early staff arrival days to the closing show, your time on staff is filled with exciting, exclusive experiences.

## 6. Elevate Scouting for the next generation

One of the most meaningful aspects of serving on Jamboree staff is the chance to Elevate Scouting for the next generation of Scouts. The Jamboree

is often a life-changing experience for many young Scouts. As a staff member, you play a pivotal role in making that happen. Whether you're helping a Scout conquer a new activity, teaching a new skill, or simply offering encouragement, you're shaping the Scouting journey for thousands of youth. Your influence can last long after the event.

## 7. A chance to give back

For those who've benefited from Scouting, serving on Jamboree staff is a powerful way to give back to the program that's given you so much. It's an opportunity to invest your time, talent, and passion into an event that strengthens Scouting across the nation. Whether you've been involved in Scouting for decades or are relatively new, your service helps ensure that the values of Scouting continue to thrive.

## 8. FUN!

While there's plenty of hard work involved, serving on staff is also about having fun. The Jamboree experience is full of adventure. You'll have a front-row seat to some of the coolest activities and events happening at the Jamboree, the excitement is contagious. Many staffers say they return for friendships and the fun as much as the work itself.

## 9. Professional experience

Especially if you are a young person or young professional, Jamboree will help you to build your network across the country. You can choose to work in any field of the Jamboree that interests you and will have a chance to meet others who share that same passion. Staff members in the past have used the Jamboree to make connections to help further their professional careers as well. Use the Jamboree as a chance to Elevate your resume not only in Scouting but in connections with other professionals.

## 10. Be a part of the first Scouting America Jamboree

The Jamboree has been around since 1937 and thousands of Scouts have attended Jamborees and served on the staff. But this Jamboree will be the first for Scouting America. You can't say you have been to every Scouting America Jamboree if you miss the first one! Even more, you can't say you have staffed every Scouting America Jamboree unless you staff the first one.

## 10 1/2. Celebrate America

I know I said top ten, but the Jamboree experience can't be contained in just 10...So...

Speaking of America, 2026 also marks the 250th anniversary of the USA and we will have a chance to celebrate that milestone as well during the Jamboree. Our Americana Extravaganza will give you an opportunity to celebrate citizenship and celebrate our country in some unique ways as a part of the largest gathering of Scouters. You don't want to miss it.

## So how do you sign up?

Registration for JST is now open. Go to <https://jamboree.scouting.org/staff/> and click the red Staff Registration button in the upper right corner. Use your my.scouting.org sign-on to access the registration system. Complete the online application.





# TAKHONEK LODGE

## ORDER OF THE ARROW, LODGE #617



A new year means a new start. While 2024 was a great year, it's time to fondly look back and bravely look forward.

### Winter Banquet

Winter Banquet was a success. Big thank you to the Kitchen Crew for all the work they put in. Alongside great food and a great get together, we also welcomed the 2025 Lodge Leadership. The 2025 Lodge Leadership is Sam Miller – Lodge Chief; Natalie Barnette – Vice Chief of Administration; and Matthew Holland – Vice Chief of Program.

### 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 went 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. There is a limit of 1 set per dues paying member until the end of the Spring Fellowship, then we will lift the 1 per member limit.

### AIA/ICE

The first big event of the year will be AIA/ICE at Camp Arrowhead, March 21-23. This event will allow members to learn more about what goes on to prepare the ceremonies and the work that is done to ensure the success of the various fellowships. Keep an eye on the Buckskin website in for registration to open in late January.

### 2025 Lodge Officers

Lodge Chief:	Sam Miller
VC Administration:	Natalie Barnette
VC Program:	Matthew Holland
Secretary:	Xander Dennison
Immediate Past Chief:	Blake Blankenship

### 2025 Chapter Chiefs

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

### 2025 Adult Advisers

Lodge Adviser	David Duncan	david.duncan@suddenlink.net
Assoc. Adviser Admin.	Steve Young	SteveyoungOA@gmail.com
Assoc. Adviser Prog.	Jeff Estep	jstep136@gmail.com
Assoc. Adviser Summit	George Soltis	gm.soltis@gmail.com
Staff Adviser	Billy Bryant	bill.bryant@scouting.org

### Chapter Advisers

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

### Spring Ordeal/Brotherhood

Spring Fellowship will be held April 4-6 at Camp Arrowhead. Come out to help with the work projects and spend time with your fellow Arrowmen. This is also a great chance to obtain your Brotherhood if you have not already. We also encourage units to hold elections before April so Scouts may be able to complete their Ordeal at this event. Registration will open sometime in early February.

### 2026 Conclave

We wanted to announce that Takhonek Lodge will be hosting the 2026 Section Conclave. The lodge is looking for someone to serve as the chair for the committee in charge of preparing for this event. If you are interested in being the chairperson or serving on the committee, please reach out to members of the lodge leadership as soon as possible.

### 2025 Dues & Fox Pass

With a new year, comes new dues. You can now begin paying your 2025 dues and purchasing a 2025 Fox Pass. Go to <https://www.buckskin.org/oa> to pay your dues and buy your Fox Pass for 2025.



### 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)

### 2025 Lodge Calendar

Date	Event	Location
March 21-23	AIA/ICE Weekend	Camp Arrowhead
April 4-6	Spring Ordeal/Brotherhd	Camp Arrowhead
May 16-18	E13 Section Conclave	Camp Falling Rock
August 2	Summer Picnic Pool Party	Camp Arrowhead
September TBD	Vigil/Vigil Reunion	Summit – Sub Camp A
Oct. 3-5	Fall Ordeal/Brotherhood	Camp Arrowhead
November TBD	Section E13 Forum	Camp Lazarus
November 15	Lodge Leadership Dev. (LLD)	Council Office
December 13	Lodge Winter Banquet	Summit Pigott Dng Hall



## Training Corner

By Susan Williams

### Hazardous Weather Training

In 2017, Hazardous Weather Training was made mandatory for all Direct Contact Leaders, however, completion of this training has not been reflected in the training reports. Effective the week of December 2, 2024, this training will be reflected in training reports.

#### **Who is required to complete Hazardous Weather Training?**

All Direct Contact Leaders are required to complete Hazardous Weather Training to be considered “trained” in their position.

#### **Does Hazardous Weather Training expire?**

Hazardous Weather Training is valid for two years.

#### **How will leaders be notified about the expiration of their Hazardous Weather Training?**

Leaders will receive an email notification of their expiration date, from my.scouting (similar to Youth Protection emails). Leaders can also see their training status in their my.Scouting account under My Training. Direct Contact Leaders must complete Hazardous Weather training every two years to retain “trained” status.

The following positions are considered Direct Contact Leaders:

Cubmaster	Asst. Cubmaster
Den Leader	Asst. Den Leader
Scoutmaster	Asst. Scoutmaster
Crew Advisor	Associate Advisor
Exploring Advisor & Associate Advisor	
Sea Scout Adult Leader	

The position trained requirements may be found at: <https://www.scouting.org/training/position-trained-requirements/>

### Training Calendar

#### February

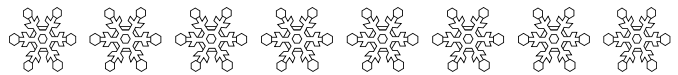
8 Marshall University Merit Badge College

#### March

29 University of Scouting, WVSU

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

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



## BUCKSKIN COUNCIL

### SCOUTS ON SKIS

### FAMILY SKI OUTINGS

### AT WINTERPLACE

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

**Sunday, January 5, 2025**

**Sunday, January 26, 2025**

**Sunday, February 2, 2025**

**Sunday, February 23, 2025**

Bring Scouts and family members to Scout on Skis and receive:

- A full day (open to close) lift ticket
- Ski or Snowboard Rental Equipment including helmet (\$10 charge to change equipment during your visit)
- A 90 minute group lesson customized to each participant’s skiing level.

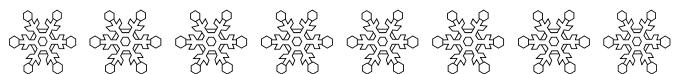
**Tubing:** 2 hour and 4 hour packages available. Persons tubing must be at least 44 inches tall. Only single riders per tube.

Check-in at Winterplace between **8:00am - 1:00pm**. Ski until **10:00pm**.

**Price: \$80 Ski Package**  
**\$32 2 hour Tubing add-on**  
**\$50 4 hour Tubing pkg**  
**\$16 Meal Voucher**

NOTE: Meal Voucher NOT included in Ski Package

Register Online at [www.buckskin.org](http://www.buckskin.org) or call 304-340-3663



## Hazardous Weather Training

### Frequently Asked Questions

In 2017, Hazardous Weather Training was made mandatory for all Direct Contact Leaders, however completion of this training has not been properly reflected in the training reports. Effective the week of December 2, 2024 this training will be reflected in training reports. We've created this FAQ to help answer some questions you may have.

#### **Is Hazardous Weather Training mandatory for registration or renewal of Scouting America membership?**

*No, Hazardous Weather Training does not impact an individual's registration with Scouting America.*

#### **Who is required to complete Hazardous Weather Training?**

*All Direct Contact Leaders are required to complete Hazardous Weather Training to be considered "trained" in their position.*

#### **Can Hazardous Weather Training be conducted in an in-person setting?**

*NO. Hazardous Weather Training can ONLY be completed using the on-line modules offered through my.Scouting*

#### **Is it recommended for all adult leaders attending outdoor events to complete this training?**

*It is recommended that any adult leader, who is attending an outdoor event, with a unit, complete Hazardous Weather Training.*

#### **Does Hazardous Weather Training expire?**

*Hazardous Weather Training is valid for two years.*

#### **How will leaders be notified about the expiration of their Hazardous Weather Training?**

*Leaders will receive an email notification of their expiration date, from my.scouting (similar to Youth Protection emails). Leaders can also see their training status in their my.Scouting account under My Training. Direct Contact Leaders must complete Hazardous Weather training every two years to retain "trained" status.*

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# 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

### January

- 1 New Year's Day - Service Center & Shops closed
- 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

### February

- 2 Ski Day at Winterplace
- 6 Roundtable - 6:30 pm
- 8 Marshall University Merit Badge College
- 17 Presidents' Day - Service Center & Shops Closed
- 20 District Committee meeting
- 23 Ski Day at Winterplace

### March

- 8 Aviation Merit Badge – Yeager Airport
- 6 Roundtable – 6:30pm
- 14-15 OA AIA/ICE Weekend
- 15 Adena Pinewood Derby
- 29 University of Scouting – WV State University

### ROUNDTABLE

The Monthly Roundtable Meeting will be conducted online via Zoom on January 9th. You can use the meeting id 864 7853 6793 for the January 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.

### UNIT RE-CHARTERING BEGINS

If your unit needs assistance in rechartering this year, please contact Carl at 304-523-3408 or email [carl.sullivan@scouting.org](mailto:carl.sullivan@scouting.org). Unit leaders need to consider that Unit Rechartering is now separate from membership renewals. Leaders need to renew unit charters prior to the current charter period ends. Scouts and leaders need to renew their membership before their current membership expires. These dates may not be the same.

### DISTRICT COMMITTEE

The January 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 January District Committee meeting is 846 3566 4748.

## 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	vacant	
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.**

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.

### COUNCIL SCOUT SHOP OPERATIONS

New Year's Day and Martin Luther King Day are recognized holidays in Scouting America. As a result the Council office and scout shops will be closed on these days.

### SKI DAYS AT WINTERPLACE

Great winter fun and ski specials will be available during the Winterplace Ski Days in January and February. The Ski Package includes an all-day lift ticket, equipment rental (including helmet) and a group lesson all for \$80 per person. Snowtubing add-ons are also available at \$32 for 2 hours or \$50 for 4 hours (must be at least 44 inches tall / one rider per tube, please for safety purposes). A \$16 meal voucher is also available. Register on the Council website. Registration closes the Thursday before each ski date.

### POPCORN CELEBRATION

Those scouts who sold more than \$650 during the first and second popcorn sales will be recognized during our annual Popcorn Celebration in January. The date and time are yet to be determined. Congratulations to all those who sold something during the sale and especially to those who made a special effort to reach this goal amount. Watch for more information about the Popcorn Celebration Event.

*(Adena District continued on page 13)*



# Chief Cornstalk District

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

## Chief Cornstalk Event Calendar

### 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
- 18 Free Scout Swim Day—S. Charleston Rec Center 10a.m.—Noon.
- 20 Martin Luther King Day-Scout Office & shops Closed

### February

- 17 Presidents' Day - Service Center & Shops Closed
- 20 District Committee/Annual Business meeting

### March

- 20 District Committee meeting

## 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	
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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	vacant	
Marketing Chair	vacant	
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	

### 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.

### 2025 Friends of Scouting & Camp Promotions

Packs, Troops and Crews we are Planning our 2025 Annual Friends of Scouting presentations and are looking for opportunities to make the presentations at the Unit level. We would also like to talk to your unit about camping programs in the Buckskin Council. These presentations are about 10 minutes, and we are looking for times where we can have the greatest opportunity to speak to all the parents. Pack Blue & Gold Banquets or Pinewood Derbies, Troop and Crew Courts of Honor are typically the best times. If you have a date and time, please let Billy Bryant know so we can schedule a presenter for your event at times where we can have the greatest opportunity to speak to all the parents.

### FREE SCOUT SWIM DAY

Saturday, January 18th  
10 a.m.—12:00 noon

Scouts, siblings and parents can swim for free at the South Charleston Rec Center. (601 Jefferson Road) Sign up at [www.buckskin.org](http://www.buckskin.org). Walk-ins are welcome too!

### 2025 Unit Charters

If you need any assistance with Unit re-chartering please contact Billy Bryant at 304-687-0476 to schedule an appointment. If you have any youth members that need financial assistance to continue their journey in Scouting, please send an email to [bill.bryant@scouting.org](mailto:bill.bryant@scouting.org).

### Cranberry Glades Winter Camporee

The winter camporee will be at the Cranberry Glades January 17-19. The cost is \$5.00 per person. For more information call Billy Bryant @304-687-0476 or Steve Berkhouse @ 304-546-1890. Register at [www.buckskin.org/chiefcornstalk](http://www.buckskin.org/chiefcornstalk).

*The staff of the Buckskin Council  
wishes good health, good cheer,  
and abundant blessings to everyone in  
our Scouting family!*

# 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

### January

- 1 New Year's Day—Service Center & Shops closed
- 11 Council District Operations Meeting (CDO)
- 14 District Committee, 6:30pm
- 14 Roundtable, 7:30pm
- 20 Martin Luther King Jr Day—Service Center & Shops closed
- 24-26 Klondike Derby

### February

- 8 District Pinewood Derby
- 11 District Committee meeting, 6:30 pm
- 11 Roundtable, 7:30 pm
- 17 Presidents' Day - Service Center & Shops Closed

### March

- 11 District Committee, 6:30pm
- 11 Roundtable, 7:30pm

### 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. Please inquire with Christopher Burk for a link to the meeting if you do not normally receive it.

### 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. Please inquire with Christopher Burk for a link to the meeting if you do not normally receive it.

### Unit Rechartering

Now is the time to have rechartering on your mind! December is the most common timeframe when units in Kootaga re-charter 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.

## 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! The Mountain Monster Returns to Camp Kootaga January 24-26.

Register today at [www.buckskin.org/kootaga](http://www.buckskin.org/kootaga). More information will be available as the event draws near. Keep an eye out and stay warm!

### Pinewood Derby

Join us on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> with your pinewood derby car and get ready to compete with fellow scouts for who has the fastest (or best looking) car! To attend, you must register online. Please stay on the lookout for more information.



# 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

### January

- 1 New Year's Day—Service Center & Shops closed
- 16 District Committee meeting, 7:15 pm
- 16 Roundtable, 6:30 pm
- 18 Swim-O-Ree, Bluefield State University
- 20 Martin Luther King Jr Day—Service Center & Shops closed

### February

- 17 Presidents' Day - Service Center & Shops Closed
- 20 District Committee meeting, 7:15 pm
- 20 Roundtable, 6:30 pm
- 21-23 Klondike Derby, The Summit Bechtel Reserve

### March

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

### 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)

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## 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 January 16th.

Roundtable begins at 6:30 PM followed by district meeting at 7:15PM. Stinson United Methodist Church (across from Chick-Fil-A in Princeton).

### Swim O-Ree

The district is sponsoring a FREE Swim-O-Ree on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at Bluefield State University. Come and swim from 9AM-2PM. Lunch will be provided (subway). Please register at [www.buckskin.org/mtdominion](http://www.buckskin.org/mtdominion) so that we know how many to expect.

### Klondike Derby

Mtn. Dominion District's Klondike Derby is February 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025. Arrive the evening of 21<sup>st</sup>, depart the morning of the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Location: Summit Bechtel Reserve  
More details to come!

### Ski Days at Winterplace

January 5<sup>th</sup>, January 26<sup>th</sup>, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, February 23<sup>rd</sup>  
The Ski package is \$80 per person (\$10 charge to change equipment). Food Voucher \$16. Snowtubing: must be 44 inches tall and only single riders  
\$32 per person for a two-hour add-on or \$50 per person for a four-hour session. Register at [www.buckskin.org](http://www.buckskin.org).

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### Woodbadge 2025

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1<sup>st</sup> weekend: September 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2025

2<sup>nd</sup> weekend: October 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

# 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

### January

- 1 New Year's Day—Service Center & Shops closed
- 7 District meeting, 7:00 pm on Zoom
- 18 Swim-O-Ree, Bluefield State University
- 20 Martin Luther King Jr Day—Service Center & Shops closed

### February

- 4 District meeting, 7:00 pm on Zoom
- 17 Presidents' Day - Service Center & Shops Closed
- 21-23 Klondike Derby

### March

- 4 District meeting, 7:00 pm on Zoom

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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.**

### District Committee Meeting

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

### Swim O-Ree

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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

## Shawnee District Event Calendar

### January

- 1 New Year's Day—Service Center & Shops closed
- 16 District Meeting
- 18 Free Scout Swim Day—S. Charleston Rec Center 10a.m—Noon.
- 20 Martin Luther King Jr Day—Service Center & Shops closed

### February

- 17 Presidents' Day - Service Center & Shops Closed
- 20 District Committee meeting

### March

- 20 District Committee meeting
- 29 University of Scouting, WVSU

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

### Shawnee District Committee Meetings

Our meetings are held on the 3rd 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.

### Klondike Derby

Adena & Shawnee Districts are planning a Klondike Derby for January 31 – February 2 at Camp Arrowhead. Please check the website for more information to come soon.

### January 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, January 18 from 10 am to noon. Scouts and siblings can swim free of charge. Scouts and Youth must be accompanied by parent(s) / adult(s). Please sign up on the Buckskin Council website.

### Spring Product Sales

It is that time of year for units to commit to the Spring Product Sale. This year we are doing the Whitley Nut, and we are also offering the Country Meats bundle packs. Units interested in selling should complete the commitment form by February 1<sup>st</sup>. More details will be posted on the Buckskin Council site and sent out in early to mid-January. Please commit to the sale using the form in this Courier or online.

### Scout Ski Days at Winterplace

Announcing Scouts on Skis for the 2025 Season. Cub Scout Packs, Scouts BSA Troops, and individuals can sign up and spend a day learning how to ski, snowboard, or even snow tube!

**SKI PACKAGE:** \$80 per person - includes a lift ticket for all open areas, equipment rental (skis or snowboard\* and helmet) and a group lesson\*\*.

\*There is a \$10 charge to change your equipment during your visit. \*\*Group lessons are available at 10 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 4 pm.

### **SNOWTUBING ADD-ON:**

2-hour add-on \$32 (9 am, 11 am, 3 pm, 5 pm, 7 pm)

4-hour add-on \$50 (9 am-1 pm & 3 pm-7 pm)

Individuals tubing must be at least 44 inches tall. Only single riders per tube.

### **Food vouchers are available for \$16 per person**

Choose your Ski Day below and start your fun on the slopes!

January 5, 2025

January 26, 2025

February 2, 2025

February 23, 2025

### Michael Cidor Farewell

I would like to take a moment to say thank you to all the volunteers and staff I have had the amazing privilege to work with this last 7 years. I have made many friendships and great connections here in the Buckskin Council while serving the Chief Cornstalk District, Kootaga District and Shawnee District as well as serving as the Staff Advisor to the Council Product Sales, Training, Day Camps and Summer Camp at Camp Kootaga.

There are plenty of great memories that will carry with me as I continue my career serving in a new Council back where I grew up in Pennsylvania. Thank you all and keep in touch.

(Adena District continued from page 7)

**COMBINED KLONDIKE CAMPOREE**

A Klondike Camporee is being planned for Camp Arrowhead the weekend of January 31 to February 2. The camporee will be open to all troops and is being planned specifically for troop and crews in Adena, Chief Cornstalk and Shawnee Districts. The primary session will deal with Orienteering (map & compass). A Rifle Shooting contest to determine the best shot in each troop and a tomahawk toss is also planned. Watch for more details on the Council website.

**MARSHALL UNIVERSITY MERIT BADGE COLLEGE**

The annual Marshall University Merit Badge College is scheduled for Saturday, February 8, 2025, on the Huntington Campus. One of the largest single day Scouting events in the Council, MUMBC will attract scouts not just from Buckskin Council, but also from Bluegrass and Simon Kenton Councils as well. There will also be some adult leader training scheduled at the event as well. This will include Basic First Aid/AED/CPR (cost of \$50 per participant does not include lunch), Scoutmaster Specific, Merit badge Counselor Orientation and Youth Protection Training, along with other adult trainings. The number of merit badges will total 40-50 badges, depending on what counselors we are able to secure. Lunch will be included in the registration fee, except for those who sign up for the adult basic First Aid course. Adult lunch tickets will also be available. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. The complete course catalog will be available soon. Online registration will also be available. Register early for the best selection of merit badges as many merit badge sessions will have a limited number of seats.

**AVIATION MERIT BADGE**

The Marshall University Division of Aviation has again offered to conduct an Aviation Merit Badge session. It has been scheduled for March 8, 2025. The session will be at the Bill Noe Flight School at Yeager Airport, Charleston, WV. The session will be limited to 30 scouts. All Aviation Merit Badge Requirements will be covered by the instructors, but scouts will be expected to complete requirement 5 as a pre-requisite for the session. Registration fee is \$5.00 per scout. Adults may attend at no charge and should register as well. Yeager Airport is located at 100 Airport Road #175, Charleston, WV. If coming via I-64, take exit 99 to WV-114/Greenbrier St. Follow WV-114/Greenbrier St to Airport Road. Follow the signs to the flight school building.

**UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING**

March brings about one of the largest Scouting events we conduct each year – the University of Scouting. This year the University of Scouting will be held March 29 on the campus of West Virginia State University, Institute, WV. In addition to the merit badge college being offered, a variety of adult training opportunities will also be provided. Basic First Aid/CPR/AED will also be offered at an additional cost of \$50 to cover course materials. The participant fee for all badges and classes except Basic First Aid is \$15.00. Fee includes merit badge sessions, lunch, and adults will receive a patch. Not registering for classes or taking First Aid and would also like to have lunch in the Dining Hall, adult lunch tickets are \$10.00.

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

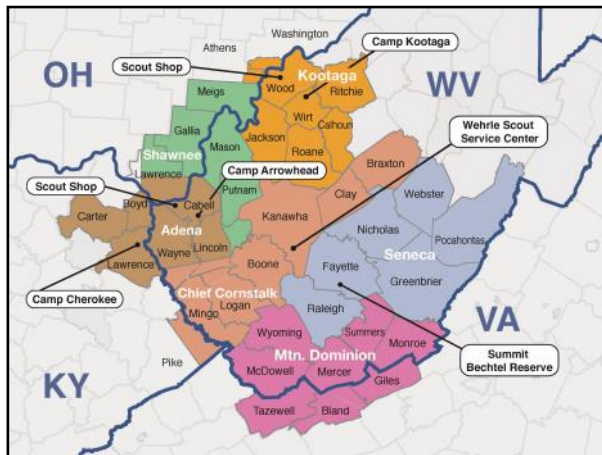
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# BUCKSKIN COUNCIL, BSA 2026 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE Contingent Leadership Application

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.





## **MULTI-DISTRICT KLONDIKE CAMPOREE**

### **January 31-February 2, 2025**

### **Camp Arrowhead, Ona, WV**

The Winter 2025 Klondike Camporee is shaping up to be an exciting and challenging event. The focus of the Camporee will be the Orienteering Merit Badge. A course will be laid out for the scouts to follow in pursuit of this merit badge. An afternoon rifle shooting activity is also planned. A “Hot Shot” award will be presented to the best scout marksman. Other activities will include flint knapping and tomahawk toss.

#### Camporee Schedule

Friday, January 31

- 5:00pm Check-in begins – Meachem Lodge off the main parking lot
- 9:00pm SPL/Leader meeting at Dining Hall
- 11:00pm Lights out

Saturday, January 27

- 8:00am Flag Raising – Parade Field
- 8:15am Breakfast
- 9:30am Orienteering and Flint Knapping
- 12:00pm Lunch
- 1:00pm Hot Shot contest and Tomahawk Toss – Rifle and Archery Ranges
- 4:30pm Flag Lowering – Parade Field
- 6:00pm Dinner – bring your meal to the Dining Hall
- 7:00pm Chaplain’s Aide Meeting – Dining Hall
- 11:00pm Lights out

Sunday, January 28

- 8:00am Flag Raising – Parade Field
- 8:15am Breakfast
- 9:30am Scout’s Own Service – Chapel / alternate site – Dining Hall
- 11:00am Camp Closes

Camporee Fee – register via the Council website – [buckskin.org/adena](https://buckskin.org/adena)

- Youth fee – outside camping \$8.00 per scout
- Youth fee – inside camping \$9.00 per scout
- Adult fee – no charge for first two, \$4.00 for others





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# **Aviation Merit Badge**

**March 8, 2025 – Bill Noe Flight School, Yeager Airport, Charleston, WV**

Check-in begins at 9:00am. Merit badge session will be from 9:30am to 1:00pm.

Lunch will be provided.

**Session is limited to 30 scouts.**

All Aviation Merit Badge Requirements will be covered by the instructors, but scouts will be expected to complete **requirement 5 as a pre-requisite** for the session.

Registration fee is **\$5.00 per scout**. Adults may attend at no charge and should register as well.

Yeager Airport is located at 100 Airport Road #175, Charleston, WV. If coming via I-64, take exit 99 to WV-114/Greenbrier St. Follow WV-114/Greenbrier St to Airport Road.

To register for the event, you can go to [www.buckskin.org/events/aviation-mb](http://www.buckskin.org/events/aviation-mb) or use the QR code.



Seneca District, Buckskin Council  
presents

# 2025 Klondike Derby



**February 22, 2025**  
**8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**

Summit Bechtel Reserve  
Glen Jean, WV

Join us at the Summit for a day of winter Scouting fun! There will be a variety of exciting events and competitions for Scouts to test their skills.

- Open to all Scouts BSA in any district/council
- Camp Friday and/or Saturday night at SBR
- \$20.00 fee includes program, patch, and Saturday lunch
- Register at [buckskin.org/calendar](https://buckskin.org/calendar)

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# The Silver Beaver Award Nomination Form



The Silver Beaver Award was introduced in 1931 and is a council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered Scouters who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council. To prevent embarrassment, the candidate should not be notified of this nomination.

This nomination form must be sent to the local council.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile phone \_\_\_\_\_

Company name \_\_\_\_\_ Professional title \_\_\_\_\_

Scouting position \_\_\_\_\_ Unit type and No. \_\_\_\_\_ District name \_\_\_\_\_

The nominee is registered in Scouting as \_\_\_\_\_ and holds a membership certificate expiring \_\_\_\_\_. (If Scouter is currently unit-connected, give unit number: \_\_\_\_\_)

If the award is granted, we plan to present it on \_\_\_\_\_  
(This date is required, as it is recorded on the certificate.)

I confirm that the nominee lives by the principles of the Scout Oath and Scout Law in word and deed, and is exemplary in his/her personal, family, and professional activities.

Confirmation by person submitting nomination: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed name)

Scouting position \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Silver Beaver Award committee chair signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Scout executive signature



## RECORD OF SERVICE IN THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Please list registered adult positions in the Boy Scouts of America with dates listed chronologically. Indicate unit number, chartered organization, and district where appropriate.

Position	Unit No.	District	Council	From – To	Total Years
Chartered organization representative					
Committee chair					
Committee member					
Cubmaster					
Assistant Cubmaster					
Tiger Cub Coach					
Den leader					
Assistant den leader					
Webelos den leader					
Assistant Webelos den leader					
Scoutmaster					
Assistant Scoutmaster					
Crew Advisor					
Assistant crew Advisor					
Varsity Coach					
Assistant Varsity Coach					
Skipper					
Mate					
District chair					
District vice chair					
District committee member					
District commissioner					
Assistant district commissioner					
Unit commissioner					
Cub Scout roundtable commissioner					
Cub Scout roundtable staff					
Boy Scout roundtable commissioner					
Boy Scout roundtable staff					
Merit badge counselor					
Order of the Arrow chapter advisor					
Venturing roundtable commissioner					
Council board chair					
Council commissioner					
Assistant council commissioner					
Council board of directors member					
Council committee chair					
Council committee member					
Member-at-large					
Honorary life member					

Total number of years as a registered adult volunteer:

## TRAINING COURSES

Please indicate which training courses the nominee participated in and/or staffed with year completed.

Training Courses	Participant	Staff/Faculty
Florida Sea Base Conference		
Kodiak or Kodiak X		
National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)		
National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE)		
National Camping School		
National Junior Leader Instructor Camp (NJLIC)		
Philmont Leadership Challenge		
Philmont Training Center Conference		
Powder Horn		
Seabadge		
Wood Badge		
Other BSA Training Courses	Staff/Faculty	

## SCOUTING RECOGNITION

Scouting Honors					
Type	Year	Type	Year	Type	Year
Eagle Scout		National Eagle Scout Association		Distinguished Eagle Scout	
Scouter's Key		Scouter's Training Award		Arrow of Light	
Order of the Arrow member		Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor		Arrowhead Honor	
God and Country		God and Service		Silver Award	
Unit Leader Award of Merit		Scoutmaster Award of Merit		District Award of Merit	
Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award		Distinguished Commissioner Service Award		James E. West Society Fellowship Award	
Other Scouting Awards					
Type	Year	Type	Year	Type	Year

**NOTEWORTHY SERVICE OF EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER TO YOUTH OUTSIDE OF SCOUTING**

Please list organization, position held, recognition received and year(s) involved or awarded.

Organization	Position/Recognition	Year(s)

Additional noteworthy comments on service of character to youth outside of Scouting:

**STATEMENT OF NOMINEE’S STANDING IN THE COMMUNITY**

Information covering the nominee’s standing in the community, citing activities in which he/she is most active in business, professional, civic, religious, educational, fraternal, veterans, and other non-Scouting areas.

Organization	Positions Held	Years Served	Accomplishments

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Give the full name and titles (if any) of the nominee exactly as you want them to appear on the certificate.
2. Furnish as much information as possible for each section.
3. Long-established policy limits the award of the Silver Beaver to adults 21 and older who are registered with the Boy Scouts of America as volunteer Scouters. Explorer leaders are eligible to be awarded the William H. Spurgeon III Award.
4. Nominations will not be considered for current or former professional Scouters within five (5) years of their leaving employment with the BSA. Other council employees (part time or full time) are eligible to receive the Silver Beaver Award based on their volunteer service, not employed service.
5. Nominations cannot be considered for posthumous awards.
6. Order Silver Beaver insignia using the regular Supply order form from the Supply Group distribution center.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS of the BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

### Article X, Section 6, Clause 3 Silver Beaver Award

The Boy Scouts of America, acting through the National Court of Honor, may award the Silver Beaver for distinguished service to youth upon the following basis and procedure:

- a) Each local council may process their own annual allotment of Silver Beaver awards and shall send a list of Silver Beaver recipients presented each calendar year to the National Court of Honor no later than January 31 of the following year.
- b) The award is made for noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by registered Scouters, Cub Scouters, Varsity Scouters, and Venturing leaders within the territory under the jurisdiction of a local council.
- c) As evidence of the award there shall be presented: a suitable certificate, duly authenticated by the Boy Scouts of America, pursuant to the action of the National Court of Honor; and a miniature Silver Beaver suspended by a blue, white, and blue ribbon to be worn around the neck.
- d) It shall be a general policy that no public announcements shall be made by the local council in advance of action by the National Court of Honor with reference to names presented for consideration.
- e) These awards shall be made to the recipients by the local council concerned in connection with its annual meeting or other public location.
- f) Each duly chartered local council shall be entitled to one nomination. Councils having more than 60 units shall be entitled to further nominations on the basis of one for each additional 60 units or fraction thereof in their territory, as of December 31 preceding the nomination, according to the records of the national office.
- g) Councils not using their full allotment in any year may accumulate the unused portion for use in any subsequent year.
- h) In extraordinary cases, the Silver Beaver Award may be made by the National Court of Honor to a Scouter upon the recommendation of the duly constituted Scouting authorities having supervision of one or more units of the Boy Scouts of America, located outside of the United States and not under the jurisdiction of a local council.