



Spring Product Sale

Help your Scouts earn their way to camp this summer by participating in the 2025 Spring Product Sale. This spring we are offering Scouts across our Council the opportunity to earn their way to one or more of our summer camping opportunities in West Virginia by selling nuts from Whitley's Peanuts and Country Meats Five Pack Sticks. The Unit Commission is 32% for this fundraiser.

We are pleased to announce that we have partnered with Country Meats to sell their meat sticks as a fundraiser. Country Meats has put together a 5 stick pack of savory meat sticks. Each 5 stick pack sells for \$10.00. The unit earns \$3.20 per pack. There are three great tasting flavors to choose:

- Savory – Original Smoked Hickory
- Spicy – Hot Cajun
- Sweet – Sweet BBQ



Each flavor is ordered by the case. Each case consists of 40 packets of 5 stick multi-packs. These meat sticks are available for Show & Sell.

This year we will be sending sales packets to units that make a commitment to help their scouts by selling. Please fill out the Commitment forms and return them to us by February 1, 2025, so we can assemble your packet and get it to you in time to begin selling on February 15, 2025

Key Dates for the sale are:

February 1, 2025	Turn in Commitment forms and Show N Sell Order for Country Meats
February 14, 2025	Show N Sell Order Delivery/Distribution
February 15, 2025	Sale Begins
March 31, 2025	Unit Nut and Meat Snack Take Orders Due to Council Service Center by Noon
April 11 – 12, 2025	Distribution of Orders (depending on location)

If you have questions or need more information, please feel free to contact us at the Buckskin Council, H.B. Wehrle Scout Service Center at 304-340-3663. Thank you and we look forward to your Scouts having a wonderful experience this summer.



Buckskin Council Annual Recognition Dinner

March 8, 2025

Christ Church United Methodist

Scouting America depends on the leadership of its volunteers. The Buckskin Council will honor it's volunteers, 2024 Eagle Scouts, and 2025 Silver Beaver recipients at our Volunteer Recognition Dinner. The Eagle Scout Award is the highest award a Scout may earn. All 2024 Eagle Scouts are invited. The Silver Beaver is the highest award that Buckskin Council may bestow on a volunteer and recognizes Scouters of exceptional character who have provided distinguished service within the council.



Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate, including families. The dinner is Saturday, March 8, 2025 at Christ Church United Methodist, 1221 Quarrier Street, Charleston, WV. The doors open at 5:15 pm and dinner begins promptly at 6:17 pm.

The cost for a meal ticket is \$15 per person. Please register online by March 5th. If you wish to register after March 5th, you must register in person at the Council Service Center.

Join us in celebrating the best of Scouting in The Buckskin Council. Register today at www.buckskin.org.

Nominations for the Silver Beaver award are due February 15, 2025. The nomination form can be found on pages 20-24.

Council Officers

President	John McGhee	304-552-1352
Commissioner	Matt Blackwood	304-552-8395
Scout Executive	Jeffrey L. Purdy	304-340-3663
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VP Program	Michael Bledsoe	
VP District Operation	Rick Atkinson	304-741-0500
VP Membership	Pete Roth	304-549-4496
VP Legal Counsel	Bill Murray	
Executive Vice President	David Lunsford	
National Council Rep.	Art King	304-345-1398

Council Calendar

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
- 15 Spring Product Sales begins
- 17 Presidents' Day - Service Center & Shops Closed
- 22 Huntington Shop open 9:00 am—1:00 pm
- 23 Winterplace Ski Day

March

- 8 Council Recognition Dinner, 6:17 pm
- 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
- 31 Unit orders for Whitley's Nuts & Meat Sticks Due

April

- 4-6 OA Spring Fellowship
- 10 Executive Committee meeting
- 12 Council District Operations meeting (CDO)
Wehrle Service Center, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- 12 Council Pinewood Derby
- 12 Charleston Shop open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 18 Good Friday - Service Center & Shops Closed
- 26 Huntington Shop open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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Family Friends of Scouting is a vital part of sustaining Scouting in our community! Contact your District Executive or Friends of Scouting Chair to schedule a presentation for your Pack, Troop, or Crew.



Council Pinewood Derby Race

The Council Pinewood Derby Race is scheduled for Saturday, April 12th at the Wehrle Service Center. The race is open to Pack Champions and District 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners. More information to come!

Need the Pinewood Derby Rules?

Find them at www.buckskin.org/forms



Dear Scouters,

Parents are increasingly concerned about the messages children receive from television, music, the Internet, and video games, and the pervasive “anything goes” mentality that exists in our society.

Unfortunately, no one is born with good character and strong values; those are learned from friends, peers, mentors, and religious leaders. While building character is primarily the role of parents, the Boy Scouts of America is concerned about the state of America’s youth and help them understand that good character is the foundation of a happy and successful life.

As Scout leaders, we have the duty to teach the importance of values and responsibility to today’s youth—not only right from wrong, but values such as fairness, courage, honor, and respect for others with different views.

Since 1910, words like “trustworthy, loyal, brave, clean, and reverent” from our Scout Law have come to epitomize what the BSA has stood for. Over the past 115 years, parents have come to know that Scouting helps instill character in America’s youth.

The Boy Scouts of America has helped lay the foundation for the future for more than 132 million alumni and members. In fact, independent studies show that adults who participated in Scouting as youth are more likely to put the needs of others before themselves; make honest, not easy, decisions; and value education and the environment.

Today, the BSA’s responsibility is no different. We reach out to boys and girls from all economic, ethnic, and religious walks of life who share our values. America’s youth are too important to our nation’s future to ignore their character development. That is why we know an investment in America’s youth will pay dividends today and tomorrow.

February is Scout Anniversary month. Let’s celebrate our past and look forward to our future!

Good Scouting to you and yours,

Jeffrey L. Purdy

Scout Executive



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Eagle Scout of the Year Scholarship

\$10,000 – National winner
\$2,500 – 3 x runners-up



- **Deadline to apply is March 1, 2025**
- **For eligibility and application visit website at www.legion.org/get-involved/scholarships**
- **Mail application to: American Legion, Dept of WV, ATTN: Eagle Scout of the Year, P.O. Box 3191, Charleston WV 25332**

Scouts who live in Kentucky, Ohio, or Virginia must submit their application to their respective state American Legion for consideration. For contact information, see below.

Kentucky: <https://www.kylegion.org>

Ohio: <https://www.ohiolegion.com/>

Virginia: <https://valegion.org/programs/boy-scout/>



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 Buckskin 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 closes Wednesday, February 5th.

Register at www.buckskin.org.

Aviation Merit Badge Day

There are still a couple of openings for the Aviation Merit Badge Day at the Marshall University Bill Noe Flight School. Register today!

The Marshall University Division of Aviation is conducting an Aviation Merit Badge Day on Saturday, March 8, 2025. The session will be at the Bill Noe Flight School at Yeager Airport in Charleston, WV. The 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. Lunch is included.

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 29, 2025

West Virginia State University
Institute, WV.

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.

Scouts \$15.00

Leaders \$15.00

Adult lunch tickets are \$10.00 (for those not taking classes)

There is an additional \$50 fee for CPR/AED & First Aid class.

Fee includes merit badge sessions, lunch, and adults will receive a patch. Register at www.buckskin.org.



2026 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE

July 22-31, 2026

Scouting's flagship event is one-of-a-kind. It's a gathering of tens of thousands of Scouts, leaders, and Jamboree Service Team members that showcases everything that is great about the Boy Scouts of America. Over the course of 10 summer days, once every four years, the Scouting America gathers together. Scouts and Scouters who attend will explore all kinds of adventures—stadium shows, pioneer village, Mount Jack hikes, adventure sports and more—in the heart of one of nature's greatest playgrounds. With 10,000 acres at the Summit to explore, there's no shortage of opportunities to build Scouting memories.

National Jamboree is the best of Scouting rolled into 10 days of friends, fun and adventure! Buckskin Council is sending a unit of 8 female scouts with 2 adults, and a unit of 36 male scouts with 4 adults. Learn more about how to sign up at www.buckskin.org/events/2026-nsj. Registration opens soon!



Staff Week June 8-14, 2025	Week 1 June 15-21, 2025	Week 2 June 22-28, 2025
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2025 Camp Kootaga Summer Camp Pricing ***

Type of Camper	Dining Hall		Self Sufficient	
	Regular Price	If paid in full by 5/15/23	Regular Price	If paid in full by 5/15/23
Scout	\$325	\$310	\$275	\$260
Adult	\$150		\$90	

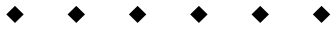
Free Leader discount if unit paid in full before May 15, 2025

Number of Scouts	FREE Adults
1-4	0
5-10	1
11-20	2
21-30	3

***Some merit badges may require an additional fee for supplies. Please refer to the Leader Guide for details. Additional leaders coming in for the day may purchase meal tickets in the Trading Post for meals served in the Dominion Dining Hall at \$10.00 per meal.

Reserve your campsite today at
www.buckskin.org/camping/scoutsbsacamp
 (\$100 campsite deposit will be credited toward your troop's total fee for camp.)
Leader Guide coming soon.
Interested in serving on Summer Camp staff?
Applications are now being accepted.

H. Bernard Wehrle, Sr.
Scout Leadership Service Center
and Scout Shop
2829 Kanawha Blvd E
Charleston, WV 25311
Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm
Phone: 304-340-3663/fax 304-925-0533



Huntington Scout Shop
1037 Sixth Ave
Huntington, WV 25701
Monday-Friday 9:00 am-5:00 pm
Phone: 304-523-3408/fax 304-523-3409



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

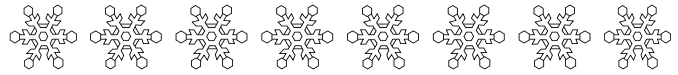


Charleston and Huntington Scout Shops are open one Saturday a month from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
The specific dates are listed below:

Charleston Shop	Huntington Shop
Feb 8	Feb 22
March 8	March 22
April 12	April 26
May 10	May 17

Scout Sunday is a day Scouts come together in faith and fellowship. Commemorate it.

Stop by the Scout Shop and pick up enough patches for your entire unit!



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, 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.

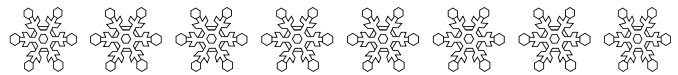
Tubing: 2 hour and 4 hour packages available. Persons tubing must be at least 44 inches tall. Only single riders per tube.

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 or call 304-340-3663





TAKHONEK LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW, LODGE #617



One month in, and 2025 is off to a great start. February itself does not have much to it, but it's still important to let you all know what's to come in the coming months. We also want to give the new Lodge Chief a chance to introduce himself.

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. Please visit Buckskin.org/OA to register for this event.

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. Please visit Buckskin.org/OA to register for this event.

Get To Know your new 2025 Lodge Chief

My name is Samuel Miller, I am an Eagle Scout from Troop 188 in Nitro WV, I started my career in scouting at the age of 15 and then later joined the OA at the age of 16. I am currently in college for Aerospace Engineering, hoping one day to build rockets. In my spare time I love to read, play video games, and hike. I am involved in the National Communications Committee of the OA and went to the 2024 NOAC. I also attended the National and World Jamboree in 2023. I look forward to this coming year and can't wait to see where the lodge will go.

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 jmestep136@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
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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

10th Anniversary Patch Set

Another reminder, the lodge is offering a special 10th 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 10th 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.

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 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/Takhonek.lodge.#617)



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

Upcoming Adult Training

Marshall University Merit Badge College: Troop level training will be available at Marshall University Merit Badge College on February 8, 2025. When you sign your troop up for merit badges, be sure to sign your self up to take training!

What training classes can you choose from?

- Scoutmaster/Asst SM Specific training
- Youth Protection training
- Merit Badge Counselor Orientation
- Troop Committee Challenge
- First Aid & CPR/AED Certification (extra \$50 fee)
- Eagle Scout Process Overview

Registration closes February 5th at 5:00 pm.

University of Scouting: The big training event is the University of Scouting, on March 29, 2025, at West Virginia State University in Institute, WV.

We will offer both Scouts BSA leader training and Cub Scout Leader training. Learn how to offer a program that keeps your Scouts coming back for more. Find out how to use Scoutbook, tie knots, and cook a gourmet meal in camp! In a nutshell, University of Scouting is for all leaders. Watch for registration to open soon at www.buckskin.org.

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)

May 2-3, 2025

Camp Arrowhead

The Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) course builds and expands on the concepts and themes introduced in Scoutmaster Positions-Specific Training and Varsity Coach Position-Specific Training and provides Scouters with the skills they need to take youth into the outdoors.

IOLS is an outdoor classroom training required for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters to be classified as position trained. (If attending Wood Badge, IOLS is required for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters)

It gives adult leaders a practical introduction to the patrol method of a boy-led troop by teaching many of the practical outdoor skills they need to lead scouts in the outdoors.

The course is designed to address a wide variety of topics such as Outdoor Ethics, Cooking, Fire Site Preparation & Building, Campfire Program, Interfaith Worship, Flag Ceremony and more.

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

You should bring a Scouts BSA Handbook, a tent, a sleeping bag or blankets, flashlight & batteries, personal items, a notebook and pen or pencil. Dress for the weather – the course goes on rain or shine.

Register at www.buckskin.org

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

Wood Badge

Wood Badge is an exciting, engaging adult leader training that is designed to make you a better Scout Leader. Attending Wood Badge will help you learn the what and why of Scouting and to build your unit stronger. Wood Badge takes place over two weekends this fall - September 26-28 and October 11-12 - at Camp Arrowhead. Watch for more information. Registration will open 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:

- 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 for more information.

Training Calendar

February

8 Marshall University Merit Badge College

March

29 University of Scouting, WVSU

May

2-3 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS), Camp Arrowhead

2-3 Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO), Camp Arrowhead

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

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

Adena District

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

Adena Event Calendar

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 6:30 pm (new time)
- 23 Ski Day at Winterplace

March

- 6 Roundtable - 6:30 pm
- 8 Aviation Merit Badge – Yeager Airport
- 14-15 OA AIA/ICE Weekend
- 15 Adena Pinewood Derby
- 20 District Committee Meeting 6:30pm (new time)
- 29 University of Scouting – WV State University

April

- 6 Roundtable – 6:30pm
- 11-13 Webelos-ree
- 12 Adena Fishing Derby
- 17 District Committee Meeting – 6:30pm (new time)
- 18 Good Friday - Scout Office & shops Closed
- 25-27 Multi-District Camporee – Camp Arrowhead

ROUNDTABLE

The Monthly Roundtable Meeting will be conducted online via Zoom for February. You can use the **meeting id 864 7853 6793** for the February 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 CONTINUES

If your unit needs assistance in rechartering this year, please contact Carl at the 304-523-3408 or via his email 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.

SKI DAYS AT WINTERPLACE

Great winter fun and ski specials will be available during the Winterplace Ski Days February 2 and February 23. 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 5 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.

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.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE

The February District Committee Meeting will be conducted at a new time and a new place. The meeting will now begin at 6:30pm in the Education Building on Marshall University's campus. We will continue to provide access via Zoom for the next several months. The Zoom meeting ID for February's Committee meeting is **846 3566 4748**.

These meetings begin at 6:30pm 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. Charter Organization Representatives are especially encouraged to attend this meeting as District Elections will take place.

SPRING PRODUCT SALE

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- Spicy – Hot Cajun
- Sweet – Sweet BBQ

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Chief Cornstalk District

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

Chief Cornstalk 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	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	

Chief Cornstalk Event Calendar

February

- 15 Spring Product Sale begins
- 17 Presidents' Day - Service Center & Shops Closed
- 20 District Committee/Annual Business meeting

March

- 8 Council Recognition Dinner
- 20 District Committee meeting
- 29 University of Scouting, WV SU
- 31 Orders due for Spring Product Sale

April

- 15 District Pinewood Derby
- 18 Good Friday - Service Center & Shops Closed
- 20 District Committee Meeting

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.

District Pinewood Derby

The District Pinewood Derby will be held on March 15 at the council service center. Check-in will begin at 9:00 am, with racing beginning at 10:00 am. There is no fee for this event. Please register your scouts at Buckskin.org

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. 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.

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.

University of Scouting

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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 but want lunch in the Dining Hall? Adult lunch tickets are \$10.00.

Happy
Valentine's
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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 www.buckskin.org/kootaga

Kootaga Event Calendar

February

- 8 District Pinewood Derby, 10:00 am
- 11 District Recognition Dinner, 6:00 pm
- 15 Spring Product Sale begins
- 17 Presidents' Day - Service Center & Shops Closed

March

- 11 District Committee, 6:30pm
- 11 Roundtable, 7:30pm
- 31 Spring Product Sale orders due by noon

April

- 8 District Committee meeting, 6:30 pm
- 8 Roundtable, 7:30 pm
- 18 Good Friday - Service Center & Shops closed
- 25-27 Spring Camporee

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



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.

Pinewood Derby

Join us on Saturday, February 8th with your pinewood derby car and get ready to compete with fellow scouts for who has the fastest (or best looking) car! Plan to be there by 10:00 am to check in and start the excitement!

The first 100 registered racers will get a commemorative Race Patch drawn by Hot Wheels coloring book artist Glenn Harding. This District Race will be our district Qualifier for the Buckskin Council Championship Race in Charleston, WV. To attend, you must register online. The entry fee is \$4. Register today at www.buckskin.org/kootaga.

Kootaga District Recognition Dinner

Join us on Tuesday, February 11th to celebrate our successes and recognize those who made them possible!

Kootaga District's Recognition Dinner is February 11th at Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church in Mineral Wells. The celebration begins at 6:00 pm. We look forward to reconnecting as well as taking time to recognize deserving nominees from our district for a variety of honors from Outstanding First Year Leader to the district's highest honor, the District Award of Merit. Renew old friendships and make new ones with the many leaders and units that have played a major role in helping shape the future of the youth in our community.

Register for the dinner at www.buckskin.org/kootaga.



Find Buckskin Council's Cub Scout Pinewood Derby rules and guidelines at www.buckskin.org/forms.

Mountain Dominion District

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

Mt Dominion Event Calendar

February

- 15 Spring Product Sale begins
- 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
- 31 Spring Product Sale orders due

April

- 17 District Committee meeting, 7:15 pm
- 17 Roundtable, 6:30 pm
- 18 Good Friday - Service Center & Shops closed
- 26 Bobcat Day, The Summit

Important update on district events:

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

www.buckskin.org/mtdominion

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Mt. Dominion District Committee

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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 February 20.

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

Klondike Derby

Mtn. Dominion District's Klondike Derby is February 21st-23rd, 2025. Arrive the evening of 21st, depart the morning of the 23rd. Location: Summit Bechtel Reserve

What is a Klondike Derby? A Klondike Derby is a winter Scouting event where patrols pull homemade sleds between stations, completing challenges that test Scout skills like first aid, knots, fire-building, and teamwork. We have a sleigh full of activities planned for Saturday.

Find the Leader Guide, with all the details, at www.buckskin.org/mtdominion.

Ski Days at Winterplace

February 2nd, February 23rd

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.

Bobcat Day

We are having a Bobcat Day on April 26th, 2025, at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. More details to come

Wood Badge 2025

Wood Badge is Scouting's premier training for leaders. The council is conducting a course this fall at Camp Arrowhead. It is two weekends. Participants must attend both weekends.

1st weekend: September 26th-28th, 2025

2nd weekend: October 11th-12th, 2025

Seneca District

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

Seneca Event Calendar

February

- 4 District meeting, 7:00 pm on Zoom
- 15 Spring Product Sale begins
- 17 Presidents' Day - Service Center & Shops Closed
- 21-23 Klondike Derby, The Summit

March

- 4 District meeting, 7:00 pm on Zoom
- 22 District Pinewood Derby, The Summit
- 31 Spring Product Sale orders due by noon

April

- 1 District meeting, 7:00 pm on Zoom
- 18 Good Friday - Service Center & Shops closed
- 26 Bobcat Day, The Summit

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Seneca District Committee

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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 February 4th at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be on Zoom.

Klondike Derby

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District Pinewood Derby

Seneca District's Pinewood Derby will be Saturday, March 22nd at The Summit. More information will be released soon.

Bobcat Day

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Wood Badge 2025

Wood Badge is Scouting's premier training for leaders. The council is conducting a course this fall at Camp Arrowhead. It is two weekends. Participants must attend both weekends.

1st weekend: September 26th-28th, 2025

2nd weekend: October 11th-12th, 2025

Shawnee District

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

Shawnee District Committee

District Chair	Leo Lopez	304-419-4554
District Commissioner	Rosann Brooks	304-881-1042
Asst. Scout Executive	Larry Wunderly	304-340-3663
Vice District Chair	Colleen Sergent	304-552-0297
Vice District Chair (Finance)	vacant	
Advancement Chair	Debbie Slack	304-340-3663
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Camping Chair	Barry Lindley	
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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

February

- 15 Spring Product Sale begins
- 17 Presidents' Day - Service Center & Shops Closed
- 20 District Committee meeting

March

- 20 District Committee meeting
- 29 University of Scouting, WV SU
- 31 Spring Product Sale orders due by noon

April

- 18 Good Friday - Service Center & Shops closed

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.

Spring Product Sale

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 1st. 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!

February 2, 2025

February 23, 2025

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University of Scouting

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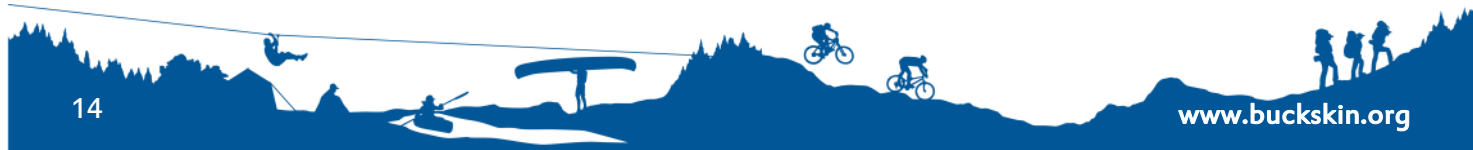
Marshall University Merit Badge College

The annual Marshall University Merit Badge College is scheduled for Saturday, February 8, 2025. One of the largest single day Scouting events in the Council, MUMBC attracts scouts from across the region. There will also be some adult leader training scheduled at the event as well. This includes Basic First Aid/AED/CPR (additional fee of \$50), Scoutmaster Specific, Merit badge Counselor Orientation and Youth Protection Training, along with other adult trainings.

Merit Badge College offers Scouts over 40 merit badges to choose from. Lunch is included in the registration fee. Adult lunch tickets will also be available.

Register today before classes fill up. Online registration is open until February 5.

www.buckskin.org/events/mumbc-2025/



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SPRING PRODUCT SALE (continued)

Each flavor is ordered by the case. Each case consists of 40 packets of 5 stick. These meat sticks are available for Show & Sell opportunities.

Commitment for either or both products should be made by February 1. Show & Sell orders for the meat sticks must be made by February 1. Show & Sell product will be available for pick up about February 14. Take orders for the product sale are due by noon on March 31 for both the nut sale and County Meats snacks. Take order products should be available for pick-up by April 12.

For details about the upcoming product sale, check out this link on the Council website - www.buckskin.org/events/spring-product-sale/ . Will your unit make a commitment for either product or both products?

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 (additional cost of \$50), Scoutmaster Specific, Merit badge Counselor Orientation and Youth Protection Training, along with other adult trainings. Merit Badge College offers Scouts over 40 merit badges to choose from. 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. . Online registration is open until February 5. 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 opportuni-

ties 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.

WEBELOS-REE

April brings the promise of warmer weather, sunshine and lite breezes. What a great time to get outside and do some camping! April 11-13 will be a fun time for Webelos and Arrow of Light scouts to gather at Camp Arrowhead for our annual Webelos-ree. The program is still in development to address the requirements of the revised Webelos and Arrow of Light adventures. Watch for updates in the council website or here in upcoming issues of the *Buckskin Courier*.

FISHING DERBY

The annual Adena Fishing Derby is scheduled for Saturday, April 12, at Camp Arrowhead. Enjoy a great morning of fishing at camp as we have trophies for the most fish caught and the biggest fish caught. We will also be giving away two rod and reel sets as door prizes. This is a “no fee event” sponsored by Adena District. Participants are asked to register online to give us an idea of how many will be attending. Parents and adult partners are welcome to throw a line in the water as well, but the prizes are for the scouts.

BALOO COURSE

May 2 and 3 will be the dates for the next BALOO training course for Cub Scout Leaders interested in taking their pack or den on outdoor activities. Held at Camp Arrowhead, Ona, WV, scouts can learn the in’s and out’s of getting your Cubbies outside. There is an on-line module that participants need to complete prior to the in-person course. Training begins on Friday night about 7:00pm after check-in and camp setup. Training continues with breakfast on Saturday morning and scheduled to conclude about 6:30pm that evening. The course is \$25.00 per person. This covers course material, cracker barrel (snack time) on Friday night, along with breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Course registration will open soon on the council website.

WATCH FOR INFORMATION ON THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

Multi-district Spring Camporee – April 25-27
Spring Family Camp – May 16-18
Day Camp at Camp Arrowhead – June 9-13



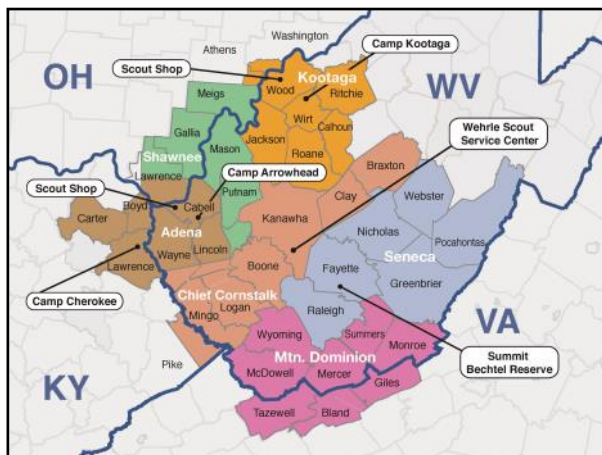
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BUCKSKIN COUNCIL, BSA
2026 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE
Contingent Leadership Application

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. 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

Previous Jamboree Experience

Unique skills you would bring to the Contingent

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 by December 31, 2024.

Buckskin Council, BSA
INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS
MAY 2 - 3, 2025 – CAMP ARROWHEAD

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

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

What is covered in IOLS? The course is designed to address a wide variety of topics such as Outdoor Ethics, Cooking, Fire Site Preparation & Building, Campfire Program, Interfaith Worship, Flag Ceremony and more.

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

When is IOLS training? The next course will be May 2 - 3, 2025 at Camp Arrowhead. Check-in begins Friday at 6:00 pm. All participants are expected to arrive by 7:00pm. The course is planned to conclude by 5:00 pm on Saturday.

What should I bring? You should bring a Scouts BSA Handbook, a tent, a sleeping bag or blankets, flashlight & batteries, personal items, a notebook and pen or pencil. Dress for the weather – the course goes on rain or shine.

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

Registration Deadline – Friday, April 25, 2025

IOLS REGISTRATION FORM – MAY 2 – 3, 2025

Name _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email Address _____

Troop # _____ Position _____ District _____

Detail any food allergies, please _____

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

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



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**Marshall University Division of Aviation and
Buckskin Council, BSA**

Present the

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 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

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

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.