Scouts BSA
Summer Camp

A youth joins a troop because somewhere they saw or heard that Scouting provides the excitement and adventure of camping in the great outdoors. They want to share that excitement with their friends in a patrol as a part of their own troop. This is what they expect. Unlike a family campout, a scout outing is led by the Senior Patrol Leader under the guidance of Scoutmasters and their assistants. The Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) along with the Patrol Leaders plan out the campout and help to see that the mission of scouting is met.

Baden-Powell wrote in 1936; “The Patrol is the character school for the individual. To the Patrol Leader it gives practice in responsibility and in the qualities of Leadership. To the Scouts it gives subordination of self to the interest of the whole, the elements of self-denial, and the self-control involved in the team spirit of cooperation and good comradeship.”

Summer camp is truly one of the highlights of the Scouting year. The Buckskin Council is excited to offer resident summer camp opportunities in four locations.

Register now for a great Summer Camp!

- **Camp Kootaga**
  Register now at [www.buckskin.org/Events/Scout-Summer-Camp-2019](http://www.buckskin.org/Events/Scout-Summer-Camp-2019)
  - June 16-22
  - June 23-29
  - June 30-July 6
  - July 7-13
  - July 14-20

- **Blue Ridge Scout Reservation**
  Register at [https://bsa-brmc.org/camping-reservation](https://bsa-brmc.org/camping-reservation)
  - June 9-15 (Camp Powhatan not open, all others in session)
  - June 16-22
  - June 23-29
  - June 30-July 6
  - July 7-13
  - July 14-20

- **Camp Mountaineer**
  - June 23-29
  - June 30-July 6
  - July 7-13
  - July 14-20

- **James C. Justice National Scout Camp**
  The fee for Buckskin Council participants is $325.
  Register at [www.summitbsa.org/programs/scout-camp](http://www.summitbsa.org/programs/scout-camp)
  - June 16-22
  - June 23-29
  - June 30-July 6
  - July 7-13
H. Bernard Wehrle, Sr.
Scout Leadership Service Center
and Scout Shop Hours
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
1340 Juliana St.
Parkersburg, WV 26101
Monday-Friday 8:00 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:

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Council Calendar

April
5-7 Commissioner College, Cedar Lakes, Ripley
11 Executive Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm
13 Council-District Operations (CDO) meeting, HB Wehrle Sr Service Center, 10:00 am
13 Council Pinewood Derby, HB Wehrle Sr Service Center, 1:00 pm
13 Charleston Shop Open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
19 Good Friday - Service Center & Shops Closed
25 Council Commissioner Meeting
26-28 The Amazing Race Council Camporee
At Camp Kootaga

May
9 Executive Board Meeting, H.B. Wehrle Center, 6:00 pm
10-11 IOLS/BALOO training at Camp Chief Logan
11 Charleston Shop Open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
17-19 OA Conclave at Camp Mountaineer
18 Huntington Shop Open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
27 Memorial Day—Service Center & Shops Closed
30 Council Commissioner Meeting
H.B. Wehrle Sr. Service Center, 7:00pm

June
13 Executive Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm
14-15 Webelos Weekend at Camp Arrowhead
16-22 Scouts BSA Camp, Camp Kootaga - week 1
23-29 Scouts BSA Camp, Camp Kootaga - week 2
27 Council Commissioner Meeting
H.B. Wehrle Sr. Service Center, 7:00pm
30-July 6 Scouts BSA Camp, Camp Kootaga - week 3

Council - District Operations Meeting (CDO)

Saturday, April 13, 2019
10:00 am - 12 noon
H. Bernard Wehrle Sr Scout Service Center
2829 Kanawha Blvd E, Charleston, WV
A Message from the Scout Executive

Dear Scouters,

The following is a portion of an article from 2013. It stems from a meeting I had with district and council volunteers.

One thing that totally surprised me occurred during a discussion about obstacles that impede leaders from delivering a quality program. It was with a very experienced volunteer leader whom I will call Bill (to protect his identity). The conversation went something like this.

Bill: “Jeff, do you realize that many unit leaders think that you as the Scout Executive are unapproachable?”

Me: “Why would they think that? I am very approachable. Bill, you know me. I will talk to anyone who wants to talk about Scouting”.

Bill: “Well yes Jeff, now that I have become active on the district and council level and I know you better, I agree that you are very approachable. But before I met you, and from what I had heard in the district previously, and what I had observed at the council office in the past, I did not think I had access to you as the Scout Executive”.

Me. “I have a hard time understanding how that can be. I have leaders and parents talking to me all of the time at the Scout Service Center. Many just walk right to my office and strike up a conversation”.

Bill. “That may be true, but Jeff, I can honestly tell you that many leaders out in the districts and the units do not feel they have access to you”.

Six years ago, my strategy to address my misconception that I was easily approachable was to invite all volunteer leaders to have a sack lunch with me and talk about anything they desired. Although in theory it was a great plan, I only got a couple takers. Fast forward six years, I am going to try it again, and I have a bigger carrot to offer! All Buckskin Council volunteers can join me for lunch at the H. Bernard Wehrle Sr. Scout Leadership Service Center on Friday, May 3 at 12 noon. I will even cook hot dogs on the grill and have chips and drinks available, so you just need to show up. If you can’t make it on Friday, and still want to say a few words to me, please do. My door is open.

Hope to see you for lunch and good Scouting to you and yours,
Jeffrey L. Purdy
Scout Executive

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A new council was born on January 1, 2019. The old Buckskin Council and the Allohak Council merged to form the new Buckskin Council. The new council includes all or portions of 40 counties after six West Virginia counties and small portions of two Ohio counties of the new Kootaga District joined with the 22 West Virginia counties, four Kentucky counties, three Ohio counties, and three Virginia counties of the old Buckskin Council.

The population served is 1,283,000, which is greater than that of eight states and would rank between Maine and Montana. The total area served is 18,000 square miles, is larger than nine states and would rank between West Virginia and Maryland. The lowest elevation is 530 feet above sea level on the Ohio River at Boyd County (KY) and Lawrence County (OH). The highest elevation is 4848 feet on Cheat Mountain in Pocahontas County (WV). Both the geographical center and the population center are in Kanawha County and coincidentally, fairly close to the H. Bernard Wehrle, Sr. Scout Leadership Service Center. The geographical center is in Kanawha State Forest and the population center is near Riverside High School.
Buckskin Council Champions

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Rish Equipment Company
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Commissioner’s Fireside Chat
The way possible new members find your unit is through BeAScout.org.
You probably already know that. But is the information there current for your unit? When was the last time you checked it? Does it show last year’s leader or an old meeting time, for example? Access to update your unit’s pin is available to all unit leaders, including committee members in your unit and a good time to verify your BeAScout.org entry is when you recharter each year.
To update your pin:
- Go to My.Scouting.org
- In the drop-down menu, go to Legacy Web Tools and select BeAScout.
- Choose “unit” (rather than council) under “Unit Pin Mode” to update the pin with your contact info.
- Be sure to set pin status to “active.” If they want the “Apply Now” button on the pin, set “Apply Status” to “active.”
- Note that it may take a few hours, or up to overnight, for the updated information to show up.
- For Cub Scout packs and Scouts BSA troops: You’ll also want to go to Organization Manager and identify your unit’s gender: all-boy, all-girl or a mix of all-boy dens and all-girl dens for packs and boy troops or girls troops in the case of Scouts BSA units. Under Organization Manager, find the settings tab and scroll to the bottom of the page. Be sure to enter an effective date or it will not update the pin.

Yours in service,
J. Dan McCarthy
Council Commissioner

SPECIAL THANKS

Volunteers are the heart of Scouting and in the Buckskin Council we have a group who quietly serve you by making sure the newsletters and other key communications are prepared, labeled and mailed. It is important to let our leaders know who these folks are so you can thank them when you see them.
The person who leads the charge is Bonnie Starling! March Courier helpers were Phil Gaarenstroom, Art Altman, Bill Evans, and Grace Tolbert. We always look forward to seeing these volunteers in the council office. The Newsletter is folded on the last Tuesday of each month, between August and May, starting around 8:30 am and ending around noon. If you would like to join this great group of people, call the Scout Service Center at 304-340-3663 and let us know. We would greatly appreciate your help!!!!
2019 World Scout Jamboree

Have you heard about it? The largest gathering of scouts in the world will be right here in West Virginia! We know you have been thinking about it – this once in a lifetime opportunity to be part of the greatest scout adventure in North America. You have thought about it. Now is the time for you do something about it – get registered for the 2019 World Scout Jamboree. Space is still available, but it is limited if you want to be part of the contingent that Area 4 has put together from the Buckskin Council.

The WSJ is scheduled for July 22 to August 2, 2019. The 2019 WSJ will be hosted here in West Virginia at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. The World Scout Jamboree (WSJ) is the largest regular event organized by the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), gathering up to 40,000 Scouts from more than 150 countries around the World.

To register, go to the WSJ website – [www.2019wsj.org](http://www.2019wsj.org) – and follow the links to the participant registration page.

Youth participants must be age 14 by July 1, 2019. No rank requirement is mandatory. Scouts age 18 or older are encouraged to register as part of the International Service Team. This group will help lead the activities and provide support services to those attending WSJ.

Cedar Lakes College of Commissioner Science

Commissioner College is one of the best ways for commissioners to get continuing education in their critical role. It is modeled after a traditional college, with course requirements leading to Bachelors, Masters, and Doctorate "degrees" in Commissioner Science. The faculty has been selected from among the most capable trainers available.

For all current and future commissioners, including:

- Unit Commissioners
- District Commissioners & Assistant District Commissioners
- Roundtable Commissioners & Assistant Commissioners
- Other Commissioners and Interested Scouters

The Cedar Lakes College of Commissioner Science offers something for every registered scout leader! You will be able to select the track you want to study and choose electives to meet your need. Commissioners are encouraged to use this continuing education event to facilitate improved service to their units/Districts/Councils. Each participant must bring a completed Annual Health & Medical Record (parts A-B). Join us on Saturday, April 6, 2019, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM at the Cedar Lakes Conference Center. The $15 event registration fee includes the course materials, and light refreshments. The fee does not include the housing and meal costs at Cedar Lakes. Registration information can be found at the hosting Council's webpage: [https://scoutingevent.com/615-CMSRCOLLEGE](https://scoutingevent.com/615-CMSRCOLLEGE)

FUND YOUR MOUNTAIN TOP EXPERIENCE!
THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR SCOUTS TO EARN THEIR WAY TO CAMP!

Hey there Scouts and Leaders! We have another opportunity for Scouts to earn their way to camp this summer. We have partnered up with Tudor’s and Gino’s to offer an exclusive discount coupon card for you to sell. The Card has $60 worth of coupons for everyone’s favorite items for only $10. Units will earn $5 for every card they sell. The units can request a supply of cards for you to sell and you will have until May 17th to sell your cards. On May 17th we ask that you pay for the cards you have sold and turn in any unsold cards or pay for all your cards and continue to sell if you want to.

Stop by the Scout Service Center, Huntington Scout Shop, or Parkersburg Scout Shop to get your unit’s cards.
CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP
Hundred Years of Buckskin!

It’s a fun and exciting camp experience! Cub Scout day camp gets Cub Scouts outside doing activities with friends and it’s the first step in the camping progression. Scouts spend each day visiting a variety of program stations. At the end of the day they return home. It’s a place for Cub Scouts to test themselves, participate in new activities, make new friends and learn something along the way and have a TON OF FUN.

Cub Scout day camps are organized by the Buckskin Council and are conducted under certified leadership at an approved site and during daylight or early evening hours. Certification of the day camp director and program director is provided through the National Camping School. Day camp programs include nature, sports, aquatics, and crafts. Den and pack leaders make up the nucleus of the day camp staff. Day Camp is fun and adventure with a purpose!

Day Camp provides a time of programing and activities not otherwise accessible to this age group. Different camps throughout the summer provide variations in activities based on the resources available, so no weeks are alike!

Cub Scouts participate in many varied activities including, archery, BB-guns, sling shots, field sports, nature, arts and crafts, Scout skills, and a variety of other events. It’s a fun-filled time of challenging Cub Scout activities, exciting adventures and new friendships. All areas (especially range activities) place a special emphasis on safety procedures. Each camp offers action packed days filled with fun, learning, adventure, and more! Day Camp is open to all Cub Scouts who will be going into 1st through 5th grades in Fall 2019. Those entering 1st grade must be accompanied by an adult partner.

Parents, grandparents, and other adult volunteers are always welcome to be part of the day camp. All volunteers need to complete youth protection training. A BSA Annual Health & Medical Record, Parts A & B is also required.

So, grab your sunglasses, and sun screen and join the party. No matter what camp you choose, you can be sure it will be loaded with an awesome experience. Participants receive a t-shirt and patch. Advancements offered at day camp supplements the exciting program offered by the unit. Registration opens soon. The registration fee ($55.00) includes a patch, t-shirt, and program supplies. Your Cub Scout may attend any camp in the council or even more than one! Find the camp that fits your schedule and go have a great time Scouting!

The dates of the Buckskin Summer Cub Camps are:

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Looking for a great alternative to candy for your Scout's Easter basket? Stop by your local Scout Shop. Your Scouts will love their Scouting gifts!

Family Friends of Scouting is a vital part of sustaining Scouting in our area! Family FOS is an opportunity for Scouting to report on its successes and needs in our 32 counties, and for families to invest in the future of young people through the BSA. Talk to your District Family Friends of Scouting Chair or your District Executive about the date for your presentation in the first few months of 2019.

CAMP ARROWHEAD WEEKEND
SUMMER PROGRAMS

Announcement has been made regarding the three weekends when merit badges will be offered at Camp Arrowhead. These weekends are:

- June 27-30
- July 11-14
- July 25-28

Troops and crews will check in on Thursday evening. Units may register for one weekend, two or all three weekends. Merit badges will be offered Friday through Sunday. Units will be expected to prepare their own meals as no Dining Hall service will be available. Complete registration details and program announcements will be available in the May Courier.

April
6  Range Master Course
   Camp Arrowhead – 9:00 am – 6:00 pm (approx.)

May
6  Range Safety Officer (RSO) Training Course
   H. Bernard Wehrle Scout Service Center
   9:00 am – 6:00 pm
11  Range Master Course at Camp Kootaga
    9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Range Master Course: Cub Scouts Shooting Sport
Every district is required to provide their own BB and Archery instructors for Cub Scout events. This training course covers setting up a range, safety, handling equipment, using a bow stringer, maintaining and storing equipment, and instructing Scouts. This certification is valid for two years from the course completion date. Lunch will be on your own.

- Registration: Online at the council website.
- Cost: Free

Range Safety Officer (RSO) Training Course:
Successful completion of this course will certify the student to operate a rifle and shotgun range for troops and crews. Lunch will be on your own.

- Registration: Online at the council website.
- Cost: $25.00
- Materials needed: All provided with cost of course.

Schedule your Unit’s 2019 Family Friends of Scouting Presentations now!
Wilderness First Aid Class

Wilderness First Aid is required for backcountry trips and excursions. “Backcountry” is defined as anywhere that medical care is one hour or more away.

A Wilderness First Aid Course will be taught May 10-11, 2019, at Camp Kootaga.

The fee is $75 and includes program materials, cracker barrel on Friday, snacks and a continental breakfast on Saturday. Participants are responsible for their own meals. Time will be permitted to run out to local restaurants. It is suggested that you eat dinner before arriving at camp. For those who wish to stay overnight at Camp Kootaga, arrangements will be made for lodging.

Certification is provided through Emergency Care and Safety Institute (ECSI). The certification is valid for two years.

For more information, contact Alvin Watts at 304-751-5686 or email him at awatts4013@yahoo.com.

Buckskin Council’s 2020 Summit Experience

June 14-20, 2020

Not sure which activity suits you best? Try them all with the Summit Experience program. It is the only program that lets you try all The Summit’s high adventure activities—BMX, skateboarding, mountain biking, zip lines, canopy tours, challenge courses, climbing, shooting sports and more—in one setting.

The Summit Experience High Adventure Program is a seven-day/six-night program running Sunday to Saturday. It consists of half-day introductory level experiences at each of the nine Summit high adventure venues.

In addition, each group will perform a half-day service project and have the chance to ride The Big Zip — our 3/4 mile zip line. In addition, each night (Monday-Friday), we will open the Scott Summit Center for activities, fun and socializing.

The Scott Summit Center incorporates small versions of our adventure sports venues.

Buckskin Council will be sending crews to the Summit Experience in the summer of 2020. We are looking for registered Scouts, Venturers, and Scouters. Scouts must be 13 years of age by September 1, 2020. All participants must complete the BSA Swim Test and will be rechecked on arrival at the Summit.

Dates: June 14-20, 2020
Tentative cost: $875

Contact:
Ed Dzierzak, Contingent Coordinator
304.634.8189 or dzierzak@frontier.com

Wilderness Rangers
July 15-20, 2019

Would you like to “jump in the creek” with Dr. Steward Welch from West Virginia University searching for whatever swims, crawls, or jumps? How about learning all about this region’s non-poisonous and poisonous snakes with Mr. Roy Moose? Open to Scouts ages 14 through 17, this adventure will be like no other Scouting experience you will ever have!

Call Grady Brewer, Program Director at 304-736-8377, for an application or pick one up at the Council Service Center or Huntington Scout Shop. We take a maximum of 24 Scouts. The cost is only $150. File your Wilderness Rangers application, Venture Crew application (no cost for Venture Crew application) and your early deposit of $75 before the Crew fills up!

2019 Buckskin Council Pinewood Derby
Saturday, April 13th

H. Bernard Wehrle Scout Leadership Service Center
2829 Kanawha Blvd E, Charleston WV

Champions Division Open to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winner from each district, as well as overall pack winner from each pack. The champions division will follow the Buckskin Council’s Pinewood Derby Rules (see attachment). Overall pack winners and district top 3 MUST PRE-REGISTER: Please register online by April 11th.

Sign-in: 1:00PM-1:45PM
Racing: 2:00PM
Awards: Immediately following completion of race

Outlaw Division Open to ANYONE! Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Girl Scouts, Leaders, Parents, Friends etc. The only rule for the outlaw division is that it has to fit on the track! Outlaw Division can register online.

Registration: 3:00PM-3:45PM
Racing: 4:00PM
Awards: Immediately following completion of race

Registration fee is $5.00 per car entered (per race) and will cover a custom patch for each participant. 1st-3rd and Best of Show trophies will be presented for each race.

Register at www.buckskin.org
**TRAINING CORNER**

*by Carol McCarthy*

**Unit Training Verification**

Unit Leaders, stay tuned and watch for an email from your council training team with information about your Unit's Training Inventory. When you receive the email, we ask that you please check your unit's adult leader training and let us know of any discrepancies. Your Unit Commissioner may follow up with you on your unit's training status.

If you have any training needs, please contact your district training chair, Carol McCarthy or Sue Williams.

**Youth Protection Training**

On March 1, 2019, the online YPT Course will be replaced with an updated version.

If you have started—but not completed—the current Y01 Youth Protection Training: You must complete the training by February 28th, or any progress you have made will not transfer, due to the new learning plan. Otherwise, you may simply start over with the new training plan on March 1, 2019.

If you HAVE already completed the current Y01 Youth Protection Training: You WILL NOT be affected. You DO NOT have to retake the training when the March 1, 2019 course is released.

Completions will not be recorded on my.scouting.org until you have completed all 3 modules and the certification test.

To print your completion certificate, return to my.scouting.org, select "Menu" then "My Dashboard." Your Youth Protection Training Certificate can be printed by selecting the printer icon in the "YPT Status" area.

**“BLT to Go” Training**

Training can be arranged to GO to your unit where you meet in your own community! Just schedule it with Carol or Sue (numbers listed below) and we will bring our materials to your unit. ALL we ask is that you do your level best to get FIRM commitments from EVERY leader and/or parent or helper you possibly can to attend and make it worth our time and travel expense. Maybe make it a pizza night, (Carol will bring the Carrot Cake dessert either way). Call or email us with any questions, and to set up a date! EVERY YOUTH DESERVES A TRAINED LEADER and the job is easier when you understand the resources and planning is all done FOR you!

**BSA Outdoor Leader Training May 10 – 11, 2019**

Chief Cornstalk District is hosting Outdoor Leader Training at Camp Chief Logan on May 10-11 2019; all interested Scout leaders and Venturing Crews are welcome. The camp will be available for participants to register and set up tents at 5 PM. The program starts Friday at 7 PM and concludes on Saturday at approximately 7:00 PM.

The training will include all the material in BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (Scout BSA Leaders). Participants will be certified in one or the other upon completion of the course. Please indicate which course you wish to be certified for when registering.

All participants (staff and trainees) will pay a $15.00 fee upon arrival to cover the cost of a Cracker Barrel Friday evening, breakfast and lunch on Saturday and expendables used in training. You are on your own for Friday supper. Please register at the Scout Service Center or online by Monday April 29th, so that we may purchase sufficient food. **REGISTRATION IS A MUST.**

**TRAINING CALENDAR**

**April**

5-7  Commissioner College at Cedar Lakes in Ripley. Cost is $15. Lodging and meals available for additional fee.

Range Safety Officer (RSO) Training Course

H. Bernard Wehrle Scout Service Center

9:00 am – 6:00 pm

5  Range Master Course at Camp Arrowhead

9:00 am – 6:00 pm (approx.)

13  CDO (Council District Operations) date for all District volunteers and leaders...all scouters welcome. 10am to noon at Council office in Charleston. Connect and network! Learn what is coming in the next months.

**May**

10-11  IOLS (Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills) and BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) are taught to adults at Camp Chief Logan. Registration is online at www.buckskin.org for this. There is a prerequisite part to BALOO now. Contact Bonnie Starling at ibstarling@gmail.com

10-11  Wilderness First Aid - Camp Kootaga - see page 8

11  Range Master training at Camp Kootaga - see page 7

**Schedule Training for Your Unit**

Carol McCarthy, Council Training Chair

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Or

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TAKHONEK LODGE
ORDER OF THE ARROW, LODGE #617

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2019 Lodge Calendar
Date Event Location
Apr 26-28 Council Camporee Camp Kootaga
May 17-19 Conclave* Cp Mountaineer
June 7-9 Spring Fellowship** Camp Kootaga
July 12-14 Badgeore Camp Roland
Oct 4-6 Summit Fellowship** The Summit
Nov 1-3 FORUM Camp Lazarus
Dec 15 Winter Banquet TBA

* denotes an ordeal opportunity
** denotes a brotherhood opportunity

Letters from the Vice Chief of Administration

Hello! I'm Clayton Comer, and I'm currently serving as Takhonek Lodge’s Vice Chief of Administration. I have served in the Lodge leadership in some capacity for the past few years. I enjoy the OA and its values of service to others and fellow scouters. The Vice Chief of Administration directly falls under the guidance of the Lodge Chief and the Associate Adviser of Administration, which is George Solits. By serving in this position I am over specific committees such as Finance, Vigil selection, Memorabilia, and Registration. The Vice Chief of Administration also handles all tasks assigned by the Lodge Chief when asked to do so. I look forward to the upcoming year and all the exciting events and events our Lodge has planned. If you have any questions about any of the committees listed please email me at ccomer@takhonek.org. Thank you!
Adena District Committee

District Chair  Stephen Stacks  304-634-9679
District Commissioner  Alvin Watts  304-751-5686
District Executive  Carl Sullivan  304-523-3408
Nominating Committee  John VanHorn  304-208-5622
Fund Development  David Lunsford  304-733-2780
Family FOS  Heidi Marchal  304-733-4178
Product Sale  Melanie Young  304-523-3408
Golf Scramble  Mark Cox  304-736-3054
Membership  Morris Edmunds  304-743-5891
Training  Sue Williams  217-741-0900
Activities
Camp Promotion  Jon Keelin  606-739-9232
Advancement  Ed Dzierzak  304-634-6189
Marketing  Jeremy Reed  304-972-9116
Boy Scout Roundtable  Chris Porter  304-733-9559
Cub Scout Roundtable  Melanie Young  606-928-4903

ROUNDTABLE
Adena District Roundtable meetings are held the first Thursday of each month. Meetings are for all Scout leaders regardless of your position. The location is The Gathering Place, Chestnut St & 15th St, Kenova, WV. The June Roundtable meeting will be a cookout for the volunteer leaders. There will be no Roundtable meetings in July and August. Watch for information about the annual Program Kick-off Event in August.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE
The monthly District Committee Meeting will be held at Central United Methodist Church, 11th St West and Jefferson Ave, in Huntington. The meeting begins at 6:00pm the third Thursday of each month. All units should have a representative attend.

WEBELOS-REE
All Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts are invited to attend the Webelos-ree the weekend of April 5-7, at Camp Arrowhead. These scouts will have the opportunity to complete the Castaway elective during the event. In addition, scouts will participate in the Fishing Derby Saturday morning. In the afternoon, scouts will participate in other activities including BB shooting and Archery. This event is not a family camp. Registration is limited to 4th and 5th grade scouts, their leaders and parents. Details can be found at www.buckskin.org/adena

FISHING DERBY
The annual Adena Fishing Derby will be Saturday, April 6 at Camp Arrowhead. Registration begins at 8:00am, and fishing begins at 8:30am. Trophies will be awarded for the Most Fish Caught and the Biggest Fish Caught. Several rod and reel sets will be presented as door prizes for the participants. Check out the flyer on the District page of the Council website.

Adena Event Calendar

April
4  Roundtable, The Gathering Place, Kenova 6:30pm
5-7  Webelos-ree, Camp Arrowhead
6  Fishing Derby, Camp Arrowhead, 8:30am
6-7  Commissioner College, Cedar Lakes, Ripley, WV
13  CDO, Charleston
13  Council Pinewood Derby
18  District Committee, Central UMC 6:00pm
19  Good Friday – Office & Scout Shops Closed
26-28  Council Camporee, Camp Kootaga
27  Huntington Scout Shop Open

May
2  Roundtable, The Gathering Place, Kenova 6:30pm
10  Cubmobile, test runs 6:00pm-8:00pm
11  Cubmobile, Cabell Midland HS, Ona, WV 8:00am
16  District Committee, Central UMC 6:00pm
17  Settlement Day for Tudor’s Card Sale
18  Huntington Scout Shop Open
25  Memorial Day Flag Placements

June
6  Roundtable, The Gathering Place, Kenova 6:30pm
10-14  Day Camp, Camp Arrowhead
14-16  Webelos Weekend, Camp Arrowhead
20  District Committee, Central UMC 6:00pm
27-30  Camp Arrowhead Summer Camp Weekend #1

July
11-14  Camp Arrowhead Summer Camp Weekend #2
25-28  Camp Arrowhead Summer Camp Weekend #3

COMMISSIONER COLLEGE
Cedar Lakes Conference Center, Ripley, WV will again be the site for the 2019 Commissioner College on Saturday, April 6. Mountaineer Area Council is hosting this year’s event. Registration for the college is $15 per person. Lodging and meals are available from the conference center and require separate registration. Use the link below for registration details: https://scoutingevent.com/615-CMSRCOLLEGE

SPRING CAMPOREE
Adena District is participating in the Council Centennial Camporee at Camp Kootaga the weekend of April 26-28. Join with scouts and troops from across the Council as we come together to celebrate our 100th Anniversary.

CUBMOBILE
May 11 is the date and Cabell Midland High School is the site for this year’s Cubmobile. Leaders and parents help build a race car that the scouts can ride in. Join us for a fun and exciting day of racing to see which dens build the fastest cars. Test run your car on Friday, May 10 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Check-in on race day begins at 8:00am, with racing beginning at 9:00am. Details can be found at www.buckskin.org/adena

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Chief Cornstalk District
Serving: Logan, Boone Mingo Kanawha, Braxton & Clay Counties in WV & Pike County in Ky.
Michael.cidor@scouting.org

Chief Cornstalk District Committee

District Chair    Mark Linville
District Commissioner  Paul Helmick  304-744-3211
District Director    Michael Cidor  304-340-3663
Vice Chair     Kem Abraham  304-855-8543
Vice Chair     Jeffrey Brandt  304-982-5546
Vice Chair     Steve Snodgrass  304-837-3302
Membership Chair    vacant
Community FOS Chair  Les Wilkerson
Fund Development    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
Advancement Chair  John Teare  304-550-3516
Activities Chair   vacant
Camping Chair      James Sutphin
Marketing Chair   Jim Strawn
Cub Day Camp   Kara Cvechko
Cub Day Camp   Alicyn Spencer
Cub Family Camp  Becky Kinser
District Chaplain   Danny Pauley  304-561-7666

District Family Camp
Cub Scouts and families, come join us for a weekend of “Scouting for Bigfoot” at Family Camp at Camp Chief Logan, May 3-5, 2019. Activities include shooting sports, outdoor skills, fishing derby, twilight nature hike, a “squatch watch”, campfire program and more. Cost is $6.00 for each camper, includes patch. Online registration and more information can be found at www.Buckskin.org.

Chief Cornstalk Event Calendar

April
4  Roundtable, H.B. Wehrle Sr Service Center, 7:00 pm
4  Commissioner Meeting, H.B. Wehrle, Sr Service Center, 6:00 pm
13  Council Pinewood Derby, H.B. Wehrle Service Center
13  CDO - Wehrle Service Center 10:00 a.m.
18  Committee Meeting, Wehrle Service Center, 7:00 pm

May
2  Roundtable, H.B. Wehrle Sr Service Center, 7:00 pm
2  Commissioner Meeting, H.B. Wehrle, Sr Service Center, 6:00 pm
3-5  Cub Family Camp at Camp Chief Logan
18  Committee Meeting, Wehrle Service Center, 7:00 pm
27  Memorial Day - Service Center & Shops Closed

June
6  Roundtable, H.B. Wehrle Sr Service Center, 7:00 pm
6  Commissioner Meeting, H.B. Wehrle, Sr Service Center, 6:00 pm
10-14  Cub Day Camp - Coonskin Park
20  Committee Meeting, H.B. Wehrle Service Center 7:00 pm

FUND YOUR MOUNTAIN TOP EXPERIENCE
THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR SCOUTS TO EARN THEIR WAY TO CAMP!

Hey there Scouts and Leaders. We have another opportunity for Scouts to earn their way to camp this summer. We have partnered up with Tudor’s and Gino’s to offer an exclusive discount coupon card for you to sell. The Card has $60 worth of coupons for everyone’s favorite items for only $10. Units will earn $5 for every card they sell. The units can request a supply of cards for you to sell and you will have until May 17th to sell your cards. On May 17th we ask that you pay for the cards you have sold and turn in any unsold cards or pay for all your cards and continue to sell if you want to.

Chief Cornstalk District Pinewood Derby Results

We would like to thank all the Scouts, Families and Leaders who came out to the District Pinewood Derby on March 16th. We had a great turn out and a lot of fun racing. The cars looked fantastic and the overall average times from 1st place to the last place were within a little more than a second. So here are the results. The “Best in Show” car was Jackson Sears from Pack 111, Scout Division 1st Place was Zachary Moore from Pack 195, 2nd Place was Will Ballard from Pack 152 and 3rd Place was Eli Cooper from Pack 136. In the Open Class the winners were 1st Place was Fred Hartman, 2nd Place Perry Critchley, 3rd Place was Cassie Means. Thank you to Pack 168 and Morris Memorial United Methodist Church for hosting the District Pinewood Derby.
**Kootaga District**

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

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**Kootaga District Mission Statement**
The purpose of the Kootaga District is to work thru Chartered Organizations and community groups to organize and support successful Scouting units, to provide a Plan and Path of support that allows volunteers to effectively manage and grow their unit, and to provide opportunities for units and their members to experience Scouting thru combined District Programs and Adventures. -- James Bennon, Chairman, Kootaga District

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**Roundtables**

As support to the unit leaders, the District’s Roundtable Commissioners will hold monthly roundtables. Roundtables will be held in Wood County (First Tuesday) and in the Jackson/Roane County area (First Thursday) of each month. Notices will be sent to leaders of future meetings each month. All units should have a representative attend.

**District Committee**

The Monthly District Committee Meetings will be held at Camp Kootaga on the 2nd Tuesday. The meeting starts at 6:30 pm.

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**2019 World Jamboree Day Passes**

So, you don't have the time, money, and/or patience to do the entire World Jamboree this year at Summit Bechtel Reserve? Perhaps you should visit for the day!!!! Day passes are available to youth and adults for the relatively reasonable $30 and $55 cost of admission. Find out more at: https://www.2019wsj.org/attend/day-visitors/

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**The Amazing Race Camporee - April 26-28, 2019**

In celebration of our 100th Anniversary, Buckskin Council will hold a Centennial Camporee. We are looking forward to a great camporee and hope that you will join us at Camp Kootaga. The cost per person is $17. This is a BACKPACKING CAMPOREE. Participants will be walking to their campsite approximately one mile with all their needed equipment for the weekend. Due to parking availability trailers will not be permitted onsite at the event. Additional information and registration for this exciting event is available at www.buckskin.org (http://www.buckskin.org/Events/Amazing-Race-2019). Please "Be Prepared" for a great time at the Camporee.

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**BSA RANGE MASTER TRAINING**

This session covers ranges for Cub Scout Archery as well as BB's, and Sling Shots which allows you to supervise Cub Scout shooting sports activities. (Day Camps and other council/district Cub Scout activities). BSA Range Master qualification must be renewed every two years. Participants must be present for the entire course and must be at least 18 years old. Training will be held on Saturday, May 11 at Camp Kootaga. This will be an all-day class You will need to bring pen and paper. CONTACT Virgil Adkins at vadkins457@gmail.com

**Wilderness First Aid Class Offered at Camp Kootaga**

Wilderness first aid (WFA) is a course for everyone planning a remote high adventure event will be offered at Camp Kootaga Starting at 6pm on Friday, April 11-12, 2019. Check in at the Kootaga Lodge and will finish around 9 pm Saturday. The focus is on prevention, assessment, and treatment for an ill or injured person in a remote environment. This is defined as being an hour or more away from advanced care.

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Mountain Dominion District
Serving: Monroe, Mercer, McDowell, Summers & Wyoming Counties in WV; Giles, Bland & Tazewell Counties in VA
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Mt Dominion District Committee

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Calling All Eagle Scouts!
This year is the 100th anniversary of the Buckskin Council! To honor this occasion, we will be celebrating all of our Eagle Scouts at a special dinner at the Chuck Mathena Center in Princeton on May 16th. This event will coincide with our Friends of Scouting Dinner and all proceeds will go towards the Mt Dominion Friends of Scouting campaign. This event will replace the normal roundtable and district committee meetings for the month. If you would like to attend, please contact Trey Aliff to reserve a seat johnny.aliff@scouting.org.

Cub Scout Day Camp
Day Camp season is quickly approaching! This year, the Mt Dominion District will be offering two exciting Day Camps for all Cub Scouts and tag-a-longs. Cap Roland Day Camp will take place in Bastian VA on June 24th-28th. Pineville Day Camp will take place at the Pineville Little League Field in Pineville WV on July 22nd-26th. For information and to register online, visit www.buckskin.org. If you are willing to volunteer for either of these camps, please contact Paula Mattox at 304-732-9371.

April
13 Council Pinewood Derby - Wehrle Center
13 CDO - Council/District Operations Mtg. Wehrle Center 10 a.m.
18 Roundtable Meeting- 6:30- Stinson United Methodist Church
18 District Committee Meeting- 7:15- Stinson United Methodist Church

May
16 Friends of Scouting/Eagle Scout Dinner, Chuck Mathena Center Princeton WV
17-19 Cub Scout Spring Family Camp, Camp Roland
27 Memorial Day - Service Center & Shops Closed

June
20 Roundtable Meeting- 6:30- Stinson United Methodist Church
24-28 Cub Scout Day Camp, Camp Roland

District Committee/Roundtable
Held the 3rd Thursday each month at Stinson United Methodist Church in Princeton. Roundtable begins at 6:30pm and is open to all registered leaders. This is a great opportunity to stay up to date with the latest trainings, programs and events in our area. Roundtable does not meet every month; please check the calendar to see which months they will be meeting. District committee starts at 7:15pm and is also open to all registered leaders. The District Committee is responsible for the overall operations of all aspects of the Mt Dominion District. If you are interested in joining the district committee, contact District Chair William Cooley at 304-324-8949.

Spring Cub Family Camp
Mark your calendars for May 17-19 for the annual Spring Cub Scout Family Camp at Camp Roland. The theme for this year is ‘Down On The Farm.’ All Cub Scouts and their families are invited to join for a fun filled weekend. For more information, including the registration link, please visit the following link. http://www.buckskin.org/MtDominion/Events/springcubfamcamp19
Seneca District

Serving: Fayette, Raleigh, Nicholas, Webster, Greenbrier and Pocahontas Counties in WV
david.leckie@scouting.org

Seneca District Committee

District Chair OPEN
District Commissioner Jim Phares 304-644-7937
Sr District Executive David Leckie 304-542-5071
Advancement Chair Jeff Proctor 304-673-2640
Program Chair OPEN
Training Chair Carol McCarthy 703-587-4453

Friends of Scouting & Camp Promotions
Packs and Troops, the Seneca District has started its 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 opportunities 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, and Troop Courts of Honor are typically the best times. If you have a date and time, please let David Leckie know so that he can schedule a presenter dleckie@bsamail.org.

Seneca Event Calendar

April
13 Council Pinewood Derby, HB Wehrle Sr Service Center, 1:00 pm
13 CDO - Wehrle Service Center 10 a.m.
19 Good Friday - Service Center & Shops Closed
26-28 Amazing Race Council Camporee, Camp Kootaga

May
16 District Committee Meeting, J.W. & Hazel Ruby Center
27 Memorial Day—Service Center & Shops Closed

June
17-21 Cub Day Camp - Fayette County Park

2019 Buckskin Council Pinewood Derby
Saturday, April 13th at the H. Bernard Wehrle Sr Scout Leadership Service Center
Champions Division Open to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winner from each district, as well as overall pack winner from each pack. The champions division will follow the Buckskin Council’s Pinewood Derby Rules (see attachment). Overall pack winners and district top 3 MUST PRE-REGISTER: Please register online by April 11th at www.buckskin.org.
Sign-in: 1:00PM-1:45PM
Racing: 2:00 PM
Awards: Immediately following completion of race

Outlaw Division Open to ANYONE! Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Girl Scouts, Leaders, Parents, Friends etc. The only rule for the outlaw division is that it must fit on the track! Outlaw division can register online at www.buckskin.org.
Registration: 3:00PM-3:45PM
Racing: 4:00PM
Awards: Immediately following completion of race
Registration fee is $5.00 per car entered (per race) and will cover a custom patch for each participant. 1st-3rd and Best of Show trophies will be presented for each race.
Register online at www.buckskin.org.
Shawnee District Committee

District Chair: Leo Lopez
District Commissioner: Steve Hardman (304-206-7064)
Asst District Commissioner: Rosann Brooks (304-881-1042)
District Executive: David Duncan (304-541-7559)
Vice District Chair: Colleen Sergent (304-552-0297)
Vice District Chair: Mark Newman (304-549-0532)
Vice District Chair: Brian Linville (304-340-3663)
Advancement Chair: Debbie Slack (304-727-0143)
Cub Program Chair: Melinda Craddock (304-549-0532)
Boy Scout Roundtable Chair: Mark Newman (304-552-0297)
Cub Scout Roundtable Chair: Colleen Sergent (304-727-0143)
Product Sales/Family FOS: Amy Carte (304-964-4208)

District Pinewood Derby:
The Shawnee district held their annual Pinewood Derby on Saturday, March 16th. Racers from all over the district were in attendance and the competition was fierce. The pit area was bustling with discussions of cars weights, designs and speculations of who would be the winners. A special thank you goes to the Cross Lanes UMC for the use of their gym for the race.

Race Winners:
1st Place David Bradley, Pack 146
2nd Place Nathan Boyer, Pack 17
3rd Place Matthew Hinton, Pack 74

District Committee Meeting:
The district committee meeting will be held at the Teays Valley Presbyterian Church on April 4th (first Thursday of the month) at 6:30 pm. The address for the church is: 5339 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, WV.
MEMORIAL DAY FLAG PLACEMENT

Scouts have a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate respect for our veterans by participating in flag placements at Golden Oaks Cemetery in Ashland and at Spring Hill Cemetery in Huntington. Placement at Golden Oaks begins at 9:00 am (bring a screw-driver to help make a hole for the flag). Spring Hill placements will begin at 10:00 am. Other opportunities may exist at a cemetery near you. Check with your local cemetery.

CUB SCOUT SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

Now is the time for parents, families and leaders to begin thinking about your summer camp plans. Several opportunities will be available for your Cub Scout this summer. The Adena Day Camp will be at Camp Arrowhead the week of June 10-14. Scouts arrive at camp each morning with a brown bag lunch and experience a day of fun and adventure which includes swimming, BB shooting, archery, boating, crafts, gardens and much more. The council’s Webelos Weekend will be June 14-16 at Camp Arrowhead. Webelos and their adult partners will participate in activities designed just for Webelos. There will also be two nights of camping under the stars as these scouts prepare to make the transition to a troop. All Cub Scouts can also take part in the Cub Scout Resident Camp to be held July 4-7 at Camp Arrowhead. A fun filled weekend of Cub Scout activities await those who participate. This camp includes overnight camping for the Cubs and their adult partners. Activities include all those fun outdoor things Cubbies like to do, such as games, crafts, swimming, boating, BB shooting, archery slingshot and more. Complete details about all of the Council’s Cub Scout Summer Camps will be released shortly. Be sure to check the Council’s website for registration information. Make this a fun-filled camping experience for your Cubbie.

CAMP ARROWHEAD WEEKEND SUMMER PROGRAMS

Announcement has been made regarding the three weekends when merit badges will be offered at Camp Arrowhead. These weekends are June 27-30, July 11-14, and July 25-28. Troops and crews will check in on Thursday evening. Units may register for one weekend, two or all three weekends. Merit badges will be offered Friday through Sunday. Units will be expected to prepare their own meals as no Dining Hall service will be available. Complete registration details and program details will be available in the May Courier.

Cedar Lakes College of Commissioner Science

The April 6, 2019 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Cedar Lakes College of Commissioner Science is a full day of learning with opportunities to earn degrees in Commissioner Science and much more. You will receive up-to-date information on ways to improve service to your units. These informative classes are packed with material you can use on your next unit contact and are presented by faculty who are highly experienced and trained, dedicated, and are enthusiastic about this year’s college. You can expect a great day packed with solid learning experiences plus fellowship.

Cost: $15, includes event registration fee, course materials, and light refreshments and will be held at the Cedar Lake Conference Center near Ripley, WV.

Registration and additional information is available on the Mountaineer Council website: https://scoutingevent.com/615-CMSRCOLLEGE.

Each participant must bring a completed Annual Health & Medical Record (parts A-B).

Scouts BSA Summer Camp 2019 at Camp Kootaga

Camp Kootaga, part of the George A. Stevenson Scout Reservation, includes 500+ acres of rugged woodland in the mighty Hughes River Valley in Walker, WV. The river almost makes our camp an island in the wilderness. The reservation encompasses acres of hilly woodlands, which makes it a natural environment for the outdoor activities of Scouting. The topography ranges from 600 feet above sea level to over 800 feet above sea level at Wind Caves. There are plenty of opportunities for you and your troop to experience nature or have some quality time together.

Summer Camp is the highlight of a Scout’s year. Buckskin Council is offering five weeks of Summer Camp to choose from at Camp Kootaga. There are two fee rates:

- Troops eating in the Dining Hall pay $255 for youth and $125 for adults
- Troops that are self-sufficient pay $200 for youth and $65 for adults

Units paid in full before May 15, 2019, may be eligible for a leader’s discount if they have enough youth attending camp. There is a Late Fee of $25 per person if paid after May 15, 2019. Bring your troop to Summer Camp for an experience you’ll never forget.

The Camp Guidebook, registration and additional information is available by visiting http://www.buckskin.org/Events/Scout-Summer-Camp-2019.

Kootaga District Cub Scout Day Camp

The Kootaga District Day Camp will held be June 12-15 at the Dupont Employee Recreational Club (DERC). Come and join the party, as the camp will be using the Council theme–Celebrating 100 Years of Buckskin Council. Camp hours will be 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Wednesday through Friday, with a Family Campout on Friday night followed with activities Saturday Morning until 12 pm. Day Camp activities will include BB shooting, archery, slingshots, carnival games, inflatables, crafts, hiking, swimming, outdoor cooking, building and service projects, community first responders and equipment, many special guests and much more. The fee for day camp is $55.00 for registration by May 15, $65 after that date. Look for registration online at the Buckskin Council page. Leaders Guide will be available in late April. For questions or to volunteer call Camp Director Jeri Lynn Boudreau 304-991-8870.
THE MEMORIAL TRIBUTE FUND
A lasting way to remember someone you care about.
The Buckskin Council offers an excellent way to remember a Scout, family member, Scout volunteer, friend or community leader, through the Tribute fund. All funds received go to the operating cost in the year they are given. Anyone may, however, designate the donations for a specific purpose. (In Memory Of, Anniversary, Happy Birthday, Get well.)
Other__________________________________________

Please send Acknowledgement To:
Name:__________________________________________
Address:________________________________________

IN HONOR OF:
Name:___________________________________________
Address:_________________________________________

Mail To: Buckskin Council, BSA
2829 Kanawha Blvd. E
Charleston, WV 25311
Cedar Lakes

College of Commissioner Science and Scouting University
Hosted by
Mountaineer Area Council

Commissioner College is one of the best ways for commissioners to get continuing education in their critical role. It is modeled after a traditional college, with course requirements leading to Bachelors, Masters, and Doctorate "degrees" in Commissioner Science. The faculty has been selected from among the most capable trainers available.

For all current and future commissioners, including:

- Unit Commissioners
- District Commissioners & Assistant District Commissioners
- Roundtable Commissioners & Assistant Commissioners
- Other Commissioners and Interested Scouters

**When:** Saturday, April 6, 2019, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Where:** Cedars Lake Conference Center

**Cost:** $15, includes event registration fee, course materials, and light refreshments

**NOTE:** cost does not include housing and meal costs at Cedar Lakes

**Registration available at:** [https://scoutingevent.com/615-CMSRCOLLEGE](https://scoutingevent.com/615-CMSRCOLLEGE)
BSA Outdoor Leader Training May 10 – 11, 2019

Chief Cornstalk District will be hosting Outdoor Leader Training at BSA Camp Chief Logan on May 10 - 11 2019; all interested Scout leaders and Venturing Crews are welcome. The camp will be available for participants to register and set up tents at 5 PM. The program starts Friday at 7 PM and concludes on Saturday at approximately 7:00 PM.

The training will include all the material in BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (Scout BSA Leaders). Participants will be certified in one or the other upon completion of the course. Please indicate which course you wish to be certified for when registering.

Prior to taking the practical component, participants must have completed the online component. Both the online and the practical, must be completed in order to fulfill the “BALOO Trained” status. In the event the online component is not completed prior to the practical, the trained status is withheld until both components are successfully completed. The online portion is available through the BSA Learn Center. Log onto my.scouting.org and select the BSA Learn Center image on the right side of the home page.

All participants (staff and trainees) will pay a $15.00 fee upon arrival to cover the cost of a Cracker Barrel Friday evening, breakfast and lunch on Saturday and expendables used in training. You are on your own for Friday supper. Please register at the Scout Service Center or online by Monday April 29th, so that we may purchase sufficient food. REGISTRATION IS A MUST.

DIRECTIONS: Take I-64 to Oakwood Road Exit (58A) in Charleston. Turn right onto Rt. 119 South (Corridor G). Continue on Rt. 119 South for 36.5 miles from stoplight at South Ridge Center. Turn left at Garret Fork Road [+ mile point 38.5]. (Look for green highway sign "Boy Scout Camp"). Travel 1.5 miles. Turn right across bridge [Camp Chief Logan sign and Archway visible]; drive into camp. Remember you are going to the Boy Scout Camp not the nearby State Park.

Prepare to come for learning and fun.

What to Bring:

_____ Tent and ground cloth
_____ Water bottle
_____ Paper and pen or pencil
_____ raincoat or poncho
_____ 2 days clothing – Consider: layers for temperature changes (could be cold or warm) and condition changes

_____ Bedding including sleeping bag/pillow
_____ Flashlight/extra batteries
_____ Toiletries and Towel
_____ hat/gloves
_____ Matches

Optional to bring if you have them

_____ Uniform
_____ Compass
_____ Walking Stick
_____ Scout Books if you have any
  *Boy Scout Handbook
  *Webelos Handbook

For more information contact:
Michael Cidor 304-340-3663 or cell 814-860-1562        Bonnie Starling 304-965-7680 Or contact the Council Service Center at 304-340-3663 or 1-800-272-6880.
2019 Buckskin Council Pinewood Derby
Saturday, April 13th
H. Bernard Werhle Scout Leadership Service Center
2829 Kanawha Blvd E, Charleston WV

**Champions Division** Open to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winner from each district (three total representatives per district), as well as overall pack winner from each pack in the Buckskin Council. The champions division will follow the Buckskin Council’s Pinewood Derby Rules (see attachment). Overall pack winners and district top 3 MUST PRE-REGISTER. Please register online by April 11th at [www.buckskin.org/events/councilderby19](http://www.buckskin.org/events/councilderby19)

Sign-in: 1:00PM-1:45PM
Racing: 2:00PM
Awards- Immediately following completion of race

**Outlaw Division** Open to ANYONE! Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Girl Scouts, Leaders, Parents, Friends etc. The only rule for the outlaw division is that it has to fit on the track! Outlaw division can register at the event or online.

Registration: 3:00PM-3:45PM
Racing: 4:00PM
Awards: Immediately following completion of race

Registration fee is $5.00 per car entered (per race) and will cover a custom patch for each participant. 1st-3rd and Best of Show trophies will be presented for each race.
Open to all Cub Scouts and siblings entering First Grade-5th grade in Fall of 2019
Day Camp allows you to spend a few days doing fun and meaningful outdoor activities with your Scout!
Day Camp serves as a valuable aid in the Scouts BSA. We will be completing numerous provides amazing TEAM BUILDING
The days will be filled with a wide variety and adults alike! Get registered NOW for progression from Tiger Cub to Cub Scout to requirements for each Rank. This also opportunities for our boys and girls! of fun activities that will excite the kids this exciting and fun-filled day camp.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES
- CARNIVAL on Wednesday for Opening Day with inflatables, Sumo Suits, dunk tank, and much, much more!!!
- Archery, Slingshots, and BB Guns
- Building Activities
- First Aid
- Swimming
- Cooking
- Hiking
- Service Projects
- MANY SPECIAL GUESTS
- Many more exciting things-too much to list

CAMP FEE
- $55 PER CAMPER
  What's Included with the Camp Fee?
  ANSWER: EVERYTHING!!!!
  • BREAKFAST
  • LUNCH
  • SNACKS
  • ALL MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES
  • A COMPLETED TAKE HOME CRAFT
  • DAY CAMP T-SHIRT
  • DAY CAMP PARTICIPANT PATCH
  • CINCH SACK*
    (only available to first 100 REGISTERED Participants)
  • Camp-Out Friday Night

REGISTER NOW
for only $55*
*Registration will go up after May 16th to $60

If you have any questions, please contact the Scout BSA office @ 304.422.4514 or contact our Day Camp Coordinator, Jeri Lynn Boudreau, @ 304.991.8870

Camp-out
Friday Night, June 14th
- Pool Time
- Skits
- Kona Ice
- Camp Fire
- Overnight Camping

This is open to all participants of Cub Scout Day Camp and their families at NO ADDITIONAL COST.
Children must be supervised during the Camp-Out by a parent/guardian.
Dinner on Friday and Breakfast on Saturday are included with the $55 CAMP FEE

*CAMPERSHIPS are available

Simba's
This year, we are opening up slots for siblings of Cub Scouts that have not reached 1st Grade/ and want to participate in the fun. Wood County Library will be onsite each day for story time and we will have crafts and games, as well as time in the kiddie pool. A parent or Guardian must be onsite at Day Camp (no drop-offs allowed.) Simba's MUST be PRE-REGISTERED. The fee is $55.
The Cub Scout Fishing Derby is open to all Cub Scouts. The fishing at Camp Arrowhead is catch and release. The event will award prizes for Most Fish Caught and for Largest Fish Caught. Trophies will be presented for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each category. All equipment and bait should be provided by the participants. Some camp cane poles and bread for dough balls will be available. There are no awards for adults who wish to fish during this event.

- **All Cub Scouts** may participate in this event.
- **Webelos** attending the Webelos-ree that weekend need not register for the Fishing Derby. Your registration for the Webelos-ree includes the Fishing Derby.
- All participants should provide their own equipment and bait. A limited number of cane poles are available. Some bread will be provided for “dough balls”.
- **Lion and Tiger scouts** must be accompanied by an adult partner 18 years or older.
- **Dens or Packs** must provide sufficient **adult supervision** for their group.
- Since all fishing at Camp Arrowhead is **catch and release**, it is the responsibility of the **Scout to have the judges verify his catch** before it is returned to the lake.
- **Fish caught by an adult** and given to the Scout will result in the Scout being disqualified.
- Trophies will be award based on the decision of the judges. The judges’ decisions are final.
- Trophies will be presented in two categories — **Most Fish Caught** and **Largest Fish Caught**. Trophies will include a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

**Date**: Saturday, April 6, 2019  
**Time**: Registration 8:00-8:30am  
Fishing 8:30am to 11:45am  
Awards 11:45am to noon  
**Place**: Lower Lake at Camp Arrowhead, Ona, WV  
**Cost**: $4.00 per Cub Scout  
No fishing license is required.  
Adults are welcome to fish during the event but are not eligible for the prizes being awarded. Adult supervision of Cub Scouts is required.
Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts are invited to share in a fun and exciting camping weekend. Scouts will have the opportunity to earn the Castaway elective. Scouts will also participate in the annual Fishing Derby on Saturday morning.

Participation is limited to first and second year Webelos scouts, registered Cub Scout leaders, and parents. Packs are expected to provide leadership to their scouts while in camp. It is expected that a pack will have a ratio of at least one adult for every five scouts, with a minimum of two adults.

This camping event will begin Friday, April 5 and conclude on Sunday, April 7, 2019. Check-in will begin as early as 5:00pm on Friday evening. (No dinner will be provided on Friday night.) The campout will dismiss about 10:00am on Sunday morning. During the weekend, scouts will participate in aluminum foil cooking, BB shooting, Archery, Scavenger Hunt, Fire Building and Shelter Building. Prizes for the most items found on the Scavenger hunt and the Dutch oven cookoff.

The fee for Webelos is $16.00 per scout. The fee for adults is $10.00 per adult. The event is for first and second year Webelos only. This is not a family camp. Other Cub Scout ranks and siblings are not permitted during this camping event. Registrations are due by APRIL 3, 2019.

Friday, April 5, 2019
5:00pm to 8:00pm Check-in and camp setup
8:30pm to 9:30pm Campfire – scouts should be prepared to a song or skit for the campfire program
9:30pm to 10:00pm Cracker Barrel (provided)
10:00pm Quiet time / lights out

Saturday, April 6, 2019
7:00am Breakfast
7:45am Flag raising
8:00am Registration for Fishing Derby
8:30am-11:45am Fishing Derby
12:00pm-1:30pm Lunch – aluminum foil cooking
1:30pm-5:30pm Round Robin Activities
5:30pm Flag lowering
5:45pm-8:00pm Campsite cooking & Dutch oven dessert
7:00pm-7:50pm – Optional camp-wide game at upper lake
8:00pm Saturday evening guest & Cracker Barrel
10:00pm Quiet time
11:00pm Lights out

Sunday, April 7, 2019
8:30am-9:00am Breakfast
9:15am Scouts Own Service
9:30am Pack up camp / departure

Breakfast Saturday and Sunday mornings will be in the dining hall. Please be prompt for the Saturday breakfast so the scouts can get checked-in for the Fishing Derby beginning at 8:00am.

The Castaway elective requires the scout to cook two different recipes without pots or pans. These recipes will be prepared during lunch on Saturday when campers will do aluminum foil cooking. The fixings for the meal will be provided, but each scout will be expected to prepare their own meal.

Saturday evening’s dinner will be by pack. Participants should bring food, cooking equipment and related items to be used to prepare, cook, eat and cleanup from this dinner activity. This cooking will be done in the campsites.

Packs should also bring the fixings to prepare a Dutch oven dessert during the dinner time. These desserts will be brought to the dining hall where our panel of expert food testers will sample each to determine a winner of our Dutch oven cookoff. Then during our Cracker Barrel time Saturday evening, we all will get to taste what you and the other packs have prepared.

Saturday evening at the dining hall we will have a special guest presenter. You will not want to miss this special presentation during the Webelos-ree.
Buckskin Council, BSA
WEBELOS-REE REGISTRATION FORM
Event date - April 5-7, 2019
Location – Camp Arrowhead, Ona, WV
Pre-register for this event by April 3, 2019 – no walk-ins accepted

Pack number _______________

Cubmaster __________________________________________________________________________________________

Address ______________________________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________________________

Contact email & phone number ____________________________________________________________

Webelos Den Leader ____________________________________________________________________________________

Address _________________________________________________________________________________
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Contact email & phone number ____________________________________________________________

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Total Due Buckskin Council, BSA

1232 / Webelos-ree
“SCOUTING FOR BIGFOOT”
SHAWNEE DISTRICT & CHIEF CORNSTALK DISTRICT
FAMILY CAMP    MAY 3-5, 2019
CAMP CHIEF LOGAN

COST
$6.00/PERSON
INCLUDES PATCH

SHOOTING SPORTS, OUTDOOR SKILLS, FISHING DERBY, TWILIGHT
NATURE HIKE, A “SQUATCH WATCH”, CRACKER BARREL,
CAMPFIRE PROGRAM AND MORE!

ONLINE REGISTRATION AT BUCKSKIN.ORG

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
MENDI CRADDOCK 304-444-8669 OR BECKY KINSEY 304-687-4423
Not sure which activity best suits you? Try them all with the Summit Experience program. It is the only program that lets you try all The Summit’s high adventure activities—BMX, skateboarding, mountain biking, zip lines, canopy tours, challenge courses, climbing, shooting sports and more—in one setting.

The Summit Experience High Adventure Program is a seven-day/six-night program running Sunday to Saturday. It consists of half-day introductory level experiences at each of the nine Summit high adventure venues.

In addition, each group will perform a half-day service project and have the chance to ride The Big Zip—our 3/4 mile zip line. In addition, each night (Monday-Friday), we will open the Scott Summit Center for activities, fun and socializing. The Scott Summit Center incorporates small versions of our adventure sports venues.

Buckskin Council will be sending crews to the Summit Experience in the summer of 2020. We are looking for registered Scouts, Venturers, and Scouters. Scouts must be 13 years of age by September 1, 2020. All participants must complete the BSA Swim Test and will be rechecked on arrival at the Summit.

Dates: June 14-20, 2020
Tentative cost: $875

Contact:

Ed Dzierzak
Contingent Coordinator
304.634.8189
dzierzak@frontier.com
Name (print) __________________________________________

First    Middle    Last

Address _______________________________________________

Street __________________________

City    State    Zip

Scout’s Phone H/C ___________________ Date of Birth __________ Age (on 9/1/2020) ______

Scout’s / Parent’s email address
Youth must be 13 by September 1, 2020 no exceptions. Youth members must be under 18 at time of attendance if a Scout (or under 21 if an Explorer or a Venturer). Adult participation is limited and youth are given preference over adults after minimum adult leadership requirements are met.

SCOUTING EXPERIENCE:

Number of Years _______ Troop, Post, Crew number_______ Boy Scout Rank ____ District ______________

High Adventure Experience ____________________________

If applying as a group, list other persons you would like to be in your crew.

1. Me __________________________________________

2. __________________________________________

3. __________________________________________

4. __________________________________________

RETURN THIS APPLICATION AND A $200 DEPOSIT TO THE SCOUT OFFICE

I do hereby make application for participation in the Buckskin Council’s 2020 Summit Experience. I pledge to do my best to faithfully attend meetings and activities and to prepare myself for participation in the Contingent. I further agree that I will present myself for travel in the full uniform for my type of unit. If applying as an adult and accepted, I agree to participate on the Contingent Advisory Committee.

APPLICANT'S Signature ____________________________________________ Date ______________

PARENT/GUARDIAN APPROVAL:

My son / daughter has permission to participate in the 2020 Summit Experience. I also agree to assist our son / daughter in preparing for the trek and encourage full participation in preparatory meetings and activities. Female participation on a Crew requires participation of a female Crew Advisor. I also agree to the best of my ability to keep my Contingent account balance current.

Parent / Guardian Signature ____________________________________________ Date ______________

Parent / Guardian phone numbers H/C __________________ email ______________________________

SCOUTMASTER / ADVISOR APPROVAL:

The above named Scout/Explorer/Venturer is a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America, and meets the age and rank requirements. I understand the physical, mental, and emotional challenges of Summit Experience and approve him / her for participation.

Leader Signature ____________________________________________ Date ______________

Leader Name (print) __________________________________________

Leader Phone Numbers H/C ___________________________ W __________ email ______________________________
HIKE TO FIND ALBERT AND THE MOTHER TREE
SEPTEMBER 14, 2019------9:00am-5:00pm

The American Chestnut Foundation (TACF) is breeding chestnut trees for the ability to survive the blight disease, which killed almost all our American chestnut. TACF’s goal is to confer on American chestnut the ability to thrive in our nation’s woodlands, as it once did.

Currently, with the help of Summit Bechtel Reserve (SBR) staff, TACF maintains a grove of hybrid American chestnuts at the Consol Bridge just below Camps A and B. This grove is the home of the Albert tree known for fame at the 2017 National Jamboree. The “I Found Albert” tokens will be awarded to scouts who participate in this event and find Albert.

The American chestnut forest that existed pre-1900 consisted of gigantic trees with diameters up to 8 feet. Once known as the “Redwoods of the East” the trees provided every need to the early American settlers in Appalachia. Food for family and livestock, firewood, split rail fencing, cabins and furniture. When the blight destroyed the trees it was considered the greatest ecological disaster in the history of the United States. Over 4 billion trees were killed in one generation of people. SBR is smack dab in the center of this ancient chestnut range and can with the help of TACF and scouts of Appalachia be the premier site of restoring these trees.

There are some few surviving American chestnut known as “Mother Trees” scattered throughout Appalachia and TACF has been invited to search the SBR forest for these trees. Because of SBR’s location and size I fully believe we will find several Mother Trees. Once a Mother Tree is located it can be adopted by a patrol, troop, OA Lodge or any scout group and registered in that group’s name in the national TACF database. Nuts, pollen and sprouts from the Mother Tree will be transplanted into a Germplasm Conservation Orchard (GCO) at Summit Bechtel Reserve. There can also be GCO’s at other scout camps. These GCOs will become heritage orchards where the American chestnut gene pool can be maintained and studied.

TACF’s dream is that scouting in West Virginia will work with TACF scientists to create GCO’s across West Virginia and return these magnificent giants to our forests.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN SEPTEMBER 14, 2019

1. Come prepared to hike with water, trail lunch and in a group with a smart phone.
2. 9:00 AM TACF scientists will describe how to recognize American chestnut trees, collect tree samples and demonstrate the smart phone Tree Snap App.
3. 10:30 AM hike to a pre-determined location at SBR where chestnut flowering has been observed and has the best chance of having “Mother Trees” and collect chestnut tree samples.
4. 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM Return to base during this time period and submit tree samples. As time allows search for “Albert” and depart for home. Samples will be analyzed at TACF laboratory and results mailed to each group.

Please RSVP to Sam.muncy@msesinc.com telephone 304-457-4531 by 26 August 2019. Participation is limited to first 50 individuals

Thank you.
Do you travel or camp in remote locations?

Learn how to manage common injuries and illnesses when medical care is an hour away or more.

Enroll in a Boy Scouts of America Wilderness First Aid course today!

A Boy Scouts of America Wilderness First Aid course will be held at the following time and place:

Date: May 10-11, 2019

Location: Camp Kootaga
79 Camp Kootaga Rd.
Walker, WV 26180

To enroll in this course or learn more, contact:

www.buckskin.org
Click on Wilderness First Aid Class
For more information, contact
Alvin Watts 304-751-5686
awatts4013@yahoo.com
WEST VIRGINIA POWER SCOUT CAMPOUT

Saturday, July 20th
Delmarva Shorebirds vs. West Virginia Power
6:05 p.m.

-Campout on the outfield grass of Appalachian Power Park
-Commemorative scout patch
-Post-Game movie on the scoreboard
-Pre-Game scout activities beginning at 5:30 pm

Troop/Pack Name ________________________________
Address ______________________________________
Day Phone ________________________________

Contact Name ________________________________
City/State/Zip ________________________________
Email ________________________________

Campout Package ________ @ $17 Each = ________
(Includes ticket, campout, hot dog, soda and chips, patch & movie)
Game Only (No campout activities) ________ @ $8 Each = ________

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JULY 12
Postage and Handling Charge: $4

Include Check (Payable to West Virginia Power) or Credit Card Information
Name on Card: ________________________________
Exp. Date: ___________ CID: ________ Card Number: ________________________________
Signature: ________________________________

To reserve your spot, contact George Levandoski at (304) 414-4111 or glevandoski@wvpower.com or mail your payment to WV Power, Baseball ATTN: George Levandoski, 601 Moree St., Suite 201, Charleston WV 25301