Background Rechecks for All Adult Leaders

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is committed first and foremost to keeping youth safe. Part of that commitment includes continually updating our youth protection policies to help ensure we are always on the forefront of youth safety.

As you know, one of the BSA’s many barriers to abuse is a mandatory criminal background check during the adult volunteer application process. **The BSA will now also perform periodic rechecks of criminal backgrounds to support the continued safety of youth in our programs.**

You may have recently received an email from the Boy Scouts of America asking you to review several Disclosure Forms and to sign and return an “Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization” form.

Please complete the process listed below at your earliest availability to help us continue to provide the safest environment possible for our Scouts and leaders. **Please note that these steps must be completed before your 2020 annual registration can be processed.** The disclosure forms are in the Appendix section of the electronic Courier. You also will find them on the council website at [www.buckskin.org/disclosure](http://www.buckskin.org/disclosure).

1. Review the separate disclosure document that is being provided to you separately for your review. It is titled “Background Check Disclosure.”
2. Once you have reviewed that, print the separate document titled “Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization.” Review the additional disclosures on that form, then complete and sign the Authorization using an ink/wet signature. Note: A print signature is required for this document. Electronic signatures will not be accepted.
3. Turn in the signed “Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization” form promptly to your unit leader or local council service center.

If you choose to decline the background check, or if you do not complete the Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization form and return it to your unit leader or local council service center, your 2020 annual registration will not be processed.

We are truly grateful for your continued commitment to keeping youth safe and for helping them learn, grow, and thrive through Scouting programs.
Commissioner's Fireside Chat

It's that time of year when we are all heavily engaged in recruiting. While recruiting in all program areas is important, it shouldn't surprise you to know Cub Scout recruiting typically gets the most attention and is the biggest contributor to growth in our movement. After all, if we can recruit them as Cub Scouts, we have the potential to keep them all the way through Scouts BSA and Venturing!

So how do we recruit Cub Scouts? Well to start with, recruiting doesn’t really describe well what we are doing. What we are really doing is:

• Selling fun to kids
• Selling character development to parents

If we are successful addressing both, we will recruit Cub Scouts (and new leaders). Add to this the growth potential in the new Scouts BSA for girls and we have an enormous opportunity to grow this year.

Successful recruiting strategies abound on the internet (try searching for “scout recruiting ideas”). If you’re looking specifically for Cub Scout recruiting ideas, here’s a link I found interesting:

https://cubscoutideas.com/1547/cub-scout-recruitment-ideas/

Whatever your approach, let’s all commit to making this the most successful recruiting year ever!

Yours in service,
J. Dan McCarthy
Council Commissioner

Help with the Fee Increase

The Tudor/Gino Card is available year round to help fund your scouting experience. You can purchase the cards for $5 each and sell them for $10 at your own pace or check them out and return the $5 cash for each card you sell along with the cards you did not sell.

Stop by the Service Center or one of the Scout Shops and check out some Gino’s/Tudor’s cards. The Card has $60 worth of coupons for everyone’s favorite items for only $10.

Units earn $5 for every card they sell!
Buckskin Council, BSA

For more than 100 years, Scouting has helped build future leaders by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun and adventure in the outdoors. At Boy Scouts of America, we are dedicated to developing leaders of character by preparing young men and women for life by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. The timeless ideals of the Scout Law, such as being trustworthy, helpful, kind and brave, make up the foundation young people need to address and overcome challenges in their lives and the issues facing their generation.

Here in the Buckskin Council scouting serves more than 5,000 youth in 40 counties. Now as we continue the Scouting mission, it is important that we keep pace with an ever-changing world. While costs to the organization have increased every year, the Boy Scouts of America has worked to keep the annual membership fee as low as possible by subsidizing core costs, including liability insurance we must carry to cover all official Scouting activities. Unfortunately, it is no longer possible to subsidize at the level we have in the past, especially as the cost of insurance has increased dramatically. **We kept the cost low to make Scouting available to as many young people as possible but keeping the cost artificially low for many years now magnifies the impact of changes.**

To ensure we have the resources to fulfill the promise of Scouting despite increasing operating costs, the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America has made the difficult but necessary decision to increase the annual membership fee effective January 1, 2020 to:

- $60 for youth members in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts, ($5 a month)
- $36 for youth members in Exploring
- $36 for adult members
- $60 for unit charter fees

Every dollar of the national membership fee will go toward the cost of essential services, including liability insurance for those participating in approved Scouting activities, program resources, safety standards, youth protection and personal safety training, and services to councils nationwide to sustain Scouting. The National organization will also continue to develop and improve resources that support our volunteers and youth members such as online registration, Member Care and ScoutBook, which now includes the Den Leader experience to ensure the safe and consistent delivery of Cub Scouting; as well as improvements aimed at simplifying the annual renewal process.

The Buckskin Council is committed to serving every youth who wants to participate in scouting. We know that Scouting remains one of the most valuable investments we can make to support young men and women today. From once-in-a-lifetime adventures to merit badges that spark interests and future careers; from campouts under the stars to service projects that leave a lasting impact on our communities; Scouting’s year-round program expands horizons and provides young people with a safe and welcoming place to learn, grow, and thrive.

A fact sheet has been provided to answer additional questions. If you have questions that are not answered from the fact sheet feel free to contact your unit commissioner or district executive.

**FAQ**

**Q:** Why are the fees increasing now?

**A:** While costs increase every year, the Boy Scouts of America has worked to keep the annual membership fee as low as possible to make Scouting available to as many young people as possible by subsidizing core costs, including liability insurance we must carry to cover all official Scouting activities. As the organization’s financial situation has shifted over the past several months, it is no longer possible to subsidize at the level we have in the past, especially as the cost of insurance has increased dramatically.

**Q:** Does this apply to youth members and volunteers?

**A:** Yes, the new fees apply for youth and adult members. Effective January 1, 2020, the new fees are:

- $60 for youth members in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts ($5 a month)
- $36 for youth members in Exploring
- $36 for adult members (includes cost of background check and Scouting Magazine)
- $60 for unit charter fees

**Q:** Is Scouting still a good value?

**A:** Absolutely! While most extracurricular activities are seasonal, Scouting is a year-round program that remains one of the most valuable investments we can make to support young men and women today so they can become the leaders we will turn to tomorrow. **The new registration fee amounts to $5 a month, which is an enormous value when you consider that many seasonal extracurricular activities often start at $100 for programs that last a few weeks.**

**Q:** What will the money be used for?

**A:** Every dollar of membership fees will go to cover the cost of essential services, including liability insurance for members participating in approved Scouting activities, background checks for adult leaders, program development and training resources, continuously updated youth protection and youth safety training, improved IT/digital experiences and services to our councils nationwide.

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Q: Is this increase being implemented to cover the cost of the additional background checks?
A: No, the cost of background checks is not prompting the fee increase.

Q: Why is this being announced now?
A: We recognize the timing of this fee increase creates challenges as units have already begun collecting fees for their 2020 registration renewal process, and we would not make this difficult decision if it were not absolutely necessary. Unfortunately, the cost of liability insurance to cover all Scouting activities has increased dramatically over the past several months, and the organization is no longer able to offset the cost of insurance. We are committed to supporting you through this process and are making necessary adjustments to the online rechartering system to ensure units can carry out the recharter process.

Q: When will this increase take effect?
A: The new membership fees will take effect starting January 1, 2020 for the 2020-21 program year.

Q: Is financial assistance available?
A: We are committed to ensuring that all youth can experience the character-building benefits of Scouting regardless of their financial situation. In addition to the many existing council and unit membership assistance funds, we have established the donor-funded Growing Future Leaders Fund to provide financial support to those who need it.

Q: What measures has the national organization taken to offset the financial challenges?
A: In addition to ongoing efforts to streamline and simplify the organization, the national organization has taken a number of steps in addressing its financial challenges, including the recent elimination of more than 35 positions at the National Service Center and ongoing consolidation of departments for the most effective utilization of resources in support of Scouting.

Q: Will the national membership fee continue to increase?
A: Although no decision about future increases have been made, the cost of operating our organization and services increases every year. Should it be necessary to increase fees in the future, the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America has agreed to evaluate the needs and make such decisions, whenever possible, at the National Annual Meeting in May or early in the summer so that they can be announced with as much lead time as possible to allow for councils and units to be able to plan accordingly.

FEE INCREASE Q & A ZOOM MEETING

Saturday, NOV 2 Meeting
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Wednesday, NOV 6 Meeting
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2019 Fall Popcorn Sale

You submitted your popcorn on time. Your prizes have been ordered. The names of all your $600 Sellers have been forwarded to your District Executive. Now what? When and Where do you pick up your popcorn?

IMPORTANT DATES:

◊ Pick up date: November 15-16 (Contact your District Executive to schedule pick up time.)

Get your 2% Bonus - Remember, to receive your 2% Bonus, you must complete all 4 steps:

✓ 1. Attend Popcorn training, turn in the Commitment form.
✓ 2. Submit an annual calendar and budget to Council Office by September 30th.
⇒ 3. Turn in 100% of money due at Popcorn Pickup on November 15-16, 2019.
⇒ 4. Bring an updated roster of your scouts when you pick up popcorn.

Information to Help Plan for Popcorn Pick Up Day

Before you can deliver your Popcorn, you’ve got to pick it up. At the warehouse we can accommodate all types of vehicles including trucks. In fact, we encourage units with large orders (anything over 100 cases) to rent or borrow trucks to pick up the popcorn. (Many rental agencies extend discounts to Scout groups.) Please make sure you have enough vehicles to handle your order. The warehouse is busy and potentially dangerous. Please try to avoid bringing young children and pets if at all possible. The process of picking up popcorn will be as quick and painless as possible. If your unit will be moving product with several vehicles make sure the other drivers know the name and number of your unit to prevent confusion. We always appreciate your patience.

Pick Up Locations

Adena District: Sprigg Distributing Co. 140 Third Ave. Huntington, WV
Kootaga District: SDR Plastics, 1 Plastics Ave. Ravenswood, WV
Peoples Cartage Inc., 4300 Camden Ave, Parkersburg, WV
Mt. Dominion District: Princeton Church of God, 250 Oakvale Rd. Princeton, WV
Seneca District: Walker Machinery, Crab Orchard, West Virginia
Chief Cornstalk & Shawnee District: Tyler Mountain Water Company, 159 Harris Street, Poca, WV 25159 – Rock Branch Industrial Park.

2019 Sale Second Chance Popcorn Dates

Take Order Sale
Sale Begins: November 1, 2019
Sale Ends: November 29, 2019
Orders due to Council or Online: December 4, 2019 by noon
Distribution: December 17, 2019

This sale is a straight 31% Commission to help new units and units that started their program late this year and units who participated in the first sale and would like to add more to their program funds.
**“NO SCOUT LEFT BEHIND”**

An emphasis on retention and growing your Pack
Buckskin Council’s

CUB SCOUT LEADER POW WOW
Saturday, November 16, 2019 10 am-3 pm
HB Wehrle Sr Service Center
2829 Kanawha Blvd E, Charleston, WV

**WHO:** Whether you are a Den Leader, an assisting parent or Committee member….this is FOR YOU!

**WHAT:** RETENTION: Methods, Means and Systems

**WHEN:** Saturday, November 16th from 10am-3pm (Sign-In opens at 9:30 for a prompt FUN start)

**WHERE:** Wehrle Scout Service Center in Charleston…easy off on 2829 Kanawha Blvd E Charleston, WV 25311, by the river with free parking.

**HOW:** REGISTER by Nov 14th online for $5.00 and lunch will be included. (Gourmet salad and Carrot Cake dessert)

**WHY:** This year’s Cub Scout Leader POW-WOW will be offering a variety of presentations focusing on “YOU” and bringing you the tools and resources to make your job as a Den Leader, Cubmaster or Committee person easier, more enjoyable and uniquely rewarding. All the tools, while growing your Den and Pack! Plan to carpool to bring all you possibly can to a great event that will make your job easier and come away with some fun giveaways to use at no charge.

**New this year** - If you don’t want to miss the fun but cannot attend in person, you will be able to join us via Zoom Conference and be a Virtual Participant. You must register online and will be emailed the links you’ll need to join your classes online.

- **Attend in person:** $5.00 registration includes lunch
- **Attend Virtually:** Free (registration required)

Register at [www.buckskin.org/Events/PowWow-2019](http://www.buckskin.org/Events/PowWow-2019)

**SESSION TOPICS: Resources shared in all sessions**
- Retention (keep them coming back),
- Succession Planning (grooming your position assistant & replacement to take over when you move on),
- Lion, Tiger, & Wolf Leader Tricks and helps
- Bear and Webelos Leader ideas and networking
- Communication (Critical points to remember to stay in touch)
- Games & STEM (where the FUN lives to peak their interest)
- Pack Committee Roles (How do they help our challenge?)
- Parent Engagement (How do you get them involved and excited to take part)
- Questions, Wrap up and Mentoring

Questions? Contact Carol McCarthy
DesignsbyCarol@gmail.com

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Scouting for Food
As Scouts, we know how fortunate we are to have a warm meal every night — whether around the campfire or at the kitchen table. And we know that not everyone is so lucky. That’s the genesis of Scouting for Food, the annual food-collection drive run by the council. It’s another reminder to our local communities that Scouts are here, doing good turns.

Scouting for Food takes place on two consecutive weekends. The first weekend, Scouts distribute bags to let their neighbors know about the drive. On the second, Scouts revisit those houses to pick up bags full of nonperishable items. The bags do not have a date on them so units who cannot do the distribution on November 2 and pick up on November 9 may choose their own weekends to do the drive. You are encouraged to try and do your drive on these dates.

**Bag Distribution—November 2nd**
**Bag Pick-up—November 9th**

Please remember to submit the number of items collected to the council at [www.buckskin.org/Events/Scouting-for-Food-2019](http://www.buckskin.org/Events/Scouting-for-Food-2019)

Contact your District Executive to get bags.

**National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)**

A WEEK OF
FUN, CHALLENGE, AND ADVENTURE
JULY 12th–17th, 2020

What is NYLT?
It is a week-long course at Camp Chief Logan in Chapmanville, WV, that gives Scouts and Venturers the methods, skills and experience to become better leaders in their unit. The course centers around the concepts of what a leader must be, what they must know, and what they must do; with a clear focus on how to accomplish this.

**Who can attend?**
All eligible Scouts BSA and Venturing youth who wish to improve their leadership skills. To attend the course, you must have a unit leader recommendation.

**Requirements**
- For Scouts BSA, must be at least 13 years old and First Class. Venturers must be 14 and have completed the 8th grade.
- Scouts BSA must not be 18 years old and Venturers must not be 21 years old by the last day of the course.
- Must have a current BSA Health and Medical Record.

The cost is $225 per youth, which includes: an NYLT field t-shirt, all meals and all course materials.

A $75 deposit is required with the registration. Please register no later than May 14th, 2020.
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2020 Cub Scout Day Camp Patch Design Contest
All Cub Scouts are eligible to enter this design contest for the summer of 2020. The Scout with the winning design will receive a FREE registration to one Day Camp.

Contest Rules
Must be designed and drawn by the Scout
• Must include the “Down on the Farm” Theme
• Must include “Buckskin Council”
• Must include the scouting Fleur-De-Lis
• Final Patch will be no larger than 3.75” by 3.75”

All designs must be submitted by December 30, 2019 to:
Buckskin Council, BSA
2829 Kanawha Boulevard East
Charleston, WV 25311

Download the submission form at www.buckskin.org
Or find the form in the appendix of The Courier

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 November 8-9 at the HB Wehrle Sr Service Center in Charleston.
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. For those who wish to stay overnight, arrangements have been made to for lodging in the Service Center. Bring your own cot and gear.
Certification is provided through Emergency Care and Safety Institute (ECSI).
For more information, contact Alvin Watts at 304-751-5686 or email him at awatts4013@yahoo.com.

Holiday Giving Tree
The Buckskin Council Scout Shops are providing an opportunity for the Scouting community to help local Scouts who may be in need of uniforms and uniform items.
This year the council’s Scout Shops will have Holiday Giving Trees. The Holiday Giving Tree program starts November 16 and wraps up December 16, 2019.
A Holiday Giving tree (similar to an Angel tree) will be set up at each Scout Shop with Holiday Giving cards on it. Each card will have the first name of the Scout along with the uniform items that they need. There will also be a space for other items they may want such as books, crafts, camping items, etc. Customers and Scout supporters can purchase the item(s) in their local Scout Shop and give them to the store staff to collect for each child.
We need your assistance to make this project a success. If you have a Scout that you believe needs help getting into uniform, let us know. Please fill out the information sheet and return to the store by November 15, 2019 for every Scout who would benefit from donations. The scout’s identity will be kept confidential. You’ll find the Request Form in the appendix of the Courier, on the council website (www.buckskin.org), and in your local Scout Shop.
Leaders will be contacted after December 16th to arrange for pick up.
If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the store staff by email: melanie.young@scouting.org.
Thank you in advance for your assistance.
With leaders like you, this program will greatly benefit our Scouts right here in Buckskin Council.

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Buckskin Council Proudly Presents the John L. Dickinson Eagle Scout Recognition Social
Honoring the Next Generation of American Leaders
The Buckskin Council’s John L. Dickinson Eagle Scout Recognition Social is an inspiring event for the next generation of America’s leaders!
Each year, Scouts, Leaders, Parents and Businesses gather to recognize the “best and brightest” youth in our Council. Eagle Scouts embody the leadership, service, and commitment to excellence that Scouting brings to our nation. Scouting’s ideals are Service to God, family, and community; a pledge to Help Other People at All Times; and to Do Your Duty to God and Your Country. This dinner recognizes these young men and their families for their dedication to these ideals.

We ask you to be a part of this hallmark event!
Saturday, December 14, 2019
H. Bernard Wehrle Sr Service Center
4:30 p.m. doors open
5:00 p.m. dinner & program
Your sponsorship allows the Buckskin Council to recognize these exceptional young people in achieving this prestigious award. The Eagle Scout and Parents are invited “free of charge” as a gift from you as a sponsor as well as the Buckskin Council. Most companies sponsor at the $450 level. If you have the resources and financial means please consider being a meal, gift, or gold sponsor. We invite every Eagle and his parents to this event. We want them to attend regardless if their employer can help with a sponsorship. This is why the event committee contacts the employer rather than the parent of the Eagle Scout.
Will you be a sponsor of the Eagle Scout Class of 2019? Contact Larry Wunderly at 304-340-3663 to find out how you can help.

BUCKSIN COUNCIL
SCOUTS ON SKIS
FAMILY SKI OUTINGS
AT WINTERPLACE
Have your troop learn to ski and earn the coveted Snow Sports Merit Badge!
• Sunday, December 15, 2019
• Sunday, January 5, 2020
• Sunday, February 2, 2020
• Sunday, February 23, 2020

Bring Scouts and family members to Scout on Skis and receive:
• A full day (open to close) lift ticket
• A 90 minute group lesson customized to each participant’s skiing level.
• A full set of ski rental equipment including helmet
• Snow Sports Merit Badge option at 10am, 12 Noon or 2 pm.
• Meal Voucher
Add-ons and upgrades are available.

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

Price: $63 per person if paid for at the Council office by the Wednesday before each date.
(The fee is $68 at the door.)

Register at the Wehrle Service Center or call 304-340-3663
This fee is for ALL Scouts, Scouters and Family members.
Save 60%!
TRAINING CORNER
by Carol McCarthy

"NO SCOUT LEFT BEHIND"
Buckskin Council’s Annual 2019
CUB SCOUT LEADER POW-WOW
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- Register at www.buckskin.org/Events/PowWow-2019

Troop Committee Training
Troop Committee training is scheduled for November 3rd, 3:00 pm, at Camp Arrowhead. This training is for Committee Members and Committee Chairs of Scouts BSA troops. The training is free but you must register if you are coming. Register at www.buckskin.org.

New Leader Training
Roundup season is in full swing and you have all those new leaders and scouts to get ready for a new year! Set up training as soon as possible to give your team the tools to do their job. Watch the Buckskin.org website calendar for those courses your leaders need to have. Go to my.scouting.org online to find the fast start and basic leader training.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE TRAINING is brand new NOW online as of Aug 12th. There are courses you need…go take a look!

Central Region Program Symposium
The Central Region Program Symposium is March 21, 2020 at the Fred Maytag II Scout Center in Des Moines, Iowa. This year the focus will be on “Bringing Training, Advancement, Venturing and Sea Scouting Together”. Anyone is welcome to attend. The fee is $50 and includes meals, training materials, beverages, etc. To register, go to: www.scoutingevent.com/177-CentralRegionTraining

“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!

TRAINING CALENDAR

**November**
3  Troop Committee Training, 3:00 pm-5:00 pm, Meachem Lodge at Camp Arrowhead
8-9  Wilderness First Aid Class, HB Wehrle Service Center, Charleston
16  Cub Leader PowWow, Wehrle Service Center

**March 2020**
14  University of Scouting at WVSU
21  Central Region Program Symposium
27-28  Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)
27-28  Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)

**May 2020**
8-9  Outdoor Leader Training (IOLS and BALOO)

**July 2020**
12-17  NYLT at Camp Chief Logan

Schedule Training for Your Unit
Call: Carol McCarthy, Council Training Chair
DesignsbyCarol@gmail.com 703-587-4453

Or  Sue Williams, Council Training Vice Chair
buzy2buzy@gmail.com 217-741-0900
**2019 Youth Officers**

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All registration links and more information on each event can now be found by visiting [www.takhonek.org/registration](http://www.takhonek.org/registration).

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**Fall Fellowship Follow-up**

This past Fall Fellowship was a very important event. Not only have we welcomed into our brotherhood 26 new members, but we have also elected our 2020 Lodge Leadership. Congratulations to Jack Monks, Lodge Chief, Ethan Grose, Vice Chief of Administration, Charles Boston, Vice Chief of Program, and Brandon Lockhart, Secretary for being elected as this upcoming years’ officers. We are excited to begin working with next years’ officers to help make 2020 the best year of Takhonek Lodge. Information was shared about next years NOAC and the lodge is taking down payments for NOAC 2020 so be sure to reserve your spot as a contingent member, which can be done by contacting Debbie Slack at the Charleston Scout Office.

**FORUM**

Forum is a great time for not only upcoming lodge officers, but for anyone interested in a leadership position such as chairman in the lodge. Forum is the gathering of multiple Lodges from two sections to discuss how we can make our lodges better. It’s an event of sharing ideas with our fellow brothers. It is also an opportunity to meet brothers from all around West Virginia and its surrounding states. Forum is one of the last events of the year that you can help make a difference in the lodge in 2019, so be sure to make it out if at all possible on November 1-3 at Camp Lazarus in Delaware, Ohio.

**Winter Banquet**

Be sure to look out for Winter Banquet coming up this December 15 as well. It is a time of fellowship for our brotherhood as we welcome the start of a new year. We will inaugurate our 2020 Lodge officials, as well as give out prestigious awards. There will of course be an auction, as well as other prizes to be given out. Be sure to pick up your 2020 lodge calendar at Winter Banquet too. This will be the first Winter Banquet to be held at the Summit, so don’t miss out on this opportunity to go to such a renowned camp with your fellow brothers.

Brothers, we look forward to a spectacular rest of our year. You won’t want to miss out of this time to help improve our lodge and give it the jumpstart it needs into 2020. We can’t wait to further get to know our new brothers from Fall fellowship as well. We have the potential to make 2020 the best year for Takhonek Lodge. Can’t wait for 2020, Takhonek Lodge!

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**Adena District**

Serving: Cabell, Wayne, Lincoln, WV; Lawrence, OH; Boyd, Carter, Lawrence, KY Counties
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### 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 will begin at 6:45pm on the third Thursday of each month. All units should have a representative attend. Please note – the date for the November District Committee meeting has changed to Nov 14. There is a Council meeting on Nov 21 which necessitates this calendar change.

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### ROUNDTABLE

Regular 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.

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### POPCORN ORDERS PICKUP

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### Adena Event Calendar

**November**

2 & 9 Scouting for Food
7 Roundtable, The Gathering Place, Kenova 6:30pm
8&9 Wilderness First Aid Course, Wehrle Center
9 Flag Placement Spring Hill Cemetery 10:00am
14 District Committee, Central UMC 6:00pm
   (date change)
15 Popcorn Pickup
23 Huntington Scout Shop open
28-29 Scout Office & Shops closed for Thanksgiving

**December**

5 Roundtable, The Gathering Place, Kenova 6:30pm
19 District Committee, Central UMC 6:00pm
21 Huntington Scout Shop open
24-25 Scout Offices & Shops closed
26 Scout Shops closed for inventory

**January**

1 New Year's Day – Scout Office & Shops Closed
2 Roundtable, The Gathering Place, Kenova 6:30pm
11 CDO – Charleston, 10:00am
11 Popcorn Celebration – TBA
16 District Committee, Central UMC 6:00pm
25 Winter Fun Day – MU Rec Center 9am-3pm
31-2/2 Adena Klondike – Camp Cherokee

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### KLONDIKE

The District's Klondike will begin on Friday, Jan 31 and run through Sunday, Feb 2. Registration begins on Friday at 4pm. Competitions include: Klondike sled race, first aid skills, compass course, fire starting, knots & lashings, ice rescue, signaling and Honor Guard uniform inspection. At each station, units will be judged on patrol method, teamwork, leadership and skills.
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Cub Family Camp  Becky Kinser  304-752-0454
District Chaplain  Danny Pauley  304-561-7666

District Award Nominations
The Chief Cornstalk District is accepting award nominations for the Annual District Recognition Dinner. Awards include the District Award of Merit, James H. “Buck” Harless Award, J.T. Fish Award, Mike Thompson Award, Ernest Workman Award, Brooks Lawson Award, and the Charlie Albert Award. Nominations can be made by submitting a nomination form to the Scout Service Center addressed to the “Chief Cornstalk District Committee” no later than December 13th. The Annual Recognition Dinner is scheduled for January 18, 2020. The location, time and cost will be announced at a later date.

Winter Camporee
Plans are underway again for the Annual Winter Camporee at Cranberry Glades January 24th to 26th, 2020. Troops start planning for this fun winter adventure as we camp out in the wilderness at the Glades. Prepare your Scouts for the experience of cold weather camping as well as the basic Scouting skills, like map and compass, knots and lashings and fire building. We plan to have fun and we hope you join us for this adventure. Look for the sign-up flyer and details coming soon.

Recruiting New Scouts
Recruiting new Scouts is not just the responsibility of the Council. Unit Leaders and Scouts can make a huge impact on the recruiting of new scouts. One way to do this is by encouraging the Scouts in the unit to invite a friend to come and visit a meeting, activity or camp out. Scouts who invite a friend and the friend joins, helps the Scout to earn a recruiter strip for their unit and also helps the Scout to have a story to tell. Please see the info about how to earn the recruiter strip.

Popcorn Pick Up
Popcorn Pick up for the Chief Cornstalk District will be at Tyler Mountain Water on Friday, November 15th. We will be scheduling pickups beginning at 8:00 AM and ending at 7 PM. If your unit would like to pick up their popcorn on Thursday and can send someone to help sort the orders, please contact Mike Cidor at Michael.cidor@scouting.org or 814-860-1562. All unit orders have to be picked up by 7 PM on Friday. If you cannot have anyone pick up the order, arrangements need to be made in advance with Mike.
Kootaga District

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

Roundtables
As support to the unit leaders, the District’s Roundtable Commissioners will hold monthly roundtables. Roundtables will be held in
• Wood County on the First Tuesday of the month
• Jackson/Roane County area on the Second Thursday of the month
• Spencer area on the Second Thursday of the month
• Roundtables begin at 7:00 pm. All units should have a representative attend the roundtable.

District Committee
The next District Committee meeting at Camp Kootaga will be November 12th. The meeting starts at 6:30 pm.

Thank you for work at camp.
“A perfect volunteer is the one who inspires others as much as others inspire them.” Several individuals and units are volunteering at camp to care for specific areas of the camp. During the month of October many of these individuals have donated many hours to prepare the camp for the Cub Adventure Weekend. Thanks for being our inspiration.

Recharter
A charter authorizes an organization to operate BSA Scouting units. It certifies the agreement between an organization that agrees to utilize Scouting as a part of its service to youth and the Boy Scouts of America. Issuing a charter is one of the oldest traditions in Scouting and sets expectations for the quality of program to be delivered.

Charters are issued for a period of 1 year; hence, chartered or-
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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 Phillip Ball at pkball94@hotmail.com

Mt Dominion Event Calendar

November
2 Scouting for Food Distribution
9 Scouting for Food Pick-up
15-16 Popcorn Pickup
16 Cub Leader Pow Wow, HB Wehrle Sr Center, 10 am
21 Roundtable Meeting- 6:30- Stinson United Methodist Church
21 District Committee, 7:15-Stinson United Methodist Church, Princeton
28-29 Thanksgiving-Service Center & Shops Closed

December
No Roundtable or District Committee meeting
12 Mt Dominion District Christmas Dinner
24-25 Christmas Holiday-Service Center & Shops Closed
26 All Shops Closed for Inventory

January
1 New Year’s Day - Service Center & Shops Closed
16 Roundtable Meeting- 6:30- Stinson United Methodist Church
16 District Committee, 7:15-Stinson United Methodist Church, Princeton

Mt Dominion Christmas Dinner
Everyone is welcome to the annual Mt Dominion Christmas dinner on December 12th, 6:00 PM at Schell Hall, in the Princeton First United Methodist Church. The Christmas dinner is for ALL Scouting families in our district. Each participant is asked to bring a side dish or a dessert, as well as pre-register at www.buckskin.org/mtdominion
The cost is $5 per adult, $3 per youth and will help cover a meat that the District will provide. Once you have selected your dish, please email what you will be bringing to Dan Trent at dantrent@comcast.net. Dan will keep a record of dishes on www.camproland.com, so that we don’t have 5 macaroni and cheese dishes! Lastly, we will be having a Yankee swap! If you’d like to participate, please bring one wrapped gift per person in your party, valued at about $10 or less.

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Seneca District

Serving Fayette, Raleigh, Nicholas, Webster, Greenbrier and Pocahontas Counties in WV

david.leckie@scouting.org

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Advancement Chair  Jeff Proctor  304-673-2640
Program Chair  OPEN
Training Chair  Carol McCarthy  703-587-4453

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Unit Commissioners Wanted

The Buckskin Council has unit commissioner vacancies in all our districts. If you know someone you believe would be a good candidate for a unit commissioner position, please contact David Leckie at david.leckie@scouting.org.

POPCORN

The popcorn sale ends October 21, 2019. Orders are due in the Charleston Council office or online by October 25th. Units should plan on picking up their orders on Friday, November 15th beginning at 8:00am. Volunteers are needed to help sort the orders for pickup. Sorting will begin about NOON on Thursday November 14th. Popcorn Pick Up and Sorting occurs at the Caterpillar Service Shop across from the Hardees in Crab Orchard, WV.

Seneca Event Calendar

November
2  Scouting for Food Distribution
9  Scouting for Food Pick-up
15-16  Popcorn Pickup
16  Cub Leader Pow Wow-Wehrle Service Center 10 am
21  District Committee Meeting
28-29  Thanksgiving - Service Center & Shops Closed

December
19  Committee Meeting
24-25  Christmas Holiday - Service Center & Shops Closed
26  All Shops Closed for Inventory

January
1  New Year’s Day - Service Center & Shops Closed
16  Committee Meeting
20  MLK Jr Day - Service Center & Shops Closed
24-26  Winter Camporee

Winter Camporee

Plans are underway again for the Annual Winter Camporee at Cranberry Glades January 24th to 26th, 2020. Troops start planning for this fun winter adventure as we camp out in the wilderness at the Glades. Prepare your Scouts for the experience of cold weather camping as well as the basic Scouting skills, like map and compass, knots and lashings and fire building. We plan to have fun and we hope you join us for this adventure. Look for the sign-up flyer and details at www.buckskin.org.

A sincere Thank You to our Pacesetter Partners for helping support Scouting in Buckskin Council.

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Shawnee District Committee

District Chair: Leo Lopez 304-776-6148
District Commissioner: Steve Hardman 304-206-7064
Asst District Commissioner: Rosann Brooks 304-881-1042
District Executive: Zachary Bartlett 304-340-3663
Vice District Chair: Colleen Sergent 304-552-0297
Vice District Chair: Mark Newman 304-549-0532
Vice District Chair (Finance): Brian Linville 304-340-3663
Advancement Chair: Debbie Slack 304-340-3663
Program Chair: Chad Cavender
Cub Program Chair: Melinda Craddock 304-727-0143
Camping Chair: Barry Lindley
Boy Scout Roundtable: Mark Newman 304-549-0532
Cub Scout Roundtable: Colleen Sergent 304-552-0297
Product Sales/Family FOS: Amy Carte 304-964-4208
OA Advisor

Shawnee District Event Calendar

November
7   Committee Meeting, Teays Valley Presbyterian Church, 6:30 pm
15-16  Popcorn Pickup
28-29  Thanksgiving - Service Center & Shops Closed

December
5   Committee Meeting, HB Wehrle Sr Center, 6:00 pm
7   Holiday Fun Day
24-25  Christmas Holiday - Service Center & Shops Closed
26   All Shops Closed for Inventory

January
1   Service Center & Shops Closed
2   Committee meeting Teays Valley Presbyterian Church 6:30 pm
11   Popcorn party
18   Shawnee District Dinner
24 – 26  Shawnee Winter Camporee

Popcorn Pickup
A reminder that popcorn pick up is November 15 at Tyler Mountain Water and Coffee located at 159 Harris Drive, Poca, WV 25159. We will begin scheduling pick up times soon.

Recruiting
If any of our packs had kids sign up after their round up date and need the applications and payments picked up contact Zach Bartlett at 614-370-8242.

Thank You to our Buckskin Council Champions for helping to support Scouting in the local community!

LOC Investment Advisors
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Kanawha Stone
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District Roundtable
District round table will be held October 24 at 6:30pm at the Teays Valley Presbyterian church. The address for the church is: 5339 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, WV.

Scouting for Food
All units, when you finish collecting the food, please be sure to report the total number of food items that your unit collects. You may submit it online at www.buckskin.org/Events/Scouting-for-Food-2019, by faxing the attached form to 304-925-0533 or dropping the form off at any of the Scout Shops. For questions or to pick up your bags, please contact Zach Bartlett at 614-370-8242

Fall weather is here! Stop by your local Scout Shop for the new Cub Scout Layering T-shirt. It’s perfect for wearing under a uniform when the cool breezes blow.
Winterplace Skiing --
Where WINTER is FUN for EVERYONE!
Winterplace Ski Resort - The Most Accessible and Affordable Ski Resort in the Southeast! Just 5 minutes off I-77, Exit 28 between Beckley and Bluefield, West Virginia. Winterplace Ski Resort boasts 27 Trails, 9 Lifts, 2 Terrain Parks and WV's Largest Snowtubing Park. Can't Ski or Snowboard? No Problem! Winterplace Ski Resort has the Largest Teaching area in the Southeast and was voted the #1 Resort to Learn to Ski/Snowboard at by Blue Ridge Outdoors Magazine. Winterplace ski instructors are certified through the Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA).

You'll find more than just downhill skiing at Winterplace - your group can snowboard, snowtube, and play to their hearts' content on more than 90 acres at one of the best mountain resorts in the Eastern United States.

Two Super Carpet Lifts make heading up the mountain for another tubing run a breeze! Skiers can enjoy 9 lifts to take them to their favorite slopes. Your group will enjoy the longest and best mountain skiing day around - the slopes light up at sunset and stay open until 10pm. There is no finer ski vacation for you or your family anywhere in West Virginia!

OA Events
OA members come and join us for fun and fellowship. These are opportunities to enjoy yourself.

• The OA Forum will be held on November 1-3 @ Camp Lazarus 4422 Columbus Pike, Delaware, OH.
• The annual OA Winter Banquet will be held on December 15th.

Check out the Buckskin website for additional information.

Kootaga District's University of Scouting is looking for MB Counselors interested in teaching on December 7th at West Virginia University Parkersburg. All instructors must be registered Merit Badge Counselors and current with Youth Protection. Any questions or if you are interested in teaching a merit badge please contact Todd Handley at todd.handley@zoetis.com.

Commissioner
Youth Protection Training - We will soon begin the chartering process for 2019. Please remember that ALL adult leaders must complete Youth Protection Training. This training is available on-line and is available for those who want to do group sessions or have other difficulties using the online version.

As we continue to grow, we need help in leadership and volunteers as a district. Adults interested in working with or on The District Committee or as commissioners please contact Jim Benn (jamesbennon@jamesbennon.com) or Christopher Burk (cbgb@suddenlink.net)

Set up an account
For ease of use, create an account on the Buckskin.org website, top right. This allows for simplification of registrations, unit webpages and much more.

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* Scout Shop at the University of Scouting at WVSU

The fact that becoming an Eagle Scout has always carried a special significance. The award is an achievement whose standards have been well-maintained. Not every boy who joins the Boy Scouts earns the Eagle Scout rank. More than 2.25 million Boy Scouts have earned the rank since 1912. The goals of Scouting—the mission of the BSA, citizenship training, character development, and personal fitness—remain important for all Scouts.
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
BACKGROUND CHECK
DISCLOSURE

A consumer report is a background check in which information (which may include, but is not limited to, criminal background, driving background, character, general reputation, personal characteristics, and mode of living) about you is gathered and communicated by a consumer reporting agency (“CRA”) to Boy Scouts of America and/or its subsidiaries, affiliates, other related entities, successors, and/or assigns (the “Company”).

Company may obtain a consumer report on you to be used for employment purposes (in your case, this means for the purpose of evaluating you as a new or existing volunteer).
CALIFORNIA
STATE LAW DISCLOSURES
(Non-Credit)

Under California law, an “investigative consumer report” is a consumer report in which information on a consumer’s character, general reputation, personal characteristics, or mode of living is obtained through any means. Boy Scouts of America and/or its subsidiaries, affiliates, other related entities, successors, and/or assigns (the “Company”) may obtain an investigative consumer report (which may include information described above) from an investigative consumer reporting agency (“ICRA”) on you in connection with your status as a volunteer (i.e., for employment purposes under California law). The nature and scope of this investigation includes your character, general reputation, personal characteristics, or mode of living information, including criminal history, presence on exclusion lists (e.g., OIG/GSA and OFAC), driving record, references, education history, work history, and licensure/certifications.

The ICRA preparing the investigative consumer report and conducting the investigation will be First Advantage, P.O. Box 105292, Atlanta, GA 30348, 800-845-6004. Information regarding First Advantage’s privacy practices can be found at https://fadv.com/privacy-policy/.

Under California Civil Code section 1786.22, you are entitled to a visual inspection of files maintained on you by an ICRA, as follows:

1. In person, if you appear in person and furnish proper identification, during normal business hours and on reasonable notice. A copy of your file shall also be available to you for a fee not to exceed the actual costs of duplication services provided;

2. By certified mail, if you make a written request, with proper identification, for copies to be sent to a specified addressee. An ICRA complying with requests for certified mailings under California Civil Code section 1786.22 shall not be liable for disclosures to third parties caused by mishandling of mail after such mailings leave the ICRA;

3. A summary of all information contained in your files and required to be provided by California Civil Code section 1786.10 shall be provided to you by telephone, if you have made a written request, with proper identification for telephone disclosure, and the toll charges, if any, for the telephone call are prepaid by you or charged directly to you.

“Proper Identification,” as used above, means information generally deemed sufficient to identify you, which includes documents such as a valid driver’s license, social security account number, military identification card, and credit cards. Only if you cannot identify yourself with such information may the ICRA require additional information concerning your employment and personal or family history in order to verify your identity.

The ICRA will provide trained personnel to explain any information furnished to you pursuant to California Civil Code section 1786.10 and will provide a written explanation of any coded information contained in files maintained on you. This written explanation will be provided whenever a file is provided to you for visual inspection under California Civil Code section 1786.22.

You may be accompanied by one other person of your choosing, who must furnish reasonable identification. An ICRA may require you to furnish a written statement granting permission to the ICRA to discuss your file in such person’s presence.
ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES & BACKGROUND CHECK AUTHORIZATION

Additional Disclosures

The state disclosures below are included because state law requires them to be provided in writing. Some of the below rights, notices, or information also may apply to individuals from, applying to, or volunteering in states not listed below. There may be additional requirements, options, or provisions applicable to you and you may have additional rights under applicable law that are not required to be disclosed to you in writing.

Minnesota: You have the right to request a complete and accurate disclosure of the nature and scope of any consumer report from First Advantage, P.O. Box 105292, Atlanta, GA 30348, 800-845-6004.

New York: Boy Scouts of America and/or its subsidiaries, affiliates, other related entities, successors, and/or assigns (the “Company”) may request or utilize subsequent consumer reports (other than investigative consumer reports) on you throughout your volunteer relationship with Company. Upon request, you will be informed whether or not a consumer report was requested, and if such report was requested, informed of the name and address of the CRA that furnished the report. Your written request should be made to Company at Boy Scouts of America, Membership Standards Team S201, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, Texas 75015-2079. You may also contact the Company by email at MembershipStandards@scouting.org.

Authorization

(Please print)

Name: First ___________________________ Middle ___________________________ Last ___________________________ Suffix ___________________________

List any other names used (nickname, maiden/married last names): ___________________________

Date of Birth: ___________________________ Unit Type and Number: ___________________________

To the extent permitted by applicable law, I hereby consent to and authorize the Boy Scouts of America and/or its subsidiaries, affiliates, other related entities, successors, and/or assigns (the “Company”) to procure consumer report(s), which may include criminal background check(s) and/or investigative consumer report(s), on my background from a consumer reporting agency (“CRA”) or from an investigative consumer reporting agency (“ICRA”), as described in the Background Check Disclosure (which I have received separately from the Company), as well as these Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization. I have reviewed and understand the information, statements, and notices in the Background Check Disclosure, as well as these Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization. My authorization remains valid throughout my volunteer relationship with the Company, such that, to the extent permitted by applicable law, I agree Company can procure additional consumer report(s), which may include criminal background check(s), during my volunteer relationship without providing additional disclosures or obtaining additional authorizations. Except as otherwise prohibited by applicable law, I consent to and authorize the Company to share this information with Company’s current or prospective clients, customers, others with a need to know, and/or their agents for business reasons (e.g., to place me in certain positions, work sites, etc.). I understand that, if I am selected for a volunteer position, a consumer report will have been conducted on me.

☐ For Minnesota, or Oklahoma individuals: If you would like to receive from the CRA, the ICRA, or the Company (as applicable) a copy of the report that Company may procure, please check this box.

Signature __________________________________ Date ________________
October 22, 2019

Hello Leader, the Buckskin Council Scout Shops are providing an opportunity for the Scouting community to help local Scout members who may be in need of uniforms and uniform items.

This help will be done through The Holiday Giving Tree program starting November 16 through December 16, 2019. The Holiday Giving Tree program works on a donation basis. A Holiday Giving tree (similar to an Angel tree) will be set up at the Scout Shops with Holiday Giving cards on it. Each card will have the first name of the Scout along with the uniform items that they need. There will also be a space for other items they may want such as books, crafts, camping items, etc. Customers and Scout supporters can purchase the item(s) in their local Scout Shop and give them to the store staff to collect for each child.

We will keep the name of the individual(s) confidential. Only the store staff will have access to the Scout’s name and your contact information. A code will be issued that will match a card in the safe that will have your contact information, so as the donations are collected store staff will contact you so arrangements for pickup can be made.

We need your assistance to make this project a success. Please fill out the information below and return to the store by November 15, 2019 for every Scout who would benefit from donations.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the store staff by email: melanie.young@scouting.org. Thank you in advance for your assistance. With leaders like you, this program will greatly benefit our Scouting community.

Scout Information:
Youth’s Name ___________________________________________ Code/Number: __________________ (For Scout Shop Only)
Leaders Name ___________________________________________ Phone # ______________________________
Troop or Pack # _________________________________________ Rank _______________________________

Items that would benefit the Scout:
Shirt: Size _________ Neckerchief ___________ Pant: Size ___________
Slide ________________ Cap: Size: ________________ Socks: Size ___________
Belt: Size ___________ Insignia _________________ Belt Buckle __________
Other Items ___________________________________________ Book ________________

Thank you, Buckskin Council Scout Shop Staff!
Scouting for Food 2019

District: ________________________

Pack/Troop/Crew/Post #: ___________

Person Completing Form: ________________________________

Number of Cans/Items Collected: _______________________

Number of Scouts: _________________________________

Number of Adults: _________________________________

Number of Tagalongs: ______________________________

***Please send this form to the Buckskin Council office by either e-mailing it or by turning it in to the Buckskin Council Office or to the Huntington Scout Shop, or by mailing it to:

Buckskin Council Office
2829 Kanawha Blvd. East
Charleston, WV 25311

Please have these turned in by December 16, 2019.

If you have any questions, please contact your District Executive.
Save up to 42% per ticket!

Summersville Arena • Dec 11th • 7PM
To secure your tickets and save money on your order contact:
Matt Hartman at 678-497-1865
or email
Hartman@harlemglobetrotters.com
Tickets may also be purchased here with savings available by entering promo code: SCOUT
Ask us how to upgrade your experience with Magic Pass!
Discount tickets are limited and may run out before the deadline!
Deadline to order: 12/1/2019

Save up to 47% per ticket!

Buckskin Council
To secure your tickets and save money on your order contact:
Kristine Slizewski at 678-497-1867
or email slizewski@harlemglobetrotters.com
Each ticket includes a Harlem Globetrotters Patch!
Ask us how to upgrade your experience with Magic Pass!
Discount tickets are limited and may run out before the deadline!
Deadline to order: 1/2/2020

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CENTRAL REGION PROGRAM SYMPOSIUM

When:  Saturday, March 21, 2020
Where:  Fred Maytag II Scout Center
        Mid-Iowa Council
        6123 Scout Trail
        Des Moines, Iowa 50321
Fee:    $50 (All inclusive: meals, book, beverages, etc.)
Time:   Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.
        Program begins at 8:00 a.m.
Register:  https://www.scoutingevent.com/177-CentralRegionTraining
           If you have questions, please contact John Gunyon at (262) 745-2230

AGENDA
• Welcome: Kris Zahrobsky, Central Region VP Program
• What’s New At Scouting U: Joel Eacker, Scouting U Vice-Chairman/Learning Diversity
• Dinaz Kachhi-Jiwani, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy Specialist, Office of Diversity, Boy Scouts of America National Office
• Personal Development Book Presentation: The New Breed.
  • Understanding and Equipping the 21st Century Volunteer
• Central Region Training, Advancement, Venturing, and Sea Scout presentations by Regional and National representatives
• SOAR program analysis
• Regional Strategic Planning
• Wood Badge Program Updates
• National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)
• Speakers from the Central Region Executive Committee
• Fireside Chats with Regional and National representatives

The Third Annual Central Region Program Symposium is being held in Des Moines, Iowa. The event is open to all adult Scouter, and includes program content focused on
• Training
• Advancement
• Venturing
• Sea Scouts

The day-long program includes presentations by Regional and National representatives. Registration includes all course materials including your own copy of the personal development text, continental breakfast, delicious lunch and, a great dinner.

Please reserve your place early, as registration will be limited to the first 100 Scouter.

See you in Iowa at the Central Region Program Symposium on March 21st
How to earn the Recruiter Strip
The Recruiter Strip has just one requirement: recruit a friend into Scouting.

Any youth member — in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing or Sea Scouts — who gets a friend, classmate or relative to sign up for Scouting can receive the red, white and blue patch.

Each Scout unit comes up with its own procedure for awarding the strip. In most packs, troops, crews and ships, the young person receives the strip the first time he or she successfully recruits someone into the unit.

How to wear the Recruiter Strip
The embroidered cloth strip is worn on the uniform, below the right pocket.

Recruiter Strip placement on the Cub Scout shirt (left) and Scouts BSA shirt (right).

An invitation — not a sales pitch
The BSA has created some pretty incredible recruiting materials to help you invite new families to join.

There are billboards, email templates, flyers, photos, postcards, posters, radio spots, social images, brochures and videos. The materials are excellent, but they don’t replace the best recruiting method of all: word of mouth.

Encourage your Scouts to make that personal invitation. They should approach the recruiting opportunity the same way they’d talk to a friend about a favorite book or videogame.

By sharing those personal, what-I-did-last-weekend experiences, recruiting won’t feel like a sales pitch but an invitation.

Your unit’s Recruiter Strip story
Every Recruiter Strip tells a story of someone inviting a friend to join the Scouting journey.

How does your pack, troop, crew or ship recognize young people who successfully invite others to join? I’d love to hear from you in the comments.
WILDERNESS FIRST-AID

What: Boy Scouts of America Wilderness First Aid Class
   (This class also includes CPR and AED)
When: November 8th and 9th 2019
Time: Starting at 6pm on Friday the 8th
   Planning on finishing around 9pm Saturday
Where: H.B. Wehrle, Sr. Scout Leadership Service Center
Who: Adult Leaders, Venture Scouts and Boy Scouts ages 14 yrs and up
Cost: $ 75.00
   Cost includes lodging, cracker barrel on Friday evening, continental breakfast on Saturday,
   Saturday lunch and snacks
Deadline for Registration: Thursday October 31st by 5pm
Class size limit: 20 (First come basis)
Register online at www.buckskin.org or at the Scout office at 304-340-3663 or 304-523-3408.

For those who wish to stay overnight, arrangement can be made to stay at the H.B. Wehrle, Sr. Scout Center. (Bring your own cot, showers are available)

It is suggested that you eat dinner on Friday evening before arriving.
Each participant is responsible for their own dinner on Saturday evening. Time will be permitted to run out to local restaurants.

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

For more information contact:
Sue Williams at: toobuzysue@yahoo.com
Alvin Watts at: awatts4013@yahoo.com

Name ______________________ Troop/Pack/Crew________________
Address ______________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________
Phone ___________________________ Email _____________________________

Return to Buckskin Council, 2829 Kanawha BLVD. East Charleston, WV 25311
What is NYLT?

It is a week-long course at Camp Chief Logan in Chapmanville, WV, that gives Scouts and Venturers the methods, skills and experience to become better leaders in their unit. The course centers around the concepts of what leader must be, what they must know, and what they must do; with a clear focus on how to accomplish this.

The cost is $225 per youth, which includes: an NYLT field t-shirt, all meals and all course materials. A $75 deposit is required.

Please register no later than May 14th, 2020.

Who can attend?

All eligible Scouts BSA and Venturing youth who wish to improve their leadership skills. To attend the course, you must have a unit leader recommendation.

Requirements

- For Scouts BSA, must be at least 13 years old and First Class. Venturers must be 14 and have completed the 8th grade.
- Scouts BSA must not be 18 years old and Venturers must not be 21 years old by the last day of the course.
- Must have a current BSA Health and Medical Record.

Name: __________________________ Phone: __________________________

Email: __________________________ Birthdate: ____________ Gender: ____________

Address: __________________________ City: ____________ State: _____ Zip: _______

Scout Rank: __________________________ Unit: ____________ T-Shirt size (adult sizes): _______

Return this form to the Buckskin Council Office to complete the registration and submit payment.

Questions?? Email the Course Director, Matt Blackwood at matthew.blackwood@gmail.com.

Registration is limited to the first 48 participants signed up.
2020 Cub Scout Day Camp Patch Design Contest
All Cub Scouts are eligible to enter this design contest for the summer of 2020. The Scout with the winning design will receive a **FREE** registration to one Day Camp.

Contest Rules:

**Must be designed and drawn by the Scout**
- Must include the “Down on the Farm” Theme
- Must include “Buckskin Council”
- Must include the scouting Fleur-De-Lis
- Final Patch will be no larger than 3.75” by 3.75”

All designs must be submitted by **December 30, 2019** to the:

Buckskin Council, BSA
2829 Kanawha Boulevard East
Charleston, WV 25311

**A Professional Artist will touch up the final design before it goes to production**

Submitted by: ______________________________ Pack#____________________
Chief Cornstalk / Seneca District
Winter Camporee
January 24—26, 2020

**Time:** 6:00pm Check In Begins. Leaders meeting and Cracker Barrel 10:00pm

**Location:** ½ Mile from the Cranberry Visitors Center

**Cost:** $5 per Scout and Adult

Please pre-register by January 22nd online at Buckskin.org/chiefcornstalk

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Activities for the weekend include:

- Winter weather First Aid / Precautions
- Snow Sledding
- Winter Shelter Building
- Fun, Fellowship, and Exploration in a real wilderness winter environment
- Activates dependent on weather

**NO GROUND FIRES, MUST HAVE ELIVATED FIRE PIT FOR LEAVE NO TRACE FIRES**

Winter camping on the top of Kennison Mountain in Cranberry Glades should not be taken lightly. Wind chill temperatures on top of the mountain are known to be below negative ten degrees pretty regularly. Please take time to make sure that all of your Scouts and Scouters have the proper equipment and skills to make this a successful experience for those who have not attended in the past. We suggest that at the Scout meetings prior to the camporee your Troop focus on cold weather camping/survival, and at the meeting preceding the camporee have everyone attending bring their gear in for one final inspection. If you have any questions about equipment/food please feel free to call Steve Berkhouse at 304-546-1890 or Michael Cidor at 814-860-1562.
NOMINATION
FOR THE
DISTRICT
AWARD OF MERIT

NOTE: The nomination is confidential. Council
To avoid possible disappointment, District
please do not advise nominee in any Unit
way of your action in his or her behalf.

TO THE DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT COMMITTEE:

It is a pleasure to present for your consideration for the DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT:

Name ________________________________

Address ________________________________________________________

City or Town __________________ Zip ______

Currently registered in Scouting as ________________________________

The nominee has earned the following (provide dates):

[Checkboxes and spaces for Den Leader's Training Award, Scouter's Religious Award, Den Leader Coach's Training Award, Silver Beaver, and more]

The noteworthy service upon which this nomination is based follows:

(Furnish as much information as possible. For example: president, Rotary Club; vestryman, St. Paul's Church; chairman, Red Cross campaign; vice-president, PTA; medical director, hospital; Cubmaster, 3 years; Scoutmaster, 4 years; Venturing Advisor, 3 years; commissioner, etc. Use additional paper, if necessary.)

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Date of nomination ____________________________

Name of person making nomination ____________________________

Position in Scouting ____________________________________________

Contact number _____________________________________________
GENERAL INFORMATION
The District Award of Merit is a council award presented by districts in the same manner that the Silver Beaver is a national award presented by councils.
The award is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level.
The award is made available annually on the basis of 1 for each 25 traditional units or fraction thereof. The district need not present all the awards to which it is entitled each year.
It is not appropriate to nominate a Scouter who has already received this award.
A professional Scouter or other council employee may not receive this award based on employment service. However, a professional Scouter or employee who also serves as a volunteer Scouter may be eligible, based on volunteer service.

REQUIREMENTS
1. A nominee must be a registered Scouter.
2. A nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to youth in Scouting, outside Scouting, or both.
   Note: The nature and value of “noteworthy service to youth” may consist of a single plan or decisions that contributed vitally to the lives of large numbers of youth or it may have been given to a small group over an extended period of time.
3. Consideration must be given to the nominee’s Scouting position and the corresponding opportunity to render outstanding service beyond the expectations of that Scouting position.
4. The nominee’s attitude toward and cooperation with the district and/or council is to be taken into consideration.
5. Nominations cannot be considered for posthumous awards.

PROCEDURE
1. Annually, district chairman will appoint a temporary special District Award of Merit committee of not more than five persons who will consider all candidates and make recommendations of those to receive the award to the council through the Scout executive.
2. The Scout executive will inform the district chairman of those nominations approved by the council committee.
3. The following procedure is suggested for such presentation ceremonies:
a. The recipient and spouse should be in attendance at the annual meeting or recognition dinner.
b. A district and/or council officer should explain the award and its significance.
c. Eagle Scouts or Silver Award Venturers should be asked to escort the recipients to a place of honor at the head table or on stage.
d. A suitable citation for each recipient should be read indicating what each has done in Scouting.
e. The award (certificate, No. 33719; plaque, No. 17565; and lapel pin, No. 17551) may be presented at this time with appropriate congratulations.
f. The only uniform insignia which accompanies this award is an embroidered overhand knot, No. 05013.
g. A group picture may be taken for use in neighborhood or community newspapers (district responsibility).
NOMINATION
FOR THE
CHIEF CORNSTALK DISTRICT
J.T. FISH AWARD

TO THE DISTRICT AWARDS SELECTION COMMITTEE
It is a pleasure to present for your consideration for the J.T. FISH AWARD:

Name ________________________________
Address ________________________________
City or Town ___________________________ Zip ______
Currently registered in Scouting as ____________________________
The nominee has earned the following (provide dates):
These recognitions are not a prerequisite for nomination.

Den Leader’s Training Award or Den Leader Award
Den Leader Coach’s Training Award or Den Leader Coach Award
Cubmaster Award
Cub Scouter Award
Weelos Den Leader Award
Scouter’s Training Award
Scouters Key
District Award of Merit
Scouter’s Religious Award
Silver Beaver
Order of the Arrow
Wood Badge
Venturing Awards
Distinguished Commissioner Award
Other

The noteworthy service upon which this nomination is based follows:
(Furnish as much information as possible. For example: president, Rotary Club; vestryman, St. Paul’s Church, chairman, Red Cross; vice-president, PTA; medical director, hospital; Cubmaster, 3 years; Scoutmaster, 4 years; Venturing Advisor, 3 years; commissioner, etc. Use additional pages if necessary.)

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Date of nomination __________ Name of person making nomination __________
GENERAL INFORMATION: JT Fish was a supporter of the Scouting Program in the now Chief Cornstalk District.

REQUIREMENTS: Nominees should show all around support of the program (Unit, District as well as financial).

PROCEDURE: Make a nomination by December 15 to the Chief Cornstalk District with the form and recommendation. Please share why you believe this nominee deserves the award with a description of how they support camping programs within the unit, district and council.
NOMINATION
FOR THE
CHIEF CORNSTALK DISTRICT
BUCK HARLESS AWARD

TO THE DISTRICT AWARDS SELECTION COMMITTEE
It is a pleasure to present for your consideration for the BUCK HARLESS AWARD:

Name ____________________________________________
Address ____________________________________________
City or Town __________________________ Zip __________
Currently registered in Scouting as ____________________________
The nominee has earned the following (provide dates):
These recognitions are not a prerequisite for nomination.

___ Den Leader’s Training Award or Den Leader Award
___ Den Leader Coach’s Training Award or Den Leader Coach Award
___ Cubmaster Award
___ Cub Scouter Award
___ Webelos Den Leader Award
___ Scouter’s Training Award
___ Scouter’s Religious Award
___ Silver Beaver
___ Order of the Arrow
___ Wood Badge
___ Venturing Awards
___ Distinguished Commissioner Award
___ Other
___ District Award of Merit

The noteworthy service upon which this nomination is based follows:
(Furnish as much information as possible. For example: president, Rotary Club; vestryman, St. Paul’s Church, chairman, Red Cross; vice-president, PTA; medical director, hospital; Cubmaster, 3 years; Scoutmaster, 4 years; Venturing Advisor, 3 years; commissioner, etc. Use additional pages if necessary.)

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Date of nomination __________________________ Name of person making nomination __________________________
GENERAL INFORMATION: Buck Harless was a big financial supporter of the Scouting Program in the now Chief Cornstalk District. Providing resources for Scouts to enjoy camping, registration, equipment and much more.

REQUIREMENTS: Nominees should show support to Scouting in helping the youth of our area with opportunities to attend Scouting programs.

PROCEDURE: Make a nomination by December 15 to the Chief Cornstalk District with the form and recommendation. Please share why you believe this nominee deserves the award with a description of how they support camping programs within the unit, district and council.
NOMINATION
FOR THE
CHIEF CORNSTALK DISTRICT
BROOKS LAWSON AWARD

TO THE DISTRICT AWARDS SELECTION COMMITTEE
It is a pleasure to present for your consideration for the BROOKS LAWSON AWARD:

Name __________________________________________________________
Address _____________________________________________________________________
City or Town __________________________ Zip ____________
Currently registered in Scouting as __________________________________________
The nominee has earned the following (provide dates):
These recognitions are not a prerequisite for nomination.

_____ Den Leader’s Training Award or Den Leader Award
_____ Den Leader Coach’s Training Award or Den Leader Coach Award
_____ Cubmaster Award
_____ Cub Scouter Award
_____ Webelos Den Leader Award
_____ Scouter’s Training Award
_____ Scouters Key
_____ District Award of Merit

Scouter’s Religious Award
Silver Beaver
Order of the Arrow
Wood Badge
Venturing Awards
Distinguished Commissioner Award
Other

The noteworthy service upon which this nomination is based follows:
(Furnish as much information as possible. For example: president, Rotary Club; vestryman, St. Paul’s Church, chairman, Red Cross; vice-president, PTA; medical director, hospital; Cubmaster, 3 years; Scoutmaster, 4 years; Venturing Advisor, 3 years; commissioner, etc. Use additional pages if necessary.)

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Date of nomination ____________________ Name of person making nomination __________
GENERAL INFORMATION: Brooks Lawson was a supporter of the Scouting Program in the now Chief Cornstalk District.

REQUIREMENTS: Nominees should show all around support of the program (Unit, District as well as financial).

PROCEDURE: Make a nomination by December 15 to the Chief Cornstalk District with the form and recommendation. Please share why you believe this nominee deserves the award with a description of how they support camping programs within the unit, district and council.

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District Award Committee Approval  District Chair Approval
NOMINATION
FOR THE
CHIEF CORNSTALK DISTRICT
MIKE THOMPSON AWARD

TO THE DISTRICT AWARDS SELECTION COMMITTEE
It is a pleasure to present for your consideration for the MIKE THOMPSON AWARD:

Name ____________________________________________________________
Address __________________________________________________________
City or Town _____________________________ Zip ______________________
Currently registered in Scouting as ________________________________
The nominee has earned the following (provide dates):
These recognitions are not a prerequisite for nomination.

   Den Leader’s Training Award or Den Leader Award
   Den Leader Coach’s Training Award or Den Leader Coach Award
   Cubmaster Award
   Cub Scout Leader Award
   Webelos Den Leader Award
   Scout Leader’s Training Award
   Scouter’s Key
   District Award of Merit

   Scouter’s Religious Award
   Silver Beaver
   Order of the Arrow
   Wood Badge
   Venturing Awards
   Distinguished Commissioner Award
   Other

The noteworthy service upon which this nomination is based follows:
(Furnish as much information as possible. For example: president, Rotary Club; vestryman, St.
Paul’s Church, chairman, Red Cross; vice-president, PTA; medical director, hospital; Cubmaster,
3 years; Scoutmaster, 4 years; Venturing Advisor, 3 years; commissioner, etc. Use additional
pages if necessary.)

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Date of nomination ___________________ Name of person making nomination ___________________
GENERAL INFORMATION: Mike Thompson was a long time Ranger for Camp Chief Logan. He helped provide a successful program and supported the camp operations and promotion of Camping in the Buckskin Council.

REQUIREMENTS
This recognition is for volunteers who strive to promote camping and the outdoor program within the Chief Cornstalk District of the Buckskin Council.

PROCEDURE: Make a nomination by December 15 to the Chief Cornstalk District with the form and recommendation. Please share why you believe this nominee deserves the award with a description of how they support camping programs within the unit, district and council.
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 ___________________________ W _______________ 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 __________________________