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YOUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Greetings Scouts and Scouters

Summer Camp 2024 is in the books. What a great season with lots of excitement and adventure. I was at Camp every week and I tried to speak with Scouts and leaders about their experience. Overall, we had high marks from our campers. I know that some of our units went out of Council and had some negative experiences. I can guarantee there would have been no problems at Camp Shenandoah. We had an excellent Staff, and they did a great job keeping our campers happy and safe. It is not too early to start thinking about next summer. I once again urge you all to "Come Home to Camp Shenandoah". We are in the process of planning another exciting season for the 75th anniversary our Camp. Please make plans to join us.

In addition to a great camping season, we also made our Friends of Scouting (FOS) goal by the end of June. That is the first time we have accomplished that crucial funding goal in many years. This year we focused our efforts of raising money for our Camp. As you know, we cut all office and professional expenses severely last year to save money. Our Council has been financially struggling for several year and our Camp had started to show some wear. I am proud of the positive response we had to our FOS campaign. We are in a much better financial situation now and work on our Camp has started. We have plans for future renovations and are moving toward a Capital Campaign to raise enough funding to really do great things at Camp. This year's FOS victory is helping us move toward that future. Much thanks to all of you who dug deep to contribute to FOS. You are investing in the future of our Council.

Speaking of investing, I want to tell you all the efforts

being made to preserve the character of Camp Shenandoah by way of a conservation easement. For two years, we have explored the idea of placing an easement on our property to protect it in its natural state. An easement would not change our use of the Camp or change anything we do or have been doing for the last 75 years. With an easement in place, we would not be able to sell the land for a subdivision. I guess if we got to that point, the Council would be on the verge of dissolving. But keeping the Camp "as is" is the goal we are trying to achieve. If we are selected for the easement, we will be eligible for about \$1 million dollars in funding. That amount of money would be exclusively used to perpetuate our Camp for another 75 years and beyond. The Executive Board will have the final say, but I think this is very positive thing for our Council and Camp Shenandoah.

School starts very soon. Rembers, we are a membership organization. **WE NEED MORE YOUTH!** Recruit, recruit, recruit. Let's have a hugely successful membership drive this fall.

Thanks for all you do.

Steve Hammond - Council President
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STRIVING FOR EAGLE

PREPARING FOR LIFE



YOUR COUNCIL COMMISSIONER MESSAGE

The camp season is behind us and the Scouting year begins again!

It won't be long before our Scouts are back in school and planning fall adventures. I hope everyone had a great summer. I know I had a good time visiting with our units at Camp Shenandoah each week and got to hear a lot of praise for our fantastic staff and all the hard work our staff and volunteers put into the camp since last summer. Thank you all for what you did to make camp a success and I can't wait to see what we can put together for next year, Camp Shenandoah's 75th anniversary!

As we begin the Scouting year, I am thinking about the third point of the Scout Law: A Scout is Helpful. Why am I thinking about this particular point? Commissioner service is all about helping units succeed. You may see some of us wearing a new nametag or a t-shirt this fall that says "How can I help?" on it, and we are sincerely asking that question. When we visit with your unit, we want to know what we can do to help you succeed in delivering the program to our Scouts and to bring in more Scouts to the program.

I am writing this as I look out into the woods from my sister's back porch in Maine. I flew here to visit and sat next to a fellow Eagle Scout on one leg of my flight. He is originally from the Katahdin Area Council, the local council for this area, but now lives in North Carolina. We talked a lot about Scouting and the impact it had on his life, including the present day. This is one of the things I love about Scouting, the connections we can make with people we would have never known. He sat down beside me and the first thing he said was "can I ask where Camp Shenandoah is?" Of course, I am usually advertising

our camp when I go anywhere by wearing one of our shirts, and this is why. It creates those connections.

Your Friend in Scouting,

Matt Phillippi - Council Commissioner
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Be the heart. Build relationships. Change Lives.



COUNCIL CHAPLAIN

On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country, and to obey the Scout Law. To help other people at all times, to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Just forty words. The Scout Oath is just forty words long, but in these concise phrases are the values and ethical standards that have generations of [youth] into a special breed of [adults]; responsible and responsive, capable of leadership, yet trained in teamwork, able to adapt and face the changing challenges of their times. The unique strength of the Scout ethic is that it remains as relevant today as it was in 1910. And if ever there was a need to develop [people] who can overcome challenges, it is now. Our world is changing faster than ever before, for both good and bad. The seeds of the future are already sewn. What the BSA does for each [youth], it does for the [person they] will become. In doing so, Scouting paves the way for individuals along the road of life.

Charlie Carpenter - Council Chaplain
540-280-0350



YOUR SCOUT EXECUTIVE MESSAGE

Dear Scouting Families,

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the summer season! As we wrap up another successful summer camp season, I wanted to take a moment to celebrate our Scouts' achievements and express my gratitude for your continued support and involvement. Camp Shenandoah was filled with adventure, learning, and camaraderie. We have some of the best camp staff to thank for all their hard work and commitment to hold one of the best summer camp programs. A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated staff, volunteers, and leaders who made this experience possible.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the upcoming Fall Join Scouting Nights. These events are a fantastic opportunity to welcome new families into our Scouting community and share the incredible experiences our program offers. We encourage all units to provide the dates of their Join Scouting Nights so we can promote these events and ensure a great turnout. Please share your dates with membership@virginiaheadwaters.org as soon as possible.

Additionally, we are gearing up for our Popcorn and Peanuts fundraising! This annual event is crucial in supporting our activities and ensuring we can continue providing top-notch programs for our Scouts. Getting involved is simple—just contact Shane at shane763@hotmail.com or Anne at annehwangblair@gmail.com.

Thank you once again for your dedication and support. Together, we make our Scouting community strong and vibrant.

Yours in Scouting,

Sue Hart

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POPNUTS SEASON IS KICKING OFF!



It is not too late to join in the fun, and raise funds for your unit and Scouts.

Here is the link to the virtual kickoff video and resources. Contact Shane and Anne at pnp@virginiaheadwaters.org with any questions.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1eWiJKXNlJHbNxabopQ5Pr0eNvBvl2lKn?usp=sharing>

Popnuts Deadlines

- 07/28/2024 – Virtual Council Kickoff
- 08/01/2024 – Popcorn online sales go live
- 08/09/2024 – Show and Sell Orders due
- 08/29/2024 or 08/30/2024 – Pick up Show and Sell orders
- September 2024 – Selling Scouting all month long!
- 10/18/2024 - Last day to return Show and Sell inventory (10% max)
- 10/25/2024 - Take orders due
- 11/08/2024 - Final order distributed (including Chocolate)
- 11/24/2024 – Popcorn online sale ends
- 12/06/2024 – Payment due to Council
- 12/11/2023 - Unit led Popcorn Celebration!
- 12/15/2024 – Council Prize Amazon gift cards ordered



Meet the 13 Eagle Scouts competing in the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris.

YouTube.com or blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2024/07/22/



29 July-3 Aug
NOAC, UC Boulder

9-11 August
August Induction

24-25 August
Vigil Weekend

27-29 Sep
Lodge Retreat

2 November
Day of Service

Scouts and Scouters,

Summer camp is now over, and with that, so is our OA Everyday program for the year. With four weeks of an amazing program behind us, I must thank everyone who helped out with OA Everyday. I especially would like to thank Brett Hicks and Mr. Tom Greenwood for all of the work they put into running the events. If you have any suggestions for how we can improve the program for next year please let me know.

In just less than two weeks will be our final induction weekend of the year: August Inductions. This event will be held at Camp Shenandoah August 9-11. This is the last chance for anyone elected to the OA this year to complete their Ordeal so please encourage candidates you know to come on out! Registration can be found on the Lodge website: shenandoahlodge.org

In September we will have our Lodge Retreat, the final campout of the year and when we have our annual Lodge elections. If you want to join the leadership or learn more about how Lodge leadership runs I highly encourage you to attend.

See you in September!

*Thanks to the Order of the Arrow Members
for their Summer Camp service.*

Yours in WWW,

Harlow Thompson | Lodge Chief
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ORDER OF THE ARROW
SHENANDOAH LODGE #258
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CAMP SHENANDOAH WELDING FACILITY

In 2013 Camp Shenandoah began a welding program to offer the Welding Merit Badge to our summer campers. The program was championed by Trident Maritime Systems under the leadership of Joe Reisinger.

The American Welding Society projected a shortage of more than 200,000 welders as Baby Boomers retired. Lincoln Welding and the BSA joined together to bridge the gap and offer the Welding Merit Badge.

Under the leadership of Joe Reisinger, Trident Maritime Systems provided the funding to construct a building and outfit the facility to create a dedicated welding program. Numerous local and national companies were approached and asked to donate program supplies. Notably, The Lincoln Electric Foundation provided welders, Shickel Corporation and Valley Precision provided steel materials, and MCR Safety provided protective gear.

Since the inception of the Welding program, we have had well over 1,400 scouts participate and become excited with welding. Each week of summer camp starting in 2013, the welding merit badge classes were full with a waiting list of scouts who hoped they would get a chance to take the merit badge. It has been a great addition to our summer camp merit badge offerings.

In 2015, our Welding program was featured in the BSA Blog - How Scouting Is Sparking an Interest in Welding (scoutingnewsroom.org) In 2018 General

Dynamics Electric Boat visited our facility and showcased our program as a best practice for fostering early interest which is needed to ensure national defense and shipbuilding capabilities. Over the years, the program has continued to excite the campers and give them an incredible opportunity to try welding and get some initial exposure to welding.

On June 25, a plaque was placed on the Welding Shed to recognize the continued support of Trident Maritime Systems and Joe Reisinger for the Welding Program. Our program has come full circle as Joe and Kim Reisinger's daughter, Emily, was our Welding merit badge counselor this summer.



Thank you to Trident Maritime Systems and the Reisinger family for making this vital program continue to be a great success for Camp Shenandoah.





Scouts and their parents expect all Scouting America activities to be conducted safely. To ensure the safety of participants, The Virginia Headwaters Council and Scouting America expects leaders to use the four points of SAFE when delivering the Scouting program.

SUPERVISION

Youth are supervised by qualified and trustworthy adults who set the example for safety.

- Accepting responsibility for the well-being and safety of youth under their care.
- Ensuring that adults are adequately trained, experienced, and skilled to lead the activity, including the ability to prevent and respond to likely problems and potential emergencies.
- Knowing and delivering the program of Scouting America with integrity.
- Using qualified instructors, guides, or safety personnel as needed to provide additional guidance.
- Maintaining engagement with participants during activities to ensure compliance with established rules and procedures.

ASSESSMENT

Activities are assessed for risks during planning. Leaders have reviewed applicable program guidance or standards and have verified the activity is not prohibited. Risk avoidance or mitigation is incorporated into the activity.

- Predetermining what guidance and standards are typically applied to the activity, including those specific to the Boy Scouts of America program.
- Planning for safe travel to and from the activity site.
- Validating the activity is age-appropriate for Scouting America program level.
- Determining whether the unit has sufficient training, resources, and experience to meet the identified standards and, if not, modifying the activity accordingly.
- Developing contingency plans for changes in weather and environment and arranging for communication with participants, parents, and emergency services.

FITNESS AND SKILL

Participants' Annual Health and Medical Records are reviewed, and leaders have confirmed that prerequisite fitness and skill levels exist for participants to take part safely.

- Confirming the activity is right for the age, maturity, and physical abilities of participants.
- Considering as risk factors temporary or chronic health conditions of participants.
- Validating minimum skill requirements identified during planning and ensuring participants stay within the limits of their abilities.
- Providing training to participants with limited skills and assessing their skills before they attempt more advanced skills.

EQUIPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT

Safe and appropriately sized equipment, courses, camps, campsites, trails, or playing fields are used properly. Leaders periodically check gear use and the environment for changing conditions that could affect safety.

- Confirming participants' clothing is appropriate for expected temperatures, sun exposure, weather events, and terrain.
- Providing equipment that is appropriately sized for participants, is in good repair, and is used properly.
- Ensuring personal and group safety equipment is available, properly fitted, and used consistently and in accordance with training.
- Reviewing the activity area for suitability during planning and immediately before use, and monitoring the area during the activity through supervision.
- Adjusting the activity for changing conditions or ending it if safety cannot be maintained.



NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING
July 14 - 20, 2024





CAMP SHENANDOAH

The **Aquatics Committee** is planning an event for the Camp Shenandoah Weekend Program for September 7th and 8th at camp. We plan on offering several merit badges including: Swimming, Lifesaving, Kayaking/Kayaking BSA, Canoeing and Sailing. Aquatics Supervision Swimming and Water Rescue may also be offered. Each merit badge will be offered on both Saturday and Sunday. Sailing will be offered twice daily. The events are during the day and if your troop wishes to stay overnight it should sign up for Weekend Camping on the council website. We plan to have more details soon with on-line registration open in mid August.

The **2024 Camp Shenandoah Summer Camp** sessions ended to bring to a close another outstanding experience for all Scouts, youth and adults, who came out to camp for a week with us at beautiful Camp Shenandoah. The camp leadership received excellent comments from the participants which underscores our outstanding, dedicated staff and Camping Committee.

The Committee is already working on the 2025 season and great ideas are coming to enhance our program with new exciting elements. I also wish to specifically express my gratitude to our camp leadership:

- Jim Echols - Camp Director, Joseph Christian - Program Director, Leo Callo - Camp Commissioner, Dee Schartiger - Office Manager, Robert Clemmer - Waterfront Director, Chris Chase - Shooting Sports Director, JJ Obenschain - Handicraft Director, Nora Potter - Nature Director, Ben Annan - Scoutcraft Director, Logan Chase - Timber Mountain Director and Zac Collins - Trail to Eagle/STEM Director, Cindy Zollman - Trading Post Director

It is on this closing wave of enthusiasm that we thank all you who came to camp, worked and volunteered at

camp and we hope to see you all (and your friends) at Camp Shenandoah 2025.

Jay Fox, Vice President of Camping
 434-409-8148
 jayfox8x@gmail.com



<u>Week 1</u>	<u>Week 2</u>	<u>Week 3</u>	<u>Week 4</u>
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		205	





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District Commissioner: Jim Echols

Dr. Carey Usher: cusher3@comcast.net

Jim Echols: jeechols@verizon.net

District Director - Robert Clemmer: robert.clemmer@scouting.org

Dear Mountain Valley District Scouters,

It's hard to believe that we are planning our **Join Scouting Nights** already and looking ahead toward our fall camping weekends! We have spent a great deal of time this summer on visibility, making our appearance at parades, lawn parties and other community celebrations. We have chartered new units and are in the process of chartering more, while our existing units continue to grow. In addition to community visibility, we have reached our highest Friends of Scouting presentations, reaching 97% of our district units. Through this campaign we have seen a significant increase in giving. Mountain Valley is still young as a district, and this coming together is notable and inspiring.

As we move into this back-to-school recruitment season, keep an eye on school activities where your youth can gather in uniform – let's continue to be as visible as possible. Be sure to submit your JSN information to our Membership Chair Lewis Kingston at lewiskingston@hotmail.com and plan to join us at our **Fall Recruitment Kick-Off** on August 3, 9:00 – 11:00 at Blue Ridge Community College. This event is especially important for Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Crew Advisors, New Member Coordinators and Committee Chairs!

We will continue to have **district representation at fall activities like Lexington's National Night Out at Hull's Drive-In (August 6) and Staunton's Queen City Mischief and Magic (September 28-29)**. If there are potential recruitment events in your community, let us know! Unit leaders, please **get those Ball Drop tickets sold** for our fundraiser, if you need more tickets you can contact me directly (cusher3@comcast.net). Remember, tickets are only

\$5 per ball, and the payout is \$1000! Ball Drop happens on September 16 at Lexington Golf & Country Club.

We have **rescheduled our Merit Badge University from August 3 to November 16, to coincide with University of Scouting**. Keep an eye out for registration information! If you would like to serve as a Merit Badge Counselor, contact Dr. Dave Kenee at endodave@comcast.net.

Yours In Scouting,

Dr. Carey Usher,
District Chair



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Masons Honor Gerry Locher

In early May, members of Mountain City Masonic Lodge #67, AF&AM, as well as other Masons, Royal Arch Masons, and Knights Templar, met and honored Baldwin Gerard "Gerry" Locher Jr. with an oil portrait of his official photograph as Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar in Virginia from his term in 2000. Locher (shown next to his portrait) was master of Mt. City Lodge as well as Glasgow Lodge. Over 30 members were present to give Locher this honor. He knew nothing of this project beforehand, and donations for it were collected during the past year. With him are (from left) Right Worshipful Jimmy Hogg, district deputy grand master; Worshipful Bruce Lillegard, master of Mt. City Lodge, Most Worshipful Kerry Campbell, past grand master of Masons in Virginia; Right Eminent Scott Lyons Fielding, grand commander of Knights Templar in Virginia; Rt. Worshipful Jesse Lyons, secretary of Mt. City Lodge; Excellent Mark Bryant, high priest of Rockbridge Chapter #44, Royal Arch Masons; and Eminent Glen Bryant, district deputy grand commander.



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MOUNTAIN VALLEY DISTRICT
MONDAY
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GOLF TOURNAMENT
 VIRGINIA HEADWATERS COUNCIL • BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

MORNING SESSION: 8AM / TEE-OFF: 9AM AFTERNOON SESSION: 12:00 W/ LUNCH / TEE-OFF: 1:45PM

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MOUNTAIN VALLEY GOLF TOURNAMENT

SEPTEMBER 16, 2024
Lexington Golf & Country Club

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\$1,000 BALL DROP
 September 16, 2024 • Lexington Golf & CC

Balls are \$5 each. All of the sold balls will be dropped at once. Closest ball to the pin wins \$1,000!

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 Rain or shine event - You do not have to be present to win. No. 0841

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MONTICELLO District

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District Commissioner: Mike Bonham

Ed Murphy: emm8xuva@gmail.com

Mike Bonham: mike@eqros.com

Scout Executive - Sue Hart: susan.hart@scouting.org

Monticello District Roundtable will be in person on August 1, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the American Legion, 3025 Louisa Road, in Keswick. For Scouts BSA units, we will focus on how to hold an open house to help Arrow of Light Scouts satisfy their new Bobcat requirements. A couple of units that have held great open houses are coming by to tell us what they did. Our Cub Scout breakout session will focus on recruiting new adult leaders. While your pack is recruiting new Cub Scouts at the start of the new year, learn what can you do to recruit new adult leaders. Some of our most successful Packs will let us know what works for them. We will also have an update on Popcorn and Peanut sales.

District Commissioners Meeting - August 21, 2024 6:30-7:30 pm at the American Legion, 3025 Louisa Road, Keswick.

District Committee Meeting - August 21, 2024 7:30-9:00 pm at the American Legion, 3025 Louisa Road, Keswick.

Are you willing to use your **Scouting leadership experience** to help other units? Would you like to take your leadership and service to the next level? If so, please consider serving on the District Committee. You can contact our District Chair Ed Murphy (emm8xuva@gmail.com) for more information, or attend the District Committee Meeting to learn how to help our units. The District Committee is looking for volunteers to help support our program, training, membership, fundraising, special events, and awards committees.

Scouts BSA units be sure to put October 4-6, 2024 on your calendar for the **Apple Harvest Camporee**. The theme this year is the Wild West. Look for more information in the next few weeks.

The Monticello District maintains an email list of all registered adult leaders using a Google Group. If you

are not receiving emails from the

monticello-bsa@googlegroups.com

<mailto:monticello-bsa@googlegroups.com>

email list, please contact Ed Murphy

at emm8xuva@gmail.com <<mailto:emm8xuva@gmail.com>> to be added to the list. The District Committee

uses the email list to keep leaders informed. The

District also maintains an active Facebook page

Monticello District, VAHC.

Ed Murphy, District Chair - Monticello District

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We're excited to share a video that perfectly captures the essence of Scouting and the incredible opportunities it offers our youth. From learning essential life skills to building lifelong friendships, Scouting provides a foundation for a brighter future.

Watch the Scouting Anthem video now and see how we empower our young leaders to reach their fullest potential!

facebook.com/vahcbsa/videos/393641303040376/

(Copy and paste to your Facebook page to watch the video.)



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Troop 37 and Troop 3711 at Sea Base

Monticello District troops T37 and T3711 sent 12 Scouts and 4 adults to Sea Base at Islamorada in the Florida Keys at the end of June. The crews participated in the Scuba Certification Adventure achieving the PADI Open Water certification. The crews completed classroom work, confined water pool dives, and open water dives to complete the certification. They finished the week with fun dives at the reefs in the Florida Keys. The crews made lasting memories and will be able to use their certification to dive anywhere in the world.



Update your BeAScout pin at my.scouting.org
and encourage online registration during

FALL RECRUITEMENT

AUGUST 1ST – OCTOBER 31ST
AT WWW.BEASCOUT.ORG

All Cubs who register online will receive a welcome kit (car magnet, water bottle sticker, Scout Life mini-magazine, and Peer-to-Peer Recruiting card with info on how to earn a free Recruiter Strip) in the mail from BSA National.

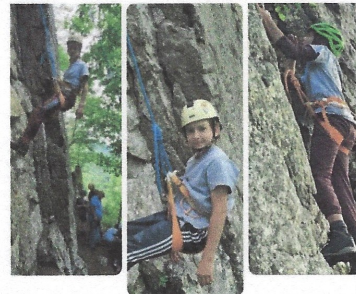
Need JSN supplies or help? Contact us at membership@virginiaheadwaters.org and visit virginiaheadwaters.org/resources/membership/ for more information.



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CLIMBING MERIT BADGE EVENT SEPTEMBER 14, 2024 9AM-4PM CHIMNEY ROCK VFW POST 9660



EVENT OPTIONS:

ONE DAY EVENT: SEPT 14. COST \$17/per scout (\$15 early bird)
Check in 8am. Event from 9am-4pm, includes lunch and event patch.

CAMPOUT OPTION: SEPT 14-15. COST \$22/per scout (\$20 early bird)
Check in 8am. Event from 9am-4pm, includes lunch, dinner, breakfast and event patch

Tent set up Saturday after 4:30pm, leave Sunday by 11am.
Early Bird Registration by August 31, 2024



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VIRGINIA HEADWATERS COUNCIL TRAINING

Growing Lifelong Leaders

Why training matters?

Training within the Scouting America is integral to achieving our mission of preparing young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes. It ensures that both youth and adult leaders are equipped with the necessary skills, knowledge, and confidence to foster a safe and supportive environment.

For youth, training programs like Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST) and the National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) provide opportunities to learn essential skills in leadership, teamwork, and problem-solving. These programs cultivate resilience, self-reliance, and a commitment to service, aligning with the Scouting America's goals of character development and citizenship training.

For adults, Position Specific training, supplemental training (i.e. University of Scouting) and Wood Badge ensure Scouters are well-prepared to mentor and guide youth effectively. It keeps leaders current on best practices, safety protocols, and program updates, thereby enhancing the overall quality of the scouting experience. Continuous learning and development models lifelong learning for the youth, demonstrating that growth and improvement are ongoing processes.

Training goes beyond well beyond tracking baseline metrics, **it's a mindset. Training is crucial not just for acquiring skills but for nurturing a culture of continuous improvement and leadership.** It reinforces the values of the Scout Oath and Law, ensuring that all members are prepared to face the challenges of today and tomorrow with confidence and integrity.

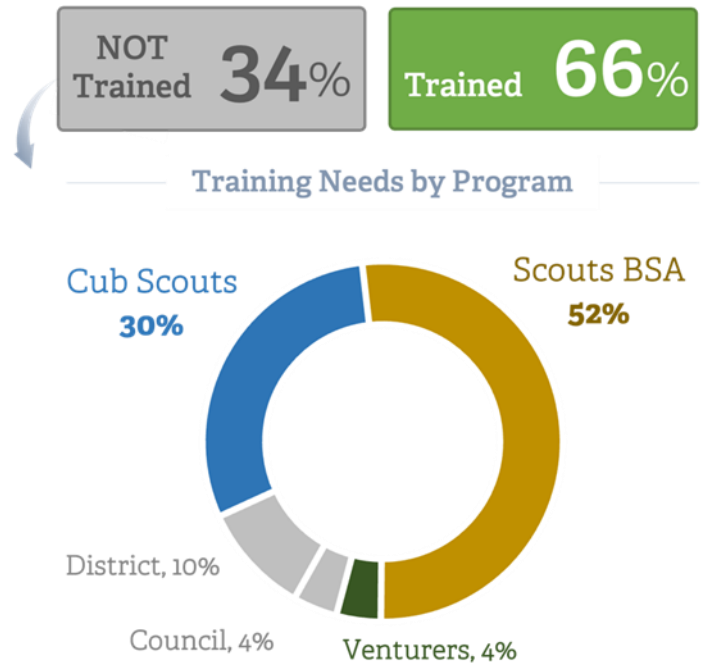
John Lindgren, VAHC Training Chair
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VAHC Training Overview

Tracking training metrics provides insights into how adequately our Scouters are prepared to deliver a high-quality Scouting program. By tracking who has completed required training, we understand our baseline for serving our youth with consistent high-quality program.

These metrics are derived from my.Scouting as of 27 JUL 2024.



Training Needs by Position

Scouts BSA	210
Committee Member	88 (42%)
Asst Scoutmaster*	77 (37%)
Scoutmaster*	16 (8%)
Chartered Org Rep	15 (7%)
Committee Chair	12 (6%)
New Member Coordinator	2 (1%)

District / Council	57
Merit Badge Counselor	29 (51%)
District Member-at-Large	18 (32%)
Council Exec Board Member	7 (12%)
Unit Commissioner	1 (2%)
Asst. District Commissioner	1 (2%)
Council President	1 (2%)

*Direct Contact Leader

Cub Scouts	123
Den Leader*	44 (36%)
Committee Member	36 (29%)
Chartered Org Rep	12 (10%)
Asst. Den Leader*	11 (9%)
Committee Chair	8 (7%)
Asst. Cubmaster*	6 (5%)
Cubmaster*	3 (2%)
New Member Coordinator	3 (2%)

Venturing	14
Crew Assoc. Advisor*	7 (50%)
Committee Member	3 (21%)
Crew Advisor*	2 (14%)
Chartered Org Rep	1 (7%)
New Member Coordinator	1 (7%)

Program Updates

Fall 2024

Scouts BSA Aquatics Event
Camp Shenandoah
Sept. 7-8
More info coming soon!

Cub Fall Camporee
Camp Shenandoah
Sept. 20-22
Registration opening soon!

Apple Harvest Camporee
Camp Shenandoah
October 4-6
Registration opening soon!

Save the Dates for fun and adventure!



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www.catholicscouting.org

www.nccs-bsa.org

Any Roman Catholic Scout is encouraged to participate in the Religious Awards Emblems Program

CATHOLIC SCOUTING RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS

LIGHT OF CHRIST

for 6-7 year old (Tiger or Wolf) Catholic Scouts

- Scouts will develop a personal relationship with Jesus.
- Parent led activity book for younger Cub Scouts.

PARVULI DEI (CHILDREN OF GOD)

for 8-10 year old (Bear or Webelos) Catholic Scouts

- Scouts will discover the presence of God in daily life as a member of your family and parish.
- Parent led activity book for older Cub Scouts.

AD ALTARI DEI (TO THE ALTAR OF GOD)

for Middle School age Catholic Scouts

- Scouts will grow in their spiritual experience of their relationship to God and the church.
- 6-8 month program designed for 13-14 year old Scouts (must have completed 6th grade and been an active Scout for at least 6 months).
- Program is facilitated by a Counselor.

POPE PIUS XII

for High School age Catholic Scouts

- Scouts will explore vocations (single, married, religious, ordained) and ministries in the Church as calls from God.
- Includes youth led discussions in a preferred group size of 4-12 people.
- 9-12 session program is designed for 15-16 year old Scouts (open to all Scouts BSA before age 18)
- a retreat experience and ministries service project are required.
- Program is facilitated by a Counselor.

SIGN-UP FOR INFORMATION ON FALL COURSES



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/F7M9HN5>

SCOUT NIGHT

WITH THE *FredNats*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17TH @ 7:05PM



Join your friends at the ballpark and experience a night of fun!

Scout Night offers the ability to catch a FredNats game with friends, participate in a pre-game parade, and camp out on the field after the game!

NIGHT INCLUDES:

- 🌾 Ceremonial first pitch for a representative
- 🌾 Pre-game parade on field
- 🌾 \$5 Scout Night patch available to purchase
- 🌾 Discounted tickets and food voucher
- 🌾 Opportunity to participate in Scooby Doo Night and a post-game jersey auction
- 🌾 Post-game sleepover on field



For more information, contact Claire Beccaccio at cbeccaccio@frednats.com or (540) 681-1536

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Night

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**FALL HARVEST
AUCTION & DINNER**
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2024
BEST WESTERN - WAYNESBORO

Silent Auction & Hors d'oeuvres - 5:30 PM
Dinner, Live Auction, & Gun Raffle - 6:30 PM

For Tickets & Sponsorship Opportunities:
Sue Hart - 434.872.3320 • susan.hart@scouting.org



Registration

Name: _____ Title: _____
Company: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Once an Eagle Always an Eagle.

Please check here if you are an Eagle Scout for a special recognition



If applicable, names of table guests:

- | | |
|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 8. _____ |

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Event Sponsor - \$2,500

Premier Seating: Two tables of eight people
Prominent placement on event promotional material

Two page ad in the event program
Company logo on the back cover of the event program
Table Signs

Gold Sponsor - \$1,500

One table of eight people
Full page ad in the event program
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Table Sign

Silver Sponsor - \$800

Four tickets to the event
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Table Sign

Bronze Sponsor - \$500

Two tickets to the event
Listed in the event program
Listed in the promotional materials
Table Sign

I would like to participate at the following level:

- Event Sponsor - \$2,500 Bronze Sponsor - \$500
 Gold Sponsor - \$1,500 Individual Ticket - \$100
 Silver Sponsor - \$800 Individual Plus One - \$180
 I would like to contribute an item to the auction

Payment Options

- Bill me Check for \$ _____ Enclosed
Made out to Virginia Headwaters Council, Fall Harvest Dinner

- Charge: AMEX VISA MC Discover

Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____

Exp: _____ CVV: _____

Is the billing address different from the address above?

If so, please provide:

Deadline for inclusion in the program is October 1st.

For questions about this event please contact Sue Hart

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Return to: Virginia Headwaters Council, Attn: Sue Hart
617 Greenville Ave Staunton, VA 24401
or email to susan.hart@scouting.org

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To register online go to: www.vahcbsa.org/auction