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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE VIRGINIA HEADWATERS COUNCIL

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## REMEMBERING JIM LANSING Past President of Virginia Headwaters Council

It is with heartfelt sadness that we share the passing of Jim Lansing, our Council's past president, on September 28th, 2024. Jim's dedication to Scouting was truly extraordinary, and his impact on our community will be felt for years to come.



Jim was a loving husband, a father, a Distinguished Eagle Scout, Order of Arrow Vigil Member, and a Silver Beaver recipient. Besides being our Council President and leading a number of years of successful membership growth and financial stability, Jim was instrumental in the growth and success of many initiatives within the Council, including our annual Friends of Scouting Luncheon, expanding our Popcorn and Peanuts program, and increasing membership. He believed deeply in the power of Scouting to change lives, having experienced its impact firsthand. Jim was passionate about mentoring future leaders and worked tirelessly to ensure Scouting remained visible and accessible to all.



As we remember Jim, we honor his commitment to making a difference in others' lives. His legacy will continue to inspire us as we carry forward his vision for a strong and thriving Scouting community.





### YOUR SCOUT EXECUTIVE MESSAGE

Dear Scouting Families,

I hope this message finds you well. We recently lost a dear friend and mentor, Jim Lansing. Jim was more than just a leader in Scouting; he was a guiding light for many of us, including myself. He helped counsel not only me but also countless others through tough times, always providing an honest perspective and a kind heart.

Jim's unwavering leadership, dedication, and tireless commitment to Scouting strengthened the Virginia Headwaters Council, even during some challenging times. His legacy is one of service, mentorship, and a genuine belief in making a difference in the lives of others. The impact he had on our Scouting community will be felt for years to come, and he will be deeply missed.

As we reflect on the influence Jim had on our Council, let us also remember the many ways he encouraged us to be strong and resilient. It is up to us to carry forward his spirit of service and dedication to ensure

that Scouting continues to thrive and positively impact the lives of our youth.

Scouting is a movement, and we will continue to move forward and grow. There are many exciting programs to take part in this fall, especially as the rain subsides. I encourage you all to take advantage of these opportunities, come together as a community, and make the most of everything Scouting has to offer. Let's keep the spirit of adventure and learning alive as we honor Jim's memory and continue to build a brighter future for our Scouts.

Thank you all for your continued support and commitment to Scouting.

Yours in Scouting,

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The October Tributary had been completed prior to the passing of our Scouting Friend, Jim Lansing. Our prayers to Mrs. Lansing and their family.

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## YOUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT MESSAGE

While I am writing this Hurricane Helene is making her strength known throughout the area. Heavy rain and strong wind make for a pretty miserable day, unless of course you are at Camp Shenandoah. Everyday at Camp is a breath of fresh air and beauty. Gone are the echoes of summer camp, but there are plenty of activities scheduled for Camp this fall; Apple Harvest Camporee for one. We have already had a hugely successful Cub Scout Camporee, even with a little rain. Somehow rain never dampens that Scouting spirit in our Scouts. Adults on the other hand, need to stay dry and have their coffee. Our events cater to both age groups. So, check out our fall schedule and make plans to attend.

The fall is traditionally our best recruiting time. With back-to-school nights, bring a friend events and many other resourceful techniques we make our best efforts to get more youth into Scouting. As I have mentioned before, the COVID

pandemic cut our membership in half, locally and nationally. It is a long way back and it takes more than the usual efforts, but the reward of seeing the development youth experience in Scouting makes it all worth it. Our Council is currently achieving growth, right around 4%. Many Councils are not growing at all. So, we can be happy with our positive movement. But we can't afford to be satisfied with 4%. WE NEED MORE YOUTH! That is the bottom-line. That is the Main Thing. Because without growth, we eventually go away. No one who has experienced the promise of Scouting can imagine or even tolerate thinking about that.

So, I am calling on you all to make that extra effort this year to recruit more youth and adult leaders into Scouting. The future of Scouting depends on you.

Thank you for all you do for Scouting.

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## POPNUTS SEASON IS UNDERWAY!



Our Popnuts sale is underway! Check our council webpage for the latest updates about deadlines, current stock in the warehouse, and sign up for local spots around town to sell.

<https://www.virginiaheadwaters.org/giving/popcorn-peanuts/>

Our October deadlines are 10/18 to return stock (up to 10% of original order max) and 10/25 for all take orders to be submitted to Shane Eppard and Anne Blair.

Please reach out with any questions you may have. You can reach Anne at [hwanganne@hotmail.com](mailto:hwanganne@hotmail.com) and Shane at [shane763@hotmail.com](mailto:shane763@hotmail.com).

**How to measure remaining daylight with your hand**

- FACE** the sun and extend your in front of you, with your palm facing you, parallel to the horizon.
- POSITION** your index just below the sun and your pinky parallel to the edge of the horizon.
- COUNT** the number of fingers between the sun and the horizon. Each finger represents 15 minutes until sunset.
- IF** space allows, line up your other hand below and continue counting. Each hand represent 1 hour.

Time markers shown in the diagram: 1:30, 1:15, 1:00, :45, :30, :15.



## YOUR COUNCIL COMMISSIONER MESSAGE

2024 is winding down but our council is buzzing with activity. We had a fantastic Cub Camporee that was a little damp, but still a ton of fun! Apple Harvest is just around the corner and so are our final special events of the year: the Fall Harvest Dinner and Auction and the newest one, the Shenandoah Zombie Run! Plus, popcorn and peanut sales are in full swing as we sell Scouting to our community and they get a treat in return.

There have been a lot of changes this past year in Scouting, and we know there are more on the horizon for the end of 2024 and into 2025. Change is difficult, but it is a guarantee, we have been seeing a lot of it in the past few years. My day job is as an accountant, so the phrase that nothing is certain but death and taxes is something I am familiar with, but I would always add that change is the third thing in that list. As we look forward to what is coming in the Scouting movement we have to remember that our values are still needed in our society. The Scout Oath and Law guides us still and is important to our young people.

Keeping our eyes on this important thing can allow us to embrace and lead the changes that have been happening. We can look at these updates and determine how we can make an impact on the lives of our youth as we implement them. This is what our commissioner corps is here to do. We are here to be the navigators for our unit leaders as they sail through these new waters and face these challenges. We can't steer the ship for our units; that isn't the commissioner's role. But, we are here for you when you have questions and maybe need some guidance. If you know your unit commissioner, that should be your first call. If you don't know them or have one,

then your district commissioner. If you don't know who that is, my email inbox is always open.

I look forward to seeing you at Apple Harvest, the auction, the zombie run, and wherever else we will be Scouting.

Matt Phillippi - Council Commissioner  
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### Friends of Scouting 2025

**Our Friends of Scouting campaign for 2024 was a huge success. Thanks to your generous giving, we were 111% of our goal. Way to go!**



But now we must look forward to 2025. Our emphasis will again be on Camp Shenandoah but this time we will be celebrating the 75th anniversary of Camp.

Our committee is always looking for new presenters. If you are interested, we will have training on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at the Council office. Training will last about an hour and 30 minutes.

Should you have any questions, please contact me,

*Tom*

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## YOUR COUNCIL CHAPLIN

During my time as chaplain at Camp Shenandoah, I would often ask the adults at camp about their careers. The idea being that I would invite them to speak with the Citizenship in the Nation and Community classes that I taught. One summer, there was a Scouter from northern Virginia who worked for the Fairfax Fire Department. I invited him to speak with the class and he agreed.

The day he was speaking with us, he arrived a little late and apologized to us for it. He shared his story of being a lieutenant in the fire department and how being an Eagle Scout had prepared him for this experience. Then he told us of his experiences on 9/11, one of the most impactful days for first responders in our country. You see, not only was he a firefighter, but so was his brother. His brother was in the World Trade Center on the 92nd floor when it collapsed and he had received that news before he was dispatched to battle the fires at the Pentagon that day.

He worked long hours to put out the fires started by the impact of American Airlines Flight 77, and when you see video of images of the firefighters on top of the roof that day, he is among them, the white helmet of a lieutenant sticking out in the imagery. He said that while he was there, he took a brief moment to catch his breath and looked out on the horizon. A city always filled with commotion and noise was silent. No traffic, on the ground or in the air, just silence. He turned and looked back to the wreckage and the sound engulfed him. He knew at that moment that God was with him.

When he finished telling his story, one young man queried how he could do that? How could he have done that knowing his brother had just died? His answer was simply "because it was my job."

Scouting prepares us to face many challenges in life. Most of them are small, but some are significantly more difficult.

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." – Isaiah 41:10

"Oh you who believe! Seek help with patient perseverance and prayer, for God is with those who patiently persevere." – Qur'an 2:153

"Persevere in your quest and you will find what you seek. Pursue your aim unswervingly and you will gain victory. Struggle earnestly and you shall triumph." – Siddhartha Gautama

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## LEARNING FROM A SCOUT

### BE CHEERFUL

**A Scout is cheerful and loves to share that good cheer with others.  
A Scout is always ready with a smile and kind words for everyone they meet. It is the desire of the Scout to encourage others and to be the light in dark places.**

John Patrick Hickey

[www.johnpatrickhickey.com](http://www.johnpatrickhickey.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/scoutingoutofuniform/>

## PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

The **Fall Cub Camporee** was a great success. Around 125 Cubs with their families came out to enjoy the beauty of Camp Shenandoah. They enjoyed archery, BBs, fishing, crafts, conservation, rockets and tie-dye. The Packs camped overnight and enjoyed a campfire complete with s'mores. It was great seeing our youngest members of the scouting community enjoying the great outdoors.

Many troops are gearing up for **Apple Harvest "Wild West" Camporee!** There will be competitions not only for the Scouts but the Scouters as well. Scouts are making their ponies to race in the Pony

Express and their chuckwagons are coming along. Head on out to Camp Shenandoah October 4-6 to see all the action.

There are also some great events coming up in the next couple of months as well. There will be **University of Scouting** along with a **Merit Badge University** on November 16 at Blue Ridge Community College.

**Klondike Derby** is in the works for February 7-9 at Camp Shenandoah. It is going to be another great event so save the date now!

There will also be some specialized weekends at Camp Shenandoah over the next couple of months. Keep checking the Council website and calendar for more information.



Apple Harvest Camporee  
Camp Shenandoah

October 4-6

[https://scoutingevent.com/763-](https://scoutingevent.com/763-AppleHarvestCamporee)

[AppleHarvestCamporee](https://scoutingevent.com/763-AppleHarvestCamporee)

Come on out for great Scouting fun!!



## WHEN

16 November 2024

7:30AM - 5:00PM

## WHERE

Blue Ridge Community College

1 College Lane

Weyers Cave, VA 24486



<https://scoutingevent.com/763-UoS2024>

### COURSES INCLUDE

- Cub Scouting
  - Cubmaster (position specific)
  - Den Leader (position specific)
  - Pack Committee (position specific)
  - Den Chief Role Model
  - AOL-to-Scouts BSA Transition
- Scouts BSA
  - Scoutmaster (position specific)
  - Troop Committee (position specific)
  - How to Run an Effective ILST
  - Trail-to-Eagle (for adults)
- Fishing Basics
- Trainer's EDGE
- Religious Emblem Program
- Females in Scouting
- The Future of Unit Service
- Membership & Unit Renewal

Join us for a **day of learning**, fellowship, and fun! Enjoy **endless coffee**, Mr. BBQ food truck, and **connect with fellow Scouters** as we **grow together**. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity!

Need to update your YPT? What about Hazardous Weather? **Take advantage of the all-day computer room to complete any online training.**

REGISTRATION CLOSSES 12 NOV

NO WALK-IN REGISTRATION

# Cub Scout Fishing Adventures Supplement



**Presented by the Scouting America  
National Fishing Leadership Team**

## **Attention All Cub Scout Leaders:**

The Scouting America National Fishing Committee has created a Cub Scout Fishing Adventures Supplemental Training.

This supplement does have some updates to the adventures. Please use this to teach all levels of the Cub Scout Fishing Adventures.

[https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Cub-Scout-Fishing-Adventures\\_090924.pdf](https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Cub-Scout-Fishing-Adventures_090924.pdf)

If you have any questions please contact me:

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Scouts and Scouters,

Optimistic October! This past weekend was our Lodge Retreat where we held our Lodge Officer elections. Though my term is coming to an end in just a few months, these new officers will surely lead Shenandoah Lodge to a bright future when they take office at our Winter Banquet in January. It is my pleasure to announce below your 2025 Lodge Officers:

**Lodge Chief:** Marie Kenny

**VC-Program:** Emma Heisig

**VC-Inductions:** Maggie Palmer

**VC-Outreach:** Brett Hicks

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Russell Palmer

More information about each officer and their plans will be made available in the near future.

As some of you may know, next weekend is the council's annual Apple Harvest. Shenandoah Lodge will be present at the event and will help run the Saturday night campfire. If you plan to attend make sure to bring your sash. Any and all help is appreciated.

Although it is still quite far out, we've already begun some basic plans for the Lodge for Conclave 2025. For those of you who are new to the Lodge, Conclave is a big event where multiple Lodges gather together for a giant weekend of games, spirit, shows, training, fellowship, and much, much more. Every year all of the Lodge show off their spirit and compete for the spirit award, Clyde. In order to strengthen our spirit, each year we pick a theme for the whole Lodge to champion throughout the weekend. I am excited to announce that our theme for Conclave 2025 will be Greco-Roman. That means bring your toga and

laurel wreath, study up on your philosophy, and ready your chariot so that we can be the most spirited Lodge you've ever seen!

Yours in WWW,

**Harlow Thompson** | Lodge Chief |

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[chief@shenandoahlodge.org](mailto:chief@shenandoahlodge.org)

ORDER OF THE ARROW | SHENANDOAH LODGE #258

### CORE LODGE EVENTS - 2025

Winter Banquet	January 6
Spring Fellowship	March 21-23
Section E9 Conclave	April 25-27
Shenandoah Fest	May 17
June Inductions	May 30 - June 1
August Inductions	August 8-10
Vigil Event	August 23-24
Lodge Retreat	September 26-28
One Day of Service	November 1

### LODGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

#### MEETINGS - 2025

January 19  
 February 16  
 Spring Fellowship  
 April 20  
 May 18  
 June - No LEC  
 July - No LEC  
 August 17  
 Lodge Retreat  
 October 19  
 November 16  
 December 14



Register for events and more on the  
 Shenandoah Lodge Website



## CAMP SHENANDOAH

### Camp Shenandoah Weekends – September Aquatics Report, Upcoming November Welding

Over the weekend of September 7-8 an Aquatics Merit Badge Weekend event was held on sparkling, brisk waters of Lake Hope. Aquatics merit badges including Swimming, Lifesaving, Canoeing and Kayak were offered on both days. We had around 90 Scouts participate, and a significant number of merit badges earned. In addition, that Saturday, Swimming and Water Rescue Training was offered. This a training program for older Scouts and adult Leaders to gain practical experience in safe swimming practices, how to safely conduct swim checks, how to manage a unit swim and finally, participants learned basic in-the-water skills to teach their troop's unit Response Personnel to help with unit swims. Twelve adults completed the course and now the council has 12 more points of contact for conducting unit swims and potential Lifesaving Merit Badge Counselors. The Staff for the weekend was outstanding with a record 5 Scouting America National Aquatic Instructors and very highly skilled youth staff supporting the program

On **November 9th** we will hold an all-day session of **Welding Merit Badge** and a concurrent session of Home Maintenance and Painting Merit Badges. As this is only a one-day program and to keep class sizes at a number such that the Scouts will receive a great experience, registration numbers will be limited. More information on the event and registration will appear in mid-October in District social media announcements and on the council website.

In the Spring we have already have plans for two CS Weekends, including programming for Wilderness and Remote First Aid, and Aquatics – Boating merit badges and Paddle Craft Safety training. The dates will be announced in January 2025.

## Camp Shenandoah Camping Committee

The Camping Committee has reviewed the reports and surveys from Camp Shenandoah 2024, and they are very positive with many comments highlighting the outstanding staff and camp leadership in place last summer. With that as our foundation we have been working on a new daily schedule for camp programs which will give Scouts more time with their units to enjoy troop activities offered by camp. Also, we will be announcing new programs at camp including 3D Printing, Composite Materials, Metal Working and Blacksmithing. We have held several meetings with council experts in these domains and we believe we have identified the program materials and expertise to support these new programs.

The committee has a couple more programming concepts which we will announce later in the fall. We hope to have the Leader's Guide available very soon as well as opening early registration (at an Early Bird price!).

Finally, we are actively recruiting staff. This year we hope to hire more staff and to develop a staff program offering more time for personal growth and building strong relationships amongst the staff. Bottom-line, Camp Shenandoah is going be a great place to work and have Scouting fun next year. Please send in applications to council office now.

*Jay Fox,*  
VP of Camping  
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## Council Aquatics Committee

We congratulate the 12 adults who completed the Swimming and Water Rescue training at the Camp Shenandoah Aquatics Weekend. This is a great training program for adult leaders and older Scouts to gain practical skills for operating a safe unit swim. Furthermore, these individuals are now new members of the Aquatics Committee and can help provide council-approved unit swim checks.

We are working with Fork Union Military Academy to determine a date for our Winter(ish) Swim Program which is in its 16 year of operation. Once we have determined a date with FUMA it will be announced on the website, District social media, and the Tributary.





# MOUNTAIN VALLEY District

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District Commissioner: Jim Echols

Dr. Carey Usher: cusher3@comcast.net

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

## MOUNTAIN VALLEY GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Mountain Valley Golf Tournament was held on September 16th at the Lexington Golf and Country Club. Twenty-five teams participated for first place (\$400 - The Carpet Putters), second place (\$300 - Duckworth Hackers), and third place (\$200 - The Sand Trappers).

Highlight of the day was the “Drop Ball” for \$1,000. The winning ball was purchased by Sandy Puffenberger and Linda Harris of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles in Staunton.

For several reason this will be the last golf tournament held in the Lexington area of the district. There is a possibility of a 2025 tournament being held in Staunton.



“The Drop”



## ATTENTION ALL MOUNTAIN VALLEY SCOUTS!

An anonymous donor is providing a full week’s campership at Camp Shenandoah to the Scouts BSA member who recruits the most new members to Scouting between now and May 31, 2025.

The requirement is the same as that of the Recruiter Strip: recruit someone new into Scouting! When you recruit a new member into Scouting, have your Scoutmaster reach out to the:

Council Commissioner/Treasurer Matt Phillippi at [matt.phillippi@virginiaheadwaters.org](mailto:matt.phillippi@virginiaheadwaters.org) with the information and he will keep track of the numbers and announce the winner in June.



**18 - 20 October 2024**

**October 19, 2024, 11 am-5:00 pm**

**Pavilion #2**

**Chris Greene Lake Park**

**4748 Chris Greene Lake Rd - Charlottesville, VA**

The Albemarle Amateur Radio Club (AARC) invites scouts and scouters from the Virginia Headwaters Council to learn about amateur (“ham”) radio and talk to other scouts around the world at the 2024 Jamboree On The Air (JOTA).

JOTA/JOTI is the world’s largest digital Scout event over the airwaves and on the Internet!

Held every October, JOTA-JOTI (Jamboree-on-the-Air/Jamboree-on-the-Internet) connects millions of young people worldwide for a full weekend of online activities promoting friendship and global citizenship.

<https://www.jotajoti.info/>

The AARC will have operating stations, a hidden transmitter fox hunt, and other ham-related activities on Saturday, October 19th, from 11 AM to 5 PM at Chris Green Lake Park, Shelter #2.

A visit to this AARC JOTA event qualifies for requirement 7 of the Radio Merit badge and may allow Scouts to work towards other requirements.

If you or members of your pack or troop wish to visit the AARC JOTA event, or if you have questions, please contact:

**Bob Romanko - [bobromanko@gmail.com](mailto:bobromanko@gmail.com)**



# MONTICELLO District

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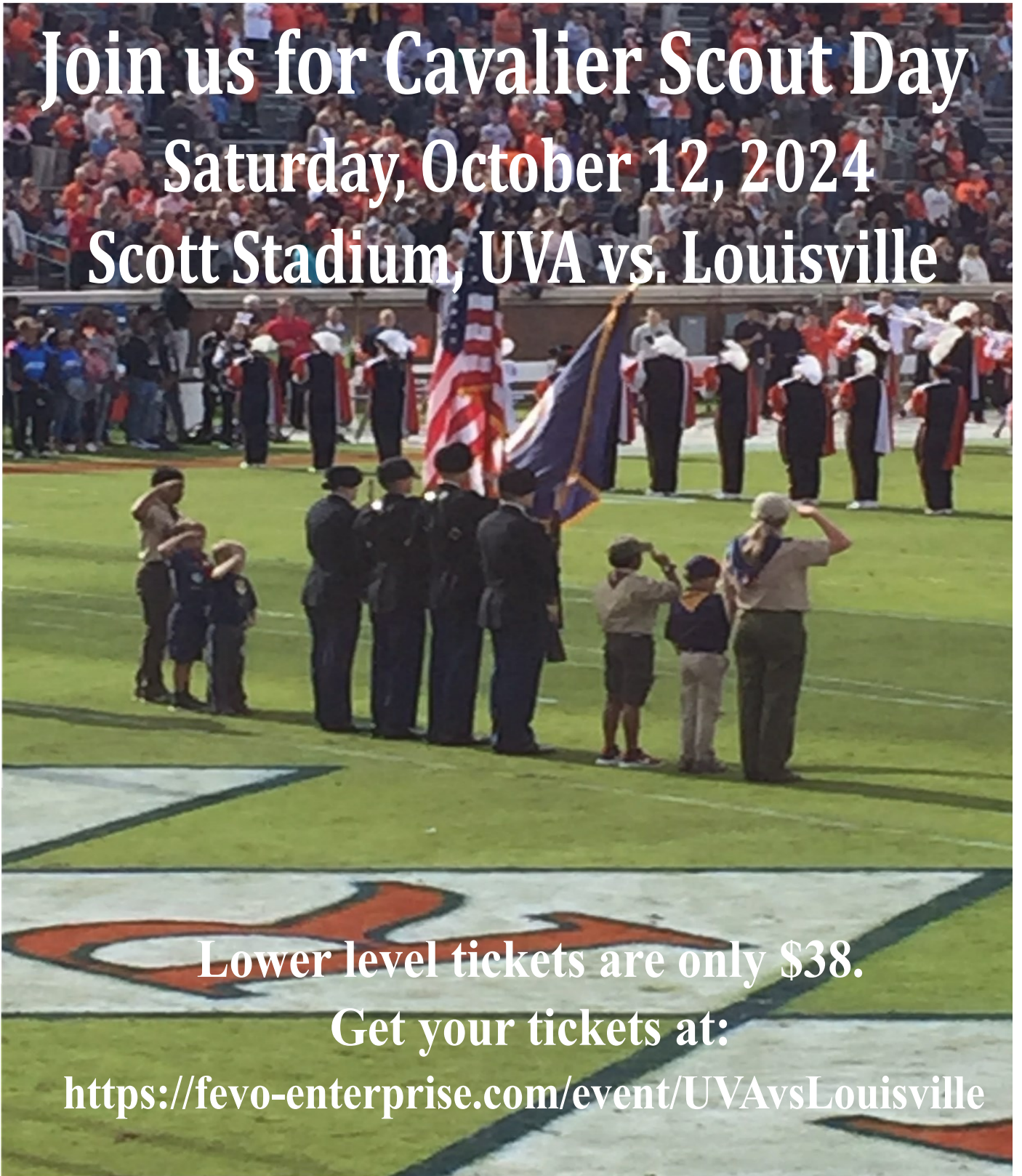
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## Join us for Cavalier Scout Day Saturday, October 12, 2024 Scott Stadium, UVA vs. Louisville



Lower level tickets are only \$38.

Get your tickets at:

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/UVAvsLouisville>



# MONTICELLO District

District Chair: Ed Murphy

District Commissioner: Mike Bonham

## Pack 77 and Troops 1028 & 1029

represented Scouting at Charlottesville Pride on September 7th. We sold over \$1000 worth of Popnuts, gave away swag, and invited families to check out Troop 1028/9's Open House the next day. As a result Troop 1029 has a brand new Scout!





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[www.catholicscouting.org](http://www.catholicscouting.org)

[www.nccs-bsa.org](http://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 6<sup>th</sup> 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>



# Auto-Renewal Membership

For all youth and adult members of the BSA

*Note: All registrations are for 12 months. For example, if your current registration expires on 12/31/2023, your renewed membership will start on 1/1/2024 and run through the entire calendar year until 12/31/2024. Membership renewal can be completed by either the individual, the family or the unit.*

## Auto Renewal Membership Family/Self Pay

- An email notification and a renewal link will be sent 60 days before membership expires.
- The link provided in the email will direct individuals to a renewal form on My.Scouting
- If registered in multiple positions, select the primary position. Renewing the primary position will automatically renew multiple positions.
- The individual pays with a credit card and submits the renewal.
- The unit will approve the membership renewal.

## Auto Renewal Membership Unit Pay

- In Organization Manager, the unit selects the Unit Pay option.
- Unit Key 3s are notified each month about which members are due to renew that month.
- Using the Roster tab, the unit selects which members they are renewing.
- The unit can choose not to renew a member (opt-out). The unit can also change the Scout's Life subscription settings for each person.
- The unit pays with a credit card or establishes a securely stored electronic fund transfer payment (ACH) and submits the renewal.

Unit Key3 can find out which memberships have **expired** or are **due to renew**, then **batch** and **approve** any **Membership Renewals** in [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) under Organization Manager/Roster.

And if you're in Mountain Valley District...



Login at My.Scouting.org and go to Organization Manager  
(Unit Leader, committee chair, chartered organization representative, or designee have access)

Click on "Unit Renewal" on the menu.

Validate Information

Make changes to Leadership if needed in Position Manager – Have leaders take YPT if needed

E-Sign the Page

Pay and Submit



Troop 3, Troop 1003, Pack 183 • Louisa, VA



## Jamboree On the Air & Jamboree On the Internet 18 – 20 October 2024

Join 2 million Scouts from 175 countries around the globe in the largest single digital Scouting event! Focusing on technology skills for Amateur Radio and the Internet, Scouts experience team building activities, cross-cultural understanding and meaningful communication. First held in 1958, Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) provided a connection to global citizenship which still thrives with relevancy today in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Virginia Headwaters Council Scouts have actively participated for the last four years, and this year will mark the first Council-Wide Event! Join fellow VAHC Scouts in Mineral for an amazing opportunity to meet with local radio clubs, learn from HAM Radio operators, and be a part of the World Organization of Scouting Movement (WOSM) at its best. With hands-on opportunity to speak with other scouts over the air, participate in fox hunts, learn the use of antennae, Mineral will be the center of activity. Last year, a Scout even spoke with the International Space Station!



This year's theme, "Scouts for a Greener World", aligns with 9 of WOSM's Sustainable Development Goals. Our VAHC event will also have a station addressing these and relating them to the service today's Scouts have in our local community. Scouts' service highlighting sustainability and conservation helps to build community and stewardship. Scouts will learn the powerful greater good they make in our world.



Our leadership team has created a program guide for helpful tips on how to participate as a Unit. Just follow the QR code [to RSVP](#) and access all the important details in the guide. Email questions to [jota@bsatroup3.com](mailto:jota@bsatroup3.com)

Unable to join us? Don't wait for next year...Still Sign up and Participate from your home location! <https://www.jotajoti.info/>



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**Jamboree**  
ON THE AIR - ON THE INTERNET  
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Fourth Annual  
Jamboree On The Air/  
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The world's largest digital  
and radio Scout event  
promoting friendship and  
global citizenship

**Join us!**  
October 18-20  
Walton Park, Mineral,  
VA



**This year's Jamboree on the Air is going  
to be the biggest yet!**


**Look forward to a weekend of fun and  
festivities, meeting other scouts and  
scout leaders from around the world, and  
playing international games!**

**RSVP: <https://bit.ly/4e7AvXd>**





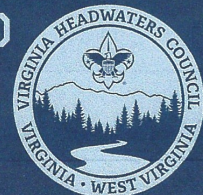
# STELLAR SPLENDOR



BSA ANNUAL  
**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](mailto: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. _____ |

## Sponsorship Levels:

### 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  
 Listed in the promotional materials  
 Table Sign

### Silver Sponsor - \$800

Four tickets to the event  
 Half page ad in the event program  
 Listed in the promotional materials  
 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Is the billing address different from the address above?  
 If so, please provide:

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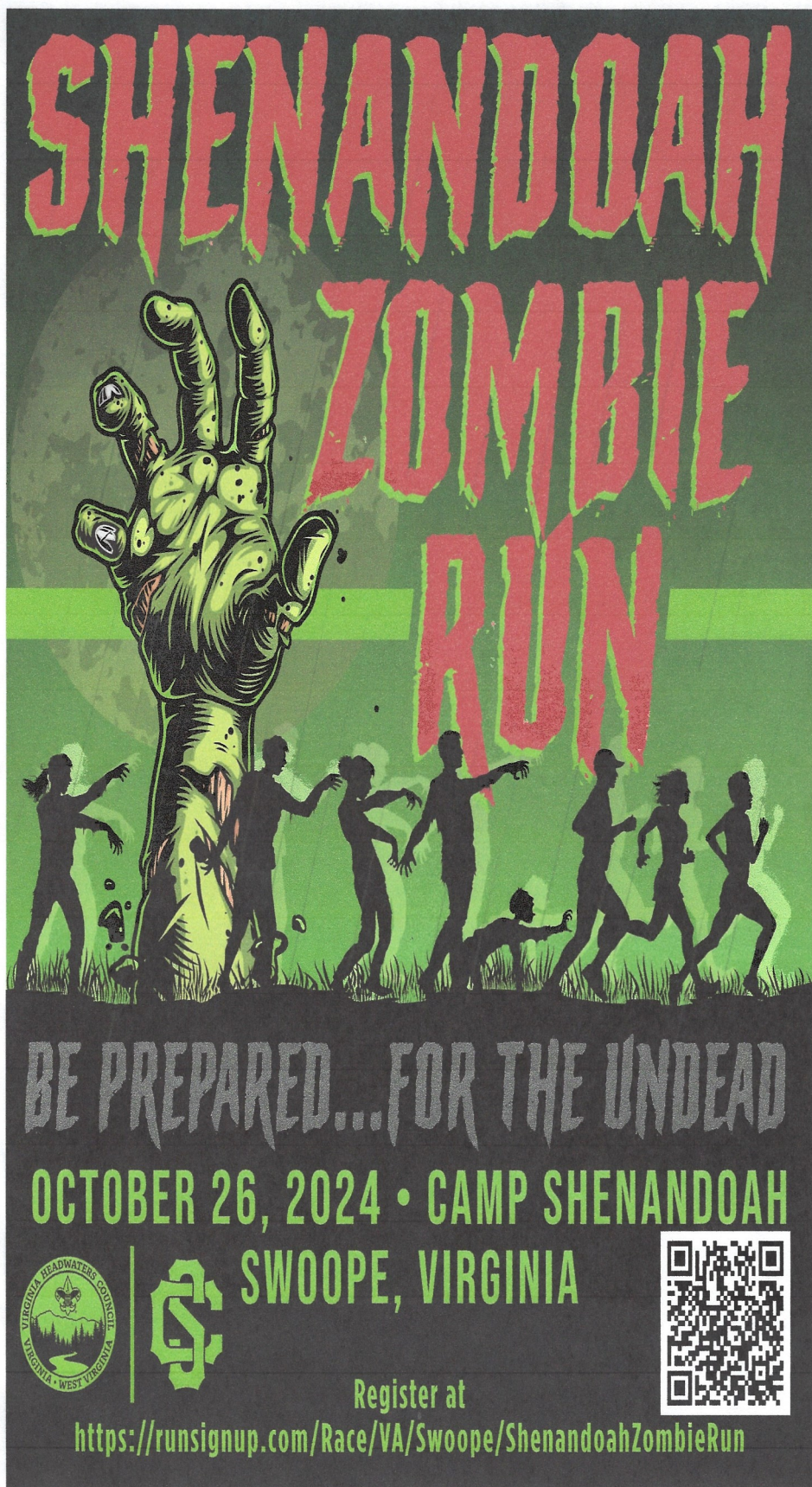
Deadline for inclusion in the program is October 1st.

For questions about this event please contact Sue Hart  
 C: 434-872-3320 | susan.hart@scouting.org

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

The Virginia Headwaters Council, BSA is a 501(c)(3) non profit corporation, donations to which are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.  
 For your contribution reference the Tax ID number is 54-0506448.

**To register online go to: [www.vahcbsa.org/auction](http://www.vahcbsa.org/auction)**

A poster for a 'Zombie Run' event. The background is dark green with a lighter green horizontal band. At the top, the words 'SHENANDOAH ZOMBIE RUN' are written in large, red, distressed, block letters with a green outline. On the left, a large, green, zombie hand with exposed fingers and a wrist is reaching up. Below the hand, a silhouette of a zombie is shown. In the center and right, a group of human silhouettes are running away from the zombie. At the bottom, the text 'BE PREPARED...FOR THE UNDEAD' is written in a grey, distressed font. Below that, 'OCTOBER 26, 2024 • CAMP SHENANDOAH' is written in green. To the left of this text is the Virginia Headwaters Council logo, which is a circular emblem with a mountain, river, and tree, and the text 'VIRGINIA HEADWATERS COUNCIL' and 'VIRGINIA • WEST VIRGINIA'. To the right of the logo is a stylized green 'S' logo. Below the 'S' logo, the text 'SWOOPE, VIRGINIA' is written in green. At the bottom, the text 'Register at' is written in white, followed by the URL 'https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/Swoope/ShenandoahZombieRun' in green. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the poster.

**Do you like the taste of brains in the morning?**

**Maybe you have more of a flight over fight instinct.**

**Then you might be interested in joining us at Camp Shenandoah October 26th for a fun filled Zombie Run.**

**Scouts can choose to be a helpless human, running for their life or a bloodthirsty zombie, determined to take a bite out of a delicious scout.**

**I hear they prefer the scouts not wearing bug spray. While there won't be any actual consumption of flesh (for insurance reasons), this will be a lot of fun.**

**Please check out the attached flier for more info. An RSVP form will be sent out in a few days.**



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DELIVERING WILDERNESS AND LEARNING  
ADVENTURES THAT LAST A LIFETIME

# SAVE THE DATE

## 2026 Registration Opens Oct. 1



### 2026 EXPEDITION & CAVALCADE REGISTRATION OPENS OCTOBER 1

**Do you wanna go back to Philmont?** Well, gather your friends and save the date: your 2026 journey to Philmont is about to begin! This is your chance to experience our legendary wilderness, challenge yourself, and create lifelong memories.

Our 2026 program offerings include 7, 9, and 12-day backpacking expeditions and 8-day horseback caivalcades.

[The registration website](#) will open at 9 a.m. MDT on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, and will close at 12 p.m. MDT on Wednesday, October 16, 2024. All units who enter their information during this time with their preferred date(s) will be notified on October 16 with their assigned date of attendance. After October 16, units can choose from available dates. A wilderness and learning adventure that will last your lifetime is just around the corner!

#### **Can't wait until 2026?**

*Limited spots remain for expeditions in 2025!* Act now to have the best chance of securing your unit's preferred dates. To register, choose from our available dates [here](#).

[View 2026 Registration Packet](#)

See you on the trail!

- Philmont Scout Ranch

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