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YOU'RE INVITED!

2024 National Scouts BSA Fall Membership Kickoff
Thursday, September 5, 2024 - 8pm ET / 7pm CT / 6pm MT / 5pm PT



Dear Valued Volunteers and Staff ----- **You're Invited!**

Join us for the **"2024 National Scouts BSA Fall Membership Kickoff!"**

It's that time of year to welcome new families into the movement, inviting them to join the fun and excitement of Scouting. Often, we hold events focused on crossover as Webelos are looking to move into a troop...but don't forget about the Fall. Now is a great time to reach middle-schoolers and older youth that have never been involved in the program. We've pulled together a few tips and tricks you can use right now to reach those families, and we're going to share them at this year's National Scouts BSA Fall Membership Kickoff event. Join us!

2024 National Scouts BSA Fall Membership Kickoff
Thursday, Sept. 5 - 8pm Eastern - 45 Minute - Zoom Webinar

Register in advance for this webinar:
https://scouting-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zj5fuwPBR2idYb2oQRa_zQ

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing the information you need to join the webinar. Join us to kick off a great Fall!



YOUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Its hard to believe that summer is almost over. Of course it's hard to tell with 90 degree days. But time is marching on and the fall membership drive is upon us. All units should have a plan to recruit new members. If you don't or you think you will need some help, please contact your District Chair, or District Commissioner, or Council Commissioner, or Scout Executive or me. We are all willing to provide any help you may need. We need more youth in our program. More youth need our program. Show them the magic of Scouting.

For the first time in a long time there is a positive energy throughout Scouting. From the inclusive rebranding of Scouting America to the formation of new Cub Packs in our Districts. We have the momentum to move forward and remind the country the benefits of the Scouting Edge. There were 13 Eagle Scouts representing the United States in the Paris Olympics. There are 4 more Eagles in the Special Olympics. There have been 40 Eagle Scout astronauts. No other youth program can compare to the empowerment our youth get from Scouting. Its time everyone heard our message. It is up to us to deliver that message, recruit those youth and then deliver the promise of Scouting.

I hope you all are as excited as me about the opportunity we have this fall. It's time to go to work; to put our plans into effect and make this fall a success.

Thank you all for your support of Scouting.

Greetings Scouts and Scouters

Thanks for all you do.

Steve Hammond - Council President
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Dear Board Members:

On Friday, September 27 our annual **All in for Scouting Casino Night** event will take place from 7:30 to 10:30 pm at [Bluestone Vineyards](#) in Bridgewater. You are invited to join us for a fun night of Las Vegas-style games, prizes, drinks, and great food while raising money to support our council! All attendees must be at least 21 years of age. A big thank you to event sponsor [Sleep On It!](#), the family-owned mattress store located in Harrisonburg!

The Casino Night event is one of the fundraisers that we rely on to meet budget for the year. We need your help for this event to be successful. Board Members play an important part in the planning, operations, and funding of the Council and every Board Member should attend our fundraising events. I hope you will join us on September 27. [Please register](#) today and bring your friends. There are also sponsorship opportunities available at the registration site. Please consider taking advantage of a sponsorship opportunity or passing the sponsorship information along to your contacts who may be interested.

We are "the Council" and we should lead by example. Please [register to attend Casino Night](#). You will have a great time and support the program we love. Sign up today!!!

See you
there!
Steve





YOUR COUNCIL COMMISSIONER MESSAGE

This fall is off to a great start. I have been starting up a new pack in Harrisonburg and the enthusiasm for the program has been exciting to see, and it isn't just locally. Nationwide we are seeing enthusiasm for Scouting grow as families look toward our movement to foster the values and provide the opportunities that they want for our young people.

The school year has begun. Not just for our youth, but we have many volunteers that work in education, or maybe they are adult learners, but even parents have a calendar that revolves in part around the school year. It's a busy time as we all adjust our routines and take advantage of the program opportunities available to us. Make sure you are taking some time for yourself, though.

A lot of us who give our time to this movement have a habit of stretching ourselves a little too thin because we are servant leaders. We give of ourselves because those are the values we believe in, but we can do harm to ourselves if we aren't careful. As your calendar fills up with activities this fall, be careful not to overburden yourself lest you stop having fun in Scouting. Being an adult volunteer is a lot of hard work and effort, but it should also be fun. Never lose sight of that. If we are having fun, the youth will have fun.

I look forward to seeing you all throughout the fall. I can't wait for all of the events in the works and the time spent having fun with all of you.

Yours in Scouting,

Matt Phillippi - Council Commissioner
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 (cell) 540-560-2807

Be the heart. Build relationships. Change Lives.



YOUR COUNCIL CHAPLIN

"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves". Philippians 2:3

While I was Camp Chaplain I would teach Citizenship in the Nation. Prior to one of those classes, I had a young man that was frustrated because his Scoutmaster had told him he had to go to church. I explained to him that he has rights and he doesn't have to do anything he doesn't want to do even though he insisted that his Scoutmaster said he had to go.

I explained to him the difference between church and chapel, which is what we would hold at camp, and told him that while he didn't have to be there I hoped he would come because we would be discussing his favorite topic. When he asked what that was, I said "you." He ended up attending the chapel service that week and while he did so begrudgingly, he ended up enjoying himself.

The next summer he came up to me excitedly and told me he had been baptized during the past year. It is that sort of serendipitous experience that makes Scouting, and camp especially, so special.

Charlie Carpenter - Council Chaplain
 540-280-0350





YOUR SCOUT EXECUTIVE MESSAGE

Dear Scouting Families,

As the leaves begin to change and the air turns crisp, we're entering one of the most exciting times of the year—Fall Recruitment season! Scouting has so much to offer our youth, and we're eager to see our Scouts dive into the many opportunities and adventures that await them this season.

This fall, we have an incredible lineup of events that will engage, challenge, and inspire our Scouts. Whether your child is just starting their Scouting journey or is continuing to grow in their leadership and skills, there's something for everyone.

For those who love the water, our Aquatics weekend at camp, September 7-8th, offers a perfect opportunity to hone swimming skills, learn water safety, and enjoy some time on the lake. It's a weekend that promises both fun and valuable life lessons.

We're thrilled to see our young and new Scouts at camp for our Cub Camporee, September 20-22nd, a fantastic event designed to offer a weekend of fun, learning, and camaraderie. This is an excellent chance for new Cubs to make new friends and strengthen bonds with their fellow Scouts.

Next up is the Apple Harvest Camporee, October 4-6th, an event that celebrates the traditions and skills of Scouting while enjoying the beautiful autumn landscape. This camporee will be packed with activities that test our Scouts' abilities and encourage them to try new things.

But that's just the beginning! We have several special events lined up that you won't want to miss:

Casino Night on September 27 at Bluestone Vineyards: Join us for an evening of excitement and entertainment, all in support of our Scouting programs. It's a great way for adults to have some fun while contributing to a cause that benefits our youth.



The **Harvest Dinner and Auction** on October 26th at the Best Western in Waynesboro: This annual event is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community, enjoy a delicious meal, and bid on some fantastic items—all while supporting the growth of Scouting in our area.



Our first-ever **Zombie Run** at Camp Shenandoah on October 27th: Get ready for a thrilling and spooky adventure! This unique event is sure to be a hit with our Scouts, combining the fun of a run with the excitement of a Halloween-themed challenge.

With so much going on, there's truly something for everyone this fall. We encourage you to get involved, whether by attending these events, volunteering your time, or simply cheering on our Scouts as they take on new challenges.

Let's make this Fall Recruitment season one to remember. Together, we can continue to provide our youth with the experiences and opportunities that will help them grow into the leaders of tomorrow.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to Scouting. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and making this fall an unforgettable season!

Yours in Scouting,

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PREPARING FOR LIFE**

Program Updates

Fall 2024

Scouts BSA Aquatics Event
Camp Shenandoah
Sept. 7-8

For more info contact: ericcutright@comcast.net

Cub Fall Camporee
Camp Shenandoah
Sept. 20-22

<https://scoutingevent.com/763-cubfall24>

Apple Harvest Camporee
Camp Shenandoah
October 4-6

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

Come on out for great Scouting fun!!



Virginia Headwaters Council Camp Shenandoah Aquatics Weekend, Sept 7-8, 2024

CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED, PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!!



LOCATION: Camp Shenandoah, 222 Boy Scout Lane, Swoope, Virginia **THIS EVENT IS RAIN OR SHINE!!!**

GENERAL INFORMATION: Earn aquatics Merit Badges in beautiful Hope Lake at Camp Shenandoah! Classes will be overseen by trained members of the Virginia Headwaters Council (VAHC) Aquatics Committee. Parents/Leaders are welcome to watch and/or participate. **Pre-registration is required for all classes.**

Swim Checks: If Scouts do not have a current Swim Check status on file with us (valid for one year), these are included for Scouts BSA class offerings, but this time are NOT being offered as a stand-alone event for others. Swim Checks forms will be emailed to unit leaders after the event. Open Swim Checks will be offered for Scouts, parents, and leaders in June 2025.

NOTE: Units are welcome/encouraged to camp overnight on Friday/Saturday, but must provide their own leadership and reserve a campsite here (or with a Facility Use form): <https://www.campshenandoah.org/year-round-camp-use/facility-rental/>

1. Swimming and Lifesaving Merit Badge Classes

DATE / TIME: Saturday Sept 7th or Sunday Sept 8th, 10:00am - 4:00pm

COST: \$30 to support camp (pay at sign in, cash or check to "Virginia Headwaters Council")

MAX CLASS SIZE EACH DAY: Swimming = 16, Lifesaving = 16

PRE-REQUISITES: You **MUST** already have earned the **Swimming Merit Badge to take Lifesaving!**
Note: If you need both MBs, you can take Swimming on Saturday and then Lifesaving on Sunday.

WHAT TO BRING: Medical Form Parts A/B, Blue Cards (Scoutbook sign-off is highly preferred, save the blue trees, instructions will be provided), full water bottle, sunscreen, closed-toe water shoes (optional), lunch/snacks/drinks if desired, towel, change of clothes (please arrive in your swimsuit ready to roll)

2. Kayaking, Canoeing, and Small Boat Sailing Merit Badge Classes

DATE / TIME: Saturday Sept 7th or Sunday Sept 8th, 10:00am - 4:00pm

COST: \$30 to support camp (pay at sign in, cash or check to "Virginia Headwaters Council")

MAX CLASS SIZE EACH DAY/SESSION: Kayaking = 8, Canoeing = 14, Small Boat Sailing = 7

WHAT TO BRING: same as Swimming MB above, except closed-toe water shoes **REQUIRED**

3. Adult BSA Aquatics Training

Offering official BSA "Aquatics Supervision Swimming and Water Rescue" training certification

DATE / TIME: Saturday Sept 7th 10:00am - 4:00pm

COST: \$20 to support camp (pay at sign-in, cash or check to "Virginia Headwaters Council")

MAX CLASS SIZE: 16

PRE-REQUISITES: Must have Swimmer Classification, can take Swim Check that day if needed.

WHAT TO BRING: same as Kayaking MB above, except no Blue Cards needed for adults

HEALTH FORMS: All of the above programs require Medical Form Parts A/B (bring to event), available here:

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf

REGISTRATION: All class sizes are limited and registration is on a first come first serve basis. To register, please email the registration form on next page (or all requested info) to Eric Cutright (ericcutright@comcast.net).

CONTACT: Please contact Eric (above) or Jay Fox (jayfox8x@gmail.com) for additional information or to volunteer for staff.



Virginia Headwaters Council Camp Shenandoah Aquatics Weekend, Sept 7-8, 2024




CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED, PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!!



Registration Form

Scout Name:		Age:		Unit #:	
Parent Name:		Emer Contact #: (valid for day of event)			
Parent Email:					
Unit Leader Name:					
Unit Leader Email: (for swim check forms)					

Activity Selection (check appropriate day box on right to make your selection):

Class Offering and Max Size		Time Each Day	Select Day and Check Box	
Scouts BSA Classes – Scouts can take 1 per day, fee = \$30 per class			Sat 9/7	Sun 9/8
	Swimming Merit Badge (16 max) (includes Swim Check if needed)	10:00am - 4:00pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Lifesaving Merit Badge (16 max) (includes Swim Check if needed) You MUST already have earned Swimming MB!	10:00am - 4:00pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Kayaking Merit Badge (8 max) (includes Swim Check if needed)	10:00am - 4:00pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Canoeing Merit Badge (14 max) (includes Swim Check if needed)	10:00am - 4:00pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Small Boat Sailing Merit Badge (7) (includes Swim Check if needed)	10:00am - 4:00pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adult Training Class, fee = \$20 per class			Sat 9/7	
	Aquatics Supervision Swimming and Water Rescue Certification (16 max) (includes Swim Check if needed)	10:00am - 4:00pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Note: All program fees and health forms are collected at sign-in on the day of the event, please make checks payable to "VAHC" or "Virginia Headwaters Council". Please remember to take health forms home with you as you leave the event, otherwise they will be mercilessly shredded within a week.

Note: Swim Checks are valid from one year from date of check, and will be offered again in March + June 2025



Save the blue trees! We are trying to minimize the use of physical blue cards for our Merit Badge classes. When you register, you will be sent instructions on how to invite Eric Cutright as your Merit Badge Counselor in Scoutbook so he can sign you off directly with no blue cards required. If your unit does not use Scoutbook, then you will need to bring physical blue cards to the event (already signed by your Scoutmaster).

To register: Please email this complete form (or all requested info) to: Eric Cutright ericcutright@comcast.net



Scouts and Scouters,

Super September! Last month, we held our August Inductions weekend where we inducted 38 new Ordeal Honor members making a total of 89 for this year! Congratulations to all who completed their Ordeal in 2024! Later this month, we will have our Lodge Retreat and, just like in previous years, any members who completed their Ordeal in 2024 can attend Lodge Retreat for free! During the event, we will have fellowship, leadership training, Lodge elections, games, and more! You can register for Lodge Retreat here: <https://scoutingevent.com/763-2024OALodgeRetreat>

During Lodge Retreat we will hold our annual Lodge Officer elections. If you are interested in running for the office of Lodge Chief, Vice Chief of Program, Vice Chief of Inductions, Vice Chief of Outreach, or Secretary/Treasurer please email me (chief@shenandoahlodge.org), Jeff Nelson (jeffnelson0715@gmail.com), and Robert Clemmer (robert.clemmer@scouting.org) a letter of intent

stating who you are and your intent to run for an officer position in the Lodge. Leadership positions and responsibilities can be found in our By-Laws: (https://www.shenandoahlodge.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/2024_Shenandoah_Lodge_By-Laws.pdf)



Lastly, our 2025 Lodge Calendar has been decided! While most events remain the same, notably, Spring Fellowship will be an Ordeal opportunity next year to encourage newly elected candidates to attend Conclave, though, the name of the event will remain Spring Fellowship. If you have any questions about this change please reach out to me. Additionally, the date listed for Shenandoah Fest is tentative, as details of the event are being rethought. OA Reps, please make sure to let your units know about the calendar.

Yours in WWW,

Harlow Thompson | Lodge Chief | Wingalouchsik Gischihan | chief@shenandoahlodge.org
ORDER OF THE ARROW | **SHENANDOAH LODGE #258**

2025 Shenandoah Lodge Calendar

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CORE LODGE EVENTS	DATE
Winter Banquet	Jan 6, 2024
Spring Fellowship	March 21-23
Section E9 Conclave	April 25-27
Shenandoah Fest	May 17
June Induction	May 30-June 1
August Induction	August 8-10
Vigil Event	August 23-24
Lodge Retreat	September 26-28
One Day of Service	November 1



LODGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS DATES	
January 19	JULY - NO LEC
February 16	August 17
Spring Fellowship	Lodge Retreat
April 20	October 19
May 18	November 16
JUNE - NO LEC	December 14

INDUCTIONS OPPORTUNITIES
Elections Cut-Off: TBA
Spring Fellowship: Ordeal & Brotherhood
Call-Out Ceremony: Shenandoah Fest
June Induction: Ordeal & Brotherhood
August Induction: Ordeal & Brotherhood
Lodge Retreat: Brotherhood

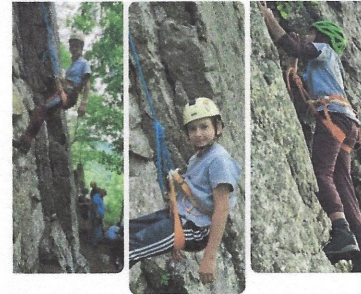




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CLIMBING MERIT BADGE EVENT SEPTEMBER 14, 2024 9AM-4PM CHIMNEY ROCK VFW POST 9660



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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CAMP SHENANDOAH

As we all settle into Fall activities the Camping Committee is already planning for Camp Shenandoah 2025. This summer was great with a strong turnout of both our units as well as the usual strong turnout for out of council units. Plus we enjoy great growth in the Cubs and Webelos camp.

Some of the exciting new programming we are planning include 3D printing, Composite Materials Merit Badge and adding Blacksmithing to our excellent Welding Program. We are also working on revamping the general camp program schedule to ensure our staff has sufficient time to teach the materials and there is ample time for Scouts to learn and complete the merit badges.

We expect to continue with our Dining Hall service and look forward to the delicious meals they provide and we have been leafing through catalogs for new Camp Shenandoah branded merch for the Trading Post. We also have ideas how to streamline checkout in the Trading Post.

Finally, and most importantly, as all who have spent a week at Camp Shenandoah know, our staff are second to none in terms of their dedication in providing your Scouts and leaders the best possible resident camp experience. We are committed to hiring more staff for the 2025

September 7th and 8th kicks off a new year round program at Camp Shenandoah..."Camp Shenandoah Weekends". The first program will be Aquatics where Swimming, Lifesaving, Kayaking, Canoeing, Sailing merit badges and Aquatics Supervision, Swimming and Water Rescue (for adults and older youth) will be offered. This is a great opportunity to earn a couple aquatics merit badges that you might have missed out on at summer camp. If your unit

wishes to stay overnight they can fill out the camping forms online. Ideas for upcoming weekends include: Shooting Sports; First Aid, Emergency Prep; Welding; Winter Camping; and Wilderness and Remote First Aid. If you have other concepts for a weekend or if you wish to help staff please contact your VP of Camping below,

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



POPNUTS SEASON IS UNDERWAY!



Popnuts Season has started! Show and Sell stock has arrived in our warehouse. Reach out to Shane Eppard (pnp@virginiaheadwaters.org) or Anne Blair (hwanganne@hotmail.com) if you need any stock, order forms, signage, or tasting kits. Order forms will be due on 10/25.

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



MOUNTAIN VALLEY District

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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,

Congratulations to so many of you on successful Join Scouting Nights! We are currently almost 30% ahead of last year's numbers for Cub Scouting, and I expect we will see even more growth over the next month as families return their registrations. Remember that having those Cubs in Class A or B uniforms at community events and school gives us even more visibility. If your unit needs help planning a membership event, contact Lewis Kingston at lewiskingston@hotmail.com.

Keep an eye on our socials and web page for the Merit Badge University registration. MBU is November 16 at Blue Ridge Community College,

right alongside the University of Scouting. If you would like to serve as a Merit Badge Counselor, contact Dr. Dave Kenee at endodave@comcast.net.

It's time to get all your ball drop tickets back in. Please contact Cindy Zollman (cedarspringz@comcast.net) or Carey Usher (cusher3@comcast.net) to submit your tickets before September 11.

Yours In Scouting,

Dr. Carey Usher,
District Chair
usher3@comcast.net



Our unit highlights this month are **Troops 84 and 314** in Stuarts Draft. At their Court of Honor in August, unit leaders awarded 113 merit badges and 16 rank advancements.



**SOLD AND UNSOLD DROP BALL TICKETS
WITH MONEY MUST BE TURNED IN BY THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 12TH.
TURN IN AT VAHC OFFICE OR
CINDY ZOLLMAN**





MOUNTAIN VALLEY District

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This Labor Day weekend, BSA Troops 29, 92, and 5 had the opportunity to travel to Norfolk, VA, and tour several of the US Navy's finest warships. With the assistance of NAVAIR's events

coordinator, leaders and scouts underwent security screening before being allowed on base. As we drove to our first destination, scouts observed various Navy ships, a C-130 aircraft landing, and even a K-9 training facility. Upon arriving at Pier 6, we were greeted by LTJG Weinberger, who escorted us down the pier and led us on a tour of the USS Gonzalez DDG 66. We began at the bow of the ship, where we learned about its 5-inch deck gun and took some great photos. We then explored the ship, with scouts particularly enjoying the bridge, where we learned about the team responsible for controlling the ship and took turns sitting in the Commanding Officer's chair. Our tour continued through the wardroom, where officers eat, work, and relax, and the crew's mess, which provided more opportunities for engaging conversations, questions, and photos. Our final stop was the Combat Systems Suite (CSS), where we saw how weapons and radar systems are used to ensure the ship's safety and mission success. As we concluded our tour and went ashore, we expressed our gratitude to our hosts for the opportunity and their service.

The excitement didn't end there. We proceeded to another pier and met the Weapons Officer of the USS Washington SSN-787, who introduced us to the duty chief and engineer. Troop 92 had a special treat as the Engineering Officer, a female—a position not allowed on submarine duty until 2010—demonstrated what female officers in the Navy are capable of. Though no cameras were allowed for security reasons, this was a minor sacrifice for such a valuable experience. We entered the Virginia-class submarine with a quick shout of "Down Ladder" and explored the forward compartment, including the torpedo room, auxiliary machinery room (AMR), berthing, control, crew's mess, escape trunk, wardroom, officers' quarters, and countermeasures space. Scouts showed particular interest in the Mk-48 ADCAP torpedoes and torpedo tubes, as well as the sonar and fire control systems in the control room. They learned that food is the only limiting factor for how long they can remain submerged, as the submarine can produce its own air and water. The crew spent at least 90 minutes answering every question the scouts had. We concluded our tour with another shout of "Up Ladder" and returned to the pier, where multiple crew members continued to answer questions.





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Author's note. I am the Scoutmaster of Troop 29. After I earned the rank of Eagle Scout I joined the Navy and spent 5 years in submarine service. I served on the USS Boise and USS Newport News. Scouting taught me invaluable lessons in teamwork, leadership, and preparedness, which served me well in submarine service. 17 years ago I departed the Navy and started a civilian life. Now that I have a son, I wanted to share with him the unique lifestyle and environment of being on a sub. Thanks to the USS Washington, I not only got to do that, but also share it with my scouting family. It was an honor and privilege to take the scouts to Norfolk. If you or any of your fellow scouts have questions about how to line up a tour like this, feel free to contact me at bryanjsecoy@gmail.com.



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SEPTEMBER 27, 2024
BLUESTONE VINEYARD

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Presented By:



Harrisonburg, VA

All In for Scouting

September 27, 2024

7:30pm – 10:30pm

Single Event Ticket: \$100
(Early bird: \$80 until Aug. 1st)

Ticket Includes:

- Event Admission
- 100 Casino “Fun Bucks”
- 2 wine drink tickets
- Dessert & Coffee Bar

High Roller Event Ticket: \$200 (20 available)
(Early bird: \$190 until Aug. 1st)

Ticket Includes:

- Event Admission
- Swag Bag
- 200 Casino “Fun Bucks”
- 4 Drink tickets
- Dessert & Coffee Bar
- Access to High Roller Tables
- Assigned Parking

Fill a Table Group Ticket: \$600 (10 available)

5 General Admission Tickets

*Can upgrade to High Roller tickets for \$55
more while supplies last*

- Event Admission
- 100 Casino “Fun Bucks” per person
- 2 wine drink tickets per person
- Dessert & Coffee Bar
- Company/Personal logo or name on table and on sponsor list
- **+400 Extra Casino “Fun Bucks”** for the table

Royal Flush Sponsor: \$5000 (1 available)

10 General Admission Tickets

- Event Admission
- 100 Casino “Fun Bucks” per person
- 2 wine drink tickets per person
- Dessert & Coffee Bar
- Access to High Roller Tables
- Assigned Parking
- Logo on all advertising

Full House Sponsor Event Ticket: \$1400
(1 available)

4 General Admission Tickets

- Event Admission
- 100 Casino “Fun Bucks” per person
- Bottle of Wine (4 Drink tickets)
- Dessert & Coffee Bar
- Access to High Roller Tables

High Card Sponsor Event Ticket: \$1000
(5 available)

4 General Admission Tickets

- Event Admission
- 100 Casino “Fun Bucks” per person
- Bottle of Wine (4 Drink tickets)
- Dessert & Coffee Bar
- Access to High Roller Tables





MONTICELLO District

District Chair: Ed Murphy

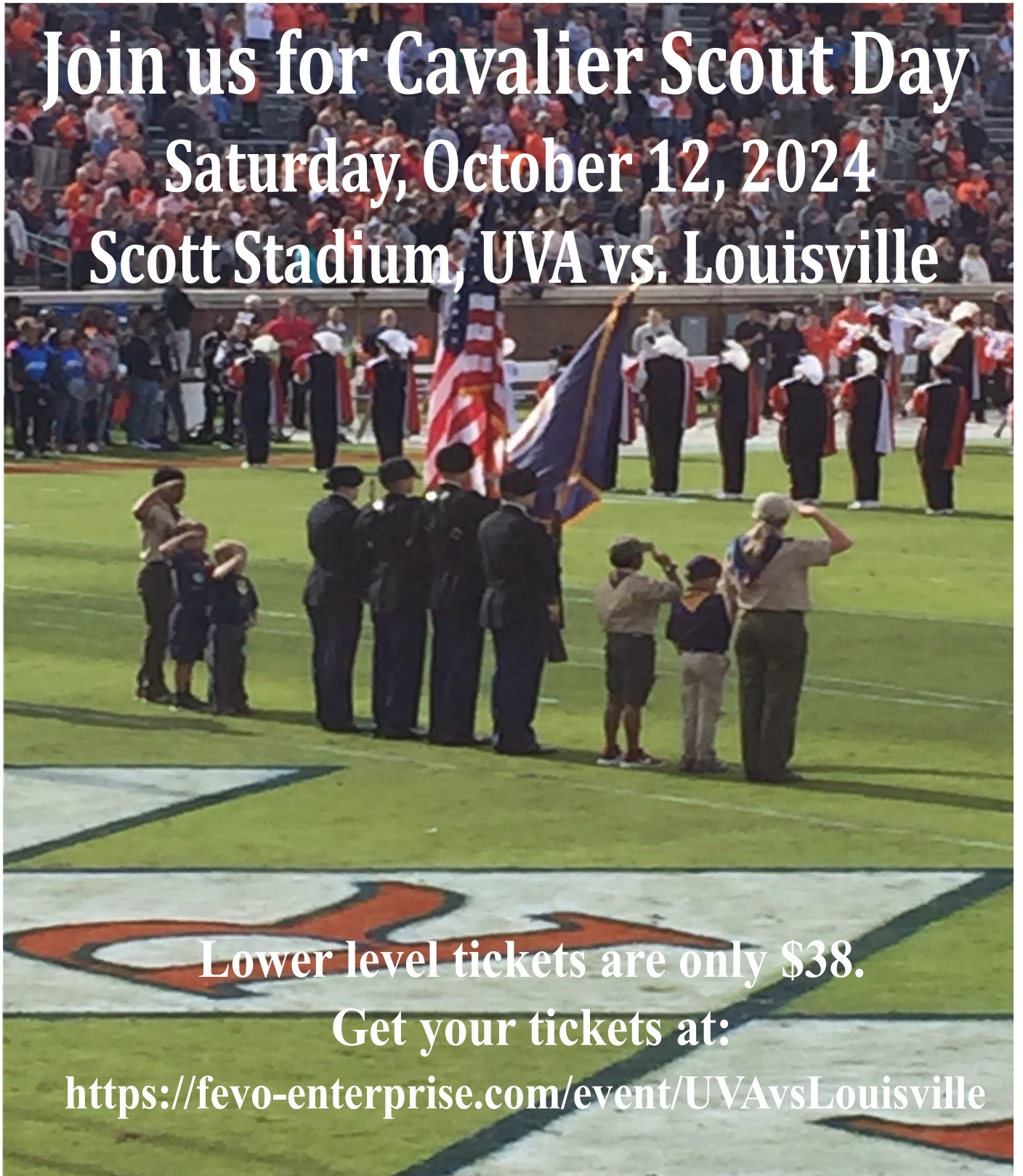
District Commissioner: Mike Bonham

Ed Murphy: emm8xuva@gmail.com

Mike Bonham: mike@eqros.com

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

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>

Membership Checklist

BE PREPARED

- Update my.scouting/organization manager/unit pin
- Confirm Accepts Online Applications & appears on beascout.org
- Confirm Key 3 at my.scouting/organization manager/settings
- Put out yard signs

JOINING EVENTS

- Prepare your presentation and fun program for guests
- Create a FaceBook Event & set VAHC as a Co-host for geofencing
- Publicize with Fliers, social media, Peer-to Peer cards, etc.
- Take attendance and capture contact information at the event
- Follow-up (more than once) after the event

NEW REGISTRATIONS

- Quickly respond to leads in my.scouting/invitation manager
- Process applications in my.scouting application manager
- Quickly turn in paper applications and fees to Council
- Confirm YPT and coordinate with COR for adult applications; allow one week for background check to complete after accepting adults

REMEMBER RETENTION

- transfer any 6th graders still in a Pack to a Troop
- remind Pack leaders with 6th graders to transfer/multiple with Troops
- review my.scouting/roster/reports for members due to renew
- Unit can renew members or work with families to pay directly
- Approve renewed members at my.scouting/roster > membership renewal orders; coordinate with COR for adults

virginiaheadwaters.org/resources/membership

membership@virginiaheadwaters.org



VIRGINIA HEADWATERS COUNCIL TRAINING

Growing Lifelong Leaders

VAHC at the Philmont Leadership Challenge

The Philmont Leadership Challenge and Summit Leadership Challenge represent the next step in your training as a Scout leader, after Wood Badge. At PLC or SLC, you'll internalize and hone leadership skills in an action-packed backcountry conference. You'll join other like-minded Scouters and learn teamwork, practice servant leadership and gain new ideas for improving your Scout unit.

VAHC had a few amazing Scouters attend the Philmont Leadership Challenge last month. Ed Murphy, Melissa Watts, and Lauren Ball spent a week improving their leadership skills to have an even greater impact on the youth they serve.



"Philmont Leadership Challenge 2024. Pushing ourselves to become the leaders our youth deserve."
~Melissa

"My home away from home ... was at the Rayado Ridge Leadership Camp at Philmont Scout Ranch. I made new friends who became like family and who modeled servant leadership for me over and over again. It was an unforgettable week. Scouter friends, if you ever get the chance to sign up for Philmont Leadership Challenge, I'd encourage you to do it!" ~Lauren

"PLC is an amazing program. I highly recommend it for all Scouters that have completed Wood Badge." ~Ed



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 21st 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

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



www.BSAatroup3.com | www.BSAatroup1003.com | www.Pack183.com

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Jamboree
ON THE AIR - ON THE INTERNET
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**Fourth Annual  
Jamboree On The Air/  
Internet (JOTA JOTI)**

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>**





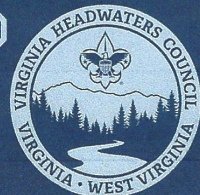
# STELLAR SPLENDOR



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: \_\_\_\_\_

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  
 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)**

# SHENANDOAH ZOMBIE RUN



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OCTOBER 26, 2024 • CAMP SHENANDOAH  
SWOOPE, VIRGINIA



Register at

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