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**“Honoring the sacrifices many have made for our country in the name of freedom and democracy is the very foundation of Veterans Day.”**

Charles B. Rangel



November 11, 2024



## YOUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Welcome to Fall Scouts and Scouting Families! I am just fresh off two amazing Council events. On Friday, October 25th, the Annual Fall Auction/Dinner was held in Waynesboro. It was such a fun night with lots of laughs and really nice auction items. If you missed that, you need to make plans to attend next Fall.

Then on Saturday, October 26th, we had the First Annual Zombie Run at Camp Shenandoah. It was a beautiful day and the Camp was so amazingly picturesque in its autumn color splendor. There were Scouts in the zombie roles and many runners that were new to our Camp and Scouting. They were in awe of our property and the organization of this first annual fun-run. Again, this is a day you will want to put on the planning calendar for next year. Yes, I participated and found myself easy pickings for the zombies. But, a great morning of fun.

I note that we are recruiting some new members and you all should be applauded for that. I also know that the membership renewal process has caused some issues. Change is hard. Hopefully, the system challenges will be ironed-out and this will go much smoother in the future.

As for new recruiting, I wish every Scouting age youth in our Council-area could have attended and witnessed our Apple Harvest Camporee. What a great event! Thanks to all the organizers that made it possible and all the Scouts and Scouters that attended and made it such a success. If non-Scouts could have seen the experiences, we all had, they would be knocking down our doors to get involved.

I get reports that the popcorn/peanut sales are going well. Keep up the good work! These sales strengthen the Council, units and our Scouts. Everyone needs to put in their own personal order for some of these

delicious products. The dark chocolate peanut clusters are just too good to pass up. What a great deal, you can support Scouting and enjoy tasty popcorn and peanut products too.

Our Council is moving forward and doing well. Thanks to you all for making our success possible.

See you along the Scouting trail.

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### Friends of Scouting (FOS)

Friends of Scouting is the Virginia Headwaters Council annual giving campaign. The funds that we raise through this campaign go to the maintenance of Camp Shenandoah, the Council's greatest physical asset. Last year we visited over 90% of our units and raised over \$100,000. Our goal this year is to visit all the units in the Council.

In the next few weeks, all unit leaders will receive an email asking them to check their calendars and choose a date for a visit. For packs, the best times are pack meetings, especially Blue & Gold Banquets. For troops, Courts of Honor are preferred. Please take the time to respond.

If you are curious about becoming a presenter, we will have training on Sunday, November 17, at 2:00 at the Council office in Staunton.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you.

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## YOUR COUNCIL COMMISSIONER MESSAGE

November is the time when people think about the things for which they are thankful. This year, I am thankful for a successful and exciting year of Scouting. At this point in the calendar, the year is winding down but it is also one of the most important times in Scouting. November sees two major service projects for our council: the OA's One Day of Service and Scouting for Food. These are important opportunities for our Scouts to be the helpful members of our community that it is our mission to raise.

Not only are these important times for our Scouts to be serving our communities, it is also a great time for them to be visible. Whether it is serving others, in a parade, or delivering their take orders from the fundraiser, having Scouts in their uniforms visible to the public is a great way to show people that we are still here and going strong.

I am excited for what the next year is going to bring. There are a lot of exciting plans in the works including ways our commissioners can better help our units serve our youth and reach into the community to grow our movement. One of the first steps in this will be at the University of Scouting. I will be talking there about the future of unit service. While I would love to see our commissioners there, I especially want to see our other volunteers in the room to learn about how we are going to work together to build our program for the next generation of Scouting. I hope some of you will catch the enthusiasm and think about joining the team. One of the most important parts of what we want to do moving forward is having more people willing to ask our units "how can I help?"

I look forward to seeing you at the various activities this month, and if I don't see you, I hope you have a great Thanksgiving and bring in a lot of food for our area food banks!

Matt Phillippi - Council Commissioner  
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## VAHC SHARES THE LOSS OF ANOTHER DEDICATED SCOUTER

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of long-time Scouter, Dr. White McKenzie ("Ken") Wallenborn. Ken passed away on October 1, 2024.

Ken was born in Salisbury, N.C. and his family move to Charlottesville in 1938. Ken graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1951 and UVA School of Medicine in 1955. Upon graduating from medical school he was called to active duty in the Air Force stationed at Homestead Air Force Base in Homestead, FL. After his discharge, Ken completed a residency in Otolaryngology at UVA School of Medicine. He was on the clinical surgery staff at UVA and had a private practice at Martha Jefferson Hospital. Ken retired in 1994 after 33 years in practice.

Ken was a dedicated member of our Scouting family, having served in Scouting since he was a youth, volunteer, and then on the Board. Additionally, Ken was a Distinguished Eagle Scout and Silver Beaver. His contributions to both Scouting and the community have left a lasting impact.

Camp Shenandoah's Wallenborn Conservation Reserve, consisting of 120 acres, was donated to the Camp by the Wallenborn family.

A graveside service was held Friday, October 11, 2024, at the UVA Cemetery. Our deepest Condolences go out to Ken's wife, Lucy (Poochie), his children, and his extended family and friends.

Ken's presence and wisdom will be greatly missed.





## YOUR SCOUT EXECUTIVE MESSAGE

Dear Scouting Families,

The past two months have been filled with some awesome events and accomplishments across our Council! Thanks to the dedication of our volunteers, we've had memorable gatherings like the Cub Camporee, Apple Harvest Camporee, and the first-ever Zombie Run. Additionally, our Casino Night and the Fall Harvest Dinner and Auction were both incredible successes, helping to support our ongoing programs. We could not be more grateful for everyone's hard work in making these events both impactful and enjoyable.

Nonetheless, this month, I'm reaching out with an urgent request to support those affected by Hurricane Helene. Greg Leitch, Scout Executive of Sequoyah Council in Johnson City, TN, and an active member of the NETN Disaster Task Force ([netnhub.com](https://www.netnhub.com)), has informed us of the critical needs for individuals and families still dealing with the devastation. At this time, they are in need of new blankets, sleeping bags, and jackets. For a full list of the resources go to: <https://www.netnhub.com/northeastnresources>

If you're able, please consider donating one of these items. Donations can be brought to our Scout Office at 617 Greenville Ave, Staunton, VA, by November 15th, and then will be delivered directly to Greg Leitch. These essentials will provide comfort and warmth, offering some relief as the region faces a long road to recovery, with projections suggesting economic recovery may stretch to 2034.

Thank you for considering this request and for helping us show the true spirit of Scouting by reaching out to those in need.

Yours in Scouting,

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## POPNUTS SEASON IS COMING TO A CLOSE!



Thanks to everyone who participated in our Popnuts fundraiser! Take orders have been submitted and we are awaiting delivery of final products. We will notify Kernels when orders are ready for pick up from the warehouse. At that time units are also welcome to pick up any left over stock to finish up any show and sells still scheduled. Any stock picked up at that date but unsold can be returned to Council at the end of the selling season. The deadline for payment to the Council is December 6th.

Any questions please contact Anne Blair at [hwanganne@hotmail.com](mailto:hwanganne@hotmail.com) or Shane Eppard at [shane763@hotmail.com](mailto:shane763@hotmail.com).

## COUNCIL HISTORY

The first council in the area was the **Staunton Council**, formed in 1921. **The Stonewall Jackson Council** was organized in Waynesboro, Virginia in 1927. The Council was named after General Stonewall Jackson, one of the most famous residents of the area. The **Lewis & Clark Council** was formed in Charlottesville in 1927; in 1931, it was consolidated into the Stonewall Jackson Council. The council was later renamed to the **Stonewall Jackson Area Council**. In November 2019 the Council Board voted to change it's name to **Virginia Headwaters Council** to represent the geographical area. This Council is home to the spring-waters of all 4 of the great rivers of Virginia and NE West Virginia that enter the sea directly out of Virginia. The James, York, Rappahannock, and Potomac Rivers all rise in our beloved council territory. No other place on earth is home to these headwaters. The first Scout executive was J.W. Fix who served from 1927 to 1950. Fix had joined Scouting as a youth in 1911 and was an Eagle Scout.





## YOUR COUNCIL CHAPLAIN

Another of the more memorable visitors to my Citizenship merit badge classes was another volunteer from the National Capital Area Council. He mentioned that he was an Eagle Scout and a pilot in the Air Force. He visited my class and talked about the ways his experiences in Scouting helped prepare him for his career.

After aging out, he attended the prestigious United States Air Force Academy and cut his teeth as a young pilot. He climbed the ranks over the years and gained the attention of superiors with his work ethic and talent. Now, he told the class, he flew one of the most sophisticated jets in the world. At that time he was the pilot of Air Force Two, which meant he was the person who flew the Vice President of the United States around the world. This sort of job is one sought after by many as it is something that very few Air Force pilots will ever get to experience. There is no doubt that his time in Scouting guided him to become the sort of pilot, officer, and person that would be chosen to take on this important job.

Scouting isn't going to guarantee you the sort of prestige that this man achieved, but it is an experience that can give you the tools to reach a level of success that will give you a leg up among your peers. Enjoy the adventure and let it provide you with the guidance to be the most healthy, happy, and helpful member of our society that you can be. That was the vision of Lord Robert Baden-Powell when he started this movement.

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118:24)

"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." (1 Corinthians 10:31)

"The best of people are those who bring the most benefit to humanity." (Hadith)

"The mind is everything. What you think you become." (Buddha)

"As a man is, so is his world." (Brihadaranyaka Upanishad 4.5.15)

*Charlie Carpenter*

Council Chaplain

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**STRIVING FOR EAGLE**

**PREPARING FOR LIFE**



**Have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday,  
Yours in scouting,  
*Steve, Matt, and Sue*  
VAHC Council Key 3**



## 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>

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!

### 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

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



SHENANDOAH LODGE

## ORDER OF THE ARROW

Scouts and Scouters,

Novel November! In just a few days on November 2nd is our annual One Day of Service where we provide service to local areas in the community. Since the October Tributary, our beneficiary has changed; we will now be serving at Fry's Spring Beach Club at 2512 Jefferson Park Ave, Charlottesville, VA 22903. This event is open to everyone so make sure to bring friends and family! We will be working from 9 am to about 2pm with lunch provided. No registration required, just show up!

January 7th, 2025 will be our 80th anniversary Winter Banquet. The event will have multiple important announcements and will be a great time to celebrate the Lodge. The venue is currently TBD, though the event will be somewhere in the Monticello District.

Finally, we finally confirmed our date for next year's Shenandoah Fest will be May 17th, 2025. We can't wait to show you what we have in store for then!

Yours in WWW,

**Harlow Thompson** | Lodge Chief |  
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ORDER OF THE ARROW | SHENANDOAH LODGE #258

**CORE LODGE EVENTS - 2025**

Winter Banquet	January 7
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	July - No LEC
February 16	August 17
Spring Fellowship	Lodge Retreat
April 20	October 19
May 18	November 16
June - No LEC	December 14



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Register for events and more on the  
Shenandoah Lodge Website

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





Join us next summer for our 75th Anniversary



Check out our rates & new program!



MORE MERIT BADGES

MORE TRAINING

MORE FUN!

**Rates for 2025**

Scouts BSA Week 1 June 22 – June 28  
Youth \$475 – Adults \$245

Scouts BSA Week 2 June 29 – July 5  
Regular – after April 7, 2025 Youth \$435 – Adults \$225

Scouts BSA Week 3 July 6 – July 12  
Scouts BSA Week 4 July 13 – July 19  
Early Bird – effective until April 7, 2025  
Youth \$455 – Adults \$225  
Regular – after April 7, 2025  
Youth \$475 – Adults \$235

Units registered with VAHC #763 for Weeks 3 & 4 Early Bird – effective until April 7, 2025  
Youth \$435 – Adults \$215  
Regular – after April 7, 2025  
Youth \$455 – Adults \$225

**NEW MERIT BADGES FOR 2025**

**BETTER MIX OF HIGH QUALITY PROGRAM, EASILY DELIVERED BY STAFF**



**Want to spend your summer at Camp? JOIN OUR STAFF!**

We are looking for enthusiastic individuals to serve on our staff. This life changing opportunity is a great way to spend a summer learning and growing in the outdoors.

Know anyone who you would be a positive addition to our staff? Share our interest form!

Senior Staff, Junor Staff, and CIT positions are available. The sooner you apply, the sooner we can explore this opportunity.



## CAMP SHENANDOAH

### Camp Shenandoah Weekends – Upcoming November Welding

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 to be a great place to work and have Scouting fun next year. Please send in applications to council office now.

### 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 years of operation. Once we have determined a date with FUMA it will be announced on the website, District social media, and the Tributary.

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## VAHC Annual Winter Swim Hold The Date – Jan 5th, 2025.

This year we will return to the FUMA pool in Fork Union on Saturday January 5th for the 16th year of our Annual Winter (not ish) Swim Program. In addition to the usual offerings of Swimming and Lifesaving Merit Badges, 2nd and 1st Class Aquatics Rank Advancement, and Cub/Webelos activities, we hope to offer an opportunity for Scouts who are strong swimmers to complete the Mile Swim Award. We will also conduct Swimming and Water Rescue training for older Scouts (15+) and adults to learn all aspect of the Scouting America swimming safety program to help prepare them for conducting Unit Swims and Swim Checks. You must have passed the Swimmer Swim Check within past year and completed Safe Swim Defense and Hazardous Weather training to take this program. Information and details for the 2025 Winter Swim will be on the council website in November. For further information please contact Jay Fox at [jayfox8x@gmail.com](mailto:jayfox8x@gmail.com) or Eric Cutright [ericcutright@comcast.net](mailto:ericcutright@comcast.net)



The **Silver Beaver Award** is the highest honor Council can give, recognizing exceptional adult Scouters for their distinguished service. It's awarded to those who selflessly dedicate themselves to Scouting and community service. Nominations are open until Nov. 30th! You can find the nomination form here: <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/92-103.pdf>

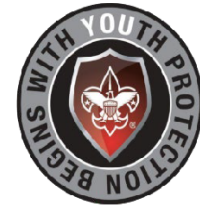
Submit your nomination and recommendation letters to: [silverbeaver@virginiaheadwaters.org](mailto:silverbeaver@virginiaheadwaters.org)





## Youth Protection Corner: Adult Leadership and Scout Buddies for Joint Troop/Pack Events

by Eric Cutright, Scoutmaster and Youth Protection Champion, Troop 1029  
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Your Scouts BSA Troop is planning a recruiting hike with Webelos and AOLs from four different Packs, with one Scout attending from each unit. So how many registered adult leaders do you need to satisfy Youth Protection Training (YPT) requirements? YPT "best practice" would say two registered adult leaders from every unit (including a female leader for any female units) which would seem to indicate you need TEN registered adult leaders for a hike with FIVE Scouts. But wait, can your guests be covered by the Troop leadership or do they absolutely need their own 2-deep leadership from each Pack? Hold on, it gets even more complicated - in addition to providing appropriate adult leadership, how do you meet the buddy/gender requirements for mixed groups of Scouts from different units of various ages? It's enough to make you give up!

Navigating the maze of YPT rules can feel very overwhelming and make joint event planning quite challenging. So, how do you figure out the minimum "go / no-go" requirements for joint events to make sure you're covered - or if you need to cancel the event? Just use the handy-dandy table below as guidance for your events (and be sure to read/adhere to all the notes underneath), and then check out the next table for some common examples! These reflect the latest guidance, including AOL/Troop Camporee participation and Troop sibling camping rules.

Minimum "go / no-go" Youth Protection adult leadership and Scout buddy requirements for joint Troop / Pack events						
Case #	Troop Event Invitation Type	Event Type	Troop Leaders Required*	Pack Leaders Required*	Non-leader Parent/ Adult Requirements	Scout Buddy/Gender Requirements
1	Troop sends blanket invitation to individual Webelos / AOL Scouts from area Packs (i.e. Scouts who may soon be interested in joining that Troop)	Day	2	zero	None	See Note 5
2	Troop sends invitation to <b>complete</b> Packs or <b>complete</b> specific Dens (less common)	Day	2	2	None	See Note 5
3	Troop sends either blanket invitation to individual AOL Scouts or complete AOL Dens from area Packs (no other ranks permitted)	Overnight	2, including 1 with IOLS + HWT training	2, including 1 with BALOO + HWT training	<b>Packs:</b> see Notes 1,2 <b>Troops:</b> see Notes 1,3	See Notes 5,6
4	Troop sends invitation to AOL Scouts to join them for Scouts BSA Camporee (no other ranks permitted)	Day / Overnight	2, including 1 with IOLS + HWT training	2, including 1 with BALOO + HWT training <b>OR</b> Council-coordinated (see Note 4)	<b>Packs:</b> see Notes 1,2,4 <b>Troops:</b> see Notes 1,3	See Notes 5,6

\* Leaders counted for 2-deep coverage must be official COR and SA-approved adult leaders, with background check and valid YPT, AND a registered female adult leader over age 21 is ALWAYS required if female Scouts are attending, AND a multiple-registered adult leader cannot serve as the leader for multiple units at the same event (i.e. must pick one and only one)

**Note 1:** All adult campers must have valid and current Youth Protection Training status.

**Note 2:** For AOL camping with Troops, non-leader AOL parents CAN camp overnight but cannot count as a leader. All camping AOL/Pack leaders must be registered to that Pack.

**Note 3:** For Troop camping (at all times), non-leader parents and either adults or Scout siblings not registered to that Troop (e.g. adult MBCs and little sisters) CANNOT camp overnight.

**Note 4:** For AOL camping with Troops at Scouts BSA Camporees (e.g. Apple Harvest, Woods with Ment), either the AOL Den can provide 2-deep leadership, OR parent/guardian can attend with AOL and Council can coordinate and approve GtSS appropriate 2-deep leadership (e.g. from host Troop or otherwise). Also note that camporee organizers should plan to have age/skill-appropriate and GtSS-appropriate activities so that AOLs can participate in most events with their host Troop.

**Note 5:** For applying pair or triplet "buddy system" during day events, Pack Scout(s) can buddy with Pack/Troop Scout(s) of same gender and within 3 years of age, or Pack Scouts can buddy with attending parent/guardian. All attending Scouts must have a GtSS-appropriate buddy in order to attend.

**Note 6:** For applying pair or triplet "buddy system" during tenting for overnight events, AOL Scout(s) can tent with AOL/Troop Scout(s) of same gender and within 2 years of age, or AOL Scouts can tent with attending parent/guardian.

**Acronyms:** AOL = Arrow of Light, BALOO = Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation, COR = Charter Organization Representative, GtSS = Guide to Safe Scouting (always check the latest on-line at [www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss](http://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss)), HWT = Hazardous Weather Training, IOLS = Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, SA = Scouting America (formerly BSA)

Examples - Minimum "go / no-go" Youth Protection adult leadership and Scout buddy requirements for joint Troop / Pack events					
Example Event	Case #	Example Event	Case #	Example Event	Case #
Troop Open House with Web / AOL guests	1	Troop Hike with Web / AOL guests	1	Troop Campout with AOL guests	3
Troop Service Project with Web / AOL guests	1	Troop / Pack Joint Hike	2	Apple Harvest Camporee with AOL guests	4

NOTE: See all applicable notes from main table here regarding adult leadership requirements including female leaders, and camping-specific rules

If more than one unit is participating in an activity, a good rule of thumb is to think to yourself, "if one of my adult leaders has to leave, does every participating unit still have appropriate coverage for the event?" Another little-known requirement is that if your Troop is planning an overnight event with a Pack from a different Charter Organization, you must also get your plans approved by Council before your event.

Keep in mind, both Youth Protection and the Guide to Safe Scouting (GtSS) are like the weather: always changing! These tables are compliant with both as of October 2024, but make sure you check the latest online version at [www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss](http://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss), not that trusty 2022 printed guide that's sitting on your bookshelf. Also, check the YPT FAQ pages for extra clarity.

Got a tricky YPT question? Or planning that overnight with a different Pack and need approval? Just reach out to Kyle Enfield, VAHC Chair of Safe Scouting and Youth Protection, at [kbenfield@me.com](mailto:kbenfield@me.com) - he's got you covered!

## 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)

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# MOUNTAIN VALLEY District

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Don't miss this awesome opportunity to earn merit badges! Merit Badge University to be held at **Blue Ridge Community College November 16**. This event will run concurrently with University of Scouting. Merit badge schedule includes morning (Family Life, Citizenship in World and Community, Plumbing, Personal management), afternoon (Veterinary Science, Art, Citizenship in the World and Nation, Plumbing, Space exploration), and all day (Communications, First Aid, Emergency Preparedness, Sustainability) courses with a break for lunch. (This schedule will be updated as needed) On-site food truck available.

Merit Badge University - Blue Ridge Community College - Saturday 11-16-2024 - 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM

## 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.



# MONTICELLO District

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District Commissioner: Mike Bonham

## ROUNDTABLE

Monticello District Roundtable will be in person on November 7, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the American Legion, 3025 Louisa Road, in Keswick. For all leaders, both Cub Scout Leaders and Scouts BSA Leaders, we will have a Recharter Minute. Bring your recharter questions and our Commissioners will answer them. If you need more in-depth help, our Commissioners can work with you during the meeting. Our District Awards Chair Curtis Kidd will talk with us about the Monticello District Awards that we present at our March District Awards Dinner. Please come learn how you can recognize the leaders in your units for all their hard work. Finally, Jason Stiteler and others will give us a demonstration on cast iron cooking. You will have the chance to taste some of his delicious cooking.

## SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Scouting for Food is our largest District service project each year. We collect thousands of pounds of food for the local area Food Banks during the critical holiday season. Units can distribute flyers on either November 2 or 3 and food should be picked up on November 9. Flyers can be picked up on the porch of the Murphy residence at 1063 Wintergreen Lane, Charlottesville. Please consider helping with this critical need in our communities. Even distributing just a few flyers in your neighborhood, and collecting the food and delivering it to the Food Bank, can provide needed help to families in our area. Contact Audrey Storm with any questions at [alk1@cornell.edu](mailto:alk1@cornell.edu)

## CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

The Monticello District is gearing up for our annual Christmas Tree sales. We are planning to have all our traditional lots open plus a few new lots. Please tell your friends to buy their Christmas Trees from our

Scouts! Lots will open the day after Thanksgiving and will remain open until we sell all our trees or the Sunday before Christmas, whichever comes first. Look for advertising on social media later in November. If your unit would like to earn some funds by staffing one of the lots for a few days, please let Ed Murphy know at [emm8xuva@gmail.com](mailto:emm8xuva@gmail.com) This year, we are inviting Cub Scout Packs to participate as well!

## **District Commissioners Meeting -**

**November 20, 2024 6:30-7:30 pm** at the American Legion, 3025 Louisa Road, Keswick. Are you willing to use your Scouting leadership experience to help other units? If so, please consider volunteering to be a Commissioner. You can contact our District Commissioner Mike Bonham

at [mike@eqros.com](mailto:mike@eqros.com) <<mailto:mike@eqros.com>> for more information, or attend the District

Commissioners Meeting to learn how to help our fellow Scouters through the Commissioner Service. District Committee Meeting - November 20, 2024 7:30-9:00 pm at the American Legion, 3025 Louisa Road, Keswick. The District Committee is looking for volunteers to help support our program, training, membership, fundraising, special events, and awards committees. Contact Ed Murphy at [emm8xuva@gmail.com](mailto:emm8xuva@gmail.com) <<mailto:emm8xuva@gmail.com>> for more information or attend the District Committee Meeting to learn how to help.

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) <<mailto:monticello-bsa@googlegroups.com>> email list, please contact Ed Murphy

at [emm8xuva@gmail.com](mailto: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.



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ALBEMARLE COUNTY, Va. (WVIR) - A Boy Scouts of America troop out of Ivy, Va., now has its very first female Eagle Scout.

It's the highest rank in the Scouts, which only opened up to girls a few years ago.

In its two-and-a-half years of existence, Troop 3125 had never had a girl reach the rank of Eagle Scout. But then, 18-year-old Emerson Ter Borg changed that.

"In my years of scouting, I didn't see any activity that I had to do that was like, wow, I can't do this because of my gender," said Emerson.

In late September, Emerson got the call.

"I didn't even listen to the rest of the explanation," Emerson said. "All I heard was, alright, you're an Eagle Scout, and I was like, my brain's checked out."

Erika Priddy, Scoutmaster for Troop 3125, says Scouts typically start at about 10 years old, and have about seven years to earn their Eagle rank. Because Scouts only opened to girls in 2019, Emerson had to do it much faster.

"For her, it was just an accelerated [track]," Priddy said. "I think it required even more of that determination for her to get it done. So that's really impressive."

Emerson's mother, Julie Ter Borg, said she was proud but never surprised.

"Emerson is an anomaly," Julie said. "She's incredible. She's the one who comes home and goes straight to work. She would come home, go straight to her homework, then, you know, come out of her room and ask if she had any chores. I think she's the only teenager that asks for chores."

The final step in becoming an Eagle Scout is completing a project that improves the community. Emerson turned to a place close to her heart: the Crozet Library.

"I've always loved reading, I'm a book nerd," Emerson said. "So, I kind of wanted to have my Eagle project do something with both communities that I really have benefited from, to try and give back a little."

After a lot of hard work, and a lot of paperwork, that idea transformed into a Little Free Library.

"What I really liked about her project is that she didn't necessarily pick it because that's what she wanted to do," Priddy said. "She spoke to the library, knew she wanted to do something that would benefit them, and that's what they asked for. That's what they wanted."

Once you become an Eagle Scout, you wear that honor for the rest of your life. Julie says for her daughter, that goes beyond a medal or a badge.

"As a female, it's hard to speak up for yourself," Julie said. "Many times, it's sad. I hate saying that, but it's true...Scouts empowered her, and that's what I'm so excited about."

Emerson, now a student at UVA Wise, says Troop 3125 hasn't seen the last of her. She plans to come back as a counselor and possibly join the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society.

"There were a few guys who did say things like, 'Go back to Girl Scouts,'" Emerson said. "But I'm just not going to take that stuff anymore. I'm not going to let it bother me."





**CREW 162 has an OPEN SPOT for SEA BASE 2025**

**YOUTH preferred**

**07/30/25 to 08/05/25**

**Must be SCUBA certified prior to departure.**

**Contact Jeff Nelson ([jeffnelson0715@gmail.com](mailto:jeffnelson0715@gmail.com)) or Jeff Teagarden ([jeff\\_teagarden@yahoo.com](mailto:jeff_teagarden@yahoo.com)).**



**Boy Scout Troop 17**

**invites young men ages 10-18, and their parents/guardians, to our  
upcoming open house Tuesday December 3rd, 7:00-8:30**

**Stone Chapel at Church of the Incarnation  
1465 Incarnation Dr, Charlottesville, VA 22901**

Are you interested in facilitating outdoor skills, STEM skills, adventure, launching 6-foot rockets, citizenship, and preparing your boys to become independent and mature young men?

Troop 17 is one of the oldest troops in Charlottesville and chartered by the Church of the Incarnation. To learn more about Troop 17:

Join us at our open house December 3rd

Visit our website: <http://www.troop17bsa.org/>

Contact John Gilday at: [corriganwolfe@gmail.com](mailto:corriganwolfe@gmail.com) for further information.



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# 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

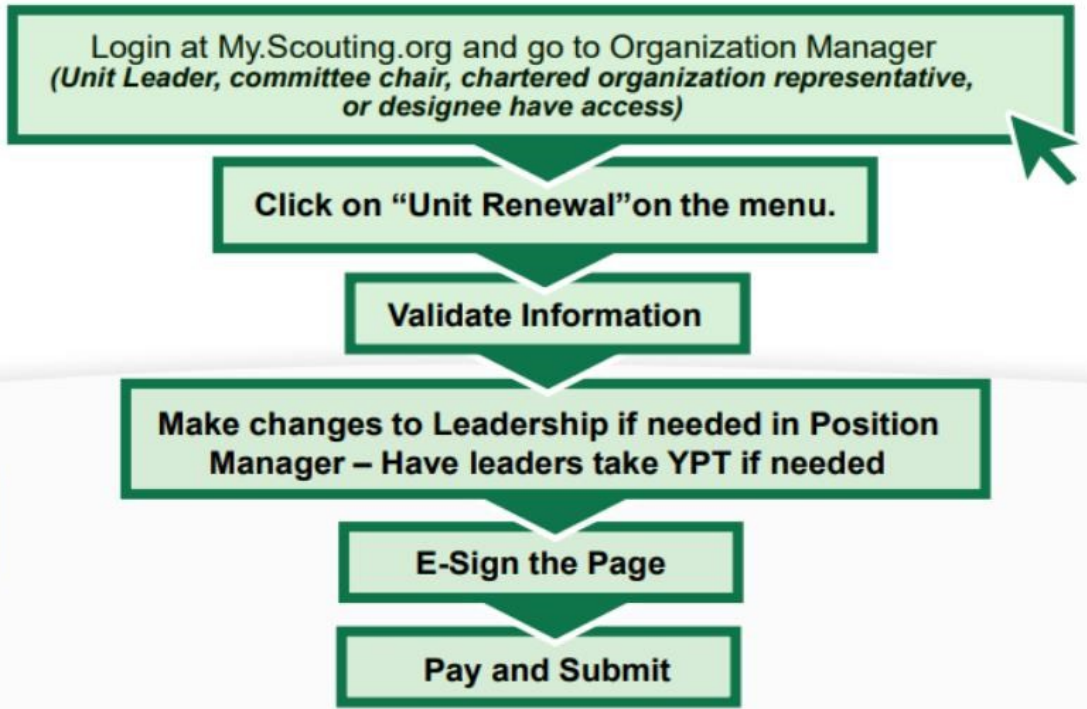
- An email notification and a renewal link will be sent 60 days before membership expires.
- The link provided in the email will direct individuals to a renewal form on My.Scouting
- If registered in multiple positions, select the primary position. Renewing the primary position will automatically renew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

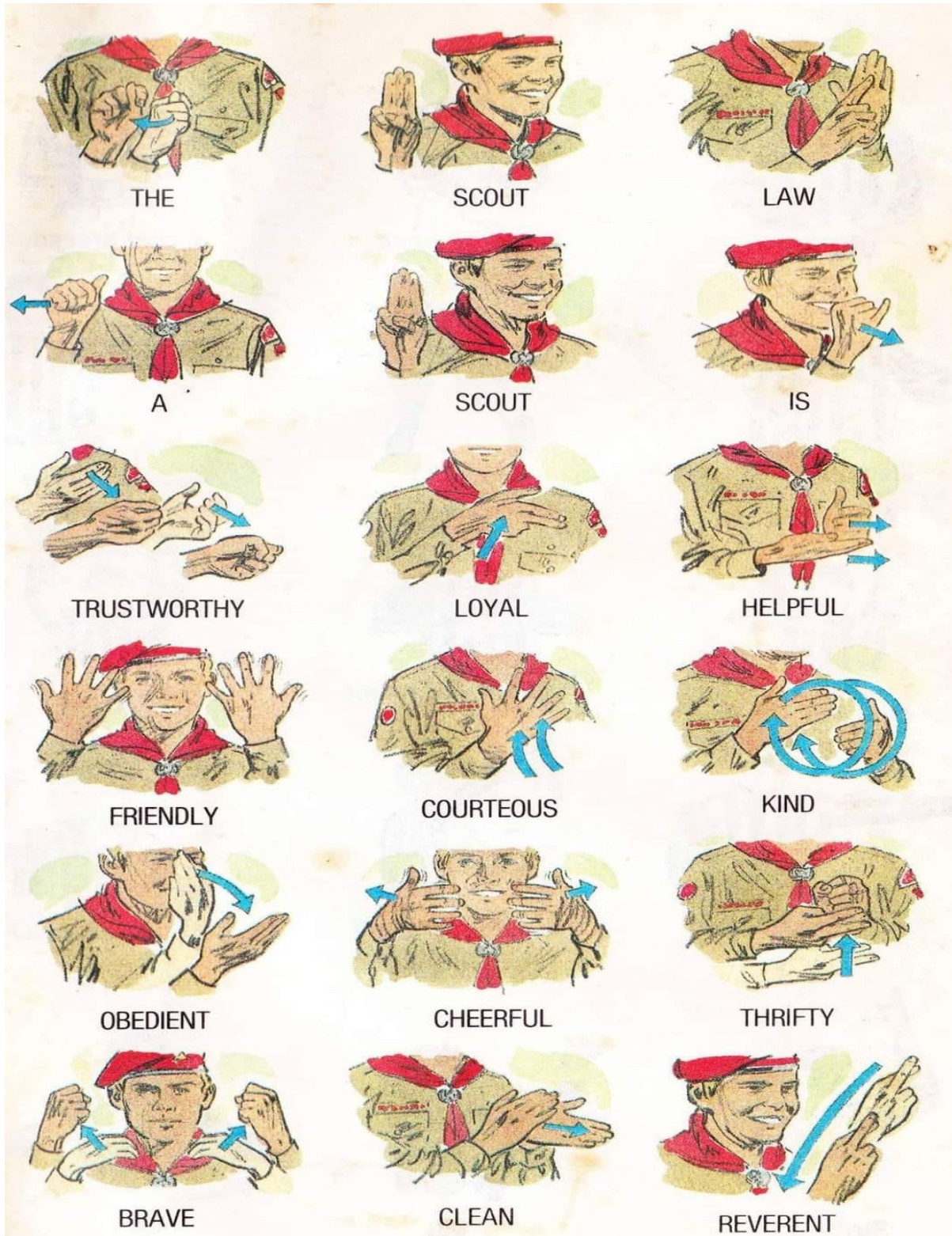
- In Organization Manager, the unit selects the Unit Pay option.
- Unit Key 3s are notified each month about which members are due to renew that month.
- Using the Roster tab, the unit selects which members they are renewing.
- The unit can choose not to renew a member (opt-out). The unit can also change 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](http://my.scouting.org) under Organization Manager/Roster.

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



# DISCOVER AND LEARN SIGN LANGUAGE





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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



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