



# Mountain Valley District May 2023 Newsletter

Roundtable/Training Agenda	
6:00	Roundtable at Fish, Wildlife and Parks at 1400 S. 19 <sup>th</sup> , Bozeman – Come to Roundtable this month and learn how to properly use bear spray and learn about being bear aware from the experts!
District Calendar	
5/4	Roundtable (6:00) at Fish, Wildlife & Parks
5/5-6	<a href="#">IOLS and BALOO Training</a>
5/11	<a href="#">District Volunteer Appreciation and Eagle Recognition Dessert</a>
5/11	OA Meeting (6:30) at 500 Abigail Ranch Road, Bozeman
5/18	District Committee via <a href="#">Zoom #945 515 8252</a>
5/19-21	<a href="#">Spring Camporee</a>
5/26-29	<a href="#">Melita Island Work Weekend</a>
5/29	<a href="#">Memorial Day Parade</a>
6/1	Roundtable (6:00) at Daughenbaugh's
6/2-4	<a href="#">K-M Work Weekend</a>
6/9-11	<a href="#">K-M Ordeal</a>
6/15	District Committee via <a href="#">Zoom #945 515 8252</a>
6/16-18	<a href="#">Melita Island Ordeal</a>
6/17	<a href="#">Cub Scout Day Camp</a>
Training Activities	
<p><b>IOLS and BALOO</b> – Looking for a fun weekend activity? You can STILL JOIN the the IOLS and BALOO training on May 5-6! This course is by far the most fun course that BSA puts together, and Keith Nathan is an amazing and fun guy to hang with! And besides, it's <b>FREE!!</b> The training cost is covered by your annual registration fees. More information and registration is available on the <a href="#">Montana Council website</a>.</p>	
<p><b>HAZARDOUS WEATHER &amp; YPT</b></p> <p>You can only take these classes now individually. No group options are available. Hazardous Weather is required every 2-years. YPT every year. SO, if you took YPT in 2022, you will need to take it in 2023 to stay on the unit charter for 2023. Why wait? Do it soon, and then your Committee Chair will think you are wonderful.</p>	

Scout Activities
<p><b>OA Section Conclave</b> –</p> <p><b>Spring Camporee</b> – Save the date for Spring Camporee on May 19-21 in Sheridan, MT! The theme is Pioneering and requirements for the Merit Badge will be offered. Register now and check out the Leader Guide on the <a href="#">Montana Council website</a>.</p>
<p><b>Cub Scout Day Camp</b> – We're Off to the Races for MVD's 2023 Cub Scout Day Camp on Saturday, June 17 at Ridgeview Elementary! Campers will be immersed in a day full of competitions and relays of all kind, including water events, a rain gutter regatta, glow in the dark games, a boxcar derby, and more- as well as some of their favorite Cub Scout activities, including BBs, archery, and fishing. Registration is live <a href="#">here</a>! See the signup genius <a href="#">here</a> for volunteer needs.</p>
District News, Celebrations, and Thanks
<p><b>Newest Mountain Valley District Eagle Scout</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Troop 676 – Gabe Hull</li> </ul>
<p><b>District Thanks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Thank you to Mike O'Donnell and his amazing team of volunteers who put on the Wilderness First Aid course for 30 students! As always, the training was great and the moulage was incredible!</li> <li>● Thank you to Renee Stephens, Keith Nathan, Dick Kracht, Jessica and James Bannasch, Drew Burkenpas and Mike and Tina O'Donnell for cleaning and organizing the District Scout Shed! Thanks to Paul Rodgers for securing some incredible tubs so everything is stored securely! It looks amazing and we can find everything now! Contact Renee if you are looking for district items for your activity!</li> <li>● Welcome to our new Assistant District Commissioner Katie Daughenbaugh! Katie is working on transitioning in her new Scoutmaster and will become our District Commissioner in August!</li> </ul>



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## District Volunteer Appreciation and Eagle Recognition

**Dessert** – As an homage to the “Sweet Success” of the members of the Mountain Valley Scouting Community, you are invited to join us on for a dessert reception on Thursday, May 11th at 6:30 at the Bozeman Public Safety Center. We will highlight the achievements of our Eagle Scouts while also honoring those who so willingly dedicate their time and talents to grow tomorrow's leaders. We look forward to seeing you there! [Register now!](#)

**Montana Council Convention** – What a fun and informative weekend at Fairmont Hot Springs! The convention started with celebrating the achievements of all Montana Council Districts. Saturday was filled with training sessions, a great awards luncheon and the Silver Beaver Dinner. Come to our District Volunteer Recognition event to see what awards were received!

## District Membership News

### Unit Membership BRAG Process –

We will explain at Roundtable what a Unit Brag - but in short, it is a taking pictures and video of what your unit does every month, and providing content for one FaceBook / Linked Instagram Post per month. This content will help make Scouting more visible in Gallatin Valley, and hopefully help your recruiting! Unit Membership Representatives will get direct communication about this, and I look forward to explaining at Roundtable. [Betsy Eubanks.](#)

## Safety Minute

All leaders should include a Safety Minute at every meeting. Here's the April Safety Minute from the District Committee Meeting:

As the snow melts and the mud emerges, it's time to go hiking again. Not all hikes are the same. Some pose rough terrain while others are more scenic and less physically demanding. Hiking may seem like one of the easiest things you can do in Scouting, but regardless, you should always be prepared for the same risks. Basics like a buddy system, dry socks and boots, and hiking boots that are broken in and fit all go a long way to ensuring you won't need to reach for a first aid kit. More info here: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/hiking/>

## Stay Connected

- Send activity photos or other information to share to [MVD315@gmail.com](mailto:MVD315@gmail.com).
- MVD Remind: Text @scoutmvd to 81010
- Website: <https://montanabsa.org/districts/mountain-valley/5/>
- Facebook: [Mountain Valley District-Montana Council](#)
- Instagram: [MVDMTBSA](#)