



Mountain Valley District September 2023 Newsletter

Roundtable/Training Agenda	
6:00	District Program Kickoff and Popcorn Training
District Calendar	
9/14	OA Meeting (6:30) at St. James Episcopal
9/15-17	District Fall Camporee "Now We're Cooking"
9/17	Archery and BB Gun Rangemaster Training (9:00-12:00 at 435 Comfort Lane, Bozeman)
9/21	District Committee (7:00) via Zoom #945 515 8252
9/22-24	OA Fall Fellowship at K-M
9/23	Popcorn Sales Begin
10/5	Roundtable (6:30) at Bozeman Public Safety Center
10/7	Raptor Fest
10/12	OA Meeting (6:30) at St. James Episcopal
10/15	Popcorn Sales Ends
10/17	Popcorn Money Due
10/19	District Committee (7:00) via Zoom #945 515 8252
10/28	Harry Potter Cub Spook-O-Ree Scout Skills Fest
District News, Celebrations, and Thanks	
District Thanks	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A special thank you to Dave Eubanks who has served as our District Commissioner for many years. Dave has worked with many units and Unit Commissioners to better our units. Dave has done a tremendous job promoting our Leader Training Knots over the years and helped with many activities. Thank you Dave!!!! • Thank you to Betsy Eubanks and Renee for working so hard on the Popsicles in the Park! Thanks to the scouts and leaders who came out to help with the event! • Thank you to Mike O'Donnell and the scouts and leaders who attended our Community Flag Retirement Ceremony! Check out the great photos from Keith Nathan at this link. • Andrew Liebmann has documented the Camporee patches and information that is amazing! Please contact Andrew if you have any information or additional records. Check it out here! 	
District Help Needed	

Raptor Festival Outreach and Recruiting Event

October 7th & 8th

[Sign-up to Help](#)

New Special Needs - All Welcome Pack

October 24 tentative first meeting.

Need start-up leaders and Den Chief.

See Betsy for more information.

Membership and Recruiting

Be A Scout Website – Unit leaders: Do you know the value of the website? This website is a great way for families interested in our scouting program to find information regarding your unit. Betsy has created a great [Vimeo video](#) on how to update your unit's Be A Scout pin.

Unit specific URL – Montana Council has added a direct URL to every unit's Be A Scout page. The website is www.montanabsa.org/**##### where the asterisk is your unit type (troop, crew, pack) and then your three or four digit unit number. Here are a few examples:

www.montanabsa.org/troop649

www.montanabsa.org/crew2526

www.montanabsa.org/pack3551

Membership Resources – I recently posted an article titled "Membership Learning Curve" that I encourage you to read if you handle any aspect of membership for the Unit.

<https://montanabsa.org/membership-learning-curve/>

Make Joining Easy Tips -

- Accept **Youth and Adult on-line applications!** You have to enable the Adult Application in your Be A Scout area.
- Have a **Fabulous Activity Calendar** in your on-boarding packet so they don't want to miss the upcoming fun and actually INVITE new and prospective members to the next fun thing.

District Support of Unit Recruiting - If you need copies, help, or ideas, please ask! We can help, but please give a 2-day notice minimum for copies or other material and remember the Scout Office is closed on Fridays.

Whatever you were doing for membership, please try and do a little more so we give all youth the opportunity to benefit from scouting!

[Betsy](#) Eubanks

Scout Activities

MVD Service Center | 1902 Dickerson Ste. 104 Bozeman 406-585-0272

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It's Popcorn Time!! The 2023 Popcorn Sale runs from 9/23-10/15. Our theme this year is "Popping our Way to the Top!" Our district goal is \$155,000. Selling popcorn is a great way that scouts can fund their scouting adventures and learn valuable skills like talking with adults and money management. Montana Council offers an amazing prize program and commission rates. Go Popcorn!

Now We're Cooking Fall Camporee – Fall Camporee on September 15-17! [Info and sign-up here](#). Contact [Steve](#) if you are interested in helping out with this event!

Cub Spook-O-Ree "An Afternoon at Hogwarts"- Sat Oct 28th from 3:30-7 PM at Dino Park. A scout skills festival with slingshots, Bear Aware safety with FWP, a quidditch match, potions class, and more. [Register here](#) and sign up to help [here](#).

Safety Minute

All leaders should include a Safety Minute at every meeting. As the fall starts up our busy time, here's a Safety Minute that works for me! ~Tina

What can you do in 26 minutes to be more alert, make better decisions and increase your performance? Take a nap! The NASA nap (26 minutes) is the optimal time for a performance enhancement of 34% and an overall alertness increase of 54%. Extend that nap into the 40-60 minute range, and you will likely be groggy upon awakening as you didn't finish the sleep cycle. Set a timer and remember 26 minutes is optimal. Happy Napping!

Training Activities

Archery and BB Gun Rangemaster Training - We have 12 spots available to participate in this training to help with Cub events (klondike, day camp, special district activities) and Scouts BSA events (bb gun and slingshot unit activities). [More information and sign up](#) for this free event now! Must have a minimum of 4 people to hold the training.

Stay Connected

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

- Instagram: [MVDMTBSA](#)
- Monthly Electronic News - If you aren't receiving the monthly news:
 - It may be in SPAM. Search and add this address to your contacts: **Mountain Valley District** <mvdmt315@gmail.com@vrmailer3.com
 - You may not be signed up! Add your name to the newsletter on the MVD website. <https://montanabsa.org/mountain-valley/>

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