



Mountain Valley District October 2023 Newsletter

Roundtable	
6:30 pm	Outdoor Ethics - Bozeman Public Safety Center
Roundtable Agenda	
6:30 - 6:35	Welcome and Flags Katie Daughenbaugh
6:35 - 6:40	Safety Moment Matthew Bates
6:40 - 6:45	District Update Tina O'Donnell
6:45 - 6:50	Membership Update Betsy Eubanks
6:50 - 6:55	Training Update Greg Ellsworth
6:55 - 7:00	DE Update Renee Stephens
7:00 - 7:05	OA Update Andrew Liebmann
7:05 - 7:15	LnT Mnemonic Katie Daughenbaugh
	Outdoor Code
7:15 - 7:25	Social
7:25 - 7:55	Breakouts
	OLDER SCOUTS LnT on the water Jason Lessley
	CUB SCOUTS LnT matching game Betsy Eubanks
7:55 - 8:00	Closing and Adjourn Katie Daughenbaugh
District Calendar	
10/7 & 10/8	Raptor Fest
10/12	OA Meeting St. James Episcopal (6:30)
10/15	Popcorn sale ends
10/17	Popcorn orders due
10/19	District Committee Meeting (7:00) via Zoom #945 515 8252
11/2	Roundtable via ZOOM - Advancement theme
11/9	OA Meeting St. James Episcopal (6:30)
11/16	District Committee Meeting (7:00) via Zoom #945 515 8252
11/21	Popcorn payments due
Safety Moment	
Campfire safety is imperative to Leave no Trace principles. See here for more information.	

District News, Celebrations, and Thanks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you to Steve Liebmann, Toby Holleman, Andrew Liebmann, Drew Burkenpas, and Frank Dougher for planning Fall Camporee! The District is grateful for your commitment to meaningful activities for our older Scouts. And of course, thank you to our DE Renee Stephens who helped with many of the logistics. Check out the photos from Keith Nathan at this link. Congratulations to MVD's newest Eagle Scout Ryleigh Plovanic from Troop 551 in Gardiner.
Membership and Recruiting
<p>We are making PROGRESS with our community outreach and recruiting. The Not Just Raingutter Regatta at Belgrade Festival was a huge hit, and hopefully we will see some scout applications from that effort. We know we made a positive impression on parents who sat and talked to us while watching the boat play. Some had preschool or younger children, and so doing this community event helps Scouting grow in the future too.</p> <p>The RAPTOR Festival is October 7 & 8, and the activity is dissecting owl pellets. How fun is that! We are asking for six Scout Leaders or older scouts for each shift. Shifts are 9:45 - 12:30, and 12:30 - 3:00 on Saturday, October 7 and Sunday, October 8th. It takes three leaders talking to people and answering questions, and then three helping with the activity. This is a great opportunity to advance your unit. Sign up here.</p> <p>What does progress look like? We need to recruit just 41 more Scouts before we are not just at last year's membership number, but into growing scouting. We have had some fabulous new adults join too. We can do this together. Please, send those applications in! Use your connections to promote scouts, and sell Popcorn too.</p> <p>Membership Resources – See here for a handy Application Checklist, including information on fees, coupon codes, refunds, and scholarships.</p>



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Cub Scout Activities

- Attend the [Raptor Festival](#) with your Cubs! Raptor Fest has an incredible programming line up and offers much potential for meeting **adventure requirements** including but not limited to:
 - Lions:** Mountain Lion
 - Tigers:** My Tiger Jungle, Tigers in the Wild
 - Wolves:** Call of the Wild
 - Bears:** Bear Necessities, Fur, Feathers & Ferns
 - Webelos:** Webelos Walkabout
- [Registration](#) is now open for Shooting Sports Day (BB Guns) on Dec 2nd. Slots are limited; sign up early. Thank you to those who took or renewed their Shooting Sports certification earlier in September so that we can offer shooting sports to our Cubs.

Older Scout Activities

- MVD's Now We're Cookin' Fall Camporee** was a success! The weather was perfect, with cool nights and warm days. Scouts experienced how to cook on a dutch oven, open fire, stove cooking, backpack cooking, and food safety presentations. Thank you to Troops 619, 676, 679, 649, and 516 for hosting the stations. At campfire we had s'mores, a cherry dump cake and the bigger hit was the eclairs over an open fire. Over 70 Scouts and Scouters participated!
- Order of the Arrow Fall Fellowship** occurred at K-M Scout Ranch Sept 15 - 17. Siksika Chapter (Prickly Pear District) hosted this year's event. After an initial downpour Friday night, a thick fog settled into the camp creating a misty Saturday morning. Spirits were not dampened as activities proceeded including a blind obstacle course, scavenger hunt, folf course, OA Jeopardy, and patch trading galore. Saturday afternoon featured a flag retirement ceremony. Elections were held for new Lodge officers. Troop 649's Ethan Bellcock was elected as this year's Vice Chief. Congratulations are in order for our newest vigil honor members, including our own Joshua Garrigues and Coby Dawson.

Training Update

- With Recharter time approaching, now is an imperative time to remind all registered adults, and those who wish to register, to complete Youth Protection Training. Incomplete YPT is the biggest hold-up for completing Recharter on time!
- Do you need iOLS or BALOO training? There is a convenient option in Great Falls. Sign up [here](#).

How you can help

- [Sign-up](#) to help at the Raptor Fest on 10/7 or 10/8!
- Do you have any great ideas for future Camporee themes or locations? Do you have any contacts in the community that may be able to help? Email Steve at sliebmnn7177@earthlink.net by Oct 15 so we can use that for Winter Camporee planning.
- Purchase an OA collectors patch set in the Scout Shop to help offset the cost of the youth attending next year's National Order of the Arrow Conference in Boulder, CO. Scout Shop hours [here](#).

Outdoor Ethics Resources

- There are many outdoor ethics awards available for Scouts and Scouters. Check out this [link](#) for more information. Note: Participating in the Breakout with Jason Lessley meets requirement 5 of the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award!
- [Here](#) is a link to the Leave no Trace matching game.
- [Here](#) is a link to a handy Leave no Trace mnemonic.

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/>
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