



# Mountain Valley District November 2023 Newsletter

Roundtable	
6:30 pm	Advancement - ZOOM, <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86563726228">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86563726228</a> Meeting ID: <b>865 637 26228</b>
Roundtable Agenda	
6:30 - 6:35	Welcome and Flags Betsy Eubanks
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 - 7:10	Fieldtrip Discussion Betsy Eubanks
7:10 - 7:15	How to be a MB Counselor Betsy Eubanks
7:15 - 7:45	Breakouts <b>OLDER SCOUTS</b> Eagle Scout Checklist Chris Sehy & Mike O'Donnell <b>CUB SCOUTS</b> Doodles, Show & Tell Betsy Eubanks
7:45	Closing and Adjourn Betsy Eubanks
District Calendar	
11/2	Roundtable via ZOOM - Advancement theme
11/2	Popcorn delivered
11/3	Popcorn sorting, 3-4 pm TENTATIVE
11/3	Popcorn pickup, 4 pm TENTATIVE
11/9	OA Chapter meeting, 6:30 pm St. James Episcopal Church
11/16	District Committee Meeting (7:00) via <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9455158252">Zoom #945 515 8252</a>
11/17	Cub Scout Recruiting - pet toys, 4 - 6 pm
11/18	BLAST training, 9 am - noon
11/21	Popcorn payments due
11/23-24	Thanksgiving - offices closed
11/30	Big Sky ski registration closes
12/2	Cub Scouts Shooting Sports Day
12/7	Unit recharterers due; Dec Roundtable

Safety Moment
As winter approaches, remember how to stay safe while enjoying winter sports with your Scouts. Make sure everyone has been trained in the skills required for the activity, be aware of the particular hazards such as hypothermia, and the need for gear like helmets. See <a href="#">here</a> for more info!

District News, Celebrations, and Thanks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It's a popping good time in MVD! So far we have sold \$169,564 worth of popcorn, surpassing our goal of \$155,000. Right now the top three selling units are Pack 3552, Pack 3649, and Troop 649. Internet sales continue through 11/19. Watch Facebook for more prize opportunities!</li> <li>Thank you to everyone who helped at the Raptor Fest in October. We made contact with many potential Scouts and we couldn't have done it without the support.</li> <li>HAPPY THANKSGIVING from your District Key 3: Renee, Katie, and Tina. Your service to our community's youth is inspiring and we are grateful!</li> </ul>

Membership
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Gallatin Valley Mall Pet Toy Service Project for Cub Scouts - Recruiting Event</b> is Friday, November 17, 4-6 PM at Gallatin Valley Mall. Come learn or practice knots by making pet toys and blankets for Heart of the Valley! Cub Scouts welcome, and you can bring a friend to this fun and easy activity. If you need more information, contact Betsy at <a href="mailto:eubanks.betsy@gmail.com">eubanks.betsy@gmail.com</a> !</li> <li><b>Final Push for 2023!</b> We have done better this year than the last several years in terms of membership. We currently have 339 scouts and still aim to meet our goal of 365. Please follow up on any leads you have from your recruiting events, and consider holding an Ask-a-Friend event. Another name for these recruiting events is "normal friend activities" events, and they are a great way to have fun in your unit and reach out to other youth. Please read the web post <a href="#">here</a> to learn more about the benefits of these easy and fun recruiting activities.</li> </ul>



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## Commissioner Corner

Every unit in MVD has a Unit Commissioner! Please reach out to your UC at any time for any support that you may need, including help with recharter. We are here to help! Click [here](#) to find your UC.

## Cub Scout Activities

- [Registration](#) is now open for Shooting Sports Day (BB Guns) on Dec 2nd. Slots are limited; sign up early. If you are able to help out with this event please contact Jessica at [mvdcubevents@gmail.com](mailto:mvdcubevents@gmail.com) or Coby at [dawsonmt@gmail.com](mailto:dawsonmt@gmail.com).

## Older Scout Activities

- The OA's Tatanka Chapter offers camping scholarships each year to help a Scout offset the cost of summer camp. This can be used for any long term camp; a traditional summer camp, high adventure base, National Jamboree, World Jamboree, or Webelos camp for Cub Scouts. Click [here](#) to access the application.
- Big Sky Ski Weekend registration is open and has 17 more openings! Registration closes November 30, 2023. Don't delay, it's a popular event! Sign up [here](#).
- If you have any specific advancement, Eagle, or merit badge questions, please contact Mike O'Donnell for assistance at [mpotlo@gmail.com](mailto:mpotlo@gmail.com).

## Training Update

- Wilderness First Aid registration opens Nov 1. Sign up [here](#). Note that every outing that is greater than one hr away from medical services needs at least one WFA trained adult; recertification is required every two years.
- BLAST training for Cub Leaders is Nov 18. Sign up [here](#). Need a min of 4 people to hold the course so sign up now!
- Cub Scout Rangemaster training is March 24, 8 - 12 pm in Helena. Please contact Coby if interested in attending, [dawsonmt@gmail.com](mailto:dawsonmt@gmail.com).

## How you can help

- Cub Scout Pack 3901 is actively recruiting for special needs kids! Reach out to friends, neighbors, and colleagues whose children could benefit from this opportunity. Email [cubpack3901@gmail.com](mailto:cubpack3901@gmail.com) for more information.
- Sign up to help at the Cub Scout recruiting event on Nov 17 - email Betsy at [eubanks.betsy@gmail.com](mailto:eubanks.betsy@gmail.com). Adults are needed!
- 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 [sliebmenn7177@earthlink.net](mailto:sliebmenn7177@earthlink.net) 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](#).

## Advancement Resources

- Handy info on how to hold a [Board of Review](#).
- Ideas for [questions](#) to ask at a Board of Review.
- See these discussion questions for [Cub Scout Blue & Gold Banquets](#), and email Katie at [kdaughenbaugh@gmail.com](mailto:kdaughenbaugh@gmail.com) with your answers and we will share them in the next bulletin.
- See [here](#) for how to create a PO and generate an Advancement Report on Scoutbook. You need both of these to submit an order to Dianne!
- Did you know the Scoutbook calendar is migrating to Internet Advancement on Nov 9? That way hiking miles, camping nights, and service hours can be automatically added to Scouts' records if attendance is recorded. See [here](#) for information on how to use the new calendar.
- We are working on offering the [Fire Safety](#) merit badge this winter. Stay tuned!
- Want to make customized neckerchief slides for your unit using your 3D printer? Click [here](#) to access the folder containing all of the files. Thank you Kadia!



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## Stay Connected

- Send activity photos or other information to share to [MVD315@gmail.com](mailto: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](#)
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