



# Mountain Valley District February 2024 Newsletter

Roundtable	
6:30 pm	Thriving as a New Unit Leader
Roundtable Agenda	
6:30 - 6:35	Welcome and Flags Katie Daughenbaugh
6:35 - 6:40	Scout Moment Pack 3671
6:40 - 6:45	Safety Moment Matthew Bates
6:45 - 6:50	District Update Tina O'Donnell
6:50 - 6:55	Membership Update Katie Daughenbaugh
6:55 - 7:00	Training Update Greg Ellsworth
7:00 - 7:05	DE Update Renee Stephens
7:05 - 7:30	Speed Dating Katie Daughenbaugh
7:30 - 7:55	Digital Scavenger Hunt Katie Daughenbaugh
7:55 - 8:00	Closing and Adjourn Katie Daughenbaugh
District Calendar	
2/1	Roundtable, 6:30 pm, Bozeman Public Safety Center
2/8	OA Chapter meeting, 6:30 pm, St James Episcopal Church
2/10	Scouting for Food, sign up is live
2/11	Cub Scout Snow Tubing, 1 - 3 pm, Yellowstone Alliance Adventures
2/15	MVD Committee meeting, 6:30 pm, via <a href="#">Zoom #945 515 8252</a>
2/21	MVD ICL Breakfast, 7 - 9 am
2/23 - 2/25	Apollo 13 Winter Camporee, Headwaters State Park
2/26	Commissioner Meeting, 3:30 pm
2/28	MVD Membership Meeting, 7 pm, Zoom <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4065998634">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4065998634</a>
2/29	Cub Scout Aquatics Night, 6 - 8 pm, Eagle Mount
3/7	Roundtable, 6:30 pm, Recognizing Scout Leaders, <a href="#">Zoom #945 515 8252</a>
4/9	District Pinewood Derby, 9 am
6/15	Cub Scout Day Camp, more info soon

Safety Moment
Did you know that backpacking stoves are the #1 cause of burns for Scouts? BSA prohibits the use of homemade backpacking or alcohol stoves. Your safest option is a canister stove, like a JetBoil.

District News, Celebrations, and Thanks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congratulations to MVD's latest Eagle Scout, Brady Foster from Troop 676!</li> <li>• Big thanks to Stephan and Rebecca Warnat and the engineering team at MSU for coordinating The Science of Pinewood event for our Cubs last month! We had over 40 Cubs participate and learn so much about physics, engineering, and all the science behind what makes a pinewood derby car go fast!</li> <li>• Ever wonder what the District Committee is up to? See <a href="#">here</a> for the January minutes.</li> </ul>

Membership
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is January, so why are we talking about membership at all? Remember, recruiting is year round, and although there are natural slow times, this is always on the Scout radar. That being said, we do have some time now to reflect on our membership plans and reset for Spring. You can look forward to hearing more about this at the April Roundtable, where the "Hooked on Scouting" campaign launches. In the meantime, Betsy will be in touch with all the unit Membership Representatives about the membership meeting on Wednesday, February 28th at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in attending this, anyone is welcome! See <a href="#">here</a> for more info on this Zoom meeting.</li> </ul>

Commissioner Corner
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you to all units who have completed their recharter and have paid their dues. It's a lot of work and we are grateful for your dedication to the process!</li> <li>• Your Unit Commissioner will be contacting each unit to do a baseline assessment of your unit's health in the next couple of months. Be on the lookout for a communication!</li> </ul>



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## Cub Scout Activities

- **Cub Scout Snow Tubing and S'mores is Feb 11, 1 - 3 pm at Yellowstone Alliance Adventures.** Please sign up [here](#). Cost is \$20. Waiver required.
- **Cub Scout Aquatics night, Feb 29, 6 - 8 pm at EagleMount.** Sign up [here](#). Cost is \$10. Register early so leaders can plan! Please note registration is set to take individual payments; if you plan to pay as a pack, email [mvdcubevents@gmail.com](mailto:mvdcubevents@gmail.com) for more info. Adults volunteers are needed!
- **Scouting for Food is Feb 10!** Sign your unit up [here](#).

## Older Scout Activities

- **Apollo 13 Winter Camporee is Feb 23 - 25 at Headwaters State Park!** We'll work on the astronomy merit badge and have some fun with a space theme. Cost is \$15 per person. Sign up [here](#)!
- **National Youth Leadership Training is June 16 - 22!** This valuable youth leadership camp is open to all Scouts aged 13 and older who are at least First Class and have had ILST. It fills up so [register now](#)! MVD's own Markie Nathan and Ruby Daughenbaugh are the course directors. See [here](#) for more info.
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## Training Update

- Wilderness First Aid registration is open. 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. The course is April 12, 13, and 20.
- 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).
- Wood Badge is an amazing adult training program that focuses on strengthening your ability to lead and work with diverse groups of adults and youth. Registration is open [here](#)! Dates are Aug 9 - 11 and Sept 7 - 8 at K-M Scout Ranch.

## How you can help

- Sign up to help at Cub Scout Aquatics night 2/29 6 - 8 pm. Email [mvdcubevents@gmail.com](mailto:mvdcubevents@gmail.com) for more info.
- Sign up to help at Cub Scout Day Camp on June 15. Please email [mvdcubevents@gmail.com](mailto:mvdcubevents@gmail.com) for more info and to sign up! Many adults are needed to make this event happen!
- 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](#).

## Order of the Arrow

- The Apoxy Aio Lodge has asked that all units hold their Order of the Arrow unit elections between January 1 and April 30. Unit leaders should have their youth leaders and/or OA reps contact either Johnathan Garrigues, the Vice Chief of Membership, or Peter Warnat, the Chapter Chief, to arrange for an election.
- Dates of the Ordeals have changed. The Melita Island Ordeal will be June 7-9, 2024. The K-M Ordeal has been moved to the fall. Dates for the K-M ordeal will be announced as soon as those plans are finalized.
- National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is July 29 - Aug 3 in Boulder, CO. If you have scouts that are interested in going, please urge them to sign up. This is as close as NOAC has been in 35 years! Registration and further details can be found [here](#).
- 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.



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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](#)
- Instagram: [MVDMTBSA](#)
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  - You may not be signed up! Add your name to the newsletter on the [MVD website](#).