



Mountain Valley District

March 2024 Newsletter

Roundtable

6:30 pm Recognizing Scout Leaders - Zoom

Roundtable Agenda

6:30 - 6:35	Welcome and Flags	Katie Daughenbaugh
6:35 - 6:40	Scout Moment	Peter Currie Troop 516
6:40 - 6:45	Safety Moment	Matthew Bates
6:45 - 6:50	District Update	Tina O'Donnell
6:50 - 6:55	Membership Update	Betsy Eubanks
6:55 - 7:00	Training Update	Greg Ellsworth
7:00 - 7:05	DE Update	Renee Stephens
7:05 - 7:30	Awards for Scouters	Katie Daughenbaugh
7:30 - 7:50	Silver Beaver Panel	Katie Daughenbaugh
7:50 - 8:00	Round Robin & Adjourn	Katie Daughenbaugh

District Calendar

3/7	Roundtable, 6:30 pm, Zoom #945 515 8252
3/14	OA Chapter meeting, 6:30 pm, St James Episcopal Church
3/21	MVD Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm, Zoom #945 515 8252
3/22 - 3/24	OA Spring Training, Camp Rotary at 19 Camp Rotary Rd, Neihart, MT 59465
3/25	Commissioner Happy Hour, 3:30 pm, LBP Brewing
4/4	April Roundtable: The Psychology of Getting Trained, 6:30 pm, Bozeman UMC 121 S. Willson
4/6	MVD Pinewood Derby, 9 am **HELP NEEDED
4/6	College of Commissioner Science, 9:30 am
4/6	Garagara MVD Informational Booth
4/18	MVD Volunteer & Eagle appreciation event, 6:30 pm, location TBD
4/26 - 4/28	Montana Council Convention
5/2	May Roundtable: Hooked on Scouting Membership Kick-Off, 6:30 pm, Bozeman UMC 121 S. Willson
5/17 - 5/19	Spring Camporee - Target Sports
5/27	Memorial Day Parade
6/15	Cub Scout Day Camp

Safety Moment

Did you know? Most brands of AED units perform periodic self-tests. This will vary by brand and model. Many models will emit an alarm if there is an issue found during a self-test. **However, you should never rely solely on an AED's self-test.** Manual checks and inspections, all documented, should occur monthly or as often as the manufacturer suggests or state laws require. Batteries must remain in the AED while self-testing and manual testing. Otherwise, the AED might not function during an emergency.

District News, Celebrations, and Thanks

- Thank you to Steve Liebmann, Toby Holleman, and Frank Dougher for hosting Winter Camporee!
- Thank you to Zach Koester, Derek Bannasch, Joe Souther, Amber Rustad, and John Smith for volunteering to be den leaders at last month's Cub Scouts Aquatics Night!
- **Nominate the amazing adult leaders in your unit for recognition!**
 - [Den Leader Training Award](#) application
 - [Scouts BSA Leader Training Award](#) application
 - [Venture Leader Training Award](#) application
 - [Cub Scout Leader Training Award](#) application
 - [District Committee Training Award](#) application
 - [National Outdoor Challenge Award](#) application
 - [Cubmaster Key](#) application
 - [Scoutmaster Key](#) application
 - [Advisor Key](#) application
 - [District Committee Key](#) application
 - [Unit Leader Award of Merit](#) nomination form
 - [District Award of Merit](#) nomination form

A complete list of awards available [here](#).

All applications due to Katie Daughenbaugh at kdaughenbaugh@gmail.com by April 5, 2024.

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Membership

Our membership efforts for 2024 began with a meeting on February 28 to review last year and get input for the 2024 year. All membership representatives are completing a survey, and results will be shared at Roundtable. We have a theme - which is **HOOKED ON SCOUTING!** We are also asking units to host a Join Scouting night on a specific week in September so that we can advertise widely. Which week will depend on the survey outcome.

Our membership goal for 2024 is 345 Scouts and 1 new unit. We are currently at 294 Scouts.

The May Roundtable is the Hooked on Scouting membership Kick-off! Come and try activities and ideas to use in your unit's Join Scouting night.

Commissioner Corner

- Commissioners, please consider signing up for the [College of Commissioner Science](#), April 6.
- 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!

Cub Scout Activities

- **District Pinewood Derby on Saturday, April 6th, is in need of an event chair.** Duties include track and computer setup. Registration and publicity handled for you. If you can help please contact Renee or Jessica Bannasch (mvdcubevents@gmail.com) ASAP, otherwise the event will be canceled.
- Save the date and spread the word for **MVD Cub Scout Day Camp, "Outdoor Adventure", on Saturday, June 15th.** Highlights include a lunchtime presentation from Big Sky Reptiles (with real live critters!) and guest speakers from FWP. Look for a leader guide, registration, and volunteer signup in the April newsletter.

Older Scout Activities

- **Mark your calendars! Spring Camporee is May 17 - 19!** The theme is target sports and it will be held north of Three Forks.
- **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.

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.
- 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

- **District Pinewood Derby needs an event chair!** See the Cub Scout section of this newsletter for more info.
- 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](#).

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Order of the Arrow

- The Apoxky 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 and the K-M Ordeal will be Sept 27-29, 2024.
- 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.

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: MVD315@gmail.com@vmailer3.com
 - You may not be signed up! Add your name to the newsletter on the [MVD website](#).

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