



Mountain Valley District

April 2024 Newsletter

Roundtable		
6:30 pm	The Psychology of Getting Trained - Bozeman United Methodist Church	
Roundtable Agenda		
6:30 - 6:35	Welcome and Flags	Katie Daughenbaugh
6:35 - 6:40	Scout Moment	Zac Halpin Crew 2526
6:40 - 6:45	Safety Moment	Katie Daughenbaugh
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	Training Psychology	Katie Daughenbaugh
7:30 - 7:45	Round Robin	Katie Daughenbaugh
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District Calendar		
4/4	Roundtable , 6:30 pm, Bozeman UMC 121 S. Willson Ave, Bozeman	
4/6	MVD Pinewood Derby , 8 am, 8488 Huffine @ Mountain Hot Tub	
4/11	OA Chapter Meeting, 6:30 pm, St James Episcopal Church	
4/12	Wilderness First Aid, 6 - 9 pm, 30 Red Fox Ln	
4/13	Wilderness First Aid, 8:30 - 5 pm, 30 Red Fox Ln	
4/18	MVD Volunteer and Eagle Recognition , 6:30 pm, Shift Church, 119 S. Broadway, Belgrade	
4/20	Wilderness First Aid, 8:30 - 5 pm, 30 Red Fox Ln	
4/22	Commissioner Happy Hour, 3:30 pm, LBP Brewing	
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	
5/24 - 5/27	Melita and K-M work weekend	
5/27	Memorial Day Parade	
5/31 - 6/2	Melita and K-M work weekend	
6/15	Cub Scout Day Camp	

Safety Moment

Distracted driving is real and can put our Scouts in danger. As an adult driver, PLEASE:

- Put away your phone or turn it to silent when you get in the car so you aren't tempted.
- Only check your texts during rest stops or food breaks.
- If you must use your phone, pull off the road to a safe location first.
- Do not send messages while you're driving or to others who you know are driving.

District News, Celebrations, and Thanks

- **Please join us for the annual MVD Volunteer & Eagle Recognition event!** Adult volunteers and Scouts who earned Eagle during the past year are invited to attend. Please bring a sweet treat to share. See [here](#) for more information. Sign up is appreciated but not required. Friends and family are invited to attend to help celebrate the fantastic folks in the MVD.
- Many thanks to Greg Ellsworth for his work for the MVD Pinewood Derby, and to Jason Daughenbaugh for engraving the trophies.
- The MVD Service Center is closed for sales until further notice.

Membership

Application Process Change

When an adult applies to scouting, their application will be held in a "pending" status until the criminal background check (CBC) comes back OK. This makes sense! It also means you need to factor this wait time into your 2-deep leadership schedule. You have to wait until the CBC passes and the application is accepted before have that adult come on overnight trips or extended contact with scouts.

Other changes are implementing in Registrar Tools , and the old Unit Recharter tools are slowly going away as the new process of leaders registering for a year from their date of registration (not with recharter) becomes the new norm.

Can You Explain Scouting?

The most successful way to recruit scouts is through ask-a-friend events and personal contacts. Besides

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explaining all the great things your unit does, can you explain to parents the bigger reason to have their child join scouting? This [1.5 min. video reviews](#) the Tuft Study findings that explains why parents should enroll their children in Scouts! Review it today, or even post it on your unit website or social media.

Our Membership Numbers (Goal 345 by 12/31/2024)

For the first time since our membership peak, MVD has more Scouts now than we did last year at the same time. Let's keep the trend going!

15 Units - 296 Youth - 160 Adults

Commissioner Corner

Did you know your Unit Commissioner is here to serve you, the adult leader? If you need help navigating a tricky situation in your unit, figuring out how to start a conversation with a parent, or making a plan to right your unit finances, please reach out! If you aren't sure who your Commissioner is, see [here](#).

Cub Scout Activities

- **MVD Pinewood Derby, Sat April 6, 8 - 11 am; Mountain Hot Tub, 8488 Huffine Lane.** Open to all Scouts, Cubs through Venturers, and adult racers too! We will have racing classes for the champions from each pack by rank, Open Class, Scouts BSA, and Adult Classes too! You do NOT have to have advanced in your pack's derby to participate in the District Derby. Please register [here](#)! **Weigh-in is April 6 from 8 - 9:30 am. All cars must be registered and weighed in by the start of the event. The Pinewood Derby will start at 9:30 am.**
- **MVD Cub Scout Day Camp, "Outdoor Adventure", Sat June 15, 8:30 am - 5 pm, Ridgeview Elementary in Bozeman.** Highlights include a lunchtime presentation from Big Sky Reptiles (with real live critters!), archery, and guest speakers from FWP. [Registration](#) is required! Many volunteers are needed - please sign up [here](#) to help out.

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

- 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 with Cub Scout Day Camp!
- 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 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](#)
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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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