



Mountain Valley District May 2024 Newsletter

Roundtable	
6:30 pm	Hooked on Scouting Recruitment Effort Bozeman United Methodist Church
Roundtable Agenda	
6:30 - 6:35	Welcome and Flags Katie Daughenbaugh
6:35 - 6:40	Scout Moment Gabe & Lily Pack 3648
6:40 - 6:45	Safety Moment Matthew Bates
6:45 - 6:50	District Update Team O'Donnell
6:50 - 6:55	Training Update Greg Ellsworth
6:55 - 7:00	DE Update Renee Stephens
7:00 - 7:45	Hooked on Scouting Betsy Eubanks
7:45 - 7:55	Round Robin Katie Daughenbaugh
7:55 - 8:00	Wrap up & Adjourn Katie Daughenbaugh
District Calendar	
5/2	May Roundtable : Hooked on Scouting Membership Kick-Off, 6:30 pm, Bozeman UMC 121 S. Willson
5/7	MVD Quad Squad +1 Meeting
5/9	OA meeting, 6:30 pm St James Episcopal Church
5/16	MVD Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm Zoom #945 515 8252
5/17 - 5/19	Spring Camporee - Shooting Sports
5/24 - 5/27	Melita and K-M work weekend
5/27	Memorial Day Parade , 10 am
5/31 - 6/2	Melita and K-M work weekend
6/15	Cub Scout Day Camp
Safety Moment	
<p>The Guide to Safe Scouting</p> <p>It is your responsibility as a unit leader to know this document! It is an overview of Scouting policies and procedures (boring) designed to make the program safer (important!!). It provides guidance on how to assess risks of your chosen activity and how to proceed safely. MVD cites it often because it is that important. Keep your Scouts safe and use it often!</p>	

District News, Celebrations, and Thanks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you Greg Ellsworth for hosting another amazing District Pinewood Derby! We had 30 cars race! Please contact MVD if you would be interested in providing leadership for this event for 2025. • Congrats to Leland Lammers from Troop 676 for being MVD's latest Eagle Scout! • Many thanks to Mike O'Donnell, Renee Stephens, Katie Daughenbaugh, Keith Nathan, Paul Rodgers, and Shift Church for organizing and hosting the MVD Volunteer and Eagle Recognition event on April 18. Thank you to all of our volunteers for everything you do for our youth! Specific awardees can be found here. • The MVD service center will be open for business beginning May 1. Stay tuned for specific hours.
Membership
<p>I am SO EXCITED to bring you ideas and activities for 2024 Hooked on Scouting recruiting! The May Roundtable is your opportunity to come and try all the activities. Here are some bonus reasons to come to this Hooked on Scouting Kick-off:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Give-aways! You may win a Rope Drop Fish Tag, or a Zipper Pull Activity Kit, or even a Big Fish! 2. Materials Order Form! Your <i>one chance</i> to order kits for several of the activities. I will do the leg work and get them to you. There is a fee for the materials, but I will do the work and minimize the cost as much as possible. 3. Montana Recruiting Guidebook! If you haven't seen it, we will show you the latest support material from Montana Council for recruitment planning and execution. <p>We are currently at 298 Scouts - our goal is 345, but I hope we blow this goal out of the water! Let's go - Mountain Valley!</p>



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Commissioner News

The priority of each Unit Commissioner to their unit is:

- Being the single, best resource
- Ensuring S.A.F.E. programs
- Enabling significant, sustainable growth

Contact your UC for help at any time!

Cub Scout Activities

- **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, including older Scouts!

Older Scout Activities

- **Shooting Sports Spring Camporee is May 17 - 19!** Please join MVD in Three Forks for a weekend of fun! All Scouts will have the opportunity to earn the Rifle Merit Badge. Register your unit [here](#).
- Please see [here](#) for an up-to-date list of **merit badge counselors!**
- **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

- MVD is pushing for early completion of YPT this year! By April, we had 7 volunteers complete YPT for 2024. Remember, we have an awesome prize incentive for those who do their training. We have a basket filled with goodies that will grow between now and October, and currently holds a fly rod, reel, and flies! The earlier you do your training the more chances you have to win. Drawing will be held at the October Roundtable.
- 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! Older Scouts, if you need service hours this is a great opportunity!
- 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 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
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