



# Mountain Valley District June 2024 Newsletter

| Roundtable  |   |
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|   | No June Roundtable - see you in September!                                |
| District Calendar   |   |
| 6/7 - 6/9   | <a href="#">OA Spring Ordeal - Melita Island</a>                          |
| 6/11  | MVD Quad Squad +1 Meeting, 4 pm   |
| 6/13  | OA Chapter meeting, 6:30 pm, St James Episcopal Church                    |
| 6/15  | <a href="#">Cub Scout Day Camp</a>  |
| 6/16 - 6/22   | NYLT  |
| 6/20  | MVD Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm <a href="#">Zoom #945 515 8252</a>         |
| 6/24  | Commissioner Happy Hour, 3:30 pm, LBP Brewing                             |
| 7/18  | MVD Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm <a href="#">Zoom #945 515 8252</a>         |
| 7/22  | Commissioner Happy Hour, 3:30 pm, LBP Brewing                             |
| 8/3   | <a href="#">Sweet Pea Parade</a> , 8:30 am - noon, Main Street in Bozeman |
| 8/23  | <a href="#">Catapalooza</a> , 10 am - 3 pm, MSU                           |
| 8/24  | <a href="#">Digger Days</a> , 9 am - 12 pm                                |
| 9/5   | Roundtable, 6:30 pm, Fall Kick-off and Popcorn Training, location TBD     |
| 9/20 - 9/22   | Fall Camporee, details forthcoming  |
| Safety Moment   |   |
| <p>With units out and about in the warm summer months, don't forget that lightning and other hazardous weather events are a real threat. Update your Hazardous Weather Training every two years! Log on to your my.scouting.org account to access the training.</p> |   |

| District News, Celebrations, and Thanks   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MVD extends gratitude to the <b>Soren Joseph Hartnett Legacy Foundation</b> for their donation of an AED to MVD. This is an enormous gift that saves lives! Please see <a href="#">here</a> to read more about the donation and about the Foundation. Please, if you are able, consider making a <a href="#">donation</a> to the Foundation in Soren's honor.</li> <li><b>Thank you to Steve Liebmann, Coby Dawson, and Chad Yoakam</b> for a fantastic Spring Camporee. We acknowledge the planning and footwork necessary to produce such a fun and safe shooting experience for our Scouts. THANK YOU!</li> <li><b>Thank you to our new Scout Shop leaders, Brenda and Rebecca!</b> See <a href="#">here</a> for info on store hours and how to place an order. They also ask that each unit please update their <a href="#">Unit Information Form</a> so that unit leaders may more easily make charges.</li> <li><b>All MVD events</b> for the next year have been entered onto <a href="#">Black Pug</a>. If you want to add the MVD calendar to your personal digital calendar, copy and paste <a href="#">this link</a> into your calendar (click "add calendar", then "subscribe by URL"). Then you never have to hunt for event info again!</li> </ul> |



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## Membership

We have 307 Scouts (38 more to reach our goal)! I am so happy that 5 units took advantage of the Hooked on Scouting kit order offer! Fabric will be here next week, and kits will be out to units mid-June.

We are in the **SWEET PEA PARADE** entered as a **SCOUT FLOTILLA**! This will be great fun and can make a big splash for our membership week in September if we all paddle together! Please [read this document](#) that describes the plan - which is to have many individual "canoes" powered by scouts. If you have the ability to put a canoe on skates and have that pulled by scouts, that is great, but you can easily go light and low tech with cardboard. The handout has examples and Renee is willing to supply cardboard. If you need a place to work or any other support to make your scout-powered canoes, please let me know! This is a fun summer project.

**Scouting America Information** - Units have asked about information to have at events about the rebrand. We will send this out as soon as Council gives us some!

**Membership Team** - besides working with your unit in preparation for the Sweet Pea Parade, please make time to meet with anyone working on membership in your unit, make a plan, & update your materials. If you want to be part of the Montana Council Hooked on Scouting program, you will need to file your membership plan with Renee by July 31.

**Websites-Facebook Review** - Please CHECK all your public facing materials and make them current and reflective of the awesome things you are doing!

**MVD Join Scout Week September 9-14** - All units are asked to have a Join Scout recruiting meeting during your regular meeting time during this week! This is not your only recruiting activity, but this week will be advertised as Join Scout week. Please get this on your calendars now so you can plan! Ask for help and materials.

Thank you! I appreciate updates on how your unit is doing with membership.

## Commissioner News

Your MVD Commissioner Staff wishes all of our units a fun and safe summer season! Please reach out at any time if you need assistance with unit operations, leadership struggles, program ideas, and more!

## Cub Scout Activities

- **More Cub Scouts needed for Day Camp! Don't delay, sign your unit up today!** "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

- Please see [here](#) for an up-to-date list of **merit badge counselors!**
- Unit leaders, check your email inbox for information regarding the details of the Rifle Merit Badge from Camporee, plus the dates of Camporee for the next year. Contact Jason at [daughenbaugh@gmail.com](mailto:daughenbaugh@gmail.com) with questions.

## Training Update

- **MVD is pushing for early completion of YPT this year!** By May 28, we had 23 volunteers complete YPT for 2024. That's 6 more than last month! Remember, we have an awesome incentive for those who do their training. We have a whopper prize basket that will grow between now and October, and currently holds a fly rod, reel, flies, water filter, CamelBak cleaning device, and a Cub Scout bag filled with goodies! 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.

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## How you can help

- **Participate in the Sweet Pea Parade!** We are looking for individuals and units to participate. We plan to create a “[flotilla](#)” of cardboard canoes, keeping with the Hooked on Scouting theme. See [here](#) for more info. Contact [eubanks.betsy@gmail.com](mailto:eubanks.betsy@gmail.com) with questions.
- [Sign up](#) to help with **Cub Scout Day Camp!** Older Scouts, if you need service hours this is a great opportunity!
- Collect **FEATHERS** for Raptor Fest! Individual feathers for educational display as well as real feathers for craft project.
- **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

- **OA Spring Ordeal is right around the corner!** If you have any Scouts who were called out at Spring Camporee, encourage them to sign up [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.

## 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/>
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