



Mountain Valley District August 2024 Newsletter

Roundtable	
	No August Roundtable - see you in September!
District Calendar	
8/1	Scout Scarf Day
8/11	Landon's Light Memorial Bike Race
8/15	OA Lodge call, 7: 30 pm
8/15	OA BBQ and District Committee meeting, 5:30 pm, 502 Abigail Rd
8/20	Council popcorn leader training , 7 - 9 pm, Zoom
8/23	Catapalooza , 10 am - 3 pm, MSU
8/24	Digger Days , 9 am - 12 pm
9/5	Roundtable, 6:30 pm, Fall Kick-off and Popcorn Training, Bozeman Public Safety Center
9/9 - 14	MVD Join Scout Week
9/13 - 15	Fall Camporee, SURVIVOR themed
Safety Moment	
<p>Did you know that there are specific prohibited activities in the Scouting America program? For example, Scouts may never go hang-gliding, throw a boomerang, or shoot a potato gun. Who knew! Questions to ask yourself on the appropriateness of an activity: 1) Does it support the values of Scouting America?; 2) Is it age appropriate?; 3) Is it prohibited or unauthorized? When in doubt, reach out to MVD to inquire!</p>	

District News, Celebrations, and Thanks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● THANK YOU to Cub Scout Coordinator Jessica Bannasch and her phenomenal crew for a successful Outdoor Adventure Cub Scout Day Camp in June! We had 54 participants from five different packs and over 25 volunteers! ● MVD reverently acknowledges the passing of Bob Moore, previous Scoutmaster of Troop 677 and Cubmaster of Pack 3677. ● Congratulations to MVD's latest Eagle Scout, Evie Wright of Troop 619! ● MVD extends gratitude to the Soren Joseph Hartnett Legacy Foundation for their donation of an AED to MVD. This is an enormous gift that saves lives! Please see here to read more about the donation and about the Foundation. Please, if you are able, consider making a donation to the Foundation in Soren's honor. ● Thank you to our new Scout Shop leaders, Brenda and Rebecca! See here for info on store hours and how to place an order. They also ask that each unit please update their Unit Information Form so that unit leaders may more easily make charges. ● All MVD events for the next year have been entered onto Black Pug. If you want to add the MVD calendar to your personal digital calendar, copy and paste this link into your calendar (click "add calendar", then "subscribe by URL"). Then you never have to hunt for event info again! ● MVD's participation in the Sweet Pea Parade has been canceled.



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Membership

MVD Join Scout Week September 9-14 - MVD Scout Week is coming! Renee is doing massive community outreach about this - and we need all Units to **provide the following information by August 15th** so we have a great MVD membership drive:

1. The Date, Time, Location for your recruiting unit meeting during the week.
2. If you have any other recruiting activities planned, provide that info.
3. Your updated Unit information (leaders, newsletter for parents, calendar, etc.)
4. Description of what you will be doing at your recruiting meeting.

If you have questions or need help, please reach out!

Commissioner News

Do you have a committee meeting scheduled for the beginning of the school year? Invite your Unit Commissioner to attend! We are here to support you. Unsure who your UC is? See [here](#).

Cub Scout Activities

- The **2024-2025 MVD Cub Events Calendar** is being updated as it is finalized and is available [here](#). Now seeking volunteers for [Aquatics Night](#) and [Range and Target](#) (formerly known as Shooting Sports) Activities. Please indicate your willingness to help in the respective Signup Genius links. New this year, asking for 1-2 volunteers from each pack in order to send scouts from your pack. Also, the District relies on Pack leadership to spread the word about District events. Higher participation = lower costs per scout! Thank you in advance!!
- It's time to start succession planning for the **MVD Cub Events Coordinator** position as my Cubs will be aging into the Troop within the next year! Please reach out if you know someone interested in shadowing this position and taking it on for the 2025-2026 Scouting year! You get to spend time with your scout AND meet amazing scouting families from across the District! Thank you for considering! Email Jessica at mvdcubevents@gmail.com.

Older Scout Activities

- Mark your calendars for **Fall Camporee on Sept 13 - 15. The theme is Survivor!** Come ready to hone your outdoor skills as you compete against other Tribes in surprise challenges, finishing it off with a Tribal Council! Leader Guide and register page coming soon. This Camporee is an excellent opportunity to use as a recruitment tool for your unit - it will be that fun! Location is private land near Sourdough canyon.
- Please see [here](#) for an up-to-date list of **merit badge counselors!**

Training Update

- **MVD is pushing for early completion of YPT this year! Just do it!** We had 14 adults complete YPT in June and July this year, bringing our total to 37. Remember, we have an awesome incentive for those who do their training - a whopper prize basket that will grow between now and October, and currently holds a fly rod, reel, flies, water filter, CamelBak cleaning device, a Cub Scout bag filled with goodies, and an MVD laser-engraved insulated coffee mug! The earlier you do your training the more chances you have to win. Drawing will be held at the October Roundtable.

How you can help

- Participate in [Landon's Light Memorial Bike Race](#). MVD lost Eagle Scout Landon Hull to suicide in 2022. Please help honor his legacy and raise funds for mental healthcare in Montana by signing up today! If you don't enjoy biking, participate in the cheering squad!
- **Invite neighborhood or school friends** to attend your child's unit meeting the week of Sept 9 - 14!
- Volunteer to help at **Cub Scout activities!**
- Collect **FEATHERS** for Raptor Fest! Individual feathers for educational display as well as real feathers for craft project.

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Order of the Arrow

- Please join us for the **annual OA BBQ on August 15, 5:30 - 8 pm**, 502 Abigail Ranch Rd. Burgers provided, please bring a side to share, your water bottle or other beverages, and a lawn chair. District Committee members will have a brief meeting after the BBQ. Families are welcome to attend! Please RSVP to mountainvalley.oa@gmail.com so we get a headcount for food!

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/>
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