

Mountain Valley District October 2024 Newsletter

Roundtable

Roundtable 10/3, 6:30 pm Bozeman Public Safety Center: Serving the Scouting Movement

Roundtable Agenda

6:30 - 6:35	Welcome and Flags	Katie Daughenbaugh
6:35 - 6:40	Scout Moment	Troop 649
6:40 - 6:45	Safety Moment	Katie Daughenbaugh
6:45 - 6:55	District Update	Team O'Donnell
6:55 - 7:00	Training Update	Greg Ellsworth
7:00 - 7:05	DE Update	Renee Stephens
7:05 - 7:10	Membership	Betsy Eubanks
7:10 - 7:45	Serving the Scouting Movement	Katie D, Aiden W, Coulter H
7:45 - 7:55	Round Robin	Katie Daughenbaugh
7:55 - 8:00	Wrap Up & Adjourn	Katie Daughenbaugh

District Calendar

10/2	Council-wide Unit Renewal Training , 7 pm, Zoom
10/3	Roundtable: Serving the Scouting Movement, 6:30 pm, Bozeman Public Safety Center
10/5 - 6	Raptor Fest
10/8	Quad Squad, 4 pm, Zoom
10/8	Eagle Alumni Group, 7 pm, Scout Shop
10/10	OA meeting , 6:30 pm, St James Episcopal Church
10/17	District Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm, Zoom
10/20	Popcorn sale ends
11/2	Commissioner Summit , Helena
11/7	Roundtable: Meaningful Service Events, 6:30 pm, Zoom #945 515 8252

Safety Moment

Health forms are critical to Scout safety and must be updated annually! Check out your forms and see if you have any that are outdated. Forms A and B are needed for all Scouts and Scouters upon unit registration. Use discretion with these forms

to maintain privacy, but it is important for a designated leader to review the forms before each outing. Form C is needed for any outing longer than 72 hrs.

Commissioner News

Your Commissioner staff highly recommends at least one Scouter from each unit attend Council's Roundtable on Oct 2 at 7 pm to learn about the new process for unit renewal, previously known as recharter. Here is the [Zoom link](#).

District News, Celebrations, & Thanks

- Congratulations to MVD's latest **Eagle Scouts, Chris Pendleton from Troop 649!**
 - Range SAFETY online training is important to support safe shooting experiences for our Scouts. ScoutingU has an updated training module, also available on your phone! Please see [here](#) for more information.
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Cub Scout Activities

- The 2024-25 MVD Cub Events Calendar is being updated as it is finalized and is available [here](#).
 - It's time to start succession planning for **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 25-26 scouting year! You get to spend time with your scout AND meet amazing scouting families from across the district! Thank you for considering!
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Membership

We are still awaiting the results of our MVD Scout week as Units follow-up on the people who came to the Join Scout meetings. We have some good reports, however, that recruiting went well.

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Digger Days was a new recruiting activity for MVD and it was a great success! Besides MVD helping as a back-up medical support for minor injuries, we provided a make-a-first-aid-kit activity and talked to people about Scouts. Renee collected three pages of people who wanted more information about scouts!

Our last big MVD membership outreach activity is Raptor Fest! We have fun things planned for our station which is "All About Feathers!" We do need help staffing this event. Please [SIGNUP here](#).

Finally, take a few minutes to make the most of anyone who came to your recruiting event OR just joined the unit. Here are some good things to do:

- Follow-up with anyone who came! Thank them for coming and invite them back if they are at all interested.
- Help new scouts and their parents feel welcome in the unit! A New Member Coordinator position is vital, but if you don't have one officially, assign an experienced, friendly scouter to get to know the new family, explain things, and make them feel like they belong!

Thank you to everyone who worked hard on our recruiting!

Older Scout Activities

- See here for the [Order of the Arrow's 2024-2025 calendar](#).
- Fall Camporee was a smashing success, with over 100 people participating, including 68 youth. Patches are ordered and will be here soon.
- [Philmont registration](#) opens Oct 1!

Training Update

- Drawing for the YPT Whopper Prize Basket will be at the October Roundtable meeting. Complete your YPT NOW for a chance to win!

How you can help

- [Sign up](#) to help with Raptor Fest Oct 5 and 6!

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](#)
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