

# Mountain Valley District November 2024 Newsletter

## Roundtable

November Roundtable is canceled due to lack of availability of many leaders. See here for a [video](#) instead!

## District Calendar

11/2	<a href="#">Council Commissioner Summit</a> , Helena
11/3	Daylight Savings Time ends
11/5	Election day - please vote!
11/7	<a href="#">Roundtable cancelled</a>
11/12	Eagle Alumni, 7 pm, SUB
11/14	OA meeting, 6:30 pm, St James Episcopal Church
11/26	Commissioner Happy Hour, 3:30 pm LBP Brewing
11/28	Happy Thanksgiving! Volunteer for <a href="#">Huffing for Stuffing</a>
12/4	<a href="#">Eat Wings, Raise Funds</a> at Buffalo Wild Wings, 4 - 9 pm; must print or show <a href="#">this coupon</a>
12/5	Roundtable, 6:30 pm, Zoom, Meaningful Service Events
12/7	NO <a href="#">Cub Scout Range Activities</a> , moved to 1/11
12/12	OA meeting, 6:30 pm, St James Episcopal Church
12/19	<a href="#">MVD holiday party</a> for all adults, 6 pm, 435 Comfort Lane
1/9 - 11	<a href="#">Big Sky Ski Weekend</a>
1/11	Cub Scout Range Activities
2/26	<a href="#">ICL breakfast</a> , 7 am

## Safety Moment

Winter activities are upon us! Don't assume your Scouts, new or seasoned, know how to recreate in the cold. Educate them! See this [handout](#) for more info.

## Commissioner News

**Katie Daughenbaugh, District Commissioner**

It is time for Unit and Member Renewals (previously known as Recharter). Unit leadership, please log on to your my.scouting account and follow these [instructions](#). Must be completed by Dec 31. Units, you are also able to renew and pay for the Scouts in your unit by following the same instructions. Otherwise, parents will do this via emails they receive from Council. Contact your Unit Commissioner for help!

## District News & Thanks

- Congratulations to Jason Karro from Troop 676 for winning the YPT Whopper Prize Basket! If you see him, ask him how his casting skills are coming along.
- Eat Wings, Raise Funds on Dec 4! Go to Buffalo Wild Wings in Bozeman from 4 - 9 pm and print or show this [coupon](#), and 15% of your order will be donated to Montana Council. Applies to call-in take-out orders, but excludes orders placed through a food delivery app.

## Health and Safety

**Matthew Bates, Health and Safety Chair**

We need registered adult volunteers with medical licensure (MD, RN or EMT) to serve as camp health and safety officers for our district camps. If you are interested in learning more about what volunteering entails, please contact Matthew at 406-285-1652 or [matthewjerebates@gmail.com](mailto:matthewjerebates@gmail.com).

## District Executive Report

**Renee Stephens, DE**

- MVD Scouts have sold **\$170,005 worth of popcorn**, and counting, as online sales are totaled. Our goal was \$165,000. Nice work Scouts!
- **Annual Charter Organization Agreements:** Renee will be meeting with each Chartered Organization to go over the verbiage in the agreements, answer any questions, and obtain signatures.
- **ICL breakfast is 2-26-25!** If you are willing to

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“host” a table, i.e., invite 8 of your friends/colleagues/co-workers/family who would like to enjoy a free breakfast, learn about the Mountain Valley District’s incredible Scouting program, and would likely be willing to donate toward the District’s annual fundraising goal of 100K, please reach out to Renee. The more “hosts” the better. We want to FILL the room to the seams with those who are interested in supporting the Scouting program!

- If your unit is “ringing the bell” for the Salvation Army this season, you may only wear Scout uniforms if the Salvation Army is your chartered organization.
- If your unit would like to participate in a fundraiser in addition to popcorn, you must complete this [form](#) and return to Renee beforehand.

## Membership

Betsy Eubanks, Chair

- Currently we are at **348 Scouts** in MVD - our goal was 345. HOORAY!!
- Units, please continue to ask your Scouts to **invite friends to any holiday parties** or fun you have planned.

## Nominations

Mike O'Donnell, Chair

- If you are interested in serving on the MVD Nominations Committee, please email [mpotlo@gmail.com](mailto:mpotlo@gmail.com). Committee will be finalized the first part of December.

## Advancement

Mike O'Donnell, Chair

- Congratulations to Alex Bartelheimer From Crew 2526 for achieving his Summit Award!
- Congratulations to Ian Merriman and Jeremy Yoakam from Troop 516 for achieving the rank of Eagle!

## Finance

Becky Rodgers, Chair

- All MVD financial statements have been updated through August.
- The 2025 budget has been completed.

## Communications

Betsy Eubanks, Chair

- No report

## Range Sports

Coby Dawson, Chair

- MVD has a large number of certified range instructors, including shotgun, rifle, pistol, black powder, archery, range safety, and BB and archery for Cubs.
- MVD is working with a local range to offer the rifle merit badge again.
- We hope to provide a Level 1 USA archery instructor class for unit-level work in the near future.
- BB gun and archery range master classes are available for Cub Leaders - contact Coby.
- Any unit planning on taking their Troop or Crew to a unit range activity must have at least one leader take the new “Range Activity SAFETY” online training at [my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org). This training also covers program updates.
- If you currently hold a Range and Target activity certificate the NRA, USA Archery, or Cub Rangemaster, please email that to [ashley.jerome@scouting.org](mailto:ashley.jerome@scouting.org).

## Cub Scout Activities

Jessica Bannasch, Chair

- **HUGE thanks to Crystal Sharp** for taking on the position of Cub Activities Chair! She and Jessica will tag-team events for the duration of this scouting year.
- **Aquatics Night** has been on hold due to the renovation of the Swim Center facility and unfruitful inquiries at Lone Mountain, Eagle Mount & The Ridge. Hoping to run the event

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sometime in February at either MSU Wellness Center or the Swim Center.

- **Cub Scout Target Activities Day is 1/11**, 9 am - 1 pm, cost is \$12 per scout. Registration link coming soon.

## District Chair Report

Tina O'Donnell, Chair

Tina O'Donnell is retiring as DC as of 12/31/24. Tina has given years of service to MVD and we cannot thank her enough for her selfless dedication. Katie Daughenbaugh will be the interim DC until April 2025, when the Nominations Committee convenes.

## Older Scout Activities

Jason Daughenbaugh, Chair

- **Big Sky Ski Weekend, 1/9 - 1/11.** Shred the slopes of Big Sky Ski Resort as we host our annual Big Sky Ski Weekend. This is an event for all levels of skiers and boarders with classes for beginners and tons of slope time for the more advanced. Early [registration](#) is highly recommended!
- Save the dates for **Winter Camporee 2025 (2/21 - 2/23)** and **Spring Camporee 2025 (5/16 - 5/18)**.

## Training Update

Greg Ellsworth, Chair

- **Currently MVD is 73% trained**; that means 80 of us are not! Holdouts continue to be Introduction to Outdoor Leadership skills for Scout Troops (11), Committee Challenge for Committee Leaders (34), Hazardous Weather Training (11)
- iOLS being held at Spring/Fall Camporees with success.
- If you need a specific training for your committee, please reach out!
- If you have been contacted about delinquent training, please complete it!

## 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/>
- Facebook: [Mountain Valley District-Montana Council](#)
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