

March 2025 Newsletter

Important Dates & Events

March 2	River Cub Scout Roundtable, 1:00-2:15, Camp Horne
March 8	Pinewood Derby, Carl Cannon Chevrolet, Jasper
March 13	Mountain District Banquet
March 14-16	Mountain District Spring Camporee, Camp O'Rear Prairie District Spring Camporee, Millwood Hunting Club
March 15	AOL Cross Over Ceremony, Camp O'Rear
March 20	River District Committee Mtg., 5:30 River District Scout Roundtable, 6:30
April 4-6	OA Section E6 Conclave, Bert Adams Scout Reservation (Covington, GA)
April 5	Steel Horse Ride
April 10	JROTC Day at Camp Horne
April 13	Palm Sunday
April 17	Council Annual Dinner
April 18	Good Friday
April 20	Easter
April 27	River Cub Scout Roundtable, Camp Horne, 1:00-2:15

Upcoming Events



Pinewood Derby

Saturday, March 8th

The Mountain District will be hosting a Pinewood Derby on Saturday, March 8th at Carl Cannon Chevrolet in Jasper. Cubs from all over the Black Warrior Council are invited to participate. The event will run from 10:00 until noon with check-in and weigh-in beginning at 9:00.

This is always a great event for the family of Cub Scouting. Cubs and parents enjoy working together to design their own special car to see how they do on raceday. Come and enjoy the fun!

Questions? Contact Darren Hix, Mountain District Executive,
darren.hix@scouting.org

Mountain District Banquet

Thursday, March 13

Scouters from the Mountain District are invited to join in an evening of fellowship at the Troop 45 Scout building in Fayette on Thursday, March 13th. The Mountain District Banquet is always an evening of great food, time to celebrate the programs offered to Cubs and Scouts over the past year, and receive awards for training and related accomplishments in Scouting.

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend this great event. The cost is \$15 per person and to register, please email [Darren Hix](mailto:Darren.Hix@scouting.org) with your count. Payments can be made at the door.



Mountain District Camporee

March 14-16, Camp O'Rear

Join us for an unforgettable weekend of outdoor fun and camaraderie! This Camporee promises exciting activities, skills challenges, and the celebration of our Scouts transitioning to the next level. The cost is \$10 per person and leaders should email [Darren Hix](mailto:Darren.Hix) to register.

Webelos Crossover

At 6:00 Saturday evening, witness our Cub Scouts take their next step in Scouting during the special crossover ceremony. It's a moment to cherish as we celebrate their achievements and welcome them into new adventures!

Prairie District Camporee

March 14-16, Millwood Hunting Club

An awesome weekend of camping, fellowship, activities, and even opportunities for advancement are planned for Scouts in the Prairie District.

- Earn field requirements toward Fishing & Archaeology MBs
- Fish!
- Participate in an archaeological dig!
- Participate in a patriotic flag ceremony

For complete details, download and print this [information sheet](#). For questions and to register, contact Greg Whitis at (334) 352-2482.

OA Section E6 Conclave

The Order of the Arrow Section E6 Conclave will be held at Bert Adams Scout Reservation in Convington, GA. This annual event is open to all registered and active Aracoma Lodge members. For complete details, visit the section [website](#).



Council Annual Dinner

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, April 17th

The Council Annual Dinner will be held on Thursday, April 17th beginning at 6:30 pm. Several Scouting volunteers will be recognized for their work over the past year. We will also bestow the Silver Beaver Award to two worthy individuals and the highlight is always the recognition of this past year's Class of Eagle Scouts.

Complete details and registration information will be distributed soon to all Class of 2024 Eagle Scouts and all adult volunteers.

Silver Beaver Nominations Being Accepted

The highest honor a local Scout Council may bestow on a volunteer is the Silver Beaver Award. Nominations are now encouraged and being accepted. The deadline for submission is Wednesday, March 19th. use the buttons below to see a list of past recipients and to obtain a nomination form. All nominations may be sent to [Walter Davie](mailto:Walter.Davie), Council Program Director.





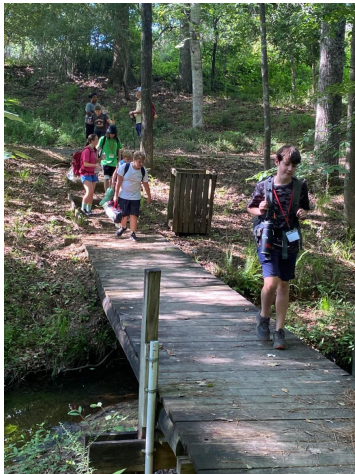
Summer Resident Camps Coming Soon!

Leaders are encouraged to visit our Summer Resident Camp webpages for [Cub Scout Resident Camp](#) and [Scouts BSA Resident Camp](#) to assist in planning for camp. These sites will be updated frequently with "need to know" information, including:

- schedules
- cost & registration procedures
- leader guides
- advancement opportunities
- best practices to assure a successful camp experience



[Dr. Wayne "Sleepy" Harris](#) will be our camp director and [Mr. Charlie Plasters](#) will be the program director. Feel free to reach out to either for questions or additional information. Excellent staff members are now being confirmed. We are looking forward to a great summer at Camp Horne and are excited about working with your Scouts and leaders!



Mandatory Hazardous Weather Training Essential as Spring Approaches

In 2017, Hazardous Weather Training was made mandatory as part of Scouting America's ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of all our members and youth.

The training is designed to equip leaders with the necessary knowledge and skills to handle adverse weather conditions, thereby enhancing our preparedness and response capabilities during scouting activities. Please reference the [S.A.F.E checklist](#) for all activities. To learn more about safety training, please visit the [Health and Safety website](#).



Wood Badge Staff Applications Sought

Wood Badge Course Number 14-006-26-1 will be offered in the Black Warrior Council in 2026 over two weekends (February 20-22 and March 7-8). Wood Badge is the premier training for adult leaders in all program levels. Mr. Charlie Plasters will serve as the Course Director/Scoutmaster.

At this time, applications for staff positions are being accepted. If you have an interest in being considered, complete the application and submit to the Scout Service Center **NO LATER than March 23, 2025!**

2026 National Jamboree

July 22-31, 2026 Summit Bechtel Reserve

Leaders are encouraged to make your unit's Scouts, parents, and other leaders aware of the National Jamboree website (button to the right). They will be able to learn more about a National Jamboree and the benefits of participating.

Locally, a National Jamboree committee will be developing plans for a contingent from our Council. Jamboree fees and a payment schedule will be announced soon. **Leader applications** for our local Council contingent will be distributed by the end of January.

Staff Registration is now open. Staff members will register individually and council approval is required. The staff registration link can be found on the Jamboree website (button to the right to access).



National
Jamboree



Eagle Scout Packets Update

All newly certified Eagle Scout Recipients will receive an Eagle Scout Packet that has the following changes: the Certificate and Wallet Card will be updated to feature President Trump's Signature as Honorary Chair, Scouting America and the Certificate, and Wallet Card will be updated to feature the organization's new name.



New Multisport Merit Badge Launches on March 1

Scouting America, in partnership with USA Triathlon, is pleased to announce the launch of a new Multisport Merit Badge designed to recognize and celebrate the achievements of Scouts who learn about physical endurance activities and lifestyle. The Multisport Merit Badge can create a fun and accessible entry-point for Scouts to try out a new recreational or vocational pursuit while gaining key life skills and promoting healthy lifestyles.

The Multisport Merit Badge will be earned by Scouts who demonstrate proficiency in a combination of swimming, cycling, and running through a series of age-appropriate challenges and skill-building activities. The program will offer different levels of achievement, allowing Scouts to progress and develop their skills over time by encouraging physical and mental fitness.

Scouts will need to participate in two sports for at least one season while following a structured plan to track progress and improve their skills. Here's what the process looks like:

1. **Choose Two Sports:** Scouts must pick two endurance-based sports to focus on. These can be swimming, biking, running, or a combination of two.
2. **Get a Physical:** A healthcare professional must complete a Scout medical examination form to ensure Scouts are ready for the physical demands of the activities.
3. **Create a Training Plan:** With the help of a merit badge counselor, Scouts will develop a training program for each sport that outlines their goals, practice schedule, and progress tracking.
4. **Track Your Progress:** Scouts will document their training, practice sessions, and improvement over time. This helps them stay accountable and see how they're developing their skills.
5. **Participate for a Full Season:** Scouts must commit to each sport for at least one season, whether competing individually or on a team.

6. **Reflect on the Experience:** After completing the season, Scouts will discuss what they learned, how the sports challenged them, and how the experience affected them physically and mentally.
7. **Submit Your Blue Card:** Once all requirements are completed, Scouts will submit their blue card to their unit leader to record their achievement in ScoutBook.

Resources and requirements for earning the Multisport Badge will be available on the Scouting America and USA Triathlon websites beginning March 1.

District News

River District (Tuscaloosa, Bibb, and Pickens Counties)

District Director: Roland Lewis [email](#)

- Efforts still being made to reschedule Skilled Trades MB Day. Update to be distributed to all as soon as possible.
- Cub Roundtable March 2nd, 1:00-2:15, Camp Horne
- March 20: River District Committee Mtg. (5:20); Scout Roundtable (6:30)
- Save the date! River District Banquet on April 10th, 6:00

Mountain District (Walker, Marion, Winston, Lamar, and Marion Counties)

District Executive: Darren Hix [email](#)

- Due to our District Banquet and Camporee this month, there will be no District meeting or Roundtable in March.

Spring is just around the corner, and we are bursting with excitement for the incredible events coming your way! Mark your calendars with the event information listed above and get ready for a month filled with fun, fellowship, and adventure!

Introducing Summer Cuboree!

Dates: **June 6-7, 2025** Location: **Camp O'Rear**

We are excited to announce a new format for our Cub Day Camp with the introduction of the ****Summer Cuboree****! This refreshing experience will be filled with engaging activities that promote teamwork, outdoor skills, and FUN for all our young Scouts. Stay tuned for more details!

Prairie District (Marengo, Hale, Greene, and Sumter Counties)

District Program Specialist: Greg Whitis [email](#)



A direct and compelling headline

We are excited about the Prairie District Spring Camporee March 14-16 at the Millwood Hunting Club in Greensboro. Make plans now to attend. Reach out to [Greg Whitis](#) with any questions and to register!



Camp Horne

13633 Keenes Mill Road
Cottondale, AL 35453



Camp O'Rear

2180 Curry Highway
Jasper, AL 35501



White Bluff Scout Reservation

Located on Hwy 43, just north of
Demopolis



**Board Room
at the
Leroy McAbee Scout Service Center**
2700 Jack Warner Parkway NE
Tuscaloosa, AL 35404



**Eagle Plaza at the
Leroy McAbee Scout Service Center**
2700 Jack Warner Parkway NE
Tuscaloosa, AL 35404



Leroy McAbee Scout Service Center

2700 Jack Warner Parkway, N.E. Tuscaloosa, AL 35404
Office: (205) 554-1680 Fax: (205) 554-7830
Website: <https://www.bwc-bsa.org>

Services:

- Scout Shop
- Properties Management
- Membership & Unit Support
- Professional Office for Council Staff

Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday, 8:30 - 5:00
Friday, 8:30-4:00



Share This Email

Share This Email

Black Warrior Council, BSA | (205) 554-1680 | Tuscaloosa, AL 35405 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!