

# Mountain Valley District April 2025 Newsletter

## Roundtable

**High Adventure Camps and Camping + Elections, Thurs  
4/3, 6:30 pm, First Security Bank 2046 Cattail St. Bozeman**

6:30 pm	Welcome
6:35 pm	Scout Moment
6:40 pm	Safety Moment
6:45 pm	Important Dates
6:50 pm	Ice Breaker
7:00 pm	High Adventure Camps & Camping
7:40 pm	Elections
8:00 pm	Adjourn

## District Calendar

4/1	MVD Key 3 meeting, 3 pm
4/3	Roundtable, 6:30 pm, 2046 Cattail St.
4/4 - 4/5	<a href="#">Council Popcorn Kernel Conference</a>
4/4 - 4/6	<a href="#">OA Section Conclave</a>
4/8	Eagle Alumni, 7 pm, SUB Leigh Lounge
4/10	MVD OA meeting, 6:30 pm, St James Episcopal Church
4/11 - 4/13	<a href="#">Wilderness First Aid training</a>
4/18	All Scout office closed for Good Friday
4/25 - 4/27	<a href="#">Council Convention</a>
5/1	Roundtable: Volunteer Recognition, 6:30 pm, 2046 Cattail St. Bozeman
5/2 - 5/4	<a href="#">NYLT Staff Training weekend</a>
5/7	First <a href="#">Personal Management</a> Merit Badge meeting online
5/14	Second Personal Management Merit Badge meeting online
5/16 - 5/18	<a href="#">Secret Agent: Signal Hunters Spring Camporee</a>
5/23 - 5/26	<a href="#">Melita Island Work Weekend</a>
5/26	Memorial Day Parade
5/28	Third Personal Management Merit Badge meeting online
5/30 - 6/1	<a href="#">K-M Work Weekend</a>
6/6 - 6/8	<a href="#">OA Ordeal - Melita Island</a>
6/21	<a href="#">USA Archery Level 1 Instructor Practical</a>

## Safety Moment

High adventure camps/camping require more physical fitness than other Scouting adventures. Keep these things in mind:

- Identify and disclose any medical issues that could put you or other campers at risk - then decide if it is appropriate for you to participate.
- Complete health forms A, B, and C, and review the “High Adventure Risk Advisory” section with your provider.
- Have an honest discussion with your provider if it is appropriate for you to participate in the trip.
- Make sure your physical fitness is up to the task! Can you walk 3 miles in one hour without stopping, do 10 pushups, pass the Scouting America swim test, and go up three flights of stairs? If not, it’s time to improve your fitness before the trek!

## District News & Thanks

- The **District Volunteer Recognition Event** is moving from a stand-alone evening in the spring to the May Roundtable on 5/1. The goal is to make for a more efficient event while still acknowledging the hard work of our adult volunteers. All are welcome - please come! Thursday, May 1, 6:30 pm, 2046 Cattail St. Bozeman.
- **Reminder from the Scout Shop:** To receive your Unit Advancement items, please email your Scoutbook-generated Advancement Report and Purchase Order to [BSAbozemanstore@scouting.org](mailto:BSAbozemanstore@scouting.org) . Brenda or Rebecca will contact you when your order is filled. Please email the store directly. Several sales associates (not just in Bozeman) monitor the store account to ensure that your order is completed in a timely manner, even when an associate is away.
- **All units are being asked to make a “thank you” delivery of popcorn to a local police or**

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**fire station.** Anyone from the unit can “pop” in to the station - we only ask that you complete this by the end of April. Come by the Scout Shop to pick up your order - and you will be given your assignment of who to give it to at that time. Please take photos when you deliver! Email them to

[rebecca.langlois-warnat@scouting.org](mailto:rebecca.langlois-warnat@scouting.org).

- Any request for Certificates of Liability insurance must be sent to Ruth in Great Falls at [Ruth.Fischer@scouting.org](mailto:Ruth.Fischer@scouting.org). Ruth needs a minimum of two weeks’ notice prior to the event to obtain this information from Scouting America National. Requests must include the following information:
  - **Name of Additional Insured Entity**
  - **Address of the Entity**
  - **Name of Location of Event**
  - **Address of Location of Event**
  - **Exact date(s) of Event**
- For tips and tricks on how to use the **Black Pug** registration system, see [here](#).
- **Order of the Arrow elections** need to occur before April 30 for all units.

## Commissioner News

Mike O’Donnell, incoming District Commissioner

- Commissioner staff is working with their units to update adult contact info.
- Commissioner staff is working to help units nominate deserving adult leaders for awards.

## Health and Safety

Matthew Bates, Health and Safety Chair

No report

## District Executive Report

Renee Stephens, DE

No report

## Membership

Betsy Eubanks, Chair

- **A membership planning meeting** for unit Membership Coordinators is being scheduled for the spring. Be on the look out!

- National is still working on a system for reporting accurate membership numbers. We will update MVD when we learn more.

## Nominations

Mike O’Donnell, Chair

- All nomination paperwork and voting information has been communicated and will be submitted after the April Roundtable.

## Advancement

Mike O’Donnell, Chair

- There were no Eagle boards of review in March but there is one scheduled for April.
- JP Pendleton will be assuming the role of Eagle Board coordinator. Thank you to Chris Sehy for his years of service in this role.

## Finance

Becky Rodgers, Chair

No report

## Communications

Betsy Eubanks, Chair

- MVD is exploring ways to better communicate with unit leadership. We currently rely on Vertical Response, Remind, and the [Council website](#) to do this, but we feel like we are missing a lot of folks. More soon!

## Range Sports

Coby Dawson, Chair

- Registration for USA Archery Level 1 Instructor practical is now open, and space is limited! See [here](#) for more info and to register. You MUST complete the [online portion](#) of this training before attending this Practical.

## Cub Scout Activities

Jessica Bannasch/Crystal Sharp, Chair

- Around 50 Cubs from across the district earned their rank’s **Aquatics Adventure** earlier this month. BIG thanks to the volunteer den leaders- Rachel Woodard, Mickey Russell, Joe

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Souther, Kristen Thelen, Zach Koester, Nick Moody, Brandon Woodruff, Rebecca Warnat, and Crystal Sharp, without whom this event would not have happened!

- **Invention Convention Cub Day Camp is June 14** at Ridgeview Elementary in Belgrade! Registration will open soon, but in the meantime, please sign up [here](#) to volunteer.
- The District Pinewood Derby has been cancelled for 2025, but is ON for 2026. Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 4, 2026!

## District Chair Report

Katie Daughenbaugh, incoming Chair

- Last month's Roundtable was about Financial Policies and Strategies. See [here](#) for Scouting America's official unit financial policy.
- Thank you to Amy Woessner from Pack 3670/Troop 676 for volunteering to be the MVD Popcorn Kernel!

## Older Scout Activities

Jason Daughenbaugh, Chair

- Online **Personal Management merit badge** is May 7, 14, and 28. Must attend all meetings. Limited to 20 Scouts. Register [here](#)!
- **Secret Agent: Signal Hunters Spring Camporee** is May 16-18! Scouts will complete the hands-on requirements of the Radio Merit Badge. After camporee the club will help interested Scouts obtain HAM radio licenses, and any who do will be given a new HAM radio to keep! Location is private property up Bridger Canyon just past Cross Cut. Leader Guide will be available soon.
- **Fall camporee** is tentatively planned to be a ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE - a big event with lots of planning required. Let me know if you are interested in being on this one-time event committee!

## Training Update

Greg Ellsworth, Chair

- **Troops:** Please get all of your untrained or new adult leaders to Spring Camporee 5/16 - 18 for IOLS in-person training! These leaders will form

their own patrol for camping and cooking that weekend. Contact Greg at [greg.ellsworth.63@gmail.com](mailto:greg.ellsworth.63@gmail.com) for more info.

- **Wilderness First Aid training [registration](#)** is now live! Registration is down so consider signing up today. Every Scout deserves a trained leader!

## 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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