

Mountain Valley District June 2025 Newsletter

Roundtable

No Roundtable in June - see you in September!

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Please attend the

[MVD Lego Mania Membership BBQ](#)

"Everything is Awesome"

6/5, 6:30 pm, 435 Comfort Lane

Please register with the above link - it's free and we need a headcount for food!

District Calendar

6/5	MVD Membership BBQ , 6:30 pm, 435 Comfort Lane Bozeman
6/6 - 6/8	OA Spring Ordeal , Melita Island
6/11	OA Lodge call , 7:30 pm
6/12	OA meeting , 6:30 pm, St James Episcopal Church
6/14	Invention Convention Cub Scout Day Camp , 9 am - 4 pm
6/15 - 6/21	NYLT
6/21	USA Archery Level 1 Instructor Practical
6/24	Commissioner Happy Hour, 3:30 pm, LBP Brewing
7/3 - 7/4	All offices closed - Happy July 4th!
7/22	Commissioner Happy Hour, 3:30 pm, LBP Brewing

Safety Moment

Bunk Beds: 36,000 injuries reported in the entire US every year - we can help reduce that!

- Use guard rails on both sides of top bunk
- Verify mattress is strong and the right size
- Teach kids how to safely climb the ladder
- No rough housing on the top bunk
- Place bunk beds in room corners away from ceiling fans
- Secure the ladder to the bed
- Store ropes, belts, etc away from the bunk bed

District News & Thanks

- **We are looking for folks to staff the Cub Scout Committee.** Do you know of an awesome parent or leader in your unit who would be willing to help plan four Cub Scout activities per year? Crystal Sharp is heading up the committee but we need helpers! Send them to Katie or Renee!
- **Thank you to Steve Liebmman** for coordinating MVD's participation in the Memorial Day Parade, and for all the Scouts and Scouters who showed up to march. A Scout is reverent!
- **Thank you to Jason Daughenbaugh** and the Gallatin Ham Radio Club for a great Spring Camporee!

Commissioners

Mike O'Donnell, District Commissioner

- **We have units in MVD that may have Scouts whose registration has expired.** There will be an email coming out to all Unit Key 3 BUT in the meantime, Unit Commissioners will be working with their units on this. This not only affects our numbers getting reported BUT if something happens to a Scout without current registration, that would put Council in a very bad position.

Health and Safety

Matthew Bates, Health and Safety Chair

MVD's AED has been tested and the first aid kit has been restocked.

Membership

Betsy Eubanks, Chair

- **MVD Lego Mania Membership BBQ is June 5, 6:30 pm, 435 Comfort Lane.** [Please register here](#) so we have enough food. Everyone is welcome, but we definitely need a representative from each unit to make this a success!
- Now that leaders are responsible for their own registration renewal, it does make it important to change your committee review of

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registered leaders and Scouts and actually look at who is currently registered. You may have someone involved with your unit, showing up to things, but who does not have a current membership. Please have a routine way to review your adults and make sure that important paperwork is handled.

Nominations

Mike O'Donnell, Chair

- No report

Advancement

Mike O'Donnell, Chair

- Personal Management online merit badge is complete! Thanks to all who participated.
- There are currently no Eagle Boards of Review on the calendar, but district representatives continue to attend Eagle Courts of Honor with success.

Finance

Becky Rodgers, Chair

No report

Communications

Betsy Eubanks, Chair

- **There is a new process for MVD communications.** We are discontinuing Vertical Response and are moving to direct emails from the District Chair in hopes that more folks receive the info they need. If you have questions, contact kdaughenbaugh@gmail.com.

Range Sports

Coby Dawson, Chair

- Target and Range sports are being discussed at the National and Council level. MVD will learn more about what's next after June 4.
- 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

- **Invention Convention Cub Day Camp is June 14** at Ridgeview Elementary in Belgrade! Volunteers are still needed [here](#). This is a great opportunity for service hours for older Scouts, too!

District Chair Report

Katie Daughenbaugh, District Chair

- **An article promoting Scouting will be in the June issue of Montana Parent.** Check it out [here](#)!
- If any unit is interested in selling **Christmas trees** as a unit fundraiser, please reach out to Daniel King at 406-586-8466.

Older Scout Activities

Jason Daughenbaugh, Chair

- **Spring camporee success!** Thanks to everyone who participated and assisted in this fun partnership with the Gallatin Ham Radio Club. They and the scouts had a great time learning to be "Secret Agent: Signal Hunters."

With 68 scouts, 24 Adult Leaders, and a dozen or so Club members, there were over 100 people participating in the Saturday program.

Look for follow-up opportunities to complete the Radio MB and get radio licenses.

- **Fall Camporee is October 3-5** (later than usual to avoid MSU concessions conflicts). We are expecting Zombies! I will be reaching out for help- let me know if you have connections with law enforcement or emergency services we could partner with for this event!
- **More Camporee dates**
Winter camporee: February 20-22, 2026
Spring camporee: May 15-17, 2026

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Training Update

Greg Ellsworth, Chair

- **Youth Protection Training has been replaced with Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT).** The updated training module is 90 minutes and must be completed annually, and contains content more relevant to the safety issues facing youth today.
- Several adults participated in iOLS training at Spring Camporee. This is a successful model for adult training that we will continue in the future.
- Questions please contact me:
greg.ellsworth.63@gmail.com or
406-600-3895

Stay Connected

- Send activity photos or other information to share to bozemanscoutshop@scouting.org.
- MVD Remind: Text @scoutmvd to 81010
- Website:
<https://montanabsa.org/districts/mountain-valley/5/>
- Facebook: [Mountain Valley District-Montana Council](#)
- Instagram: [MVDMTBSA](#)