

Mountain Valley District October 2025 Newsletter

Roundtable

There is NO October Roundtable

District Calendar

10/1	Cub Scout team meeting, 6:30 pm, Zoom
10/3 - 10/5	Fall Camporee: Zombie Apocalypse
10/4	iOLS training at Camporee
10/9	OA meeting , 6:30 pm, St. James Episcopal
10/10-10/12	OA National Leadership Seminar in Boise
10/12	Webinar on completing applications for outstanding Eagle project awards and more, 4:30 pm
10/15	FROTH training call
10/21	Popcorn sale ends and orders due on Pecatonica website
10/28	Commissioner Happy Hour, 3:30 pm, Last Best Place Brewing
11/4-11/6?	Popcorn pickup
11/6	No MVD Roundtable in November
11/9	Webinar on applying for college and NESAs scholarships, 4:30 pm
11/25	Popcorn payment due to Council
12/4	Holiday party at the Daughenbaugh's, 6 - 8 pm, 8215 Pinion Pl 🌲

Safety Moment

[Trampoline park safety](#) is important, especially as some units use trips to a trampoline park as reward for a stellar popcorn sale. Check out your destination's safety record and choose wisely.

- Verify that the facility meets or exceeds ASTM Standard F2970-15...Google it.
- Discuss the risk potential with all participants.
- Ensure the facility is staffed by employee "monitors".
- Obtain consent forms from all parents.
- Unit leaders should not sign any release or otherwise in the name of the unit, District, Council, or Scouting America, nor can any leader or parent release the rights of Scouting America.

Announcements & Thanks

- 🍿 The weather is beautiful, popcorn season is underway, and those orders are coming in. Way to go Scouts! Final orders are due to the council on October 21, so be sure you know your unit Popcorn Kernel's deadline. Keep up the great work! And don't forget to submit your full sheets for Fill It Up And Win! If you have questions, please reach out to the MVD Popcorn Kernel Amy at amy.woessner@gmail.com. Happy Selling!
- 🌳 Sacajawea Middle School in Bozeman is looking for a couple of Scouts BSA Scouts and their troop leader who would be willing to do a presentation about flag etiquette at their Veterans Day program on Tuesday, Nov. 11th. Please contact renee.stephens@scouting.org if you can help!
- 🐾 If your unit wants to volunteer with Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter, please know that youth must be at least 16 years old to do so. However, you're never too young to get a tour of the facility, which they are happy to do. Email madi@heartofthevalleyshelter.org for info.
- 🎉 **GREAT NEWS!** The Bozeman Store is back to normal business hours!! M/W 12:30-5:30 and T/TH 9-2.

Membership

Betsy Eubanks, Chair

I hope all of you are doing your best to focus on recruiting because this is the best time of year to help youth get into Scouts! We currently have 299 registered (goal is 370) so we need to keep those recruiting events going. Some tips/reminders:

- Have more than one join opportunity which includes an "ask-a-friend" event besides your main recruiting. Scouts who recruit another Scout get a LEGO FIGURE! Be sure and let Renee know if you need one. There are also buttons available to give to Scouts to reward efforts in recruiting (available at the Scout office.)

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- Use Camporee as a recruiting event! Surviving Zombies is a great way to start a Scouting adventure.
- Have good follow-up to your events, which includes submitting information to Renee on anyone who attends a recruiting event whether or not they join.
- Have a NEW MEMBER COORDINATOR who focuses on making the early experience in your unit a great one for the Scout and the Parents. If you don't know what a NMC does, just ask me or read through the job description. You can also take the on-line training course [here](#). Pro tip: Log in to your my.scouting.org account FIRST, then click the link to the training.

Need ANYTHING?? Just ask.

Range and Target Activities

Coby Dawson, Chair

- If your unit wants to do any sort of range or target activity at a unit event, Camporee, or otherwise, you MUST first get approval from Montana Council's new RATA committee. Email Coby at coby.dawson.mtcouncilrata@gmail.com and fill out [this Google form](#) at least 30 days before the event. If an activity is not in the [RATA Manual](#), then it is not allowed, like using Nerf guns.
- If you have a Scout that would like to work on the target components of the Rifle Merit badge, please reach out to Chad at chad@yptmt.org.
- If you are interested in BB gun or archery rangemaster training, please contact Coby at dawsonmt@gmail.com.

Cub Scout Activities

Crystal Sharp, Chair

- The newly redefined Cub Scout Activities Team is in effect! Each Pack is asked to bring forward one adult to serve on the Team who can help with one activity per year. Cub Scout activity offerings for 2025-2026 are as follows:
 - Aquatics Night: Nov 14
 - Pinewood Derby Science Day: Jan 10
 - District Pinewood Derby: March 28
 - Range and Target Activities: May 2
 - Note there is **no Day Camp** in 2026

Older Scout Activities

Jason Daughenbaugh, Chair

- Scouting America offers two new merit badges: Cybersecurity and AI! See [here](#) for more info.
- Great news! MVD's new DE, Alex Crawford, is available to help your unit plan and prepare for older-scout oriented trips, such as local backpacking trips. Due to Alex's extensive experience with MOHAB, this is a great opportunity! Email alex.crawford@scouting.org for info.
- 🧟 **Fall Camporee is October 3-5** (later than usual to avoid MSU concessions conflicts). Scouts will take part in an exciting, hands-on weekend focused on Search and Rescue skills. Through realistic scenarios, patrol challenges, and a playful "zombie" theme, Scouts will learn how to stay safe, work as a team, and respond in an emergency. This camporee is a great opportunity to practice Scout skills, complete the Search and Rescue merit badge, and have a memorable outdoor adventure with units from across the district. Contact daughenbaugh@gmail.com with questions or to volunteer.
- **More upcoming dates**
 - Gallatin Ham Radio Club Field Day:
 - January 24-25, 2026
 - Winter camporee: February 20-22, 2026
 - Spring camporee: May 15-17, 2026

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- 🦅 If you have a Scout looking for an Eagle project, please reach out to Katie at kdaughenbaugh@gmail.com. The Reese Creek Community Center has a need that would be a great fit!
- Can you think of an Eagle project that uses this material? A community member has a roll of material (60 in. wide by 800 yds) that is antibacterial and waterproof. There is a swatch in the Scout office. It's very similar to the material in Tyvec suits, but a different plastic. They would like to see it be used in the community, possibly for an Eagle project or two. It could be made into ground cloths or weather ponchos for the unhoused. If someone is interested, they can contact: randy@abcmtech.com.

Training Update

Greg Ellsworth, Chair

- **New Adult Leaders or Leaders that still need to complete IOLS? Come to the Fall Camporee Oct 3-5.** We will be running training on Saturday, October 4th from 9am-4pm. All scouts deserve a trained leader.
- **FROTH: Facilitated Remote Online Training from Home is a pilot concept to help adults complete their training.** Adults will be given information on the training they are missing, then can login to a FROTH event via Zoom to gather as a group then complete their required training on their own device. When something can be done at anytime, it's done at no time, and FROTH hopes to be the antidote. Contact eubanks.betsy@gmail.com for more info.
- **Youth Protection Training has been replaced with Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT).** See [here](#) for a brief overview.
- **Wilderness First Aid is April 10 - 12, 2026.** More info forthcoming!
- Questions please contact greg.ellsworth.63@gmail.com or 406-600-3895

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