

Mountain Valley District December 2025 Newsletter

Roundtable

Holiday Party at the Daughenbaugh's!

Thursday, Dec 4, 6 - 8 pm

8215 Pinion Place, Bozeman

****Please bring a dish and/or beverage to share****

Next Roundtable Thurs, Feb 5, 6:30 pm via [ZOOM](#)

District Calendar

12/2	Eagle Alumni, fun with paracord, 7 pm, SUB Chick-Fil-A
12/3	Camporee Team brainstorming meeting, 7 pm, Google Meet , anyone welcome
12/4	Holiday party at the Daughenbaugh's, 6 - 8 pm, 8215 Pinion Pl 🎄
12/11 - 12/12	Bozeman Scout Shop closed for inventory
12/11	OA meeting, 6:30 pm, service project with Salvation Army, more info soon
12/17	Buffalo Wild Wings Eat Wings Raise Funds , 4 - 9 pm
1/8 - 1/10	Big Sky Ski Weekend
1/10	Cub Scout event: The Science of Pinewood Derby
1/21	FROTH training call for all, 7 - 8 pm

Safety Moment

Many Scouts participate in holiday-related fundraisers, or simply help decorate their own home. Keep these safety precautions in mind:

- **Electrical safety:** Don't plug more than 3 strands of lights into a standard electrical plug. Use a power strip for additional strands.
- **Fire safety:** Keep all open flames, such as candles, at least three feet away from flammable materials.
- **Ladder safety:** When hanging decorations, use a sturdy step ladder, never a chair. Do not hang anything from fire sprinklers.
- **Inspect equipment:** Before use, inspect all lights, decorations, and extension cords for damage.

Announcements & Thanks

- 🎉 Congratulations to MVD Scouts for selling \$138,307 worth of popcorn in 2025. Wow! And thank you to District Popcorn Kernel Amy Woessner for her hard work this year!
- 🍷 [Buffalo Wild Wings Eat Wings Raise Funds](#) is happening again this year! Join us on Dec 17, 4 - 9 pm at BWW in Bozeman and a portion of your bill will be donated to local Scouting. It's fun!
- 🇺🇸 Shout out to Thomas D'Urso, Sebastien McCaffery, Simon Warnat and Sam Bass for doing a phenomenal job honoring veterans, leading the Pledge of Allegiance, and sharing information about Flag Etiquette during the Sacajawea Middle School Veterans Day Program on November 11th. Congratulations on doing a terrific job representing Scouts while honoring our Veterans!
- 🏊 Thank you to Andy Krause from the Cub Scout Team, plus many other adult volunteers, for making the Cub Scout Aquatics night a success. We couldn't have done it without you!
- If your Unit doesn't already, we recommend keeping all health forms for your Scouts and Scouters neat and tidy in a binder for easy access to review before each outing, and to take with you to District outings, like Cub Scout events or Camporees, as needed.

District Committee

Katie Daughenbaugh, Chair

- **As of November 20th, ICL is at \$82,002.83 which is 89.13% of our 92K Goal.**
If anyone has names of anyone they suggest or recommend for potential donations prior to year end, please have them reach out to Renee with that contact information and she will be happy to follow-up accordingly. Also, a HUGE thank you to all who have donated this

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year. We cannot do this without you and your support!!!

- **The District Committee has opted to move all Roundtable Meetings in 2026 to Zoom.** MVD covers a large geographical area, and we want to see if moving to Zoom will make it so more Scouters are able to attend. The first Zoom Roundtable is 2/5. We will find other ways during the year to connect in person.

Commissioners

Mike O'Donnell, District Commissioner

- Remember that there is no such thing as "Recharter" anymore. It has been replaced with **membership renewal** and **unit renewal**, which are separate processes. Individual youth and adult memberships are valid for 12 months from the date of registration, regardless of the unit's renewal date. **The annual unit renewal process replaced the former recharter process and is handled by unit leadership once per year; because all the units in the MVD are legacy units (not new units), their renewal must be completed by December 7, 2025.** We recommend you get started now! [Please see here for a detailed "how-to"](#). Of note, individual members are responsible for renewing their own memberships each year. However, in some cases, a unit may choose to renew memberships on behalf of its members. Please reach out to your [Unit Commissioner](#) if you need help! All adults included in your Unit Renewal must be up-to-date on their SYT training.
- We have been fielding a lot of questions about Unit Renewal. See below for some info that may help!

- If an Adult member of a Unit has an expired SYT their membership becomes "suspended". A suspension doesn't expire registrations, but it does remove someone from the

roster(s). Once the Adult member completes their SYT, please notify the Registrar, Drew, and he can lift the suspension, which will automatically repopulate that individual on the roster. **There is no system automated email upon completion, therefore it is essential to notify Drew of completion.** His email is Drew.Veitenheimer@scouting.org.

- A unit needs at least 5 registered adult leaders. Once the following positions are filled, other positions can be filled.
 - Unit leader
 - Committee Chair
 - At least 2 Committee Members
- Additionally, a unit needs a Chartered Organization Representative (COR). A COR can also fill the Committee Chair role or the Committee Member role. The COR is the only adult that can fill 2 paid positions in the same unit.
- A Pack must also have one Den Leader. This is not required for Troops.
- All Adults on unit renewal need current SYT.
- Renewal fee is \$100. This fee can be paid in the Scout office.

Membership

Betsy Eubanks, Chair

- Membership numbers as of today: 287 total youth with 146 Cub Scouts, 140 Scouts BSA, 1 Crew member (there are more but they are dual registered elsewhere and only count once!)

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.

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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.

- We are in need of people interested in BB Gun and Archery Rangemaster to help with the cub program. Please contact Coby at coby.dawson.mtcouncilrata@gmail.com if you are interested. We need to set up classes.

Order of the Arrow

Andrew Liebmann, Chapter Advisor

- **It is time to pay your OA dues for 2026!** Dues are what make the program go 'round so paying your share is much appreciated. We recommended having each unit pay for their members' dues via Black Pug, [here](#), then squaring things up internally however you choose.
- **The OA meeting on 12/11 will be a service project for the Salvation Army.** More details will be provided as the date approaches.

Cub Scout Activities

Team Update

- Science of Pinewood Derby event is 1/10, 1 - 4 pm! Please [see here](#) for more info. Registration opens 12/26 and participation is limited to 60 Scouts. Come learn about the physics of Pinewood Derby cars and what you can do to make yours faster from MSU engineers.
- **Den Leader titles are changing!** Named den leader positions (i.e. Tiger Cub Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader, Lion Den Leader, Lion Coordinator) will be transitioned to **Den Leader**. Assistant Webelos Den Leader will be transitioned to **Assistant Den Leader**. Leaders with named Den Leader positions will be given new positions with the same expiration and end dates and should not experience any changes in functionality with their new position.

- **Do you have any Cubs in your Pack who have a disability, allergy, or neurodivergence that you need help navigating?** See [here](#) for info on serving Scouts with disabilities from Scouting America. [Able Scouts](#) also has a lot of helpful training modules on everything from ADHD to autism. If you have anything specific that your unit needs help with, please contact Katie and she will get you in touch with our Council resource.

Older Scout Activities

Jason Daughenbaugh, Chair

- **Future Activity Dates:**
Gallatin Ham Radio Club Field Day: January 24-25, 2026
Winter camporee: February 20-22, 2026
Western Montana MBU (Missoula): Feb 28, 2026
Spring camporee: May 15-17, 2026
- **Winter Camporee Team Meeting:**
Please bring ideas to this planning meeting! ONLINE Wednesday, Dec 3, 7:00 – 8:00pm
Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/tah-ftyz-foo>
- Registration for Montana Outdoor High Adventure Base (MOHAB) is now open! See [here](#).

Training Update

Greg Ellsworth, Chair

- **Registration for [Wood Badge](#) is now open!**
Wood Badge will make you a better Scout leader and provide a dynamic management training experience that will make you more effective and productive in all areas of your life.
Dates: May 1-3, 2026 and May 15-17, 2026
Location: K-M Scout Ranch; Hilger, Montana
Cost: \$300 Early Bird (if \$150 deposit is paid by 12/31/25)
- **FROTH: Facilitated Remote Online Training from Home is a pilot concept to help adults complete their training.** Adults will be given

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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. Next FROTH is 1/21 at 7 pm.

- **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

Stay Connected

- 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](#)