

Mountain Valley District March 2026 Newsletter

Roundtable

No Roundtable in March
See you for Roundtable Thurs Apr 2, 6:30 pm
ZOOM

District Calendar

3/21	Eagle Scout Report to the State , Helena
3/25	FROTH training call , 7 pm, Zoom
3/26	MVD Committee meeting , 6:30 pm, Zoom
3/28	MVD Pinewood Derby
3/31	Eagle Alumni, 7 pm, SUB, lazy s'mores and cards
4/2	Roundtable , 6:30 pm, Zoom
4/3	Scout offices closed - Good Friday
4/10 - 4/12	Wilderness First Aid
4/17 - 4/19	OA Section Leadership Seminar , Billings
4/24 - 4/26	MT Council Convention , Helena
5/1 - 5/3	Wood Badge weekend 1
5/2	Cub Scouts archery event, 9 am
5/15 - 5/17	Wood Badge weekend 2
5/15 - 5/17	MVD Spring Camporee
6/4	MVD Volunteer Celebration BBQ , 6 pm

Safety Moment

Asthma! Many Scouts and Scouters have it, and it can be exacerbated by cold air, smoky air, or exercise. Signs to watch for:

- Shortness of breath
- Weezing
- Coughing
- Chest tightness

If you know a youth or adult in your unit suffers from asthma, make sure you've reviewed their health form, understand their treatment plan, know when to seek medical care, and have an understanding of the medication they use to treat it.

Announcements & Thanks

- **ICL Breakfast Success!!** It is with gratitude we announce that \$73,840 was raised to support Scouting in Montana. Thank you to everyone who participated, donated, or volunteered.
- **Scout Shop hours during Spring Break**, Mar 16 - 19, are 12:30 - 5:30 pm each day.
- **Many thanks to the Camporee team** Danny Franz, Matt Cloninger, Andrew Liebmann, James Danner, and Jason Daughenbaugh for planning a fun Winter Camporee. Also special thanks to Crew 2526 for helping run the Camporee.
- **Mark your calendars for the Volunteer Celebration BBQ on June 4!** We do so many things virtually these days. All Scouters are welcome to join us for some in-person fun to celebrate another great Scouting year and honor the people who made it happen. More info will be available [here](#).
-  **Fundraising opportunity for Troops/Crews:** Troop 649 traditionally cooks and serves burgers and hot dogs for the Murdoch's Shooting Expo at the Logan Gun Range, but they are unable to do so this year. If your unit would like to take their place and earn some money, please reach out to Paul at rpwrodgers@hotmail.com. The event is June 27.
-  **MVD is in need of National Camp Accreditation Program (NCAP) inspectors!** All camp locations are inspected for safety and more before each event, including our local Camporees, but we need more trained folks willing to do the inspection. If you are interested in learning a new skill and helping out intermittently, please contact Chad Yoakam at mvdchadyoakam@gmail.com.

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District Committee

Katie Daughenbaugh, Chair

Do you know the roles and responsibilities of some of the MVD leaders? Here's a brief primer!

- **District Executive:** Montana Council professional employee; focuses on fundraising, community engagement, membership, and unit service/support; member of District Key 3
- **District Chair:** volunteer position; volunteer management and support; member of District Key 3
- **District Commissioner:** volunteer position; organizes the Unit Commissioners; member of District Key 3
- **Unit Commissioners:** volunteer position; unit support

Commissioners

Chad Yoakam, District Commissioner

- **Roundtable is for everyone, especially new unit leaders!** Roundtable is a great time for leaders to learn something new or be reminded of something they once knew but forgot. It's also a time where we share important info. Unit Commissioners will be encouraging their units to find a Roundtable Buddy for each meeting. Send at least one person from your unit so they can disseminate training and information to the rest of the unit. Your Unit Commissioner will be reaching out to you about this!

Membership

Betsy Eubanks, Chair

Spring Recruitment Plans and Tools!

We have some units with fabulous Spring Recruitment plans, and some of you are still working on planning an ask-a-friend event or other activities. The Mountain Valley Support Activities for packs and troops will be

published the first week in March. Here is a sneak peak:

Pack-Meeting-in-a-Box

All the directions and activity materials for three pack meetings!

- * Be Prepared - Cubs will build a first aid kit and start their 6-essentials kit
- * Take Flight - building paper airplanes and other flying things and landing challenges
- * It Takes a Team - Bean Bags, Index Cards, and the "Death Star" make this a fabulously fun meeting that emphasizes teamwork.

For Troops/Crew, there is an activity kit to help Scouts build some must haves for camping like waterproof matches and fire starters, and includes directions for some currently popular card games to play because fun and cards are a great part of camping too.

If you want the information about these things as well as directions on how to reserve them, I need to know the contact information for your UNIT MEMBERSHIP REPRESENTATIVE. All unit reps were sent an email on February 4th about Spring Recruitment, but I have not heard from half of the units. I appreciate hearing from you!

Betsy Eubanks eubanks.betsy@gmail.com

Range and Target Activities

Coby Dawson, Chair

- From the Montana Council Range and Target Activities (RATA) Committee:
 - If planning an event please refer to the [Guidelines of safe scouting activities](#).
 - Prohibited RATA events. [PLEASE REFER TO #7](#).
 - If an event or equipment is not listed in the [RATA Manual](#) then it is not permitted!
 - Still looking for help with Cub Range help please reach out to Coby coby.dawson.mtcouncilrata@gmail.com

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Order of the Arrow

Andrew Liebmann, Chapter Advisor

- **OA elections are under way!** OA elections must be completed by April 30. Unit leaders and unit committee chairs should have gotten an email from the Lodge about scheduling an election team visit. Unit leaders do not need LodgeMaster or ArrowID credentials to use the links in those emails to set up an election team visit. If unit leaders did not get this email, they should contact Andrew at bloodcorba@earthlink.net.
- **The chapter wants to update the unit's OA roster.** We would like to know who, youth or adult, in your unit has been inducted in the OA at any point during their scouting career regardless as to whether they are active or not. Unit leaders and committee chairs can contact Andrew for a current roster.
- Please come to the **OA Section Leadership Seminar** in Billings April 17 - 19. Registration is open [here](#).
- OA will be helping out with the **MVD Pinewood Derby** on 3/28 and will be looking for volunteers to help with that event.

Cub Scout Activities

Team Update

-  **MVD District Pinewood Derby is 3/28, 10 am at Bozeman United Methodist Church!** We encourage as many Cubs, Scouts, adults, and siblings to participate as possible. Registration is open [here](#).
-  **The Cub Scout Archery event is ON!** Mark your calendars for Saturday May 2. We will share more information once it is available.

Older Scout Activities

Jason Daughenbaugh, Chair

-  **Outfox Winter Camporee success!** We had 36 youth and 20 adults participate! We found some snow and earned 52 frost points. A highlight was a visit from Morrison Dog Sledding. Thanks for the support!

- Do you have an idea for a location for **Spring Camporee**? If so email Jason at daughenbaugh@gmail.com.
- **Unique opportunity for MOHAB for all Scouts 14 and over June 28 - July 5!** For this week only, Scouts can register independent of a unit or a parent participant. All leadership will be provided. This is a great chance for Scouts who maybe weren't old enough the last time their unit did a high adventure camp, but who still want to participate. Or, did you do this recently and want to go again, though your unit isn't planning on it this year? See [here](#) to register.
- All units are asked to have a representative on the Camporee planning team. Contact Jason at daughenbaugh@gmail.com for more info.

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)
- **Wilderness First Aid is April 10 - 12, 2026 and [registration](#) is open!**
- 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](#)