Scouting America
Montana Council

Mountain Valley District October 2026 Newsletter

District Calendar

10/2-10/4	MVD Fall Camporee, Ruby Valley
10/3	Scouts BSA Roundtable Luncheon, noon, Ruby Valley
10/4	Cub Scout Support Group, 7 pm, Bozeman Scout Shop
10/14	MVD OA Chapter meeting, 6:30 pm, Abagail Ranch
10/14	OA Lodge Call, 7:30 pm, Zoom
10/15	MVD Committee Mtg, 6:30 pm, Zoom
10/26	MT Council Buffalo Wild Wings fundraiser, 4 - 9 pm
11/12	MVD OA Bowling and Billiards, 6:30 pm, MSU SUB
11/19	MVD Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm, Zoom
11/20	Cub Scout Aquatics night, 6:30 pm, Bozeman Swim Center
12/3	MVD Christmas Party, 6:30 pm

Safety Moment

Be on the lookout for hazard trees - dead trees, live trees with dead parts, or live trees with unstable characteristics within striking distance of structures and campsites.

- Assess your parking and camping sites. Look up, down, and all around.
- Avoid campsites with hazard trees.
- If the campsite must be used, make sure all gear and tents are outside of the fall zone.
- Don't use dead trees to support hammocks or canopies.
- Pay attention to weather changes, as wind and storms could blow trees over.

Announcements & Thanks

- 👀**iOLS is no longer offered at Fall Camporee due to unforeseen circumstances!** We apologize for the late notice but life happens to us all. iOLS will be offered again at the Spring 2027 Camporee. Contact Keith if you have an urgent need (kmnmmt55@gmail.com).
- 💲**MT Council does not want finances to prohibit kids from participating in Scouting.** Please share this link with your Scouts to apply for financial help with registration costs.
- **Crew 2526 is recruiting!** Youth 13 - 21 years are welcome. Please see here for more information.
- **Congratulations to Peter Warnat** for becoming OA Tatanka Chapter's latest Vigil Honor member at Fall Fellowship in September.
- 🕐**Scout Shop hours** (1902 W. Dickerson Ste 104):
  - **Monday/Wednesday:** 12:30 pm - 5:30 pm until 9/13, then closed until 10/24
  - **Tuesday/Thursday:** 9 am - 2 pm
  - **Friday:** closed

Unit Spotlight

Troop 619, Bozeman

Troop 619 had a busy summer. We started with a trip to Bannack State Park, exploring the town and conducting a service project to create a new trail. We then collected crystals at Crystal State Park. We also went on a 5 day, 60 mile canoe trip down the Missouri River Breaks, and 18 scouts attended Melita Island Summer Camp. We also completed three Eagle Projects!

Membership

Betsy Eubanks, Chair

- 🎃**All units are asked to hold a "Bring a Friend" event in October.** Don't overthink it. Just jazz up one of your regular meetings and be prepared to welcome visitors. Please fill out the membership promotion plan form when you have it planned so District can help! You can also request materials from District, like invite-a-friend cards, to make your life easier. Just fill out the materials request form.
- **Do you have any sort of event planned that you'd like to Geofence?** Geofencing is awesome because it alerts people on social media who are in the vicinity about Scouting and your event. Email Renee to get started, renee.stephens@scouting.org.

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Order of the Arrow

Andrew Liebmann, Chapter Advisor

- 🍁**MVD OA Chapter has fun fall activities planned!** On 10/14 we will have s'mores at the Abagail and on 11/12 we will bowl and play billiards at the MSU SUB! Please join us!
- **Dues for 2027 open on Oct 1.** Please see here to take care of business.
- **Registration for NOAC** (National Order of the Arrow Conference) is open now. Don't delay! Register here.
- 🦬**Tatanka Chapter is again offering a campership for 2027.** Applications are due at the end of November. Please reach out to Andrew (bloodcorba@earthlink.net) for the application.

Cub Scout Activities

Team Update

- 🐻**Cub Scout Support Group is this Sunday at 7 pm at the Scout Shop in Bozeman,** where Rebecca Langlois-Warnat will teach about the Ins and Outs of Scoutbook. Bring your laptop if you need help!
- 🐟**Cub Scout Aquatics night is Nov 20**, with slots for Cubs at 6:30 or 7:30 pm. Please see here to sign up. Health Forms A and B are required to participate. Adult volunteers are needed to make this possible! Please reach out at mvdcubscouts@gmail.com.

Range and Target Activities

Coby Dawson, Chair

Montana Council Range and Target Activities is here to help you get trained to set up for any range activity. We can provide training for BB Gun Rangemaster, Archery Rangemaster, NRA Range Safety Officer, And USA Archery Level 1 & 2 Instructor.
Each area of Scouting Range activities require some sort of training.

We are also here to help you plan, make SOP's, to make your event safe and fun.

Whether it is sling shots, archery, BB Guns, 22's Shotgun, or catapults let us help you plan your event.

Please keep in mind any event must be submitted 30 days before the event. So training will need to take place before the SOP's are submitted.

Please contact Coby Dawson at Coby.Dawson.councilrata@gmail.com for any questions or help.

Commissioner Updates

Chad Yoakam, District Commissioner

- 🧺**Please join us for a Roundtable Luncheon for all MVD Scouters at Fall Camporee on Sat, Oct 3 at noon near Twin Bridges.** See here for location pin. Come chat with MVD leadership and other Scouters!

Older Scout Activities

Jason Daughenbaugh, Chair

- 🏕️**Fall Camporee Ruby River Rendezvous is October 2 - 4. If you have not yet registered your unit, do so by Wednesday 9/30!**
- Other Camporee dates:
  - **Winter:** February 26-28, 2027
  - **Spring:** May 14-16, 2027

- ⛷️**Big Sky Ski Weekend is 1/7-1/9, 2027.** Registration coming soon!
- **NYLT is scheduled for June 13 - 18, 2027 at K-M.** Be on the lookout for registration.

Training Update

Greg Ellsworth, Chair

- 👀**iOLS training will NOT be offered at Fall Camporee, 10/2 - 10/4,** due to unforeseen circumstances. We apologize for the inconvenience.
- 🪓**Wood Badge 2027** is a weeklong event on Aug 16-20 at K-M! Registration is now open here. The course is limited to 48 participants and the early bird fee (by 2/27/27) is $325. Check to see if your employer will pay your way--the leadership training is just as applicable at work as it is in Scouting!
- ⚕️**Wilderness First Aid Training is April 9-11, 2027** - more information coming soon and

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registration opens Jan 1! Leaders need training every two years.
- Please contact Greg at greg.ellsworth.63@gmail.com or 406-600-3895 to let him know if you plan to attend either training.

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
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