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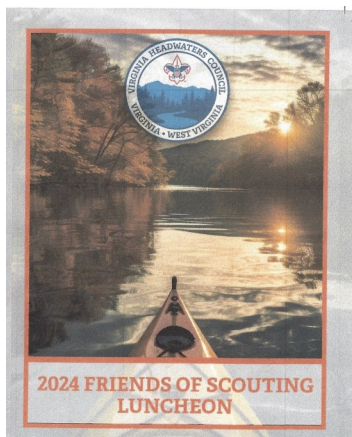
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The groundhog predicted an early spring.

I sure hope so. I am sure all Scouters are ready to spend time in the outdoors without shivering. There are still cold days ahead, but spring is coming, and summer is just around the corner.

On Saturday night, February 24th the Virginia Headwaters Council Honors event celebrated the accomplishments of our 2023 Eagle Scouts and recognized some dedicated Scouters. The Council had 65 Eagle Scouts last year, but only 20 or so attended the Honors celebration. We need to do better. If your Scout is within reach of the Eagle award this year, please remember to make plans for the family to attend the Honors event, next February 22, 2025. It is a special night with the spotlight on amazing achievements.

Our Council seems to be moving forward and gaining momentum in our recovery. We are currently working toward financial stability and our membership was positive for the end of last year. Both finances and membership require constant attention to ensure that neither slips back into the negative. Finances depend on our Friends of Scouting to be a success. We have a luncheon on March 4th with the eye towards raising money for our Council from people that support the mission of Scouting but are not currently involved with the program. I wish we could raise all the money we need from such donors. However, for the present we still must look to our Scouting families for donations to the Friends of Scouting campaign to sustain our financial situation. This year our Friends of Scouting campaign is focused on an investment in Camp Shenandoah. I know membership fees, uniforms, camp, equipment can add up very quickly, but please consider a donation this year and every year to Friends of Scouting. "Own Your Day" at Camp Shenandoah. Consider it an investment in the

leadership of the future.

Scouting is a membership organization. If we are not growing, we are failing. The more youth we have in our units, the more fun and adventure. Sometimes it feels like Scouting is the best kept secret around. Well, let's change that. Everyone needs to know what a great program we have for youth and adults. Yes, we need more youth and more adult volunteers. Please spread the word about the things our programs offer; outdoor adventure, leadership training, character development and a traditional set of values as set out in the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. If your unit does not have a plan for increasing membership, please feel free to contact your District membership chair and they will be more than happy to assist you in your recruiting and retention efforts.

Thank you for all that you do for Scouting. Have a wonderful March!

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2023 Silver Beaver Recipients
Reid and Melissa Watts



2023 HONORS

Silver Beaver Recipients - Reid and Melissa Watts

2023 Eagle Scout Class

James E. West Fellow - Harlow Thompson, Jeff Teagarden, Joseph Martin

Whitney M. Young Fellow - Jeff Teagarden Order of the Arrow - 80th Anniversary

District Award of Merit/Monticello - John Athayde, Chris Axford

District Award of Merit/Mountain Valley - Kathe Maneval, Jeff Nelson

VAHC Conservation Award - Julian and Jay Moffett

Scott Lee Distinguished Camp Service Award - Paul Hansohn

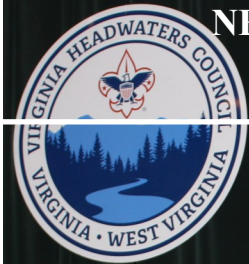
Scouting....Vale Le Pena - Mabel Beirne

Distinguished Commissioner Award - Tracey Stakem

BSA Council Alumnus of the Year - Sandon Knicely

NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout - Matt Phillippi, Shane Eppard

VAHC Outstanding Eagle Scout Project - Scott Block



2023 SCOUTING HIGHLIGHTS

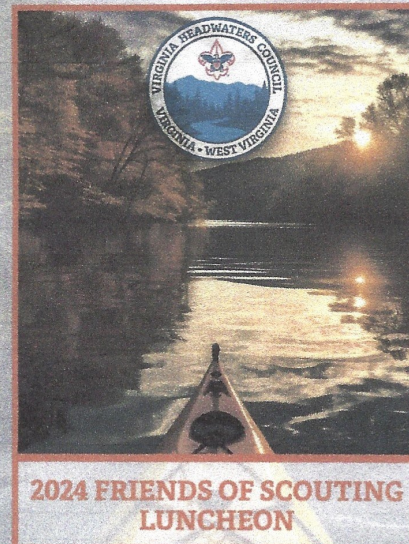


Luncheon Committee:
Sue Hart, Ed Murphy, David Storm,
Steve Hammond, Mike White,
and Ginny Thompson

Hosts:
Ken Young, Pete Fenlon, Steve Hammond,
Ed Murphy, Larry Mellinger,
John & Jan Stalfort, John R. Taylor,
Mac Thompson, and Ken Young



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
VIRGINIA HEADWATERS COUNCIL



The Virginia Headwaters Council,
Boy Scouts of America,
cordially invites you to our
**Friends of Scouting
Luncheon**

Monday, March 4, 2024
UVA Alumni Hall
221 Emmet St S, Charlottesville, VA 22903

Check-in - 11:45 AM
Lunch Served at 12:00 PM
Adjourn 1:30 PM

Business Attire
R.S.V.P. enclosed
or e-mail susan.hart@scouting.org

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Mac Thompson

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Pete Fenlon and Olivia Johnston,
John and Jan Stalfort,
Dr. Ken Wallenborn

Additional sponsorships are now being accepted.
Please contact Sue Hart at susan.hart@scouting.org to be included in material.

Featuring:
Ken Young
CEO - Apex Clean Energy



As CEO, Ken drives Apex's corporate strategy; manages the company's day-to-day operations, including the origination, construction, and operation of utility-scale wind, solar, and storage facilities; distributed energy resources; and green fuel technologies; and leads a mission-driven team of more than 400 professionals who are accelerating the energy transition. Previously, Ken served as Apex's COO (2017-2023) and vice president of operations (2015-2017). Prior to joining Apex, Ken worked for Vestas Wind Systems as a chief program manager, overseeing technology support throughout the Americas.

Ken is a former U.S. Army infantry officer; he served in Europe and as part of The Old Guard, the army's premier ceremonial unit, in Arlington, Virginia. He holds a bachelor of science in political science and systems engineering from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and a master of business administration from the University of Notre Dame.



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Dear Scouting Families,

As we have now finished February and March begins, we are in the midst of celebrating the achievements of our Scouts through our Court of Honors and Blue and Golds. Every merit badge earned, every belt loop secured, represents dedication, perseverance, and a commitment to learning and growth. These accomplishments not only showcase individual talents but also embody the values of Scouting.

In addition to celebrating our Scouts' achievements, it's also time to start thinking about summer adventures! Don't forget to register for summer camp and secure your spot for an unforgettable experience filled with fun, learning, and camaraderie.

Congratulations to all our Scouts on their remarkable accomplishments, and remember to register for summer camp!

Yours in Scouting,

Sue Hart - Scout Executive, susan.hart@scouting.org, (cell) 434-872-3320

Program Updates



Bring your Pack to Camp Shenandoah for a weekend of fun! There will be crafts, fishing, rockets, nature and so much more!

Registration is now open!

<https://scoutingevent.com/763-cubspring24>

Cub Resident Camp will be held June 16-18.
Open to all scouts Lions to AOLs. Register here:
<https://scoutingevent.com/763-CubResidentCamp>



Webelos Resident Camp will be
reimagined with the new Adventures.
<https://scoutingevent.com/763-WebelosCamp2024>

Every Scout deserves a
trained leader!
Outdoor School will be offered
April 19-21 at Camp Shenandoah.
Registration is now open!
<https://scoutingevent.com/763-outdoorschool2024>

SAVE THE DATE

19-21 APR 2024



COURSE OFFERINGS:

- BALOO
- IOLS
- LNT TRAINER. LEVEL 1

LOCATION:

CAMP SHENANDOAH
SWOOPE, VA



What a month!

February is a great Scouting month and I am sad to see it pass us by. I thoroughly enjoyed recognizing our 2023 Eagle Scouts as well as the efforts of some phenomenal volunteers who make sure that we have a successful program for our youth members. You should start keeping an eye out now for people you want to nominate for these awards later this year. We have so many deserving Scouters in our council but we can't recognize them if you don't nominate them. Related to this, Scouters, look into the training awards for your position (s). You may be surprised to learn what you are eligible for. We want to recognize your efforts in serving our youth.

There are no big events in March at the council level, but there is still a lot going on. If you are looking at those training awards I mentioned, you should definitely attend your district roundtable. There is a lot of effort that goes into those to provide you with information and training to help you develop the program, so please make sure to take part in those important meetings.

As spring barrels down upon us, encourage your Scouts to bring a friend along to something. Hold an activity that is less about requirements and more about having fun. Far too often we forget about that aspect of the program and focus on advancement, but what is Scouting without fun!? That's what can make the difference between Scouting and other activities that our area youth may be a part of. We have a broad range of activities that we can take part in rather than

a narrow focus and showing our Scouts (and their friends) that is the case will help us grow Scouting.

Have a great month, and reach out to your commissioner team if you need anything!

Your Friend in Scouting,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matt Phillippi".

Matt Phillippi - Council Commissioner
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This year, the Virginia Headwaters Council is participating in the Great Community Give held by The Community Foundation of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. This event is a 14-hour day of giving where we have the opportunity to win extra funds, find sponsors to match donations or give us challenges, etc.

Between now and then we will be working to set all of this up and find sponsors for the day. If you are interested in helping out in any way or just want to learn more, please reach out to Matt Phillippi at matt.phillippi@virginiaheadwaters.org.

To check out our profile for the event, visit <https://www.greatcommunitygive.org/organizations/virginia-headwaters-council>.



APO Eagles

Alpha Phi Omega Alumni Association
NESA Affiliate Group



Alpha Phi Omega Eagles, an alumni group of Alpha Phi Omega composed of Eagle Scouts and supporters of the Boy Scouts of America, is now accepting applications for their Leaders in Service Scholarship.

Any Eagle Scout applying for or attending college is eligible for a \$2,000 scholarship.

The deadline is April 30, 2024, with the winner being announced in June of 2024.

<https://apoeagles.org/programs/scholarship/application-information/>

For inquiries, please contact Lee Peters, Eagle Class 1980, APO Eagles Scholarship Chair at lee.peters.apo@gmail.com



ADVANCEMENT UPDATES

See the latest in Advancement News here: <https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/advancement-news/>

Going forward, the most up to date information is always in the Guide to Advancement, but always feel free to reach out to your District Advancement Chair with

any questions! The Guide can be found here: <https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/resources/>

Cub Scouts – the program updates that start with the 2024-2025 program year are OUT! Find them here: <https://www.scouting.org/topics/program-updates/program-updates-cub-scouts/>

Scouts BSA Positions of Responsibility – so, what's a Scribe to do? How about Historian? Librarian? Each of these positions, all the way up to Senior Patrol Leader, have a key role in helping your unit run effectively, and teaching leadership and responsibility to your Scouts. Make sure you've let them know about the unit's expectations for these positions. For more information, here are some resources about positions for Troop Leaders: <https://troopleader.scouting.org/troop-positions/>

Yours in Scouting,

Marc Monfalcone - Chair – VAHC Advancement Committee



Camp Shenandoah Master Plan Update

Last November, a group of Scout leaders, Cub leaders, campers, former camp staff, and current camp staff was selected to begin the work of updating the camp's master plan. The last master plan was approved by the County about 5 years ago. The special use permit expires in early April and an updated plan is needed so that our permit does not expire.

The group has met three times, the last time at a 4-hour workshop to make recommendations on any changes for the physical development of the camp. Three groups developed a set of alternatives that will be taken to the Council's Executive Committee next month. The Executive Committee will decide on the plan to be taken to the County. Priorities will be decided at a later date.

The plan will be general in nature and will be taken to the Augusta County Board of Zoning Appeals on April 3. Once approved by the County, the plan will provide guidance for a preliminary engineering and architectural study to develop cost estimates. The cost estimates will guide a capital campaign to raise money for improving the camp. It is hoped that the fundraising will begin early next year.

This is an exciting time for Camp Shenandoah! If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Robert Clemmer, Jim Echols, Steve Hammond, or Mike White.

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SCOUTING SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships for memberships and summer camp are currently available for Scouts. Scholarships can cover up to 50% of fees for memberships or for camp. Applications will be evaluated by the Scholarship Committee monthly.

Funds are limited so early application is encouraged. Forms can be found at

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/13rvxLu6YvBJsYEHNSFbQS5vXr8eowzeh?usp=sharing>

or by contacting

Anne Blair
annehwangblair@gmail.com.
626-627-9456



to Scouts and Scouters for a successful Popnuts sale this past year! The numbers are in, and our participating units sold \$142,867 worth of popcorn and peanuts! Unit commissions came out to \$46,567, and our Council also earned \$31,000!

This upcoming year we hope to have an even better sale, and more unit participation. We will also be working with a new popcorn company. Stay tuned!



MOUNTAIN VALLEY District

District Chair: Dr. Carey Usher

District Commissioner: Jim Echols

Dr. Carey Usher: cusher3@comcast.net

Jim Echols: jeechols@verizon.net

District Director: Robert Clemmer: robert.clemmer@couting.org

Greetings!

February was a busy month here in Mountain Valley, with our Klondike Derby, Pinewood Derbies, Scout Sunday, Blue and Gold Banquets, adult and youth leader trainings, work days at Camp Shenandoah, our beautiful Council 2023 Honors dinner, and more. We have already seen new unit growth, and have had many promising conversations regarding new packs, Troops and crews throughout our 7 county area. District committees have developed impressive agendas for the year ahead, in both membership and program goals.

During March we continue to focus on visibility of Scouting in the district. Unit leaders and Scouting Families, expect to see spring flyers making their way home from both elementary and middle schools. Send your Cubs to school in Class A and B uniforms on meeting days, encourage them to bring friends to den meetings. Parents, if you are not already a part of your unit leadership team or committee, please join. We need you! Unit Leaders, we expect our leads to increase this spring with more school and community exposure, so be sure to respond as quickly as you are able when you receive a lead notification. Also, keep an eye out for school spring flings, carnivals, and other community events (like egg hunts!) where your unit can showcase Scouting for our youth. Need help? Reach out to me or other District committee members with your requests, we are here to serve and support!

As mentioned last month, keep an eye out for a spring “bring-a-friend” event currently being planned for our district. You’ll hear more program plans coming up, and be sure to sign your unit up

for a Friends of Scouting presentation as soon as possible! If your unit needs assistance with advancement and recognition, please reach out to us. If you have ideas for current or new unit growth, please reach out to us. If you have any requests for support or information, please reach out to us! We won’t meet our district goals without each and every one of you. *

Please keep sending those unit highlights! Troops 84 and 314 spent a fun day snowtubing on the slopes at Massanutten, I would love to hear about your adventures too! I look forward to continuing outreach and visiting unit meetings this spring.

Yours in Scouting,
Dr. Carey Usher, District Chair
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Save the Dates:

Quarterly District Planning Meeting: Saturday
March 9, 2:00 – 5:00 at the Pearce Science Center at
Mary Baldwin University (in-person)

District Committee meets the 3rd Wednesday each
month: March 20, 7:00 p.m. (virtual)

Membership
Rally:
Saturday
April 13,
9:00 – 12:00
at BRCC (in-
person)





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MOUNTAIN VALLEY DISTRICT

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SATURDAY

GOLF TOURNAMENT

VIRGINIA HEADWATERS COUNCIL • BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

REGISTRATION: 8AM / TEE-OFF: 9AM

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CONTACT: 540-460-4832 | CEDARSPRINGZ@COMCAST.NET



It takes a lot of work to keep Camp Shenandoah running. Almost all of that work is done by volunteers under the direction of the Camp Ranger and the Council Properties Committee.

The Camp Shenandoah

Ranger Corps will be a group of dedicated volunteers working side by side with Ranger and the Properties Committee to keep Camp safe and in good repair.

The Ranger Corps hosts Work Days at Camp and coordinates maintenance and projects. We can also arrange for individual or unit projects and work parties upon request.

We are also always looking for the skilled handy person and the not so skilled but eager to help volunteers that want to take an active role in maintenance of Camp Shenandoah. If you or someone you know is interested in lending a hand, please contact Paul Hansohn, pmhansohn@gmail.com.

We are always in need of a variety of licensed and skilled tradespeople including the following:

Plumber	Professional Tree Trimmer
Gas Fitter	Small Engine Repair
Electrician	Automobile Mechanic
HVAC	Light/Heavy Equipment Mechanic
Painter	Light/Heavy Equipment Operator
Carpenters	Roofers
Welders	Landscaper
Landscaper	Commercial kitchen equipment service and repair



As we progress through the winter, our preparations for Camp Shenandoah Summer Session 2024 are moving right along. Registrations are beginning to come in but if you don't delay your unit can still get the week of its

choice. All of our Senior Camp Staff (excepting the Aquatics Director) have been hired and many of the other staff positions are also filled. But, there are still openings so now is time if a Scout wants to be on staff to apply! Don't delay.

Check out the 2024 Summer Staff on the camp Facebook site. This year we will launch an "Express Check In" for Sundays to help the units get to their campsites and begin the fun sooner with less standing around and waiting. Details for this will be out in March. Also, the Kandle dining service will return this summer. We have tweaked the menu and we expect the food to be better than ever.

Finally, thanks to the Trading Post staff nearly all our inventory from the past has been sold and we are actively preparing for a total restocking of the Trading Post with lots of new gear and clothing that Scouts and Scouters alike will be excited to have!

So, in closing, now is the time to get your units, Pack, Troops and Crews, signed up for Camp Shenandoah 2024.

Come Home to Camp Shenandoah where the units are the focus of our service!



Watch [Cub Chat Live](#) every Friday at 2 p.m. CT on [Facebook Live](#) for tips, tricks and ideas to help your den or pack.



Watch [Troop Talk Live](#) every second Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m. CT on [Facebook Live](#) for ideas to help your troop.



Work Days!

CAMP SHENANDOAH

VIRGINIA HEADWATERS COUNCIL, BSA
222 Boy Scout Ln. Swoope, Virginia 24479

~~Saturday December 2nd 9:30am - TBD~~

~~Saturday January 6th 9:30am - TBD~~

~~Saturday February 3rd 9:30am - TBD~~

Saturday March 2nd 9:30am - TBD

Saturday April 6th 9:30am - TBD

Saturday May 4th 9:30am - TBD

Questions? Email Paul @
pmhansohn@gmail.com



Scouts & Scouters,

Merry March! I am proud to announce that at the Council's 2023 Honors Dinner Shenandoah Lodge received a Certificate of Achievement for our 80 years of service to the council. I am greatly honored to have received this certificate and come Spring Fellowship it will be hung in the staff lounge at camp.



Later this month will be our first campout of the year: Spring Fellowship. Registration is live on the front page of our website. Spring Fellowship will be held at Camp Shenandoah from March 22 - 24. We have some fun stuff planned so I hope you can join us! Additionally, our Vigil Honor election meeting

2024

SHENANDOAH LODGE
ORDER OF THE ARROW

<https://shenandoahlodge.org>

Lodge Events

6 January Winter Banquet	29 July-3 Aug NOAC, UC Boulder
22-24 March Spring Fellowship	9-11 August August Induction
26-28 April Conclave	24-25 August Vigil Weekend
18 May ShenandoahFEST	27-29 Sep Lodge Retreat
31 May-2 June June Induction	2 November Day of Service

Unit Elections 1 Jan - 6 Apr

has been moved to this event; if you plan to submit a Vigil nomination, please submit it soon. Vigil nomination info will be sent out shortly.

If you are looking for an opportunity for a callout ceremony, our second annual Shenandoah Fest is the perfect opportunity for you! A free day event held on May 18th, Shenandoah Fest is a great event for scouts, non-scouts, and everyone in between to come see what camp and the OA is all about!

You do NOT have to be a member of the Order of the Arrow or Scouting to attend. We are still looking for help running the event, so if you are in the OA and wish to help, please reach out to me!

Lastly, if you or someone you know was recently elected to the Order of the Arrow, please go to <https://www.shenandoahlodge.org/ordeal/> to learn more about what to do next. All elected Scouts and Scouters will need to attend either June Induction or August Inductions and go through their Ordeal to become a full member of the OA.

See you in April!

Yours in WWW,

Harlow Thompson | Lodge Chief
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ORDER OF THE ARROW
SHENANDOAH LODGE #258
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National “Youth” Leadership Training July 14-20, 2024

“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.”

John Quincy Adams

Do you need more leaders in your Troop?
Consider NYLT!

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is an exciting and powerful program designed to provide scouts 13-20 years of age with enhanced leadership skills training and experience they can use to lead themselves and others throughout the rest of their lives. This week-long outdoor experience for Scouts who are at least First Class, or a member of a Crew, Ship or Post, represents a month in the life of a typical Scout unit.

To Register:

www.virginiaheadwaters.org/training/nylt/

Course Director, Beth Coogan-Golden
(emcg2024nylt@gmail.com).



2026 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE

**Summit Bechtel Reserve, BSA
Glen Jean, West Virginia**

Save the date! The next BSA National Scout Jamboree will take place from July 22 to 31, 2026 at the Summit.

The 2026 Jamboree will offer something for everyone, from rock climbing and zip-lining to arena stage shows and leadership training. Besides, the 2026 National Jamboree will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States of America. Scouts will have the opportunity to commemorate this significant American milestone while also participating in the high-adventure and other unique Jamboree activities that make a National Jamboree so memorable. Please keep an eye out for more information in the coming months.

Subscribe to receive updates by going to
<https://jamboree.scouting.org/>.

For now, mark your calendars for another mountain-top experience.

#bsa #boysofamerica #natjamboree26

Take it from your Council Commissioner, the National Scout Jamboree is a great experience for Scouts and Scouters alike!





MEMBERSHIP MOMENT


Joining Requirements for Scouts BSA

In case you missed it, the joining requirements changed in April 2022. Any youth at least 10 years old and currently in the fifth grade can register with a Scouts BSA Troop starting March 1st (i.e. all 5th graders).

So don't just cross over AOLs, ask them to bring a school classmate or sports teammate to the next Troop meeting. There are plug and play resources like Peer-to-Peer Cards on the BSA Brand Center to help get the word out to both boys and girls.

We all know that Scouting is even more fun with more friends and that the Adventure is very different between Cubs and Scouts BSA. Let's show more friends what they're missing!

CHANGES FROM BSA NATIONAL

NATIONAL \$85/YR	Participants in Kindergarten through age 20
COUNCIL \$ /YR	
NATIONAL \$50/YR	For all Exploring youth and adults
COUNCIL \$ /YR	
NATIONAL \$65/YR	All registered adult volunteers in unit and non-unit positions. (Volunteers with multiple registrations will continue to pay for only one position).
COUNCIL \$ /YR	
NATIONAL \$25/YR	This fee is for Merit Badge Counselors who are not already registered volunteers
COUNCIL \$ /YR	
UNIT CHARTER FEE	
\$100/YR	
For all new and rechartering units.	
SCOUT LIFE MAGAZINE FEE	
\$15/YR	
	

Monday, March 4th

The adult application flow is being revised to require the completion of the criminal background check (results received) before the new adult volunteer can assume a leadership role.

Monday, April 1st

Annual Membership fees are changing. The New Member fee is being discontinued! Stay tuned for an update on Council Fees.

Saturday, June 1st

New Cub Scout Program takes effect. Visit <https://linktr.ee/cubscoutprogramupdates> for more information.

2024-2025 Cub Scout Badges of Rank Requirements

The Bobcat Adventure is designed to be the first required Adventure. Each badge of rank is earned by completing six required and two elective Adventures. The six required Adventures are focused on the aims and focus areas of the BSA.

LION Kindergarten	TIGER 1 st Grade	WOLF 2 nd Grade	BEAR 3 rd Grade	WEBELOS 4 th Grade	ARROW OF LIGHT 5 th Grade
BOBCAT Character/Leadership	BOBCAT Character/Leadership	BOBCAT Character/Leadership	BOBCAT Character/Leadership	BOBCAT Character/Leadership	BOBCAT Character/Leadership
MOUNTAIN LION Outdoors	TIGERS IN THE WILD Outdoors	PAWS ON THE PATH Outdoors	BEAR HABITAT Outdoors	WEBELOS WALKABOUT Outdoors	OUTDOOR ADVENTURER Outdoors
FUN ON THE RUN Personal Fitness	TIGER BITES Personal Fitness	RUNNING WITH THE PACK Personal Fitness	BEAR STRONG Personal Fitness	STRONGER, FASTER, HIGHER Personal Fitness	PERSONAL FITNESS Personal Fitness
KING OF THE JUNGLE Citizenship	TEAM TIGER Citizenship	COUNCIL FIRE Citizenship	PAWS FOR ACTION Citizenship	MY COMMUNITY Citizenship	CITIZENSHIP Citizenship
LION ROAR Personal Safety	TIGER ROAR Personal Safety	SAFETY IN NUMBERS Personal Safety	STANDING TALL Personal Safety	MY SAFETY Safety/First Aid	FIRST AID Safety/First Aid
LION'S PRIDE Family/Reverence	TIGER CIRCLES Family/Reverence	FOOTSTEPS Family/Reverence	FELLOWSHIP Family/Reverence	MY FAMILY Family/Reverence	DUTY TO GOO Family/Reverence
2 Elective Adventures	2 Elective Adventures	2 Elective Adventures	2 Elective Adventures	2 Elective Adventures	2 Elective Adventures

11/9/23



VA Headwaters Council BSA Aquatics Program Winter Swim 2024

**CLASS SIZE IS VERY LIMITED,
PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!!**



LOCATION: Fork Union Military Academy, 4744 James Madison Hwy, Fork Union, VA 23055

GENERAL INFORMATION: Classes will be overseen by trained members of the Virginia Headwaters Council (VAHC) Aquatics Committee. Parents/Leaders are welcome to watch and/or participate. This is a great opportunity for Scouts to maintain aquatics skills over the winter and enable them to participate in advanced aquatics programs at summer camp. **Pre-registration is required for all classes.**

Swim Checks: These are included for Cub Scout and Scouts BSA class offerings, but this time are NOT being offered as a stand-alone event for other Scouts, parents, and leaders. Swim Checks are valid for one year and forms are emailed to unit leaders after the event. Swim Checks will be offered for Scouts, parents, and leaders in May/June 2024.

1. Swimming OR Lifesaving Merit Badge Classes (*Max class sizes 25 and 20, select only one*)

DATE / TIME: Saturday March 9th, 10:00am - 4:00pm

COST: \$35 to support fees (pay at sign in)

PRE-REQUISITES: You **MUST** already have earned the **Swimming Merit Badge** to take **Lifesaving!**

WHAT TO BRING: Medical Form Parts A/B, Blue Cards (Scoutbook sign-off is preferred, instructions will be provided), lunch/snacks/drinks if desired, towel, change of clothes

2. Scouts BSA Rank Advancement

Participants can work on either 2nd or 1st Class aquatics rank requirements.

DATE / TIME: Saturday March 9th, 12:00pm – 2:00pm

COST: \$10 to support fees (pay at sign in)

WHAT TO BRING: Medical Form Parts A/B, Scouts BSA Handbook (for sign-offs), towel, change of clothes

3. Cub Scout and Webelos Program

All aquatics related Cub Scout rank elements (electives/adventures) will be offered along with Aquanaut Award. Parents/leaders are welcome to participate and support their child. Scout Swim Checks for summer 2024 Cub and Webelos Resident Camp may also be taken if there is time/interest.

DATE / TIME: Saturday March 9th, 1:00 - 4:00pm

COST: \$10 to support fees (pay at sign-in)

WHAT TO BRING: Medical Form Parts A/B, Cub Scout Handbook (for sign-offs), towel, change of clothes

4. Non-swimmer Skills Development (*Max class size 6 per session – 2 sessions offered*)

Develop an important life skill with our expert instructors in a very small class size! Lions through age 18!

DATE / TIME: Saturday March 9th, Session 1: 1:00 – 2:00pm or Session 2: 2:00 – 3:00pm

COST: \$5 to support fees (pay at sign in)

WHAT TO BRING: Medical Form Parts A/B, towel, change of clothes

HEALTH FORMS: All of the above programs require Medical Form Parts A/B (bring to event), available here:

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf

REGISTRATION: All class sizes are limited and registration is on a first come first serve basis. To register, please email the registration form on next page (or all requested info) to Eric Cutright (ericcutright@comcast.net).



VA Headwaters Council BSA Aquatics Program Winter Swim 2024

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Registration Form

Scout Name:		Age:		Unit #:	
Parent Name:		Emer Contact #:			
		(valid for day of event)			
Parent Email:					
Unit Leader Name:					
Unit Leader Email:					
(for swim check forms)					

Activity Selection (check box on far right to make your selection):

Offering	Time	Fee	Check Box	
Saturday, March 9 th , 2024				
	Lifesaving Merit Badge (includes Swim Check) You MUST already have earned Swimming MB!	10:00am - 4:00pm	\$35	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Swimming Merit Badge (includes Swim Check)	10:00am - 4:00pm	\$35	<input type="checkbox"/>
	2 nd or 1 st Class Rank Reqs (includes Swim Check)	12:00 - 2:00pm	\$10	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Lion / Tiger (includes Swim Check if time/interest)	1:00 - 4:00pm	\$10	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Wolf (includes Swim Check if time/interest)	1:00 - 4:00pm	\$10	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Bear (includes Swim Check if time/interest)	1:00 - 4:00pm	\$10	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Webelos / Aquanaut (includes Swim Check)	1:00 - 4:00pm	\$10	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Non-swimmer Skills Development – Session 1	1:00 - 2:00pm	\$5	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Non-swimmer Skills Development – Session 2	2:00 - 3:00pm	\$5	<input type="checkbox"/>

Note: All program fees and health forms are collected at sign-in on the day of the event. Please remember to take health forms home with you as you leave the event, otherwise they will be shredded.

Note: Swim Checks are valid from one year from date of check, and will be offered again in May/June 2024

Save the blue trees! We are trying to minimize the use of physical blue cards for our Merit Badge classes. When you register, you will be sent instructions on how to invite Eric Cutright as your Merit Badge Counselor in Scoutbook so he can sign you off directly with no blue cards required. If your unit does not use Scoutbook, then you will need to bring physical blue cards to the event (signed by your Scoutmaster).

To register: Please email this complete form (or all requested info) to: Eric Cutright ericcutright@comcast.net