



Black Warrior Council, BSA Newsletter

April 2024

Important Dates & Events

April 6	Steel Horse Ride
April 11	River District Banquet, Forest lake United Methodist, Tuscaloosa
April 11	Mountain District Committee Mtg., 6:30 -- Roundtable to follow
April 16	Council Recognition Dinner, University Church of Christ
April 18	JROTC Day at Camp Horne
April 19-21	OA Section E6 Conclave, Camp Thunder, GA
April 28	River Cub Scout Roundtable, Camp Horne, 1:00-2:15
May 3-5	OA Spring Fellowship, Camp Horne
May 4	Beaver Day, Camp Horne
May 9	River District Committee Mtg., Scout Service Center, 5:30
May 9	River District Scouts BSA Roundtable, Scout Service Center, 6:30
May 9	Mountain District Committee Mtg., Drummond Bldg., 6:00
May 9	Mountain District Roundtable, Drummond Bldg.
May 10	Tenderfoot Golf Classic, Ol Colony Golf Complex
May 10-11	10th Annual Trade-O-Ree, Five Points Baptist Church, Northport

Upcoming Events



Steel Horse Ride

Saturday, April 6

Do you enjoy hitting the roadways in the open air on your motorcycle? Come join the fun on April 6th and support Scouting at the same time. Ride will begin at the Tuscaloosa Police Department's Helicopter hangar and end at the Scout Service Center. The day will include a great ride, food, and door prizes. For complete information and to register, click on the button below.

[Steel Horse Ride Registration](#)



River District Banquet

Thursday, April 11, 6:00 pm

The River District Banquet was created to recognize our volunteers for the services rendered by presenting them with a small token of appreciation. The evening will include great food, fellowship, and volunteer recognitions. It will be held at the Forest Lake United Methodist Church (1711 4th Ave.) in Tuscaloosa.

Please be sure all your unit's volunteers are aware of this event and encourage them to attend.

[Banquet Registration](#)

Council Annual Recognition Dinner

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 6:30pm

Our annual recognition dinner is an evening to enjoy. A year of Scouting is celebrated with full recognition of the adult volunteers who give countless hours of their time to make Scouting an enjoyable and meaningful program for the youth we serve.



This year's Dinner will include recognition of the Class of 2023 Eagle Scouts, two Silver Beaver Awards (the highest honor a Scout Council can bestow upon a volunteer), and for the first time, we will present two NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Awards!

Reservations are now being accepted but reserve your place today! Reservations close on April 9th.

Dinner Reservations



OA Aracoma Lodge Spring Fellowship

May 3-5, 2024

Camp Horne

Registration will be open soon - check the Aracoma Lodge [webpage](#) for information and registration.



Beaver Day at Camp Horne

May 4, 2024

Mark your calendars and please make plans to attend and help! This is an important day of service, held in conjunction with the OA Spring Fellowship to complete important work projects to be sure Camp Horne is ready for the summer camping season.

Registration information will be available on the [Council webpage](#) soon.

Leaders Encouraged to Plan Ahead for 2024 Resident Camp

Whether your unit will attend **Cub Resident Camp** (June 2-5) or **Scouts BSA Week 1** (June 9-15) or **Scouts BSA Week 2** (June 16-22), the success of your time at camp depends on preparation. Fortunately, there are several resources to help leaders be successful.



Each camp has its own webpage where Leader Guides, fee information, important forms, programming plans, and other helpful information. Check these sites regularly as updates are made periodically with additional information about camp.

[Cub Resident Camp](#) [BSA Scouts Resident Camp](#)

Important Reminders

- Fee payments are due by May 24, 2024. After that date, there is a \$25 per person (Cub, Scout, or adult) increase.
- Campership applications (available from the web pages) are due no later than April 12th. The Campership Awards committee will meet the following week and award letters to leaders should be received no later than April 22nd.
- Remind parents and scouts about annual health and medical forms. For Cub Resident Camp, only parts A & B are required; for Scouts BSA, Parts A, B, and C (dr exam) are required. Stress to all that signatures (parent/legal guardian and dr must be current within 1 year of your unit's camping dates).
- Are you taking swim tests before camp? Be sure to carefully follow the guidelines on the

Swim Classification report and do not forget to attach a copy of the tester's unexpired lifeguard certification (with the expiration date showing) to bring to camp.

- Merit Badge and programming catalogs may be found on the Scouts BSA website.

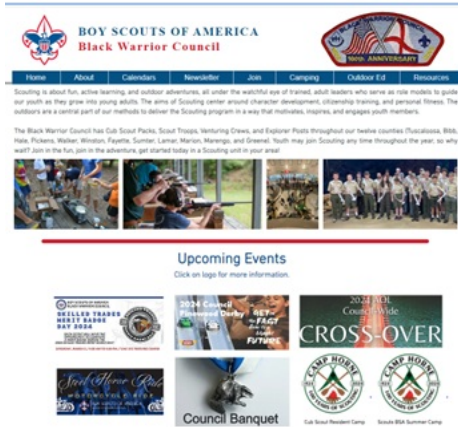
Camp Staff Interest?

There are still some positions open. If you have a Scout who may be interested, have them complete an application and have a recommendation form completed (both documents may be found on the website) - when complete, email them to Dr. Wayne "Sleepy" Harris, Camp Director, at bwc.camp.director@gmail.com



Resident Camp Trailblazers (First Year Camper Program) Director Announced

Wayne Harris, Camp Director, has announced that **Mr. Scott Posey** will serve as this summer's Trailblazer Director. Scott returns to Camp Horne from his previous service as a former member of the camp staff having served as camp commissioner, First Year Camper Director, Asst. Aquatics Director, and Aquatics Director. Scott has served a total of 4 years on the Camp Horne Staff. Scott is an Eagle Scout from Troop 126 in Jasper. During his time in Scouting, he was very active in the OA serving on the ceremony team, and also was an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 89.



Council Website Updated

Visit the updated Black Warrior Council website! Changes have been made to refresh our online presence, enhance features, and hopefully make navigation easier for users. Check the site frequently for updates and share with others!

<http://bwc-bsa.org>



Scouts Can Earn the Solar Eclipse Patch

The BSA has developed a glow-in-the-dark Solar Eclipse patch Scouts may earn by completing 5 simple requirements. Solar eclipses take place about every 18 months but the next one is Monday, April 8th! And, this solar eclipse is projected to occur right over the middle of North America for an approximate four hour period beginning around noon Central time. Have your Scouts be sure their teachers know and request they have the opportunity to view the eclipse.

However, caution your Scouts that it is not safe to view the eclipse by looking straight at it or with binoculars, etc. They need a special viewer or make-shift viewbox.

For more information about the eclipse, badge requirements, and how to make an easy viewer, visit this [Aaron on Scouting article](#).

District News

River District (Tuscaloosa, Bibb, and Pickens Counties)

District Director: Roland Lewis [email](#)

- Due to the River District Banquet, there will be no **April District Committee Meeting or Scouts BSA Roundtable**.
 - The Cub Roundtable will remain on Sunday, April 28th, 1:00 - 2:15 at Camp Horne
 - **Register today! The River District Banquet will be held Thursday, April 11th.**
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Mountain District (Walker, Marion, Winston, Lamar, and Marion Counties)

District Executive: Darren Hix [email](#)

- The Mountain District Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 11th at the Drummond Building in Jasper beginning at 6:00. The Roundtable will follow.

Wood Badge Beads Presented

Mountain District was excited to have four of their adult volunteers receive Wood Badge beads at last month's District Banquet. These four Scouters did an excellent job completing their Wood Badge tickets.

Congratulations to: Ashley Evans, Leigha Upmeyer, Kim Markem and Will Sims.



Prairie District (Marengo, Hale, Greene, and Sumter Counties)

District Program Specialist: Greg Whitis [email](#)

NEW Cub Scout Program RollOut

Major changes are in the works for the Cub Scouting program. Changes and improvements are based upon feedback from Cub leaders across the country. Each month, an informational video and webinar will be rolled out. Visit the [Aaron on Scouting web page](#) to learn more and keep up with the changes to come. These changes are a result of months long study and feedback from current Cub Scout leaders in the field.

A very useful link that combines all of the informational pieces distributed about the new Cub Scout Program RollOut may be found by visiting this [link](#).

Watch #CubChatLive every Friday at 2 p.m. Central on Facebook Live or YouTube for useful tips, tricks and ideas to help your den or pack. Follow this link to join in: [Join us Fridays for #CubChatLive! \(scoutingmagazine.org\)](#)



CUB SCOUT PROGRAM UPDATES ROLLOUT

NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Cub Chat Live! 11-10-23 General Announcement	Cub Chat Live! 12-1-23 Rank Advancements and Bobcat	Cub Chat Live! 1-12-24 New and Improved Adventures	Cub Chat Live! 2-2-24 Webelos and Arrow of Light	Cub Chat Live! 3-1-24 Handbooks and Leader Resources	Cub Chat Live! 4-5-24 Den and Pack Meetings	Cub Chat Live! 5-10-24 Top 10 Most Common Questions	Cub Chat Live! 6-7-24 Safety Integration
Council Programs Resources for councils and districts to plan for programs for the summer of 2024	Presenters Trained December 18 Team of experts trained and available to present to local councils and districts. Commissioners Resources for Commissioners	Prime Time Episodes of Cub Chat Live! January 16 th @ 7 p.m. Central January 23 rd @ 7 p.m. Central January 30 th @ 7 p.m. Central	Scouts BSA Resources for Scouts BSA Leaders	Scout Shops Spring of 2024 New Cub Scout Handbooks New Cub Scout Adventures Loops and Pins	Training Position Specific Training Updated Updated Cub Scout Roundtable Videos	On-line Tools Scoutbook Updated Online Reports Updated	June 1 New Program Takes Effect



Youth Protection Training Required

All adult leaders in Scouting are reminded to keep your Youth Protection Training (YPT) current. This is a non-negotiable requirement for all. YPT certification is current for two years. Adults are prohibited from working with or leading any activity without current YPT. This training is an essential step toward providing protection not only for the youth we serve, but adult leaders as well.



World Conservation Award for Cubs & Scouts BSA

The World Conservation Award provides an opportunity for individual Wolf Scouts, Bear Scouts, Webelos Scouts, Scouts BSA, Sea Scouts, and Venturers to “think globally” and “act locally” to conserve and improve our environment. This program is designed to make youth members aware that all nations are closely related through natural resources and that we and our world environment are interdependent.

[Cub Scout Requirements](#)

[Scouts BSA Requirements](#)

10th Annual Alabama Trade-O-Ree May 10-11, 2024

Patches, Patches, Patches, and a little bit more! If your Scouts are interested in patches and Scouting memorabilia in general, the Alabama Trade-O-Ree is a must do event. Dealers from all over the Southeast will have tables and tables of patch collections. Whether you are interested in actively trading and buying or just want to see all the collections, plan a visit.

Location: Five Points Baptist Church
3718 36th Street, Northport
Hours: Friday from 2:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Saturday from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm



Attend the Monthly Membership Rally

WHAT: Monthly Membership Rally

WHY: Share tools for Councils to run successful spring/fall recruitment campaigns and develop a framework for your new unit campaign. Celebrate success!

WHO: Each council should have their key membership representative(s) in attendance.

WHEN: April 18, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, and November 21

Rally Agenda (45 minutes)

1. Opening
2. High Energy Gathering
3. Last Month's Successes
4. This Month's Projects
5. Next Month's Outlook
6. Closing

Register in advance for this meeting <https://scouting-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0rc-yvrT4qGNAZagbeM1yI5t3t-9kLsNjP>

Leaders! When planning your outings, whether for a day or week-end, remember our Council offers three beautiful camping properties to enjoy.



Camp Horne is located in Cottondale, AL! That's where summer camp, day camp, and Packs, Troops, and Crews can rent out camp for unit activities.



Camp O'Rear is located in Jasper, AL! We have day camps and other district events. Please reserve this beautiful camp for all your primitive camping needs. Packs, Troops, and Crews can rent out camp for unit activities.



White Bluff is located just outside of Demopolis, AL! The Prairie District utilizes this beautiful property on the Black Warrior River. Packs, Troops, and Crews can rent out camp for unit activities.

Please remember, a **Camp Use Permit** must be submitted online
at least two weeks prior to going to camp.

[Camp Availability Calendar](#) [Camp Use Permit](#)

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