

October 2025 Newsletter

Important Dates & Events

October 9	River District Committee Mtg., 5:30 River District Scout Roundtable, 6:30 Mountain District Committee Mtg., 6:00 Mountain District Roundtable (to follow)
October 11-12	NYLT Staff Weekend
October 18	Wood Badge Staff Orientation
October 23	JROTC Day at Camp Horne
October 24-25	Cub-O-Ree, Mountain District, Camp O'Rear
October 24-26	Cub-O-Ree, River & Prairie, Camp Horne
October 29	Popcorn Take Order Product Due
October 30	Popcorn Show N Sale Returns Due
October 31	HALLOWEEN - Boo!
October 31-2	OA Fall Fellowship
November 11	Veterans Day
November 12	Popcorn Take-Order Deliveries
November 13	River District Committee Mtg., 5:30 River District Scout Roundtable, 6:30 Mountain District Committee Mtg., 6:00 Mountain District Roundtable (to follow)
November 15	Wood Badge Staff Development
November 27	Thanksgiving Day

Scouting Calendar for 2025-2026

The Black Warrior Council Scouting Calendar is always available on our Council webpage (click on logo on the right to view or download).

NOTE: We try to minimize changes throughout the year but sometimes that is just unavoidable. Check regularly for updates and a quick way to know if you have the most current calendar is to check the "...current as of date" at the very top of the page.



FALL RECRUITMENT ACTION ITEMS FOR SUCCESS:

Along with kids heading back to school and Alabama football gearing up, this is the time of year we can be most successful offering Scouting to the youth in our area. Fall recruitment is truly a team effort and the strategies below have proven to be successful!

- Develop and implement a customized "recruitment promotional plan" for your elementary school/neighborhood/church/Social Networks.

- Set a New Scout Recruitment Goal for your Pack.
- Ask your Cub Scout parents and Scouts to “Get the word out.” – communicate your Pack’s School Night Sign-Up to friends and parents with whom you come in contact. – **USE SOCIAL MEDIA**
- Social Networking – Get your parents to use their social networking sites (Facebook, Twitter, etc.), to inform their friends about your Sign-Up Night. (Have them give a personal testimony of how Scouting has benefitted their family.)
- Get School to share the sign-up date and time on their school calendar.
- Make sure you put up posters of Scouts in action; in your school, church and other places that will attract parents and provide them with info on when they can sign up. A poster board with pictures of your scout families having fun is very effective.
- Develop an incentive for Peer-to-Peer recruiting (offer Scouts an incentive for getting a friend to join).
- Have an impressive presence at Meet the Teacher & Open House. (Tents, Flag ceremony, Cub Scout greeters, interactive booth, etc.)
- The day before and the day of your School Night, see if the school will allow Cub Scouts in uniform to welcome parents and students in the drop-off line. Make sure all your Cub Scouts proudly wear their uniforms to classes the day of your School Night.
- Make sure Scout Leaders & Cub Scouts are ready for your Sign-up Night to welcome new families.
- Recruit other parents to help.

Upcoming Events

JOIN THE FRIENDLY COMPETITION

CUB SCOUT RECRUITMENT CHALLENGE 2025



Each pack must recruit over 10 new youth from August 1st through October 31st for to qualify! Top 3 Packs that recruit the most youth in each district will receive 15 PWD car kits. Winners announced 11/7

Fall Cub-O-Ree 2025

Buccaneer Bash

SESSION 1 - OCTOBER 24-25 CAMP HORNE REASURE
SESSION 2 - OCTOBER 25-26 CAMP HORNE
SESSION 3 - OCTOBER 24-25 CAMP O'REAR

Cost

- \$25 per person

Requirements:

- At least one adult must attend with each Cub Scout.
- The entire family is welcome to attend!

What's Included:

- A night and day of family fun at Camp.
- Opportunity to sleep under the stars with your entire family.
- Evening and morning activity programs focused on the theme, nature, and scout skills.
- Event patch for each attendee.
- Hot dinner and breakfast are served during the event.

Cub-O-Ree for ALL Districts

A "MUST ATTEND" event for Cubs and their families. Cub-O-Ree is a two-day and night experience. The theme for the event is "Buccaneer Bash"! There will be a variety of camp activities that involve outdoor skills, camping, and then several that are just for good 'ole fun!

Visit the Cub-O-Ree page to learn more and register!

Cub-O-Ree Flyer

Cub-O-Ree
Registration



National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) 2026 Course Announced

Scouting develops the leaders of tomorrow! **NYLT** is an outstanding leadership program where youth learn the attributes of great leaders, interact with youth leaders from around the council, and leave with skills and practices that will enhance their ability to serve in local unit leadership positions.

We encourage unit leaders to talk with your older youth and consider enrolling them in our 2026 NYLT course to be held at Camp Horne. John Godwin, SM of Troop 151 will once again serve as Course Director. For more details, click on the button below.

[Training Website](#)

[NYLT Info Sheet](#)



Wood Badge Course Camp Horne - 2026 For every adult leader!

Every Scout deserves a trained leader and Wood Badge is the ultimate adult leader training course. The principles and methods utilized throughout the course are aligned with those used in our most successful businesses, organizations, and yes, Scouting units!

An outstanding staff has been assembled under the leadership of Charlie Plasters, Course Director and John Sims, Asst. Course Director. For more information about how you can get enrolled, visit our 'Training' webpage on the council website or click on the button below.

[Training Website](#)

[Wood Badge Info](#)

Deposits Being Accepted NOW for the 2026 National Jamboree

After receiving feedback from units and Scouts, the Black Warrior Council plans to send a Venturing Crew (co-ed) as a contingent to the 2026 National Jamboree. The National Jamboree is a once in a lifetime event and all eligible Scouts should consider this opportunity. Two experienced and committed Scouters have agreed to serve as contingent leaders. Dr. Andy Harrell will be the Crew Advisor and Ms. Tammi Rundles will serve as the Associate Crew Advisor.

For complete details, visit the Council's [National Jamboree webpage](#). **In order for this contingent to be possible, deposits for participating crew members must be received in the Scout Office no later than October 24th.** There is limited space - ACT today if you have a Scout interested in participating.



Dr. Andy Harrell
National Jamboree
Crew Advisor



Ms. Tammi Rundles
National Jamboree
Associate Crew Advisor



Aracoma Lodge Fall Fellowship, October 31 - November 2

The Fall Fellowship for the Aracoma Lodge, Order of the Arrow, will be held at Camp Horne Friday through Sunday, October 31 - November 2. ALL Lodge members are encouraged to attend this important event. This will be an opportunity for qualified Ordeal members to become a Brotherhood member of the Lodge. A main topic for the weekend will be to plan and make assignments for the Section E6 OA Conclave in April 2026. Visit the Aracoma [webpage](#) for complete details and registration information.

New Scouts BSA Advancement Education Series Addresses Common Challenges

Scouts BSA is launching "Scouts BSA Advancement Demystified: Separating Myth from Reality," a monthly webinar series designed to clarify advancement procedures for troop leaders, parents, and Scouts. The series begins October 1st at 8pm Eastern and will be held on the first Wednesday of each month. The inaugural session, "Advancement Myths – BUSTED!" focuses on correcting common misconceptions about advancement requirements. Later sessions will cover digital tools for merit badge counseling (November 5th) and effective boards of review (December 3rd). Participants are encouraged to submit questions in advance or during the live sessions. Registration is available at https://scouting-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YzYmxMMqQJK0HqvH6nsYBQ#/registration, and additional sessions are planned for 2026.



Beat Auburn Beat Hunger

Fall Drive: Oct 3 - Nov 21

DONATE to your business' barrel to support our 2025 drive!!

1 in 5 members of the
Tuscaloosa Community
face food insecurity

Accepted Items:
Canned/boxed goods
Snacks
Laundry Detergent
Any non-glass items

Help your local
community and help us
beat Auburn!



Help with this worthy cause! A collection barrel is located on the porch of the Leroy McAbee Scout Service Center for your convenience.



Cub Adventure Weekend

A new event! A new emphasis!

**May 22 (6:00 pm) - 25 (11:00 am), 2026
Camp Horne**

We are moving away from the Cub Resident Camp experience toward a fun-filled weekend for entire Cub families. We will take advantage of the Memorial Day weekend and encourage Packs to attend as a unit, OR, families may attend on their own if their Pack is not able to do so as a unit. Activities will include opportunities for advancement, learning outdoor skills, campfires, and inspirational ceremonies to remember those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for their country and also to honor those who continue to serve today.

Leaders and parents are invited to join us for a Zoom meeting presentation to share our plans for this special weekend. Please take time to join as listed below for a Cub Adventure Weekend promotional meeting.

Zoom Meeting Details:

Thursday, November 6th -- 6:30 p.m. (45-60 minutes in length)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98601704614?pwd=VD6cwKz40oZbq3y4N6wdy1CGsyv24o.1>

Meeting ID: 986 0170 4614

Passcode: 4Qt3Gm

A "Cub Adventure Weekend" [webpage](#) is now under construction. Please take time to visit this page regularly for important updates and planning information!

Scouts BSA Summer Camp June 7-13, 2026

Plans are already in progress for next summer. We want your Troop in attendance! As of now, due to last year's



attendance, we are only offering one week of summer camp. Our hope is to add a 2nd week as we have held in the past, but that will depend on attendance information to be obtained from unit leaders this fall. We are asking every troop to complete a commitment form so that we will know of your plans for 2026. We understand part of the information requested will be a "best guess" but it is really important so that we may plan appropriately. Use the button below to access the Commitment Form **(please complete this form no later than October 24th!)**

Summer Camp Commitment Form

Stay Updated for Camp Planning

A [2026 Summer Camp webpage](#) is active and will be updated as the year progresses. It is the best resource for Troop Leaders as they think toward next summer. Bookmark and visit this page regularly!

- Recent Zoom meeting powerpoint
- Timeline to Roll-Out Camp Information (schedules, etc.)
- Program plans
- And more!



RV Parking Available for Alabama Home Football Games

Are you attending an upcoming University of Alabama home football game in Tuscaloosa during the 2025 season? We invite all Scouters and friends to consider making reservations at [Scouting's Cove for RV Parking](#).

The Black Warrior Council, B.S.A. has set up their council office parking area to be used by patrons to the games. It is a small lot that is only 4 miles from the stadium. The lot is adjacent to the Council service center located at [2700 Jack Warner Parkway, NE, Tuscaloosa](#). All motorhomes must be fully self-contained as there are no hookups available.

Reservations are available for the following games.

* Reservations must be made at least 4 days before gameday.*

September 6	Ala vs. ULM
September 13	Ala vs. Wisconsin
October 4	Ala vs. Vanderbilt
October 18	Ala vs. Tennessee
November 8	Ala vs. LSU
November 15	Ala vs. Oklahoma
November 22	Ala vs. E Illinois

Please help us spread the word about our RV Parking option for friends and family you may know coming to town to watch the TIDE ROLL! Full details and reservation information is available by using the button below.

RV Parking

Newest Tool to Help Den Leaders Now Available

The Den Meeting Deck makes planning a den meeting fun, simple, and easy. There is a deck for each badge of rank and contains all the activities needed to earn all six required Adventures and four or five elective Adventures.

The Den Meeting Deck is now available in the Scout Service Center Scout Shop. Leaders may also choose to order them directly from Scoutshop.org



District News

River District (Tuscaloosa, Bibb, and Pickens Counties)

District Director: Roland Lewis [email](#)

- October 9th: River District Committee Mtg., 5:30
- October 9th: River District Scout Roundtable, 6:30
- October 24-26: Cub-O-Ree

Mountain District (Walker, Marion, Winston, Lamar, and Marion Counties)

District Executive: Darren Hix [email](#)

- October 9th: River District Committee Mtg., 6:00, Camp O'Rear
- October 9th: River District Scout Roundtable, 6:30
- October 24-26: Cub-O-Ree

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

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



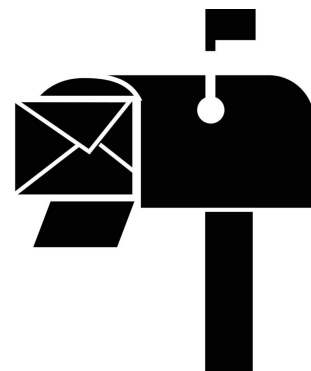
How to Address Mail to the Scout Service Center

Volunteers are reminded that the most efficient way to send mail to us is by using our post office drawer.

Black Warrior Council
P.O. Drawer 3088
Tuscaloosa, AL 35403

Our physical location is:

Black Warrior Council
2700 Jack Warner Parkway, N.E.





Camp Horne

13633 Keenes Mill Road
Cottondale, AL 35453



Camp O'Rear

2180 Curry Highway
Jasper, AL 35501



White Bluff Scout Reservation

Located on Hwy 43, just north of
Demopolis



**Board Room
at the
Leroy McAbee Scout Service Center**

2700 Jack Warner Parkway NE
Tuscaloosa, AL 35404



**Eagle Plaza at the
Leroy McAbee Scout Service Center**

2700 Jack Warner Parkway NE
Tuscaloosa, AL 35404



Leroy McAbee Scout Service Center

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Website: <https://www.bwc-bsa.org>

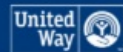
Services:

- Scout Shop
- Properties Management
- Membership & Unit Support
- Professional Office for Council Staff

Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday, 8:30 - 5:00

Friday, 8:30-4:00



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