

November 2025 Newsletter

Important Dates & Events

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, 6pm-10pm, Camp Horne
November 24-28	OFFICE CLOSED
November 27	Thanksgiving Day
December 2	Popcorn \$ Due!
December 4	Whitney M. Young Award Luncheon
December 5-7	Mountain District Camporee
December 5-7	NYLT Staff Development Weekend
December 11	River District Committee Mtg., 5:30 River District Scout Roundtable, 6:30 Mountain District Committee Mtg., 6:00 Mountain District Roundtable (to follow)
December 12-13	Wood Badge Staff Development (6pm Fri-3pm Sat), Camp Horne
December 25	Christmas

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.



Upcoming Events

Mountain District Camporee

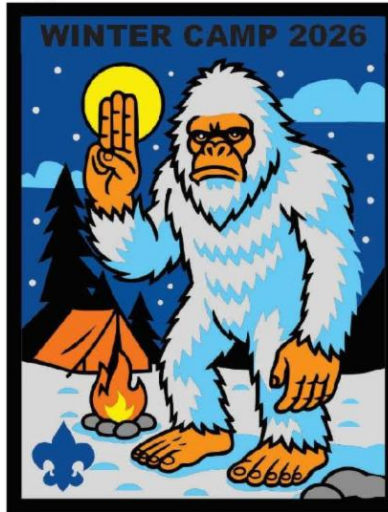
December 5-7, 2025

Scouts and Scouters from the Mountain District are encouraged to participate in the Mountain District Winter Camporee to be held at Camp O'Rear December 5-7. Check-in will begin at 5:00 p.m. Friday and the Camporee will conclude by 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. The emphasis for this event will simply be on a relaxed weekend camping together as a Scouting family enjoying the fellowship of all who attend. There will be a pot luck Dutch Oven feast so all troops should come prepared. The cost for the event is \$15 per person and Scoutmasters may register with [Darren Hix](#).



Mark your Calendar today!

River District presents Black Warrior Council



Do you have what it takes to survive...Yeti the games begin!

January 2nd-4th, 2026

Camp Horne Cottondale, AL

❄️ **Join Us for the 2026 Scouting Winter Camp at Camp Horne!** ❄️

Get ready for an unforgettable **winter adventure!**

At Winter Camp, Scouts can earn up to **two merit badges** while experiencing the excitement of open program activities designed for **maximum fun** and **hands-on adventure**.

Take the Polar Plunge & Brave the Elements

Enjoy great food, fun, and friendship with Scouts from across the area!

Don't miss your chance to make amazing memories at **Camp Horne this Winter!**

Food. Fun. Adventure. Scouting Spirit. It's all waiting for YOU!

Cost Per Scout: \$125.00

(after 12/15 cost \$140.00)

Adults: \$60.00

(after 12/15 cost \$75.00)

Youth Eagle Rank - \$75 (*Eagle agrees to assist instructing a Merit Badge or Open Activities.*)

(Cost will include all meals, Merit Badge instructions, patch & long sleeve T-shirt.)

*** *Shirt included if fee is paid by Dec. 5th* ***

Check-In Time: 6:45 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.

Pick-Up Time: No later than 4:00 p.m.

Registration and leader guide will be available early November 2025.

The Black Warrior Council

P.O. Box 3088

Tuscaloosa, AL 35403

**Please make all checks payable to Black Warrior Council, BSA*

Merit Badge College

January 24, 2026

Scouts throughout the Council are encouraged to make plans to participate in the **2026 Merit Badge College** to be held on Saturday, January 24, 2026. This one day event is a great way for a Scout to earn all, or most, requirements for an additional merit badge taught by an excellent instructor. The Merit College will begin at 9:00 and end by 2:00. Information to include merit badge offerings, registration, and complete schedule will be available soon!





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](#)



National Jamboree 2026

The Black Warrior Council will be sending one Venturing Crew Contingent, under the leadership of Dr. Andy Harrell and Ms. Tammi Rundles, to the 2026 National Scout Jamboree. At this time, there is only one slot left. Youth crew members must be 14 years of age, or 13 years of age and have completed the 8th grade by May 2026, to be eligible. Once this slot is filled, there will be no more availability.

If you have an interest in attending this once in a lifetime event, visit the National Jamboree webpage for more information. Contact [Dr. Walter Davie](#), Council Program Director at the Scout Service Center (205-554-1680) with any questions.

SCOUTING NEWS TO KNOW!

The National Eagle Scout Association invites Scouts and families to attend this free webinar on scholarship application tips. Participants will get an insider's look at the NESA scholarship program, including key details and opportunities. The host will dive deep into tips and strategies that can help Scouts stand out in any scholarship application.

Date & Time: Nov 9, 2025, 05:30 PM Central Time

Preregister Here: https://scouting-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gHNfc7FvRXe-KugV9stzwQ



Updates on Handbook Translations

The following Spanish-language versions of Cub Scout and Scouts BSA Handbooks are currently available for purchase on Amazon and Kindle:

- [Lion Handbook](#)
- [Tiger Handbook](#)
- [Wolf Handbook](#)
- [Bear Handbook](#)
- [Webelos Handbook](#)
- [Arrow of Light](#)
- [Scouts BSA Handbook – Girls](#)
- [Scouts BSA Handbook – Boys](#)

Print-on-demand versions of these books are also available Traditional- and Simplified-Mandarin Translations are coming soon, and Braille versions are on the way, as well.

This ongoing translation initiative, made possible through the Lilly Endowment, helps ensure more families can experience the values and adventures of Scouting. It will further help to broaden Scouting's appeal, attracting new youth and families from many different backgrounds to learn and grow their character development through the many adventures Scouting provides.

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.





Help with this worthy cause! A collection barrel is located in the foyer 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 today!**)

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

District News

River District (Tuscaloosa, Bibb, and Pickens Counties)

District Director: Roland Lewis [email](#)

- November 13th: River District Committee Mtg., 5:30
- November 13th: River District Scout Roundtable, 6:30

JROTC Day at Camp Horne

Our Scouting JROTC Units from area schools enjoyed a day at Camp Horne on October 23rd. Units competed in various events and developed team and leadership skills.



2025 Cub-O-Ree Was a Great Success!

Over 300 Cubs, siblings, parents, and leaders attended this year's Cub-O-Ree at Camp Horne. They had a great time enjoying games, archery, bb guns, crafts, campfires, and much more. Thanks to Mrs. Dawn Godwin and the Cub-O-Ree staff who did so much to make this event such a great success!



Service Opportunity for Scouts:

WHAT: YMCA Men's Club Christmas Tree Sale – unload 700 Christmas Trees

WHEN: November 14. 9AM – 3PM

WHERE: Bowlero parking lot on McFarland Blvd.

For more details please contact:
Bill Holeman
Ph. (205) 469-4963
Email. bill@robertsonbanking.com



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

District Executive: Darren Hix [email](#)

- November 13th: River District Committee Mtg., 6:00, Camp O'Rear
- November 13th: River District Scout Roundtable, 6:30

Scout troops are encouraged to participate in the December 5-7 Mountain District Camporee to be held at Camp O'Rear. See the article above for more details and contact [Darren Hix](#) to register!

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

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



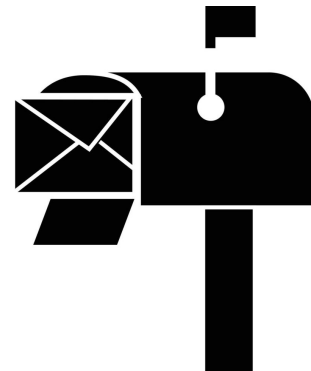
How to Address Mail to the Scout Service Center

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

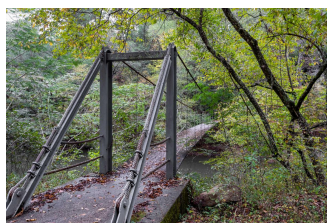
Our physical location is:

Black Warrior Council
2700 Jack Warner Parkway, N.E.
Tuscaloosa, AL 35404



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
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Office: (205) 554-1680 Fax: (205) 554-7830

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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