



Black Warrior Council, BSA Newsletter

February 2024

Important Dates & Events

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| February 2-4 | Leadership Development Weekend, Camp Horne |
| February 4 | Scout Sunday |
| February 4-10 | Scout Week |
| February 8 | River District Committee Mtg - District Roundtable |
| | Mountain District Committee Mtg - District Roundtable |
| February 11 | River District Cub Scout Roundtable, Camp Horne, 1:00-2:15 |
| February 23-25 | OA Winter Fellowship, Camp Horne |
| February 24 | OA Recognition Banquet, Camp Horne |
| February 24 | Cub Scouts Shooting Sports Day, Tuscaloosa Police Firing Range |
| March 2 | Skills Trade Day |
| March 2 | Camp Horne Ramble Fun Run & 10K |
| March 3 | River District Cub Scout Roundtable, Camp Horne, 1:00-2:15 |
| March 7 | Mountain District Spring Camporee, Camp O'Rear |
| March 8-10 | Council Pinewood Derby, Carl Cannon Chevrolet, Jasper |
| March 9 | Arrow of Light Cross-Over, Camp O'Rear, Jasper |
| March 9 | River District Committee Mtg - District Roundtable |
| March 14 | Mountain District Committee Mtg - District Roundtable |

A Scout is Reverent

The 12th point of the Scout Law, "A Scout is Reverent", is a daily part of each Scout's life. We place a special emphasis on this ideal of Scouting on Scout Sunday and during Scout Week. In 2024, Scout Sunday will be February 4th. Scout Week will be celebrated February 4 - 10.

We encourage all Scout units to make this time meaningful for your Scouts. Many units attend a local religious ceremony as a group, hold annual banquets, or develop a special recognition ceremony. There are many great ideas for ways to make this week very special and to celebrate Scouting. Click [here](#) for Scouting Anniversary ideas. Units who wish to order religious program covers for Scout Sunday are encouraged to do so early to allow for plenty of time for shipping.



Council Annual Meeting Held January 25, 2024

On Thursday, January 25th, the Council Annual Business Meeting was held at the Leroy McAbee Scout Service Center. During this annual event, new officers were elected.

President: Richard Henry
Council Commissioner: Matthew Laird
Immediate Past President: Patrick Swann

VP of Finance: Warner Johnson
VP of Membership: Cecil Robinson
VP of Program: Mason Primm
VP of Facilities: Lee Stegall
VP of Legal/Risk Mgmt. & Administration: Matt Tompkins
VP of Scout Reach: Charles Nash
Chair of Endowment Committee: Bobby Ingram
Chair of Audit Committee: Jimmie Duncan
Treasurer: Matt Shirley

Upcoming Events



Aracoma Lodge Fall Fellowship & Annual Banquet February 23-25, 2024 Camp Horne

The Aracoma Lodge will hold its Winter Fellowship at Camp Horne during the weekend of February 23-25. On Saturday evening, the Lodge will hold its annual banquet in the Camp Horne dining hall. There will be great food, special recognitions, and reports from Lodge leadership.

Visit the Aracoma [website](#) for full details and to register!



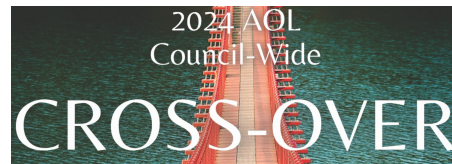
Cub Scouts Shooting Sports Day February 24, 2024 Tuscaloosa Police Firing Range

Join us for a day of fun and excitement as the Black Warrior Council partners with the Tuscaloosa Police Department to bring you Cub Scouts Shooting Sports Day. Your Cub Scout will have the opportunity to shoot BB guns, bows and arrows, and sling shots. For complete details and to register for this great event, visit our [website](#).



Council Pinewood Derby Saturday, March 9, 2024 Carl Cannon Chevrolet

Don't miss out on a great day of fast cars and excited Cub Scouts! The annual Cub Scout Pinewood Derby will once again be held at Carl Cannon Chevrolet in Jasper on March 9th. Weigh-in for cars begins at 9:00 and the race kicks off at 10:00. For complete details and to register, click [here](#).



Arrow of Light Cross-Over Ceremony at Camp O'Rear Saturday, March 9, 2024

It is a special day when that Arrow of Light Scout crosses over from the Cub Scout program into Scouts BSA. Those who are eligible for this special accomplishment are invited to join the Mountain District's inspiring Cross-Over Ceremony across the swinging bridge at Camp O'Rear. Visit our Council [website](#) to learn how to participate in this memorable event.

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SKILLED TRADES MERIT BADGE DAY 2024

EACH SCOUT WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLETE A MERIT BADGE DURING THE 2024 SKILLED TRADES MERIT BADGE DAY!

SATURDAY, MARCH 2 / 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM / TJAC 372 TRAINING CENTER




MERIT BADGES OFFERED

- American Labor
- Electricity
- Surveying
- Auto Maintenance*
- Welding**
- Plumbing**

REGISTRATION FEE: **\$15.00** PER SCOUT
INCLUDES A PATCH AND LUNCH

* Scouts will be working around vehicles. Wear clothes that can get dirty!
** Welding and plumbing will require Scouts to WEAR proper PPE: heavy jeans and leather shoes/boots. All other PPE will be provided. SCOUTS THAT ARE NOT PROPERLY DRESSED WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE THE BADGE!

EACH SCOUT WILL SELECT A 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD MERIT BADGE THEY WOULD LIKE TO COMPLETE. BADGES WILL COME AT A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS. END TIME SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON MERIT BADGE.

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE DUE TO THE BLACK WARRIOR COUNCIL OFFICE BY FEB. 24TH AT 6:00 PM. IF REGISTRATION IS NOT MET BY THIS DATE, THERE WILL BE A \$5.00 FEE ADDED TO INITIAL REGISTRATION FEE.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFO CONTACT WILL MARABLE
(205) 393-1943

LOCATION: TJAC 372 TRAINING CENTER // 9410 HWY 82 E, DUNCANVILLE, AL 35456

Skilled Trades Merit Badge Day

Scouts BSA are encouraged to check out a great opportunity to earn a merit badge in the career fields of skilled trades. Experts in the field will teach these badges and Scouts will have the opportunity to earn one badge during the day. The event will be held at the TJAC 372 Training Center in Tuscaloosa.

The Skilled Trades Merit Badge Day will begin at 9:00 and end at 4:00. The cost is \$15 per Scout. To register for this event, click [here](#).

District Meetings and Roundtables - Don't Miss Out!

Informed leaders simply make better leaders. Each unit is encouraged to participate in your district's meetings and Roundtables. At district meetings, a review of activities is presented and discussions about future events are held. We need you to have a part in those discussions so we have the best information possible to guide our decision-making on how best to support your local unit.

Roundtables are essential for ongoing training and the best part...we learn from each other. In addition to the content covered, we gain valuable insights and ideas from our fellow Scouters.

February Dates & Times

River District

District Meeting February 8, 5:30pm, Scout Service Center
Scout Roundtable February 8, 6:30pm, Scout Service Center
Cub Roundtable February 11, 1:00-2:15 at Camp Horne

Mountain District

District Meeting February 8, 6:00pm, Drummond Bldg., Jasper
Roundtable February 8, 7:00pm, Drummond Bldg., Jasper



Resident Camp Program Director Announced

Wayne Harris, Camp Director, has announced that **Mr. Charlie Plasters** will serve as this summer's Program Director for Cubs and Scouts BSA Resident Camp. Charlie is the current Cubmaster of Pack 477. He is an Eagle Scout, has served on the camp staffs at two different councils, is Wood Badge trained, and also served on Wood Badge staff. Charlie is a high school teacher at Brookwood High School and was just recently selected as the Teacher of the Year (2024) for Brookwood High and also as the Tuscaloosa County School System's recipient. Charlie brings a great depth of knowledge, unending enthusiasm, and the energy of a five year old to the position. We are excited and appreciative of Charlie Plasters for stepping into this important role.

Nominations for the Prestigious Silver Beaver Award are Being Accepted

The Silver Beaver Award was introduced in 1931 and is a council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of



America. Recipients of this award are registered Scouters who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council. It is the highest honor a Scout Council may bestow on an individual.

Nominations must be made by using the official [nomination form](#). Nominations should be received by the Council Service Center no later than March 15, 2024.

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.



CUB SCOUT PROGRAM UPDATES ROLLOUT

| NOV | DEC | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN |
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| 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 |



Tuscaloosa Area Units - Need Service Project Ideas???

Two area agencies have reached out to the Scout Service Center asking for help. Some of the assistance they need may be appropriate for Scouts working on Star or Life and there are larger needs that might even be appropriate for an Eagle Scout service project. If your Scouts need ideas or want to assist these

very worthwhile agencies, have them reach out to the contacts listed below.

West Alabama Food Bank

www.westalabamafoodbank.org
Beth Meredith, Volunteer Coordinator
Volunteer@westalabamafoodbank.org
(205) 333-5353

Schoolyard Roots

Sandie Chapman, Program Director
sandie@schoolyardroots.org
(205) 523-5450

Camp Horne/O'Rear

And, as always for Star & Life Scouts, there are multiple projects that can be completed at one of our Council properties. Eagle Scout projects may not be completed on Council properties. For information for these properties, contact [Mr. Tim Patrick](#) (Camp Horne) or [Mr. Darren Hix](#) (Camp O'Rear).

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](#)

Needs For Our Camping Properties!



Here are a few things that we need for our Camping Facilities:

Camp O'Rear Needs:

- Metal Roof Tin
- Any Lumber/Any Size
- Extension Ladder
- Wheel Barrow
- Large Canvas with Grommets

Camp Horne Needs:



- Any Treated Lumber 2x4s, 2x6s, Deck Boards
- Any Building Materials
- Log Splitter
- 5hp boat motor

Please let us know if you can donate any of these items to our Camping Properties. Please email the rangers if you have any questions.

[Click Here to Email the Camp Horne Ranger](#)

[Click Here to email the Camp O'Rear Caretaker](#)

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Service Center Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday 8:30 - 5:00
Friday 8:30 - 4:00

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