

September 2025 Newsletter

Important Dates & Events

September 1	LABOR DAY HOLIDAY - Scout Service Center CLOSED
September 11	River District Committee Mtg., 5:30 River District Scout Roundtable, 6:30 Mountain District Committee Mtg., 6:00 Mountain District Roundtable (to follow)
September 12	Pull! For the Scouts Shotgun Invitational
September 20	Young Eagles Aviation MB Day
September 27	Family Fun Fest
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

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.



Professional Staff Updates

New River District Executive Announced

We are excited to welcome **Ty Nevith** to the staff of the Black Warrior Council, Scouting America! Ty will serve as the River District Executive starting September 1.

Ms. Nevith brings a strong background in public administration, leadership, and community service that aligns perfectly with the values of Scouting. A graduate of the University of Alabama with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a minor in History, Ty Nevith is finishing up her Master of Public Administration. Most recently, Ty Nevith served as a Board of Equalization Intern with the Jefferson County Commission in Birmingham, AL, where she excelled in contributing to policy development, customer

service, and problem solving.

Ty Nevith also has extensive leadership and customer service experience. As a Team Lead at Baumhower's Victory Grill, she managed staff communication, trained new hires, and ensured excellent customer experiences in a high-volume environment. Her ability to energetically lead and foster teamwork has been evident in every role she has taken on.

Additionally, Ty Nevith served as a Resident Advisor at the University of Alabama, supporting student engagement, organizing leadership and wellness programs, and serving as a first responder in emergencies. She also gained valuable classroom management skills as a Substitute Teacher for Tuscaloosa City and County Schools, ensuring continuity of learning across grade levels. With experience as a Research Assistant in Public Policy & Higher Education, Ty Nevith has developed strong analytical and communication skills, contributing to academic research, policy reviews, and grant proposals.



We are thrilled to have Ty on board and look forward to the positive impact she will bring to Scouting in West Central Alabama. Please join us in giving Ty Nevith a warm welcome to the Black Warrior Council team!



Roland Lewis Promoted to Field Director

With the departure of Zac Lollar to become the Scout Executive with the Natchez Trace Council in Mississippi, the professional staff has been re-aligned. Roland Lewis has been promoted to the position of Field Director. In his new role, Roland will supervise and guide field staff in the areas of finance, membership, and overall district operations.



Darren Hix Promoted to Sr. District Executive

As part of the professional staff restructuring, Darren Hix has been promoted to Sr. District Executive. Darren will continue to serve the Mountain District but is taking on additional duties related to fundraising and special events.



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



**SEPTEMBER 12, 2025
@ CAMP HORNE**



To sponsor, volunteer or register, please call 205-554-1680 or go to:

<https://www.bwc-bsa.org/pull-for-the-scouts>

Pull! For the Scouts Shotgun Invitational - Friday, September 12th

The Black Warrior Council's "Pull! For the Scouts Shotgun Invitational" will be held on Friday, September 12th on the sporting clays trail at Camp Horne. This event is one of our most popular

fund-raising activities where local organizations and businesses send teams of four shooters to compete for prizes and to see who is the best.

Consider joining for a great day. Use the button below to learn more. Questions? Contact Bill Gosselin at (205) 554-1680 or by [email](#).

Learn More



Cub Scout Family Fun Fest

Calling all Cub Scouts and their families to join in a great day of Scouting! Our annual **Family Fun Fest** is just as described, **FUN!** This year's event will be held on Saturday, September 27th in two locations.

RIVER & PRAIRIE DISTRICTS
Camp Horne 9:00-2:00

MOUNTAIN DISTRICT
Walker County Lake 9:00-1:00

Use one of the buttons below for more information and registration details.

RIVER & PRAIRIE DISTRICT Family Fun Fest

MOUNTAIN DISTRICT Family Fun Fest

Aviation Merit Badge Day

The Young Eagles Aviation Association once again will host an **Aviation Merit Badge Day** on **Saturday, September 20th from 9:00 until 2:00** at the Tuscaloosa National Airport. The event is supported by Bama Dixie and will be held in the Bama Dixie hangar. All currently registered Scouts may participate if they have not yet earned the Aviation MB. All requirements for the badge will be able to be completed. To learn more and the requirements for participating, visit our Aviation MB Day webpage using the button below.



Aviation MB Day



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](#)

Merit Badge Resources Now Online

Scouts BSA leaders are reminded that on the Scouting America National website, Scouts and leaders may access a host of resources about ALL merit badges. Even the complete merit badge pamphlet is now available free of charge for online viewing or download. In addition, great resources such as supporting videos are available. Check out this great resource and be sure to inform all of your Scouts and parents also.



[MB Resources](#)

Plan for Summer 2026 Now!

Plans are already in motion for Summer 2026 at Camp Horne. All units are encouraged to make Camp Horne YOUR long term camping destination next summer.

[Camp Dates](#)

[Cub Adventure Week-End](#)

Friday, May 22 (6:00pm) until May 25 (11:00 am)

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.

Scouts BSA Week

Sunday, June 7th through Saturday, June 13th

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 would LOVE to add a 2nd week June 14-20 and with your help, we can! We will be in touch with unit leaders early this fall to discuss your attendance plans.

THEME for 2026 Summer Camp

The theme for our 2026 Camping Season will be **'Celebrate US'**, an emphasis on celebrating 250 years since the signing of the U.S. Declaration of Independence and how Scouting has impacted the history of the United States during its 116 years of existence.

PATCH Contest - Deadline for Entries: September 30th

We will be holding a patch design contest during the month of September for all Scouts to offer their suggestions/drawings of a patch that we may use to support our camp and theme of "Celebrate US".

Entry Criteria

- All submissions must be received in the Scout Service Center **by NOON on Tuesday, September 30th**. Entries may be hand delivered or emailed to [Walter Davie](#) as an attachment.
- The design must contain the words: **Camp Horne**
- The design must contain the words: **Summer Camp 2026**
- The design may contain up to nine (9) colors; the border may be one of the colors already used or an additional color.
- The Scouting **fleur-de-lis** must be included in the patch.
- The patch will be a 3-1/2" round design.

Who May Submit an Entry?

Any currently registered YOUTH member in a Black Warrior Council troop.

Be sure your name, Troop number, and contact (email. phone) is attached to your submission.

The submitted patch designs will be judged and a winner announced by October 10th.

The person submitting the winning design will receive: two (2) free patches and a free Camp Horne t-shirt.



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

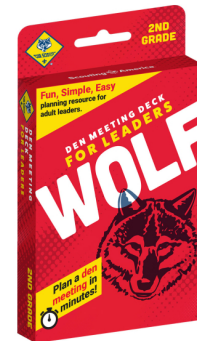
Please help us spread the word about our RV Parking option for friends and family you may know coming to town to watch the TIDE ROLL! Full details and reservation information is available by using the button below.

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 will be available in the Scout Service Center Scout Shop but at this point, they are on back order. Leaders may choose to order them directly from [Scoutshop.org](https://scoutshop.org)



District News

River District (Tuscaloosa, Bibb, and Pickens Counties)

District Director: Roland Lewis [email](#)

- September 11th: River District Committee Mtg., 5:30
- September 11th: River District Scout Roundtable, 6:30
- September 27th: Cub Family Fun Fest at Camp Horne

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

District Executive: Darren Hix [email](#)

- September 11th: District Committee Mtg., Camp O'Rear, 6:00
- September 11th: District Roundtable to follow
- September 27th: Cub Family Fun Fest at the Walker County Lake

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

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



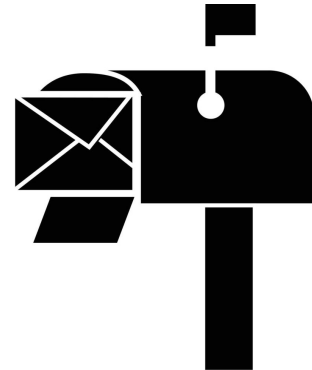
How to Address Mail to the Scout Service Center

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

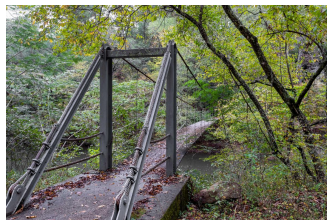
Black Warrior Council
P.O. Drawer 3088
Tuscaloosa, AL 35403

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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