



July 2026 Newsletter

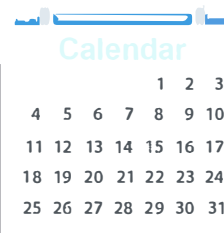
Important Dates & Events

July 3	OFFICE CLOSED for Fourth of July Holiday
July 4	Fourth of July Holiday
July 10-12	OA Inductions Weekend, Camp Horne
July 14	Camp Masters VIRTUAL Training, 6:00
July 30	District Program Preview Meetings
August 13	River District Committee Mtg., 5:30 pm
	River District Scout Roundtable, 6:30
	Mountain District Committee Mtg., 6:00
	Mountain District Roundtable (to follow district meeting)
September 7	Labor Day
September 10	River District Committee Mtg., 5:30 pm
	River District Scout Roundtable, 6:30
	Mountain District Committee Mtg., 6:00
	Mountain District Roundtable (to follow district meeting)
September 11	Pull! For The Scouts Shotgun Invitational
September 12-13	BALOO Training by River District, Camp Horne

Scouting Calendar for 2026-2027

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.



SCOUTING NEWS

Results of New Eagle Scout Study Revealed at National Annual Meeting

The results of a new research study, "Eagle Scouts: A Legacy of Values-Based Leadership and Service," were revealed during the 2026 National Annual Meeting. Through the Scouting program, Eagle Scouts build character and lifelong strengths that set them apart. To better understand these advantages, Scouting America partnered with The Harris Poll to survey thousands of adults and study how Eagle Scouts compare to people who have not participated in Scouting.

The results of this survey help demonstrate the strong advantage Eagle Scouts gain and provide a powerful message about the value of Scouting to prospective members and donors.

Review and share [this interactive website](#) on the study and download a printable booklet for the study [HERE](#).



Waiver Details

Military Fee Waiver Offered

A Military Family Fee Waiver, a new initiative designed to reduce financial barriers and expand access to Scouting programs for all new and renewing youth members whose parents or guardians are currently serving as active-duty military (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Space Force and Coast Guard), Reserves and National Guard. The program underscores Scouting America's longstanding commitment to supporting military families and ensuring youth have access to character-building, leadership development, and outdoor experiences.

Through the Military Family Fee Waiver, eligible families may receive a waiver of national registration fees, helping make participation in Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouting more accessible.

For details, click on the button to the left.

National Scout Jamboree

July 22-31

The Black Warrior Council will be sending a Venturing Crew of 20 to the National Scout Jamboree to be held at the Summit Bechtel in Glen Jean, WV. The Crew's leadership will be Dr. Andy Harrell and Mrs. Tammi Rundles.

If you were unable to participate in the contingent or on the NSJ Staff, there are options for visitors.

The 2026 National Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve invites you to experience the excitement as a day visitor. Spend the day exploring high-energy activities, live demonstrations, hands-on



exhibits, and the unforgettable spirit that defines Scouting's premier national event.

Day Visitor Dates & Hours

- Friday, July 24, 2026 – 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- Saturday, July 25, 2026 – 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- Monday, July 27, 2026 – 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- Tuesday, July 28, 2026 – 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- Wednesday, July 29, 2026 – 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Ticket Prices

- Ages 14 and older: \$100 per person
- Ages 6–13: \$75 per person
- Ages 5 and under: Free

Opening & Closing Show Tickets

Don't miss the spectacular Opening Show on Thursday, July 23, at 8:30 PM and the Closing Show on Thursday, July 30, at 8:00 PM—two unforgettable celebrations that bring together Scouts and visitors for a high-energy salute to the spirit of the Jamboree.

For more details or to make reservations, visit the National Scout Jamboree [website](#).

Camp Masters Popcorn VIRTUAL Training for Unit Leaders Thursday, July 14th, 6:00 pm

Microsoft Teams meeting Join:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/23133468589547?p=ZVfvzgPzrKe64xg54Q>

Meeting ID: 231 334 685 895 47

Passcode: YM2Tv9uH



Scouting America
Black Warrior Council

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SCOUTING
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ADVENTURES

GET READY FOR OUR **BEST** POPCORN SEASON YET!

POPPIN'
INTO A
GREAT
SEASON!

JOIN YOUR POPCORN TEAM FOR AN
EXCITING LEARNING & TRAINING SESSION
WITH CAMP MASTERS!

DON'T JUST
SELL POPCORN...
**BUILD YOUR
BEST SEASON
YET!**

ALL UNIT LEADERS & KERNELS ARE INVITED!

 TUESDAY JULY 14	 6:00 PM (CENTRAL)	 VIRTUAL ON MICROSOFT TEAMS
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LEARN.
CONNECT.
GROW.
SELL MORE!

JOIN HERE:

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EVERY KERNEL
COUNTS!

No Signup Required!
JUST CLICK, JOIN & LET'S GET POPPIN'!

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WHAT YOU'LL LEARN!

 GETTING YOUR UNIT READY FOR SUCCESS	 PROVEN SELLING STRATEGIES	 BEST PRACTICES FROM CAMP MASTERS	 MEET YOUR COUNCIL POPCORN TEAM	 JOIN THE POPCORN COMMAND CENTER	 EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO LAUNCH YOUR BEST SEASON EVER!
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POPCORN
TEAM!

Let's Pour the Butter...
AND POP OUR WAY TO SUCCESS!

TOGETHER
WE POP
WE SELL
WE WIN!

*** THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SCOUTING IN THE BLACK WARRIOR COUNCIL! ***

District Program Preview Meetings Thursday, July 30th

This is absolutely a DON'T MISS event! Our best Scouting programs result from proper planning and good communication. At the Program Preview meetings, leaders will have the dates and information necessary to take back and develop robust unit programming for the upcoming Scouting year. Be sure your unit is well represented at these meetings!

What will be covered?

- Dates for 2026-2027 district and council events
- Programming plans for upcoming events
- Training opportunities for leaders
- Fall Recruitment plans and strategies for success
- Popcorn Sales Kick-Off
- And more...



River District: Thursday, July 30th, 5:30 pm
Scout Service Center

Mountain District: Thursday, July 30th, 6:00 pm
Camp O'Rear (dinner will be served!)

UPCOMING EVENTS YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS!



OA Inductions Weekend July 10-12 Camp Horne

The OA Inductions Weekend will be held at Camp Horne July 10-12. This will be an important weekend where new candidates will be engaged and Brotherhood opportunities available. All Aracoma Lodge members are needed and encouraged to attend. Full details and registration information is now active on the Aracoma website. This is a FULL weekend and does not conclude until 3:00 pm Sunday.

[OA Aracoma Website](#)

Pull! For The Scouts Shotgun Invitational

Friday, September 11

Enjoy a great day of fellowship and testing your skills on the Camp Horne Clay Shoot Trail. Join a team to compete and help out Scouting in the local West Alabama at the same time. Visit our "Pull! For The Scouts Shotgun Invitational" [webpage](#) to learn more and register today!

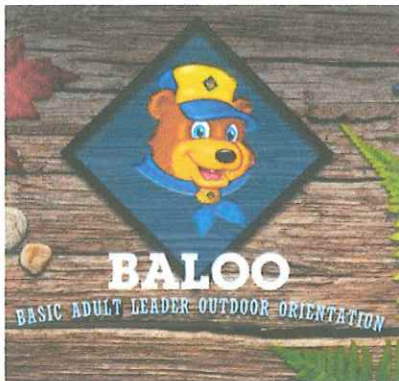
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BALOO Training Offered

September 12-13, Camp Horne

Mark your calendars! "Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation" (BALOO) training, specifically aimed at Cub leaders, will be offered by the River District Saturday and Sunday, September 12th and 13th at Camp Horne. James Neary will be the course director. More information will be coming soon but all Cub leaders who have not completed this training will find it to be very helpful and allow them to provide better quality programming for their Cubs!

District News

River District (Tuscaloosa, Bibb, and Pickens Counties)

District Executive: Ty Nevith [Email: tyrenee.nevith@scouting.org]

- July 30th: District Program Preview Meeting, Scout Service Center, 5:30
- August 13th: District Committee Mtg., Scout Service Center, 5:30 pm
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Troop 316 Assists With America 250 Celebration

On June 17th Troop 316 was requested to assist in the Tuscaloosa County America 250 Committee Celebration. This event was attended by elected officials and leaders from throughout West Alabama. A program consisting of messages from both Alabama Senators and the Governor, speeches from local officials, Revolutionary War re-enactors, and more culminated in the dedication and planting of a "Liberty Tree" to commemorate the Sesquicentennial. Troop 316 participated by placing American Flags along the entrance way as well as around the tree site. Before a packed VIP audience, the scouts participated in the opening ceremony with the Tuscaloosa County Sheriff's Office color guard and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.



T205 Learns About Military

Troop 205 of Aliceville recently visited the Columbus Air Force Base in Mississippi. Scouts met several representatives at the air base, toured the facility, and learned all about pursuing a military career in the United States Air Force.

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

District Executive: Darren Hix [email](#)

- July 30th: District Program Preview Meeting, Camp O'Rear, 6:00 (dinner to be served!)
- August 13th: District Committee Meeting, Camp O'Rear, 6:00
- August 13th: District Roundtable (following District Committee Meeting), Camp O'Rear

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

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

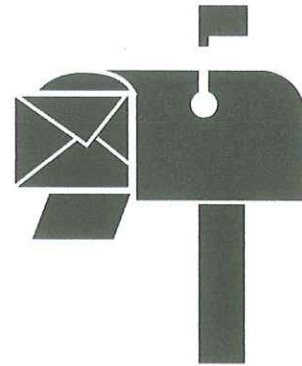
How to Address Mail to the Scout Service Center

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
Leroy McAbee Scout Service Center**
2700 Jack Warner Parkway NE
Tuscaloosa, AL 35404



Leroy McAbee Scout Service Center

2700 Jack Warner Parkway, N.E. Tuscaloosa, AL 35404
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