



Black Warrior Council, BSA Newsletter

May 2024

Important Dates & Events

May 3-5	OA Spring Fellowship, Camp Horne
May 4	Beaver Day, Camp Horne
May 9	River District Committee Mtg., Scout Service Center, 5:30
May 9	River District Scouts BSA Roundtable, Scout Service Center, 6:30
May 9	Mountain District Committee Mtg., Drummond Bldg., 6:00
May 9	Mountain District Roundtable, Drummond Bldg.
May 10	Tenderfoot Golf Classic, Ol Colony Golf Complex
May 10-11	10th Annual Trade-O-Ree, Five Points Baptist Church, Northport
May 19	River Cub Scout Roundtable, 1:00-2:15, Camp Horne
May 25-Jun 1	Summer Camp Staff Training Week, Camp Horne
June 2-5	Cub Scout Resident Camp, Camp Horne
June 7-8	Mountain District Day Camp, Camp O'Rear
June 9-15	Scouts BSA Resident Camp Week 1, Camp Horne
June 16-22	Scouts BSA Resident Camp Week 2, Camp Horne

Outstanding Volunteers!

At our Annual Council Recognition Dinner on April 16th, there were several noteworthy awards and recognitions made. We are so proud of our Class of 2023 Eagle Scouts and the volunteer leaders who deliver quality Scouting programs.



Reoesentatives of the Class of 2023 Eagle Scouts



Mrs. Dawn Godwin
Special Needs Scouting Service Award



Dr. David Albright
NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award



Mr. Bobby Ingram
NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award



Mr. John V. Godwin, Jr.
Silver Beaver Award



Mr. William Marable
Silver Beaver Award

Upcoming Events

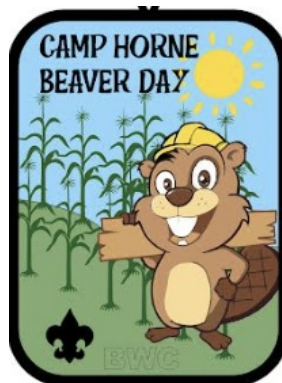


OA Aracoma Lodge Spring Fellowship

May 3-5, 2024 Camp Horne

This will be a busy but important weekend of service as we help get Camp Horne ready for a full summer season of resident camping. YOUR attendance and HELP is needed - please make plans to attend. Also, on Saturday evening, there will be a Wood Badge Beading ceremony. There will not be any Brotherhood conversion activities during this weekend.

[Spring Fellowship Registration](#)



Beaver Day at Camp Horne

May 4, 2024

Mark your calendars and please make plans to attend and help! This is an important day of service, held in conjunction with the OA Spring Fellowship, to complete important work projects to be sure Camp Horne is ready for the summer camping season.

[Beaver Day Information](#)



Tenderfoot Golf Classic

May 10, 2024

Ole Colony Golf Complex

The 45th Annual Tenderfoot Golf Classic will be held Friday, May 10th at the Ole Colony Golf complex in Tuscaloosa. This annual event is a great day of golf that results in significant support for local Scouting. There is still time to sign up but you need to act now! For full details and registration information, click on the button below.

[Tenderfoot Golf Classic Webpage](#)

10th Annual Trade-O-Ree

May 9-10

Five Points Baptist Church

3718 36th Street, Northport

Find the rare Scouting item you have been looking for in the Heart of Dixie. The Annual Trade-O-Ree is all things Scouting memorabilia! Come visit this event with your own stock to trade -OR- simply come to learn about the multitude of Scouting collections that are possible.

HOURS:

Friday, 2:00pm until 10:00 pm

Saturday, 8:00a, until 3:00pm



Leaders Encouraged to Plan Ahead for 2024 Resident Camp

Whether your unit will attend **Cub Resident Camp** (June 2-5) or **Scouts BSA Week 1** (June 9-15) or **Scouts BSA Week 2** (June 16-22), the success of your time at camp depends on preparation. Fortunately, there are several resources to help leaders be successful.

Each camp has its own webpage where Leader Guides, fee information, important forms, programming plans, and other helpful information. Check these sites regularly as updates are made periodically with additional information about camp.

[Cub Resident Camp BSA Scouts Resident Camp](#)



Important Reminders

- Fee payments are due by May 24, 2024. After that date, there is a \$25 per person (Cub, Scout, or adult) increase.
- Campership applications (available from the web pages) are due no later than April 12th. The Campership Awards committee will meet the following week and award letters to leaders should be received no later than April 22nd.
- Remind parents and scouts about annual health and medical forms. For Cub Resident Camp, only parts A & B are required; for Scouts BSA, Parts A, B, and C (dr exam) are required. Stress to all that signatures (parent/legal guardian and dr must be current within 1 year of your unit's camping dates).
- Are you taking swim tests before camp? Be sure to carefully follow the guidelines on the Swim Classification report and do not forget to attach a copy of the tester's unexpired lifeguard certification (with the expiration date showing) to bring to camp.
- Merit Badge and programming catalogs may be found on the Scouts BSA website.

Limited Camp Staff and Den Chief Positions Available

There are a couple of positions open. If you have a Scout who may be interested in serving as a Den Chief (must be 14 years of age) for Cub Resident Camp or on the full Camp Staff (must be 15 years of age), have them use the links below to complete the needed application information.

[Den Chief Link](#)

[Camp Staff Link](#)



Resident Camp Handicraft Director Announced

Wayne Harris, Camp Director, has announced that **Mrs. Karla Barksdale** will return as this summer's Handicraft Director. Mrs. Karla Barksdale was born into a Scouting family and Karla has spent 33 years as a Girl Scout Gold Award recipient, Troop Leader, and Council Trainer. She served as an OA Dance Mom and Assistant Venture Crew Advisor for two different crews. She has been involved in the Black Warrior Council as both a an Assistant Scoutmaster, Merit Badge Counselor, and has served on the Camp Horne Staff for 5 years.

Incident Reporting - A Must For All

BSA's policy on reporting any serious incident occurring at or related to any BSA activities at the unit level is essential! ALL leaders need to be aware of these guidelines and the responsibility for reporting when needed. All leaders need to be sure to visit and review the important information about these guidelines using the link below. Also, know that the Black Warrior Council professional staff is always available to help.

[Incident Reporting](#)

District News

[River District](#) (Tuscaloosa, Bibb, and Pickens Counties)

District Director: Roland Lewis [email](#)

- The River District Committee Mtg., Scout Service Center, 5:30
- River District Scouts BSA Roundtable, Scout Service Center, 6:30
- The Cub Roundtable will remain on Sunday, May 19th, 1:00 - 2:15 at Camp Horne



River District Day Camp

July 22-26

This year's River District Day Camp will be held at the old Y's Acres Camp at 6620 Keenes Mill Rd in Cottondale. It will be a "twilight" event running from 5:00 until 8:30 pm. Use the button below to be taken to the Day Camp web page for complete details!

[All Things Day Camp!](#)

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

District Executive: Darren Hix [email](#)

- Mountain District Committee Mtg., Drummond Bldg., 6:00
- Mountain District Roundtable, Drummond Bldg.

Adaptive Adventure Day: Embracing Inclusivity in Outdoor Recreation Held at Camp O'Rear

Adaptive Adventure Day brought joy and empowerment to individuals of all abilities by providing adaptive outdoor recreation opportunities. Hosted by local special needs scouting units in Walker County and Jasper City schools dedicated to accessibility and inclusion, this event showcased a wide range of adaptive sports and activities, ensuring that everyone could participate and enjoy the thrill of outdoor adventure.

The students were treated to Darren Hix's amazing singing voice and enjoyed singing along with him about the moose and his juice. Hiking across the swinging bridge along the riverbank was exciting for everyone. The students requested visiting the famous O'Rear rockhouse so that had to be part of the day. Fun and a great day of outdoor learning was had by all. Some even visited the Tranquility Base as part of their experience.



Pack 97 at the Birmingham Zo

Pack 97 embarked on a wild adventure with a campout at the Birmingham Zoo, offering families an unforgettable overnight experience surrounded by incredible wildlife. Set against the backdrop of the zoo's exhibits, campers had the unique opportunity to sleep under the stars while listening to the sounds of the animal

kingdom.

The campout featured an array of exciting activities, including guided night tours of the zoo, educational workshops on animal conservation, and engaging storytelling sessions around the campfire. Families bonded over shared experiences and created lasting memories in a one-of-a-kind setting.



University of Alabama Forest Dynamics Lab FFA Event

The University of Alabama Forest Dynamics Lab recently teamed with Exploring Posts and hosted an exhilarating FFA event, bringing together students and researchers passionate about forestry and environmental science. The event showcased cutting-edge research and provided hands-on experiences for attendees to deepen their understanding of forest ecosystems.



Participants had the opportunity to engage in various activities, including tree identification walks, wildlife tracking sessions, and interactive demonstrations on forest management techniques. From measuring tree diameters to analyzing soil samples, attendees gained invaluable insights into the complexities of maintaining healthy forest ecosystems.

Prairie District (Marengo, Hale, Greene, and Sumter Counties)
District Program Specialist: Greg Whitis [email](#)

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.

A very useful link that combines all of the informational pieces distributed about the new Cub Scout Program RollOut may be found by visiting this [link](#).

Watch #CubChatLive every Friday at 2 p.m. Central on Facebook Live or YouTube for useful tips, tricks and ideas to help your den or pack. Follow this link to join in: [Join us Fridays for #CubChatLive! \(scoutingmagazine.org\)](#)



CUB SCOUT PROGRAM UPDATES ROLLOUT

NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
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	



Youth Protection Training Required

All adult leaders in Scouting are reminded to keep your Youth Protection Training (YPT) current. This is a non-negotiable requirement for all. YPT certification is current for two years. Adults are prohibited from working with or leading any activity without current YPT. This training is an essential step toward providing protection not only for the youth we serve, but adult leaders as well.



Religious Emblems Programs Available to All Scouts

To encourage members to grow stronger in their faith, religious groups have developed the following religious emblems programs. The Boy Scouts of America has approved of these programs and allows the emblems to be worn on the official uniform. The various religious groups administer the programs. Visit the national [website](#) for more information.

Attend the Monthly Membership Rally

WHAT: Monthly Membership Rally

WHY: Share tools for Councils to run successful spring/fall recruitment campaigns and develop a framework for your new unit campaign. Celebrate success!

WHO: Each council should have their key membership representative(s) in attendance.

WHEN: June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, and November 21

Rally Agenda (45 minutes)

1. Opening
2. High Energy Gathering
3. Last Month's Successes
4. This Month's Projects
5. Next Month's Outlook
6. Closing

Register in advance for this meeting <https://scouting->

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](#)

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Leroy McAbee Scout Service Center

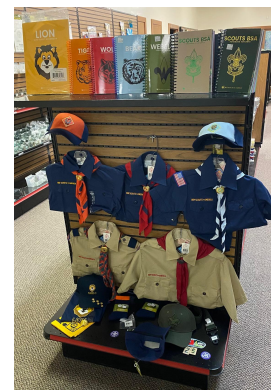
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Service Center Hours of Operation

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

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