

Summer 2025 Newsletter

Important Dates & Events

July 4	Fourth of July Holiday - OFFICE CLOSED
July 11-13	OA Ordeal, Camp Horne
July 24	Program Preview for 2025-2026 Meetings (ALL DISTRICTS) Popcorn Sales Kickoff
August 6	Popcorn Show N Sale Orders DUE
August 14	River District Committee Mtg., 5:30 River District Scout Roundtable, 6:30 Mountain District Committee Mtg., 6:00 Mountain District Roundtable (to follow)
August 20	Popcorn Show N Sale Deliveries

Scouting Calendar for 2025-2026

Now is the time to plan for 2025-2026! The Black Warrior Council Scouting Calendar is now available (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.

Throughout the year, you can access this calendar by visiting our council webpage.



Upcoming Events



National Jamboree Information Meeting

On **Thursday, June 26th**, all leaders are invited to join a Zoom meeting where



OA Inductions Weekend (Ordeal) July 11-13, 2025

The Aracoma Lodge will conduct its OA

information on the 2026 National Jamboree will be presented. Topics to be discussed include:

- Jamboree requirements
- Participation options - to include, the requirements for our Council to send a contingent
- Fees
- Survey/Feedback requested to determine interest in participation

The Zoom meeting will begin at **6:00 p.m.** and should last no more than an hour. Interested leaders may join by using the link below.

Inductions Weekend (Ordeal) at Camp Horne July 11-13. Scouts and adults who were tapped out at summer camp will have the opportunity to seal their membership within the Lodge.

Ordeal candidates need to understand they must be present for the entire weekend.

To register, visit the Aracoma Lodge webpage by using the button below.

Zoom Meeting Link

Aracoma Webpage



2025-2026 Scouting Year PROGRAM PREVIEW MEETINGS

Calling ALL Leaders! You don't want to miss this important meeting. Get your Scouting year off to a great start!

Thursday, July 24

River District: Scout Service Center at 5:30

Mountain District: Camp O'Rear at 6:30

Valuable information for the new year and reconnect with fellow Scouts. ALL leaders, at every level, are encouraged to attend.

- Learn plans for district/council events for the year
- Get up to speed on recruiting plans so we can build our units and deliver the Scouting program to more youth
- Receive and sign up for Popcorn sales to help your unit earn much needed funds for the year
- Provide needed feedback and get any questions answered to assist in your local unit's program planning

Don't miss out - make sure your unit is represented!



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.

[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.

[Wood Badge Info](#)

2025 Resident Camps Were a Great Success! Thanks Leaders!

We had a great time at Cub and Scouts Resident Camp sessions. It was one of our cooler camping seasons even though we did get wet at times! We appreciate the sacrifices and time of all our leaders and parents who helped make this year a success.

Dates and information about the exciting plans already in the works for 2026 will be coming soon. Watch our newsletters and emails so you can plan early for next summer.

Scouts BSA Leaders: All advancement information will be in Black Pug (the camp registration system) by June 25th. You will be able to import the advancement data into your Scoutbook by using the same login information used to register for camp. If you have any difficulties, feel free to contact [Walter Davie](#), Council Program Director, for assistance.



Join the 2025 National Fall Membership Recruitment Kick-Off Webinars!

We are excited to announce two dynamic webinars designed to energize and prepare unit leaders and council staff for a successful Fall Membership Recruitment season!

2025 National Fall Cub Scouts Membership Recruitment Kick-Off

Date: Thursday, July 31, 2025

Time: 8:00 PM ET / 7:00 PM CT / 6:00 PM MT / 5:00 PM PT

Location: https://scouting-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YWgYwgylRsiG23FaPxDmEQ

All Cub Scout unit leaders and a select group of council staff will receive an invitation to join this high-energy national event. The webinar will feature inspiring sessions led by both national and council-level volunteers and staff. Attendees will be engaged in sessions, inspired to take action, and empowered to execute impactful recruitment strategies. The goal is to foster a mindset focused on recruitment and to ignite enthusiasm for expanding the reach of families served. Participants will be well-prepared and eager to implement the recruitment plans of their local council during the Fall season.

2025 National Fall Scouts BSA Membership Recruitment Kick-Off

Date: Thursday, August 7, 2025

Time: 8:00 PM ET / 7:00 PM CT / 6:00 PM MT / 5:00 PM PT

Location: https://scouting-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_aWuUb60ITZWYsGsNo6XcMA

Scouts BSA unit leaders and a select group of council staff will be invited to attend this impactful webinar. A high-energy webinar will be conducted, featuring both national and council-level volunteers and staff. Attendees will explore proven strategies, collaborate in energizing sessions, and leave empowered to grow Scouting in their communities this Fall.

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

District News

River District (Tuscaloosa, Bibb, and Pickens Counties)

District Director: Roland Lewis [email](#)

- July 24th: Program Preview Mtg., Scout Service Center, 5:30
- August 14th: River District Committee Mtg., 5:30
- August 14th: River District Scout Roundtable, 6:30

District Awards of Merit Awarded

At the May 2025 River District Banquet, two outstanding volunteer leaders were recognized with the **District Award of Merit**. Those leaders were: Dr. Beth Western with Troop 90B/G and Jonathan DeTrujillo with Troop 17. Both of these leaders have been active in their local units, the Order of the Arrow, and have assisted in numerous district and council events. Congratulations to Beth and Jonathan!



Dr. Beth Western



Mr. Jonathan DeTrujillo

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

District Executive: Darren Hix [email](#)

- July 24th: Program Preview Mtg., Camp O'Rear. 6:30
- August 14th: District Committee Mtg., Camp O'Rear, 6:00
- August 14th: District Roundtable to follow

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

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



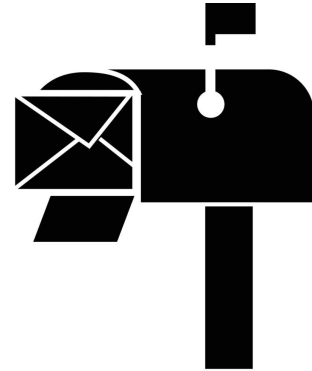
How to Address Mail to the Scout Service Center

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



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- Properties Management
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- Professional Office for Council Staff

Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday, 8:30 - 5:00

Friday, 8:30-4:00



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