

Monthly Museum Newsletter

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AUGUST 2025



Curator Corner: End of Summer, Start of School at the World Scouting Museum

Hello Museum Family,

August is coming to an end, and with it the Summer of 2025 closes. Overall, we have had a great Summer at the World Scouting Museum.

We have been lucky to host many Scouts on their way to or from Summer Camp here in West Virginia, and many Scouts that were interested in visiting the Museum with their families or to work on a Merit Badge with us.

It has been very exciting to watch our attendance here at the Museum grow each year, especially in the Summer.

We do want to remind everyone that the World Scouting Museum is a hidden gem for Scout Programming during the Fall and Winter, and we hope to see a significant increase in visitors and Scouts during the upcoming colder months.

We are happy to host your Pack or Troop at the Museum for your weekly meeting, just reach out!

If you are interested in hosting a Pack or Troop meeting here at the World Scouting Museum, we ask for a small donation from your Pack or Troop of \$5 per person. If you volunteer the Pack or Troop with the Museum we allow Free Admission, this way every Scout can access the Museum, and we can get some much-needed help.

Another quick reminder, we are happy to have any volunteers at the World Scouting Museum. We are always looking for help and for anyone to volunteer their time with us. If you are interested in learning about how Museum's work please reach out today regardless of Scouting background.

Finally, the upcoming Fall looks to be an exciting time for the World Scouting Museum. We are actively recruiting interns from local colleges and have lots of new projects in the works. Stay tuned to our social media to learn more!

Yours in Scouting,
Alex Bennett
Museum Curator

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Green Bar Bill Hillcourt

Happy 125th Birthday to Scouting Legend Green Bar Bill Hillcourt

This month on August 6, marked the 125th Birthday of Green Bar Bill Hillcourt. Green Bar Bill as he was known to Scouters as a prolific writer and teacher in the areas of woodcraft, troop and patrol structure, and training; his written works include three editions of the *BSA's official Boy Scout Handbook*, with over 12.6 million copies printed, other Scouting-related books and numerous magazine articles.

Green Bar Bill developed and promoted the American adaptation of the Wood Badge adult Scout leader training program.

Green Bar Bill was born Vilhelm Hans Bjerregaard Jensen in Aarhus, Denmark in 1900. He started Scouting with the Danish Scouts at 10 years old and continued with Scouting for 82 years until his death at 92 in 1992. Green Bar Bill worked with the BSA as a Professional Scouter until 1965, when he retired.

Many Scouts know and remember him best from his Patrol Leader Green Bar Bill Column in the *Boys' Life* magazine.

Scouting would be much different without Green Bar Bill. Happy Birthday, Patrol Leader!

DAY OF CARING

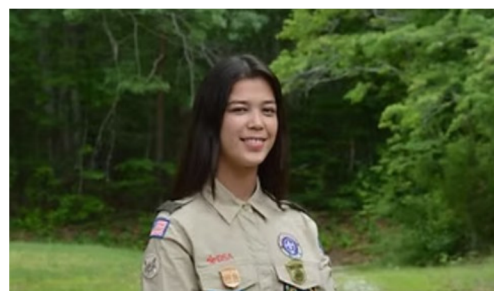


Celebrating 20 Years!!
Volunteers needed for
September 17, 2025

The World Scouting Museum will be hosting a group of volunteers in conjunction with the United Way of Central West Virginia for the third consecutive year! We will be following a similar game plan as before and utilizing the volunteers to help us clean up the Museum and the areas surrounding the parking lot.

We are still in need of volunteers for the Day of Caring to help us take care of everything we can on this important cleaning day. If you are able to help us please reach out to the World Scouting Museum to serve as volunteer coordinator for this event so we can make this day a massive success. **Sign up at the QR code here.** We really appreciate any extra help we can get! Come and help us make our Museum amazing!

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Announcing an exciting Eagle Scout Project Partnership with Fifi from Troop 39 Chapel Hill

The World Scouting Museum received an email from Fifi, from Scouting America Troop 39 of Chapel Hill, NC, and a former PARSA Scout of Afghanistan. In her email, she informed us about her story and her upcoming Eagle Scout project a magazine/journal collecting the story of Girl Scouts in Afghanistan with interviews from the girls that made up its membership. After the Taliban took control of Afghanistan, they banned Scouting and destroyed much of the work that PARSA had built since 2008.

We have partnered with her to serve as an information hub to help share her story with the world. **Stay tuned for more info and scan the QR code to learn more.**

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Museum Highlights & Staff Updates



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Upcoming in October 2025 Summit Bechtel Reserve National Scout Trade-O-Ree

Don't forget to visit us at the 2025 Summit Bechtel Reserve National Scout Trade-O-Ree held this year, October 10-11, 2025. We will be hosting a table with items from the World Scouting Museum along with a display of items from our collection. We are also working to procure a new exhibit to debut at the event! You may even see our new RV!



Merit Badge Spotlight: Genealogy

Recently, we added the Genealogy Merit Badge to the RLH Merit Badge College. This merit badge works well with Museum's, and we thought it only made sense to offer it to Scouts. Remember, we can do Merit Badge Courses in-person or virtually and only ask for a \$5 donation to help you earn your Scouting America Merit Badge.

Join us to learn all about family trees, ancestors, descendants, and how Genealogy works. It is always great to learn more about ourselves and our history!



The World Scouting Museum has an Event Room for RENT!

Do you need a large space to hold a special event for your troop or pack? What about a personal or family event? We would be happy to have you at the World Scouting Museum. We have ample parking and also can support dinners via our stove, refrigerator, and other amenities.

Call us today 681-215-4450



The World Scouting Museum is a volunteer service site for Scouts!

Are you looking to plan a service project for your GSUSA Silver or Gold Award? Are you looking to plan a service project to earn your Scouting America Eagle, Quartermaster, or Summit Rank? Other Scouting or School Service Hours are available. We are happy to have volunteers from any organization. Reach out to the Museum today to inquire about what ideas you have and how we can make them work!

We NEED Volunteers!!!



Update on Buckskin Council Camp Kootaga by Nic Matheny

After 103 years, the cherished Camp Kootaga of Walker, West Virginia will no longer be owned by the Buckskin Council. Originally purchased by John B. Lowe in 1922, the camp has seen countless Troops create memories, develop skills, character, and community. The challenges of 2020 brought on a heavy decline in Scouting numbers, and though they are rebuilding, the impact on Camp Kootaga remains.

As of August 2025, the selling of the Camp Kootaga site has been confirmed. Christopher Burke, an attendee of the camp for over 20 years, started the "Camp Kootaga Foundation" which received significant support, allowing an official purchase agreement to be signed.

The deal is expected to be finalized within the next month. Burke has plans to open up the camp to the public with intentions to preserve the integrity of Camp Kootaga and the Scouting spirit for generations to come.

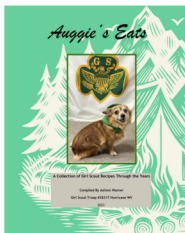
Learn more by searching for Camp Kootaga Foundation on Facebook.



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August

Monthly Combined Scouting Calendar
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27 Cub Scout Resident Camp	28	29	30	31	1	2 Summer Picnic Pool Party
3	4	5	6	7	8 Girl Scout Day at the West Virginia State Fair 2025 Fairlee, WV 8:30am-1pm	9
10	11	12	13	14 Executive Committee Meeting 5pm-8pm	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 31	25	26	27	28	29 Fall Product Sale Begins	30

Organizations Hosting the Event

Buckskin Council SA
Order of the Arrow OA

World Scouting Museum
Black Diamond Council GSUSA

Event Times

- Takhonek Lodge Summer Picnic Party at Camp Arrowhead 8/27-28
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- Executive Committee Meeting 5/28 5pm-8pm
- Fall Product Sale Begins 8/29

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August-Sept. 2025 Combined Scouting Council and Museum Calendar:

Please see above for the combined calendar of the local Scouting Councils and the World Scouting Museum for the remaining month and next month. Scan the QR Codes or click on this page in the email to view the larger calendars on our website!



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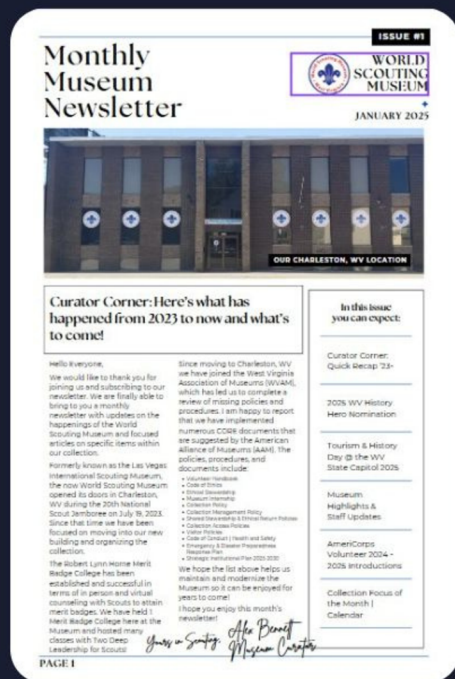


Open Submission

for Newsletter Articles



We would like to feature at least 1 story from a Scout or Scoutmaster from around the World every month. Tell us about an awesome trip you took, or maybe another important memory you have from Scouting.



**No Deadlines,
Submit when
you can to:**

wsmwvcurator@gmail.com

Request of Newsletter Article Submissions:

We are looking for Scouts and Leaders to share their Scouting stories with us for our newsletter. We are hoping to have these articles from 200-500 words and will do our very best to post the ones we can. If you attend a National Scouting Event, a World Scouting Event, or even a Local Scouting Event we would love to share your story. Please reach out to wsmwvcurator@gmail.com for more information and to send us your story for the newsletter.

We are looking for submissions! Please reach out. - Alex



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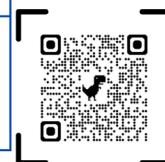
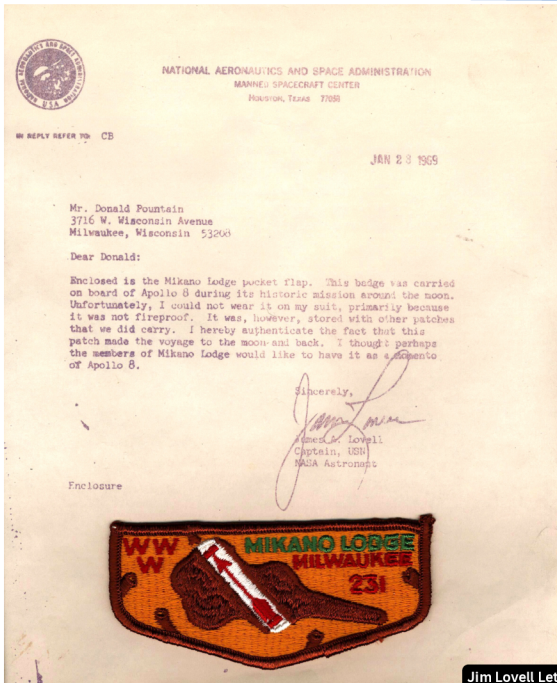




Exhibit Spotlight of the Month



Jim Lovell Letter and Patch from Space, Jim Lovell in Space Suit, Jim Lovell in Scouting Uniform

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Exhibit Spotlight of the Month: Jim Lovell - Eagle Scout, Naval Airman, NASA Astronaut, Distinguished Eagle Scout, and Silver Buffalo Recipient - 3/25/1928-8/7/2025 - One of Scouting's Greatest Heroes

Scouting lost one of its heroes on August 7, 2025, with the passing of James (Jim) Arthur Lovell Jr. A member of Scouting America as a youth, Eagle Scout, Mikano Order of the Arrow Lodge Member, National Eagle Scout Association President, Naval Academy Graduate, and NASA Astronaut.

Jim Lovell was a true American Hero, the first man in history to fly in space 4 times. He was one of the first 3 men in history to orbit the Moon on Apollo 8. He would then go on to become Commander of the Apollo 13. In 1996, Lovell would go on to write a book about his experience, titled *Lost Moon*, which was adapted into the 1995 film *Apollo 13*, starring Tom Hanks.

During his career as a NASA Astronaut, he spent a total of 29 days, 19 hours, 5 minutes in space. Lovell was a member of the NASA Missions: Gemini 7, Gemini 12, Apollo 8, and Apollo 13. Jim Lovell retired from the NASA Astronaut Corps on March 1, 1973. All of these accomplishments can be traced back to his youth and his interest in rocketry. One of his other significant pastimes in his youth was

Scouting. Lovell joined the Boy Scouts of America and went on to earn his Eagle Scout rank. Lovell would also have the distinction of becoming the first Eagle Scout to fly in space. In December 1965, "the first patrol meeting in space" was held, and Lovell was a participant.

As for his commitment to Scouting, Lovell served as: National Council member-at-large and as a member of the executive board of the Sam Houston Area Council during the 1970s; he chaired a judging panel for an initiative called Project POSTAR, a campaign designed to allow Explorers to put scientific experiments into space in 1979; served as Chairman of the National Eagle Scout Association for 10 years; received a Silver Buffalo in 1992; and a Distinguished Eagle Award in 1990.

Awards Jim Lovell has won include the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Congressional Space Medal of Honor, the NASA Distinguished Service Medal, and two Navy Distinguished Flying Cross awards. The World Scouting Museum recognizes your service to America and to Scouting.

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