

Monthly Museum Newsletter

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MUSEUM

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Curator Corner: Fall is shaping up for the World Scouting Museum with lots in store

Hello Museum Family,

With September at an end, the World Scouting Museum is planning to make October a month to remember. We are looking forward to receiving the ACOV RV and attending the Summit Bechtel Trade-O-Ree, which you can learn more about later in this newsletter.

We recently had volunteers join us from CAMC Memorial and I just want to thank them along with the United Way of Central West Virginia. This was one of the most successful Day of Caring we have hosted here at the World Scouting Museum.

Unfortunately I have been unable to find someone to assist us with JOTA/JOTI this year, so we will be working towards hosting a program next year for the event.

If you are interested in HAM radio, please reach out to the Museum Curator if you would like to us for JOTA/JOTI 2026. We are sorry we were unable to make that program happen this year.

We have recently lost our ability to get AmeriCorps members, due to changes in the program requirements, museums are no longer eligible if they do not have a historic site that they manage.

Luckily, we have retained Nic for a bit longer until we can find another program to fill that void. We need to raise some funds to help pay her, so please think about donating to us so we can offer more and keep things moving forward. She has been an amazing help to the museum and myself, so I am thrilled we can keep her a bit longer.

The Museum will also need a bit of funding to help utilize and move the ACOV RV throughout WV, we are working to raise \$20,000 or \$4,000 for the next 5 years. We need to keep another employee so we can utilize the mobile museum to the fullest of our plans.

We have a lot planned moving forward, I hope you stop by soon!

Yours in Scouting,
Alex Bennett
Museum Curator

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The Africa and Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conferences: One down, One TO GO!

The World Scouting Museum has been present at many of the Regional Scout Conferences. Dr. Horne, our Executive Director, recently returned from Madagascar, where he attended the Africa Scout Conference. There he met with Scouts from Africa and worked to trade items and secure donations from African Scout Organizations to share with Scouts at the World Scouting Museum.

The Africa Scout Conference was held from September 18-21, 2025 in Antananarivo, Madagascar.

Dr. Horne will be attending the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference from October 12-17, 2025 in Kaoshiung, Taiwan. Here he will be working to trade and acquire items from members of Scouting Organizations from around Asia, with the same goal as he had in Africa.

We hope that any member Scouts that are attending would find him so that we can increase the visibility of your organization to Scouts that visit the National and World Jamboree site here in West Virginia. We will update you all with more info soon!



The 2025 Summit Bechtel Reserve National Scout Trade-O-Ree comes Oct 10 & 11

Soon the Trade-O-Ree at the Summit will be held, and you can expect to see the World Scouting Museum there! We are planning to bring a selection of books from the Museum to sell to those in attendance along with a historical Scouting display. We hope that you will either join us at the Trade-O-Ree or at the museum, we are planning to hold special open hours in conjunction with the Trade-O-Ree.

To learn more about the upcoming event please scan the QR Code next to this article. We are hoping to bring the ACOV RV with us if everything works out like we need it as it is not here yet and its a tight timeline!

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TO LEARN
MORE
ABOUT THE
UPCOMING
TRADE-O-
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Learn more about Fifi's Eagle Scout Project and her story! Soon to be a new WSM Exhibit

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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DAY OF CARING



Celebrating 20 Years!!

The 2025 United Day of Caring was a SUCCESS!

We want to send a huge thank you to the United Way and the volunteers from CAMC Memorial that came to help us clean the inside and outside the World Scouting Museum. We were able to prepare for our newest exhibit and mobile museum, the ACOV RV. We are very thankful for their time and handwork in making our goals happen. Thank you to everyone involved.



Merit Badge Spotlight: Chess

Chess is one of the oldest and most popular games that has ever been played. It has reached a new level of popularity in recent years with streaming and has led to a major resurgence in the game with people of all ages.

Learn all about Chess by earning this Merit Badge, great for learning strategy and critical thinking. The World Scouting Museum is happy to offer this fun and educational Merit Badge to Scouts in person and virtually. **Learn more about our merit badge college online!**



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!!!



Scouting America Test Lab - Potential New Merit Badges

Did you know that Scouting America has a Test Lab for new potential Merit Badges? Here at the World Scouting Museum we have decided that there is no better place in the USA then here to offer those test lab activities before they become Merit Badges. If those activities are determined to make a great Merit Badge those that completed the activity automatically earn the Merit Badge.

For now, the current Test Lab Activities are available:

- Auctioneering
- Life Skills
- Physics
- Sewing & Needlework
- Wildland Fire Management

The World Scouting Museum is working to add these activities to our curriculum for Scouts to enjoy soon, so stay tuned for updates.

Any registered adult can work with Scouts on these potential new badges, so we think it would work great here at the World Scouting Museum. To learn more scan the QR code next to this article



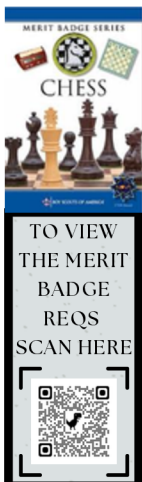
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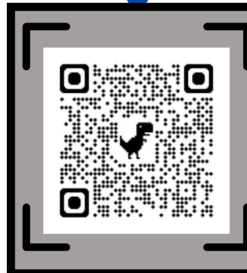



LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SCOUTING AMERICA TEST LAB SCAN HERE



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2025  September						
Monthly Combined Scouting Calendar WORLD SCOUTING MUSEUM						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31	1 Labor Day - Council Closed	2	3	4	5	6
7 Circuit Rider 35 9/5 5 pm-9/7 12pm Methodist Men Conference 2025 9/5-9/7	8	9	10	11 Executive Board Meeting N/A	12	13 Girl Scouts Love State Parks 2025 9/12 10 am-4 pm Camp Target Lake State Park Takhonek Lodge Vigil Reunion 9/12-9/13 @ The Summit
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 My VIP and Me Camp 9/27 10 am-9/28 11 pm @ Milton, West Virginia Wood Badge Weekend 19/26-9/28 @ Camp Arrowhead
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5 Camporee & Family Camp Takhonek Fall Fellowship	6 ACOV RV Delivered!	7 Gold Award Training 7p - 8:30 p	8	9	10 Camporee & Family Camp - The Summit Takhonek Fall Fellowship - Camp Arrowhead	11 Rally the Scouts! w/ Marshall Football - MJ Joan C. Edwards Stadium BuildABear Wandering Workshop 10a-1p Town Center Mall
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Camp Creepy - Camp Rocky Ledges 4p - 9:30p
19 Cub Scout Leader Training 1 - Forrest Burdette Church 7p-9p	20	21 Cub Scout Leader Training 2 - Forrest Burdette Church 6p-8p	22 Council Trunk or Treat Wehrle Service Center 6p -7:30p	23	24 Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) - Camp Arrowhead 6p-8p	25
26	27	28	29 Fall Product Sale Order DUE 12p	30	31	1
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Sept-Oct 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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CHECK OUT THE DAISY DOLL
AND STEVE SCOUT PODCAST

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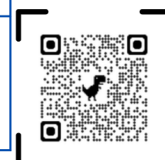




Exhibit Spotlight of the Month



ACOV RV Mobile Museum Exhibit

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Exhibit Spotlight of the Month: COMING OCTOBER 6, A Century of Values RV! Learn about its historic journey and how we plan to utilize it!

The World Scouting Museum is thrilled to announce the donation of the "A Century of Values" (ACOV) Recreation Vehicle (RV) by the Non-Profit Organization A Century of Values based in Michigan, USA.

This substantial donation of a 32-foot Coachmen, Type C, Frelander RV will help extend the programming of the World Scouting Museum by enabling us to outfit it as a Mobile Museum Unit, utilize it for marketing purposes, and establish pop-up museums throughout West Virginia.

The ACOV RV is outfitted with a custom Scouting-themed wrap that includes Scouting America's Scout Oath and Scout Law, Scout Handbooks, and a custom Scouting Mural created by Comic Book Artist and Bongo Comics Co-Founder Bill Morrison, an Eagle Scout.

The ACOV RV began its original journey on February 7, 2009, on an adventure called "A Century of Values" to commemorate and celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America (now Scouting America).

The ACOV RV traveled 49,000 miles throughout the United States during the trip, concluding on February 8, 2010. Donated by All American Homes/Coachmen and driven by 16 road teams of adult volunteer Scouters from Southeast Michigan. The ACOV also logged an additional 8,000 miles in "Victory Laps" around Michigan and other Boy Scout councils outside the state, and participated in parades, camporees, and special events.

We will be receiving the ACOV RV around October 6, 2025, and we are hoping to take it with us to the upcoming Summit Trade-O-Ree soon after. However, this donation was unplanned, and we have only had about 6 months to prepare to receive it. We are a bit concerned about the cost of upkeep for the ACOV RV, and we have started a donation campaign that you can find on our Exhibit Spotlight page by scanning the QR Code next to this article.

The Exhibit Spotlight contains more history about the ACOV RV, our plans to utilize it, and our podcast on it. There is a lot of information we cannot include here so check it out now!

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