

Monthly Museum Newsletter



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Curator Corner: Thankful for 3 YEARS at the World Scouting Museum!

Hello Museum Family,

Thanksgiving is upon us as we end another November. While we reflect on what we are thankful for in the coming days, I want to reflect on my 3 years as Museum Curator for the World Scouting Museum. We have had a lot of growth and change since I joined the Museum, a lot of which I am extremely proud. This newsletter, our podcast, and the Merit Badge college are specific points of pride for me.

Another great highlight from the last 3 years was winning the West Virginia History Hero last year, something I am so happy to have been awarded. It has been a lot of hard work and new challenges here at the World Scouting Museum but it has all been worth it.

Recently I read that Secretary of Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth has decided he will pull support for Scouting America, something I feel he is unable to do. Congress must declare war for him to rescind support, and it has not. It is a strange situation but he

cannot actually pull support for Scouting America. Honestly, it seems like he has always had an issue with Scouting, so I am not surprised to see this. I will however be surprised if he is able to actually change anything at all.

If the US DOD does pull its support for Scouting America it can have some serious consequences nationally and here in West Virginia. Let's hope the Secretary of Defense is unsuccessful in his crusade.

Otherwise, we are here around the Thanksgiving holidays for anyone who is traveling through or visiting West Virginia. This year has been an incredible year for growth in overall Museum attendance and we have recently lowered the suggested donation to \$5.

We hope that you have a wonderful holiday and that you will visit us to see some of our new exhibits before 2026

Yours in Scouting,
Alex Bennett
Museum Curator

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WORLD SCOUTING MUSEUM

NATIONAL JAMBOREE 2026 ESSAY CONTEST

Applicants must write a 500-word essay, topic: The importance of National Scout Jamborees and why it is necessary for museums to document their history.

SEND ESSAYS TO:
165 WASHINGTON STREET EAST
CHARLESTON, WV 25311 OR EMAIL TO: WSDM@CUBA2026@GMAIL.COM

MORE INFO @ QR CODE

CONTACT US:
wsmcurator@gmail.com
681-295-4450
www.worldscoutingmuseum.org/essay

SUBMIT BY 2/15/2026

2026 WORLD SCOUTING MUSEUM NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

ENTER AN ESSAY FOR YOUR TRIP TO THE 2026 NSJ!

- APPLICANTS MUST WRITE A 500-WORD ESSAY.
- TOPIC: THE IMPORTANCE OF NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREES AND WHY IT'S NECESSARY FOR MUSEUMS TO DOCUMENT THEIR HISTORY.
- WINNERS WILL BE EXPECTED TO VOLUNTEER A MINIMUM OF 20 HOURS AFTER THE 2026 JAMBOREE AT THE WORLD SCOUTING MUSEUM, CATALOGING AND HELPING PUT OUT PATCHES ON DISPLAY.
- 3 SEMI-FINALISTS WILL BE CHOSEN, AND EACH ESSAY WILL BE FEATURED IN OUR MONTHLY MUSEUM NEWSLETTER, LEADING UP TO THE 2026 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE.
- WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON MARCH 15, 2026.

ALL ESSAYS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO: WSDM@CUBA2026@GMAIL.COM NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 15, 2026.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CONTEST SCAN ME

2026 NSJ Essay Contest FAQ Sheet

About the Museum

The Largest Collection of Scouting Resources Worldwide! The Page One, Silver Bells, Troop Charter, Troop Notebook, Scout Handbook, and a short Scouting history.

Also available a Brand New Troop Charter and a Troop Notebook, Troop Charter, Troop Notebook, Scout Handbook, and a short Scouting history.

Winner Receives

Open to members of the Scouting America BSA Council located in Charleston, West Virginia.

The Museum will provide a round-trip ticket and a round-trip train ticket to the 2026 National Scout Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in Boone, West Virginia, for 20-25, 2026. All expenses to travel at the time of the 2026 National Scout Jamboree for the World Scouting Museum and Troop Charter, Troop Notebook, Scout Handbook, and a short Scouting history will be provided for the Museum's benefit.

For More Info

Please visit our website for more info about the contest by visiting the QR code or visiting www.worldscoutingmuseum.org/essay

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Essays due by 2/15/2026
Winners announced on 3/15/2026

Announcing 2026 World Scouting Museum National Scout Jamboree Scholarship Essay Contest

SCAN HERE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE 2026 WSM NSJ ESSAY CONTEST



The World Scouting Museum is proud to announce that it will be working with the local Scouting Council to offer a Scholarship for the upcoming 2026 National Scout Jamboree held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. The goal will be offer a full scholarship for a Scout to attend the Jamboree, with the winner volunteering a total of 20 hours at the World Scouting Museum after the Jamboree.

We will choose 3 Semi-Finalists and each essay will be featured in this very Newsletter leading up to the 2026 National Scout Jamboree. The winner will be

announced on March 15, 2026 and we will be providing the Scout with patches to trade at the Jamboree as well. Once the Jamboree has ended, the winner will be working to help us setup the display for the 2026 National Scout Jamboree, helping us to document the event they attended!

We are very excited to offer this scholarship and will be releasing more information as we are able. We are still in the process of working things out and have begun working with the local council to make this happen. Learn more from our website today!

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SCAN HERE TO READ A REVIEW FROM THE GUARDIAN



SCAN HERE TO WATCH SCOUTS! THE MUSICAL (\$12 TO VIEW)



Scouts! The Musical returns to English theatres

Originally running for 3 weeks in London during the Summer of 2023, Scouts! The Musical returns to English theatres in Birmingham, Manchester, London, and Bath for the last time. The musical focuses on the annual Scout Games and a nefarious intruder who comes to wreak havoc.

Not in England? No worries, just scan the QR code next to this article to view the play live from your home! It cost \$12 (or Pounds) and you can enjoy the show right from your own home on Lounges.tv. This musical helps to share the story and world of Scouting with in a new genre, and we are super excited that it has come back for a final trip around England. We hope that the cast of Scouts! The Musical has a wonderful run of shows and you check out this cool Scouting show!



Edgewood Garden Club and Guest Speaker, West Virginia Apiarist Shanda King

We would like to thank the Edgewood Garden Club for hosting their special meeting featuring guest speaker West Virginia Apiarist Shanda King in our Event Room here at the World Scouting Museum. It was wonderful to learn about bees, honey, and how they impact gardens and our world.

One thing we all were a bit disappointed in was the lack of a current Beekeeping merit badge. With Beekeeping becoming such an important and vital hobby, we all thought it would be nice for it to be brought back.

If you are interested in hosting an event in Charleston, then please reach out to the World Scouting Museum for affordable rates for any event.

SCAN HERE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EDGEWOOD GARDEN CLUB





Museum Highlights & Staff Updates



Help us fix the ACOV RV!

SCAN HERE TO DONATE TO THE ACOV RV



We recieved the ACOV RV but it has some damage to the fiberglass overhanging roof. We need to fix this damage to ensure there is no leaking during rain and snow. For now the issue area is covered with a tarp, but repairs need to be made. Please help us by donating to fix the ACOV RV.

Scan the QR Code to help us by donating anything you can so we can use the ACOV RV to the fullest!



Merit Badge Spotlight: Mining in Society

Have you ever wondered how mining works in our modern society? If you have, then earning the Mining in Society Merit Badge should be on your list! This merit badge can be hard to find a counselor for so we have added it to help Scouts earn it as needed.

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!**

TO VIEW THE MERIT BADGE REQS SCAN HERE



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!!!



OFFERED NOW at the World Scouting Museum A.I. & Cybersecurity

We are happy to announce that we have added the 2 newest Scouting America Merit Badges at the World Scouting Museum. Learn more below and reach out to earn them today!

The AI Merit Badge teaches:

- AI basics and history- including different types of AI and how people use it daily
- Ethics and impact- exploring concepts of data privacy, unfair AI systems, and how AI affects jobs
- Future career options- in AI and related fields

The Cybersecurity Merit Badge covers:

- Finding cyber threats- like viruses, tricky emails, and weak spots in computer systems
- Learning real security skills- like making strong passwords, using firewalls, and protecting data
- Understanding online safety and smart digital behavior- risks of personal information, cyberbullying, and intellectual property
- Exploring cybersecurity careers- from security experts to digital crime investigators,

Remember, we offer Merit Badges in person and virtually, so reach out to us to schedule your Merit Badge Session today!



WANT TO SUPPORT US AND LOOK GOOD DOING IT? CHECK OUT OUR MERCH! SCAN HERE



LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SCOUTING AMERICA NEW MERIT BADGES HERE!





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Combined Scouting Calendars



2025  November  						
Monthly Combined Scouting Calendar WORLD SCOUTING MUSEUM						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 Investigation Badge Workshop 2025 - GS Vol. and Resource Center Chas, WV 10 AM - 1 PM
2	3	4	5	6	7 Black Diamond Synergy Training - Charleston, WV 1/7 6 PM - 11/8 6 PM) ADULT TRAINING	8 Cybersecurity Merit Badge College
9	10	11 Cards & Cores of the CEO Charleston, WV 1/11 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	12	13 Executive Board Meeting	14 Camping Out Triadelphia, WV 1/14 6 PM - 1/15 1 PM	15 Lodge Leadership Development (LLD) - Wehrle Scout Center
16	17	18	19	20	21 Counselor in Training 1/21 Triadelphia, WV 1/24 6 PM - 1/25 2 PM	22
23	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Museum Closed Thanksgiving Service Center & Shop Closed	28	29
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2025  December  						
Monthly Combined Scouting Calendar WORLD SCOUTING MUSEUM						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	1	2 Takhonek Lodge Dues for 2025	3	4	5	6 Girl Scout Holiday Workshop Charleston 10a-2p
7	8	9 Makerspace Artist Series Session 3 Charleston 6:30p - 8:30p	10	11 Executive Committee Meeting Wehrle Scout Center 6p-8p	12	13 Takhonek Winter Banquet Pigott Dining Hall, Summit Bechtel 12p-4p
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Holiday CLOSED	26	27
28	29	30	31	1 New Year's Day CLOSED	2	3
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Nov-Dec 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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AND STEVE SCOUT PODCAST

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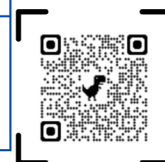
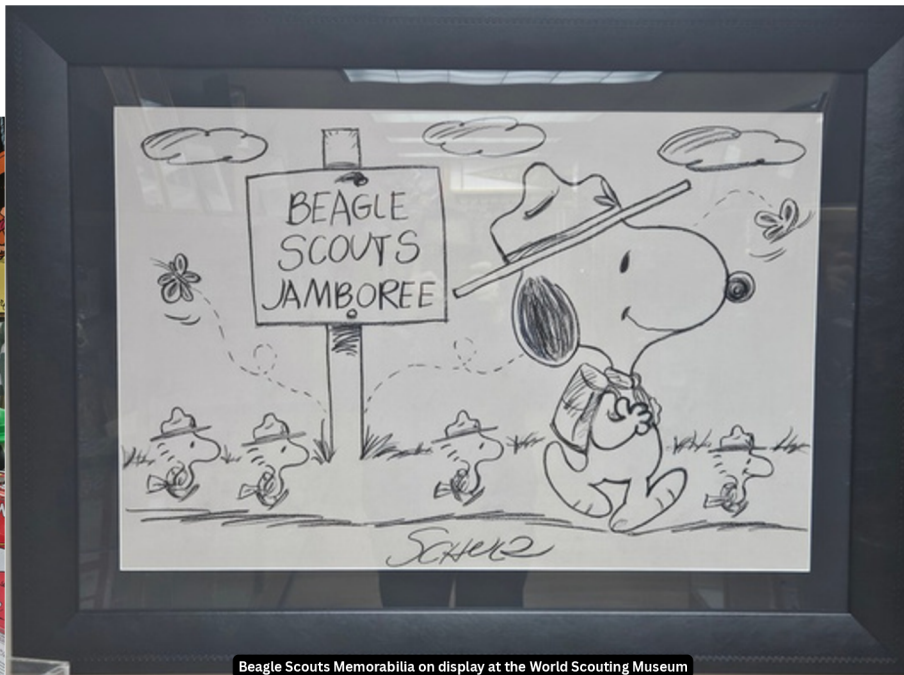




Exhibit Spotlight of the Month



Beagle Scouts Memorabilia on display at the World Scouting Museum



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Exhibit Spotlight of the Month: *The Peanuts*, Beagle Scouts and Scouting. How the Boy Scouts and the Beagle Scouts worked together.

This month's Exhibit Spotlight includes Scouting history and the *Peanuts*, the classic comic strip featured in newspapers around the world. Today, the *Peanuts* have seen a resurgence in popularity so we thought it would be a great time to talk about the history of the *Peanuts* and Scouting America.

It was on May 13, 1974, that Snoopy, the iconic Beagle belonging to Charlie Brown, would join the Beagle Scouts at the Tenderpaw Rank. It wouldn't take long for the Beagle Scouts to grow to include Woodstock and some other bird friends.

The Peanuts then later appeared in at least 2 separate Public Service Announcements (PSAs) for the Boy Scouts of America: one for the Cub Scouts featuring Snoopy and the Beagle Scouts, and the other for the Boy Scouts featuring Charlie Brown and a catchy tune. We aren't sure which came first, but it seems like the Cub Scout PSA was made in 1978 and was reused in the 1980s. The Charlie Brown Boy Scout PSA was created and released in 1979. Both of these PSAs were made by the same teams that produced the *Peanuts*' television

specials. If you have any information about when these were produced, when they were reused, and why they went out of us, please reach out and let us know. We don't really have much more information than that right now.

The creator of *The Peanuts*, Charles Schulz was awarded a Distinguished Citizen Award from the Boy Scouts of America National Area Council in 1987 and the Silver Buffalo Award in 1988 for his contributions to American Culture and Society through the *Peanuts* comic strips.

His creation would outlive him and today you can find the *Peanuts* all over. *Camp Snoopy*, a TV show on Apple TV featuring the Beagle Scouts has brought the Beagle Scouts to a new audience and younger kids. You can find Snoopy and Beagle Scouts in amusement parks as well.

We hope that you have enjoyed this Exhibit Spotlight and ask you to visit our website for more information about the *Peanuts*, Beagle Scouts and Scouting. Please check out the podcast episode and video for a fun *Peanuts* story as well!

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