

Monthly Museum Newsletter

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CHRISTMAS
HAPPY
NEW YEAR



WORLD
SCOUTING
MUSEUM

DECEMBER 2025



Curator Corner: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the World Scouting Museum!

Hello Museum Family,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and an even Happier New Year coming up. While we are closing another year here at the World Scouting Museum we are beginning a new one! This year has been one of the best years we have had in terms of visitors, merit badges earned, and overall attendance since we have moved to West Virginia.

This has by far been our busiest Decembers since I joined the Museum, with more Virtual Merit Badge Classes being scheduled and held then ever before! We have had a massive boom in interest in our virtual merit badge sessions, which is only good for the Museum. It will be a bit harder when we get busy on site again, which will start to happen soon!

We have had the busiest period ever moving into the New Year, with a usual lull of guests in between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

January will be a busy month for the Museum, with the annual Tourism and History Day coming up again! We will have many cultural organizations in town for the day and we are hoping to host many museum professionals visit us to see our displays and collection.

We are still working to raise money for the ACOV RV and we need any help we can get to repair the damage. Please let us know if you are interested in sponsoring the RV so that repairs can be made and it can be utilized to the fullest!

Truthfully I hope everyone has an amazing year with record highs, and no lows. I hope you will stop by the World Scouting Museum and see me during the course of this upcoming year, with a National Jamboree on the horizon! We will be busy for 2026 and hope its the best year of all!

Yours in Scouting,

*Alex Bennett
Museum Curator*

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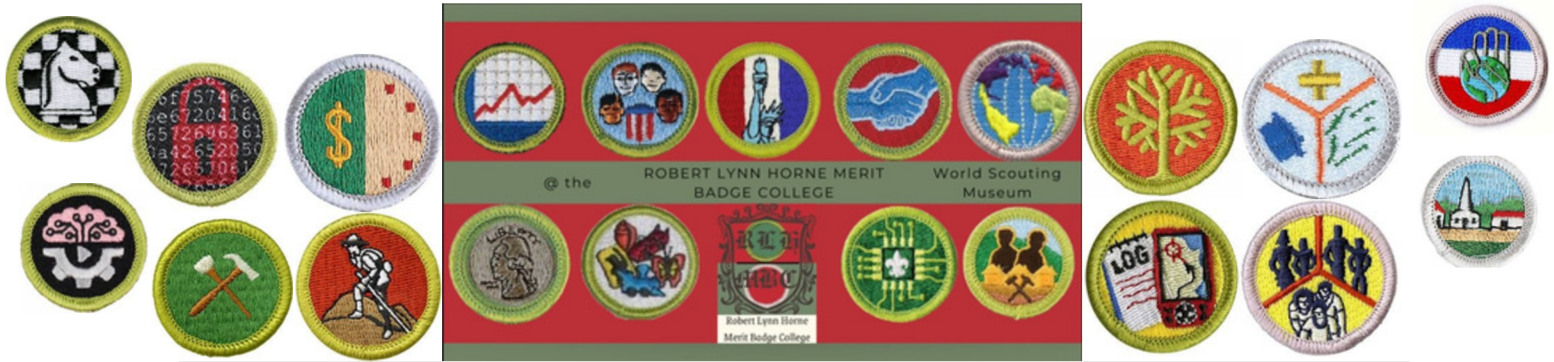
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Increased Interest from Social Media Marketing the RLH Merit Badge College drives a boom in Virtual Merit Badge Sessions before the end of 2025

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ABOUT THE
RLH MERIT
BADGE
COLLEGE @
THE WORLD
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During a recent tour a Scouter showed me a few Facebook groups which were Scout Parents looking for Merit Badges for their Scouts. This has led to the Museum joining those groups and posting a few of our RLH Merit Badge College posts in the groups. On one day after the post we had over 6,000 visitors to the RLH Merit Badge website, a record for the entire website!

We have booked 8 Merit Badge virtual classes since, and I have taken a break from posting to those groups until after the holidays. We have had calls,

emails, and appointments made for virtual merit badge classes, the most we have had in the last 2 years! We expect this aspect of the Museum to take off significantly, and may have to increase the price in the future. For now, we offer Virtual Merit Badge Classes for \$5 per merit badge per Scout. You can learn more about the RLH Merit Badge College by scanning the QR code next to this article or visiting www.worldscoutingmuseum.org/mbcollege. We are thrilled by the response and offer all Merit Badges in person at the World Scouting Museum as well. Please reach out if you need to meet with us.



WV Tourism and History Day at the State Capitol - JAN 28, 2026

This year the WV Tourism and History Day will be held at the Capitol on January 28, 2026. The World Scouting Museum will be in attendance for the event to represent the organization to visitors, tourism/history professionals, legislators, educators, students, and many others on this important outreach day.

I will personally be meeting with a number of legislators to advance legislation that will be beneficial to the Museum and its future that focuses on Abandon Property Laws in West Virginia. It will be busy but be sure to stop by and check out our table for the event. I will also be attending workshops on January 27 in conjunction with the event to help the museum in other areas. We hope you check out this event!

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ABOUT
TOURISM &
HISTORY
DAY



New Trustees added to the World Scouting Museum Board of Trustees

The World Scouting Museum would like to congratulate and thank the two new members of the World Scouting Museum Board of Trustees, Pete Armstrong and Poonam Rao!

Pete has worked with the World Scouting Museum for a few years, helping to donate and expand the International Scouting aspects of the collection. He is currently working with Scouting Organizations to increase enrollment. Poonam has been actively involved with Scouting for the last few years and has a background in Museum work and Non-Profit management. Welcome to both of our newest Trustees! If you are interested in helping the Board check out the QR code next to this article for more information. We need local Trustees to the area!

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Museum Highlights & Staff Updates



Help us fix 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: A.I.

What do you know about AI? Are you interested to learn more? Try this Merit Badge with us today and learn all kinds about how AI works, its applications, and how it effects your world right now and as you grow up. AI is unlike anything that came before it, so learn about it today!

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.

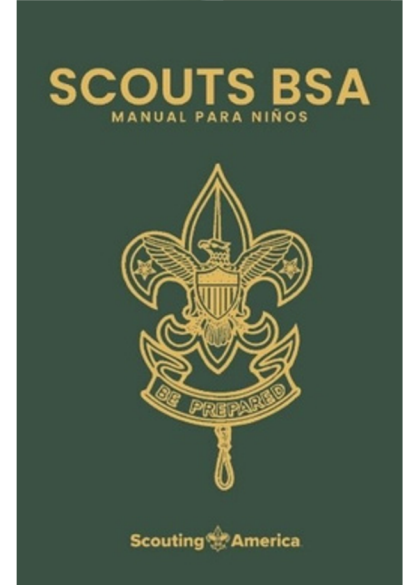
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The World Scouting Museum is a volunteer service site for Scouts!

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 Release Spanish-Language Version of the Scout Handbook

On December 4, 2025 Scouting America released the newest Spanish-Language version of the Scout Handbook.

The Scout Handbook serves as a link for many Spanish speaking Scouts to their past and the future. It can help them learn many skills and can be used in conjunction with the English Scout Handbook to learn the language.

The Spanish version is exactly the same as the English version, offering guidance on outdoor skills, rank advancement, leadership development, along with the Scout Oath and Law.

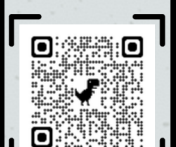
With clear, easy-to-understand instructions and illustrations, the handbooks are designed to help young Americans develop their leadership skills, build self-confidence and learn important life lessons. The release comes as Scouting America continues its mission to ensure that every young person has the chance to benefit from the character-building experiences Scouting provides. The new Spanish-language Scout Handbook is available for electronic download from Amazon or from your local Scout Shop.



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2025 December 2025

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 Wahle 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 Christmas Holiday CLOSED	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Day CLOSED			

Organizations Hosting the Event

- Buckskin Council SA
- World Scouting Museum
- Order of the Arrow OA
- Black Diamond Council GSUSA

Event Times

- Takhonek Lodge Dues for 2025 12/2
- Girl Scout Holiday Workshop Charleston 10a-12p
- Makerspace Artist Series Session 3 Charleston 6:30p-8:30p 12/9
- Executive Committee Meeting Wahle Scout Center 6p-8p 12/11
- Takhonek Winter Banquet Pigott Dining Hall, Summit Bechtel 12p-4p 12/13
- Christmas Holiday CLOSED 12/24-12/25
- New Year's Day CLOSED 1/1/2026



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World Scouting Museum

January

2026

Monthly Combined Scouting Calendar

- NEW YEAR'S DISCO @ GISCO | TRIDELPHIA, WV 12/31/25 6PM - 1/1/26 10 AM
- BRAVE, FIERCE, FUN COOKIE BADGE WORKSHOP 2026 | CHARLESTON, WV 1/10/26 10 AM - 4 PM
- POLAR (CDO) @ WEHRL CENTER | CHARLESTON, WV 1/10/26 10 A - 12 P
- SCOUT SKI DAY @ WINTERPLACE 1/11/26
- MAKERSPACE ARTIST SERIES | SESSION 4 | CHARLESTON, WV 1/13/26 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
- SCOUT SKI DAY @ WINTERPLACE 1/25/26
- CAVE HIKE | SPELUNKING @ LOST WORLD CAVERNS - LEWISBURG, WV 1/31/26 10 AM - 2 PM
- HOLIDAYS: NEW YEAR'S DAY 1/1/26
MLK JR DAY 1/19/26
- Takhonek Lodge
- Black Diamond Council GSUSA
- World Scouting Museum
- Buckskin Council SA

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	28	29	30 NEW YEAR'S DISCO @ GISCO TRIDELPHIA, WV 6 P - 10 A	31 NEW YEAR'S DAY SA CLOSED ALL BLDGS	1	2
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 BRAVE, FIERCE, FUN COOKIE BADGE WORKSHOP 2026 10 A - 4 P POLAR (CDO) 1/10/26 10 A - 2 P
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18	19 MLK JR DAY - SA/ MUSEUM CLOSED	20	21	22	23	24
25 SCOUT SKI DAY - WINTERPLACE	26	27	28	29	30	31 CAVE HIKE SPELUNKING @ LOST WORLD CAVERNS 10 A - 2 P

EACH YEAR WE MUST CHANGE TO A NEW CALENDAR!

Dec 2025 - Jan 2026 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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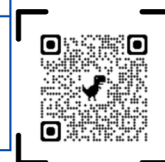
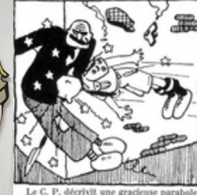




Exhibit Spotlight of the Month



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Exhibit Spotlight of the Month: The Adventures of Totor, Tintin, and a Scout called Hergé

One of the most important comic book characters of all time, Tintin has a significant Scouting background. Georges Prosper Remi, pen name Hergé, created Tintin and his little brother Totor.

Hergé himself was a young Scout who grew up in Belgium. The Adventures of Totor was his first comic book character, designed by a Scout, for a Scouting Magazine, *Le Boy Scout Belge*, and most importantly for Scouts to read. It was serialised monthly from July 1926 to the Summer of 1929 and the story centers on Totor's trip to visit his Aunt and Uncle in Texas, USA. Once he arrives in the USA, he must deal with gangsters and hostile Native Americans to return to Belgium.

It was in this comic that Hergé began to experiment with the usage of speech bubbles, something more common in America but not widely used in Europe. It was his usage of speech bubbles in Tintin comics that would help to standardize the practice globally. Eventually, Totor would evolve into the Tintin we all know, but his Scouting background never left. Tintin was a Scout and reporter, but also the Scout Law in motion.

The Adventures of Tintin debuted on January 10, 1929, in *Le Petit Vingtième*, or *The Little Twentieth*, a supplement of *Le Vingtième Siècle* which ran from 1898 to 1940. Tintin has been published in more than 70 languages, sold over 200 million copies, and been adapted to many other genres. Tintin has appeared in movies, television shows, and video games in addition to his past in comic and book form. One of the largest draws to the stories of Tintin is the elements of politics, history, and technology that can be found within the tales. Tintin, as a reporter, is where the action is, so that he can report and tell the world what is happening. Throughout his adventures, Tintin shows what a Scout can become and how they grow into capable adults, like from Totor to Tintin.

In America, Tintin is not as popular as in other European countries, but many Scouts would love the stories. We hope that you have enjoyed this Exhibit Spotlight and ask you to visit our website for more information about Hergé, Totor, Tintin, and Scouting. Please check out the podcast episode and video for a fun *Totor/Tintin* story as well! The full story is available online.



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