

Monthly Museum Newsletter



WORLD SCOUTING MUSEUM

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Photo from WV Tourism and History Day at the WV State Capitol 1/28/2026



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Curator Corner: Trips to the WV Capitol and Marshall University Coming to WVSU

Hello Museum Family,

February is almost finished and it has been a busy month here at the World Scouting Museum. Since our last issue we have attended a few events and I thought it would be good to recap what has been going on.

Towards the end of January we attended the WV History and Tourism Day and had a great response. Look for some photos throughout. I also was asked to be on a Scouting Podcast, look for a link and take a listen to that if you get a chance.

I was invited by the local Buckskin Council to the Marshall University for a Merit Badge College. I offered the Home Repairs Merit Badge in the AM and the Chess Merit Badge in the afternoon. In March I will be attending another Merit Badge College this time at West Virginia State University (my Alma Mater). Learn more about the University of Scouting Merit Badge College at the QR Code. It's great to attend these events and see Scouts who have visited the

Museum. I will be teaching the American Heritage Merit Badge for University of Scouting, and I hope to see you there.

I recently completed a new video ad for the Museum as a part of the WV Tourism Co-Operative Advertising Package we won. We were able to win \$5,000, and I put that towards a Bookable Activity Package, to help boost and increase our sales this Summer during the 2026 National Scout Jamboree at the Summit. I have been speaking with the Staff at the Summit, working towards enhancing programming for Scouts at the Reserve throughout the Summer and potentially the Jamboree.

Every month brings more to the World Scouting Museum, whether its memorabilia donations, tours, or merit badge classes. Check out our Social Media to stay up to date and learn about what is coming soon.

Yours in Scouting,
 Alex Bennett
 Museum Curator

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US House Resolution 1041 Support the Designation of “Scouting America Day” in celebration of its 116th Anniversary

READ US H.R. 1041 SUPPORT “SCOUTING AMERICA DAY” IN CELEBRATION OF ITS 116TH ANN.



On February 5, 2026, US Representative Thompson (PA) introduced House Resolution 1041, Supporting the designation of “Scouting America Day” in celebration of its 116th anniversary. Do you know what this means? It means that the 119th US Congress has designated February 8, 2026, as Scouting America Day! This is possible due to the dedication of Legislators and Scouters who make up the Congressional Scouting Caucus and their introduction of this bill. Scouting America has served as an apolitical organization, focusing on developing the next American leaders. The

Congressional Scouting Caucus brings Congressional Scouters and Scout-allies together to serve Scouting’s needs in Congress.

The Boy Scouts of America, now Scouting America was incorporated by William Boyce on February 8, 1910. This makes it the 116th Anniversary of Scouting this year for the 2026 National Scout Jamboree!

We want to thank to the Congressional Scouting Caucus for their dedication to Scouting and their introduction of House Resolution 1041.

READ AN ARTICLE ABOUT H.R. 1041



WV History and Tourism Day at the State Capitol was a success!

Even in the cold and snow, History and Tourism Day at the WV State Capitol was a roaring success. While participation was a bit lacking due to a snowstorm, we were lucky enough to have a great turnout in the Capitol Rotunda. I was lucky enough to speak with tons of people and Legislators about the Museum throughout the day, helping to spread the word about what we do and the RLH Merit Badge College.

Tourism and History Day are always a great opportunity for us to expand our reach, meet with other industry professionals, and work together to drive guests to our sites around WV. We are planning to return to the WV State Capitol for Scouting America Day at the Capitol on March 9, 2026 so be on the lookout for us in the Rotunda!



West Virginia House Bill 5059: Abandoned Property in Possession of a Cultural Heritage Institution

West Virginia has a problem, and its with the abandoned property at Museums, Heritage Sites, and Libraries. I have been working with WVU, WVAM, and County Libraries across WV to update these laws. We met with Delegate Akers and HB 5059 was the result. 48 US States have laws dealing with abandoned property at sites like ours, but not here in WV, and we think that should change. Ultimately, it means that we can de-clutter and potentially sell/destroy items we have in our collections with legal processes to ensure the donors and sites are all protected. We hope that you will support us in trying to pass WV HB 5059, and if you have questions about the bill please reach out to us at the Museum for an explanation.

VIEW WV HB 5059 TEXT HERE:





Help us fix the ACOV RV!

We received 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 thought about the effects of Mining in Society? Complete this Merit Badge and learn about the vast underground world that helps to power our devices and homes. Mining has changed significant in the 250 year history of America, this merit badge helps to explain those changes and the industry. 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!!!



AIDES TO SCOUTING



Aides to Scouting Podcast features World Scouting Museum Curator Alex Bennett

Recently I was invited to be a guest on the Aides to Scouting Podcast with Baden-Powell re-enactor Walker Chandler and his co-host Elliott Coker.

Available on Apple Podcasts, Facebook, and YouTube every Thursday the Aides to Scouting podcast dives into trending topics, fresh perspectives, and meaningful conversations.

From the timeless values of Lord Baden-Powell to interviews with the leaders shaping the future of the Scouting movement, be sure to check out the show live or on demand today.

During our conversation we spoke about how we have updated our Merit Badge College and added the virtual option, which has flourished since the end of 2025. Other topics we covered included various Scouting topics, the Museum Newsletter, the Museum Podcast, and how we are expanding to meet Scouts where they are. I enjoyed my time on the podcast and hope to see other members of the World Scouting Museum volunteers and Trustees as guests in the future.

Be sure to check out the video or listen to the podcast today and support the Aides to Scouting Podcast.



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VIEW THE AIDES TO SCOUTING LINKS HERE:



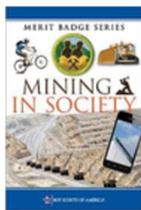
VIEW OUR EPISODE OF THE PODCAST



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 Monthly Combined Scouting Calendar



- SCOUT DAY @ WVU WOMENS BASKETBALL - HOPE COLISEUM MORGANTOWN, WV 2/1/26 13P-2P
- GAME DAY GRUB | BADGE WORKSHOP 2026 - CHARLESTON, WV 2/7/26 10A-2P
- SCOUT SKI DAY @ WINTERPLACE 2/9/26 & 2/22/26
- MAKERSPACE ARTIST SERIES SESSION 5 - CHARLESTON, WV 2/10/26 6:30P-8:30P
- MARSHALL U. MERIT BADGE COLLEGE - HUNTINGTON, WV 2/14/26 8A-4P
- LODGE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT - SCOUT CTR, CHARLESTON, WV 2/14/26
- TROOP CAMP SWISH AND S'MORES - WHEELING, WV 2/10/26 4P-10A
- Takhonek Lodge
- Black Diamond GSUSA
- World Scouting Museum
- Buckskin Council SA

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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SCOUT DAY @ WVU WOMENS BASKETBALL						GAME DAY GRUB BADGE WORKSHOP
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
SCOUT SKI DAY - WINTERPLACE		MAKERSPACE ARTIST SERIES SESSION 5		EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 6P-8P		LODGE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT MARSHALL UNIVERSITY MERIT BADGE COLLEGE 8A-4P
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	PRESIDENT'S DAY - CLOSED					
SCOUT SKI DAY - WINTERPLACE						TROOP CAMP SWISH AND S'MORES 6P-10A
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
TROOP CAMP SWISH AND S'MORES 6P-10A				GIRLZONE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR GIRL SCOUTS DAY @ WV LEGISLATURE 2026 - CHARLESTON, WV	GIRL SCOUTS DAY @ THE WV LEGISLATURE 2026 - CHARLESTON, WV	MARSHALL UNIVERSITY AVIATION DAY - HUNTINGTON, WV

03 World Scouting Museum **March 2026**
 Monthly Combined Scouting Calendar

- TROOP CAMP SWISH AND S'MORES - WHEELING, WV 2/27/26-3/1/26 6P-10A
- CAMPING-IN: LIVE VIA ZOOM 3/3 7P-8P
- GS DAY @ THE LEGISLATURE 2026 | CHARLESTON, WV 8A-2P
- MARSHALL UNIVERSITY AVIATION DAY 3/7
- MAKERSPACE ARTIST SERIES | SESSION 6 | CHARLESTON, WV 3/10 6:30P-3/10 8:30P
- COUNCIL RECOGNITION DINNER - CHRIST CHURCH UNITED METHODIST 3/14 6P-8P
- GIRL SCOUT DAY @ BOWDEN FISH HATCHERY - ELKINS, WV 3/14 10A
- OA AIA/ICE TRAINING - CAMP ARROWHEAD 3/20-3/22
- UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING - WVSU 3/21
- Takhonek Lodge
- Black Diamond GSUSA
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					GOOD FRIDAY CLOSED	

Feb-March 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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<p>www.worldscoutingmuseum.org wsmwvcurator@gmail.com</p>	<p>SCAN THIS QR CODE TO LISTEN TO THE NEWEST EPISODE NOW:</p> 



Exhibit Spotlight of the Month



Photos of Items, Camps, and Scouts from the 1979 World Jamboree Year

CHECK OUT DAISY DOLL & STEVE'S SCOUTS DEEP DIVE PODCAST. AVAILBLE AT THE QR CODE HERE:



Exhibit Spotlight of the Month: The World Jamboree Year 1979: Scouting Events in Australia, Canada, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United States of America,

Last month, we covered the 1979 Iranian World Scout Jamboree and its cancellation, so this month I wanted to talk about the World Jamboree Year. Since Scouts could not attend the Jamboree in Iran, the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) declared 1979 the World Jamboree Year and organized alternative International Scout events.

These Scouting events were held in Australia, Canada, Sweden, Switzerland, and the US.

The World Scouting Museum hosts items from Dalajamb in Sweden, which was attended by our founder, Dr. Horne. Dalajamb was considered the largest and closest approximation to an "official" World Jamboree; it was hosted by the King of Sweden. The weather was difficult for the event, featuring rain. Many attendees enjoyed their time in Sweden, but Scouts were celebrating around the world.

Kristall '79 was held from July 22-31 at the International Scout Centre in Kandersteg, Switzerland. Hosting roughly 1,200 Scouts from 42

countries, this Jamboree featured a 12-hour mountain expedition, folk festivals, and the ability to earn the High Adventure award badge by completing alpine tasks.

The 12th Australian/4th Asia-Pacific Jamboree was held from December 1979 to January 1980 at Perth Lakes in Perth, Australia. This World Jamboree Year event saw roughly 12,000 Scouts from 34 nations attending and working towards the Sandgroper Award.

Here in America, the Philmont Scout Ranch hosted a High-Adventure Trekking Event for Scouts who came to the US. Scouts from South Africa visited many US Cities like New York and Denver on their way to Philmont for the 110 km hike through the Rocky Mountains from July 4-16. The Scouts' time at Philmont focused on Western history and activities.

Learn about the CJ '79 Manitoba Jamboree on our webpage! We have run of space! Please visit the Exhibit Spotlight page on our website, listen to our podcast, or watch our YouTube video to learn more about this bit of Scouting history.

TO VIEW EXHIBIT SPOTLIGHT PAGE SCAN QR CODE HERE:



YOUTUBE VIDEO #1



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