



Monthly Museum Newsletter



COMING SOON! Are you ready for the 2026 National Jamboree?

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RLH MERIT BADGE COLLEGE

Curator Corner: The Summit Bechtel Reserve brings visitors preparing for the 2026 National Jamboree

Hello Museum Family,

As the we grow closer to Summer 2026 we are starting to receive visitors that are planning the National Jamboree at the Summit. Everyday we are closer to the Jamboree and we have been working hard to have new exhibits out on display for Scouting's biggest get together!

Right now the Goodman-Edson Gallery has seen numerous additions to the OA Patch Collection. It will take a bit longer to complete adding all of the patches to the collection, but we are hoping to have it completed before Scout descend on the Summit for the Jamboree.

I want to thank those who donated to us during our Tax Day campaign this year, all money donated to the World Scouting Museum is reinvested into the Museum. If you are able please consider becoming a World Scouting Museum Member by donating annually, monthly, or one-time. You can join us as a

member by scanning the QR Code next to this article.

Every month I have given a quick update on the RLH Merit Badge College, especially since we have seen participation for this Museum Program grow exponentially in 2026. So far we have raised \$310 from Virtual Classes and helped Scouts earn a total of 77 Scouting America Merit Badges in person and virtually. We have plenty more Scouting America Merit Badges scheduled with Scouts from around the USA. We would love to see more local Troops reaching out to complete Merit Badges with us , so if you know a Troop near the Museum please let them know we would love to host them!

Finally Summer is always our busiest time of the year so if you reach out to me and I don't get right back to you please try again.

*Yours in Scouting,
Alex Bennett
Museum Curator*

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CHECK OUT OUR VERTICAL VIDEO AD!



Photo from the Delivery of Scouting America's 2026 Annual Report to the Nation to the US Congress | Photo Credit to Scouting America and it's Author

Scouting America Leaders and Youth Representatives deliver the Annual Report to the Nation to the United States Congress

AARON ON SCOUTING ARTICLE WITH FIGURES ON SCOUTING FOR 2025



SCOUTING AMERICA ARTICLE ON IT ANNUAL REPORT TO THE NATION



Every year, Scouting America provides a Report to the Nation to the United States Congress. Many of the past Annual Reports to the Nation are housed in the Green Bar Bill Libraries here at the World Scouting Museum.

This year, on April 6, 2026, Scouting America Leaders and Youth Representatives met with elected officials and leaders to highlight how Scouting has impacted youth and communities around the country. The Report to the Nation is an important way that we as Scouts show Congress and others not involved with

Scouting the impact we have all around the United States. While the Report to the Nation is an important aspect of this tradition, the real key is sending Scouts and Scout Volunteers to meet with members of Congress and their staffs to share stories and their experiences with Scouting and the impact within their communities.

Topics Scouts discussed during their trip to Congress included civic engagement, character development, and service to others. Scouts also got a first-hand look at the workings of the US Government. Learn more at the QR Codes.

LEARN ABOUT SCOUTING AMERICA'S YOUTH ADVOCACY GOALS



In Need of an Eagle Scout Project? Consider the World Scouting Museum!

We have had Local Scouts and even Scouts from further away reach out to us about doing Eagle Scout Projects here at the World Scouting Museum. We want to make sure that everyone knows we would love to host your Rank Advancement Projects for both Scouting America and the Girl Scouts of the USA. We have added a page to our website detailing the different Rank Advancements that require a Service Project and are putting together a Museum Service Project wishlist! We are happy to hear any ideas Scouts have that can help the World Scouting Museum so don't think the list is all we need. Reach out to us today to discuss your ideas and what options we can make work for your Rank Advancement Service projects, more info at the QR Codes.



Updates Continue in the Goodman-Edson Gallery! New OA Patches debut soon!

Order of the Arrow patches are continued to be added in the Goodman-Edson OA Gallery at the World Scouting Museum after NOAC 2024. Currently, if you visit us, the Gallery is in a bit of a mess. Please excuse us while we add to this massive display. We have thousands of patches to add to the collection and expect it to take us a while to get them all added.

If you visit us during this process, please stay out of any marked areas that are being updated and away from any items that are to be added. We are working as fast as we can to get the display completed and totally reopened, but at this time, various parts of the Goodman-Edson Gallery will be closed or off-limits to guests at the Museum.

LEARN MORE ABOUT DOING YOUR EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT AT THE WORLD SCOUTING MUSEUM



SCOUT LIFE EAGLE PROJECT SHOWCASE: GET IDEAS AND SEE COOL PROJECTS



CHECK OUT THE VIRTUAL OA PATCH COLLECTION @ OUR WEBSITE





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: American Cultures

Does your family have a dog? Are you interesting in getting one? The Dog Care Merit Badge is a great way to become more familiar with Man's Best Friend. Learn about the long standing historic relationship between humans and dogs and how we work together. Your dog will thank you!

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 at our website.**



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 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 OUR EPISODE OF THE PODCAST



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04 World Scouting Museum **April** 2026

Monthly Combined Scouting Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

Legend:
 Takhonek Lodge (Red), Black Diamond GSUSA (Green), World Scouting Museum (Blue), Buckskin Council SA (Orange)

Events:
 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 4/9/26 6P-8P SCOUT SERVICE CENTER
 TAKHONEK SPRING FELLOWSHIP 4/10-4/12 | CAMP ARROWHEAD
 CST 12 CONFERENCE 4/11 | CAMP SINOQUIE POLAR (FORMERLY CDOI) 4/11 10A-12P | SCOUT SERVICE CENTER
 COUNCIL PINWOOD DERBY 4/11 12P-2:30P | SCOUT SERVICE CENTER
 MAKERSPACE ARTIST SERIES | SESSION 7 | CHARLESTON, WV 4/14 6:30P-3/10 8:30P
 WILDERNESS FIRST AID TRAINING | CAMP KDOTAGA 4/17 6P- 4/18 9P
 82ND ANNUAL MEETING OF DELEGATES | CHARLESTON, WV 4/18 9A-2P
 GIRL SCOUT WAY BADGE WORKSHOP | CHARLESTON, WV 10A-2P
 GOOD FRIDAY - SERVICE/SHOP CLOSED
 COUNCIL PINWOOD DERBY 12P-2:30P
 CST 12 CONFERENCE POLAR (CDOI) 10 A-12P 2:30P
 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING | TAKHONEK SPRING FELLOWSHIP - CAMP ARROWHEAD
 12TH ANNUAL MEETING OF DELEGATES | CHARLESTON, WV
 WILDERNESS FIRST AID TRAINING | CAMP KDOTAGA 6-9P
 GIRL SCOUT WAY BADGE WORKSHOP CHARLESTON, WV
 OUTDOOR WEEKEND LEARNING SPECTACULAR | MILTON, WV
 INTRO TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS (IOLS) 5/1 6P- 5/2 6P
 BASIC ADULT LEADER OUTDOOR ORIENTATION (BALOO)



05 World Scouting Museum **May** 2026

Monthly Combined Scouting Calendar

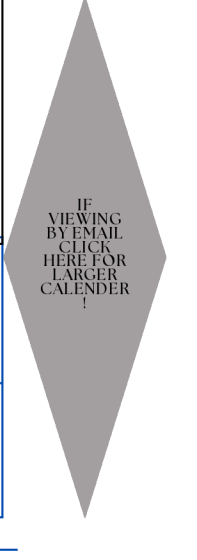
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Events:
 OWLS 2026 5/1-3 | MILTON, WV
 BUILD-A-BEAR TEA PARTY 5/2 | CHARLESTON, WV
 BALOO 5/1 6:30P- 5/2 6P | CAMP ARROWHEAD
 INTRO TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS (IOLS) 5/1-2 6P
 MULTI-DISTRICT FAMILY CAMP 5/8 5:30 P - 5/9 12 P | CAMP ARROWHEAD
 CAVE HIKE & SPELUNKING @ LOST CAVERNS 2026 5/9 | LEWISBURG
 MAKERSPACE ARTIST SERIES 5/11 8 | CHARLESTON, WV
 EMPOWERING GIRLS LUNCHEON 5/12
 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 5/14
 CAMPING OUT - VOLUNTEER TRAINING 5/15-16 | PIPESTEM
 ROBOTICS EXPLORERS | BADGE WORKSHOP 5/16
 OA SECTION E13 CONCLAVE 5/15-17 | CAMP ARROWHEAD
 BUILD-A-BEAR TEA PARTY MAY 2 | CHARLESTON, WV
 OWLS 2026 MAY 1-3 | MILTON, WV
 BALOO MAY 1 6:30 P- MAY 2 6P | CAMP ARRO
 INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS (IOLS) MAY 1 6P - MAY 2 6P | CAMP ARROWHEAD
 MULTI-DISTRICT FAMILY CAMP MAY 8 5:30 P - MAY 9 12 P | CAMP ARROWHEAD
 CAMPING OUT - VOLUNTEER TRAINING
 OA SECTION E13 CONCLAVE MAY 15-17 | CAMP ARROWHEAD
 ROBOTICS EXPLORERS | BADGE WORKSHOP

April-May 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> 



Photos of Items in the World Scouting Museum Collection from WWII Era Scouting

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



Exhibit Spotlight of the Month: Scouting's Patriotism During WW2

When you think of World War II (WW2) do you think of Scouting? Maybe you should! Scouts around the US and the World answered the call from their countries in several ways. The Boy Scouts of America alone numbered 1,500,000 boys and men who served the US in this time of need.

President FDR first reached out to the BSA in April 1941, requesting that Scouts distribute posters for Defense Bonds and Stamps. Ultimately, the Scouts would go on throughout the end of the War distributing millions of posters. Some local Scouts participated in Local Stamp and Bond Subscription programs, but there was not a nationwide program like during WW1.

In the Fall of 1941, it was apparent that the US had an increased need for Emergency Preparedness. In October 1941, the BSA introduced the "Emergency Service Corps" program. These Scouts, who must be at least 15 years old, were specifically trained in helping out in emergencies.

In the Summer of 1941, the BSA was requested to collect scrap aluminum to help the war effort. Scouts began going house to house, requesting owners to contribute all used aluminum-ware

which they could spare without replacement. Between 1941 and 1945, Scouts collected over 420,000,000 lbs of various Scrap Metal for the war effort! Musical Instruments were collected by the Scouts at the request of the US Army so that Servicemen at local bases could form orchestras. In 1942 alone, Scouts collected over 8,800 unused or underused instruments to arm the Army Orchestras.

Of all the services that Scouts performed during WW2, Milkweed Collecting was one of the largest and most important tasks. Kapok, a vital component for Life Jackets, became unobtainable. Luckily, native Milkweed Floss was a great replacement, and Scouts collected more Milkweed Floss than was known to exist! All that Milkweed Floss was used to make nearly 2 MILLION Life Jackets! Other items collected by Scouts for the war effort include clothes, used X-ray film. coat hangers, and new razor blades,

This is a really large area of study, and we cannot continue the story in this limited space. Please visit our Exhibit Spotlight page for the completed story. Just scan the QR Code!

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