



Monthly Museum Newsletter



Scouts Preparing for the Upcoming Scouting Season SUMMER 2026



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WORLD SCOUTING MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP INFO



Curator Corner: May Showers bring Museum Visitors!

Hello Museum Family,

As we get closer to Scout Season or Summer 2026 the World Scouting Museum has started to come alive. Tours and Visitors have begun to pick up the pace of their visits and our Virtual Merit Badge Classes have been super successful in the recent months. We have had Scouts from all around the US working with us here at the Museum to earn their Merit Badges through our virtual option. While we have had a few people say that virtual options are not the same, Merit Badges are supposed to be Scout led, and as Counselor my role is to help and answer questions, not to do the activities with the Scout directly. I want to stress the importance of self study in these classes, and help Scouts learn to find information on their own.

As we age we do not seek out someone to teach us about a new hobby or subject we have become interested in, the idea is that we teach Scouts how to access information about those subjects, not give them the answers. This makes them more

successful and self sufficient. I say all of that to say this, unless I am teaching a specific skill that needs to be demonstrated in person I believe that the either the in person or virtual option is acceptable to be used. Not all Merit Badges are appropriate for the Virtual option obviously, but many can be completed by meeting virtually with a counselor to reaffirm and further educate Scouts about the topic of the Merit Badge. I would hope that any of the Scouts that have worked with me have learned a lot themselves and later from me when we discuss the subject together.

I have completed the additions to the Goodman-Edson OA Gallery this week and hope that we will have some Scouts stop by to see the new additions. Remember we are always looking for OA Patch donations to complete your Lodge so that we can share it with Scouts that visit the World Scouting Museum.

*Yours in Scouting,
Alex Bennett
Museum Curator*

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SECTION E13 ORDER OF THE ARROW

Section E13 Order of the Arrow Logo

Order of the Arrow Section E13 Conclave was held May 15-17, 2026 at Camp Arrowhead in Ona, WV

Starting on May 15 and continuing through May 17, 2026, the Order of the Arrow Section E13 Conclave was held at Camp Arrowhead in Ona, West Virginia. The World Scouting Museum sent our Executive Director, Dr. Robert Lynn Horne to represent us and meet with Arrowmen from our local OA Section. Lodges in attendance included Marnoc, Sipp-O, Erielhonan, Tecumsah, Netawatwees, Oconomowoc, and Takhonek. The theme for the E13 Section Conclave was a “Bodacious Beach Party” and featured the 2026 Eastern Region Chief Max Mihalow who attended the Beach Party to socialize with

other Arrowmen. During the Beach Party, swimming was available for any Scouts who had a valid swim test within one year before the end of the Conclave. The event was a tent camping event, so OA Members enjoyed the outdoor beauty of Camp Arrowhead in Ona, WV. On Sunday May 17th, the Museum hosted OA members from the Section Conclave, including Max Mihalow, the Eastern Region Chief. We hope that all Arrowmen had a great time, even with the unfortunate weather over the weekend. We hope to see all members of the OA Section here at the World Scouting Museum soon!

MORE INFO ABOUT THE OA E13 SECTION CONCLAVE



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.

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

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



New Updates to the Goodman-Edson Gallery! New OA Patches debut!

We are pleased to announce that the Goodman Edson Gallery at the World Scouting Museum has reopened, with new patches added to the Order of the Arrow Lodge Displays. Currently, the OA Virtual Patch Collection is out of date and DOES NOT reflect the new patches added to the displays here at the World Scouting Museum.

Please remember we are looking to add missing patches from our displays, so if you have a patch you would like to have added to the OA Collection that we are missing, please reach out or mail us the patch so we can add it and share more of your lodge with visiting Scouts. We are thrilled to have completed this project before the upcoming National Scout Jamboree.

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: Cybersecurity

Our world is more connected digitally everyday. Whether it's personal or for your future career, we all need to know the important aspects of Cybersecurity. Get a jump start on your digital safety by earning the Cybersecurity Merit Badge 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 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!!!



Congratulations from the World Scouting Museum to Sea Scout Ship *Viking* (#100)

Congratulations are in order for Sea Scouts of the Sea Scout Ship *Viking* (#100) from San Francisco, CA due to their recent naming of the 2026-2027 BoatUS-Sea Scout National Flagship! This honor dates back to 2002 and was created by the Boat Owners Association of the United States (BoatUS) to mark the 90th Anniversary of Sea Scouts and to recognize excellence in program quality, youth achievement, and adult commitment.

The Ship *Viking*, which is chartered by the San Francisco Sailing Whaleboat Association exemplifies the mission of the Sea Scouts and consists of 34 Sea Scouts who in 2025 have demonstrated exceptional achievement in advancement and training. The ship even completed a two-weeklong cruise through the San Francisco Bay to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta along with weekly sailing and kayaking trips. The Ship has also competed in Sea Scout events and had one of the Sea Scouts selected to sail about the USCCG Barque Eagle, which is a distinguished honor for that Scout and the Sea Scout Ship!

We want to send our hearty CONGRATULATIONS to this all Female Sea Scout Ship for this honor!

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READ THE ARTICLE ABOUT SEA SCOUT SHIP VIKING #100



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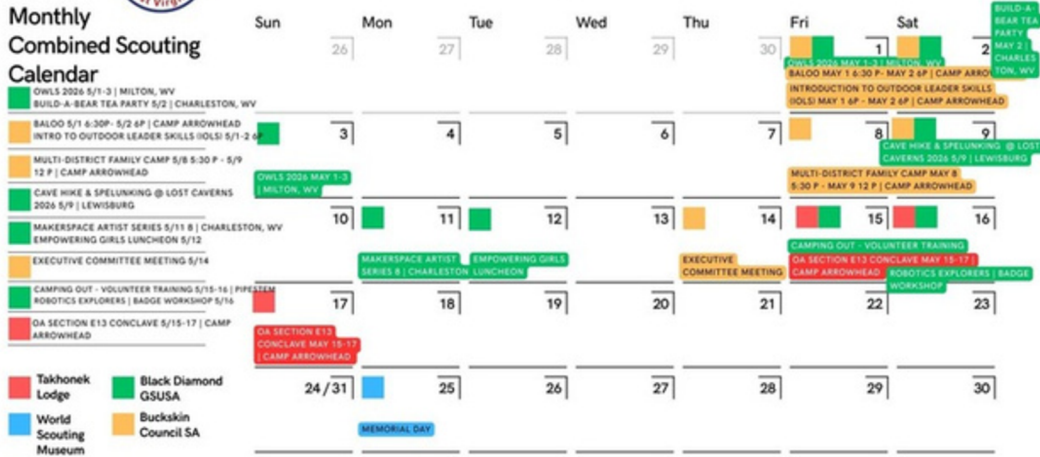
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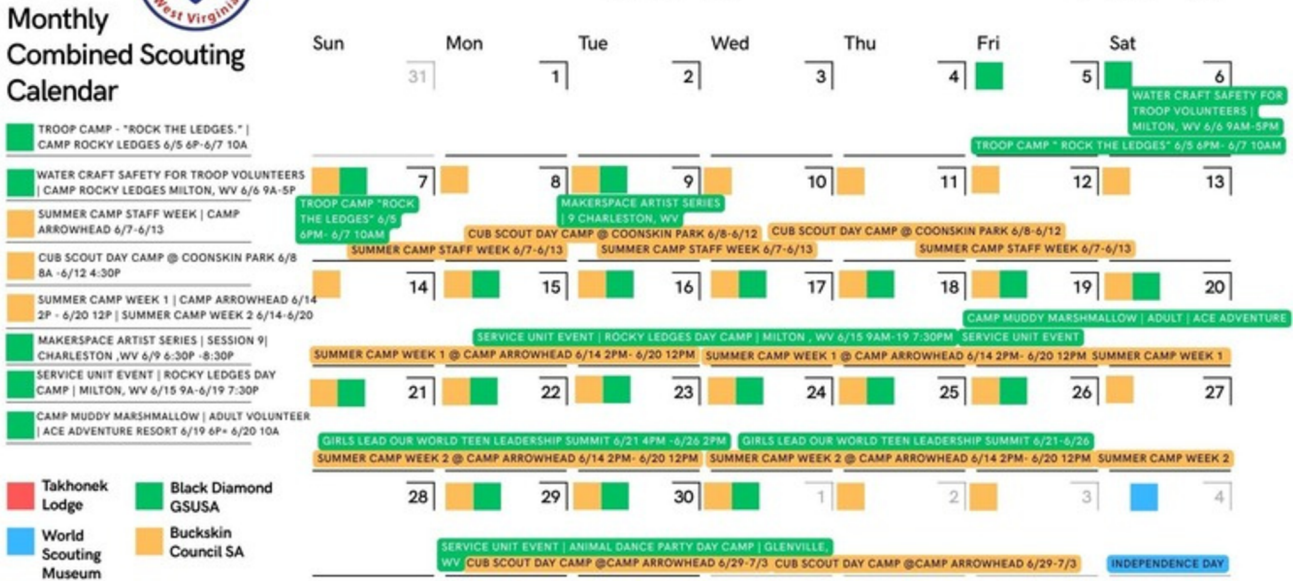
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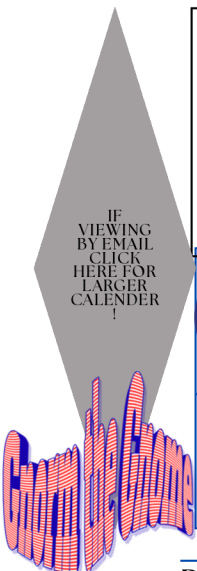
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May-June 2026 Combined Scouting Council and Museum Calendar:

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

 <p>WORLD SCOUTING MUSEUM</p>	<p>CHECK OUT THE DAISY DOLL AND STEVE SCOUT PODCAST</p>
<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: The Unknown Japanese Scout Memorial in Kodomo-no-Kuni Children's Park in Yokohama, Japan

In Kodomo-no-Kuni (Children's) Park in Yokohama, Japan, stands a memorial that tells the story of a chance meeting between two Scouts on opposing sides during wartime. During World War II, on Bougainville Island in the South Pacific, an American soldier lay wounded on the beach. His left leg was seriously injured, and he was unable to walk, so he lay on the beach waiting to be found. After a long time, he heard someone approaching. When he opened his eyes, he saw a Japanese Soldier standing over him with a bayonet attached to his rifle. His first thought was that the Japanese Soldier would kill him, and he fainted.

Later, to the surprise of the American Soldier, he woke up lying on the same beach with his left leg bandaged. Beside him on the beach lies a note, written in Japanese, which he puts in his pocket for later since he could not read it. He prayed for a rescue and continued the long wait; at least now his wound was bandaged. Later, fellow Marines would find the wounded soldier and would evacuate him to a field hospital. Once in the field hospital, the American soldier found that the physician treating him could read Japanese, so the

soldier showed him the note. The unsigned note contained a message from the Japanese soldier, which read: "When I was about to kill you, you made the three-fingered Scout salute. I, too, am a Scout. A Scout is a brother to every other Scout so I could not kill you. I gave you first aid instead. Good luck!"

After the war, the American soldier and his father were said to have visited the Boy Scout Headquarters and told the story to the Chief Scout Executive Arthur Schuck. They were also said to have donated money for a memorial. One important detail is that the American Scout Soldier asked that their names not be revealed unless the Japanese Scout Soldier was identified. Sometime after 1953 the Chief Scout Executive of Japan finally heard the story, either from an American visiting Japan or from Arthur Schuck himself on his way back to Japan from Lichtenstien.

This is a 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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