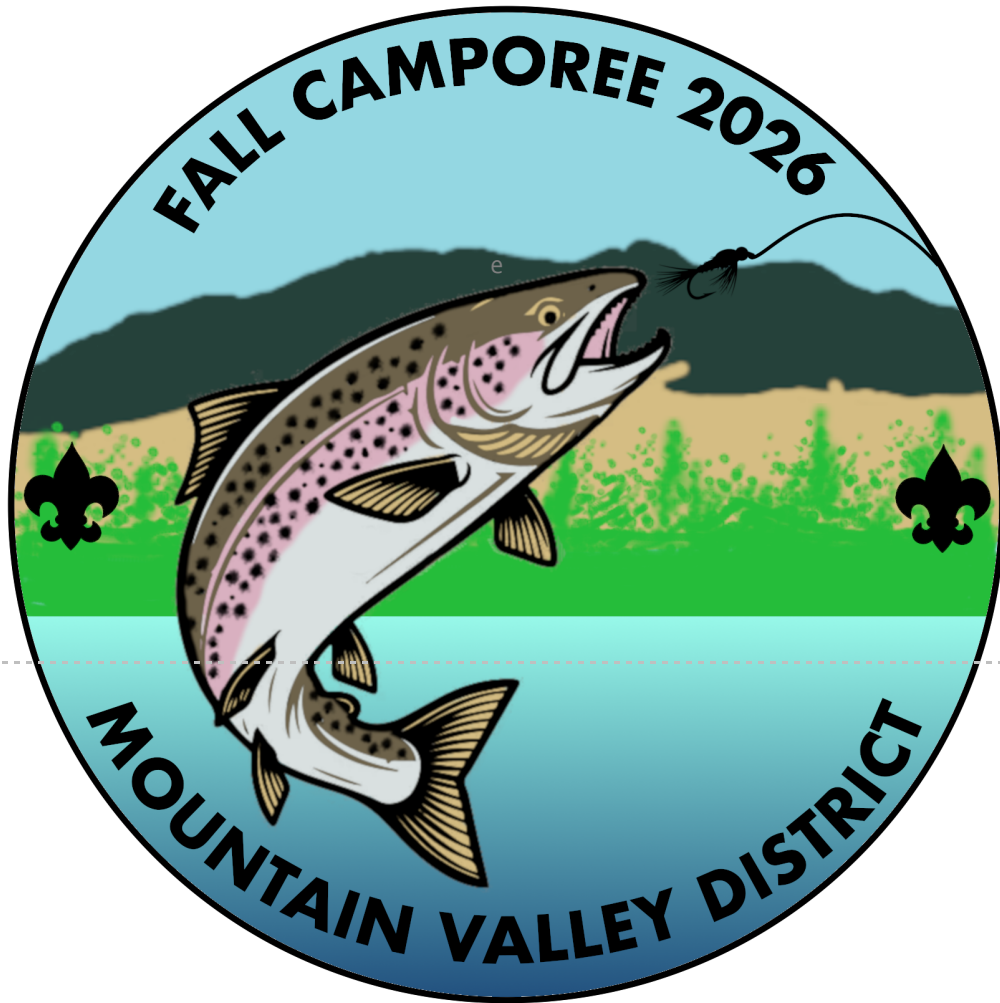




**Ruby River Rendezvous
Mountain Valley District
October 2-4, 2026**

Leader Guide updated 9/8/26

Leader Guide Introduction

Join the Mountain Valley District for an action-packed weekend of fly tying, precision casting, and fishing for wild trout. Whether you're a first-time angler or an experienced caster, grab your gear and get ready to master the Fly Fishing Merit Badge on the beautiful private waters of Sheridan, Montana!

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Program Information

This October, the Mountain Valley District invites your unit to the Ruby River Rendezvous near Sheridan, Montana. Hosted on private property featuring a stocked pond and access to over eight miles of the Ruby River and local spring creeks, this event is a hands-on immersion into the Fly Fishing Merit Badge.

Scouts will rotate through interactive skill stations led by experienced volunteers and professional outdoor guides. Participants will tie their own Woolly Buggers and more at the "Vice Squad" tent, learn river ecology, first aid, and master the 10-to-2 overhead cast on the target range.

The program is structured for all experience levels. Beginners will receive 1-on-1 mentoring at the catch-and-release pond to build confidence and catch their first fish. Meanwhile, experienced scouts will learn to read the water, practice advanced river etiquette, and target wild trout. We have Professional Fishing Guides FREE for experienced scouts - Limited spaces so register NOW to reserve your space.

Adult leaders are highly encouraged to bring their polarized glasses and favorite fly rods to help mentor youth at the casting and fishing stations. Have your unit review the Montana fishing regulations, acquire fishing licenses, pack for unpredictable autumn weather, and prepare for a weekend of tight lines and outdoor conservation.

General Information

Location

Morse Land Company near Sheridan, MT

This is approximately 100 miles from Bozeman. Take I-90 West to Whitehall, then head south toward Twin Bridges. You will turn right from highway MT-287 onto Middle Road only 3.5 miles past Twin Bridges (mile 39.3). We will place a sign at this corner and following corners. After 1.9 miles on Middle road you will turn Right on Lewis Ln. From there it is only 0.6 miles to the Camporee site, on the left.

You can use the following Google Maps pin to navigate here:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/yePb2KkUb6HV8KnU8>



Registration

Units register online through the Black Pug system.

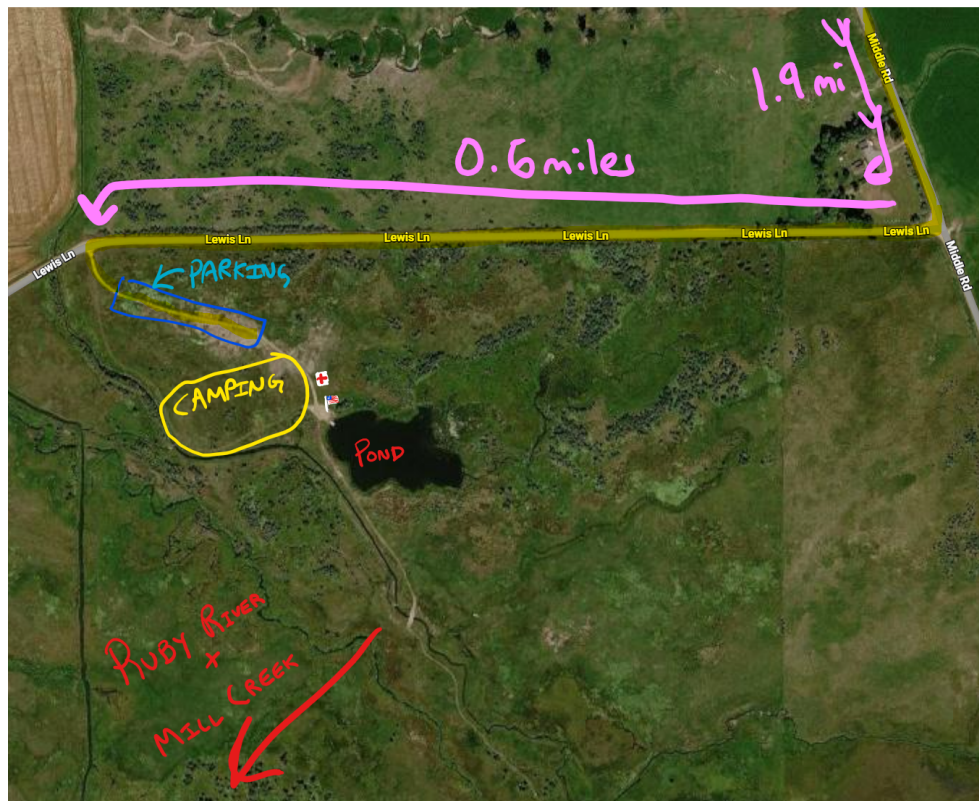
- <https://scoutingevent.com/315-MVDFallCamp26>

Fees

Registration includes a camporee patch and activities. **Units pay online at registration.** Registration will not be accepted at the event. **We have discounted scout registrations for this camporee due to longer distance and fishing license expense.**

- Scouts are \$20
- Adults are \$10
- Arrow of Light Scouts are \$10, and accompanying Parent is \$10 (or \$20 for both)
- Special Recruiting Bring-a-Friend for FREE!
 - (BSA Eligible youth can attend for the day or overnight)
 - Everyone (Bring-a-friend included) still needs health forms A and B dated within the last 12 months. Health forms can be found at: [Health form A B1 and B2 Link](#).

Site Layout



Schedule Information

Things to do with your Units now!

- Prepare:
 - Register:
 - Experienced Scouts can register to fish with professional Guides (LIMITED SPACE)
 - Adults can register for IOLS (Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills), required training for scoutmasters and assistant scoutmasters, fun for all leaders!
 - <https://scoutingevent.com/315-MVDFallCamp26>
 - Get Fishing Licenses: Required to Fish on Ruby River and Mill Creek
- Plan to Bring:
 - Fishing Gear: Some shared equipment will be available but scouts are encouraged to bring their own.
 - Eye Protection: Sunglasses or safety glasses are required when fishing. We will have some to share, but recommend bringing your own sunglasses.
 - Drinking Water: None available on-site
 - Firewood: None on site (pending fire ban status)
 - Shade / Shelter: No trees at this location.

Camporee Schedule

Always subject to change – but here is the plan as of press time.

<u>What</u>	<u>Time</u>
Friday, October 2, 2026	
Organizers Arrive on site	3:00 pm
Camporee Opens for Troop arrivals	5:00 pm
Cracker Barrel: Leadership Briefing for SPLs, Crew Presidents, Unit Leaders	9:00 pm (Later due to long drives)
Lights Out	10:00 pm
Saturday, October 3, 2026	
Reveille	7:00 am
Opening Flag Ceremony	9:00 am
Activities, guided fishing	9:30 am - 12:00 am
Lunch hr	12:00am - 1:30 pm

Activities	1:30 – 5:00 pm
Dinner, Troop Time	5:30 pm
Evening Flags	7:00 pm
Campfire Program	8:00 pm
Lights Out	11:00 pm
Sunday, October 4, 2026	
Reveille	7:00 am
Opening Flags	9:00 am
Scout Worship	After Flags
Closing Flags	After Scout Worship
Camporee Clean-up, Grounds Sweep, Unit Check-out	10:00 am – 11:00 am
Receipts and paperwork due for closing report and reimbursement	(after closing flags)
Everyone stays until the camp is packed up!	

Activities

This camporee will feature

Final activity details will be provided to SPLs at Friday's Cracker barrel briefing. Below is a summary to get you thinking!

What	Description	Responsible Unit/Person – Help Needed
Set-up (Friday)	District Set-up by 4 pm.	JasonD +
Cracker barrel	Leadership Staff: For Scouts - Scout Master & SPLs, and for Crews, Crew Advisor and Crew President. Units will take job cards for tasks the rest of the camporee & sign-up for other things as needed.	Steve Liebmann

What	Description	Responsible Unit/Person – Help Needed
Bugler	Bugle at Flags, Revile, etc	Need Volunteer
Flags	Set-up and take down flag pole and lead flag ceremonies.	OA Coordinated, troop needed
Medical Staffing	Set-up and staff the medical tent.	Micah Puyear
Adult Leader Lunch	A social lunch for adult leaders from different troops to get to know one another and learn from each other.	Host: Renee Stephens, DE
Evening Campfire	Skits (or some entertainment) from each Unit, and then on to the awards presentation! The campfire will be managed by a mixed team of Scouts, who will go to units, encourage entries, and inspire everyone to participate as well as do a Campfire Team thing (song, skit, etc.) of some kind and MC and manage the campfire sign-up.	OA Coordinated, MC needed
Scout Worship	Work with Units to ensure each Unit provides a component of the service. MC the service.	OA Coordinated
Take-down	All Units Help disassemble tents and load up supplies before they leave. Don't forget to help your district!	Everyone!

Station Managers

Thank you for volunteering to be in charge of one of the Stations listed above. If this is you, do the following:

- Make sure you understand what is asked of you. If you need help, Jason Daughenbaugh (406-570-4148).
- Ensure you have all of the equipment you need to teach the station.
- Investigate if with a little more work, your station could help Scouts achieve a rank requirement. Work that requirement into your Station.

Camporee Logistics: Safety, Gear, Parking, & Site Information

Parking and Access

TBD

Safety

- As with all campouts in Montana, assume bears are around. Store all food and trash in vehicles during the night; no food or snacks in tents; keep a clean camp.
- There is no running water for camp use. Troops should plan to bring their own water for the weekend.
- Rivers, ponds, streams are default OFF LIMITS. Stay away unless you have adult leader permission. This is a fishing camporee so there will be plenty of time to fish, but only with adult supervision.

Activity Safety and Gear

We will follow BSA safety for any activity. See Guide to Safe Scouting if you have questions. Here is the summary:

- Sunglasses or eye protection is required when fishing or around people fishing.

Amenities & Site Information

- Toilets provided (portapotties)
- There is no water available for units. Troops will need to bring their own water for drinking and camp necessities.
- Bring Firewood - none is provided
- Medical
 - Each Unit needs health forms A and B dated within the last 12 months for each participant; review them before the Camporee. Health forms can be found at: [Health form A B1 and B2 Link](#).
 - Each unit should have its own first aid kit for minor medical issues.
 - Camporee will have a central First Aid tent with medic for non-band aid events

In general, units have the following responsibility:

1. Ensuring their Unit follows all [Youth Protection guidelines](#) at all times.
2. Check-in
 - a. Provide a complete list of names of all Scouts and Leaders who are at the Camporee.

- i. Pre-printed registration sheets will be given to leaders with information provided in on-line registration. You can change names as needed.
 - b. Make sure any visitors check in and enforce the no dogs-no siblings Camporee guideline.
- 3. Loading & Unloading
 - a. Parking is close to the camping area, but gear will need to be transported into the camping area.
- 4. Leave No Trace
 - a. Keep unit sites clean
 - b. Pick up any trash found at any time
 - c. Pack out Unit trash
 - d. Participate in Grounds Sweep
 - e. Respect the property
 - f. Use the restrooms! Every time.
- 5. Prohibited Activities
 - a. **NO DOGS.** Dogs are not allowed even on leash. Also, no geckos, ferrets, cats, pigs, snakes, or other pets of any kind.
 - b. **NO SIBLINGS.** This creates an insurance issue. Camporee is not a family camp.
- 6. Safety Notes
 - a. Observe ALL safety boundaries, flags, or signs.
 - b. **All guests must check in upon arrival.**
- 7. Sign-up to Help
 - a. Sign-up to take a specific responsibility at the Camporee, such as District Tent Break-down or lead a Station. Leaders will be sent an email with sign-up options.
 - b. At registration – adults will need to sign-up to help at stations throughout the camporee. Each unit will have to supply on-site help as long as their unit 2-deep leadership is covered.
- 8. Check-out & Tear Down
 - a. Check with camporee staff before leaving.
 - b. Assist with camporee Tear Down before leaving.
 - i. If a unit/scout absolutely must leave earlier, check with the camporee director to be assigned work that can be done within their schedule.

Merit Badges - Crew Electives

Scouts can take initiative on what Merit Badge skills they are working on. Outdoor scout skills and leadership are all part of this camporee. Additionally, Scouts can get portions of fishing and fly-fishing merit badges completed.

Arrow of Light at Camporees (5th grade only)

Arrow of Light scouts are invited to participate at camporees. This is a great way for them to get excited about the troop program and helps them complete their Arrow of Light rank requirements.

Guests (Camporees are always RECRUITING EVENTS)

Guests are encouraged at Camporees, primarily through bring-a-friend recruiting. Any youth not with a unit who wants to come to the Camporee will be connected to a unit. Whether you bring a guest or are connected to a guest via the Scout office, please make sure the guest is made to feel welcome and that this is a positive introduction to Scouting. Follow-up with application information and encourage them to join scouting as part of your unit!

Recruiting Guests are FREE.

- Each friend still needs health forms A and B dated within the last 12 months. Health forms can be found at: [Health form A B1 and B2 Link](#).

Contact List

Who	Contact	District/Council	Camporee Role – Area - Job
Jason Daughenbaugh	406-570-4148 daughenbaugh@gmail.com	MVD	Older Scout Activities Coordinator
Steve Liebmann		MVD	Landowner Representative and Portapotties
Micah Puyear		T676	Camp Health Officer