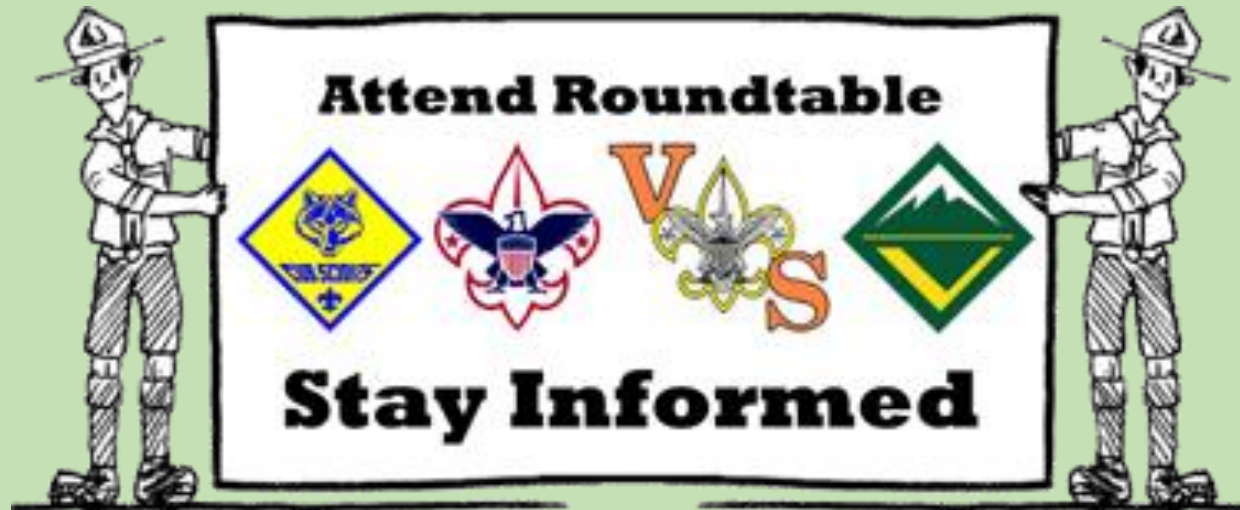


George Mason District Roundtable

May 11, 2023



Pledge



Welcome

New to Roundtable?

Please introduce yourself!

Council Update

- **Scoutbook Email and Calendars** - Fixed
- **Recharter Handbook** – Updating; send ruspittman@gmail.com any updates needed
- **Membership Inventory** – Compare to roster in <https://my.scouting.org>
- **My.scouting.org** – Menu, Organizational Manager
 - Key 3 Delegate
 - Registration Inquiry
 - COR Delegate
 - Treasurer
 - PIN
- **Webelos to Troop** – Issue with parents not associated with Scout
- <https://bsarestructuring.org> – Latest news of emergence from bankruptcy
- **2024 National Dues** – Update in July
- **Activities** – Please enter into Internet Advancement
- **Summer/Day/HA Camps** – Please provide this information

Aquatics Committee (<https://ncacbsa.org/aquatics>)

2023 Training Schedule

- **Pre-Camp Swim Tests (Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA)**
 - June 3rd and June 4th (9am-5pm) – hourly slots
- **Paddle Craft Safety (Still – Camp Snyder/Silver Lake; Moving – Riley’s Lock, MD)**
 - May 20 - Still Water Safety - Class Size 12 (Wait List)
 - May 21 - Moving Water Safety - Class Size 12 (Wait List)
 - Aug 26 - Still Water Safety - Class Size 12
 - Aug 27 - Moving Water Safety - Class Size 12
- **Aquatics MB Completion** (only for those that are missing a few requirements from camp)
 - TBD (likely early Sept)

NCAC 2023 Unit Growth Conference

- Who: Unit Key-3 Leaders, New Member Coordinators, Commissioners, and anyone looking to grow their unit's membership are invited to NCAC's 2023 Unit Growth Conference!
- Topics Covered:
 - How to market your Unit
 - Best Practices for Joining Events
 - NCAC's One-Stop-Shop for Membership
 - Recruitment & Marketing material pick-up
- Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 8304 Old Keene Mill Rd, Springfield, VA 22152
- Date: Saturday June 10, 2023
- Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm



Town Hall – Girls Recruitment

- Our Goal: To discuss opportunities and successes to utilize going into recruiting season. Especially focusing on recruiting girls in Cub Packs and for girl Troops. We want to identify FAQs that people may have so that we can address them and support units in girl's recruitment.

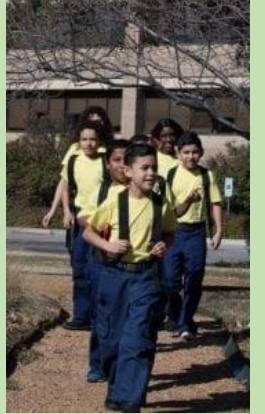
- Date: May 24, 2023
- Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm
- Zoom: <https://ncacbsa-org.zoom.us/j/89213439029>



Big Rock: Sons of the American Revolution



George Mason Program



John Drisco, Vice Chair Program
Matt Burns, Deputy Vice Chair Program
George Mason District



Current 2023 George Mason Calendar

- May 13, 2023 – Jamboree on the Trail
- May 13-14, 2023 – Patriot/GMD BALOO/IOLS
- May 20, 2023 – District Hike-O-Ree
- May 25, 2023 – Elks Youth Recognition Dinner for 2022 GM Eagles
- May 29, 2023 – Flags In
- June 3, 2023 – Life to Eagle Seminar (virtual)
- September 23, 2023 – Life to Eagle Seminar (in-person)



STEM

- 05/13 – [Techstravaganza 2023](#), Alexandria, VA
- 06/26-6/30 & 8/7-8/11 – [STEM MB and Nova at Innovation Academy](#)
- 07/16 – 07/21 – [Scouts BSA Specialty Week](#), Camp Snyder
- Anytime – [DC STEM Trek](#)- Showcases 24 government agencies, private organizations and monuments related to the tenets upon which STEM is based. Two hikes - 10.57 miles, or 4.75 miles



2023 NCAC Pinewood Derby

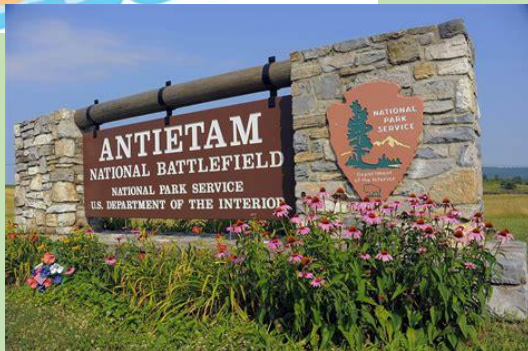
- When: May 20, 2023
- Where: Camp Snyder
- Cost: \$20
- Who: District 1st, 2nd, 3rd place in each den age group
- Register [here](#)
- Previous GMD race results and photos at:
<https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-pinewood-derby/>

GMD Camporees

Spring 2023:

Antietam/Rohrbach

Theme: White Canoeing &
Historic Hiking



Fall 2023:

Rock Enon

Theme: Shooting
Sports



2024

???





May 5-7

Rohrbach Group Campground,
Sharpsburg, MD

Historic Hiking at Antietam Battlefield

Canoeing at Antietam Creek

Spring 23 Camporee

- ✓ 93 signed up
- ✓ 6 Troops Participating
- ✓ 50 Historic Hikers Completed 228.5 miles
- ✓ 59 Boaters Canoeed 200 Creek Miles

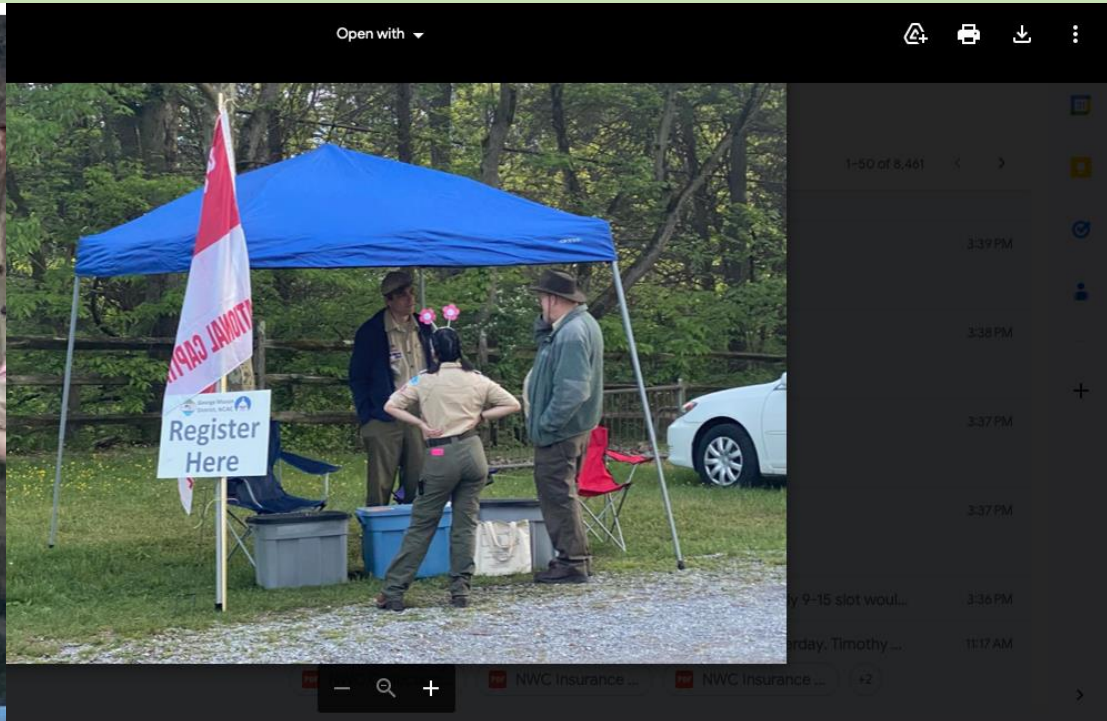


Outstanding performers

- Most Hiking Miles: Troop 140 with 66 miles
- Most Aquatic Miles: Troop 13 with 76 miles
- Most Combined Miles: Troop 13 with 121 miles
- Also Ran: GMD District Staff with 6 miles



Registration



Setting up



Flags (with bugler!)



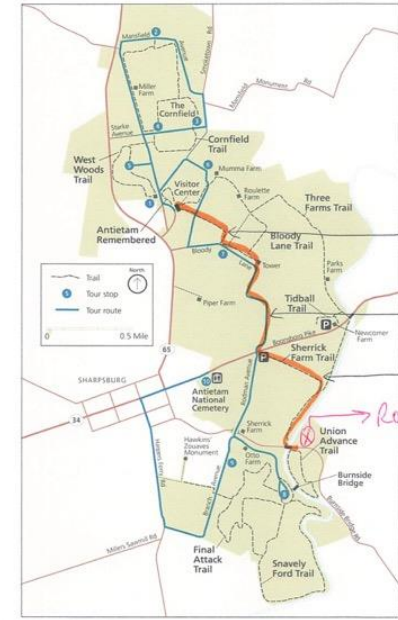


2.5 MILE LOOP



ROADS FOR SNVELLY FORD

4.5 MILE LOOP



Return on Same Trail

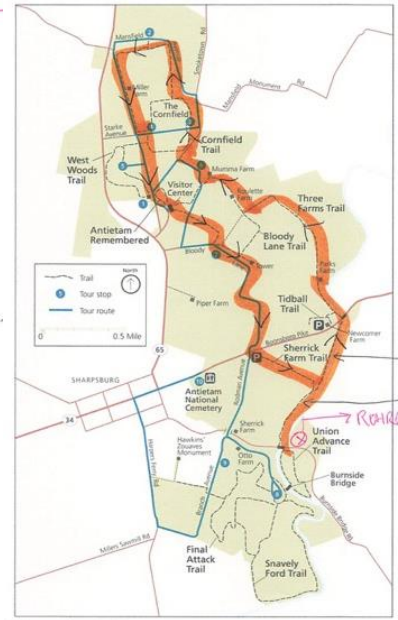
Follow path to Visitor's Center

Cross Sharpsboro pike, so up Bloody Lane to

Follow Sherrick Farm Trail

ROADS FOR SNVELLY FORD

6.5 MILE LOOP



Return on Same Trail

3 FARMS TRAIL

Sherrick Farm Trail

Historic hiking

Canoeing on the creek



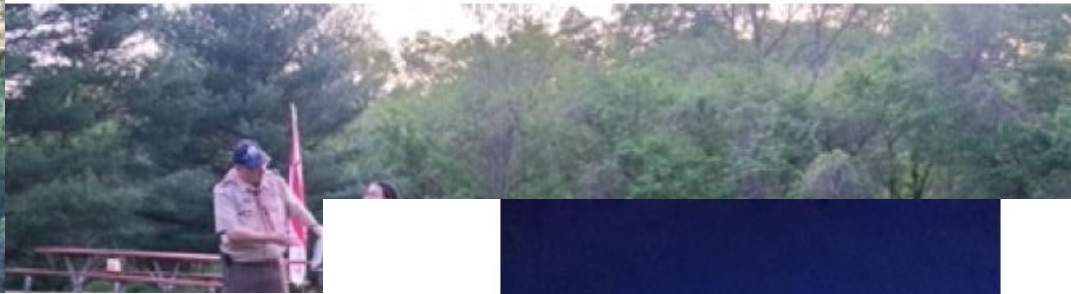







A campfire is burning brightly on a sandy beach. The fire is composed of several logs and branches, with bright yellow and orange flames rising from the center. The background shows a sunset over the ocean, with the sun low on the horizon and a dark silhouette of a mountain or island in the distance. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and dark blue. The word "Campfire" is written in a large, black, sans-serif font across the middle of the image.

Campfire









Fall Camporee: 10/20-22

- October 20-22, 2023
- Rock Enon
- Shooting Sports & Merit Badge
Carnival

Future directions

- ❖ Lessons Learned from Spring 2023
- ❖ GMD Camporee Spring 2024??
- ❖ Other District Programming



George Mason Hike-O-Ree



- 3rd Annual GM Hike-O-Ree – Open to all (Cubs, Scouts BSA and Venturing Scouts), families and friends.
- Two options to participate:
 1. Hike with the District on Saturday, May 20
 2. Hike at ANY time between May 12 and May 21.
- Participants in both options will receive patches.
- Any age, any place and any appropriate grouping – just keep track of how far you hiked.
- Challenge – District Scouts, Scouters and families hike 2,023 miles.
- Total the miles for each unit and notify Matt Burns at Burnsmj509@gmail.com. We'll see how big a total we reach.

District Hike on May 20 – Option 1

- Hike around Lake Mercer – gentle 4.3 miles.
- Limited to first 99 registrants
- Starting from South Run Recreation Center NLT 9:00 a.m. and finishing by 11:30 a.m.
- YPT in effect – Every unit must have two registered, YPT current adults on hike.
- Participating units must supply a third adult to help staff event.
- Units must use the buddy system and account for all participants at start and end of hike – stay together!
- Scouts working on Second Class can hike an additional piece of the trail to complete a five-mile hike.
- Cost is \$5.00 per person.
- Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-67922>

Unit or Personal Hiking During 2 Weeks – Option 2

- For individuals or units that have a conflict and can't attend the District Hike on Saturday, May 20
- Hike at ANY time during the May 12 to May 21 time period.
- Hiking can be done with a unit, with family or with friends.
- Hiking can be done anywhere – national/state park, local park, neighborhood, etc.
- There is no upper or lower limit on distance.
- Remember to report results to burnsmj509@gmail.com.
- Register to receive a patch. Cost is \$5.00 per patch.
- Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-68269>

Jamboree on the Trail

- May 13, 2023
- An international event
- The only requirement is to get out and hike.
- Inaugural hike was in 1998.
- Scouts of all ages can hike.
- Register by March 31 to be certain of getting patches by May 13.
- Register at:
<https://jamboreeonthetrail.org/registration/>





2023 Elks Youth Recognition Dinner

- For youth that earned Eagle in 2022 (i.e. their Eagle Board of Review was held in the 2022 calendar year) and their Scoutmasters.
- Thursday, May 25, 2023
- Elks Lodge 2188, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, VA.
- Will need unit leader help in contacting Scouts and obtaining an RSVP.
- Scoutmaster are invited at no cost to them.

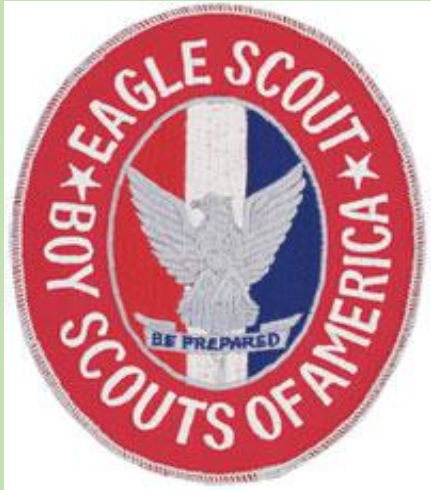
Flags In

**May 29, 2023 (Memorial Day Monday)
Start at 10:00am – Pizza is available!**

- **National Memorial Park,
7482 Lee Highway, Falls Church**
- **All Scouts, including Girl Scouts,
are welcome.**
- **Class A Uniforms**

For more info, contact
Russell Pittman at
ruspittman@gmail.com

District Life to Eagle Seminar – June 3



- Saturday, 3 June 2023
- 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- Virtual
- Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-70700>

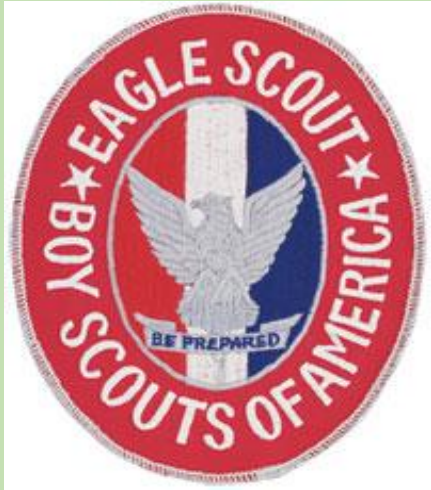
Who should attend:

- Life Scouts or advanced Star Scouts who want to pursue the Eagle Rank
- Eagle advisors, coaches or unit leaders that haven't attended a seminar in two years
- Parents of Scouts working on Eagle or other adults interested in Scouting

Registration is live now and must be registered by 1 June 2023 to get the Zoom link.

Any questions contact Matt Burns at 703-938-9550 or at gm.advancement@gmail.com.

District Life to Eagle Seminar – September 23



- Saturday, 23 September 2023
- 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- In Person at St. James Catholic Church in Falls Church
- Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-70702>

Who should attend:

- Life Scouts or advanced Star Scouts who want to pursue the Eagle Rank
- Eagle advisors, coaches or unit leaders that haven't attended a seminar in two years
- Parents of Scouts working on Eagle or other adults interested in Scouting

Registration is live now and must be registered by 21 September 2023.

Any questions contact Matt Burns at 703-938-9550 or at gm.advancement@gmail.com

Merit Badges

- The online Merit Badge Counselor [registration](#) works for all Scouters who do not already hold another District position.
- New Merit Badge Counselors must complete online merit badge counselor training, in addition to YPT. Be sure the counselor uses his/her legal name – no nicknames.
- Merit Badge Counselors, or the unit Dean/Leader, also need to scan and send Margee the Merit Badge application form listing the badges the counselor is applying to teach and providing a justification of his/her qualifications.
- Youth Protection Training is the essential first step. Don't hit "send" on the application without it!
- Contact Margee if you have questions at GM.MB.Dean@hotmail.com.

Did you know:

- The National Council does not limit the number of merit badges a youth may earn from one counselor, though a **unit leader is permitted to do so**, as long as the same limit applies to all Scouts in the unit. Ideally, Scouts should work with a variety of adults. (GTA 7.0.0.3)
- Partial Merit Badges have no expiration except the Scout's 18th birthday. (GTA 7.0.3.3)
- Due to the BSA policies related to Youth Protection and two-deep leadership, a merit badge counselor must have another adult present during all merit badge counseling sessions. However, the parent or legal guardian of the Scout may serve as the second adult. **This parent or legal guardian does not have to be a registered leader.**
- If the requirements for a merit badge differ between the merit badge pamphlet and the current edition of Scouts BSA Requirements, the requirements in the Scouts BSA Requirements book supersede all others.

Merit Badge Opportunities:

- [05/13/23 – Welding, Alexandria, VA](#)
- [07/16/23 – 07/22/23 - Camp Snyder Specialty Week, Haymarket, VA](#)
- [09/09/23 – Americanism Merit Badge Workshop, Fredericksburg, VA](#)



Training (<https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/training/>)

Cub Leader Position Specific (C40)

- [05/20/23 – Alexandria, VA](#)
- [06/10/23 – Alexandria, VA](#)

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO;C32)

- [05/12/23 – 05/13/23 – Huntingtown, MD](#)
- [05/13/23 – 05/14/23 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)
- [05/20/23 – 05/21/23 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)
- [06/17/23 – 06/18/23 – Lorton, VA](#)

Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills

- [05/12/23 – 05/13/23 – Huntingtown, MD](#)
- [05/12/23 – 05/13/23 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)
- [05/13/23 – 05/14/23 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)
- [06/17/23 – 06/18/23 – Lorton, VA](#)

Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills (BCOLS) – [09/23/23 \(Heritage Pres Church, Alexandria, VA\)](#) & [10/21/23 -10/22/23 \(Camp Big Mac, Markham, VA\)](#)

Powder Horn – [08/17/23 – 08/20/23 – Camp St. Charles, Newberg, MD](#)

Wilderness First Aid (N02)

- [09/08/23 – 09/10/23 & 10/07/23 - 10/08/23](#)

BSA Leave No Trace Trainer Course – Outdoor Ethics

- [10/16/23 \(Zoom\) & 10/21/23 \(Camp Snyder\)](#)

Outdoor Ethics Orientation Course (Scouts and Cubs)

- [06/10/23](#) – Brandywine, MD
- [09/09/23](#) – Brandywine, MD
- [12/03/23](#) – Brandywine, MD

Cub Scout Den Leader Specific (C42)

- [05/20/23 – Alexandria, VA](#)
- [06/10/23 – Alexandria, VA](#)

Scoutmaster Position Specific Training (S24)

- [05/20/23 – Alexandria, VA](#)
- [06/10/23 – Alexandria, VA](#)

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT; S78)

- [06/18/23 – 06/23/23 – Session 23-2 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)
- [06/25/23 – 06/30/23 – Session 23-3 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)
- [07/23/23 – 07/28/23 – Session 23-4 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)
- [07/23/23 – 07/28/23 – Session 23-5 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)

Wood Badge (A90) - <https://www.ncacbsa.org/wood-badge/>

- [09/08/23 - 09/10/23 & 10/07/23 – 10/08/23](#)



GM High Adventure



May 2023

- High Adventure [Opportunities for Individuals](#) in 2023
 - Lenhok'sin – Backpacking Trek, 07/02 to 07/08 (Week 2) – 4 slots left
 - Several NCAC Units have space available for individuals in their crews
- NCAC High Adventure Trips - 2024
 - Philmont – Rocky Mountain Backpacking - Crew of 8-12, Jul 13-27, 2024
 - Includes White Water Rafting & Pike's Peak Railway!
 - Northern Tier – Wilderness Canoeing - Crew of 6-8, Jul 23-Aug 3, 2024
 - ~~Sea Base – St Thomas STEM Eco Sailing – Crew of 6-8, Jul 29-Aug 3, 2024~~
 - Lenhok'sin – James River Canoeing Trek - Crew of 6-12, July 7-13, 2024
 - FOR INFO: highadventure@ncacbsa.org
- Training
 - Sea Base Session – 4:00pm, May 13 - Mechanicsville, MD
 - Philmont 2024 Sessions: I – 11/19/23; II – 01/07/24; IIIa – 03/24/24; IIIb – 04/06/24

GM High Adventure (cont)



May 2023

- National High Adventure Base Quick Links
 - Philmont: <https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/register/>
 - Northern Tier: <https://www.ntier.org/provisional-scout-connections/>
 - Sea Base: <https://www.bsaseabase.org/scouts/scout-connections/>
 - Summit: <https://www.summitbsa.org/registration/scoutconnections/>
- Other High Adventure Bases
 - Adirondack High Adventure Area: <https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/hLgsVbk7Suju6cuDzQQJaEn4>
 - Maine High Adventure Area: <https://www.mainehighadventure.org/>
 - Montana Outdoor High Adventure Base: <https://montanabsa.org/camps/high-adventure/>

Shooting Sports

- Requests for Shooting Events – Lead Time!
 - 50+ scouts - 6mos
 - Less than 50 scouts - 3mos
- Shooting on private land:
 - Requirements
 - Permissions/protocols
- Shooting Sports [web page](#)
- Shooting Sports Instructor Classes:
 - [Rifle/Shotgun](#)
 - [Archery](#)



Other Activities (for units, Dens/Patrols, or families)

- Sundays (8am) – [Dyke Marsh Bird Walks](#), Alexandria, VA
- Thursdays – [Films in the Park](#), Mosaic, Fairfax, VA
- 05/13/23 – [25th Annual Eagle Festival](#), Mason Neck State Park, Lorton, VA – reptile/hawk/owl/eagle
- 05/13/23 – [EU Open House Embassy Tours](#) (10am-4:30pm), Washington, DC
- 05/19/23 – 05/20/23 – [McLean Days](#), McLean, VA (\$)
- 05/27/23 – 05/30/23 – [Viva Vienna](#), Vienna, VA (\$)
- 05/27/23 – [Bug Fest](#), Fairfax Lewinsville Historic House, McLean, VA (\$8)
- 05/29/23 – [Falls Church Memorial Day Parade](#) (1pm), Falls Church, VA
- 06/01/23 – 06/04/23 – [Herndon Festival](#), Herndon, VA (\$)
- 06/04/23 – [Clean the Bay Day](#), Various Locations
- 06/10/23 – [Scout Family Field Day - Washington Commanders](#), FedEx Field, DC (\$)
- June/July/Aug (Tues, 10am) – [Kids on the Green](#), Vienna, VA

Order of the Arrow

- 2023 Dues can be paid online: <https://wipit470.org/dues.html>
- 05/12/23 – 05/14/23 – Lodge Service Weekend at Goshen
- 05/19/23 – 05/21/23 – Section Conclave at Rodney Scout Res.*
- 06/18/23 – 07/01/23 – GOAT

* Registrations open online <https://wipit470.org/index.html> under “Events”

Other Topics

- General Announcements
- District Executive Minute
- District Chair Minute
- District Commissioner Minute

- *Minutes and slides available on the [GMD web site](#) (District Resources, Roundtable). Password is “GMDRT”*
- *Next meeting – June 8, 2023, at Thoreau MS*
 - *7:00pm - Program Launch/Vendor Fair/Silent Auction*
 - *8:00pm – Roundtable*
 - *Invite your Den Leaders and ASMs!*