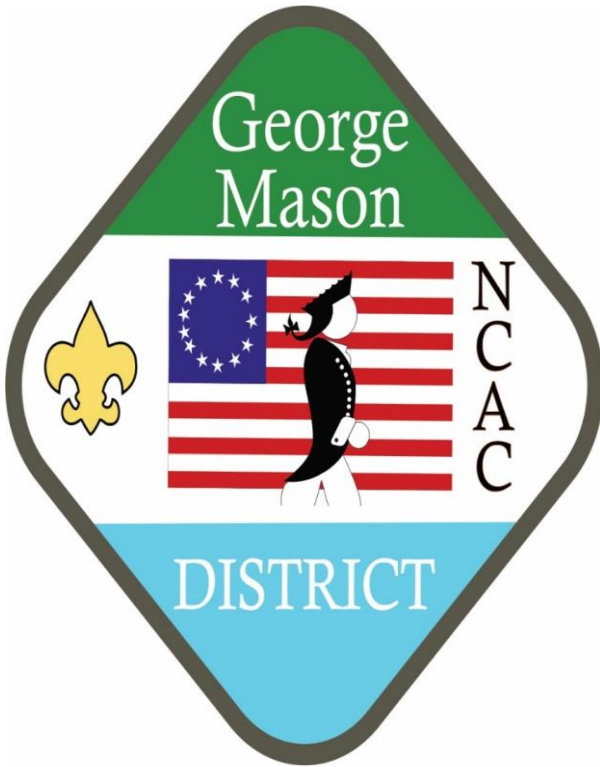




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Welcome to this edition of the George Mason District Press. We e-mail this out bi-monthly to the BSA registered leaders in George Mason District; unit leaders and merit badge counselors – those who have their current YPT.

George Mason District Leadership and its youth appreciate all of the hard work and commitment you provide to the youth of our community.

Thank you.

Please plan to attend Roundtable Thurs. March 14, 2024 at Thoreau Middle School, Vienna Va.

- USEFUL LINKS:
- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <a href="#"><u>NCAC Council Web site</u></a>       | <a href="#"><u>National BSA</u></a>        |
| <a href="#"><u>GMD Web Site</u></a>                | <a href="#"><u>GMD Upcoming Events</u></a> |
| <a href="#"><u>GMD Roundtable (PW: GMDRT)</u></a>  | <a href="#"><u>GMD Training</u></a>        |
| <a href="#"><u>National Order of the Arrow</u></a> | <a href="#"><u>wipit470.org</u></a>        |
| <a href="#"><u>Pay OA Dues</u></a>                 |  |



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### Calendar of Events – Links included if available

#### March 2024:

03/09/2024 – NCAC Commissioner College - <https://scoutingevent.com/082-72300>

03/09/2024 – George Mason District Merit Badge Day, Fairfax Presbyterian Church, Fairfax, Va. Contact John Drisco at [gmasonmeritbadgeday@gmail.com](mailto:gmasonmeritbadgeday@gmail.com)

03/14/2024 – GM Roundtable, 7:30 PM, Thoreau MS, Vienna, Va

03/14/2024 – GM OA Chapter meeting, 7:30 PM, Thoreau MS, Vienna, Va

03/23/2023 & 04/27-28/2024 – Back County Outdoor Leadership Skills (BCOLS), Lorton, Va. <https://scoutingevent.com/082-79025#>

#### April 2024:

04/11/2024 – GM Roundtable & GM District Court of Honor, 7:00 PM, Thoreau MS, Vienna, Va

04/11/2024 – GM OA Chapter meeting, 7:30 PM, Thoreau MS, Vienna, Va

04/13/2024 – George Mason District Pinewood Derby, St James Catholic Church, Falls Church fax, Va. <https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-pinewood-derby/>

[04/19–21/2024 – Family Camping, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)



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**Calendar of Events(cont.) – Links included if available**

**May 2024:**

05/03-05/2024 – GM District Spring Camporee, Northern Virginia 4-H Center, Front Royal, Va  
Va Greeks Versus Romans Theme.

05/04/2024 – [19th NCAC Scout Orienteering Meet](#), PWD, Triangle, Va

05/09/2024 – GM Roundtable, 7:30 PM, Thoreau MS, Vienna, Va

05/09/2024 – GM OA Chapter meeting, 7:30 PM, Thoreau MS, Vienna, Va

[05/10–12/2024 – Family Camping, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)

[05/24–27/2024 – Family Camping, Goshen Scout Reservation, Goshen, VA](#)

05/27/2024 - Memorial Day Flags In, National Memorial Park, Falls Church, VA

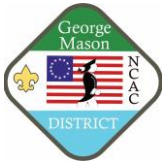
05/31/2024 - 2023-2024 OA Unit Election Season CLOSSES –  
NO MORE OA UNIT ELECIONS for 2023-2024 after May 31,  
2024.

**August 2024:**

[08/30/24 – 09/02/24 – Family Camping, Goshen Scout Reservation, Goshen, VA](#)

**October 2024:**

10/11-14/2024 – National Capital Area Council and Mountaineer Area Council will host  
**Climboree 2024** at [Camp Mountaineer](#) near [Morgantown, WV](#)



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### Chair's Chat

Well, it looks like this will be my last “Chair’s Chat”. When the next District Newsletter is published, Traci Yates will be the District Chair. I wish her well and offer my full support to help make her tenure a great success.

Looking back on my journey as District Chair, I find everything about it improbable. When I moved to Falls Church in July 2020, I figured I would ease back into Scouting by being a Merit Badge Counselor or joining a Troop as Assistant Scoutmaster. Soon after contacting Sam, our DE at the time, I found myself being asked to assume the job of District Chair. This was so improbable since I didn’t know anyone in the area, let alone Scouters.



Sam got his way and coaxed me into taking the position. Then the hard part started. Our meetings were all virtual for quite a while. Thankfully, all the other district leadership gave me the benefit of the doubt and supported what I was doing even though they didn’t know me. I slowly started to meet folks on the committee and after a year began to meet with the Packs and Troops at their outdoor meetings.

I applaud all the unit leaders who kept their Packs and Troops together through those difficult times and all the families who continued to believe in Scouting. You held it all together. While we did lose some Scouts during that period, it could have been so much worse. You were all creative, flexible, adaptable and indefatigable.

The last 2 years have been great. We have built our youth membership. We have recruited many adults into leadership positions in the district and units. We have met our financial goals. We have put on terrific district events like District Pinewood Derby, Camporees, Merit Badge Days, Flags-In and more.

So now it is time to pass the baton. Thanks for all your support along this journey. Thanks so much for the opportunity to serve Scouting in our district. I hope that I have left the campsite better than I found it. Traci, I see you down the track ready to take the handoff. You are ready to run a great leg.

I’ll see you on the trail.

Yours in Scouting,

John Kilduff –George Mason District Chair Emeritus - 732-610-4284



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**George Mason District Executive's Chat**



" Happy Spring! With warmer weather approaching I'm so excited to see all of you out and about! With changes in season comes a change in leadership with John stepping down as our committee chair BUT he wasn't able to get away! Thank you for all you've done for me and for George Mason. "

Yours in Scouting,

Liz Kohler | George Mason District Executive

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**Boy Scouts of America**

Serving youth in Fairfax City, Falls Church, & Vienna

9190 Rockville Pike

Bethesda, MD 20814

(301) 214-9147



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# Flags In – Memorial Day 2024

### George Mason District Scouts Honoring our Veterans

Celebrate Memorial Day by joining the George Mason District Crews, Troops, and Packs for “Flags-in” – placing American Flags on the graves of veterans.



### Class-A Uniforms

The scout family’s pick-up flags at the Chapel: The National Memorial Park, 7482 Lee Highway, Falls Church, VA 22042. Families should then move into the NMP and place flags.

Schedule for May 27, 2024 (Monday)

- 10:00 am – Event Starts – get flags and instructions
- 11:00 am and 12:00 pm – TAPS blown (buglers needed)
- 12:15 pm – Pizza will be available about 12:00pm. Water and Gatorade will be provided.
- 1:00 pm – Event ends

Scout service hours (up to 3 hours) will be available. Each participating Scout earns a unique patch and rocker.

For more information, please contact: Russell Pittman at (571) 354-7378 or [ruspittman@gmail.com](mailto:ruspittman@gmail.com)

**Slideshow:** [How to Identify Veteran’s Graves](#)

**Pamphlet:** [How to Identify Veteran’s Graves](#)



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# COME! SEE! CONQUER!

## GREEKS VERSUS ROMANS

### SPRING CAMPOREE

**When:** May 3-5, 2024, Save the Date!

**Where:** Northern Virginia 4-H Center  
600 4-H Center Drive, Front Royal, VA 22630

**What:** Compete as a Patrol and Troop in demonstrating Scout skills against the backdrop of Ancient Greece and Rome! Newer Scouts can fulfill a variety of Tenderfoot through First Class requirements. All Scouts can hone their skills and win glory.

**Chariot Race:** No, we're not kidding. Patrols and Troops will build and race full-size chariots pulled by Scouts. There will also be a contest to see who has the coolest-looking chariot.

**Olympic Running:** Test your speed in the shadow of Mount Olympus.

**Caesar Crossing the Rhine:** Use lashings to build a bridge.

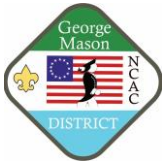
**Hoplite Down:** Triage, deliver first aid, and transport a wounded Greek soldier.

**Shield Wall Drills:** Learn how Greek and Roman soldiers used teamwork to protect themselves and defeat their enemies.

**Get Your Culture On:** Decorate your campsite in Greek or Roman fashion! Perform themed skits at the Campfire! Experiment with Greek or Roman camp dishes!

**Cost is \$25 for Scouts, \$25 for Adults, and \$25 for Staff. Registration coming soon. Save the Date!!**





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**George Mason Scouters Cullen Bengston, Mary Neuse, and Scott Willey were named as 2024 Silver Beaver recipients and will be presented their awards at the Council Court of Honor on June 2, 2024.**

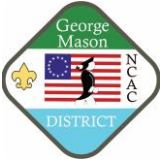
**This is the highest award a Council can bestow on a Scouter.**

**SILVER BEAVER CLASS OF 2024**

<b>Paul Schimke</b>	<b>Dana Myers</b>
<b>Eric Bunin</b>	<b>Joel Straus</b>
<b>Janice Gilsdorf</b>	<b>Arnold Heck</b>
<b>James Hellwege</b>	<b>Cullen Bengston</b>
<b>Vincent Kiernan</b>	<b>Mary Neuse</b>
<b>Richard Pitterle</b>	<b>Scott Willey</b>
<b>Jeff Baker</b>	<b>Vicki Burns</b>
<b>Aaron Marrs</b>	<b>Kenneth Sprinkle</b>
<b>Jai Evans</b>	<b>Paul Eiff</b>
<b>Joanne Rhodes</b>	<b>Daniel Chartier</b>
<b>Kyle Brendel</b>	<b>Miriam Niemi</b>

**COUNCIL COURT OF HONOR JUNE 2, 2024**





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**BOOK NOW FOR 2024 SEA BASE**

**Sea Base is a unique Scouting program that offers aquatics programs found nowhere else. Whether your interests lie in sailing, scuba diving, rustic camping on an undeveloped barrier island, fishing or a combination of all, this is the place for your Troop, Crew, Sea Ship or Explorer Post. Sea Base serves around 16,000 participants annually.**



**COVID-19 Update**

Please review our COVID-19 mitigation plan, policy updates, and medical checklist.

[VIEW UPDATES](#)



**Registration Links**

[2024 CREWS](#)

[2025 CREWS](#)



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# Summit

[Summit Info](#)

[Registration info](#)

[Shop Online](#)

**2025 SUMMER SEASON REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 18 - 9AM EST**

## **Get ready for an AWESOME summer adventure in 2025!**

Now is the perfect time to start planning your 2025 trip to the Summit to experience some of the best and most unique High Adventure in Scouting. We're opening up registration on January 18, 2024 and we want you to be prepared to start your adventure with us.



**CHECK OUT 2025 REGISTRATION INFO**



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## George Mason District's Annual Merit Badge Day

Date: March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Fairfax Presbyterian Church located at 10723 Main St, Fairfax, VA 22030 .

Scouts/attendees need to bring their own bag lunch.

Registration is now open on the Corsizio BSA George Mason District Events website:

<https://site.corsizio.com/a/5bf2f8e8e6dfc6f1ca7cbd64>

Unit Merit Badge Day Coordinator names and contact details are needed to be sent now to John Drisco at [gmasonmeritbadgeday@gmail.com](mailto:gmasonmeritbadgeday@gmail.com)

Encourage Scouts to get their merit badge books by December 31. Read the requirements and start tackling “pre-work” by early January 2024.

Note: The “pre-work” is not the same as a “prerequisite.” The “pre-work” consists of tasks/activities that the Scout is advised to do in advance of the Merit Badge Day. A Scout can still participate in the Merit Badge Day class if he hasn't completed the pre-work but failure to complete the pre-work may mean the Scout leaves the Merit Badge Day with a partial badge. A prerequisite is something that must be done in order to qualify to take the class. The only prerequisite we are aware of for the George Mason Merit Badge Day is that the Scout must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts in a participating unit.

Feedback at [gmasonmeritbadgeday@gmail.com](mailto:gmasonmeritbadgeday@gmail.com)







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**October 11-14, 2024**

# **CLIMBOREE 2024**



**Join us in October 2024 for two full days of climbing, high ropes challenges, shooting sports, and Dutch oven cooking!**



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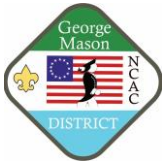
The National Capital Area Council and Mountaineer Area Council will host **Climboree 2024** at [Camp Mountaineer](#) near [Morgantown, WV](#) on the long holiday weekend from **October 11 to October 14, 2024**. **SAVE THE DATES!**

- Climbing and rappelling on natural rock
- 60-foot climbing tower
- Bouldering on gritstone walls
- Guided challenge course sessions
- Big Zip quarter-mile zipline
- Rifle, shotgun, and archery ranges
- All-day, hands-on Dutch oven cooking class

**\$30 per participant** for a weekend of tent camping and adventure. We will not provide meals. Save our [flyer](#) and watch for our [registration](#) announcement in early April. Email [NCAC.Climboree@gmail.com](mailto:NCAC.Climboree@gmail.com) to join our contact list.

**We hope to see you there!**





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## Training

Local NCAC Leadership Training: [GMD Training](#)

### Cub Scout:

- **Cub Scout Leader Specific (C40/C42)**
  - Available on-line (125 min)
  - 03/02/24 – Alexandria, VA
  - 05/04/24 – Herndon, VA
- **Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO;C32)**
  - 03/16/24 - 03/17/24 - Haymarket, VA
  - 05/04/24 - 05/05/24 - Gaithersburg, MD
  - 05/10/24 - 05/11/24 - Fredericksburg, VA

### Scout:

- **Scoutmaster Position Specific Training(S24)**
  - Available on-line (192 min)
  - 03/02/24 – Alexandria, VA
  - 05/04/24 – Herndon, VA
- **Back Country Outdoor Leadership Skills (BCOLS)**
  - 03/02/24 (Classroom) and 04/27/24-04/28/24 (Weekend), TBD
  - 10/05/24 & 11/02/24-11/03/24
- **Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS; S11)**
  - 04/19/24 - Stafford, VA
  - 05/04/24 - 05/05/24 - Gaithersburg, VA
  - 05/10/24 - 05/11/24 - Fredericksburg, VA

### Commissioners

- Available on-line (305 min)
- 03/09/24 – Commissioner's College

### Miscellaneous:

#### First Aid/CPR/AED

- **Campaign Pay It Forward** (30% discount – use code “Scouts”)
- **American Red Cross** – Blended Courses (2.5 hr online, 1.75 hr classroom)
- **Stop the Bleed**– How to stop bleeding in a severely injured person



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- **Until Help Arrives**
- (See *Wilderness First Aid*)

### **Mental Health First Aid – Understand mental illnesses, seek timely intervention, and save lives**

- **Various**

### **National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT; S78)**

- **06/16/24 – 06/21/24 – Session 24-2 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA**
- **06/23/24 – 06/28/24 – Session 24-3 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA**
- **07/28/24 – 08/02/24 – Session 24-4 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA**
- **07/28/24 – 08/02/24 – Session 24-5 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA**

### **Outdoor Ethics/Leave No Trace (D78)**

- **Outdoor Ethics Newsletter**
- Hybrid Leave No Trace Level 1 (formerly Trainer) courses in Germantown, MD:
  - Apr 8 & 13 (must attend both sessions) <https://scoutingevent.com/082-79191>
  - Apr 8 at 7-8pm online • Apr 13 at 9am-7pm in-person
- In Germantown, MD:
  - Sep 30 & Oct 5 (must attend both sessions) <https://scoutingevent.com/082-79192>
  - Sept 30 at 7-8pm online • Oct 5 at 9am-7pm in-person
- In-person in Brandywine, MD
  - April 20
    - OEO 12:30-2 <https://scoutingevent.com/082-79185>
    - OEG 2:30-4:30 <https://scoutingevent.com/082-79187>
  - Oct 19
    - OEO 12:30-2 <https://scoutingevent.com/082-79186>
    - OEG 2:30-4:30 <https://scoutingevent.com/082-79188>
  - Course Descriptions:
    - **Outdoor Ethics Orientation OEO course:** The goal of this 1.5 to 2-hour course is to introduce the concept of Outdoor Ethics in a fun & engaging way to a group with little experience in outdoor ethics. It should help youth & adults at all program levels understand the general principles behind Scouting's outdoor ethics program.
    - **Outdoor Ethics Guide OEG course:** This 2-hour course taught by NCAC helps orient Outdoor Ethics Guides to this position of leadership in their unit by reviewing the responsibilities of the Outdoor Ethics Guide position, providing ideas on how to carry out this role, practicing some activities & games, & sharing resources.



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- **Leave No Trace Level 1 Instructor (formerly Trainer) course:** This 16-hour course trains adults and youth ages 14 & older to serve as Leave No Trace Trainers. It is recommended training for the Outdoor Ethics Guide troop leadership position and also highly recommended for camp staff, members of the council and district outdoor program, and members of training teams.

### ***Scouterhorn Operations Training***

- **03/12/24 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA**
- **03/23/24 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA**
- **04/20/24 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA**
- **05/11/24 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA**

### ***Trainer's Edge (H96)***

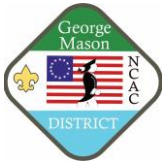
- **09/10/24**
- **12/07/24**

### ***Wilderness First Aid/CPR/AED (N02)***

- **03/23/24 – 03/24/24 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA**
- **04/27/24 – 04/28/24 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA**
- **05/11/24 – 05/12/24 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA**
- [www.campaignpayitforward.com](http://www.campaignpayitforward.com), (833) 273-6263, [info@campaignpayitforward.com](mailto:info@campaignpayitforward.com)
- [www.wildsafe.org](http://www.wildsafe.org), (855) 505-1700 or (703) 444-9468 – Clif Castleman – [clifton@wildsafe.org](mailto:clifton@wildsafe.org)
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- [www.solowfa.com](http://www.solowfa.com), (434) 326-4697, [courses@solowfa.com](mailto:courses@solowfa.com)
- <https://www.rei.com/events/a/outdoor-skills-wilderness-medicine>
- [www.wfa.net](http://www.wfa.net), (703) 836-8905, Chris Tate – [chris@wfa.net](mailto:chris@wfa.net)
- **Troop 1430** – South Riding VA (ECSI), Dallas Cecil – [dkcecil@earthlink.net](mailto:dkcecil@earthlink.net) – (571) 969-1592
- **Venturing Crew 80** – Alexandria VA (ARC), Michael Martin (Associate Advisor) – [CPRAEDFAWRFA@comcast.net](mailto:CPRAEDFAWRFA@comcast.net)

### ***Wood Badge (A90)***

- **04/12/24 – 04/14/24 & 05/04/24 – 05/05/24**
- **10/14/24 – 10/15/24 & 10/05/24 – 10/06/24**



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Save the Day!  
**Be a Superhero!**  
 at Camp Snyder Summer 2024

**Cub Scout Camp  
 Day Camp**

6/24 - 6/28  
 7/8 - 7/12

**Resident Weekends**

6/20 - 6/23  
 6/27 - 6/30  
 7/11 - 7/14

**Family 4th of July**

7/5 - 7/7

**Adventures! Advancement! Fun!**

Programs are open to Cub Scouts  
 - rising Tigers to rising Arrow of Light.  
 Family 4th of July is open to all ages!

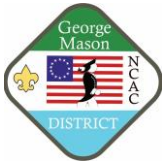
[www.gotosnyder.org](http://www.gotosnyder.org)

Looking for programs for older campers?

Scout Specialty Weeks  
 for Scouts BSA  
[www.gotosnyder.org](http://www.gotosnyder.org)

Goshen Scout Reservation  
 for Scouts BSA, Venturers, & Webelos  
[www.gotogoshen.org](http://www.gotogoshen.org)





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## GOSHEN SCOUT RESERVATION



### Camp Olmsted - Scouts BSA / Venturing

Camp Olmsted is a center for STEM, hosting the "Tech Center" with programs including robotics, animation, and design. Olmsted also offers wide variety of programs in aquatics, ecology, outdoor skills, shooting sports, and crafts. Units at Olmsted enjoy meals prepared in the Forster Dining Hall and take part in a dynamic "dining hall program." Camp Olmsted offers camping for 400 and is the largest camp at the Goshen Scout Reservation.

### Camp Bowman - Scouts BSA / Venturing

Units who attend Camp Bowman will take part in the Patrol Cooking program, creating the opportunity for Scouts to apply their new and developing scout skills. By working together to cook each meal and care for the campsite, Camp Bowman units see growth in scout independence and teamwork. Camp Bowman offers camping for 300, and includes program areas for outdoor skills, shooting sports, aquatics, crafts, and more.



### Camp Marriott - Scouts BSA / Venturing

With a focus on vocational and trade skills, Camp Marriott offers a large variety of merit badge programs in areas including aquatics, ecology, outdoor skills, shooting sports, and eagle advancement. With an emphasis on vocational and trade skills, "The Guild" hosts classes in metal working, welding, automotive maintenance. Camp Marriott offers camping for 300 and offers patrol cooking and "heater stack" dining methods. Camp Marriott is also home to GSR's Provisional Camp program.

### Camp Ross - Webelos and AOL Scouts

With the goal to give scouts "a great week and an introduction to scouting," Camp Ross serves as week-long introduction into the Scouts BSA program and future scouting experiences. Camp Ross offers camping for 300 and supports programs in nature, outdoor skills, crafts, shooting sports, and aquatics (including a water trampoline!). Units at Camp Ross enjoy meals from the Dining Hall and participate in camp songs and celebrations with the staff.



### Lenhok'sin High Adventure - Backpacking and Canoeing Treks

Based on a "plan your own adventure" structure, Lenhok'sin's customizable Backpacking Trek and 61-mile James River Canoe Trek serve as a preparation opportunity for units who may be aspiring to attend a National High Adventure Base, such as Philmont or Northern Tier, in the future. Lenhok'sin backpacking units also take part in other high adventure activities including caving, black powder rifle shooting, blacksmithing, stand-up paddle boarding, and more!

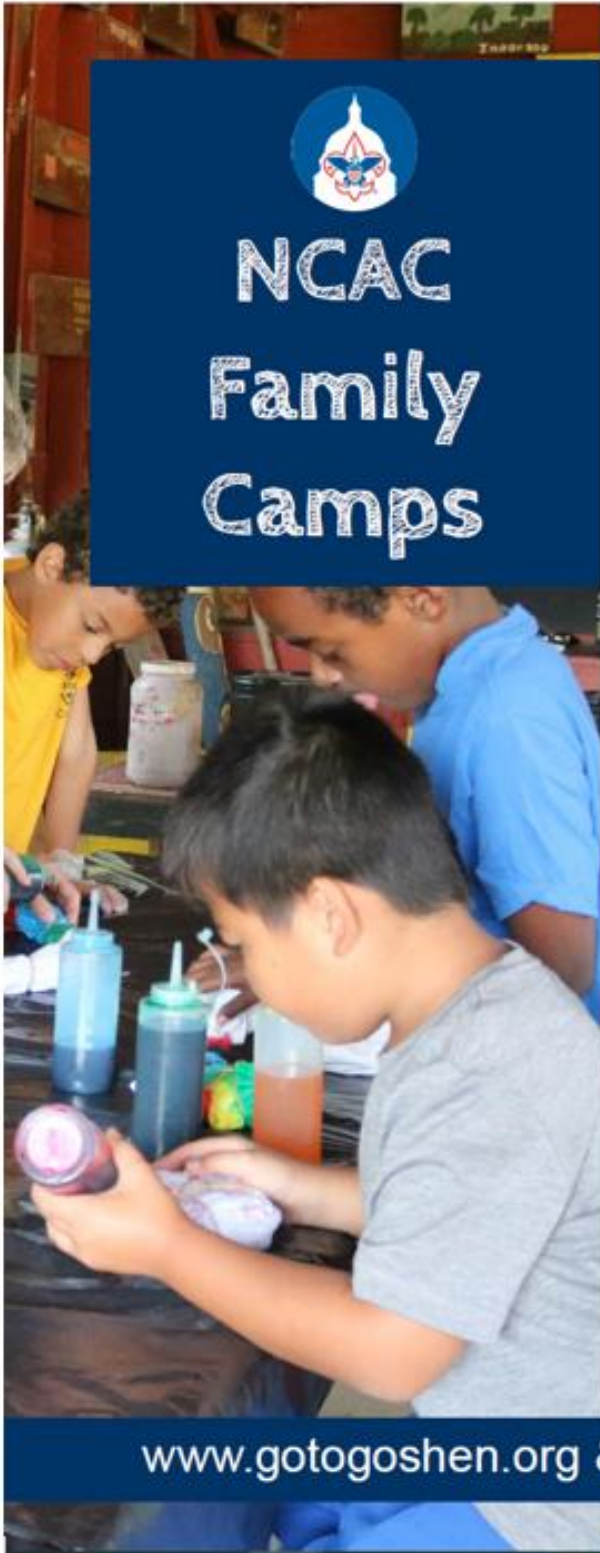
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## 2023

 **FALL EXPOS  
FAMILY CAMP**  
*at Camp Snyder*  
October 20-22, 2023  
November 17-19, 2023

Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA welcome!  
Take part in climbing, target sports,  
STEM, crafts, and the popular  
Woodshop.

## 2024

 **GOSHEN  
FAMILY CAMP**  
*at Goshen Scout Reservation*  
Memorial Day: May 26-29, 2023  
Labor Day: September 1-4, 2023

Enjoy the beauty of Goshen and make  
the most of your weekend with fun for  
all ages!

 **SPRING  
FAMILY CAMP**  
*at Camp Snyder*

April 19-21, 2024  
May 10-12, 2024

Get into the outdoors and enjoy spring  
with a variety of activities!

[www.gotogoshen.org](http://www.gotogoshen.org) & [www.gotosnyder.org](http://www.gotosnyder.org)



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Want the coolest summer job?

# JOIN CAMP STAFF!



**Snyder • Ross • Olmsted • Marriott • Bowman • Lenhok'sin • Post**

Every year, Camp Snyder and the six camps of Goshen Scout Reservation employ close to 300 highly motivated individuals to participate in the experience of a lifetime.

### Job Requirements

We are seeking enthusiastic people who enjoy the outdoors. Prior experience with the Boy Scouts of America is not required.

- 21+ Specialty Leadership positions
- 18+ Area & Outpost Directors, other leadership
- 16+ Lifeguards, Lenhok'sin staff
- 15+ Program staff
- 14+ Counselor-in-Training

### About the Job

For most positions, the primary focus is delivering program to youth and adult participants, whether in a program area or a wilderness outpost. Other responsibilities include general duties based on the operations of camp.

Room and board are provided. Staff at Snyder return home for their weekly day off while staff at Goshen live on site and go into town.

### Camps

WGoshen Scout Reservation is comprised of 3 Scouts BSA/Venturing Resident Camps (Camps Bowman, Marriott, and Olmsted), a Webelos Resident Camp (Camp Ross), Lenhok'sin High Adventure, and the administrative headquarters Camp Post. Camp Snyder primarily offers day and overnight programs for Cub Scouts, Tigers through Webelos, with two weeks of program for Scouts BSA.

**Dates**

Goshen camps (most): June 15 - July 30, 2024  
Camp Snyder: June 15 - August 2, 2024

Interviews start in January 2024.

Apply by January 19 to get a January interview slot!

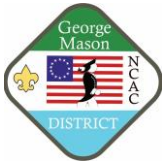


Goshen Scout Reservation  
[www.gotogoshen.org/staff](http://www.gotogoshen.org/staff)

Camp Snyder  
[www.gotosnyder.org/work](http://www.gotosnyder.org/work)







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Thanks to all our **amazing staff, participants, parents and supporters** who made our **five 2023 courses a success!!**

## 2024 NYLT

Planning is already underway for **five more courses** next year at Camp William B. Snyder. Information and Registration will be available soon as we create space for more participants and staff to have extraordinary NYLT experiences!

Schedule-

24-2 June 16-21, 2024

24-3 June 23-28, 2024

24-4 July 28-Aug 2, 2024

24-5 July 28-Aug 2, 2024

**Registration** will open in the Fall and will be announced through NCAC distro and on Facebook.

### \* **Staffing Opportunities**

Youth who have completed NYLT and will be at least 14 years old can apply for staff. This is an amazing opportunity to join a motivated team of youth trainers.

[Apply for Staff](#)



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### *Merit Badge Program*



The Scouting BSA is a movement dedicated to supplementing and enlarging the education of youth. As a vital part of the BSA's advancement plan, the merit badge program is one of Scouting's basic character-building tools and plays a key role in the fulfillment of this educational commitment. There are over 100 different merit badges in the program. Upcoming events will be listed below:

- [Online Merit Badge Courses](#) - Watch video, fill out workbook, contact Counselor
- [Parktakes](#) (select "Scouts" from the Category of Activity)
- [MeritBadge.Info](#) - Various MB Days throughout the country
- [Fly Fishing Merit Badge Program](#), Northern Virginia
- [Merit Badges Scouts can complete at Home](#)

#### **Current Merit Badge Counselors and Guidelines:**

***The current roster of merit badge counselors is provided periodically to the Scoutmaster of each troop.*** If a scout needs information about a specific merit badge, the scout can contact their troop leadership or the George Mason Merit Badge Dean (**note emails should include two adults - no one-on-one contact for electronic media.**)

#### **To become a Merit Badge Counselor:**

You can apply online [here](#) (note, please ensure you have a current YPT before filling out application). When you are done with the application, send the MB Dean your list of MBs using the [Merit Badge Counselor Information Sheet](#).

Any questions or concerns please contact the District's Merit Badge Dean:

Margee Egan at [margee.egan@gmail.com](mailto:margee.egan@gmail.com)



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### George Mason Chapter Order of the Arrow (OA)

The George Mason Chapter of the O/A meets in person on the 2nd Thursday of the month at Thoreau Middle School from 7:30-8:30. (Same time/location as GM Roundtable.)

11/01/2023 – 05/31/2024 – Unit election season for Order of the Arrow

**Lodge Website:** [Wipit470.org](http://Wipit470.org)

Ordeal registration page is here: <https://wipit470.org/ordeal.html>

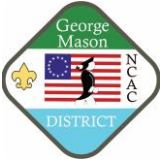
#### Reporting 2024 Service Hours

NCAC Wipit 470 has provided a self-reporting online solution for any Wipit OA member, youth and adult, for service hours one performs. You can report hours as many times during the year as one wishes. These hours help support the Wipit Golden Tooth Service Award.

**OA Service Hour Reporting** - Online form for reporting all O/A service hours performed at the Troop/Crew/Ship level (all service hours worked for the Lodge or at Ordeals are recorded by event staff). This will help with tracking hours for Golden Tooth and other related awards. Units can choose to use the [spreadsheet](#) as an alternate way of submitting their data.

[Pay OA Dues](#)





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### **Amangamek-Wipit Lodge – 2024 Annual Dues**

To attend any OA event or wear your sash and lodge flap, you must be a current dues-paying member of our lodge! For 2024, annual dues will be \$14 until March 31, 2024 when they increase to \$16 on April 1, 2024 (no fooling!). Payment may be made by credit card or e-check.

You will have an opportunity to make a contribution to help support our lodge activities and operations. Become a Lodge Contributor by making a \$100 contribution and receive our special Lodge Contributor patch and the satisfaction of knowing that you've dramatically helped further our mission of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.

#### [Pay OA Dues](#)

If you are transferring from another lodge, please visit the Membership Dues and Transfers page on the lodge website:

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-MembershipTransfer>

and complete the [Membership Transfer Form](#) to pay your dues.