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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 the Thurs. March 10, 2022 – Roundtable Meeting (Thoreau and online) at 7:30 pm – OA Chapter meeting will be same time/location

USEFUL LINKS:

[NCAC Council Web site](#)

[National BSA](#)

[GMD Web Site](#)

[GMD Upcoming Events](#)

[GMD Roundtable \(PW: GMDRT\)](#)

[GMD Training](#)

[National Order of the Arrow](#)

[wipit470.org](#)

[Pay 2022 OA Dues](#)

All information about rechartering including fees is updated in the Council's site:

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/recharter/>



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Calendar of Events – Links included if available

- 03/01/2022 - **Goshen Campership Applications** due
- 03/01/2022 - **Scout of the Year Program (VFW)** applications due
- 03/02/2022 – 8-9PM EST Cub Scout Spring Recruiting Webinar Register: https://scouting-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_D17hU89xQEGpNKBhwtqI_Q
- 03/05/2022 & 04/23-24/2022 **BCOLS Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills Training** – MD
- 03/05/2022 – GM District Merit Badge Day, Fairfax, VA **2022 GM MB Event**
- 03/08/2022 - Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm (Virtual)
- 03/10/2022 – GM Roundtable Meeting (Thoreau and online) at 7:30 pm
- 03/10/2022 – GM OA Chapter Meeting, Thoreau Middle School, Vienna, VA at 7:30 pm
- 03/11/2022 – GM Court of Honor (CoH) Unit recognition submissions due to Unit Commissioner
- 03/12/2022 – NCAC College of Commissioner Service, Annandale, VA (Virtual)
- 03/12/2022 - **COPE Game Day (Team Building for PLC)**, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 03/12/2022 - **Wilderness First Aid**, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 03/14/2022 – Pi Day (STEM) **NCAC STEM**
- 03/19/2022 – GM District Pinewood Derby, Fairfax Presbyterian Church, Fairfax, Va (Register by 03/17/2022) [GM Derby Registration](#)
- 03/21/2022 & 3/26/2022 Leave No Trace Trainer course, Germantown, Md. [LNT March 2022](#)
- 03/26/2022 - 03/27/2022 - **PWD BALOO Training**, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 03/26/2022 - **Health and Safety Training Day**, Cheltenham, MD
- 03/30/2022 - District Committee, 7:30pm (Virtual)
- 03/31/2022 – Register by March 31 for Jamboree On the Trail **JOTT**



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

- 04/09/2022 - **Wilderness First Aid**, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 04/10/2022 - **COPE Game Day (Team Building for PLC)**, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 04/12/2022 – Commissioner’s Meeting, 7:30pm
- 04/14/2022 – GM District Court of Honor/Roundtable, Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA
- 04/22-24/2022 – Camp Snyder Family Camping [Snyder Reg.](#)
- 04/23/2022 - **Welding and Composite Materials Merit Badges**, Alexandria, VA
- 04/27/2022 - District Committee Meeting, 7:30pm (Virtual)
- 04/29-05/01/2022 – GM OA Ordeal Arrow Spring Ordeal – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, Va
- 04/29-05/01/2022 – GM Spring Camporee – Camp Rock Enon, Gore, Va – Shooting Sports
- 04/29-05/01/2022 & 05/13-15/2022 – NCAC Spring Wood Badge **WB Registration**
- 04/30/2022-05/01/2022 – Climbing Level 1 Instructor Training and Assessment, Sugarloaf Mountain, Urbana, MD [Additional Detail Information](#)
- 05/07/2022 & 05/15/2022 - 2nd Annual GM Hike-O-Ree
- 05/07/2022 - 05/08/2022 - **Primitive Technology Weekend**, Parkville, MD
- 05/10/2022 - Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm (Virtual)
- 05/12/2022 - Roundtable Meeting, 7:30pm, Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA
- 05/12/2022 – GM OA Chapter Meeting, Thoreau Middle School, Vienna, VA at 7:30 pm
- 05/14/2022 – Jamboree on the Trail **JOTT**
- 05/14/2022 - **COPE Game Day (Team Building for PLC)**, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 05/20-22/2022 – Camp Snyder Family Camping [Snyder Reg.](#)



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05/21/2022 - **Welding and Composite Materials Merit Badges**, Alexandria, VA

05/25/2022 - District Committee Meeting, 7:30pm (Virtual)

05/30/2022 – Memorial Day Flags In (National Memorial Park, Falls Church)

06/12/2022 - **COPE Game Day (Team Building for PLC)**, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

06/19-24/2022 - 22-2 National Youth Leaders Training (NYLT) Camp Snyder [NYLT Reg.](#)

06/26-07/01/2022 - 22-3 National Youth Leaders Training (NYLT) Cheltenham, MD [NYLT Reg.](#)

07/01/2022 - New Citizenship in Society Merit Badge required for Eagle Scout

07/17/2022 - 07/23/2022 - **Scouts BSA Specialty Week (5 Merit Badges)**, Camp Snyder

07/24-29/2022 - 22-4 National Youth Leaders Training (NYLT) Camp Snyder [NYLT Reg.](#)

07/24-29/2022 - 22-5 National Youth Leaders Training (NYLT) Camp Snyder [NYLT Reg.](#)

07/25-30/2022 – National Order of the Arrow Conference, University of Tennessee

08/26/2022 - 08/28/2022 - **NCAC Powder Horn**, Camp St. Charles, Newberg, MD

09/9-11/2022 & 10/8-9/2022 – NCAC Fall Wood Badge **WB Registration**

09/24/2022 & 10/22-23/2022 BCOLS Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills Training – VA

09/26/2022 & 10/01/2022 Leave No Trace Trainer course, Germantown, Md. [LNT Sep 2022](#)

9/30-10/02/2022 – Patriot/George Mason Chapters Fall Area Ordeal Induction – Camp Snyder, Gainesville, VA

10/17/2022 & 10/22/2022 Leave No Trace Trainer course, Germantown, Md. [LNT Oct 2022](#)

07/19-28/2023 – BSA 2023 National Jamboree, The Summit Bechtel Reserve, WV,

<https://www.facebook.com/NatJamboree23/>



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Chair's Chat March 1, 2022

Well now, we have passed the shortest days of winter and are headed toward the warmer and longer days. That is good news for Scouts as it means we can be outside for longer as we begin to see spring take hold. Last week I attended a Pack Blue & Gold celebration that was held outside, and it was 60 degrees.

As we close out February, we are also closing out Scouting Anniversary month. Scout anniversary week ran Feb. 6-13. I hope your Pack or Troop was able to celebrate. Many religious institutions that charter Scouting units hold services that recognize Scouts and have them participate in the service. The Troop my son was chartered by a PTA but they held an annual family breakfast to celebrate Scouting's anniversary. If your units didn't celebrate this year, you have 11 months left to plan for next year.



Things are busy at most of our Scouting units right now, Courts of Honor, Pinewood Derby's, Blue and Gold celebrations, planning for summer camp and high adventure activities. Our District Committee is busy too, attending unit functions, making Friends of Scouting presentations, planning Pi Day activities (pizza or cherry pie sound good to me), planning Merit Badge Day, planning our Spring District Camporee and District Pinewood Derby. I hope you can take part in some of these.

Just as spring brings us transition in weather spring also brings transition in Scouting as our Arrow of Light Scouts transition into Scouts BSA. This is a great opportunity for growth and development of those Scouts as they move from the cub program where they are led by adults to the Scouts BSA program where the Scouts lead with advice and support of adults. This is also a time when many leave the Scouting program. We need to make every effort to keep our members in Scouting. Sometimes it just takes a friendly call and invitation to attend a Troop meeting or go on an activity to see how it can work for them. Make that call. Help that Scout find their place.

I'll see you on the trail!

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Program Launch Resources

- [Annual Program Planning for Packs](#)
- [Annual Program Planning for Troops](#)
- [Annual Program Planning for Crews](#)

Additional Resources

- **Pack Resources**
 - [Family Talent Survey](#)
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- **Troop Resources**
 - [Budget Planning Tool](#)
- **Crew Resources**
 - [Annual Program Planning](#)
- [Outdoor Ethics Awards](#)
- [Religious Awards](#)
- [Pack Overnighter Approved Camping Sites](#)
- **Roundtable – a monthly opportunity – 2nd Thursday at 7:30pm**
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Cub Program - Webinar discussing strategies and tactics for inviting new members to join, previewing the new AdventureOn recruitment materials and answering your recruiting questions.

Please Note: The time is CENTRAL TIME that is one hour behind Easterns Standard Time. A webinar starting at 7 p.m. CST will be at 8 p.m. EST.

Cub Scout Spring Recruiting Webinar, March 2, 2022, 7-8 pm (Central)

Register: https://scouting-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_D17hU89xQEGpNKBhwtqI_Q



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Tickets needed for Hiking Old Rag

Old Rag is a popular outing for many of our units. They are changing procedures and will now require tickets. See below:

*"From March 1 - November 30, 2022, hikers who wish to use trails in the Old Rag area (Saddle, Ridge, and Ridge Access trails) will need to obtain an Old Rag day-use ticket in advance, in addition to an entrance pass. You will not be able to hike Old Rag without this ticket. Find out more information on our **Old Rag day-use ticket FAQ** (<https://home.nps.gov/shen/planyourvisit/faqs-oldrag.htm>) page."*



Climbing Level 1 Instructor Training and Assessment

Saturday 4/30/2022 – Sunday 5/1/2022

Sugarloaf Mountain, near Urbana MD

[Additional Detail Information](#)

Learn how to help Scouts climb on nearby natural rock. The NCAC Climbing Committee will offer Spring 2022 Climbing Level 1 Instructor training at the Devil's Kitchen climbing area on Maryland's Sugarloaf Mountain. A Scout 16 or older may participate to earn Climbing Level 1 Instructor-in-Training certification. Meet each day at 8:15am near the East View Parking Area and conclude by 6:00 pm.

Contact course director for registration or questions:
ncac.climbing@gmail.com



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Pandemic-prompted changes to Scouts BSA advancement requirements expire March 1, 2022 – Bryan on Scouting

Posted January 26, 2022 Bryan Wendell Advancement, App Feed - For Leaders, Health and Safety,

Scouts BSA 1 Comment

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2022/01/26/pandemic-prompted-changes-to-scouts-bsa-advancement-requirements-expire-march-1/?fbclid=IwAR15vdi8dSX9wDbSUokKMgb6SZCHQhM3SsdWr2-j9R-44AKyzCx8OLce6x0>

Over the past year and a half of the pandemic, Scout units have modified their procedures to ensure that Scouts have a safe, meaningful and memorable journey along the Scouting trail. (For the latest guidance, consult the BSA's **COVID-19 FAQs**.)

In May 2020, the BSA did its part by introducing a set of requirement modifications to address the obstacles and speed bumps the pandemic has placed along a Scout's advancement path.

But as we near the start of the pandemic's third year, it is time for those adjustments to be retired.

On March 1, 2022, all temporary changes to Scouts BSA advancement requirements **will expire**, and Scouts will return to the original, unmodified requirements.



What changes are rolling back?

On May 7, 2020, as the COVID case counts continued to rise, the BSA introduced a set of modifications to requirements for the Camping merit badge as well as the Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class ranks.



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Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class

[Here are the original modifications](#) to the Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class requirements, as posted in May 2020.

Many of the changes involved tweaked verbs. For example, instead of *demonstrating* how to display, raise, lower, and fold the U.S. flag (Tenderfoot requirement 7A), Scouts could *tell* how to do it.

Scouts also were permitted to complete some requirements virtually, allowing for activities like virtual museum visits and virtual patrol or troop campouts.

Swimming requirements deferred

Because many public swimming areas were closed during the pandemic, the BSA allowed a temporary deferment of two swimming-related requirements: Second Class requirement 5B and First Class requirement 6A.

- Second Class requirement 5B: Demonstrate your ability to pass the BSA beginner test: Jump feet first into water over your head in depth, level off and swim 25 feet on the surface, stop, turn sharply, resume swimming, then return to your starting place.
- First Class requirement 6A: Successfully complete the BSA swimmer test.

Learning to swim is a critical life skill, so the BSA did not remove these requirements altogether. Instead, the requirements could be deferred until the Scout's next rank (through Life, but not Eagle).

Also, we should note that the swim test is still required for Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat. Those key safety features are critical if units take part in aquatics.

Requirement 9B of the Camping merit badge

Requirement 9B of [the Camping merit badge](#) challenges Scouts to add "Scout fun" to camping by enjoying activities like backpacking, biking or rappelling while on a camping trip. That requirement was made optional during this period.

All the changes listed above will end on March 1, 2022.

Please note: When the changes were first announced, the BSA shared that "these requirements will be reinstated with 30 days' notice to our Scouting family." Consider this blog post part of that notice.

What are the new (or, technically, old) requirements?

Beginning March 1, 2022, Scouts and Scouters should follow the requirements as written on [this page on Scouting.org](#).



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If you're a browser bookmarker, that's the page you'll want to file away. There you'll find the most up-to-date requirements for rank advancement and awards.

For merit badges, [use this link](#) to ensure you have the latest and greatest.

As you return to the original requirements, remember this sentence from the Guide to Advancement (section 10.2.2.0): "Members must meet current advancement requirements as written for merit badges, all ranks, and Eagle Palms — no more and no less — and they are to do exactly what is stated."

Are virtual Scouting activities, like merit badges, still OK?

Absolutely!

Adult volunteers, including merit badge counselors, should continue to follow the [Guide to Advancement](#) and [Youth Protection](#) regulations.

As for virtual instruction, consider this guidance from *Guide to Advancement* (7.0.3.2):

It is acceptable — and sometimes desirable — for merit badges to be taught in group settings. This often occurs at camp and merit badge midways, fairs, clinics, or similar events, and even online through webinars. These can be efficient methods, and interactive group discussions can support learning. Group instruction can also be attractive to "guest experts" assisting registered and approved counselors.

Slide shows, skits, demonstrations, panels, and various other techniques can also be employed, but as any teacher can attest, not everyone will learn all the material. Because of the importance of individual attention and personal learning in the merit badge program, group instruction should be focused on those scenarios where the benefits are compelling.

*There must be attention to each individual's projects and fulfillment of all requirements. We must know that every Scout — actually and personally — completed them. If, for example, a requirement uses words like "show," "demonstrate," or "discuss," then every Scout must do that. **It is unacceptable to award badges on the basis of sitting in classrooms watching demonstrations or remaining silent during discussions.***

That last line, which we've bolded for emphasis, means that 100-person online merit badge classes, where Scouts do nothing more than stare at a screen for a few hours, do not follow the *Guide to Advancement's* guidance.



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NCAC Shooting Sports Request for Specific Event

If your unit is conducting an event which includes a shooting sport activity, please fill out the below 2 page form and email as indicted.

All requests to allow or support a shooting sport (archery, rifle, pistol, shotgun, slingshot, BB) at any event held in NCAC (Council, District, Unit) must be submitted in a timely manner using the form below. The event is not authorized for shooting sports unless event approval is received from the NCAC Shooting Sports Committee. **Send the completed form to Brian Summers, the George Mason Shooting Sports Committee representative (Brian.summers@verizon.net) for review to ensure appropriate standards for qualified supervision, approved range, and appropriate equipment are covered and the activity is logged for NCAC records.**

Please follow these guidelines for submission:

- For large events (50+ expected participants) a **minimum of six (6) months' notice** to the NCAC Shooting Sports Committee is required to allow time to arrange for scheduling instructor staff and equipment.
- For other events (under 50 expected participants) a **minimum of three (3) months' notice** to the NCAC Shooting Sports Committee is required to allow time to arrange for scheduling instructor staff and equipment.
- **All shooting sports events must comply with BSA Guide to Safe Scouting and BSA Shooting Sports Manual guidelines.**
- **If the event coordinator is requesting any support for qualified supervision, arranging for appropriate equipment, range inspections etc. from the Shooting Sports Committee, that must be CLEARLY INDICATED on the form, otherwise it is assumed that the unit/district event planners will be covering staffing and equipment per statements in the request.**

I am aware of and am responsible for ensuring that BSA Guide to Safe Scouting and BSA Shooting Sports Guidelines are complied with during this event.

(Name): _____ (Date): _____

Concurrence of District Representative to the NCAC Shooting Sports Committee:

(Name): _____ (Date): _____

Event Name:

Event Date(s) and Planned Rain Date(s):

Event Location (Note if BSA authorized location/commercial/private):



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Planned Participant Age, Rank or Program Range (Cub, Scouts BSA, Venturing):

Estimated Participant Count by Age Range:

Event POC Contact Information:

Requested Shooting Sport(s):

Facilities Available On Site:

Equipment required to support event:

Secure equipment storage plan:

Social distancing and sanitization plan:

Staffing Event:

Event Staff Names, BSA ID#, NRA ID#, and Shooting Sport Certifications w/ Expire Date (if any):
 (Include whether BSA training on pandemic safety guidelines for events has been received)

Notes:

Email to (Brian.summers@verizon.net)

NCAC Shooting Sports Committee Approval: (Yes) Date: _____ (No) Date: _____

Reviewed By (Name): _____



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2022 GM District Merit Badge Event March 5, 2022

- March 5, 2022, at Fairfax Presbyterian Church in Fairfax, VA.
- Registration: [2022 GM MB Event](#) and navigate to March 2022
- Need Unit Merit Badge Day Coordinator names and contact details by November 30 to John Drisco at gmasonmeritbadgeday@gmail.com
- Encourage Scouts to get merit badge books by December 31. Read requirements and start tackling “pre-work” by early January 2022.
- 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 to John Drisco at gmasonmeritbadgeday@gmail.com



March 19, 2022 George Mason Pinewood Derby

[GM Derby Registration](#)

- All Packs wanting to participate in the 2022 Pinewood Derby MUST hold their Pack Pinewood Derbies by March 19, 2022.
- One unit winner from each age bracket (Lions, Tigers, Wolves, etc.) regardless of gender.
- Pack winners must register (and pay) on Council website. \$15.00 per entry. No money collected at door on day of race. Must [register](#) by 3/17/22.
- Race will be held at Fairfax Presbyterian in Fairfax.
- For questions, contact Chip McCaslin at chipmccaslin@gmail.com



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SAVE THE DATES – March 12, 2022

The 2022 NCAC College of Commissioner Service will be held as a hybrid college with in-person classes held Saturday, March 12 and online classes held Sunday March 13, 2022. Registration will open in February 2022.

Are you interested in helping George Mason District Units by becoming a Commissioner?

This is a great place to learn what a Commissioner does.

2022 NCAC COMMISSIONER COLLEGE

Theme: Commissioner Culture: Hearts – Relationships – Lives

March 12, 2022, at Holy Spirit School, Annandale VA

7:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Keynote Speaker: Larry Chase
National Commissioner Service Chair

Virtual (Online via Zoom) College
March 13, 2022 - 12:30 PM to 5:30 PM

OPEN TO EVERYONE INTERESTED IN LEARNING HOW TO HELP UNITS BETTER SERVE MORE YOUTH THROUGH SCOUTING



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Leave No Trace Trainer Course – Outdoor Ethics



Purpose of this Course

Participants in the Trainer Course learn Leave No Trace skills and ethics as well as techniques for educating others about these low impact practices. Research has shown that this course significantly improves participant knowledge and understanding of how Leave No Trace protects the outdoor places we love. The goal of this course is to teach students taking the course how to introduce the concept of Outdoor Ethics in a fun and engaging way to a group with little experience in outdoor ethics. It should help youth and adults at all program levels understand the general principles behind Scouting's outdoor ethics program. Graduates of a Trainer Course are prepared to lead Outdoor Ethics Orientation and BSA Leave No Trace 101 courses and to offer Leave No Trace Awareness Workshops to their community.

We recommend that youth complete this course before serving as in the troop Outdoor Ethics Guide position.

Who should attend?

This course will be of interest to any youth or registered Scouter who is associated with either implementing or training for any BSA outdoor program at any level. It is also well-suited for anyone who would like to pass on the knowledge of how to treat the outdoors and protect its beauty for others to enjoy. Youth must be at least 14 years old. Youth must be willing and able to conduct themselves appropriately for an adult training experience that is tightly scheduled and highly interactive.

We're pleased to offer 3 LNT Trainer courses in 2022 in NCAC. Please share widely with your units, scouts, scouters, families, and NCAC networks. Thanks much!

March course in Maryland:

3/21, 7pm-8pm online
 3/26, 9am-7pm @ Germantown MD
<https://scoutingevent.com/082-55112>

Sept/Oct course in Maryland:

9/26, 7pm-8pm online
 10/1, 9am-7pm @ Germantown MD
<https://scoutingevent.com/082-55113>

October course in Virginia:

10/17, 7pm-8pm online
 10/22, 9am-7pm @ Haymarket VA
<https://scoutingevent.com/082-55114>



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Building Momentum with SBSA: Welding & Composite Materials Merit Badges (Same Session)



Event Overview

Building Momentum is hosting events for Scouts BSA to earn Welding and Composite Materials merit badges!

They will host 4 sessions (an AM and PM session each on 4/23 and 5/21) at their workshop in Alexandria, VA. Both merit badges are offered at each of the 4 sessions, and a scout only needs to join one half-day session to earn 1 merit badge. If you want both merit badges, you can register to take both in one day, or on different days.

Who can attend? Scouts BSA and friends ages 11-18. Feel free to sign-up with a friend!

Class Overview

All of the classes balance instruction with hands-on shop time so the youth can gain practical experience with Welding and Composite Materials. In order to maximize their workshop experience and project time, youth are asked to come prepared with the pre-reqs (see attachment to the right). There are also a few post-requisites delineated in that same document attached (to the right).

Event Schedule:

April 23 and May 21 2022 Sessions: Morning sessions are 8am - 11:30am. **Lunch break** is 11:30 - 12:30pm. **Afternoon sessions** are 12:30 - 4pm.

[Registration Link](#) and more details

Event Requirements and Details

Uniforms: Attendees **must** wear close-toed shoes and pants covering ankles with no holes and made of natural fibers (ie. jeans). Building Momentum will provide necessary safety gear. SBSA may wear Class A uniform.

What to bring:

- pencil, merit badge workbook
- water bottle
- **Food:** Bring your own bag lunch and snacks to enjoy during lunch hour! Please do not bring products with peanuts.

Parents and guardians: are welcomed to volunteer in your scouts session or elsewhere with the event. Please select your volunteer availability/preferences during registration or email volunteer@ncacbsa.org so we may plan accordingly.

Location: Building Momentum | 5380 Eisenhower Ave Suite C, Alexandria, VA 22304

- Waiver: will be emailed to all registrants, to be digitally signed prior to entering the facility.
- Daily health screen: will be emailed to all registrants, to be completed a day prior to arriving on site.
- Current COVID-19 policy: In accordance with the CDC, all visitors and employees at Building Momentum **MUST** wear a mask while inside. This applies regardless of vaccination status and covers all indoor activities. This policy



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may change by the event date, in accordance with the State of Virginia's relevant COVID-19 mandates, and will be communicated then.

Registration Fee: \$31 per scout for each class. If you or another scout requires financial assistance to attend, we have scholarships available. Please email stem@ncacbsa.org.

Merit Badge Completion/Follow-Up/What to Expect: BuildMo instructors are Merit Badge Counselors with NCAC and will provide completion letters 5 weeks after the event (see attachment to the right for detailed timeline).

Questions? email stem@ncacbsa.org or call 240.395.0601

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Welcome to the official page of the Boy Scouts of America's 2023 National Jamboree.
 July 19-28, 2023 at The Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia:

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Spend 2022 at Camp William B Snyder

Camp William B. Snyder, 6100 Antioch Road, Haymarket, VA 20169 (571) 248 – 4904

<https://www.gotosnyder.org/>

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About Day Camp – Cub Scouts

Come experience all the fun that Camp has to offer 5 days a week. This camp experience runs from 9:00am – 4:00pm each day and includes all your summer camp favorites. Lunch is included in the cost of camp for Scouts and their adult chaperones.





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About Resident Weekends – Cub Scouts

Want to come to camp but don't have lots of time? Weekend Resident Camp is the perfect overnight camping program for you! Get all the elements of Summer Camp in a high intensity fun filled weekend.

New for 2022 we are offering Thursday night check in for all 3 weekend programs! Come in on Thursday night, get your campsite set up and your swim tests out of the way to make more time for Friday fun!

We are also offering a mid week 'weekend' on 4th of July week.

Sleep in a tent, eat in the dining hall, enjoy lots of great program and experience a great a campfire program. The fun is non-stop from morning until night. Sessions run from Thursday at 6:30pm to Sunday at 9:00am, and feature 3 nights of overnight camping. Meals are provided from Friday breakfast through Sunday continental breakfast.





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About Camp Snyder Specialty Week – Scouts BSA Merit Badge Week

Join us at Camp Snyder for our second annual Scouts BSA Specialty week! In 2021 Scouts earned over 500 Merit Badges during Specialty Week.

New for 2022 will be rank advancement skills training and knowledge instruction for obtaining Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class ranks. Perfect for new Scouts!

Camp Snyder has some amazing facilities. Among those are our Woodshop and our STEM facility, swimming pool, archery and air rifle ranges, and Scouterhorn climbing tower. We have created a Scouts BSA Specialty week with the activities Scouts expect from a summer camp. Want to earn your Woodworking or Woodcarving Merit Badge? Want to learn about Drones and spend some time in our STEM lab. Or, learn the basic Scouting skills needed to advance in rank, like how to start a fire, prepare an outdoor meal or safely use a knife and axe. Come out and spend a week of your summer with us.

Combine your interest in merit badges with camping, dining, swimming, boating, and many other summer camp favorites.

There are two attendance options: 1) You can stay at Camp Snyder all week and camp overnight or 2) You can choose to be a day-only participant and just stay for the merit badges and rank advancement sessions.





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Camp Snyder Bulls Eye Family Camping 2022



Come for the Shooting Sports and activities, camp for 2 nights! Scouts of all ages can enjoy camping with family and scouting friends this spring. The event fee includes camping from Friday night - Sunday morning as well as a full day of activities on Saturday!

Thanks for choosing Camp Snyder for Family Camping. We're excited to give everyone an opportunity to get into the outdoors, learn and have FUN with program activities.

This spring we are offering a mix of 1) scheduled appointment activities, 2) unscheduled guided activities and 3) self-guided activities. You can't do everything in one day so choose wisely!

Each family (Primary Adult) will be limited to **5 scheduled appointment activities** so every family gets an opportunity to participate in the most popular programs. Your (Primary Adult) will choose your **5 scheduled activities** as part of this registration process. Every family will also have time during the day to participate in the 15 to 30 minute long volunteer-led, unscheduled guided activities and can do the self-guided activities on their own any time during their stay.

Please download all documents to prepare you for your Camp Snyder experience. Documents can be found in the lower right section of this page. You will want to complete and bring with you the Camp Snyder COVID-19 Self Certification for your camping party the day you leave home for Camp Snyder.

April Family Camp 2022

Camp William B. Snyder

Friday 04-22-2022 5:00 PM ET to
Sunday 04-24-2022 11:00 AM ET

[More Information](#)

May Family Camp 2022

Camp William B. Snyder

Friday 05-20-2022 5:00 PM ET to
Sunday 05-22-2022 11:00 AM ET

[More Information](#)

For More information and to register: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-53439>



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Snyder Unit Camping January – May 2022

The following link provides additional Unit Camping details and registration:

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-48541>



Thanks for choosing Camp Snyder for your Unit camping needs. We're excited to give everyone an opportunity to get outside and into the woods!

Please make one registration per unit. We request that units book no more than 3 campsites. This allows for 40-45 attendees per site, and no more than 135 members per scout unit on a specific weekend. We are trying to ensure that as many units as possible can get out camping.

Each campsite has 9 platforms, 1 pavilion, 1 campfire ring and plenty of space. There will be no formal activities provided during your stay but there is plenty to do at the camp on your own. Canvas tents are not available outside of summer camp. Shower house 1 remains open year round. Shower houses 2-4 remain closed as long as there are overnight freezing temperatures.

More information about Camp Snyder and add on activity options for your unit are available at

www.GoToSnyder.org



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Powder Horn 2022

The High Adventure Skills Resources Management Course

August 26 – 28

(a three-day course)

Camp St. Charles, Newberg, MD
15375 Stella Maris Dr. Newberg, MD 20664

Course Director: **Bob Simmons**

Presented by the National Capital Area Council, BSA

What is Powder Horn? Powder Horn is a resource course designed to introduce Scouting's adult leaders to exciting program possibilities using a variety of resources for their unit. It helps leaders to provide a robust outdoor program that meets the health and safety requirements as well as the rules and regulations of the BSA as they apply to outdoor programs. The goal for participants is to leave the Powder Horn course with a list of ideas to help their program, along with contacts and resources needed to implement them. It is important to understand that Powder Horn is not a personal development course or a team building experience. It is not a certification course. Its purpose is to educate the youth and adult Scouting leaders about specific high-adventure skills, to connect them to resources to deliver those skills, and to get them excited about delivering those skills in an exciting, challenging way to youth.

Who can attend Powder Horn? All registered adult leaders are welcome. All participants must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. Adults must have completed Leader Specific Training for their registered position. All youth applications will be placed on a wait list until all adult applications are processed. Youth participants (14 and up) will be admitted on an individual basis and requires the completion of the Powder Horn Youth Application Addendum which includes the nomination by the unit leader. Youth must have completed their unit's version of leadership training (Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops or Crews, etc.). National Youth Leadership Training is recommended.

What are the pre-requisites?

- Must be a registered adult or youth member of the Boy Scouts of America, within the Scouts BSA or Venturing Program.
- All adult participants must be fully trained for their program, to include a valid Youth Protection Training certificate which covers the course dates.
- All participants must complete the Hazardous Weather training, Safety Afloat and Safe Swim Defense, Drive Safely, and Climb on Safely online (through Scouting.org) prior to the course.
- Meet the physical requirements contained in the Annual Health and Medical Record physical in a back-country environment (Forms A, B, and C).
- Youth must be 14 years of age (or in a Venturing crew if 13 years of age and completed eighth grade).
- Youth must have completed the unit's version of leadership training (Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops, Ships, or Crews, etc.). National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is recommended for youth participants.

What will we do? Powder Horn is organized around the BSA's High Adventure elements. Topics may include:

• Archery	• Cycling/Mountain Biking	• Scuba
• Astronomy	• Emergency Preparedness	• Search & Rescue
• Backpacking	• Fly Fishing	• Shooting Sports
• Caving	• Land Navigation	• Water Craft
• Communications	• Leave No Trace/Outdoor Ethics	• Wilderness Survival
• Conservation Projects	• Outdoor Living History	• Winter Sports
• COPE Challenge Course	• Plants & Wildlife	• Working with Youth

What is the Course Size? The course is limited to 32 participants.

- Adult registrations will be accepted on a first come-first served basis to fill the 32 participant positions and, when those are filled, adult applicants will be placed on a waiting list in case of cancellation.
- We are not able to accept youth registration on a first come-first served basis. All youth will be placed on a wait-list and asked to complete the Powder Horn Youth Application Addendum via email. The addendum will be used to evaluate all youth registrations.
- **How Do I Register?** Registration is now open and closes on June 3, 2022. The fee is **\$300.00** after the closing date the fee increases to \$350. Fees will only be refunded if you cancel before July 1, 2020 **AND** there is someone on the waiting list willing to take your place.

NCAC Powder Horn Coordinator: Dominick Caridi,
DscScouting@aol.com // 703-625-4196



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2021 - 2022 OFFERINGS

BACK COUNTRY OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS

DON'T BE THIS GUY



GET BCOLS TRAINED!

This course was developed by a group of Scouters in 1993; it has been continually updated to meet current techniques and technology. It is aimed at all adults working with older youth regardless of program (Boy Scouting, Venturing, or Exploring). **This training IS NOT recommended for Cub Scout leaders or people without camping experience.** All participants are strongly encouraged to complete Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, as well as the position-specific training for their program area (Venturing or, Boy Scout) prior to attending this course. All participants must be able to meet current physical requirements of the BSA Annual Health & Medical Record.

The target audience is adult leaders planning High Adventure treks at backcountry venues not supported by BSA infrastructure; however, units planning to attend High Adventure bases supported by BSA will find this course useful, inasmuch as unit shakedown will, most likely, take place in venues not supported by BSA infrastructure. If you are participating in an NCAC-sponsored High Adventure Trek, you must also take the course offered by the NCAC High Adventure Committee.

Youth participants (16 and up) will be admitted on an individual basis and requires the nomination by the unit leader. Youth must have completed unit leadership training (Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops or Crews, etc.). National Youth Leadership Training is strongly recommended.

Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills is offered by the Council Training Committee as an optional follow-on to the basic course, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills. Its goal is to provide adult leaders with an overview of such topics as:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trek Planning • Leadership Skills • Team Development • Leave No Trace • Water Treatment • • Stove Maintenance • Risk Management • Equipment Maintenance • Crew Equipment Needs & Selection • • Personal Equipment Needs & Selection • Terrain Awareness & Land Navigation • Menu Planning & Clean-up • • Hygiene & Health • On the Trail Tips • Wilderness First Aid Overview
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Part 1 — Addresses ways to effectively work with older youth and covers the detailed preparation and planning that must be done before you go out, including risk management. Summarizes the personal and crew equipment used for lightweight camping. Plans are also made for the weekend overnight session. (Part 1 is the EXPLAIN & DEMONSTRATE part of EDGE.)

Part 2 — Participants will practice core leader skills for the outdoor program — Leave No Trace, navigation (map & compass plus GPS), terrain awareness, expedition menu planning and food preparation, stove and stove maintenance, wilderness first aid issues, expedition health and hygiene, team building. (Part 2 is the GUIDE part of EDGE.)

Part 3 — *While not required*, we strongly *suggest participation* in the Hikeoree which will allow BCOLS trained leaders to apply the BCOLS training with their youth at a real-world event. (Part 3 is the ENABLE part of EDGE.)

FALL 2021 -- VIRGINIA	SPRING 2022 -- MARYLAND	FALL 2022 -- VIRGINIA
Classroom: Sat 9/25 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Heritage Presbyterian Church 8503 Fort Hunt Rd Alexandria, VA 22308 Overnight: Sat 10/23, 7:30 am thru Sun. 10/24, 1:30 pm Camp Big Mac 12647 Moss Hollow Rd Markham, VA 22643	Classroom: Sat 3/5 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Huntingtown UMC 4020 Hunting Creek Rd Huntingtown, MD Overnight: Sat 04/23, 7:30 am thru Sun 04/24, 1:30 pm American Chestnut Land Trust 2650 Scientists Cliff Road Prince Frederick, MD 20678	Classroom: Sat 9/24 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Heritage Presbyterian Church 8503 Fort Hunt Rd Alexandria, VA 22308 Overnight: Sat 10/22, 7:30 am thru Sun. 10/23, 1:30 pm Camp Big Mac 12647 Moss Hollow Rd Markham, VA 22643

Register via the NCAC web-site — BCOLS can be found on the Training menu
Class size limited to 32. Adults receive preference. Fee is \$50.00

FOR INFORMATION: DOMINICK CARIDI: DSCSCOUTING@AOL.COM / 703-625-4196



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2022 Wood Badge Registration NOW Open



Spring Course

Register at: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/wood-badge/>
 Weekend #1: 29 April - 1 May 2022
 Weekend #2: 13 - 15 May 2022
 Course Director: Mr. John Howlin
johnhowlinjr@yahoo.com



Fall Course

Registration Open 30 April, 2022
 Weekend #1: 9 - 11 September 2022
 Weekend #2: 8 - 9 October 2022
 Course Director: Mr. Rick Rogers
rsrogers4@gmail.com



Wood Badge could be postponed or delayed based on covid restrictions

Wood Badge is the Boy Scouts of America’s ultimate leadership training designed to meet the advanced leadership needs of Scouters in all aspects of the BSA, whether unit, district, or council level – from assistant den leaders to Scoutmasters, from Cubmasters to Venturing Advisors, from committee members to commissioners. It is a fun, energetic and inspiring course guaranteed to infuse your unit with fun and meaning – all designed to fulfill the mission of the BSA, and ensure our youth is getting everything they are promised from the program.

QUESTIONS?
 For information about specific courses, contact the Course Director listed above.

Wood Badge - Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-49317>

Wood Badge is an advanced, national leadership course open only to Scouting volunteers and professionals. Scouters from Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts, and Explorers, and district and council Scouters all are welcome and belong here.

Listen to the [April 2017 CubCast](#), “Tell Us More About Wood Badge,” to learn more about this advanced leadership training course.

What do we see on course? We do many things on course, like:

- Listening
- Managing conflict
- Leading change
- Stages of team development
- Coaching & Mentoring
- Leadership for different stages
- Servant leadership
- Project planning
- And more!

These come to you in presentations, games, discussions, activities, and other methods.



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Wood Badge (cont.)

Why do you want to go?

You want to participate in a Wood Badge course because of things you will learn and do. Here are some of the benefits:

- **Stronger units.** You will make your Scouting unit – and your sons’ and daughters’ units – stronger.
- **What and why of Scouting.** You will have a deeper understanding of what Scouting is and why we do it.
- **Experience.** You will learn and experience things that will stay with you in Scouting and the rest of your life.
- **Fun.** You will have fun and you will meet interesting people.
- **Other groups.** You will make your other groups, like work, church, even family, stronger.

Here’s another summary of why to go. This was originally aimed particularly at Scouters in the Cub Scout program, but it applies equally to all of us.

CUB SCOUT LEADERS! How would you like to attend a training that takes you far beyond your Basic Leader Training? Would you like to build your skills in communication, conflict management and teaching methods? How about a leadership course that rivals many corporate level trainings?

Wood Badge is here for you. This is not a Troop leader training but is designed for Cub, Scout, and Venturing leaders. This course will help you better understand how all the Scouting programs tie together. It will provide you with many useful leadership tools to help enable our youth to have the best possible Scouting experience. There is no better time to attend a Wood Badge course and make a difference in your unit than when you are a Cub Scout Leader.

Tickets

Have you heard of “The Ticket” and wondered what it is? The ticket is a group of five goals you set for yourself to do after course, to improve your unit. You learn more about this on the course.

Purpose of Wood Badge

The purpose of Wood Badge is to develop skilled leaders who can strengthen Scouting units in achieving the mission of the Boy Scouts of America.

When we accomplish the mission of Scouting, we do it in the units. Therefore, the short form of the purpose is, *the purpose of Wood Badge is to strengthen units.*

Although the course is different today, what Baden-Powell said in 1919 still applies:

One of the purposes of Wood Badge training is to get Scouters to think about the practice of Scouting, to meet together, to exchange experiences, and to live together in the spirit of the Scout Oath.



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BE PREPARED...

NCAC NYLT Summer Registration Opens

Saturday March 5th at 10AM

at

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/national-youth-leadership-training/>



2022 Course Schedule

22-1: January Winter Course (complete)

22-2: June 19-24 @ Camp Snyder, VA

22-3: June 26- July 1 @ Cheltenham, MD

22-4: July 24-29 @ Camp Snyder, VA*

22-5: July 24-29 @ Camp Snyder, VA*

* courses running concurrently



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NYLT

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) equips young people with leadership skills to help them succeed in their Scouting program and in life. NYLT brings together Scouts from all over the council to learn and practice leadership techniques in a risk free, Scout-friendly environment. The Scouts learn and practice leadership skills and styles together.



6 DAYS OF FUN & ADVENTURE

TEAMWORK • GAMES • FOOD

CHALLENGES • CAMPING • LEARNING

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

NYLT is for Scouts who are likely to take on leadership positions in their Troop, Crew, Ship or home unit.

REQUIREMENTS

- 13 years or older
- First Class Rank
- Unit Leader approval
- Completed Intro. to Leadership Skills*
- BSA Med Form: Parts A, B & C

NYLT is an *intense course* for *mature Scouts* who want to become *better leaders*. Scouts must be *respectful* of each other and their actions must be consistent with the *Scout Oath and Law*.

* Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST), Crews (ILSC), or Ships (ILSS)

COURSE # DATES & LOCATIONS

- 22-1 Jan 14-17 & Jan 21-23
Camp William B. Snyder
(Must complete both weekends)
- 22-2 June 19-24
Camp William B. Snyder
- 22-3 June 26 to July 1
Cheltenham, MD
- 22-4 July 24-29
Camp William B. Snyder
- 22-5 July 24-29
Camp William B. Snyder



REGISTRATION AND MORE INFORMATION:
www.myNYLT.org

[Download Flyer PDF \(363kb\)](#)



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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



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Virginia Bird and Wildlife Trail (VBWT)

Check out this online guide for observing birds and wildlife from over 600 viewing sites along 65 trail loops within the Old Dominion.

With 400 species of birds, 150 species of mammals, 150 species of amphibians and reptiles, 250 species of fish, plus hundreds of butterflies, dragonfly, and other invertebrate species, you'll soon see why Virginia is a premier destination for birding and wildlife viewing.

Use the interactive maps and menus at [Find Wildlife: Viewing](#) to search for viewing sites near you or by city/county, search for sites with specific birds and wildlife of interest, or get driving directions to a site from your current location. Or you can search by region (Coastal, Piedmont, Mountain) from here: <https://dwr.virginia.gov/VBWT/>

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Printing Unit Charter Forms and BSA ID cards for youth/adults

Some units are asking questions on how to obtain / print materials such as BSA id Cards and Unit Charters. BSA is no longer printing and mailing these materials to the units. BSA has now made it possible for units to do this task themselves. The following are how-to guides to download and print the BSA ID cards and Unit Charters:

- How to download BSA Ids (YouTube Video):
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KOUCBoamgs0>

- How to downloads and print Unit Charters:
<https://files.constantcontact.com/0778a6dc201/ee304af2-9c84-4143-a42d-c1798715ca01.pdf>



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Pi Day – March 14, 2022



- Open to all (Cubs, Scouts BSA and Venturing Scouts)
- Pi Day gives math enthusiasts the opportunity to celebrate their love for numbers and the enigma that is the infinite pi.
- March 14 also is Albert Einstein's birthday.
- Pi is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. Amazingly, for all circles of any size, pi will always be the same.
- One can celebrate "Pi Day" with any kind of pie – pizza, apple, cherry, Boston Crème pie, etc. Let your imagination be your guide!
- Stay tuned for more "Pi Day" activities as we get closer to the big day!



GM District Court of Honor



- To recognize adults who served/are serving at the unit level.
- Two awards:
 - [Unit Commissioner's Unit Scouter Award](#) – 1 per unit
 - [Unit Appreciation Award](#) – Maximum 8 per unit.
- Please provide a sentence or two describing the individual's service.
- Submit Unit Commissioner's Unit Scouter Award to Unit Commissioner.
- Unit Appreciate Award to gm.adultrecognition@gmail.com
- **Must have all submissions by no later than March 11, 2022.**
- Will confer awards at District COH/April Roundtable.



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UNIT APPRECIATION AWARD

Annually each Unit in the George Mason District can recognize Unit Scouters by selecting individuals to receive the Unit Appreciation Award. Retention of strong unit leaders is critical to successful program delivery. While one should thank active, engaged adults throughout the year, don't miss this chance to recognize them

CRITERIA:

The basis for this award is broad. Some units may recognize a person for long and dedicated service. Other units may decide to honor an individual for his or her specific contribution during the past year, or for an individual event. The unit may choose certain criteria this year and change it next year. The only hard criteria are that the service must have been for the unit itself, not the District, Council, Region, National, or some outside organization; and that the individual be a registered Scouter in the Unit.

NUMBER OF AWARDS:

Unit Appreciation Awards are **limited 8 per unit**. Units are encouraged to focus the awards on those Scouters who have provided excellent service to the youth of the unit.

PROCEDURE:

Each spring, Unit leadership will select the adults they wish to recognize. Nominating an adult for the Unit Appreciation Award requires simply an e-mail to the District Advancement and Recognition Committee (gm.adultrecognition@gmail.com) with:

- 1. Nominee's name.
- 2. Unit type.
- 3 Unit number.
- 4. Nominee's e-mail address (required)

Please provide one or two sentences to describe the adult's contribution to your unit. If possible, please submit a photo of the scouter involved in an activity with the unit.

DUE DATE:

Unit's must submit their nominees to the District Awards and Recognition Committee (gm.adultrecognition@gmail.com) no later than **11 March 2022**.

PRESENTATION:

A Unit Appreciation Award Certificate will be presented to each Unit Nominee at the District Court of Honor in the spring of 2022. There is an expectation, not a requirement, that Units submitting a Nominee will attend the ceremony and bring the Nominee(s).



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UNIT COMMISSIONER'S UNIT SCOUTER AWARD

I nominate _____ for the Unit Commissioner's Unit Scouter Award in recognition of the service given to his/her Unit to further the Scouting program in the George Mason District.

Commissioner making nomination: _____ Date: _____

INFORMATION ABOUT THE NOMINEE

Unit Type: _____ Number: _____ Sponsor: _____

Nominee's Position in Unit: _____

Years in position:* _____ Years in Scouting:* _____ (*If relevant to award)

Nominee address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: VA. Zip: _____

E-Mail Address (required): _____

NOMINATION JUSTIFICATION

(Insert one or two sentences here describing why the unit is nominating this individual for the award. _____)

Nominations may be based on long service to the unit, outstanding accomplishment or both. Service must have been for the unit itself, not the District, Council, Regional, National, or some outside organization, and the individual must be a registered Scouter in the Unit. Ordinarily, units are limited to one Unit Scouter Award. Talk with your Unit Commissioner if you have a second leader you want to recognize. The expectation, not requirement, is that the Nominee and Unit leadership will attend the District Court of Honor.

SUBMISSION AND DUE DATE

Unit Commissioners should forward their nominations to the District Advancement and Recognition Committee (gm.adultrecognition@gmail.com) **no later than 11 March 2022.**

**Please return the nomination in the word document format, not PDF. If possible, please submit a photo of the nominee, preferably involved in an activity with the unit.



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GM Spring Camporee Date:
April 29 – May 1, 2022
Camp Rock Enon, Gore, Va
Theme: Shooting Sports

- Online registration available on Council website in early 2022.
- Leader Guide will be available on registration site a few weeks ahead of event.
- Need unit volunteers to help run event.



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George Mason Hike-O-Ree May 2022

- 2nd Annual GM Hike-O-Ree on weekends of May 7 and May 14 – 5/6 to 5/15/22.
- Open to all (Cubs, Scouts BSA and Venturing Scouts), families and friends.
- Any age, any place and any appropriate grouping – just keep track of how far you hiked.
- Register on Council website (registration opening in early 2022). \$5.00 for a patch.
- Challenge – District Scouts, Scouters and families hike 2,022 miles.
- Total the miles for each unit and notify Matt Burns at Burnsmj509@gmail.com. We'll see how big a total we reach.



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Jamboree On the Trail



- An international event open to all (Cubs, Scouts BSA, Venturers).
- Cubs could visit a local nature trail to complete an Adventure.
- Scouts BSA might backpack as prep for High Adventure or hike a trail as part of a merit badge.
- Venturing Scouts might make a service project out of restoring a trail.
- The key thing is to get outdoors and enjoy nature responsibly.
- There is no minimum distance or time.
- A patch is available by registering at: [Registration - JOTT - Jamboree on the Trail](#)
- Register by March 31, 2022, to be confident of receiving your patch by JOTT.



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**Flags In –
May 30, 2022**

- May 30, 2022, at 10am
- Open to all (Cubs, Scouts BSA and Venturing Scouts)
- National Memorial Park, 7482 Lee Highway, Falls Church
- All Scouts, including Girl Scouts, are welcome.
- Class A Uniforms
- Social distancing – bring a mask



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George Mason Order of The Arrow



Beginning in January 2022, the George Mason Chapter of the O/A is back to meeting in Person on the 2nd Thursday of the month at Thoreau Middle School from 7:30-8:30. (Same time/location as GM Roundtable.)

The Spring 2022 Ordeal will be April 29 – May 1 2022, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, Va.

Amangamek-Wipit Lodge
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 2022, annual dues will be \$14 until March 31, 2022 when they increase to \$16 on April 1, 2022 (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.

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.

[Pay 2022 OA Dues](#)



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<https://oa-bsa.org/magellan#updated-sections>

The Order of the Arrow is streamlining our structure while preserving national youth leadership opportunities! The National OA Committee has voted to approve a final prototype from the Project Magellan task force that will maintain current section boundaries while transitioning to two regions: Gateway and Eastern Regions

- Recent changes within the BSA deemed the OA’s four-region structure financially and operationally unsustainable.
- The two-region structure provides continued opportunities for many young people to lead at the national level while streamlining the OA’s structure to focus on the local level—the bedrock of our organization.
- The National Service Territories (NST) were designed as a collaborative network to support councils as they deliver Scouting in their geographic areas.
- Every lodge was invited to provide feedback on this structure before it was finalized and indicated widespread support.

After garnering nearly 300 ideas from Arrowmen nationwide, **Gateway and Eastern** will be the names of our new regions!

The new structure will take effect on Dec. 28, 2021 as we elect our new region chiefs.

<https://oa-bsa.org/article/region-restructuring>

The Three Lodges in former NE-6A are now in E10, no additions, no removals:

Council Number	Council Name	Lodge Name	Former Section	New Section
81	Del-Mar-Va	Nentego	NE-6A	E10
82	National Capital Area	Amangamek-Wipit	NE-6A	E10
220	Baltimore Area	Nentico	NE-6A	E10



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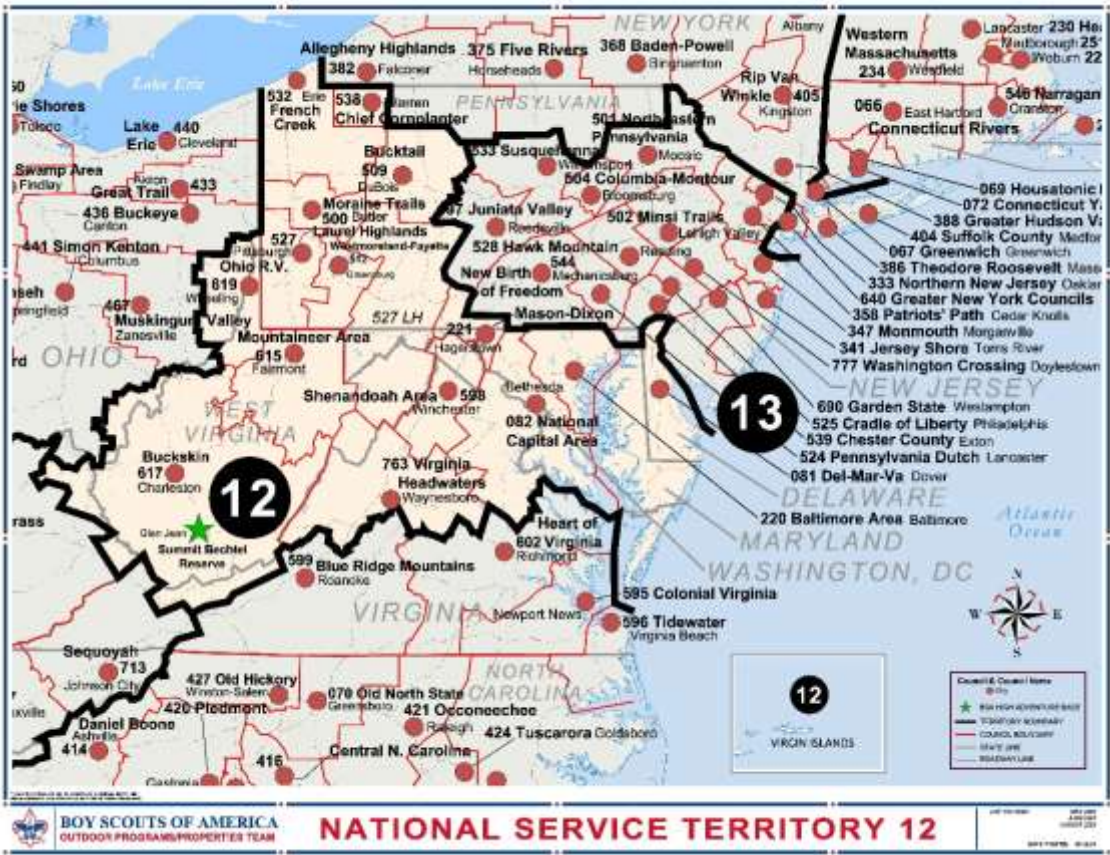
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Map showing Gateway and Eastern Region:



National Service Territory 12 which includes NCAC:





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2022 Amangamek-Wipit Lodge Calendar

Date	Time	Name	Location	Group Responsible
JAN				
Postponed Until Spring Fellowship		2022 Lodge Banquet	(April 1-3, 2022)	Banquet Committee
22		ACT Conference	Central Pres. Ch., Towson, MD	Section Leadership
FEB				
13	3-5 pm	LEC	MSSC (plus virtual)	Lodge Leadership
26		University of Scouting	Hayfield School, Alexandria, VA	Training Committee
MAR				
6	3-5 pm	LO&A	Virtual	Key 7
Pending Fianaliation		Camping-palooza	Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA	Camping-palooza Committee
APR				
1-3		2022 Spring Fellowship	Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA	Spring Fellowship Committee
2		RAMADAN begins		
3	12-2 pm	LEC (@ Fellowship)	Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA	Lodge Leadership
15		PASSOVER begins		
17		EASTER		
23		PASSOVER ends		
MAY				
1	3-5 pm	LO&A	Virtual	Key 7
2		RAMADAN ends		
20-22		Section Conclave	Broad Creek SR, Whiteford, MD	Section Leadership
31		Unit Election Season Closes		
JUN				
11		LLDC	TBD	Training Committee
11	3-5 pm	LEC (After LLDC)	Same as LLDC	Lodge Leadership
18		Goshen Staff First Day	Goshen Scout Reservation, VA	GSR Director
26		GOAT Begins	Goshen Scout Reservation, VA	GOAT Committee
26	8-11 am	Goshen Bus Loading -Day 1	Fairfax County Gov. Center, VA	GBL Committee
JUL				
2	8-11 am	Goshen Bus Loading -Day 2	Fairfax County Gov. Center, VA	GBL Committee
3	8-11 am	Goshen Bus Loading -Day 3	Fairfax County Gov. Center, VA	GBL Committee
9		GOAT Ends	Goshen Scout Reservation, VA	GOAT Committee
9	8-11 am	Goshen Bus Loading -Day 4	Fairfax County Gov. Center, VA	GBL Committee
10	8-11 am	Goshen Bus Loading -Day 5	Fairfax County Gov. Center, VA	GBL Committee
16	8-11 am	Goshen Bus Loading -Day 6	Fairfax County Gov. Center, VA	GBL Committee
17	8-11 am	Goshen Bus Loading -Day 7	Fairfax County Gov. Center, VA	GBL Committee
23	8-11 am	Goshen Bus Loading-Day 8	Fairfax County Gov. Center, VA	GBL Committee
24	8-11 am	Goshen Bus Loading -Day 9	Fairfax County Gov. Center, VA	GBL Committee
25-30		NOAC	University of Tenn., Knoxville	NOAC Committee
30	8-11 am	Goshen Bus Loading -Day 10	Fairfax County Gov. Center, VA	GBL Committee
AUG				
2		Goshen Staff Last Days	Goshen Scout Reservation, VA	GSR Director



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5-7		2022 Vigil Induction (1st)	Goshen Scout Reservation, VA	Vigil Induction Committee
TBD		Lodge Summer Ordeal	Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA	Lodge Ordeal Committee
21	3-5 pm	LEC	MSSC (plus virtual)	Lodge Leadership
SEP				
5		LABOR DAY		
16-18		2022 Fall Fellowship	Camp Snyder, VA	Fall Fellowship Committee
18	12-2 pm	LO&A (@ Fellowship)	Camp Snyder, VA	Key 7
25-27		ROSH HASHANAH		
OCT				
2	3-5 pm	LEC	MSSC (plus virtual)	Lodge Leadership
4-5		YOM KIPPPUR		
NOV				
1		Unit Election Season Opens		
6	3-5 pm	LO&A	MSSC	Key 7
25-26		2022 Vigil Induction (2nd)	Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA	Vigil Induction Committee
DEC				
4	3-5 pm	LEC	MSSC (plus virtual)	Lodge Leadership
2-3		2022 Trade-O-Ree	Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA	Trade-O-Ree Committee

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