**Announcements**

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| * [College of Commissioner Service](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=293881&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1664525&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fscoutingevent.com%2F082-58351&cf=14346&v=d91f65cbd571d8f4dceb630bc722c511aa78ce46bd87547970dc76e2132bbac6) (03/11/23) - Everyone is invited to attend especially those who are not commissioners who would like to learn more about Commissioner Service. * Vienna Family Fishing Rodeo (03/25/23) - [Register](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=293881&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1664525&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.viennava.gov%2Fresidents%2Fconcerts-and-events%2Ffishing-rodeo&cf=14346&v=650a743ed359d29f941a067f7d1622ffb1ecf989cdf3a192b7b98f33ec586e5d) early. Slots fill up fast. * District Court of Honor (04/13/23) - Get your nominations in for [Unit Appreciation Award](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=293881&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1664525&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fpublic.3.basecamp.com%2Fp%2FaaRqTLVEuN3oVQt4HEQDAByb&cf=14346&v=28931e04915b8b139fc1a824726e4737d037e7c59b6d0c8189dd73e525257702) (8/unit) and [Unit Commissioner's Unit Scouter Award](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=293881&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1664525&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fpublic.3.basecamp.com%2Fp%2FrgRgxE7vixGzuohk79Qkuim1&cf=14346&v=a31d987e3621e67a214f57a3eeaba7b44803add1ae8517b97429b2eae4c1e4e4) (1/unit). Submissions are due to [Matt Burns](mailto:gm.adultrecognition@gmail.com) by March 22. * Outdoor Ethics - Need an Outdoor Ethics speaker/facilitator for your Pack or Troop meeting? Do you want to earn the BSA Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award or the NCAC Awareness Award for Cubs but don't have a person qualified to lead the last requirement? Send an [email](mailto:sh12sh34@gmail.com?subject=our%20unit%20would%20like%20an%20outdoor%20ethics%20presentation) with your unit number, location, date/time of meetings, number of scouts/scouters and they will to their best to find you a presenter. Get the [Outdoor Ethics newsletter](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=293881&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1664525&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fweownadventure.com%2Foutdoor-ethics-newsletter%2F&cf=14346&v=d0943d927e6271908b556028c2eda62078da0bdc4283f2c232e1349c2df98398) that includes upcoming courses, best practices, interviews with members, news from our community, awards, project ideas, etc. * Certificate of Liability Insurance (COLI) - Many destinations for scout activities require a copy of our COLI. Please fill out a [Request for COLI](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=293881&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1664525&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ncacbsa.org%2Faquia%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2Fsites%2F20%2F2021%2F02%2FREQUEST-FOR-CERTIFICATE-OF-LIABILITY-INSURANCE-COUNCIL-filable-1.pdf&cf=14346&v=a9ad0f61a8cb339ce5cee48ea9eb9bb5f6167ff3e2fe814baf31b6e46533086f) and return to the email listed on the form. You’ll receive the COLI within two weeks. If the group requesting the COLI needs some special language, this needs to be put in writing and submitted with the request. This will add time to the turn-around. If the event is located outside of NCAC boundaries, the COI will be from National (this requires two additional weeks). The current insurance policy runs from 03/01/23 - 02/29/24. When planning activities for early March, COLIs may not be available, in a timely manner, due to policy transition. |

**Roundtable Minutes**

**March 09, 2023**

* **Council Update /Rus P**
  + **Non-Unit Charter Renewal (MBC)**
* Still not processed; except Jim Miller, Patrick Murray, and Craig Thor (Nova Counselor)
* Scoutbook – Check MBC list
* **Fund Raising** - Right-Response First Aid Kits!
* **Membership**
* Units:
* Renewed: 923/982 (94% retention)
* Dropped: Club (1), Crew (7), Lab (2), Pack (19), Post (6), Ship (1), Troop (23)
* Council: 33,437 (Growth: 2.84%; Market Share: 3.45%)
* Retention: 80.63%
* Ethnic Diversity: 35.48%
* Female: 11.9%
* George Mason District: 1,405 (Market Share: 0.14%)
* Ethnic Diversity: 26.80%
* Female: 8.75%
* **Cub Camping 2022**:

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* Dates:
* Resident Weekend: 4; 6/22-6/25, 6/29-7/2, 7/6-7/9, 7/13-7/16
* Day Camp: 2; 6/27-6/30, 7/10-7/14
* Scout Specialty Week: 7/16-7/22
* Provisional: Can send individual or small numbers of scouts; still need appropriate adult supervision.
* Camperships Available: 50% off camp attendance fee
* **Youth Protection and Adult Leadership Update /Rus P**
* Effective September 1, 2023 – Two registered adult leaders, 21 years of age or over, are required at all Scouting activities, including all meetings. There must be a registered female adult leader, 21 years of age or over, in every unit serving females. A registered female adult leader, 21 years of age or over, must be present for any activity involving female youth or female adult program participants.
* Notwithstanding the minimum leadership requirements, age and program-appropriate supervision must always be provided.
* All adults staying overnight, in connection with a Scouting activity, must be currently registered in an adult fee required position as listed or as an adult program participant. Limited exception below for Cub Scout overnight Programs. Registration as a Merit Badge Counselor does not meet this requirement.
* Cub Scout Program – Overnight Exception: Cub Scout parents or legal guardians taking part in an overnight Cub Scout program with their own child or legal ward are not required to register as leaders. All adults must review the “[How to Protect your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent’s Guide](https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/parents-guides/)” that can be found in the front of each Cub Scout Handbook. In addition, the parent or legal guardian must be accompanied by a registered leader at any time they are with youth members other than their own child/ward. All other overnight adults must be currently registered in an adult fee required position.
* Follow-up:
* MBC don’t have to be in a paid position if not staying overnight.
* Parents of Scout BSA youth that stay overnight on a campout or summer camp must be registered leaders. No more 72-hour rule.
* Lion Adult Partner/Tiger Cub Adult are not paid registered positions. However, Partners is exempt as is a family campout.
* Merit Badge Counseling requires two registered adults – However, the parent or legal guardian of the Scout may serve as the second adult. This parent or legal guardian does not have to be a registered leader.
* An adult program participant is any person 18 but not yet 21 years of age who registers to participate in a program in which youth members also participate; obligates himself or herself to regularly attend the meetings; fulfills a member’s obligation to the unit; subscribes to the Scout Oath; and participates in an approved program based on the current guidelines of the Boy Scouts of America. Adult program participants are subject to the same guidelines as adult Scouters when required by policies and guidelines. They cannot be on Committees.
* How is a MBC different from a Registered adult – they both submit paperwork, take YPT and get a background check? Still working to get information about this.
* **Aquatics Committee -** [**2023 Training Schedule**](https://ncacbsa.org/aquatics) **(check site for links to register) /Rus P**
* **Pre-Camp Swim Tests (Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA) -** <https://scoutingevent.com/082-68909>
  + Sunday, June 4th (9am-5pm) – hourly slots
  + **Paddle Craft Safety (Still – Camp Snyder/Silver Lake; Moving – Riley’s Lock, MD)**
  + May 20 - Still Water Safety - Class Size 12
  + May 21 - Moving Water Safety - Class Size 12
  + Sept 23 - Still Water Safety - Class Size 12
  + Sept 24 - Moving Water Safety - Class Size 12
  + **Canoe Paddling Instruction (Silver Lake, Camp Snyder)**
  + June 9-11
* **Scuba (Pool – TBD; Open Water – Fredericksburg, VA)**
  + Pre-class, computer-based training
  + 08/12/23 – 08/13/23 – Pool work
  + 08/19/23 – 08/20/23 – Open Water
* **Aquatics MB Completion** (only for those that are missing a few requirements from camp)
  + TBD (likely early Sept)

**Big Rock: What Can Your Commissioner Do For You? /Rus P**

* **Commissioners**
* OUR MISSION - As Commissioners, we share the BSA’s mission: “To prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.”
* OUR VISION - Every member of the BSA has a great Scouting experience.
* OUR CULTURE
* Be the Heart: Scouting’s units are its heart; its success is dependent upon them; they deliver its programs to youth. Commissioners Support unit leaders in developing a safe, welcoming environment and delivering Scouting’s programs effectively. We exist to support Scouting’s heart.
* Build Relationships: Commissioners must develop relationships with unit leaders we serve based on mutual respect, candor, and trust. Without that, the communication and collaboration required to effectively support units is impossible.
* Change Lives: Scouting changes lives – of the youth it serves and the adults who support it (both volunteers *and* professionals). As they adopt Scouting’s values, they become engaged citizens who strengthen our communities, nation, and world.
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* **Unit Commissioner Responsibilities**
* Help each unit achieve Journey to Excellence and continually improve
* Help each unit Help each unit understand the Scouting Program
* Encourage all direct-contact Leadership to complete basic leader training
* Visit unit meetings and with unit leadership
* Work to assure effective and active unit committees
* Know the neighborhood in which your units are located
* Know the District and Council and work with professional staff
* Help the Committee Chair to successfully complete charter renewal
* Identify resources and scheduled events that can help the unit
* **Roundtable Commissioners**
* Recruit and train a staff qualified to put on quality roundtables for unit personnel
* Plan monthly roundtable programs
* Make all arrangements for roundtables including meeting places, equipment, and supplies
* Conduct regular critiques to determine how roundtables can be improved
* **Assistant District Commissioners**
* A district may have one or more assistant commissioners.  Each is responsible for an assigned share of the units in the district and the unit commissioners who serve those units.  Assistant district commissioners are often assigned a geographic or specialty area of the district.  They work closely with the district commissioner and district executive.
* **District Commissioner**
* The district commissioner leads the commissioner staff of the district, guiding and measuring the district’s unit service program. Major responsibilities include:
* Recruit and train a full staff of commissioners
* Oversee the commissioner training program
* Work with the district chairman and district executive as a member of the district's Key 3
* Plan and preside at the monthly meeting of the district commissioner staff
* Attend district committee meeting to report on conditions of units and to secure specialized help for units
* Represent the district as a member of the council commissioner's cabinet
* **Start, Stop, Continue**
* What do you want us to do that we are not?
  + Had discussion about how to recruit more female scouts. How to have events, coordinate, advertise, etc. Leveraging upcoming events such as Viva Vienna, using QR codes, having fun activities – PWD or Rain Gutter. How to have all the units participate in a park or share time at a booth at an event. Could also use the Geofencing Facebook software.
* What should we stop doing?
  + Quick mention about changing Roundtable frequency or format. Could provide something like we do for Commissioner’s Cabinet – quick announcements then facilitated breakout sessions where a topic is discussed or brainstormed.
* What parts of Commissioner Service are serving you well?
* Will send out a survey tool to get more information.

**George Mason Program**

* **Current GM Calendar /John D**
* March 25, 2023 – Pinewood Derby at Fairfax Presbyterian Church
* April 13, 2023 – District COH (before April RT)
* April 28-30, 2023 – Tri-Chapter Ordeal
* May 5-7, 2023 – Spring Camporee Theme: Canoeing at Antietam
* May 13, 2023 – Jamboree on the Trail
* May 13, 2023 – District Hike-O-Ree
* May 13-14, 2023 – Patriot/GMD BALOO/IOLS
* May 25, 2023 – Elks Youth Recognition Dinner for 2022 GM Eagles
* May 29, 2023 – Flags In
* **STEM /John D**
* 03/12/23 – [STEM Trek](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc0R07lkQxJxScBCvwP5MT2FI06ep_-kjpES9alcNy9SrmcFg/viewform), Washington, DC
* 03/17/23 – [Fluid Dynamics & Sky Diving](https://scoutingevent.com/082-ifly) (iFly), Gaithersburg, MD
* 04/22/23 – [Girls STEM/STEAM Conference](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/discover-the-innovator-creator-maker-in-you-girls-stemsteam-conference-tickets-537833473397?aff=ebdssbdestsearch), Bowie, MD
* 05/13/23 – [Techstravaganza 2023](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tjhsst-techstravaganza-2023-tickets-465757552377?aff=ebdssbdestsearch), Alexandria, VA
* Anytime – [DC STEM Trek](https://www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/DC-STEM-Trek-2.pdf) - Showcases 24 government agencies, private organizations and monuments related to the tenets upon which STEM is based. Two hikes - 10.57 miles, or 4.75 miles
* NCAC STEM web site: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/s-t-e-m/>
* **GM Pinewood Derby /Pat B**
  + Race Day is March 25, 2023
  + All Packs wanting to participate in the 2023 Pinewood Derby MUST hold their Pack Pinewood Derbies by March 9, 2023.
  + One unit winner from each age bracket (Lions, Tigers, Wolves, etc.) regardless of gender.
  + All participants get a patch.
  + 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 3/16/23](https://scoutingevent.com/082-67201).
  + Race will be held at Fairfax Presbyterian in Fairfax.
  + For questions, contact Pat Berney.
  + Where: Fairfax Presbyterian Church, 10723 Main St., Fairfax, VA 22030 or viewed on Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83494626805?pwd=Y3RLcTdMYldwcHNoVHNnWEFYYjN2Zz09
  + When: Pit Crew (Adults and Scouts BSA) arrive at 8am
  + Schedule:
  + 08:30am – 09:00am: Lions, Tigers, Wolves arrive, check-in and car inspections
  + 10:00am – 10:30am: Bears, Web1 and AOL arrive, check-in, and car inspections
  + Races:

Lions 09:30am – 09:50am

Tigers 09:50am – 10:10am

Wolves 10:10am – 10:30am

Bears 10:30am – 10:50am

Web1 10:50am – 11:10am

AOL 11:10am – 11:30am

* + Grand Championship and Awards: 11:30am
  + Note:
  + Pre-registration is required - <https://scoutingevent.com/082-67201>
  + If all registrants for a rank race are checked in early, the Pit Boss will start the race early
  + The 20 minutes allowed per rank race may vary, depending on the number of entrants
  + Early check-in is encouraged
  + Bring your own repair kits/parts
  + No Graphite allowed in the Fellowship Hall – apply in the prep area
  + No refreshments will be provided
* **District Court of Honor /Matt B**
* To recognize adults who served/are serving at the unit level.
* Two awards:
  + [Unit Commissioner’s Unit Scouter Award](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/rgRgxE7vixGzuohk79Qkuim1) – 1 per unit
  + [Unit Appreciation Award](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/aaRqTLVEuN3oVQt4HEQDAByb) – Maximum 8 per unit.
* Please provide a sentence or two describing the individual’s service. Photos also appreciated!
* Submit Unit Commissioner’s Unit Scouter Award to Unit Commissioner. They will submit it.
* Unit Appreciate Award to [gm.adultrecognition@gmail.com](mailto:gm.adultrecognition@gmail.com)
* Must have all submissions by no later than March 22, 2023.
* Please coordinate among your Key 3; we sometimes get multiple submissions from one unit.
* Will confer awards at District COH/April Roundtable.
* **Spring Camporee /Timothy L**
  + George Mason Spring Camporee – May 5-7, 2023 – For Scouts and Webelos I & II
  + Theme: Canoeing at Antietam – Cost is $30 – all equipment provided. Will also have Scout Skills – Fire building, orienteering, and pioneering.
  + Come join us as we step back into history and explore the Antietam Battlefield by canoe or foot. The battle of Antietam was a result of the Confederate Army’s attempt to invade the north and win control of the Civil War.
  + First 75 Scouts (no Cubs) can canoe. Limit is based on canoe and adult availability.
  + Scouts that canoe MUST have a swim test before arriving at Camporee. Units must bring documentation showing date Scout passed swim test. Note, swim tests from summer camp last year may still be good for some scouts.
  + Other Scouts, adults and Webelos can hike the battlefield and participate in other on-land activities.
  + Each unit needs to volunteer at least one adult to help with staffing the activities on Saturday.
  + To register, go to <https://scoutingevent.com/082-66660>. Please register early to help with planning. Having 30 people canoeing is very different than having 75. Help us plan.
* **Fall Camporee /Timothy L**
  + Camp Rock Enon (off 81 in western VA) on October 20-23, 2023
  + Activities will include Shooting Sports, Merit Badges, Scoutcraft, Friendly Competition, Friendship & Fellowship, and a Campfire.
* **George Mason Hike-O-Ree /Matt B**
  + 3rd Annual GM Hike-O-Ree – Open to all (Cubs, Scouts BSA and Venturing Scouts), families and friends.
  + Three options to participate:
  + Hike with the District on Saturday, May 20
  + Hike at ANY time between May 12 and May 21; register and get a patch.
  + Hike at ANY time between May 12 and May 21 and just report hours.
  + Participants in first two options will receive patches.
  + Any age, any place, and any appropriate grouping – just keep track of how far you hiked.
  + Challenge – District Scouts, Scouters and families hike 2,023 miles.
  + Total the miles for each unit and notify Matt Burns at [Burnsmj509@gmail.com](mailto:Burnsmj509@gmail.com). We’ll see how big a total we reach.
  + Option 1 - District Hike on May 20
  + Hike around Lake Mercer – gentle 4.3 miles.
  + Limited to first 99 registrants
  + Starting from South Run Recreation Center NLT 9:00 a.m. and finishing by 11:30 a.m.
  + YPT in effect – Every unit must have two registered, YPT current adults on hike.
  + Participating units must supply a third adult to help staff event.
  + Units must use the buddy system and account for all participants at start and end of hike – stay together!
  + Scouts working on Second Class can hike an additional piece of the trail to complete a five-mile hike.
  + Cost is $5.00 per person.
  + Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-67922>
  + Option 2 - Unit or Personal Hiking during a two-week period.
  + For individuals/units that have a conflict/can’t attend the District Hike on Saturday, May 20
  + Hike at ANY time during the May 12 to May 21 period.
  + Hiking can be done with a unit, with family or with friends.
  + Hiking can be done anywhere – national/state park, local park, neighborhood, etc.
  + There is no upper or lower limit on distance.
  + Remember to report results to [burnsmj509@gmail.com](mailto:burnsmj509@gmail.com).
  + Register to receive a patch. Cost is $5.00 per patch.
  + Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-68269>
  + Option 3 – Hike when and where you want but get no patch. Please report your hours.
* Staff do not need to register.  
  **Jamboree on the Trail /Matt B**
* May 13, 2023
* An international event - Inaugural hike was in 1998.
* The only requirement is to get out and hike. Scouts of all ages can hike.
* Register by March 31 to be certain of getting patches by May 13.
* Register at: <https://jamboreeonthetrail.org/registration/>
* **2023 Elks Youth Recognition Dinner /Matt B**
* For youth that earned Eagle in 2022 (i.e., their Eagle Board of Review was held in the 2022 calendar year) and their Scoutmasters. Each will receive a certificate.
* Thursday, May 25, 2023 (please try to RSVP by 05/10/23)
* Elks Lodge 2188, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, VA.
* Invitations sent to all 2022 Eagles. Will need unit leader help in contacting Scouts and obtaining an RSVP.
* Scoutmaster are invited at no cost to them.
* **Flags In /Rus P**
* May 29, 2023, at 10:00am – Pizza at noon!
* National Memorial Park, 7482 Lee Highway, Falls Church
* All Scouts and family’s welcome!
* Class A uniform
* For more information contact Russell Pittman at [ruspittman@gmail.com](mailto:ruspittman@gmail.com)
* **Merit Badges /John D**
* Every merit badge counselor needs to be on the District Charter. The time for action is NOW!
* The online Merit Badge Counselor [registration](https://my.scouting.org/VES/OnlineReg/1.0.0/?tu=UF-MB-082gm23) works for all Scouters who do not already hold another District position.
* New Merit Badge Counselors must complete online merit badge counselor training, in addition to YPT. Be sure the counselor uses his/her legal name – no nicknames.
* Merit Badge Counselors, or the unit Dean/Leader, also need to scan and send Margee the Merit Badge application form listing the badges the counselor is applying to teach and providing a justification of his/her qualifications.
* Youth Protection Training is the essential first step. Don’t hit “send” on the application without it!
* Contact Margee if you have questions at [GM.MB.Dean@hotmail.com](mailto:GM.MB.Dean@hotmail.com).
* **Training (**[**https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/training**](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/training)**) /Roy D**
* **Cub Leader Position Specific Training (C40)/Cub Scout Den Leader Specific Training (C42)**
* [03/25/23 – Alexandria, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-67313)
* [04/29/23 – Alexandria, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-67314)
* [05/06/23 – Herndon, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-66991)
* [05/20/23 – Alexandria, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-67318)
* [06/10/23 – Alexandria, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-67315)
* ***Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO; C32)***
* [03/03/23 – 03/04/23 – Stafford, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-65620)
* [03/25/23 – 03/26/23 – Boyce, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-SullyIOLSMarch2023)
* [04/15/23 – 04/16/23 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-PWDBALOOApr2023)
* [04/15/23 – 04/16/23 – Spotsylvania Courthouse, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-67478)
* [05/12/23 – 05/13/23 – Huntingtown, MD](https://scoutingevent.com/082-wsdiolsbaloo)
* [05/12/23 – 05/13/23 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-PatriotOutdoortrainingspring23)
* [06/17/23 – 06/18/23 – Lorton, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-67316)
* **Scoutmaster Position Specific Training (S24)**
* [03/25/23 – Alexandria, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-67309)
* [04/29/23 – Alexandria, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-67310)
* [05/20/23 – Alexandria, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-67317)
* [06/10/23 – Alexandria, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-67311)
* **Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS, S11)**
* [03/25/23 – 03/26/23 – Boyce, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-SullyIOLSMarch2023)
* [05/12/23 – 05/13/23 – Huntingtown, MD](https://scoutingevent.com/082-wsdiolsbaloo)
* [05/12/23 – 05/13/23 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-PatriotOutdoortrainingspring23)
* [06/17/23 – 06/18/23 – Lorton, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-67316)
* **National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT; S78)**
* [**06/18/23 – 06/23/23 – Session 23-2 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA**](http://www.mynylt.org/)
* [**06/25/23 – 06/30/23 – Session 23-3 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA**](http://www.mynylt.org/)
* [**07/23/23 – 07/28/23 – Session 23-4 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA**](http://www.mynylt.org/)
* [**07/23/23 – 07/28/23 – Session 23-5 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA**](http://www.mynylt.org/)
* **Mental Health First Aid** <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hscode/ereg/Registration.aspx?groupID=47>
* **Stop the Bleed** – Fairfax Fire Rescue Academy will be hosting a Stop the Bleed class for units on April 15. Participants must be 12 years old or older. Contact [Jeff Walker](mailto:walker_jefferson@bah.com).
* **Wilderness First Aid (N02)**
* [03/31/23 – 04/02/23 & 04/22/23 – 04/23/23](https://www.ncacbsa.org/wood-badge/)
* [05/05/23 – 05/07/23 & 06/03/23 – 06/04/23](https://www.ncacbsa.org/wood-badge/)
* [09/08/23 – 09/10/23 & 10/07/23 - 10/08/23](https://scoutingevent.com/082-Fall2023)
* **Wood Badge (A90)** <https://www.ncacbsa.org/wood-badge/>
* 03/31/23 – 04/02/23 & 04/22/23 – 04/23/23
* 05/05/23 – 05/07/23 & 06/03/23 – 06/04/23
* 09/08/23 - 09/10/23 & 10/07/23 – 10/08/23
* **Leave No Trace/Outdoor Ethics**
* **BSA Leave No Trace Trainer Course - Outdoor Ethics**
* [03/20/23 (Zoom) & 03/25/23](https://scoutingevent.com/082-66414) - Germantown, MD
* [10/16/23 (Zoom) & 10/21/23](https://scoutingevent.com/082-66417) – Haymarket, VA
* **Outdoor Ethics Orientation Courses (Scouts and Cubs)**
* [06/10/23](https://scoutingevent.com/082-68832) – Brandywine, MD
* [09/09/23](https://scoutingevent.com/082-69068) – Brandywine, MD
* [12/03/23](https://scoutingevent.com/082-69069) – Brandywine, MD
* **Outdoor Ethics Newsletter** - Sign up [here](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-7UORw4wBNIkuzqEkKjolA_-RogqHYMojzhB2xwLoENWVSg/viewform).
* **GM High Adventure /Brian H**
* **NCAC High Adventure Committee (HAC)** [**updates and announcements**](https://www.ncacbsa.org/high-adventure/)
* **Provisional slots still available for most HA camps.**
* **High Adventure Crew Trek Availability**

- [Northern Tier](https://www.ntier.org/register/)

- Limited crew slots still open for Summer 2023 / 2024 reservations open

- [Philmont](https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/register/2023availability/)

- 2023 a few Crew slots are available / 2024 Lottery is over - Most Crew slots are full

- [Sea base](https://www.bsaseabase.org/scouts/register/)

- Some 2023 availability / 2024 Reservations open

- [Summit](https://www.summitbsa.org/registration/)

- Limited 2023 crew slots available / 2024 registration is open now

* **High Adventure** [**Opportunities for Individuals**](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/xWpkdrKHKAA9pCzwmHMNdbWb) **in 2023**

- NCAC has contingent crew trips to Philmont, Sea Base, Northern Tier,

James River Canoeing, and Lenhok’sin

- Several NCAC Units have space available for individuals in their crews

* **Training**

- Northern Tier Classroom Training (email: [BSA2XS@gmail.com](about:blank))

04/01/2023 – VFW, Occoquan, VA & 04/22/2023 - Virtual

- Philmont

03/12/23 & 03/18/23 – Philmont Advisor Hikes (email: [wcdubi@gmail.com](about:blank))

03/25/23 – Skills Training (Zoom)

04/01/23 – Skills Training (In-Person, Ashburn, VA)

* **Shooting Sports /Brian S**
* Archery Level 1 Instructor training – 04/01/23 online then practical at Camp Snyder.
* Requests for Shooting Events – Lead Time!
* Notice needed for SSC: 50+ scouts - 6mos; Less than 50 scouts - 3mos
* Shooting on private land:
* Requirements
* Permissions/protocols
* Shooting Sports [web page](https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/shooting-sports/)
* Shooting Sports Instructor Classes:
* [Rifle/Shotgun](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/merit-badges/rifle-shotgun-training/)
* [Archery](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/merit-badges/rifle-shotgun-training/) – [USA Archery Level 1 Instructor Class, 04/01/23](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/4j687xymA1qiwj2VxZLCJXLf), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
* Contact for finishing Shooting Sports MB Partials [brian.summers@verizon.net](mailto:brian.summers@verizon.net)
* **Environmental Student Creativity Contest! /Mike G, Sara H**
* *To celebrate Earth Day, the Town of Vienna Conservation and Sustainability Commission (CSC) announce its 3rd annual****Environmental Student Creativity Contest!***
* *This is an opportunity for students to express thoughts on the environment and share imagination and art/writing skills.*
* ***All students within the Madison Pyramid are invited to participate****.*
* *The selected winners will receive a prize and have their essay/artwork featured at this year’s****Green Expo****.*
* [*Flyer, requirements, and artwork/essay release form*](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure-web.cisco.com%2F1JvyUFPXhsEWkAC2FqX5yIsNIsVxoaehDbkOOKXfeCeRhuJYNuGPBxY0UUUE7_4jJHjd18w_D0Te3jPyqJOBJ2XJLoQSIvGv9d4HQ3csAY1zdUbg14lbO1Vl9zNDpj4tiY-9Yg80sFco_vef8D1CDsSOz3WydtbjYniAj0nUybSvjak-s05iFRLXP1512luCSPKaXAw9HBDXx0pfhecEqCNNIaCcP5lJ4ZxLYL4h4ahQTZbfkZbAbE-A_-h5wnWmLOe60oP0vqCQE4AQ_F8NPuaqP7CICmHxer-HRsHb1E9i-VLGu8iYiSGdoonMc8Ngb5neQLO8v3qa3qKhApSVUudAtTKh0dKynCHmyNcHuHDNdPQJzoYP9OWDP8h9BWwSzqQyEaoQan0dpPh8iuZTrFPNn6tGgTNqTRGJd-rW8WufFU7y5TWY0-TE_VHYRDoNuOr97F1_833_nWlHB4st5dSMG8OguA-CASrcde-eOspw%2Fhttps%253A%252F%252Fviennava-my.sharepoint.com%252F%253Af%253A%252Fg%252Fpersonal%252Fsusan_weingertner_viennava_gov1%252FEjJJlhErHVVAipZDyjkau7YBkj-KHImG6leVCclz0hsmIQ%253Fe%253DE17bz8&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4cfd4203211a454e96da08db19176706%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638131360523491286%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=2BExZaxlbVhFMdIiBu02R9lElwjHUaAisto2ZqoFLIs%3D&reserved=0) *or Vienna*[*'s CSC web page*](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure-web.cisco.com%2F1QpjKkNFh5PpQXGJ6dhsDxfNfc4yfe3gJdyDc5UWhVnc-wtzx1EovBFVk1MHbPdSlpKFoSwtULiJK2EQo9TWFRuDxMlWu8Mj_iIcHxMiUTELIy-g83u8iM50Hrc7Oa-6BDsShpa2uXI00Gs8Hu-Po8yp-rfwNarmLI9dmqBgrcUzXbJfEZ06Q8FwQAbPT25cUMQeV7trq5Eqfr5ouLd7N-Z1-LPoj_DI_jv7WeRV2ekJ5dZaJtA3K1l71VmpoYgFlLjzRxnqfz3a8SD5OfRl4n-lANa7vjWR2C0B4gDyHseoeTyVH7DSjMBSBjBN1pGGxtOeODyQGZhP22FpFWyG-E6hNiubu8M_-2tfd74_RX-tej5ivdk-zD_sHYZy2l6W7WVrGx3NcacYsEkdWB6ExLAAYW6aSm-trl8NHrPk2of4viRDNCaufUnra3EJpqRcFxkSKFfabhsPRbdJ3qc-T2Eh5ToyQAjNYb9c4BlMmzz0%2Fhttps%253A%252F%252Fwww.viennava.gov%252FCSC&data=05%7C01%7C%7C4cfd4203211a454e96da08db19176706%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638131360523491286%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=mJ5ijEpMQmDWz8KLxRFqWbkVKuBNJaPBBjDneV8o3J4%3D&reserved=0)*.*
* *All questions and entries can be sent to*[*CSC@viennava.gov*](mailto:CSC@viennava.gov)*.*
* *Entries are due by 5 PM on Friday, March 31, 2023.*
* *Winners will be announced on Tuesday, April 18, 2023.*
* ***Vienna’s Green Expo****,* ***Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St SE, on Thursday, April 20 from 7-9 PM****.*
* *Visit with local exhibitors offering information on sustainable practices, such as clean water, native plants, local wildlife, green landscaping, recycling, composting, zero waste and green living, and energy efficiency, citizen science, and other volunteer opportunities, sustainable businesses in Vienna, and much more.*
* *Opportunity to win a free rain barrel or composter. Kids can grab a passport and visit exhibitors, learn about the environment, and earn a prize.*
* **Short Hikes with Bird Watching – what a great pairing!**
* [Huntley Meadows Park](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows) (3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria, VA; 1.8 miles)

Pick up a bird-watcher’s guide at the visitor center, then begin your easy hike on leisurely boardwalks suspended over freshwater lowlands, one of the rarest habitats left in Fairfax County. Huntley Meadows has more than 200 species of birds and the best viewing angles are from the observation tower. Check the event schedule because naturalists often conduct bird-watching tours.

* [Occoquan Bay National Wildlife Refuge](https://www.fws.gov/refuge/occoquan_bay/) (13950 Dawson Beach Rd., Woodbridge, VA; 3-mile loop)

It’s one of the largest open areas remaining in Northern Virginia and home to hundreds of species of birds and wildlife, plus 55 species of butterflies. Operated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the easy, 3-mile gravel loop trail has interpretive signage to help guide your explorations. Watch the nature show from the Marumsco Creek photo blind or the observation platform overlooking Occoquan Bay.

* [Mason Neck State Park](https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/mason-neck) (7301 High Point Rd, Lorton, VA; 2.4 miles)

Bayview Trail-Wilson Spring-Kane’s Creek) - six easy-to-moderate hiking trails. Mason Neck hosts an Eagle Festival every May. In addition to eagles, the marsh is alive with ducks, geese, migratory songbirds, herons, and egrets. This hike offers a varied landscape of scenery, from wide-open views of Belmont Bay, wetlands filled with cattails, woodsy forests, sandy beaches, and boardwalks crossing over swamps. In addition to the variety of paths, there’s a playground, a picnic area, and a paved route for people with mobility issues.

* [Kingman and Heritage Islands Park](http://www.kingmanisland.org/) (575 Oklahoma Ave. NE, Washington, DC; 0.7 or 0.5 miles)

Over 100 species of birds call these isles home over the course of the year, including bald eagles, ospreys, and snowy egrets. There are two quick hikes, the 0.7-mile Kingman Island Trail and the 0.5-mile Heritage Island Trail. Both have great river views and offer multiple opportunities for avian sightings. For the best results, bring along a pair of binoculars.

* **Other Activities (for Units, Dens/Patrols, or Families)**
* Sundays (8am) – [Dyke Marsh Bird Walks](https://fodm.org/), Alexandria, VA
* 03/11/23 – [Second Saturday Sungazing](https://airandspace.si.edu/whats-on/events/second-saturday-sungazing-4) (11am), Chantilly, VA
* 03/11/23 – 03/12/23 – [Model Train Show and MB](https://www.troop964.org/) (10am), Woodbridge, VA
* 04/01/23 – [Into the Woods at Frying Pan Farm Park](https://nationalcherryblossomfestival.org/event/frying-pan-farm-park/), Herndon, VA
* 04/08/23 – [Second Saturday Sungazing](https://airandspace.si.edu/whats-on/events/second-saturday-sungazing-4) (11am), Chantilly, VA
* 04/22/23 – [National Park Week Kickoff](https://www.fxva.com/event/free-admission-for-kickoff-to-national-park-week/28264/) (free admission), Great Falls, VA
* 04/29/23 – [Stargazing at the Udvar-Hazy Center](https://www.fxva.com/event/stargazing-at-the-udvar-hazy-center/37794/), Chantilly, VA
* 04/30/23 – [Scout Days at National Park](https://www.mlb.com/nationals/tickets/specials/scout-days) (Nats vs Pirates), Washington, DC
* Apr – Nov – [Park Habitat Restoration Work Days](https://www.viennava.gov/residents/parks-recreation/park-habitat-restoration-workday) , Vienna, VA
* 05/06/23 – [Around the World Embassy Tours](https://washington.org/visit-dc/reasons-to-tour-an-embassy-in-dc-during-passport-dc) (10am-4:30pm), Washington, DC
* 05/06/23 – 05/07/23 – [Revolutionary War Weekend](https://www.mountvernon.org/plan-your-visit/calendar/events/revolutionary-war-weekend/), Mt Vernon, VA ($)
* 05/13/23 – [EU Open House Embassy Tours](https://washington.org/visit-dc/reasons-to-tour-an-embassy-in-dc-during-passport-dc) (10am-4:30pm), Washington, DC
* 05/19/23 – 05/20/23 – [McLean Days](https://www.fxva.com/event/mclean-day-2022/22189/), McLean, VA ($)
* 05/20/23 – 04/016/23 – [National Cherry Blossom Festival](https://nationalcherryblossomfestival.org/), Washington, DC
* 05/27/23 – 05/30/23 – [Viva Vienna](https://vivavienna.org/), Vienna, VA ($)
* 05/29/23 – [Falls Church Memorial Day Parade](https://www.fallschurchva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3142/Memorial-Day-Parade-Application) (1pm), Falls Church, VA
* 06/01/23 – 06/04/23 – [Herndon Festival](https://herndonfestival.net/), Herndon, VA ($)
* June/July/Aug (Tues, 10am) – [Kids on the Green](https://www.viennava.gov/residents/concerts-and-events/kids-on-the-green), Vienna, VA
* **Order of the Arrow / Brandon G & Mary N**
  + 2023 Dues can be paid online: <https://wipit470.org/dues.html>
  + 04/14/23 - 04/16/23 – Spring Fellowship\*
  + 04/28/23 – 04/30/23 – Tri-Chapter Ordeal\* - Need cook crew
  + 05/05/23 – 05/07/23 – District Camporee
  + 05/12/23 – 05/14/23 – Lodge Service Weekend at Goshen
  + 05/19/23 – 05/21/23 – Section Conclave at Rodney Scout Res.\*
  + 06/18/23 – 07/01/23 – GOAT

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

* Elections – Need to use Lodgemaster software. This automates the invitation letters to those elected.
* **General Announcements**
* **Viva Vienna** – Gunnar Spafford (T0987G ASM) is the Rotary Club Viva Vienna Chair. The event is led by the Rotary Club, hosted by the City of Vienna, and sponsored by Navy Federal Credit Union. Gunnar indicated that P78 (Rotary Club is their CO) has a booth, but others could join. The district & council can offer several things to help. We can get a Scouting 10 x 10 pop up canopy, stand up Scouting banner, flyers & handouts as needed, assistance with staffing & planning and more. It sounds like if we plan far enough ahead, we can get extra space to run a pinewood derby track or rain gutter regatta to draw in lots of kids while getting time to talk to the parents about Scouting. More to come. They also need volunteers to help with tasks – e.g., cleanup, traffic, etc. There could be service hours and maybe financial assistance to units.
* **Philmont Crew** – T976 has three (3) open slots for a nine-day trek (06/23/23 – 07/02/23) at Philmont Scout Reservation. Contact Mark Monticelli ([monticelli\_sm@yahoo.com](mailto:monticelli_sm@yahoo.com)).
* **District Executive /Liz K**
  + Background – Went to Villanova. Have a business background. Previously worked in retail with a focus on events and non-profits.
  + Thanks to Rus and John for the transition and working with Keenan while searching for new DE.
  + She is excited to learn about scouting and work with all of you.
  + She has a goal of creating community – BSA with Vienna, Falls Church, and Fairfax City.
  + Reach out if you need anything – [Elizabeth.kohler@scouting.org](mailto:Elizabeth.kohler@scouting.org) or 301-2149147
* **District Chair Minute /John K**
  + Roundtable – The purpose of Roundtable is information exchange, but also networking and fellowship. Had 40 people attend tonight. Glad to see you all here.
  + Friends of Scouting – Twenty-one presentations completed. We are over 40% of our goal! Six more presentations this month. If you have not finalized your date for a presentation, please do so soon.
* **District Commissioner Minute / Rus P**
* Survey – Will send out a survey to get thoughts about how your Commissioners can improve our service to you.
* We want to help – Please let us know how your Unit Commissioners can assist.
* ***Minutes and slides -*** *Available on the* [*GMD web site*](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/roundtable/) *(District Resources, Roundtable). Password is “GMDRT”*
  + ***Next meeting*** *– April 13, 2023, at Thoreau MS*
  + *7:00pm – District Court of Honor*
  + *8:00pm – Roundtable*