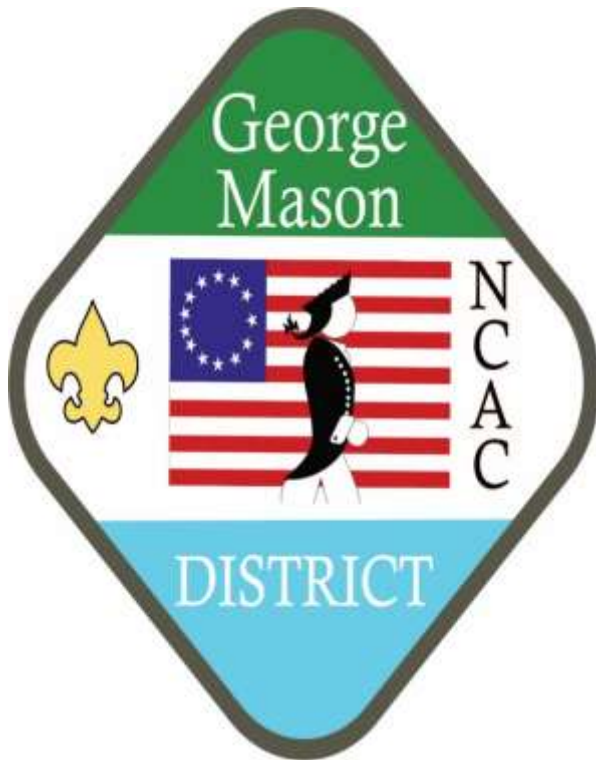




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Welcome to this edition of the George Mason District Press. We e-mail this out bi-monthly to the BSA registered leaders in George Mason District; unit leaders and merit badge counselors – those who have their current YPT.

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. May 12, 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

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, Zoom & Thoreau Middle School, 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

05/15/2022 – OA Fun Archery Afternoon 1-5PM – Archery Range, Camp Snyder

05/20-22/2022 – Camp Snyder Family Camping [Snyder Reg.](#)

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)

06/02/2022 – Elks Lodge 2188 Youth Recognition Dinner, Fairfax, Va

06/9/2022 – Program Launch & Roundtable Meeting, 7:30pm, Zoom & Thoreau Middle School, Vienna, VA

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

06/14/2022 - Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm (Virtual)

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.](#)



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

07/12/2022 - Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm (Virtual)

07/14/2022 - Roundtable Meeting, 7:30pm, Zoom & Thoreau Middle School, Vienna, VA

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

08/09/2022 - Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm (Virtual)

08/11/2022 - Roundtable Meeting, 7:30pm, Zoom & Thoreau Middle School, Vienna, VA

09/8/2022 - Roundtable Meeting, 7:30pm, Zoom & Thoreau Middle School, Vienna, VA

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

09/13/2022 - Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm (Virtual)

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 OA Chapters Fall Area Ordeal Induction – Camp Snyder, Gainesville, VA



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

10/11/2022 - Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm (Virtual)

10/13/2022 - Roundtable Meeting, 7:30pm, Zoom & Thoreau Middle School, Vienna, VA

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

10/21-23/2022 George Mason Fall Camporee – Theme & Site TBD

11/08/2022 - Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm (Virtual)

11/10/2022 - Roundtable Meeting, 7:30pm, Zoom & Thoreau Middle School, Vienna, VA

12/8/2022 - Roundtable Meeting, 7:30pm, Zoom & Thoreau Middle School, Vienna, VA

12/13/2022 - Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm (Virtual)

4/28-30/2023 – Patriot/George Mason OA Chapters Spring Ordeal Induction – Camp Snyder, Gainesville, VA

05/5-7/2023 – George Mason Spring Camporee – Theme & Site TBD

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 May, 2022

What do you think of when you think about May & June? I think of flowers and dogwoods, hikes, and blue skies, longer and warmer days but I also think of Mother's Day and Father's Day.

What do mothers and fathers have to do with Scouting? Everything! When I was young, my mom made sure I got to my den meetings every week and my dad later stepped in as cubmaster to make sure the pack was there for our family as well as others. When I was in Boy Scouts my mom was always reminding me to be prepared and my dad was driving the family station wagon full of Scouts and camping gear to our campouts. Fast forward 35 years and I was helping my son build his Pinewood Derby car and later involved in troop leadership to make sure my son and his cohorts had a great Scouting experience.



That is what moms and dads do. They get their kids to Scout meetings, they step in as den leaders, cubmasters, and scoutmasters. They plan activities like the Blue & Gold Dinner, the Pinewood Derby, and campouts. They drive to activities, and they counsel merit badges. They make sure their kids stay involved and keep up their interest. Why? Because they know what good comes to kids who are in Scouting. They know what the Scouts learn by trying to live the Scout Oath and Scout Law every day.

We all know this because we are in Scouting and someone's mom and/or dad is the den leader, committee member or event volunteer. What about everyone else? What parent wouldn't want their kid to be trustworthy, loyal, and helpful? How about doing their best or being prepared? Every parent would like their kids to be friendly courteous, and kind. Why don't we make a point to share that thought with some other moms and dads as a gift for Mother's Day and Father's Day? Share the gift that Scouting has given to your family and can give to theirs as well.

Happy Mother's Day & Happy Father's Day. Thank you for all you do for Scouting.

John Kilduff – George Mason District Chair

732-610-4284 [johnkilduff42@gmail.com](mailto:johnkilduff42@gmail.com)



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## [Make Goshen Shine: May 13 - May 15, 2022](#)

Calling all Scouters - age 18 and above. Goshen needs your help! During the past several months, heavy wind and storms have caused full trees, limbs, and other debris to fall in campsites and other areas throughout Goshen Scout Reservation. Your help is needed to remove this natural clutter and complete other camp improvement projects. Learn more and register today by following the link below.

**A Scout Is Helpful!**

[Register Make Goshen Shine](#) - **Eric Smith** | Director of Camping Services



Scouters, Goshen received a lot of storm damage to campsites, tent platforms and picnic tables over the winter. There are many downed limbs and trees that need to be removed, campsites cleaned up, and tables and platforms to be built/repared. It's too much work for the rangers and camp staff to fix before camp opens. We need skilled and unskilled volunteer labor to for the May 13-15 work weekend at Goshen to take care of these issues.

The council will provide meals and the volunteers will provide their own tents. Volunteers can register at the link below; specify the skills they can provide and learn more details about the weekend.

Please get the word out to your units and district volunteers so we can get a good turn-out and get these problems fixed in one weekend. It's a great chance to meet and work with others from across our council.

Thx Craig



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## 2022 Journey to Excellence – NEW INFO from BSA

<https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/>

*Journey to Excellence* is the Boy Scouts of America program to help Packs, Troops, Crews, Ships and Posts to plan, monitor and evaluate their performance and their ability to serve youth. There are specific criteria for the unit to plan and accomplish. These standards are reviewed each year and revised standards are published.

The 2022 Journey to Excellence Standards are now available.

Here are the major changes in the JTE scorecards for 2022.

1. The standards are written as activities that the unit will do. This is to emphasize that JTE is primarily a planning tool.
2. The Cub Scout scorecard has many changed standards. This is because of changes in the Cub Scout program.
3. For standard #10, Gold now includes recruiting a new leader. We have found that the best units continually recruit parents and other adults who have never been involved in Scouting.

There is no requirement, no expectation and, in fact, we might discourage a unit from believing that they should achieve Gold in all JTE criteria. A great unit is balanced in the service that it provides to youth. There is no shame and no problem if a unit achieves Silver or Bronze. That unit is serving youth. We regard the various colors as meaning:

Bronze – Effective  
Silver – Excellent  
Gold – Exceptional

Please share with us your thoughts about JTE and any suggestions that you have for improvement. Please sent them to [jte@scouting.org](mailto:jte@scouting.org)

National Assessment and Evaluation Committee  
Boy Scouts of America

### [2022 JTE Unit Scorecards](#) (PDF) links

- [Pack Scorecard](#)
- [Troop Scorecard](#)
- [Crew Scorecard](#)
- [Ship Scorecard](#)
- [Post Scorecard](#)



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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](#)
- Troop Resources
  - [Budget Planning Tool](#)
- Crew Resources
  - [Annual Program Planning](#)
- [Outdoor Ethics Awards](#)
- [Religious Awards](#)
- [Pack Overnighter Approved Camping Sites](#)
- Roundtable – a monthly opportunity – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 7:30pm

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**2022 Elks Youth Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner**

- For youth that earned Eagle in 2021 (i.e., their Eagle Board of Review was held in the 2021 calendar year) and their Scoutmasters.
- Thursday, June 2, 2022
- Elks Lodge 2188, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, VA.
- Will need unit leader help in contacting Scouts and obtaining an RSVP.





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## Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader!

- ***Cub Leader Position Specific (C40)***
  - [05/07/2022 - Herndon, VA](#)
  - [05/07/2022 - Alexandria, VA](#)
  - [06/04/2022 - Alexandria, VA](#)
- ***Cub Scout Den Leader Specific (C42)***
  - [05/07/2022 - Alexandria, VA](#)
  - [06/04/2022 - Alexandria, VA](#)
- ***Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO; C32)***
  - [05/21-22/2022 - Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)
  - [06/18-19/2022 - Lorton, VA](#)
- ***Scoutmaster Position Specific Training(S24)***
  - [05/07/2022 - Alexandria, VA](#)
  - [06/04/2022 - Alexandria, VA](#)
- ***Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS; S11)***
  - [06/04-05/2022 - Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)
  - [06/18-19/2022 - Lorton, VA](#)
- ***Wilderness First Aid/CPR/AED (N02)***
  - [05/14/2022 - Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)
- **Powderhorn (P50)** - 08/26-28/2022 – Camp St. Charles, Newburg, MD. <https://scoutingevent.com/082-49585>



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**Archery Academy Opens Registration for May & June 2022 Classes**

Register through our website:

<http://www.archeryacademyllc.com/classes>

- Intro to Archery – One 90 Minute Class - \$45
- Beginning Archery – Four 1 Hour Classes - \$130
- Intermediate Archery – Four 1 Hour Classes - \$155

**Classes Conducted at Archery Academy's Outdoor Range in Fairfax Station**

Limit of 8 per Class - All Equipment is Provided

All Instructors are USA Archery Trained and Certified  
Special Rates for Scouts and Groups – Contact Us to Discuss

**Classes held at Archery Academy/Northern Virginia Archers**

Fountainhead Regional Park - 10875 Hampton Road - Fairfax Station, VA  
[classes@archeryacademyllc.com](mailto:classes@archeryacademyllc.com)

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**USA Archery Courses:**

DATE	COURSE TITLE	Location
04/17/22	<a href="#"><u>Level 1 Instructor Practical Course</u></a>	Stafford, VA
05/07/22	<a href="#"><u>Level 1 Instructor Practical Course</u></a>	Camp Wright, Brinklow, MD
05/21/22	<a href="#"><u>Level 1 Instructor Practical Course</u></a>	Denton, MD
06/05/22	<a href="#"><u>Level 1 Instructor Practical Course</u></a>	Stevensville, MD
06/18/22	<a href="#"><u>Level 1 Instructor Practical Course</u></a>	Camp Butler, Darnestown, MD



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**Izaak Walton League of America - IWLA Arlington Fairfax**

**2021 ARL-FX IWLA Education & Training Course Schedule**

Please direct all questions to the Chapter’s Director of Education & Training

John Seaberg @ [John.Seaberg@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org](mailto:John.Seaberg@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org).

<b>Date</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Registration Payment</b>
April 23, 2022	NRA 1st Steps Modern Sporting Rifle Course	\$75	<a href="#">Registration</a> <a href="#">Paypal</a>
April 30, 2022	NRA Basics of Shotgun Shooting Course	\$75	<a href="#">Registration</a> <a href="#">Paypal</a>
May 14, 2022	NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting Course	\$75	<a href="#">Registration</a> <a href="#">Paypal</a>
<b>May 21, 2022</b>	<b>NRA Women on Target (WOT)</b>	\$100	<a href="#">Registration</a> <a href="#">Paypal</a>
June 18, 2022	NRA Basic CCW Course	\$150	<a href="#">Registration</a> <a href="#">Paypal</a>
June 25, 2022	NRA 1st Steps Modern Sporting Rifle Course	\$75	<a href="#">Registration</a> <a href="#">Paypal</a>
July 23, 2022	NRA Metallic Cartridge Reloading Course	\$100	<a href="#">Registration</a> <a href="#">Paypal</a>
July 30, 2022	NRA Basics of Shotgun Shooting Course	\$75	<a href="#">Registration</a> <a href="#">Paypal</a>
August 12-14, 2022	NRA BIT and Basic CCW Instructor Course	\$200	<a href="#">Registration</a> <a href="#">Paypal</a>
August 27, 2022	NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting Course	\$75	<a href="#">Registration</a> <a href="#">Paypal</a>
September 18, 2022	NRA Basic RSO Course	\$100	<a href="#">Registration</a> <a href="#">Paypal</a>
September 24-25, 2022	NRA Basic CCW Course	\$150	<a href="#">Registration</a> <a href="#">Paypal</a>
October 8-9, 2022	NRA Level 1 Shotgun Coach School	\$225	<a href="#">Registration</a> <a href="#">Paypal</a>
October 22, 2022	NRA Basics of Shotgun Shooting Course	\$75	<a href="#">Registration</a> <a href="#">Paypal</a>
November 12-13, 2022	NRA Level 1 Rifle Coach School	\$225	<a href="#">Registration</a> <a href="#">Paypal</a>
November 19, 2022	Shotgun Shell Reloading Course	\$100	<a href="#">Registration</a> <a href="#">Paypal</a>
December 4, 2022	NRA Basic RSO Course	\$100	<a href="#">Registration</a> <a href="#">Paypal</a>



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The George Mason District 2022 Court of Honor was Held April 14<sup>th</sup>. The following are the two Awardees:

### George Mason District Award of Merit

The District Award of Merit is presented by the District to Scouters who have rendered service of an outstanding nature to youth, both in the community and in Scouting. George Mason is limited to two Awardees.



### District Award of Merit – Alan Harvey

Alan served as Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 681 from 2004 to 2020 and as Scoutmaster from 2020 to the present. Alan was Troop 681's Eagle Advisor for 8 years.

Alan has been a District Eagle Representative since 2018. In that role, he has worked with many Life Scouts on their Eagle Scout Service projects and has served on Eagle Boards of Review.

Alan is an Eagle Scout and has two sons that achieved the rank of Eagle.

Before becoming a Scouts BSA leader, Alan served as treasurer of Pack 681. He also coached McLean youth soccer for 9 years. Alan has been serving for 5 years on the St. James Catholic Church social outreach program which provides 150 food sets per month to needy parishioners.



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### District Award of Merit – Scott Willey



Scott has a lengthy career of service to Scouting and his community. In Iowa, Scott earned his Arrow of Light and Eagle, participating in a Philmont trek and the 1985 National Jamboree.

Scott joined Troop 697 in 2000 as an Assistant Scoutmaster and Citizenship in the World merit badge counselor.

When Brian, his son, joined Cubs, Scott joined Pack 1513 as an Assistant Den Leader, then a Den Leader and, for three years, the Cubmaster.

After Brian bridged to Troop 187, Scott became an Assistant Scoutmaster and Merit Badge counselor again. After two years, Scott became Scoutmaster and served for four years.

Scott planned and led the 2018 Greek and Roman Fall Camporee, developed on-line maps for the District Scouting for Food and has been the Scouting for Food Coordinator for the last two years, collecting more than \$50,000 pounds of food last year. Scott also is the District Coordinator for Scouts with Special Needs.

An active member of the community, Scott has been a confirmation instructor for years at his church and assisted the Wilson High School marching band for the last six years.

### Order of the Arrow

- 2020 Key 3 Unit Engagement Challenge
- It recognizes chapters making contact and visiting units in their District.
- The George Mason Chapter met the Key 3 Challenge in 2020. NCAC's Lodge recognizes
  - Chapter Chief Brian Summers II
  - Chapter Advisor Mark Serfass
  - District Executive Sam McGrath





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## Silver Beaver Award

The Silver Beaver Award is the highest council-level distinguished service award of the BSA. Upon nomination by their local Scout council and with the approval of the National Court of Honor, recipients of this award are registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council. The Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service. It is given to those who do not seek it.



## Brian Summers Sr.



Brian Summer Sr (R), upon receiving the Vigil Honor is congratulated by 2020 National OA Chief Zachary Schonfeld (L).

Brian Summers has been an Assistant Scoutmaster at Troop 1978 for over six years. When his son, Brian Jr. was elected to the Order of the Arrow in 2017, Brian stepped up to take on the O/A Advisor position within the Troop. Brian was the Chapter Vice Chief Adviser for three years, an Assistant Roundtable Commissioner for three years and recently became the Scouts BSA Roundtable Commissioner.

Brian was part of the N6-82-18-1 Wood Badge course earning his beads in 2019.

An avid shooting sports practitioner, Brian has been the George Mason District Shooting Sport chair and member of the Council Shooting Sports Committee member for the last three years. Brian organized, led and participated in multiple shooting sports activities as well as training events for Range Safety Officers, Rifle and Archery classes.

Brian has led a STEM "First Tech Challenge" team since 2016. First Tech promotes STEM concepts of programming, electrical engineering and mechanical engineering. Brian's teams have won many competitions.

Brian is involved in the community, having been an active member of the Izaak Walton League for more than twenty years. He has served in League fundraisers for the Children's Hospital, Christmas Party for Underprivileged Children and the Fishing Pond Catch & Release conservation. A long-time member of the Emmanuel Bible Church of Springfield, Brian is a God and Life Counselor for Scout's working on their religious award.

**Brian Summers is one of only twelve Silver Beaver Award recipients in NCAC for 2022.**

**Please congratulate Brian when you see him!**



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## Schenaker Award for Meritorious Service in Support of District Roundtables

This Award is presented by the District to a volunteer that provides meritorious service to the George Mason District Roundtables.

The award honors Deb and Mike Schenaker who, beginning in the early 2000s when they joined the Cub Scout Roundtable staff, invested countless hours in support of the Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtables over more than 15 years.

Deb and Mike set the standard for selfless support of the District's Roundtables and unit leaders. We recognize each year a volunteer that follows their example of Roundtable support.



## 2022 Schenaker Award Recipient



Pat Berney

Pat Berney is the recipient of the 2022 Schenaker Award for his outstanding service to the George Mason District and its Roundtable over the course of many years.

Pat has supported Roundtable before, during and after his time as District Commissioner. A faithful participant in the Roundtable, Pat helps behind the scenes, provides a wise and practical perspective during discussions and is an experienced source of counsel to unit leaders.



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# Unit Leader Award of Merit – Chris Hunter

Quality unit leadership is the key to a quality unit program—and it leads to better Scout retention.

A quality Scouting experience will help keep Scouts in the program, and the Boy Scouts of America created the Unit Leader Award of Merit to recognize the quality unit leaders who make that happen.

In addition to being the inaugural Scoutmaster of Troop 987G, Chris Hunter fulfilled all the requirements for the award including effective use of the advancement method so that at least 60 percent of the unit’s youth advanced at least once in a 12-month period.







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### Virginia DWR's Wildlife Camera Program

There are three live stream cams right now, with a fourth being added this summer.

Falcon Cam (Richmond, VA) - (early March - late May)

[dwr.virginia.gov/falcon-cam/](http://dwr.virginia.gov/falcon-cam/)

Shad Cam - (early March - late May)

[dwr.virginia.gov/shad-cam/](http://dwr.virginia.gov/shad-cam/)

Elk Cam - (Mid-August - November)

[dwr.virginia.gov/elk-cam/](http://dwr.virginia.gov/elk-cam/)

Marsh Cam (coming Summer 2022) - year round

[dwr.virginia.gov/marsh-cam/](http://dwr.virginia.gov/marsh-cam/)

Something to consider if you get weathered out of an event, or a supplement to a STEM activity in your Scout unit.

### Merrimac Farm Wildlife Management Area

Thinking about a different outdoor experience for your scouts? The Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) maintains 46 Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) totaling more than 225,000 acres that support a variety of outdoor recreational activities.

Approximately 30 miles away from Fairfax, the Merrimac WMA, with its 301 acres of diverse habitat in nearby Prince William County, offers hiking, birding, warmwater fishing and other opportunities. One of its unique features is large concentrations of Virginia Bluebells (*Mertensia Virginia*) in the floodplain along Cedar Run. There are two public parking areas open year round with informational kiosks.

Merrimac Farm Wildlife Management Area is located adjacent to the northwestern boundary of Quantico Marine Corps Base near Nokesville on Deepwood Lane (State Route 645). Follow Aden Road (SR 646) east from Rt. 28 at Nokesville or west from Rt.234 at Independent Hill to the crossroads at Aden (Jct. Aden Road and Fleetwood Drive (SR 611). Turn south on to Fleetwood Dr. and go approximately 1 mile to Deepwood Lane. The first access point (North Parking Area) is located one-half mile down Deepwood Lane. There take a right turn onto a gravel road and follow it to its end (0.3 miles). The Cedar Run Parking Area can be accessed by continuing on Deepwood Lane for an additional mile to its end.

<https://dwr.virginia.gov/wma/merrimac-farm/>



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Get your  
**Passport to Adventure**  
for Summer Camp 2022  
at Camp Snyder!



**Adventures! Advancement! Fun!**

Programs are open to Cub Scouts - rising Tigers to rising Webelos.

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

Looking for programs for older campers?

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

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

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



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## BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND IN 2022 CAMP WILLIAM B. SNYDER SCOUTS BSA SPECIALTY WEEK! NEW FOR 2022: THE GREEN BAR BILL PATROL FIRST-YEAR SCOUT PROGRAM



**WHO: YOU!**

**WHAT: A WEEK FOR SCOUTS TO EARN MERIT BADGES AND MORE**

**WHEN: JULY 17 - 23, 2022**

**WHERE: CAMP SNYDER, HAYMARKET, VA**

**WHY: FUN, ADVANCEMENT REQUIREMENTS, AND FUN!**

**HOW: REGISTERED MEMBERS OF SCOUTS BSA CAN PARTICIPATE AS DAY OR RESIDENTIAL CAMPERS IN JAMBOREE-STYLE PROVISIONAL TROOPS TO EARN EAGLE-REQUIRED, OUTDOOR-FOCUSED, AND HANDS-ON MERIT BADGES, PARTICIPATE IN EVENING PROGRAMS, AND FIRST-YEAR SCOUTS CAN WORK ON FIRST CLASS SCOUT RANK REQUIREMENTS.**

**PLANNED MERIT BADGES INCLUDE WOODWORKING, AVIATION, SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION, MOVIE MAKING, ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, SEARCH & RESCUE, PHOTOGRAPHY, WEATHER, FIRST AID, SWIMMING, CLIMBING, EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, AND RADIO.**

**FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION GO TO:**

**[HTTPS://SCOUTINGEVENT.COM/082-2022SNYDERMBWEEK](https://scoutingevent.com/082-2022snydermbweek)**

**[HTTPS://SCOUTINGEVENT.COM/082-2022SNYDERMBWEEK](https://scoutingevent.com/082-2022snydermbweek)**



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**Camp Snyder Sawdust Saturdays**

For Camp Snyder Sawdust Saturdays on scheduled dates (see the calendar below), **please contact Dan Kurtenbach to let us know you are coming.** Use the [sign up link](#) on our Camp Snyder volunteer project [webpage](#), call Dan at 703-802-0613, or email him at [cwbs.volunteers@gmail.com](mailto:cwbs.volunteers@gmail.com). Please review the COVID-19 precautions in the box below.

**Individual “Come When You Can” Service**

For individual service opportunities at Camp Snyder on your own schedule, contact Camp Ranger Ryan Alford, 615-934-7962 (mobile), [ryan.alford@scouting.org](mailto:ryan.alford@scouting.org), to discuss a date, time, and available projects.

- **ARRIVAL WINDOW:** 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Come any time during the arrival window and someone will be there. We usually finish by mid-afternoon. If you’d like to come earlier or later, please call or text before you leave home to see if someone will be at camp. **Call or text Dan Kurtenbach at 703-802-0613 or Ryan Alford at 615-934-7962.**
- **FIND US:** When you arrive at camp, **call or text Dan Kurtenbach at 703-802-0613 or Ryan Alford at 615-934-7962.** If you are not familiar with Camp Snyder, use the map below (also attached).
- **BRING:** Drinking water, personal hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, and/or other personal cleaning supplies.
- **WEAR:** Outerwear, sun protection, and insect protection appropriate for the season and weather.
- **WEAR:** Work clothes that can get dirty, torn, or permanently stained.
- **WEAR:** Closed-toe shoes or boots, work gloves, eye protection, and ear protection (when using loud equipment).
- **BRING:** Tools you like to use if you have them. Tools that get a lot of use are: battery-powered drills/drivers with bits for Phillips #2 and Star T-25 screws; hammers; pry bars; and – you guessed it – saws.

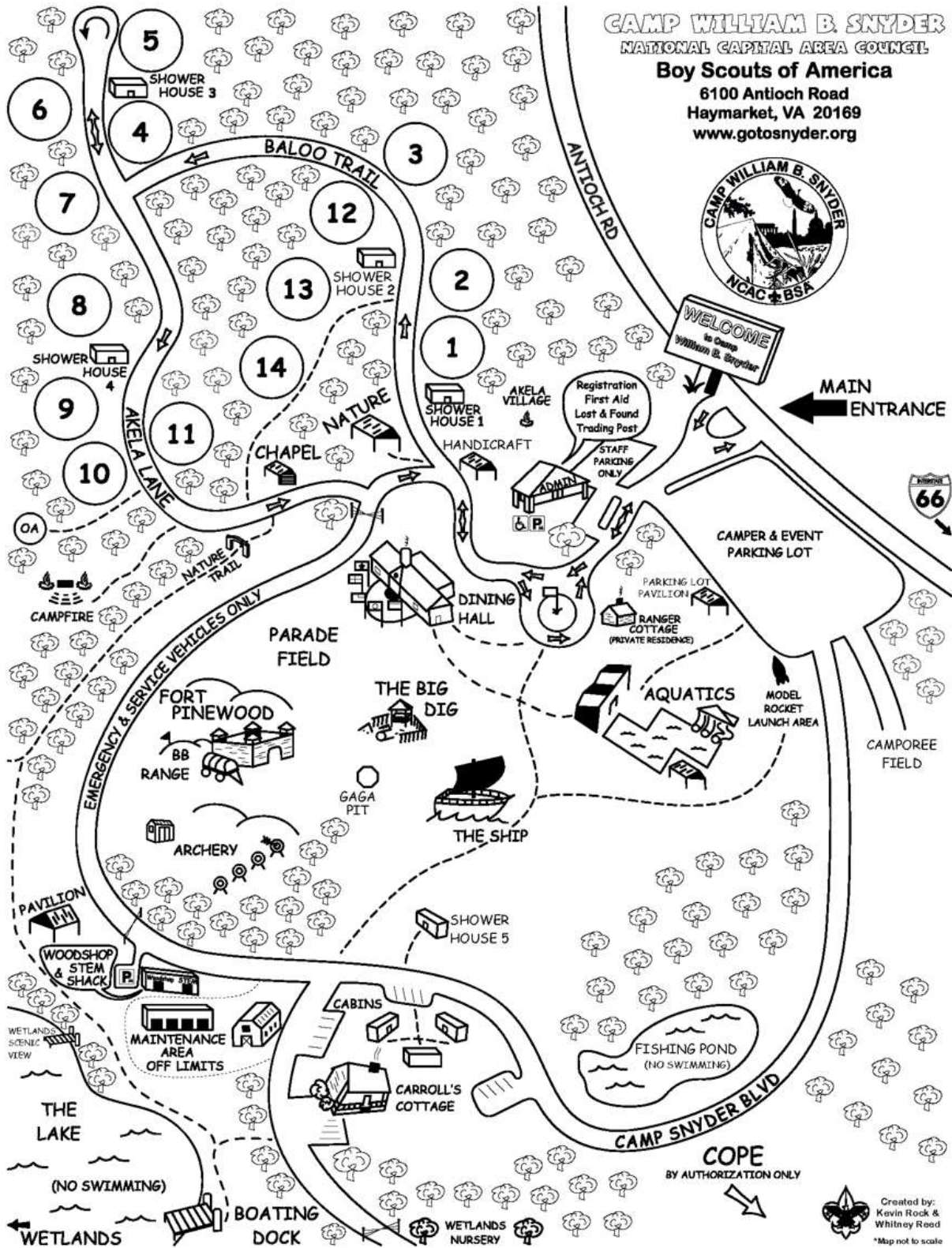
**2022 Sawdust Saturdays Schedule:**

May 28, 2022	August 20, 2022	November 12, 2022
June 18, 2022	September 17, 2022	December 17, 2022
July – Off	October 15, 2022	



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### NCAC Aquatics Committee - Program 2022

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/aquatics-committee/>

The NCAC Aquatics Committee is please to confirm the following programs.

#### **Pre-Camp Swim Tests** – Camp Snyder Pool - No Fee

June 4 & 5, 2022 Camp Snyder Pool

30 Scouts per hours one hour time blocks

First session starts at 9:00a. Last Session starts at 4:00pm

#### **Paddle Craft - Canoe Clinic** – Spring - Learn the right way to paddle – Limit 16 Scouts/Leaders

Course Fee \$60

April 29, 2022 @6:00pm – 8:00p – Class at the Hylton Ctr, Camp Snyder

April 30, 2022 @8:00am – On the Water Silver Lake

Meet at the Hylton Center, Camp Snyder

April 31, 2022 @8:00am – On the Water Silver Lake

Meet at the Hylton Center, Camp Snyder

#### **Paddle Craft Safety** – Spring= Limit 16 Scouts/Leaders

Course Fee \$30/day

Still water course includes Canoe Merit Badge Councilor Certification

Still water course required for Moving Water course

May 14, 2022 @8:00a – Still Water Safety – On Silver Lake

Class at the Hylton Center – am

Silver Lake - pm

May 15, 2022 @8:30a – Moving Water Safety - On the Potomac - Meet at Rileys Lock

#### **Canoe Clinic** – Fall - Learn the right way to paddle – Limit 16 Scouts/Leaders

Course Fee \$60

September 9, 2022 @6:00p -8:00p – Class at the Hylton Ctr, Camp Snyder

September 10, 2022 @ 8:00p – On the Water – Silver Lake

Meet at the Hylton Center, Camp Snyder

September 11, 2022 @ 8:00p – On the Water – Silver Lake

Meet at the Hylton Center, Camp Snyder



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**NCAC Aquatics Committee - Program 2022 (cont.)**

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/aquatics-committee/>

**Paddle Craft Safety – Fall = Limit 16 Scouts/Leaders**

Course Fee \$30/day

Still water course includes Canoe Merit Badge Counselor Certification

Still water required for Moving Water

September 17, 2022 @8:00am – Still Water Safety – Silver Lake

Class at the Hylton Center – am

Silver Lake -p.m.

September 18, 2022 @8:30am – Moving Water Safety – Potomac River

Rileys Lock – On the Potomac

**James River Adventure Crew**

July 17 – 23, 2022 – Sign-up on High Adventure Committee site

<https://www.gotogoshen.org/camps-programs/lenhoksin-high-adventure/>

**SCUBA – PADI Certification by Age / Scouts BSA Merit Badge**

PADI Divemaster Andrew Blanco

Fee \$650 - Minimum age 14 years

Pool TBD – Lorton Area August 6 - 7, 2022

Fredericksburg Quarry August 22 – 23, 2022

**Partial Merit Badge Completion Clinic**

Tentative -TBD - October 3, 2022 - 18 Scout Limit



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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](mailto: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](mailto:Brian.summers@verizon.net))

**NCAC Shooting Sports Committee Approval: (Yes) Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (No) Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Reviewed By (Name): \_\_\_\_\_**



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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!

### **Sept/Oct 2022 course in Maryland:**

9/26/2022, 7pm-8pm online

10/1/2022, 9am-7pm @ Germantown MD

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-55113>

### **October 2022 course in Virginia:**

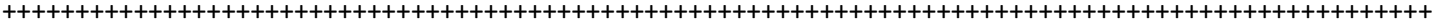
10/17/2022, 7pm-8pm online

10/22/2022, 9am-7pm @ Haymarket VA

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-55114>



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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:

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



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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/>

Choose Your Summer Camp:

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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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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:

• 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

**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	Classroom: Sat 3/5 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Huntingtown UMC 4020 Hunting Creek Rd Huntingtown, MD	Classroom: Sat 9/24 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Heritage Presbyterian Church 8503 Fort Hunt Rd Alexandria, VA 22308
Overnite: Sat 10/23, 7:30 am thru Sun. 10/24, 1:30 pm Camp Big Mac 12647 Moss Hollow Rd Markham, VA 22643	Overnite: 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	Overnite: 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](mailto: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](mailto: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
- Leadership for different stages
- Managing conflict
- Servant leadership
- Leading change
- Project planning
- Stages of team development
- And more!
- Coaching & Mentoring

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 Is Open!!***

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](http://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](mailto: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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# George Mason Hike-O-Ree May 2022

- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:Burnsmj509@gmail.com). We'll see how big a total we reach.



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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**

**OA Fun Archery Afternoon – OA members can come and shoot arrows at Camp Snyder Sunday May 15, 2022 1PM – 5PM**



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.

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

4/28-30/2023 – Patriot/George Mason Chapters Spring Ordeal Induction – Camp Snyder, Gainesville, 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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### 2022 Amangamek-Wipit Lodge Calendar

Date	Time	Name	Location	Group Responsible
<b>JAN</b>				
Postponed Until Spring Fellowship		2022 Lodge Banquet	(April 1-3, 2022)	Banquet Committee
22		ACT Conference	Central Pres. Ch., Towson, MD	Section Leadership
<b>FEB</b>				
13	3-5 pm	LEC	MSSC (plus virtual)	Lodge Leadership
26		University of Scouting	Hayfield School, Alexandria, VA	Training Committee
<b>MAR</b>				
6	3-5 pm	LO&A	Virtual	Key 7
Pending Fianaliation		Camping-palooza	Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA	Camping-palooza Committee
<b>APR</b>				
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		
<b>MAY</b>				
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		
<b>JUN</b>				
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
<b>JUL</b>				
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
<b>AUG</b>				
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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**Lodge Website: [Wipit470.org](http://Wipit470.org)**

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