## May Roundtable Minutes

## [New items in red]

* **Council Update and General Announcements**
* [Brand changing](https://www.scoutingnewsroom.org/press-releases/boy-scouts-of-america-to-become-scouting-america/) to “Scouting America” – We can start to use this now. Current uniforms can continue to be used after the 02/08/25 implementation date.
* [Outdoor Programs 2025 Strategic Initiative](https://www.ncacbsa.org/outdoor-programs-2025/) – Committee is looking for your input on outdoor programs and facilities to update the strategic plan over the next 18 months.
* May 1 – New fees went into effect; no $25 joining fee.
* May 21 – Council-Wide Roundtable (Virtual)
* June 1 – [New Cub Program](https://www.scouting.org/topics/program-updates/program-updates-cub-scouts/) starts
* June 13 – Program Launch (7pm)
* July – Dec – [Renewal](https://vimeo.com/918466705) notices, via email, to registered Adults/Youth
* **New Girls Troop** – A new linked GT has formed as of 5/1/24 at Falls Church Presbyterian Church, Falls Church, VA. If you know of girls that would be interested in learning more, have them contact Alison Shearer ([troop895fc@gmail.com](mailto:troop895fc@gmail.com)). T0895G meets on Monday nights at 7:30pm.
* **New Pack** – St Leo’s in Fairfax is interested in reforming P1113 in the fall. If you know of interested youth, please have them contact the T1113 leadership for more information.
* **Archery Level 1 Course** – [06/09/24 in Fairfax Station](https://www.usarchery.org/coaches/course-information/44869)
* **NCAC District Alignment** – An [updated version of the plan](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/Cy4fNZLMMSZ2UNXm3pitYS6S) was provided to districts on 04/10/24. This update did include Falls Church City for GMD. There appear to be some conflicts between the narrative and the maps. Our District Executive is seeking information from NCAC. If we understand the plan correctly, GMD will lose seven units (Packs – 0187, 1513; Troops – 0187, 0918, 1113, 1887 and 1888) to Powhatan District. We will gain five units (3 packs; 2 troops) from Old Dominion District. We may also gain some units from Chain Bridge District. Expect an NCAC update this week.
* **BSA 2024 Fee Schedule –** National has released a [new fee schedule](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/wp-content/uploads/sites/17/2024/05/BSA-Fee-Chart-2024-May-1-with-Participation-Fee.png) that increases adult and youth position fees by $5 starting on May 1, 2024. Merit Badge Counselor-only position is still $25.
* **Member Renewals** - Beginning March 1, 2024, all members renew using the new “Yearly Membership” process. Renewals open two months before your expiration date. You can find your pending renewal by clicking on the “My Applications” tab found above and then click “My Renewals”. Check with your unit before you renew, some units are choosing to process the renewal for the members.
* **“Inactive Auto Renewal”** – When accessing My Applications in my.scouting.org, you will see some red error messages next to your current positions within your unit/district/or council. This is a place holder for 60 days before your current membership expires when the system will open for your online renewal. Please ignore the error(s) at this time.
* **Camp Card Fund Raising** – Camp card sign-up is through 04/26/24. Bulk cards can be sold throughout the calendar year. [Leader's Guide](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=304472&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1686847&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fpublic.3.basecamp.com%2Fp%2FkuPSWDLb8DYFQ4bmLFDWJSQs&cf=14346&v=050f94b8df5c9b4c739c4e26c1e9950cf597ff2871ace7ab81ecad7210969007); [Camp Card Sign-up Sheet](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=304472&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1686847&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fpublic.3.basecamp.com%2Fp%2Fyydt7UDm9G1qY8aE4cWvidn7&cf=14346&v=693682aefd9cfeeb7978b8b517c03267b45d10928b41b55838c21eab9481068d).
* **Unit Fund Raising** - If your unit is having a fund-raising activity, other than Popcorn or Camp Cards, please be sure to fill out the unit [Money-Earning Application](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=304472&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1686847&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fpublic.3.basecamp.com%2Fp%2FQNiLjysLJE7o8uLm4dN6CesD&cf=14346&v=af54afd0c63acefb4ad3b39ec45418c18ad0095a98a44adb051c497ca7d54fe3) and send to our District Executive ([Elizabeth.kohler@scouting.org](mailto:Elizabeth.kohler@scouting.org)). It only takes a few minutes. This is important to make this an official scouting activity and to be covered by BSA insurance. It does indicate to submit 14 days in advance, however, Liz can turn this around much faster, if requested. Be sure to review the requirements for a fund-raising event (including getting your Chartering Organization’s approval before signing contracts).
* **Certificate of Liability Insurance –** The currently issued certificates expire this month. To renew or get a new certificate, please fill out a Request for [Certificate of Liability Insurance](https://www.ncacbsa.org/aquia/wp-content/uploads/sites/20/2021/02/REQUEST-FOR-CERTIFICATE-OF-LIABILITY-INSURANCE-COUNCIL-filable-1.pdf) and return to the [email listed](mailto:insrequest@ncacbsa.org) on the form (with a cc: to the [DE](mailto:elizabeth.kohler@scouting.org) and [Rus](mailto:ruspittman@gmail.com)). You’ll receive a certificate of insurance back within two weeks. If the group/vendor 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 out of the NCAC boundaries, then NCAC processor will forward the request to National. This increases the turn-around time to about four weeks.
* **Aquatics Committee –** <https://www.ncacbsa.org/aquatics-committee/> **[**[Flyer](https://www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Aquatics-2024-Flyer-v10.pdf)**]**
* Paddle Craft Safety – Still water (Camp Snyder) & Moving Water (Ryan’s Lock)
* May 18-19: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-82687>
* Jun 1-2: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-82688>
* Aug 24-25: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-82689> Opens June 2nd
* Sept 7-8: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-82690> Opens June 28th
* Pre-Camp Swim Tests – Camp Snyder
* June 1: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-82691>
* June 2: class cancelled
* Partial MB Completion Day – First weekend in Oct?

**George Mason Program**

* **Current GM Calendar**
* May 27, 2024 – [Memorial Day Flags In](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/flags-in/), Falls Church, VA
* May 29, 2024 – Elks Youth Recognition Dinner for 2023 Eagle Scouts
* Sept 28, 2024 – [Life to Eagle Seminar](https://scoutingevent.com/082-84680), St James, Falls Church, VA
* Oct 18-20, 2024 – Fall Camporee, Camp Rock Enon, Gore, VA
* **STEM /Rus P**
* 07/08/24 - 07/12/24 – [STEM Summer Workshop](https://scoutingevent.com/082-STEMsummer), Alexandria, VA
* 08/05/24 – 08/09/24 – [STEM Summer Workshop](https://scoutingevent.com/082-STEMsummer), Alexandria, VA
* Ancient Earth: Birth of the Sky (on PBS) - [link](https://us.engagingnetworks.app/page/email/click/10004/2037650?email=j2mObVAw6OCBePIN6tZ3hlESkN1MQhKC&campid=xocb452w9CaZkArzVWMSmA==)
* 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
* **Elks Youth Recognition Dinner /Matt B**
* Matt Burns will send out invitation to each Scoutmaster and bcc the Eagle parents.
* For youth that earned Eagle in 2023 (i.e. their Eagle Board of Review was held in the 2023 calendar year) and their Scoutmasters.
* Wednesday, May 29, 2024
* Elks Lodge - 2188, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, VA.
* Thanks to the Scoutmasters that have connected with their 2023 eagle youth.
* Scoutmaster are invited at no cost to them.
* **Spring Camporee**
  + Good Participation – 8 units
  + Both new and recycled chariots
  + Two Army medics assisted
  + Overall, seemed well received.
* Fall Camporee
  + 10/18-20/2024 – Summer Camp in a Day, Camp Rock Enon, Gore, VA
* **Alignment Update**
  + **Units Impacted**
  + George Mason District
    - Packs – 0187, 0882, 1513 (to Powhatan)
    - Troops – 0187, 0918, 1113, 1887, 1888 (to Powhatan)
  + Old Dominion District
    - Packs – 0855, 1845, 1962 (to GMD)
    - Troops – 0875, 1845 (to GMD)
  + Chain Bridge District
    - Still under review
* **District Name Change**
  + The Organizational Alignment Committee’s district alignment recommendations will propose these naming guidelines:
    - Districts composed of more or less than one county should be named after a prominent geographical feature.
    - Districts whose boundaries have been significantly redrawn should be renamed [10 districts listed].
    - NCAC will approve final name submission.
  + *Our Guidelines:*
    - We encourage you to get suggestions from your Scouts, parents, Committee members and uniformed leaders.
    - The District Committee will review all submissions and develop a short list of names.
    - A short list will be provided, via survey, for a vote of all registered adults. One week will be given for this vote.
    - To assist in locating a prominent geographical feature, we have added the new District boundary [map](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=29840832&msgid=307152&act=C638&c=1518147&pid=1694197&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fpublic.3.basecamp.com%2Fp%2FJHqvHptxMRmZ8ZgZZDeU7fLL&cf=14346&v=eadfd938bbe46ecd22d531fc271a7b6de581c995d77fc500bcbfb3f4b84998cd).
    - A survey will be released, within a day or two, to allow you to submit your recommendation(s). We will keep the survey open until the units joining our district can also have sufficient input.
* **Big Rock – Roundtable Format and Topics**
  + **Roundtable Topics Covered in past meetings**
  + Success stories – fund raising, recruitment, volunteers, cub program
  + Unique opportunities for scouts, recruiting, fund raising, and training
  + Outdoor/Camping activities and great sites/unique HA activities
  + Youth Mental Health and courses available
  + Local organizations that have activities/programs/opportunities for scouts
  + Discussions related to transition from Cubs to Scouts BSA
  + Discussions related to issues as scouts age through the program
  + Recruiting, membership and how to reach non-traditional youth
  + How to better publicize activities
  + STEM opportunities
  + Backpacking, paddle, climbing and biking locations; program support
  + Make the Calendar items a pre-read or handout.
  + De-emphasize information transmission and focus on comradery
  + Panels on specific topics – clearly identify if Cubs, Scouts or family scouting
  + Move Scout Expo to a community location for exposure – e.g., Vienna Community Center on Saturday
  + Roundtable topics planned out for whole year – announce the schedule, type (e.g., panel)
  + Share best practices
  + Be more interactive
* **Topics not yet completed/covered**
  + Share best practices
  + Be more interactive
  + Effective communication and team building
  + Eagle Scout project opportunities
  + fund raising alternatives
  + Cub camping places and getting approval
  + Get more people involved with themes – e.g., advancement coordinator night
  + In-unit youth training – we are all rebuilding after the pandemic
  + Developing Leadership/leadership stories
  + Kids development
  + Local experts in topics pertinent to scouting program (e.g., Conservation)
  + Adventures/inspiring service projects
  + Specific options to expand the scouting experience beyond NCAC
  + Programming that is not currently part of the unit planning
  + Periodic social event in lieu of standard meeting - Foster more networking
* **What topics do you want us to plan on for the next 12 – 18 months?**
  + Program Ideas – camping, location, leadership for scouts
  + What events are happening, this month, for recruiting, cross-over, etc.?
  + Can we develop a cub equipment exchange/sharing – rain gutters, PWD tracks, camping equipment, etc.?
  + Cub Breakout session – to discuss changes each month
  + Need to understand schedule – e.g., AOL Dens need to meet with Troops early in the year (Aug/Sept) to earn their Bobcat.
  + More info on NYLT/NAYLE
  + What can Venture Crews do, what is unique to them
  + Group Den Activities to share the workload for electives and adventures
  + More information on paired B/G Troops
  + Ways to keep older scouts (Troop/Crew) engaged
  + More definition on Jamboree on the Water
  + Put out forms, at Roundtable, requesting topics for upcoming meetings.
* [**Goshen**](https://gotogoshen.org)**/**[**Snyder**](https://gotosnyder.org) **Programs for 2024 –**
* [**Camp Snyder Family Camping**](https://gotosnyder.org)– May 10-12, 2024 & July 5-7
* [**Camp Snyder Day Camping**](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/SfbtxGT6N41AXnzUhsfcnA1e) – June 24-28 and July 8-12.
* [**Camp Snyder Resident Weekends**](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/SfbtxGT6N41AXnzUhsfcnA1e) – June 20-23, June 27-30, July 11-14
* [**Camp Snyder Specialty Week**](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/BjipkwYCtuoivFD8vNhYBPK3) – Two Merit Badge Weeks July 14-July 20 & July 21-July 27
* [**Goshen Summer Camping 2024**](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/rBAD2VaBfJDgDScALTCaUiiE) – Five sessions starting June 23rd. A sixth week at Camp Ross. Registration is now open.
* [**Goshen Provisional Camping**](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/BjipkwYCtuoivFD8vNhYBPK3) – Camping for individual scouts (June 23-July 27).
* [**Goshen OA Trail Crew**](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/BjipkwYCtuoivFD8vNhYBPK3) **–** June 16 – June 29
* [**Lenhok’sin High Adventure**](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/MevsKmbLhmCrj39FHQaiUMzX) – Five sessions during summer 2024. Including paddling 61 miles of the historic Upper James River with 120 Class I and II rapids.
* **Merit Badges /Margee E**
* The online Merit Badge Counselor [registration](https://my.scouting.org/VES/OnlineReg/1.0.0/?tu=UF-MB-082gm23).
* 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).
* ***Did you know***:
* The National Council does not limit the number of Merit Badges a youth may earn from one counselor, though a **unit leader is permitted to do so**, as long as the same limit applies to all Scouts in the unit. Ideally, Scouts should work with a variety of adults. (GTA 7.0.0.3)
* Partial Merit Badges have no expiration except for the Scout’s 18th birthday. (GTA 7.0.3.3)
* Due to the BSA policies related to Youth Protection and two-deep leadership, a merit badge counselor must have another adult present during all merit badge counseling sessions. However, the parent or legal guardian of the Scout may serve as the second adult. **This parent or legal guardian does not have to be a registered leader**.
* If the requirements for a merit badge differ between the merit badge pamphlet and the current edition of Scouts BSA Requirements, the requirements in the Scouts BSA Requirements book supersede all others.
* **Merit Badge Opportunities (**[**https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/merit-badges/**](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/merit-badges/)**):**
* 05/18/24 – [Welding, Alexandria, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-WCM)
* 05/18/24 –[Composite Materials, Alexandria, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-WCM)
* Group – [Fly Fishing](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/jCNqtVKMyVHYi6EVFYGEeCdY)
* Group - [Aviation](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/XPhbDcYTs13gsSHEaAPwRaNQ)
* **Training (**[**https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/training**](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/training)**) /Roy D**
* **Cub Scout Den Leader Specific (C42)**
* [**Available on-line (125 min**](https://my.scouting.org/)**)**
* [**06/01/24 - Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-clstspring24)
* ***Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO; C32) -***
* [**05/10/24 - 05/11/24 - Fredericksburg, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-81718)
* ***Scoutmaster Position Specific Training(S24)***
* [**Available on-line**](https://my.scouting.org/)**(192 min)**
* [**05/06/24 - Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-sstspring24)
* [**06/01/24 - Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-sstspring24)
* ***Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS; S11)***
* [**05/10/24 - 05/11/24 - Fredericksburg, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-81718)
* **Climbing Level 1 Instructor**
* **June 15-16 at**[**Great Falls Park**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-80664)**, 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.** [**Logistics memo**](https://drive.google.com/file/d/185J6vmz_3PzhymcYA3naBvxZ15mO4sFI/view?usp=drive_link)
* **Sept 7-8 at**[**Great Falls Park**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-80664)**, 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.** [**Logistics memo**](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iHw2RTNIG7CH_KGprjxPYr4cOf3XYsmr/view?usp=drive_link)
* **Sept 21-22 at** [**Sugarloaf Mountain**](file:///C:\Users\RusPi\Downloads\36.7%22N+77%25C2%25B023)**, 8:15 AM to 5:00 PM.** [**Logistics memo**](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yA31KOSFdIahj8BFt46xE-lq0g8GSKYY/view?usp=drive_link)
* **Mental Health First Aid**

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* **NYLT** [**https://www.ncacbsa.org/national-youth-leadership-training/**](https://www.ncacbsa.org/national-youth-leadership-training/)
* **24.2: 06/16/24-06/21/24**
* **24.3: 06/23/24-06/28/24**
* **24.4: 07/28/24-08/02/24**
* **24.5: 07/28/24-08/02/24**
* **Outdoor Ethics Orientation Courses (Scouts and Cubs)**
* **Outdoor Ethics Newsletter** - Sign up [here](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-7UORw4wBNIkuzqEkKjolA_-RogqHYMojzhB2xwLoENWVSg/viewform).
* **Wood Badge (A90)** <https://www.ncacbsa.org/wood-badge/>
* 09/13/24 – 09/15/24
* **GM High Adventure / Brian H**
* Members of the High Adventure Committee are available to assist units in planning and training for their upcoming high adventure trips – Contact [Brian Heath](mailto:brian@bkheath.com) for more information
* Important notes for this month
  + Registration for BSA’s high adventure bases - https://www.scouting.org/outdooradventures/open4adventure/
    - 2024 treks – Most BSA High Adventure bases still have availability
    - 2025 treks – Registration for all high adventure bases are now open
* 2024 NCAC-Organized High Adventure Trips
  + Lenhok’sin – James River Canoeing Trek - July 7-13, 2024
    - Crew of 6-12 - $475 per participant – 6 slots remaining
    - Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-75664>
    - For more information, e-mail [highadventure@ncacbsa.org](mailto:highadventure@ncacbsa.org)
  + Lenhok’sin Provo Backpacking Trip June 23-29, <https://scoutingevent.com/082-83116>
    - 3 spaces available for Scouts or adults
  + 11-12 year old Scout High Adventure Experience - Sept 28-29 Prince William Forest
  + Joshua Tree with Climbing Committee - Winter Break 2024/25 (Gathering interest)
  + Wind River Range, WY Backpacking Trip: 06/22 to 06/30/24 – Registration is Full
  + All NCAC-sponsored trips for Philmont, Northern Tier & Sea Base are already full
* 2025 NCAC-Organized High Adventure Trips
  + Sawtooth Mountain, ID Trip - 06/21 to 06/29/2025
    - Registration begins June 1, 2024 - $1,385 per person – Ask for details
* High Adventure Preparation Training
  + All sessions for this year are finished
* Other Training
  + [Back Country Outdoor Leadership Skills](https://www.ncacbsa.org/bcols/) - Virginia session
    - Fall 2024: 9/21/2024 (classroom), 10/19-20 (overnight)
  + Paddle Craft Safety Training: May 18-19, June 1-2, Aug 24-25, Sept 7-8
* National High Adventure Base Quick Links
  + **Philmont:** <https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/register/>
  + **Northern Tier:** <https://www.ntier.org/provisional-scout-connections/>
  + **Sea Base:** <https://www.bsaseabase.org/scouts/scout-connections/>
  + **Summit:** <https://www.summitbsa.org/registration/scoutconnections/>
* Other High Adventure Bases
  + Adirondack High Adventure Area: <https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/hLgsVbk7Suju6cuDzQQJaEn4>
  + Maine High Adventure Area: <https://www.mainehighadventure.org/>
  + Montana Outdoor High Adventure Base: <https://montanabsa.org/camps/high-adventure/>
* Other useful links for high adventure information and opportunities
  + NCAC High Adventure website - <https://www.ncacbsa.org/high-adventure/>
  + List of units with available slots in their upcoming high adventure trips - <https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/xWpkdrKHKAA9pCzwmHMNdbWb>
* **Shooting Sports /Brian S**
* 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/)
* Contact for finishing Shooting Sports MB Partials [brian.summers@verizon.net](mailto:brian.summers@verizon.net)
* **Order of the Arrow / Collin L & Brian F**
  + Ceremonies Team – Training at the monthly OA meetings at Thoreau MS. All are welcome!
  + 2024 Dues can be paid online: <https://wipit470.org/dues.html>
* **Roundtable - 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 Roundtable** – June 13, 2024, at Thoreau Middle School and on Zoom. Program Launch/Silent Auction at 7pm; Roundtable at 8pm.