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Welcome to this edition of the Wolf Trap District Press. If you have not heard, George Mason District has been renamed to be Wolf Trap District. We e-mail this out bimonthly to the BSA registered leaders in Wolf Trap District; unit leaders and merit badge counselors – those who have their current YPT.

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

The July Wolf Trap District Roundtable will be taking a break. See you Thurs. August 8, 2024 at Falls Church Presbyterian Church, Falls Church, Va. for Join Scouting Night/Roundtable.

USEFUL LINKS:

NCAC Council Web site National BSA

WTD Web Site WTD Upcoming Events

WTD Roundtable (PW: WTDRT) WTD Training

National Order of the Arrow wipit470.org

Pay OA Dues

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Calendar of Events – Links included if available

07/11/24 – No July Roundtable 07/14/24 - 07/20/24 - Camp Snyder Specialty Week (Merit Badges), Haymarket, VA 07/20/24 - NCAC Membership Growth Conference, Burke, VA 07/21/24 - 07/27/24 - Camp Snyder Specialty Week (Merit Badges), Haymarket, VA 07/31/24 - NCAC Membership Growth Conference, Bethesda, MD 08/04/24 - Scouts Days - Nationals vs Milwaukee Brewers, 1:35pm, Nationals Park 08/04/24 - 08/06/24 - Lodge Summer Ordeal, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA 08/08/24 - Join Scouting Night/Roundtable, 7:30pm, FC Presbyterian Church, Falls Church, VA 08/13/24 - Commissioner's Meeting (7:30pm), Zoom 08/15/24 - 08/18/24 - Powder Horn, Camp St. Charles, Newburg, MD 08/28/24 – District Committee (7:30pm), Zoom 09/07/24 - Paddle Craft Safety (Still Water), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA 09/08/24 - Paddle Craft Safety (Moving Water), Riley's Lock, MD 09/12/24 - Roundtable, 7:30pm, Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA 09/13/24 - 09/15/24 - 2024 OA Fall Fellowship, Camp Goshen, Goshen, VA 09/21/24 - 09/22/24 - Fall Festival (Scout-tober Fest), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA 09/28/24 - Life to Eagle Seminar, St James Catholic Church, Falls Church, VA 09/XX/24 - 10/XX/24 - Fall Ordeal, TBD 10/XX/24 - Aquatics Partial Merit Badge Completion Clinic, Location TBD 10/10/24 - Roundtable, 7:30pm, Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA 10/11/24 - 10/14/24 - Climb-o-ree, Morgantown, WV (Waitlisted) 10/18/24 - 10/20/24 - BLD/WTD Joint Fall Camporee, Camp Rock Enon, Gore, VA Camp Rock E Camporee Registration 10/19/24 - 10/20/24 - Jamboree on the Air/Jamboree on the Internet (JOTA/JOTI) 10/26/24 - 10/27/24 - Hike-o-ree 11/01/24 - OA Election Season Opens 11/02/24 - Scouting for Food (Tags) 11/09/24 - Scouting for Food (Collection) 11/10/24 - Veterans Day Flags In, National Memorial Park, Falls Church, VA 12/06/24 - 12/07/24 - OA Trade-o-ree, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA 12/XX/24 - Peace Light distribution 02/22/25 - University of Scouting, Alexandria, VA 03/08/25 - WTD Merit Badge Day, St James Catholic Church, Falls Church, VA

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Chair's Chat – July 2024

Summer has arrived! School is out and it's time for a little rest and relaxation, not to mention summer camp and high adventure!

As we take some time to regroup after a busy spring scouting season, units should take some time for annual planning, to hit the ground running in the fall. We just held the District's Program Launch at the June Roundtable to help units get started with activity planning for the coming year. There are lots of resources included in the Round Table slides and the minutes to help your units get off to a great start in the fall, as well as the information included in this newsletter! Be sure to consider the "Summer Camp in a Day" Fall Camporee at Camp Rock Enon on October 18-20 for your unit's schedule.



Program is important, and at the same time units are planning all the activities that make scouting fun and memorable, please consider how you'll attract new Cubs and Scouts to join your unit in the fall! NCAC has resources here to help: Unit Resources - National Capital Area Council (ncacbsa.org). When setting up your unit's Join Scouting Night, consider signing up for geofencing to boost the visibility of your event. Need yard signs and copies of flyers? Let us know and we can help with that too.

If you need to do some fundraising to support your program, consider popcorn sales! Preparation for Trails End Popcorn sales has already started. Please check out the resources on the NCAC Popcorn website at Popcorn Program - National Capital Area Council (ncacbsa.org) for more details. Training for units is available now—check the website for dates.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to the incoming units from McLean and from the former Old Dominion District and look forward to working with you.

We will be taking a break in July from our monthly District Roundtable and District Committee meetings but will be back in August. Have a great summer!

Yours in Scouting,

Traci Yates – Wolf Trap District Chair Traci.yates@cox.net

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Wolf Trap District Executive's Chat



Welcome to Wolf Trap District!
Whether you are old or new
Welcome! I hope everyone is
having a happy and fun summer
so far! I'm looking forward to
hearing all of the fun stories from
everyone's adventures. We have
such an exciting fall ahead of us!
With fall coming much sooner
than we want please keep track of
what you may need in terms of
support for your Recruitment
nights so that we can help as

much as possible and get you what you need ASAP!

Yours in Scouting,

Liz Kohler | George Mason District Executive

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2024 Aquatics Programs

https://ncacbsa.org/Aquatics-Committee



Safe Swim Defense (SSD) and Safety Afloat (SA)



What: BSA Safe Swim Defense (26 min) and Safety Afloat (30 min) training is required for any BSA unit conduction swimming or boating activities. Who: Adult leaders supervising a swimming/boating activity must have completed Safe Swim Defense/Safety Afloat within the previous two years.

Where: SSD and SA training is available online at https://my.scouting.org. Any in-person training must be presented by a qualified instructor.

Cost: Free!

Paddle Craft Safety Training

What: This the hands-on training that is recommended in Safety Afloat guidelines for anyone conducting Scout boating activities. Two versions of the course are offered: The Basic course covers flat water introductory boating skills and basic trip planning. The river course includes skills and knowledge development that are required for conducting trips on moving water. The Basic course is a prerequisite for the moving water course.

Who: Adult leaders
When:

- Session 1*: May 18 (Still Water), May 19 (Moving Water)
- Session 2**: June 1 (Still Water), June 2 (Moving Water)
- Session 3**: Aug 24 (Still Water), Aug 25 (Moving Water)
- Session 4**: Sep 7 (Still Water), Sep 8 (Moving Water)

Where: * Still Water-Zoom/Silver Lake; Moving Water-Keedysville, MD ** Still Water-Camp Snyder; Moving Water-Riley's Lock

Cost: \$30/class day

Aquatics Awards

Find the requirements at:

https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/aguatics/

These awards are available for any Scouts BSA-aged youth or adult. To work on any of these awards outside of Summer Camp, contact:

Charles Hochstein (charles.hochstein@usps.gov)









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Whitewater Rafting Award

Pre-Camp Swim Classification Tests



What: This is an opportunity for your unit to have your annual BSA Swim Classification Check done under supervision of NCAC-approved aquatics personnel.

Who: Any NCAC unit (Pack, Troop, and Crew)
Where: Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

When: June 1 & June 2 – One-hour blocks starting at 9am. Last session is 4pm. Register by May 15th.

Cost: \$3 per participant.

ScubaJam Virginia

What: Social Gathering Among Divers Who: Scouts BSA (11-17 years), Venture (14-21

vears)

Where: Lake Phoenix Scuba Park, Rawlings, VA
When: Labor Day Weekend (Aug 30-Sept 2)
Cost: Check Web Site (Scholarships Available)
Note: This is a private organization event and not
sponsored by BSA. Registration and waivers must be
in by August 15th.

https://www.facebook.com/StubaJamVirginia

Aquatics MB Completion Day

What: Complete Partial MBs - Lifesaving & Swimming Who: Scouts BSA (11-17 years), Venture (14-21 years)

Where: TBD

When: TBD – Likely the first weekend in Oct

Cost: \$10

Lifeguard Training

What: BSA Lifeguard Training is professional level training that meets the requirements of government agencies for professional lifeguards at regulated swimming activities. Lifeguard certification qualifies one for many summer opportunities. This class is being conducted by Campaign Pay It Forward (https://campaignpayitforward.com/booking, select BSA Lifeguarding from the pull-down menu)

Who: The program is open to all registered adults and older youth (minimum age 15). Strong swimming skills are required. The course includes online pre-work that must be completed before the first session.

Where: Varies

When: Check Schedule Cost: Check Schedule

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District Life to Eagle Seminar



- Saturday, 28 September 2024
- 12:30 p.m. gathering
- · 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.
- · In Person Heller Hall at St. James Catholic Church in Falls Churck
- Register at: https://scoutingevent.com/082-84680

Who should attend:

- Life Scouts or advanced Star Scouts who want to pursue the Eagle Rank
- Eagle advisors, coaches or unit leaders that haven't attended a seminar in two years
- Parents of Scouts working on Eagle or other adults interested in Scouting

Registration is live now and must be registered by 26 September 2024.

Any questions contact Matt Burns at 703-938-9550.

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Wolf Trap Popcorn Press

Planning your Scout program for the coming year and wondering how to pay for it? Why not think of making a Trails End Popcorn sale your main fundraiser or add it to the mix? Do you have Scouts who would like to pay their way in Scouting through fundraising? Let them sell popcorn to pay their way.

Our Council has revamped the popcorn program this year. They have boosted the commission and removed the hoops and hurdles to earn the maximum commission. What's new?

35% commission for all physical sales

30% commission for all online sales

No minimum sales

No minimum participation

Training provided but not required to earn top commission

Want to find out more about how it works? Want to get your unit to participate? Contact me your District Popcorn Kernel

John Kilduff – Wolf Trap District Finance Chair & Popcorn Kernel, johnkilduff42@gmail.com

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Testimonial from Pack 493

"Making Scouting accessible to all regardless of family income is a core value in Pack 493. One of our goals is to afford our families a dues-free Scouting experience by funding the entire program year through fundraising. For 2023–24, through the popcorn fundraiser, this goal was exceeded and powered by popcorn!... Through the Council's annual popcorn fundraiser, our Scouts learned about perseverance, public speaking, teamwork, and most importantly the Cub Scout Motto, 'Do Your Best.'"

Testimonial from Troop 179

"By Selling popcorn, our Scout has earned his way way to two Philmont trips, Sea Base Florida, and National Jamboree! This fall, he will be earning his way to Sea Base Bahamas 2025!" No up front costs!

Built-in prize program!

Rank requirement & Merit Badge opportunities!

Supported by Scouting & in the community!

Military/First Responder

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www.ncacbsa.org/popcorn



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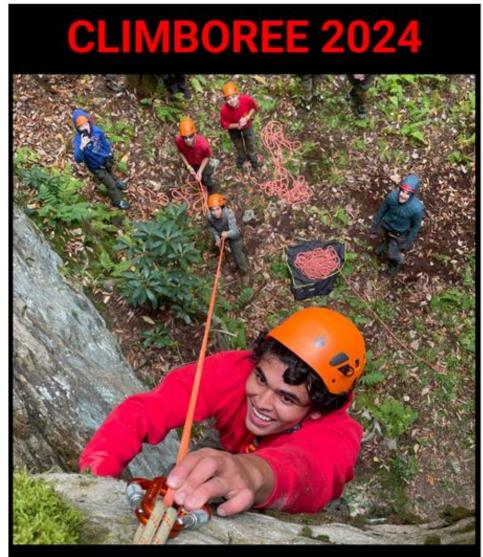
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October 11-14, 2024



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

Climboree 2024 Registration

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

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

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

\$30 per participant for a weekend of tent camping and adventure. We will not provide meals. Save our <u>flyer</u> and watch for our <u>registration</u> announcement in early April. Email <u>NCAC.Climboree@gmail.com</u> to join our contact list.

We hope to see you there!

Climboree 2024 Registration

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Training

Local NCAC Leadership Training: WTD Training

Cub Scout:

- Cub Scout Leader Specific (C40/C42)
 - Available on-line (125 min)
- Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO;C32)

Scout:

- Scoutmaster Position Specific Training(S24)
 - Available on-line (192 min)
- Back Country Outdoor Leadership Skills (BCOLS)
 - o 10/05/24 & 11/02/24-11/03/24
- Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS; S11)

Commissioners

Available on-line (305 min)

Miscellaneous:

First Aid/CPR/AED

- Campaign Pay It Forward (30% discount use code "Scouts")
- American Red Cross Blended Courses (2.5 hr online, 1.75 hr classroom)
- Stop the Bleed— How to stop bleeding in a severely injured person
- Until Help Arrives
- (See Wilderness First Aid)

Mental Health First Aid - Understand mental illnesses, seek timely intervention, and save lives

Various

Wilderness First Aid/CPR/AED (N02)

- www.campaignpayitforward.com, (833) 273-6263, info@campaignpayitforward.com
- www.wildsafe.org, (855) 505-1700 or (703) 444-9468 Clif Castleman clifton@wildsafe.org
- www.onthetrailfirstaid.com, (410) 456-6861 Saleena DeVore
 - saleena@onthetrailfirstaid.com

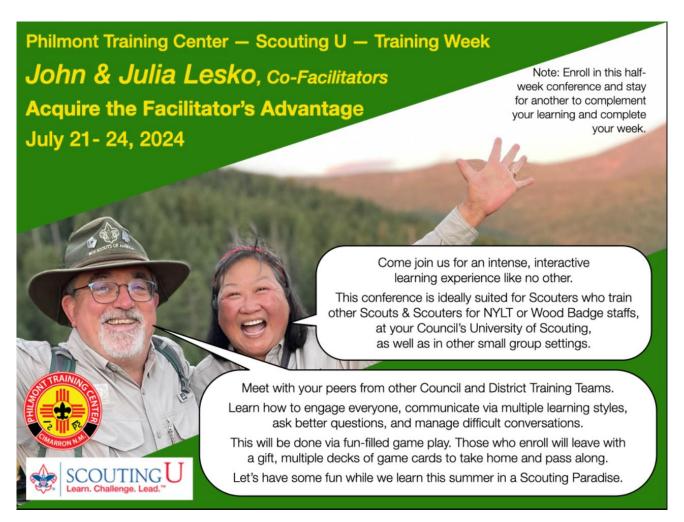
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- www.ETRsafety.com, (703) 771-6092, info@ETRsafety.com
- www.solowfa.com, (434) 326-4697, courses@solowfa.com
- https://www.rei.com/events/a/outdoor-skills-wilderness-medicine
- www.wfa.net, (703) 836-8905, Chris Tate chris@wfa.net
- Troop 1430 South Riding VA (ECSI), Dallas Cecil dkcecil@earthlink.net (571) 969-1592
- Venturing Crew 80 Alexandria VA (ARC), Michael Martin (Associate Advisor)
 CPRAEDFAWRFA@comcast.net

NCAC Wood Badge (A90)

10/14/24 – 10/15/24 & 10/05/24 – 10/06/24



https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc/ptc-conferences/

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Youth Opportunities for Merit Badges, Training and Unique Experiences

STEM—Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

- 07/08/24 07/12/24 STEM Summer Workshop, Alexandria, VA
- 08/05/24 08/09/24 STEM Summer Workshop, Alexandria, VA
- 09/07/24 Scouts BSA STEM MB and NOVA Workshop, Fredericksburg, MD

Merit Badge Opportunities

- 08/18/24 Aviation and Space Exploration MBs, Lorton, VA
- 09/07/24 STEM MB Workshop (Nuc. Sci., Env. Sci., Robotics), Fredericksburg, VA
- 10/05/24 10/06/24 DC MB Day, Catholic University, Wash., DC (opens 7/1/24)
- 03/08/25 Wolf Trap District MB Day, St James, Falls Church, VA

National Youth Leadership Training; NYLT (At least 13 and 1st Class; \$300)

- 07/28/24 08/02/24: Course 24-4 & 24-5
- 01/17-20/25 & 02/01-02/25: Winter Course
- 06/15/25 06/20/25: Course 25-2
- 06/22/25 06/27/25: Course 25-3
- 07/27/25 08/01/25: Course 25-4 & Course 24-5

Youth Training - National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE)

National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) is an exciting program where young men and women enhance their leadership skills through team building, ethical decision-making, problem solving and service to others.

- Philmont: https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc/nayle/
- Summit: https://www.summitbsa.org/programs/training/seven-day-conferences/navle

Powder Horn (14 Years Old and above; \$300 – ignore Waitlist designation)

Powder Horn is a skills resource course for Venturing and Scouts BSA leaders and youth of the Boy Scouts of America. Powder Horn is also described as a "hands-on resource management course" designed to give Scouting leaders "the contacts and tools necessary to conduct an awesome high-adventure program" in their Scouting unit.

08/15/24 – 08/18/24: Camp St. Charles, Newberg, MD

Climbing Level 1 Instructor Training (Scouts 16 and older; \$40)

Learn how to help Scouts climb on nearby natural rock and become a resource for your unit. Scouts 16 or older and Scouters 18 or older can become qualified instructors by completing Climbing Level I Instructor training. This year we offer five class sections:

- Sept 7-8 at Great Falls Park, 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM. Details
- Sept 21-22 at Sugarloaf Mountain, 8:15 AM to 5:00 PM. Details

Outdoor Ethics/Leave No Trace (D78)

- 09/30/24 & 10/05/24, Leave No Trace, Germantown, MD
- 10/19/24 Outdoor Ethics Orientation Course, Brandywine, MD
- 10/19/24 Outdoor Ethics Guide, Brandywine, MD

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NCAC Wood Badge 2024 Fall Course

September 13-15 & October 5-6, 2024

Course Director: MJ Uribe Email: mjuribebsa@gmail.com

The Course will be \$300.

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.

Reflecting the best of nearly a century of Scouting experience, Wood Badge draws upon the most current leadership models used by corporate America, academic circles and successful organizations throughout the country. Participants can expect to develop skills in many areas, including leadership theory, team building, problem-solving, communication, project planning and more. These skills can be taken back to packs, troops, crews and ships to help leaders guide youth in dynamic Scouting programs. Scouters will find these skills invaluable in their business and personal lives as well.

Wood Badge consists of two parts:

The first five full days is the initial group training, usually held over two weekends – the first weekend Friday through Sunday, and the second Saturday and Sunday (**Both weekends must be attended**).

The second part requires participants to apply the skills they learned by completing a 5-part plan (called a "ticket") over the following 18 months, leading towards the individual participant's vision of a better Scouting future.

Requirements for attending Wood Badge:

- 1. Be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America and age 18 or older.
- 2. Have completed the basic position-specific training courses for their Scouting role.
- 3. Be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment. All participants are required to complete the Annual Health and Medical Record. Parts A, B, and C are required which includes a physical. Part C is required for everyone, including people who are not present for more than 72 hours.

A minimum (non-refundable) deposit is due with registration, and then full payment is due 45 days before the start of the course. Each Wood Badge course is limited to 48 participants. Per national guidelines, any course not having 30 fully paid participants 30 days prior to the start of the course is subject to cancellation.

Scholarship requests can be submitted at: https://247scouting.com/forms/082-FinancialSupport

QUESTIONS?

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

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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 Wolf Trap 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 <u>here</u> (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 <u>Merit Badge Counselor Information Sheet</u>.

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

Margee Egan at margee.egan@gmail.com