**Announcements**

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| * District Executive - Welcome to the new George Mason District Executive Liz Kohler ([elizabeth.kohler@scouting.org](mailto:elizabeth.kohler@scouting.org); 301-214-9147) * [Spring Camporee (05/05/23 - 05/07/23)](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=295397&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1663540&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fscoutingevent.com%2F082-66660&cf=14346&v=3cda13c1bd98a605d351966eb1c277ccd5124367cb65061b22c18250fac27d95) - Webelos II/AOL Scouts are welcome at the Camporee. Ideally, they should attend with their future Troops. Unfortunately, we don't have the capacity for whole Packs to attend. * [AbleScouts.org](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=295397&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1663540&destination=https%3A%2F%2Ft.email.scouting.org%2Fr%2F%3Fid%3Dh2bd3f596%2C11c6309e%2C11ca4e18&cf=14346&v=a6061fc9fb103760cb841fbed216438509dad5f6d2a8de82e632b13a02cc2a85) - Provides information for major classes of special needs and disabilities so unit leaders can adapt Scouting activities to the needs of individual Scouts. * Cub Scout Bridging - Make sure all Cub Scout rank advancements and awards are properly entered in Internet Advancement or Scoutbook, prior to initiating the transfer to a Scout troop. Awards like Recruiter, Shooting Sports Awards, Outdoor Activity Awards, NOVA, and especially SuperNova Awards; anything earned as a Cub Scout. For rank advancements, things like Cub Scout and Webelos Adventures, and especially their Arrow of Light Rank. Once a troop accepts a Cub Scout onto their roster it is extremely difficult if not impossible to retroactively correct their Cub Scout records. * Service Hours - [Rise Against Hunger](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=295397&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1663540&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.signupgenius.com%2Fgo%2F409044eaea92caafe3-vale5%23%2F&cf=14346&v=1c9ea4add492d8a16f495280371800ade70af8459966c17d3282ec22ab01504d) (2/5/23) at Vale United Methodist Church (Chartering Organization for P1530) in Oakton, VA. Pack meals for global hunger relief. * 2023 Merit Badge Requirement Updates - Click [here](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=295397&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1663540&destination=https%3A%2F%2Ft.email.scouting.org%2Fr%2F%3Fid%3Dh2bd3f596%2C11c6309e%2C11ca4e1a&cf=14346&v=97ed43eab3beb37ad4c9b09e7272bbca402741972b780bca9a7065659ac2a5d1). * Welding Merit Badge - Building Momentum is hosting two sessions (02/12/23 am and pm sessions) at their workshop in Alexandria, VA. More information is available [here](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=295397&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1663540&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fscoutingevent.com%2F082-welding%23&cf=14346&v=56e5f59e069658b47dd01c211156410205ab22291b227611138ff4af896147c5). * Woodworking Merit Badge - Complete requirements 1, 2, 3b and 7 at Camp Snyder. Various dates available. More information [here](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=295397&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1663540&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fscoutingevent.com%2F082-61841&cf=14346&v=d0447fce56d07a5e5951ed59e264f5f7940a7c013ecdba5ba1b62e884ab787db). * Townes Supernova Woodworking Project - For Webelos and AOL Scouts. Sessions on 04/01/23 and 05/06/23. More information [here](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=295397&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1663540&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fscoutingevent.com%2F082-TownesProjectDay&cf=14346&v=6d5e07854a3d0be72fd7b868632b2922b15f5f11652f518fd9ce15e74a8e9a4f). * [Climbing Level 1 Instructor Training](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=295397&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1663540&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fscoutingevent.com%2F082-67000&cf=14346&v=967037c3462609d765ee340977a083345c76e878b26ecef4f12e386eabaef255) - Scouts (16 and older) and Scouters (18 and older) can become qualified instructors and sponsor your own unit's outdoor climbing events. Dates available in April, May, and September. * [Scouterhorn Operations Training](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=295397&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1663540&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fscoutingevent.com%2F082-Scouterhorn_Operations_Training_2023&cf=14346&v=5259f6ed81e885f14e63a4b2aeb1518e55668c73a78da2c5bcc25ce676074296) - Learn to setup NCAC's 24' mobile climbing tower. Many sessions available. |

**Roundtable Minutes**

**February 09, 2023**

* **Council Update /Rus P**
* Unit Charter Renewal – All GMD units have rechartered. Still time to submit your JTE. Please check:
  + Scoutbook
  + [https://my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org/)
    - Roster (any missing; names misspelled; update any contact information needed)
    - Key-3 Delegates and COR Delegate
    - Unit PIN information
  + Email lists
  + Note: Online registration should work within 24 hours. If not, check PIN.
* Non-Unit Charter Renewal (MBC)
  + Scoutbook – Check MBC list
  + Fund Raising - Right-Response First Aid Kits!
* Leader Training - Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Unit Committee Chairs, and New Member Coordinators must be trained in order to successfully recharter.  Select your 2024 leadership early and ensure they have the needed training. IOLS and BALOO opportunities are available now!
* **Aquatics Committee - 2023 Training Schedule /Rus P**
* Pre-Camp Swim Tests – TBD
* Paddle Craft Safety (Signup available 71 days before class starts)
  + May 20 - Still Water Safety - Class Size 12
  + May 21 - Moving Water Safety - Class Size 12
  + Sept 23 - Still Water Safety - Class Size 12
  + Sept 24 - Moving Water Safety - Class Size 12
* Scuba - TBD
* Aquatics MB Completion (only for those that are missing a few requirements from camp) – TBD (likely early Sept)
* Visit the [Aquatics Committee web site](https://www.ncacbsa.org/aquatics-committee/) for updates (after 2/12/23)

**Big Rock: Camp Howard M. Wall, USVI** /Glenn C (T1978B)

* Camp Howard Wall, St. Croix, USVI
* Owned and operated by NCAC
* 17 acres of open land with beach frontage located on the southern coast of St. Croix, USVI
* Capacity: 46 (bunkhouse – 16; canvas tents – 30; you can use your own tents too.)
* Amenities:
  + shower house with individual stalls (male/female)
  + full industrial kitchen
  + recreation: kayaking, fishing, swimming, basketball, horseshoe pit, cornhole, ladder toss
  + campfire
* Services:
  + Food services by Chef Francis (Drac) Peyton
  + Vendor Recommendations by DE Laura Kuras
* Staff
* Chef Francis “Drac” Peyton
* DE Laura Kura
* Planning and Preparations – Planning to Scuba Dive in six months!
* Annual Planning Meeting July 2022
* Crew identified August 2022
* Program Planning (diving and fishing) October 2022
* PADI Open Water Certification for scouts Sept-Dec 2022
* Crew
* 8 (4 scouts, 4 scouters)
* 14 – 16 years old
* All scouts PADI Open Water Diver certification
* 3 of 4 scouters had PADI OW Diver certification
* St. Croix Ultimate Bluewater Adventure (SCUBA)
* 11 dives in 3 days
* Provided all diving gear and dive boat
* Dive Master and Captain
* Reef, Wreck, Pier, and Night dives
* Trip Details (4 full days in St. Croix + two days travel)
* Day 1: Travel Day (Dulles to San Juan to St. Croix) 6am – 6pm
* Day 2: 4 dives – Frederiksted (western shore) 8am – 6pm
* Day 3: 4 dives – Christiansted (northern shore) 8am – 5pm
* Day 4: Kayaking & 3 dives – Frederiksted (night dive) 9am – 9pm
* Day 5: Fishing, Beach, and Games (charter boat) 8am – 5pm
* Day 6: Service project, beach, and travel day 8am – 11pm
* Weather was 78 degrees, sunny; water temperature 80 degrees
* Financials (Total cost/person: w/Diving $2,027; w/out Diving $1,327)

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* Lessons Learned
* Camp Wall Provides Outstanding Facilities and Services
  + Laura Kuras and Drac Peyton are the Best
* Outstanding Dive Sites
  + Beautiful reefs with tons of fish and sharks
  + Night dives bring out new sea life (octopus, sea horses, turtles, rays)
* Food Services Are A Must
  + Drac provided all food services for all meals
  + Food was outstanding
  + Even prepared fresh caught fish for dinners
  + No time in schedule for scouts/scouters to prepare/cook meals
* St. Croix Scuba Caters to Young Divers
  + Dive Master on each dive
  + Dive Crew stays together
  + Dive Sites 30 – 60 feet

**George Mason Program**

* **Current GM Calendar /John D**
* February 25, 2023 – University of Scouting
* March 4, 2023 – Merit Badge Day at Fairfax Presbyterian Church
* March 25, 2023 – Pinewood Derby at Fairfax Presbyterian Church
* April 13, 2023 - District COH (before April RT)
* May 5-7, 2023 – Spring Camporee Theme: Canoeing at Antietam
* May 13-20, 2023 – Jamboree on the Trail
* May 13, 2023 – District Hike-O-Ree
* May 25, 2023 – Elks Youth Recognition Dinner for 2021 GM Eagles
* May 29, 2023 – Flags In
* **STEM /John D**
* Chess Tournaments
* SBSA – 11 February 2023 - <https://scoutingevent.com/082-ChessClassic>
* DC STEM Trek- Showcases 24 government agencies, private organizations and monuments related to the tenets upon which STEM is based. Shoulder patches are available!
* Two options 10.57 miles or 4.75 miles
* <https://www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/DC-STEM-Trek-2.pdf>
* **GM Pinewood Derby /Pat B**
  + Race Day is March 25, 2023
  + All Packs wanting to participate in the 2023 Pinewood Derby MUST hold their Pack Pinewood Derbies by March 9, 2023.
  + One unit winner from each age bracket (Lions, Tigers, Wolves, etc.) regardless of gender.
  + All participants get a patch.
  + Pack winners must register (and pay) on Council website. $15.00 per entry. No money collected at door on day of race. [Must register by 3/16/23](https://scoutingevent.com/082-67201).
  + Race will be held at Fairfax Presbyterian in Fairfax.
  + For questions, contact Pat Berney.
* **District Merit Badge Event /John D**
* March 4th, 2023, at Fairfax Presbyterian Church in Fairfax: <https://site.corsizio.com/a/5bf2f8e8e6dfc6f1ca7cbd64>
* Need Unit Merit Badge Day Coordinator names and contact details to John Drisco at [gmasonmeritbadgeday@gmail.com](mailto:gmasonmeritbadgeday@gmail.com)
* All units participating at this event needs to provide volunteers for the Friday Preparation, Saturday opening, and Adult Assistant to MBC in their classrooms to cover YPT. This list is needed by February 14th, 2023
* Merit Badges being offered: American Heritage, Citizenship of the Community, Citizenship of the Nation, Citizenship of the World, Communications, Disabilities Awareness, Emergency Preparedness, Engineering, Family Life, Fire Safety, Genealogy, Geology, Journalism, Law and Personal Management. Highlighted MBs still have openings.
* Note: The “pre-work” is not the same as a “prerequisite.”  The “pre-work” consists of tasks/activities that the Scout is advised to do in advance of the Merit Badge Day.  A Scout can still participate in the Merit Badge Day class if he hasn’t completed the pre-work but failure to complete the pre-work may mean the Scout leaves the Merit Badge Day with a partial badge.  A prerequisite is something that must be done to qualify to take the class.  The only prerequisite we are aware of for the George Mason Merit Badge Day is that the Scout must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts in a participating unit.
* Feedback to John Drisco at [gmasonmeritbadgeday@gmail.com](mailto:gmasonmeritbadgeday@gmail.com)
* **District Court of Honor /Matt B**
* To recognize adults who served/are serving at the unit level.
* Two awards:
  + [Unit Commissioner’s Unit Scouter Award](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/rgRgxE7vixGzuohk79Qkuim1) – 1 per unit
  + [Unit Appreciation Award](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/aaRqTLVEuN3oVQt4HEQDAByb) – Maximum 8 per unit.
* Please provide a sentence or two describing the individual’s service. Photos also appreciated!
* Submit Unit Commissioner’s Unit Scouter Award to Unit Commissioner. They will submit it.
* Unit Appreciate Award to [gm.adultrecognition@gmail.com](mailto:gm.adultrecognition@gmail.com)
* Must have all submissions by no later than March 22, 2023.
* Please coordinate among your Key 3; we sometimes get multiple submissions from one unit.
* Will confer awards at District COH/April Roundtable.
* **Spring Camporee /Timothy L**
  + George Mason Spring Camporee – May 5-7, 2023 – For Scouts and Webelos I & II
  + Theme: Canoeing at Antietam – Cost is $30 – all equipment provided.
  + Come join us as we step back into history and explore the Antietam Battlefield by canoe or foot. The battle of Antietam was a result of the Confederate Army’s attempt to invade the north and win control of the Civil War.
  + First 75 Scouts (no Cubs) can canoe. Limit is based on canoe and adult availability.
  + Scouts that canoe MUST have a swim test before arriving at Camporee. Units must bring documentation showing date Scout passed swim test. Note, swim tests from summer camp last year may still be good for some scouts.
  + Other Scouts, adults and Webelos can hike the battlefield and participate in other on-land activities.
  + Each unit needs to volunteer at least one adult to help with staffing the activities on Saturday.
  + To register, go to <https://scoutingevent.com/082-66660>.
* **Fall Camporee /Timothy L**
  + Camp Rock Enon (off 81 in western VA) on October 20-23, 2023
  + Activities will include Shooting Sports, Merit Badges, Scoutcraft, Friendly Competition, Friendship & Fellowship and a Campfire.
* **George Mason Hike-O-Ree /Matt B**
  + 3rd Annual GM Hike-O-Ree – Open to all (Cubs, Scouts BSA and Venturing Scouts), families and friends.
  + Three options to participate:
  + Hike with the District on Saturday, May 20
  + Hike at ANY time between May 12 and May 21; register and get a patch.
  + Hike at ANY time between May 12 and May 21 and just report hours.
  + Participants in first two options will receive patches.
  + Any age, any place, and any appropriate grouping – just keep track of how far you hiked.
  + Challenge – District Scouts, Scouters and families hike 2,023 miles.
  + Total the miles for each unit and notify Matt Burns at [Burnsmj509@gmail.com](mailto:Burnsmj509@gmail.com). We’ll see how big a total we reach.
  + Option 1 - District Hike on May 20
  + Hike around Lake Mercer – gentle 4.3 miles.
  + Limited to first 99 registrants
  + Starting from South Run Recreation Center NLT 9:00 a.m. and finishing by 11:30 a.m.
  + YPT in effect – Every unit must have two registered, YPT current adults on hike.
  + Participating units must supply a third adult to help staff event.
  + Units must use the buddy system and account for all participants at start and end of hike – stay together!
  + Scouts working on Second Class can hike an additional piece of the trail to complete a five-mile hike.
  + Cost is $5.00 per person.
  + Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-67922>
  + Option 2 - Unit or Personal Hiking during a two-week period.
  + For individuals/units that have a conflict/can’t attend the District Hike on Saturday, May 20
  + Hike at ANY time during the May 12 to May 21 period.
  + Hiking can be done with a unit, with family or with friends.
  + Hiking can be done anywhere – national/state park, local park, neighborhood, etc.
  + There is no upper or lower limit on distance.
  + Remember to report results to [burnsmj509@gmail.com](mailto:burnsmj509@gmail.com).
  + Register to receive a patch. Cost is $5.00 per patch.
  + Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-68269>
  + Option 3 – Hike when and where you want but get no patch. Please report your hours.
* Staff do not need to register.  
  **Jamboree on the Trail /Matt B**
* May 13, 2023
* An international event - Inaugural hike was in 1998.
* The only requirement is to get out and hike. Scouts of all ages can hike.
* Register by March 31 to be certain of getting patches by May 13.
* Register at: <https://jamboreeonthetrail.org/registration/>
* **2023 Elks Youth Recognition Dinner /Matt B**
* For youth that earned Eagle in 2022 (i.e., their Eagle Board of Review was held in the 2022 calendar year) and their Scoutmasters. Each will receive a certificate.
* Thursday, May 25, 2023 (please try to RSVP by 05/10/23)
* Elks Lodge 2188, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, VA.
* Will need unit leader help in contacting Scouts and obtaining an RSVP.
* Scoutmaster are invited at no cost to them.
* **Flags In /Rus P**
* May 29, 2023, at 10:00am – Pizza at noon!
* National Memorial Park, 7482 Lee Highway, Falls Church
* All Scouts and family’s welcome!
* Class A uniform
* For more information contact Russell Pittman at [ruspittman@gmail.com](mailto:ruspittman@gmail.com)
* **Merit Badges /John D**
* Every merit badge counselor needs to be on the District Charter. The time for action is NOW!
* The online Merit Badge Counselor [registration](https://my.scouting.org/VES/OnlineReg/1.0.0/?tu=UF-MB-082gm23) works for all Scouters who do not already hold another District position.
* New Merit Badge Counselors must complete online merit badge counselor training, in addition to YPT. Be sure the counselor uses his/her legal name – no nicknames.
* Merit Badge Counselors, or the unit Dean/Leader, also need to scan and send Margee the Merit Badge application form listing the badges the counselor is applying to teach and providing a justification of his/her qualifications.
* Youth Protection Training is the essential first step. Don’t hit “send” on the application without it!
* Contact Margee if you have questions at [GM.MB.Dean@hotmail.com](mailto:GM.MB.Dean@hotmail.com).
* **Training (**[**https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/training**](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/training)**) /Roy D**
* **Cub Leader Position Specific Training (C40)/Cub Scout Den Leader Specific Training (C42)**
  + [02/18/23 – Alexandria, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-67312)
  + [03/25/23 – Alexandria, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-67313)
  + [04/29/23 – Alexandria, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-67314)
  + [05/06/23 – Herndon, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-66991)
  + [05/20/23 – Alexandria, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-67318)
* ***Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO; C32)***
  + [03/03/23 – 03/04/23 – Stafford, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-65620)
  + [03/25/23 – 03/26/23 – Boyce, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-SullyIOLSMarch2023)
  + [04/15/23 – 04/16/23 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-PWDBALOOApr2023)
  + [04/15/23 – 04/16/23 – Spotsylvania Courthouse, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-67478)
  + [05/12/23 – 05/13/23 – Huntingtown, MD](https://scoutingevent.com/082-wsdiolsbaloo)
* **Scoutmaster Position Specific Training (S24)**
  + [02/04/23 – Burke, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-PatriotSMSTSping23)
  + [02/18/23 – Alexandria, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-67308)
  + [03/25/23 – Alexandria, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-67309)
  + [04/29/23 – Alexandria, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-67310)
  + [05/20/23 – Alexandria, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-67317)
* **Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS, S11)**
* [03/25/23 – 03/26/23 – Boyce, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-SullyIOLSMarch2023)
* [05/12/23 – 05/13/23 – Huntingtown, MD](https://scoutingevent.com/082-wsdiolsbaloo)
* **Back Country Outdoor Leadership Skills (BCOLS) *-***[03/04/23 – Huntingtown, MD](https://scoutingevent.com/082-64984)
* **National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT; S78)**
* [06/18/23 – 06/23/23 – Session 23-2 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](http://www.mynylt.org/)
* [06/25/23 – 06/30/23 – Session 23-3 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](http://www.mynylt.org/)
* [07/23/23 – 07/28/23 – Session 23-4 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](http://www.mynylt.org/)
* [07/23/23 – 07/28/23 – Session 23-5 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](http://www.mynylt.org/)
* **Mental Health First Aid** <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hscode/ereg/Registration.aspx?groupID=47>
* **Stop the Bleed** – Fairfax Fire Rescue Academy is interested in hosting a Stop the Bleed class for units. Participants must be 12 years old or older. Contact [Jeff Walker](mailto:walker_jefferson@bah.com).
* **University of Scouting –** 02/25/23 – Alexandria, VA <https://scoutingevent.com/082-UoS2023>
* **Wilderness First Aid (N02) -** [02/25/23 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-63545) (Waitlist)
* **Wood Badge (A90)** <https://www.ncacbsa.org/wood-badge/>
* 03/31/23 – 04/02/23 & 04/22/23 – 04/23/23
* 05/05/23 – 05/07/23 & 06/03/23 – 06/04/23
* 09/08/23 - 09/10/23 & 10/07/23 – 10/08/23
* **Mental Health First Aid /Jeff W**
* Took Fairfax-Falls Church Community Service Board MHFA. Two hours online; two three-hour classes in person.
* Couse was helpful and informative in many ways:
* Recognize a youth suffering from MH challenges or in crisis
* Provided practical actions to take in an attempt to help
* Made clear that we are not there to “fix the problem” but to guide the youth to appropriate resources – could be parents, peers, counselors, MH practitioners, or even police (in certain cases).
* Encourage the course for all Scout Leaders and Parents
* Things to try:
* Maintain a sense of community for the unit and alumni
* Alumni event – maybe a cookout or camping event a few times/year
* Document Eagle Projects – both to showcase the legacy and maintain if needed
* Guest speakers
* [Stanley-Brown Safety Plan](https://www.sprc.org/resources-programs/stanley-brown-safety-plan) for suicide prevention
* Scoutmaster Minute – Recognize individuals/share great news
* Other Classes: [QPR Suicide Prevention Training](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/community-services-board/prevention/qpr) and [Revive](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/community-services-board/heroin-opioids/revive) (opioid overdose treatment)
* **Scholarships**
* Deadlines Approaching!!!
* BSA Scholarship page - <https://www.scouting.org/awards/scholarships/>
* American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year – Deadline is February 15, 2023 – Apply to local Legion Post. Open to Scouts in units sponsored by an American Legion Post or who have a parent or grandparent that is a member of the Legion. Applications at: <https://www.legion.org/scouting/nominate>
* **Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams Award**
* Recognizes a noteworthy Eagle Scout Service Project.
* Deadline is February 17, 2023
* Anyone can make a nomination. [ADAMS-NATIONAL-EAGLE-SCOUT-SERVICE-PROJECT-OF-THE-YEAR-NOMINATION-FORM.pdf (nesa.org)](http://nesa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/ADAMS-NATIONAL-EAGLE-SCOUT-SERVICE-PROJECT-OF-THE-YEAR-NOMINATION-FORM.pdf)
* Scout must sign application to document their “consent.”
* Also needs an electronic copy of the project workbook.
* Some nominations include video.
* Winners can receive:
* $500 at the Council level.
* $500 at the Regional (Northeast) level.
* $2,500 for National winner.
* **GM High Adventure /Brian H**

[NCAC High Adventure Committee (HAC)](https://www.ncacbsa.org/high-adventure/) updates and announcements:

High Adventure Bases

- Northern Tier (<https://www.ntier.org/register/>)

- Winter 2023 and Summer 2023 – some Crew slots still open.

- 2024 reservations open. Most Crew Slots are filled.

- Philmont (<https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/register/2023availability/>)

- 2023 a few Crew slots are available. Check for vacancies among units.

- 2024 Lottery is over. Almost all Crew slots are full. May find open vacancies among

Unit Treks.

- Seabase (<https://www.bsaseabase.org/scouts/register/>)

- Some 2023 availability https://www.bsaseabase.org/scouts/register/ “

- 2024 Reservations open. Most Crew slots are gone.

- Summit (<https://www.summitbsa.org/registration/>)

- Some Crew slots left in 2023.  2023 and 2024 ATV treks full. 2024 registration is open now.

Training

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

03/04/23; 03/25/23; 04/15/23 – Holy Cross Lutheran, Herndon, VA

- Philmont

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

03/25/23 – Skills Training (Zoom)

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

* **Shooting Sports /Brian S**
* Archery Level 1 Instructor training – 04/01/23 online then practical at Camp Snyder.
* Requests for Shooting Events – Lead Time!
* Notice needed for SSC: 50+ scouts - 6mos; Less than 50 scouts - 3mos
* Shooting on private land:
* Requirements
* Permissions/protocols
* Shooting Sports [web page](https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/shooting-sports/)
* Shooting Sports Instructor Classes:
* [Rifle/Shotgun](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/merit-badges/rifle-shotgun-training/)
* [Archery](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/merit-badges/archery-training/) (Virtual classes available)
* Contact for finishing Shooting Sports MB Partials [brian.summers@verizon.net](mailto:brian.summers@verizon.net)
* **Fishing**
* *Scout Life* magazine surveys have indicated that 71% of Cub Scouts are interested in learning to Fish. Additional survey reports that Fishing was the number one activity for attracting Cub Scouts. BSA Scouting Fishing Web Site: <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/fishing/>
* Events Nearby:
* 03/18/23 – [Kids Trout Fishing Derby](https://www.herndon-va.gov/recreation/special-events/kids-trout-fishing-derby), behind the Herndon Police Station, Herndon, VA – [Map](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Runnymede+Park/@38.9727862,-77.3716458,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x89b637f1ae3dcdcd:0x3badec345d58d7d6!8m2!3d38.9727862!4d-77.3694571?hl=en) (Pre-registration required; $9/angler)
* 03/25/23 - [Family Fishing Rodeo](https://www.viennava.gov/residents/concerts-and-events/fishing-rodeo), Wildwood Park, 700 block of Follin Lane, SE, Vienna, VA – [Map](https://www.google.com/maps/place/38%C2%B054'16.4%22N+77%C2%B014'49.4%22W/@38.9045541,-77.2476182,19z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m6!3m5!1s0x0:0xcb272fc3ccea1eec!7e2!8m2!3d38.9045532!4d-77.2470551?hl=en) (Pre-registration required; $5/angler)
* 03/25/23 – Kids Trout Fishing Day, Snakeden Branch stream off Soapstone Drive, Reston, VA
* 05/06/23 - IWLA Annual Picnic and Fishing Derby for Children/Adults with Disabilities, Centreville, VA (10am – 2pm; [pmearaiwla@gmail.com](mailto:pmearaiwla@gmail.com) for more info)
* 06/02/23 – 06/04/23 – [Free Fishing Days](https://dwr.virginia.gov/fishing/free-fishing-days/), All of Virginia
* Various March – June - [DWR Kids Fishing Days Web Site](https://dwr.virginia.gov/events/kids-fishing-days/) (updating for 2023 soon)
* Camp Snyder Fishing Pond (behind cabins) – Packs/Troops can schedule
* **Other Activities**
  + Sundays (8am) – [Dyke Marsh Bird Walks](https://fodm.org/), Alexandria, VA
  + 03/11/23 – [Second Saturday Sungazing](https://airandspace.si.edu/whats-on/events/second-saturday-sungazing-4) (11am), Chantilly, VA
  + 03/11/23 – 03/12/23- [Model Train Show and MB](https://www.troop964.org/) (10am), Woodbridge, VA
  + 04/22/23 – [National Park Week Kickoff](https://www.fxva.com/event/free-admission-for-kickoff-to-national-park-week/28264/) (free admission), Great Falls, VA
  + 04/29/23 – [Stargazing at the Udvar-Hazy Center](https://www.fxva.com/event/stargazing-at-the-udvar-hazy-center/37794/), Chantilly, VA
  + 04/30/23 – [Scout Days at National Park](https://www.mlb.com/nationals/tickets/specials/scout-days) (Nats vs Pirates), Washington, DC
  + Apr – Nov – [Park Habitat Restoration Work Days](https://www.viennava.gov/residents/parks-recreation/park-habitat-restoration-workday) , Vienna, VA
  + May – Embassy Tours – Washington, DC
  + 05/19/23 – 05/20/23 – [McLean Days](https://www.fxva.com/event/mclean-day-2022/22189/), McLean, VA
  + 05/20/23 – Scout Day at DC United
  + 05/27/23 – 05/30/23 – [Viva Vienna](https://vivavienna.org/), Vienna, VA
  + 05/29/23 - [Falls Church Memorial Day Parade](https://www.fallschurchva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3142/Memorial-Day-Parade-Application) (1pm), Falls Church, VA
  + June/July/Aug (Tues, 10am) – [Kids on the Green](https://www.viennava.gov/residents/concerts-and-events/kids-on-the-green), Vienna, VA
* **Order of the Arrow / Brandon G & Mary N**
* Pinewood Derby (03/25/23) – Need members to support this event
* Spring Fellowship (04/14/23-04/16/23) – Lodge elections; event is at Camp Snyder
* Ordeal (04/28/23) – Need youth/adults for the cook crew
* Camporee (05/05/23-05/07/23) – Need volunteers to help with Pioneering and Scout Skills
  + Service Hour Reporting (<http://wipit470.org/service-hour-reporting.html>)
* Online form for reporting all O/A service hours performed at the Troop/Crew/Ship level (all service hours worked for the Lodge or at Ordeals are recorded by event staff). This will help with tracking hours for Golden Tooth and other related awards.
* You can submit a report per event using a [spreadsheet format](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/9SSncLFUB4q1LdWgcV5Bed3X). It should be sent to [operations@wipit470.org](mailto:operations@wipit470.org)
* Elections – (2) Completed; (3) No eligible youth; Need rest of units to schedule/hold elections.
* **General Announcements** 
  + Fire Academy Post – County ran out of fund. Feel free to personally lobby the county/fire chief for this. Significant numbers of fire/rescue personnel will retire in the next few years. This is one way for them to recruit.
  + Bookmarks from the Lundin Family – Will bring bookmarks to the next roundtable
  + T987 Bar-b-que sale – Tonight is the last night to order to prepare for the Superbowl day pickup.
  + Venture Crew – T978B/G is submitting paperwork to start a Venture Crew. Contact if interested.
  + Iron Chef – T1978B is having an Iron Chef event. Webelos welcome. Tuesday, 02/14/23 at 7:30pm at St. Mark’s
* **District Executive /Liz K**
  + Background – Went to Villanova. Have a business background.
  + Excited to learn about scouting and work with all of you.
  + Reach out if you need anything – [Elizabeth.kohler@scouting.org](mailto:Elizabeth.kohler@scouting.org) or 301-2149147
* **District Chair Minute /John K**
  + Camp Wall Presentation – Glenn, thanks for the great presentation
  + New District Executive – Liz, welcome aboard
  + New High Adventure Representative – Brian, great start! Thanks for accepting this position.
  + District Charter Renewal – Submitted and almost completed. Few issues to resolve.
  + Recognition – This time of year, with bridging, DCOH, other award programs, etc. is a good time to recognize your adult volunteers. Be sure to submit the needed information so that they can be recognized for all they do for your unit.
  + Recruiting – Most units, especially the Packs, did their recruiting in the fall. However, recruiting can be a year-round activity. Look for ways to recruit during the spring!
* **District Commissioner Minute / Rus P**
* STEM – Had some late additions to the STEM calendar. Will add to the email with minutes.
* Retention – Had some questions last month about scout retention year-over-year. The statistics will be available next week. Will present at the March Roundtable.
* Bridging Scout Records – It is difficult, if not impossible, to update a Cub Scout’s records after they transfer to a Troop. Please be sure to update all advancement records, especially the AOL, before the Troop accepts the transfer.
* Thank you – Thanks to Keenan for all the support during our time without a District Executive. Looking forward to working with Liz.
* We want to help – Please let us know how your Unit Commissioners can assist.
* ***Minutes and slides -*** *Available on the* [*GMD web site*](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/roundtable/) *(District Resources, Roundtable). Password is “GMDRT”*
  + ***Next meeting*** *– March 9, 2023, Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA at 7*:30pm