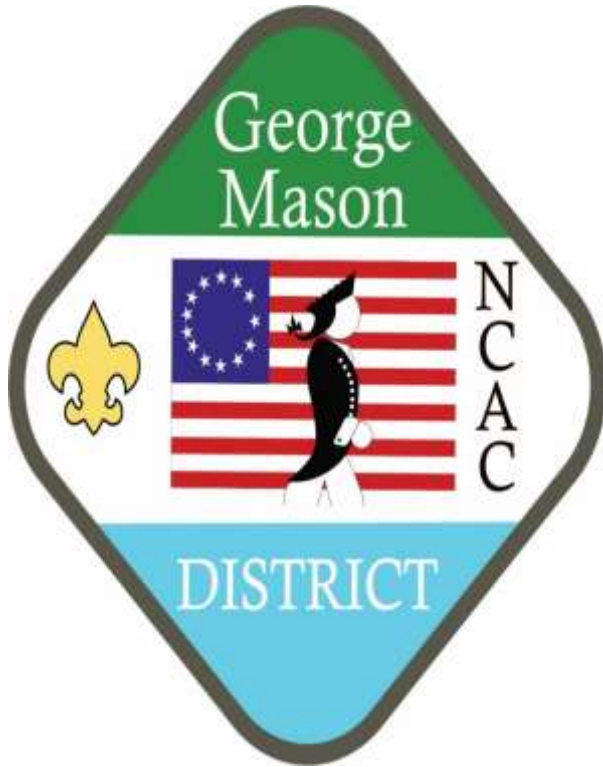




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Welcome to this edition of the George Mason District Press. We e-mail this out bi-monthly to the BSA registered leaders in George Mason District; unit leaders and merit badge counselors – those who have their current YPT.

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.

**Trivia: Who are the three highest-ranking youth leaders in the Boy Scouts of America today?**

**Which one is from Reston, Virginia?**

Please plan to attend the 3/12/2020 – Roundtable/OA Chapter Meetings (7:30pm RT/OA), Thoreau Middle School, Vienna, VA

Save the Date: April 2 7pm - George Mason Court of Honor

USEFUL LINKS:

[NCAC Council Website](#)

[National BSA](#)

[National Order of the Arrow](#)

[wipit470.org](http://wipit470.org)



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## Calendar of Events – Links included if available

- 03/07/2020 – GM Life to Eagle seminar Christ Lutheran Church, Fairfax, VA. see Flier below
- 03/07/2020 – [Northern Tier High Adventure Bases Training](#), Fairfax VA – see Flier below
- 03/10/2020 - GM Commissioner's Meeting (7:30pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA
- 03/12/2020 - Roundtable/OA Chapter Meetings (7:30pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA
- 03/14/2020 - GM District Merit Badge Fair (8:30am) – Fairfax Presbyterian Church, Fairfax, VA
- 03/14/2020 - Commissioner's College, Holy Spirit, Fairfax, VA [Online registration is available now.](#)
- 03/14/2020 - [40km Carpe Adventure Trek](#), Alexandria, VA
- 03/21/2020 - GM District Pinewood Derby – Fairfax Presbyterian Church, Fairfax, VA. – see Flier Below
- 03/25/2020 – District Committee (7:15pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA
- 04/02/2020 - District COH/Roundtable (7:00pm) - Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA
- 04/02/2020 - OA Chapter Meetings (7:30pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA
- 04/14/2020 - GM Commissioner's Meeting (7:30pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA
- 04/17-19/2020 – Amangamek-Wipit Lodge Spring Fellowship, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA - <http://wipit470.org/spring-fellowship.html>
- 04/25-26/2020 - [Bullseye Family Camping 2020](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA – see Flier Below
- 04/29/2020 – District Committee (7:15pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA
- 05/01-03/2020 - Spring George Mason/Patriot Chapter Ordeal at Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 05/01-03/2020 - George Mason Spring 2020 Camporee (STEM Theme), Site TBD
- 05/12/2020 - GM Commissioner's Meeting (7:30pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA
- 05/14/2020 - Program Launch/Roundtable/OA Chapter Meetings (7:00pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA
- 05/15-17/2020 – Amangamek-Wipit Lodge Conclave, Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation, Whiteford, MD <https://www.ne6a.org/conclave.html>
- 05/23-24/2020 - [Bullseye Family Camping II 5/23/2020](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA – see Flier Below



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05/25/2020 - **Flags-In (Memorial Day)**, National Memorial Park, Falls Church, VA – see Flier Below

05/27/2020 – District Committee (7:15pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA

06/09/2020 - GM Commissioner's Meeting (7:30pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA

06/11/2020 - Roundtable/OA Chapter Meetings (7:30pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA

06/20-21/2020 – Colonial District Spring IOLS/BALOO, Gunston Hall, Mason Neck, VA – see Flier Below

06/21-26/2020 - **NYLT**, Cheltenham, MD – see Flier Below

06/24/2020 – District Committee (7:15pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA

06/28-7/3/2020 - **NYLT**, Cheltenham, MD – see Flier Below

07/06-09/2020 - Camp Snyder Cub Scout Day Camp Day Camp 1, Haymarket, VA – see Flier Below

07/10-12/2020 - Camp Snyder Cub Scout Resident Weekends Weekend 1, Haymarket, VA – see Flier Below

07/13-17/2020 - Camp Snyder Webelos Resident Week, Haymarket, VA – see Flier Below

07/17-19/2020 - Camp Snyder Cub Scout Resident Weekends Weekend 2, Haymarket, VA – see Flier Below

07/20-23/2020 - Camp Snyder Cub Scout Day Camp, Day Camp 2 STEM, Haymarket, VA – see Flier Below

07/26-31/2020 - **NYLT**, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA – see Flier Below

07/27-30/2020 - Camp Snyder Cub Scout Day Camp Day Camp 3, Haymarket, VA – see Flier Below

07/31-08/02/2020 - Camp Snyder Cub Scout Resident Weekends STEM Weekend, Haymarket, VA – see Flier Below

08/01-08/2020 – National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) Michigan State University, MI

<http://wipit470.org/noac.html>

08/03-07/2020 - Camp Snyder Cub Scout Resident Week, Haymarket, VA

08/02-07/2020 - **NYLT**, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA – see Flier Below



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08/07-09/2020 - Camp Snyder Cub Scout Resident Weekends 2020 Weekend 3, Haymarket, VA – see Flier Below

08/10-15/2020 - **NYLT**, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA (Sunday Friendly) – see Flier Below

09/08/2020 - GM Commissioner's Meeting (7:30pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA

09/10/2020 - Roundtable/OA Chapter Meetings (7:30pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA

09/12/2020 - 09/13/2020 - STEM Family Camping, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA – see Flier Below

09/18-20/2020 – Amangamek-Wipit Lodge Fall Fellowship, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

09/24/2020 – District Committee (7:15pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA

10/08/2020 - Roundtable/OA Chapter Meetings (7:30pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA

10/13/2020 - GM Commissioner's Meeting (7:30pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA

10/16/2020 - 10/18/2020 - Fall Camporee (Location and Theme TBD)

10/22/2020 – District Committee (7:15pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA

10/24/2020 - Cub Expo and Family Camping, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA – see Flier Below

11/07/2020 - Scouting for Food (Tags)

11/10/2020 - GM Commissioner's Meeting (7:30pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA

11/12/2020 - Roundtable/OA Chapter Meetings (7:30pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA

11/07/2020 – NCAC Scouting for Food – distribute bags/notifications

11/10/2020 - Flags-In (Veterans Day), National Memorial Park, Falls Church, VA

11/14/2020 – NCAC Scouting for Food – Pick up food and delivery to Local Pantry

11/19/2020 – District Committee (7:15pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA

11/21/2020 - Webelos and Scout Expo, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA – see Flier Below

12/08/2020 - GM Commissioner's Meeting (7:30pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA

12/10/2020 - Roundtable/OA Chapter Meetings (7:30pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA

12/17/2020 – District Committee (7:15pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA



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## 2020 George Mason Pinewood Derby

- **March 21, 2020**
- **Fairfax Presbyterian Church, 10723 Main St., Fairfax.**
- **First heat at 9:00 a.m.**

For questions, contact Daniel Aronowitz at [aronowitz.Daniel@gmail.com](mailto:aronowitz.Daniel@gmail.com)



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## GEORGE MASON DISTRICT'S

### LIFE TO EAGLE SEMINAR

**Saturday, 7 March 2020**

1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church, 3810 Meredith Drive,  
Fairfax, VA. Check-in starts at 12:30 p.m.

#### Topics Include:

Service project selection/approval  
Details of the on-line Project Workbook  
Scouts with special needs

Eagle Scout Rank application  
Eagle Board of Review  
Eagle Court of Honor

**HIGHLIGHT: Panel discussion featuring recent Eagle Scouts**

Registration applications must be received by **Monday, 2 March 2020**

Fees (\$3 per person) will be collected at check-in. Registrations are requested to ensure adequate handouts and refreshments. Mail or E-mail registrations to:

Mr. Jim Miller, 4405 San Marcos Dr., Fairfax, Va. 22030  
703-273-6101      E-mail: [miljwpa@aol.com](mailto:miljwpa@aol.com)

Any questions contact Jack Lundin at 703-938-0369.

#### 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

**Location of church:** Meredith Dr. intersects Lee Highway (Route 29) west of Paul VI High School. There is a Mobile service station on the northwest corner of the intersection. The church is located behind the service station.

**In case of inclement weather, we will follow Fairfax County schools.**



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## George Mason District's Court of Honor

Thursday, 2 April 2019 7:00 p.m.

Thoreau Middle School

Cedar St. Vienna

### Recognize those who support your unit:

- Scout units – Boy Led but Adult Fed. Thank the adults that “feed” your unit.
- Unit retention increases when engaged leaders are recognized.
- District offers two opportunities to recognize active adult volunteers.

### Two District awards for Unit Leaders

- **Unit Scouter Award** – Outstanding service at unit level.  
Normally one per unit.  
Unit Commissioner must approve unit’s nomination.  
After approval by Unit Commissioner, send to [gm.adultrecognition@gmail.com](mailto:gm.adultrecognition@gmail.com).  
**Deadline is 11 March 2019.**
- **Unit Appreciation Award** – For service benefiting the unit.  
Criteria is broad. Could be long and distinguished service or noteworthy job on a single event.  
Unit not limited on number of awards, but service should be noteworthy.  
Send nominations to [gm.adultrecognition@gmail.com](mailto:gm.adultrecognition@gmail.com).  
**Deadline is 11 March 2019.**
- For both awards, include the recipient’s e-mail address and two sentences of their accomplishments
- Strongly encourage the recipients to attend the District Court of Honor. Your recognition will mean more if they are there to hear the applause!



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## George Mason District Congratulates Julia Mae-Shen Lesko for receiving the Silver Buffalo Award

The **Silver Buffalo Award** is the **national-level** distinguished service award of the **Boy Scouts of America**. It is presented for noteworthy and extraordinary service to youth on a national basis, either as part of, or independent of the Scouting program. The award is made by the National Court of Honor and the recipient need not be a registered member of the BSA.



Julia Mae-Shen Lesko and former National Commissioner Charles Dahlquist







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## NCAC Commissioner College



Saturday, March 14, 2020

[Online registration is available now.](#)

**Saturday, March 14, 2020** is the 2020 National Capital Area Council **College of Commissioner Service** at Holy Spirit School in **Annandale, Virginia**.

Our College of Commissioner Service is a fun-filled day **open to everyone** interested in training, networking and fellowship, and information on the latest Scouting developments. Whether you are a **veteran commissioner** with years of experience, a **brand-new commissioner** about to start your new role, or a **parent interested in learning more about Scouting**—this event has plenty to offer everyone.

This annual event is modeled after a traditional college with opportunities to earn a Bachelor's, Master's, or Doctorate "degree"; to engage in Continuing Education; to complete Unit Commissioner Basic Training; or to just come hear from our keynote lunch speaker **BSA National Commissioner Ellie Morrison**.

In addition to being our keynote lunch speaker, Ellie Morrison will be presenting a course on **Servant Leadership, BSC 109 – The Essential Element: A Servant's Heart**.

And for the first time, we will be offering the new **Masters in Roundtable** curriculum as well as the newly updated **Bachelors in Roundtable** curriculum with courses presented by instructors from the **BSA National Commissioner Service Task Force**.

You can expect a fantastic day packed full of solid learning experiences along with many great opportunities to share ideas, network, and enjoy Scouting fellowship.

[Online registration is available now.](#) We look forward to seeing you at Commissioner College on **March 14th!**



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## Training Opportunities

### Cub Scout:

- **Position Specific:**
  - 05/02/20 - [Cub Scout Leader Specific Training](#), Herndon, VA
  - 12/05/20 - [Cub Scout Leader Specific Training](#), Gaithersburg, MD
- **BALOO:**
  - 03/20/20 - [Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation \(BALOO\)](#), Fredericksburg, VA
  - 05/06/20 & 05/15/20 - [Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation \(BALOO\)](#), Gaithersburg, MD
  - 06/20/20 - [Basic Adult Leadership Outdoor Orientation \(BALOO\)](#), Lorton, VA

### Scout:

- **Position Specific**
  - 03/07/20 - [Scoutmaster Position - Specific Training](#), Gaithersburg, MD
  - 03/28/20 - [Scoutmaster Position - Specific Training](#), Alexandria, VA
  - 04/18/20 - [Scoutmaster Position - Specific Training](#), Alexandria, VA
  - 05/16/20 - [Scoutmaster Position - Specific Training](#), Alexandria, VA
  - 06/13/20 - [Scoutmaster Position - Specific Training](#), Alexandria, VA
- **IOLS:**
  - 05/06/20 & 05/15/20 - [IOLS](#), Gaithersburg, MD
  - 05/15/29 - [IOLS](#), Stafford, VA
  - 06/20/20 - [IOLS](#), Lorton, VA
- **BCOLS:**
  - 03/14/20 - [Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills \(BCOLS\)](#), Huntington, MD (Overnight - 04/25/20 - Prince Frederick, MD)
- **COR:**
  - 02/08/20 - [Chartered Organization Representative \(COR\) Training](#), Stafford, VA

### District Commissioners:

- 03/07/20 - [Commissioners Basic Training/Roundtable Commissioners](#), Gaithersburg, MD
- 03/14/20 - [Commissioner's College](#), Holy Spirit, Fairfax, VA
- 09/26/20 - [Commissioners Basic Training/Roundtable Commissioners](#), Gaithersburg, MD

### Miscellaneous:

#### *Community Emergency Response Training*

- Fairfax County [CERT](#) training – adults take your Emergency Prep to the next level by attending the CERT. CERT is always looking for youth volunteers for their drills and exercises (Easy way to do requirement 7a for the Emergency Preparedness MB.)- Contact: [Jeffrey Katz](#) (Volunteer Liaison, 703-246-3926)



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## ***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)

## ***High Adventure Bases Training – more info found further down***

- Philmont Skills Training for Advisors/Crews, Arlington, Va - [03/14/20](#)
- Northern Tier High Adventure Bases Training, Fairfax, Va. - [03/07/20](#), [03/28/20](#), [04/25/20](#)

## ***National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) – see NYLT Flier***

- 06/21/20 - 06/26/20 - [NYLT](#), Cheltenham, MD
- 06/28/20 - 07/03/20 - [NYLT](#), Cheltenham, MD
- 07/26/20 - 07/31/20 - [NYLT](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 08/02/20 - 08/07/20 - [NYLT](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 08/10/20 - 08/15/20 - [NYLT](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

## ***Outdoor Ethics/Leave No Trace Trainer Course***

- 03/28/20 - [Leave No Trace Trainer Course](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 04/18/20 - [Leave No Trace Trainer Course](#), Gaithersburg, MD
- 06/06/20 - [Leave No Trace Trainer Course](#), Bryans Road, MD

**Powderhorn:** 08/28/20 - [Powderhorn](#), Newburg, MD

## ***Wilderness First Aid/CPR/AED***

- 03/13/20 - [Wilderness First Aid/CPR/AED](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 04/17/20 - [Wilderness First Aid/CPR/AED](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 05/15/20 - [Wilderness First Aid/CPR/AED](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

**Den Chief Training:** 03/14/20 - [Den Chief Training](#), Herndon, VA



Be a Den Chief! A Den Chief is a youth leader who assists a Cub Scout or Webelos Scout den. If you are already a Den Chief, would like to be one, or serve as an adult Cub Scout Leader and want to learn more about Den Chiefs, don't miss this training event!

During the course, you will learn all about your Den Chief job. You will learn how to make friends with Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts. You will have fun, learn leadership skills, play games, and take part in activities that help you know better what you are to do in the weekly meetings of your den. Whether or not you were a Cub Scout, you will be helped by this

activity-packed day.

This training is open to any scout in Scouts BSA or Venturing/Sea Scouts who wants to serve as a Den Chief. We do recommend scouts be active in a scouting unit beyond the Cub Scout level for at least one year before serving as Den Chiefs.



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## POSITION-SPECIFIC TRAINING – Committee Chair, Cubmaster, and Den Leader (including Lion Guides) positions

This training is a one-stop opportunity to avoid lengthy online position-specific training and instead obtain necessary training in one, efficient session. Please attend if possible.

**Who:** All Adult Leaders and future potentials

**What:** Leader/Position Specific Training (Den Leader, Cubmaster, Committee & all Assistants). Pizza will served. Please advise regarding any dietary restrictions, and we will try to accommodate.

**When:** 23 March 2020 @ 6:30 pm (~3 hours). We will start promptly.

**Where:** Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Counsel Room, 8601 Wolftrap Road, Vienna, Virginia.

**Why:** Receive training on adult leader position (C40, C42, C60)

In order to minimize additional time away from your family, George Mason District is teaching a consolidated class to complete three courses (in the time normally required for just one) that will take care of the only in-class training requirements. In this single class hosted by Pack 976, trainers will cover Den Leader (C42), Cubmaster (C40), and Council Member (C60) Position Specific Training. It will not only build upon your current leadership position knowledge, it will also cover any future position you may transition to. Additionally, it will help provide an understanding of what is expected of your fellow Pack leaders to gain a better appreciation of all the hard work they do for each of us.

Uniform: Class As (preferred)

Cost: There is no registration fee. Pack 976 will provide pizza during the training session.

**Please RSVP NLT:** 18 March 2020.

RSVP to: Pack 976 Pack Trainer, Timothy McConville, [timothy.mcconville@praemialaw.com](mailto:timothy.mcconville@praemialaw.com), with a copy to George Mason District Training Chair Roy DeLauder, [eaglescout.roy@cox.net](mailto:eaglescout.roy@cox.net). Questions on the night of the training, please call or text Tim McConville at 703-624-1776.

Please provide your BSA Number to Tim McConville when you RSVP so we can ensure the training is properly credited to your training record.

Thank you for being a trained leader.



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## Colonial District Spring 2020 IOLS/BALOO Pre-requisites

Please see some important notes related to Colonial's IOLS and BALOO Trainings scheduled for **June 20, 2020** Gunston Hall. The overnight session will run from **Saturday, June 20 beginning at 11:00 AM** through **Sunday, June 21 at 3:00 p.m.** <https://www.ncacbsa.org/colonial/training/spring-2019-iols-baloo-pre-requisites/>

Please note: There is no classroom session. The entire IOLS/BALOO course will be provided at Gunston Hall.

**Registration link still needs to be created.**

### Prerequisites for Colonial's Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) and Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)

All prerequisites can be found on [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) ==> <https://my.scouting.org/dashboard-legacy> under "Expanded Learning"

- **Prerequisites for IOLS:** The BSA Hazardous Weather training is required of all new leaders (as of April 2018). The Hazardous Weather training is not a video; it is a programmed learning product that requires viewer interactive responses to complete it.
- **Prerequisites for BALOO (in two parts):** Leaders seeking this certification must complete:

#### ***Part One— The BSA Safety Modules:***

Hazardous Weather  
Safety Afloat  
Safe Swim Defense  
Drive Safe

#### ***Part Two— The Nationally-required on-line BALOO modules (Requires My.Scouting login)***

[Introduction to Cub Scout Outdoor Program](#)

[Pack Camping Program](#)

[Planning Your Cub Scout Outdoor Event](#)

[Planning Your Event](#)

Questions may be directed to [Dominick Caridi](#).



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## Experience Camp William B. Snyder, Haymarket, VA

Located in Prince William County Virginia, Camp William B. Snyder encompasses 350-acres including a managed wetland. A premier camping location within the National Capital Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America our facility has been open to Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers and community organizations since 2006. Whether you come to camp, enjoy a high-quality outdoor program or need a place to stay while visiting DC we are here for you.

## 2020 Day Camp

Come experience all the fun that Camp has to offer. Day camp runs from Monday – Thursday for three weeks this summer. This camp experience runs from 9:30am – 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.



Thank you for choosing Camp William B. Snyder for Summer Day Camp. Our Day Camp Sessions run from Monday morning - Thursday afternoon. We offer 3 Day Camp sessions per summer.

All sessions of camp feature summer camp favorites such as BB's, Archery, slingshots and Aquatics.

Sessions 1 & 3 offer handicrafts, nature, field games and more.

Session 2 has a STEM (ScienceTechnologyEngineeringMath) focus.

If you have any questions, please contact the camp at [Camp.Snyder@Scouting.org](mailto:Camp.Snyder@Scouting.org)

07/06-09/2020 - [Camp Snyder Cub Scout Day Camp 2020](#) Day Camp 1, Haymarket, VA

07/20-23/2020 - [Camp Snyder Cub Scout Day Camp 2020](#), Day Camp 2 STEM, Haymarket, VA

07/27-30/2020 - [Camp Snyder Cub Scout Day Camp 2020](#) Day Camp 3, Haymarket, VA

## 2020 Resident Weekends

Want to come to camp but don't have lots of time? Weekend Resident Camp is your bite sized overnight camping program. Get all the elements of Camp in a high intensity fun filled weekend.

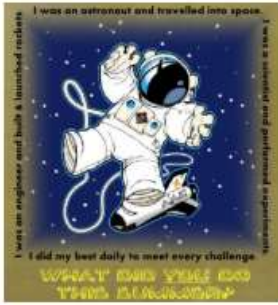
Sleep in a camp tent, eat in the dining hall, experience a great campfire program from morning until night. Sessions run from Friday at 9:00am to Sunday at 9:00am, and feature 2 nights of overnight camping. Meals are provided starting with Friday lunch through Sunday continental breakfast.



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Thank you for choosing Camp William B. Snyder Summer Resident Weekend Camp. Our Resident Weekend Sessions run from Friday morning - Sunday morning. If you have a flex Friday you and your scout can come to camp!

We offer 4 Resident Weekend sessions per summer.

All sessions feature camp favorites such as BB's, Archery and Aquatics.

Sessions 1, 2 & 4 will also feature handicrafts, nature, field games and more.

Session 3 features a STEM focus in addition to camp favorites.

If you have any questions, please contact the camp at [Camp.Snyder@Scouting.org](mailto:Camp.Snyder@Scouting.org)

07/10-12/2020 - [Camp Snyder Cub Scout Resident Weekends 2020](#) Weekend 1, Haymarket, VA

07/17-19/2020 - [Camp Snyder Cub Scout Resident Weekends 2020](#) Weekend 2, Haymarket, VA

07/31-08/02/2020 - [Camp Snyder Cub Scout Resident Weekends 2020](#) STEM Weekend, Haymarket, VA

08/07-09/2020 - [Camp Snyder Cub Scout Resident Weekends 2020](#) Weekend 3, Haymarket, VA

## Cub Scout Resident Week 8/3-7/2020

Is family scouting your thing? Do you want an opportunity to camp overnight and to be able to do it with more than one of your scouts? Cub Scout Resident camp is for YOU! Does your Tiger, Wolf or Bear like to camp just as much as your Webelos? Now they can! Cub resident week is a full summer camp experience for all ages. This program is a four-night overnight program open to all levels of Cubs from Tiger up. (Tigers must have their Tiger partner accompany them to camp). Daytime activities are for all ages and evening activities are customized to provide rank specific activities for each age group in attendance.

This session runs from Monday 9:00am – Friday 9:00 am. 8/3-7/2020 Meals are provided from Monday lunch – Friday continental breakfast.

08/03-07/2020 - [Camp Snyder Cub Scout Resident Week](#), Haymarket, VA

## 2020 Webelos Resident Camp

Webelos camp is a big step for First year Webelos or Arrow of Light Scouts as they prepare to become Scouts. They will camp overnight for 4 nights and spend their days participating in various camp activities both for fun and to earn rank requirements.



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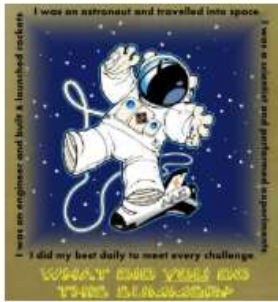
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This session runs from Monday 9:00am – Friday 9:00 am. July 13-17 2020. Meals are provided from Monday lunch – Friday continental breakfast.

07/13-17/2020 - [Camp Snyder Webelos Resident Week 2020](#), Haymarket, VA



Thank you for choosing Camp William B. Snyder

We have an exciting Webelos week planned for this summer.

Our Webelos week runs from Monday morning through Friday morning. It includes all of your camping favorites such as BB's, Archery, slingshots, swimming, boating, fishing and more. It also features a Webelos / AOL specific badge each evening of the week as well as opening and closing campfire programs.

If you have any questions, please contact the camp at [Camp.Snyder@Scouting.org](mailto:Camp.Snyder@Scouting.org)

Register: [Northern Tier High Adventure Bases Training](#)

March 7, 2020 830AM-230PM, Truro Church, 10520 Main St, Fairfax, VA



Crew chiefs and adult advisors for any crews headed to Northern Tier in 2020 are invited to this orientation program presented by the NCAC High Adventure Committee. Our training covers a bit of history, an overview of the three NT bases, what to expect upon arrival, life on the trail, and tips on how to improve your treks. Sign-in starts at 0830, training begins at 0900 and lasts about 5 hours (depending on questions). There is no cost; bring your own snacks and hydration.

Register: [Philmont High Adventure Training](#)

March 14, 2020 900AM-400PM, Izaak Walton League, 19237 Mountain Spring Lane, Leesburg, VA



**NCAC High Adventure Committee Training:** Philmont Skills Training for Adult Advisors & Crew Leaders Open to all 2020 Philmont-bound crews in NCAC.







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## Wood Badge

By taking Wood Badge, Scouters will acquire valuable tools such as listening, communicating, conflict management, project planning and leading change. Participants will better learn to understand and appreciate diversity and differences in our society. They will learn skills that will make them better Scout leaders.



**Living the Values**

**Growing**

**Connecting**

**Guiding**

**Empowering**



Wood Badge was begun by Baden Powell in 1919 as a way to ensure Scouters were properly trained. Since then Wood Badge has been held worldwide, providing advanced leadership training to thousands of Scout leaders.

Wood Badge builds upon the best traditions and experiences of the Boy Scouts of America and also draws from a wide range of courses within and beyond the bounds of Scouting to present the latest in leadership theory and team development.

Wood Badge is designed to meet the advanced leadership needs of all Scouters.

Cost is only  
**\$300**  
Scholarships available

### UPCOMING COURSE DATES

#### Spring 2020

N6-82-20-1

May 1-3 & June 6-7

Camp William B. Snyder  
Course Director: Chris Cooper

#### Fall 2020

N6-82-20-2

Sept 18 - 20 & Oct 17 - 18

Camp William B. Snyder  
Course Director: Tony LaCava

REGISTRATION AND MORE INFORMATION:

**[www.ncacbsa.org/woodbadge](http://www.ncacbsa.org/woodbadge)**



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## Powder Horn 2020

**28 – 30 August 2020 (Friday – Sunday)**

**Camp St Charles - 15375 Stella Maris**

**Dr. Newberg, MD 20664**



### WHAT IS POWDER HORN?

In Scouting, Powder Horn is the vessel to sustain the spirit of the outdoors in our youth today. Along with the spirit of the outdoors, you will also gather knowledge to share, motivate and direct youth. Powder Horn will give you the necessary skills to oversee a high adventure program. It will also help you identify local resources for your group's program.

### WHAT WILL WE DO?

Powder Horn is organized around the Venturing Program's High Adventure elements and Boy Scouting's High Adventure Merit badge elements. It is intended to help adult leaders get started finding and using the resources for high-adventure programs. Planned topics include:

- **Backpacking**
- **Cave Exploring**
- **Communication**
- **Conservation Projects**
- **Cooking**
- **COPE**
- **Cycling/Mounta in Biking**
- **Emergency Preparedness**
- **Expedition Planning**
- **First Aid**
- **Fishing**
- **Land Navigation**
- **Leave No Trace**
- **Mountaineering**
- **Outdoor Living History**
- **Physical Fitness**
- **Plants and Wildlife**
- **Shooting Sports**
- **Watercraft**
- **Weather Forecasting**
- **Wilderness Survival**
- **Working with Teens**
- **Winter Sports**



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## PRE-REQUISITES:

- **Must be a registered adult or youth member of the Boy Scouts of America, within the Scouts BSA or Venturing Program.**
- **Youth must be 14 years of age (or have joined 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 and youth staff.**
- **Adults must be trained for their position.**
- **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, and Climb on Safely online through [Scouting.org](https://www.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).**





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## GEORGE MASON DISTRICT'S

### LIFE TO EAGLE SEMINAR

**Saturday, 7 March 2020**

1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church, 3810 Meredith Drive,  
Fairfax, VA. Check-in starts at 12:30 p.m.

#### Topics Include:

Service project selection/approval  
Details of the on-line Project Workbook  
Scouts with special needs

Eagle Scout Rank application  
Eagle Board of Review  
Eagle Court of Honor

**HIGHLIGHT: Panel discussion featuring recent Eagle Scouts**

Registration applications must be received by **Monday, 2 March 2020**

Fees (\$3 per person) will be collected at check-in. Registrations are requested to ensure adequate handouts and refreshments. Mail or E-mail registrations to:

Mr. Jim Miller, 4405 San Marcos Dr., Fairfax, Va. 22030  
703-273-6101      E-mail: [miljwpa@aol.com](mailto:miljwpa@aol.com)

Any questions contact Jack Lundin at 703-938-0369.

#### 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

**Location of church:** Meredith Dr. intersects Lee Highway (Route 29) west of Paul VI High School. There is a Mobile service station on the northwest corner of the intersection. The church is located behind the service station.

**In case of inclement weather, we will follow Fairfax County schools.**



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## GEORGE MASON 2020 SPRING CAMPOREE

**May 1 to 3, 2020**



**STEM – Engineering Theme**

**Site – TBD**

**Please include in your unit's spring 2020 camping plans!**



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## Flags In – Memorial Day (May 25, 2020)

### George Mason District Scouts Honoring our Fallen Veterans

Celebrate Memorial Day by joining the George Mason District Crews, Troops, and Packs for “Flags-in” – placing American Flags on the graves of veterans.



### **Class-A Uniforms Required**

The Scouts will gather in the Chapel at: The National Memorial Park, 7482 Lee Highway, Falls Church, VA 22042

Schedule for May 25, 2020 (Monday):

- 08:30 am – Arrive and sign in
- 09:00 am – Flag placement training
- 09:30 am – Begin flag placement
- 10:00 am, 11:00 am and 12:00 pm – TAPS blown (buglers needed)
- 12:00 pm - Pizza for lunch
- 12:30 pm – Probable completion of event

Scout service hours (4 hours) will be available. Each participating Scout earns a unique patch and rocker. The National Memorial Park staff will supply flags, drinks and the pizza lunch.

For more information, please contact: Russell Pittman at (571) 354-7378 or [ruspittman@gmail.com](mailto:ruspittman@gmail.com)



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## ***Do you enjoy Sailing? Just want to try it out? You're invited to attend our special April Boy Scout 'Merit Badges Afloat (MBA)'***

***Sponsored by Sea Scout 'Ship 1942' – Flagship Fleet***

**When:** Saturday 8:00am, April 25 to Sunday 4:30pm, April 26, 2020  
– (***this is a 1 over-night tent camp out on Saturday***)

**Where:** Washington Sailing Marina, 1 Marina Drive, Alexandria, VA  
22314 (Off of the GW Parkway, just South of Ronald Reagan National Airport)

**Cost:** \$65 per Scout, BSA with two luncheon meals and hot breakfast  
provided both days for all participants (*no pork products or peanuts*)

**Details:** This event is open to any teen **1<sup>st</sup> Scout, BSA age 13 and older**. Those attending the entire event will earn the Merit Badges of Smallboat Sailing, Weather, & Oceanography. **One Scout leader from each participating Troop for the overnight camp out, must stay the night. Scouts who register must attend the full time on both days!!** Please do not sign-up for this merit badge training if you can't be there for the full time. **Space is limited to 40 scouts** - First come, first served. **Every year we have put this on to FULL Capacity.** Payment is required with registration form. A waiting list will be maintained after the event is full. Refunds will be given for cancellations received prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 - **ONLY IF YOUR SPOT IS FILLED** with someone on the waiting list. **NO REFUNDS will be given for cancellations on or after that date.** An e-mail confirmation will be sent to the Troop leader or parent, once registration has been received.

**Boys Bring:** Rubber-soled shoes with closed toe and heel (**NO flip flops or water sandals**), Rain jacket and/or sweatshirt, sunscreen, hat, water bottle, sunglasses, tent, sleeping bag, & Mess kits. Scouts **'Be Prepared'** as it's cool on-the-water with the Fall breezes blowing this time of year (*especially early in the morning*). Come with layers.

**Leaders:** Bring up to date **BSA Medical Form (Parts A & B)** for each Scout attending. You will need to turn in a copy of these forms to the adult-in-charge of the event, so be sure to keep the original for your own records. **No Scout will be allowed to participate without this Medical form on file. We do ask that at least one adult from each Troop represented with more than one scout, stay the during the day time (this duty may be divided up among several different adults throughout the weekend).**

**Questions?** First read the FAQ section below. If your question is not answered there, feel free to contact Tom Ballew (Skipper of Sea Scout Ship 1942) at [WThomasBallew@gmail.com](mailto:WThomasBallew@gmail.com). Only a check received reserves the actual sailing slot.

[https://scoutingevent.com/082-2020Spring\\_MBA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-2020Spring_MBA)



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## **Bullseye Family Camping 2020**

### **Camp William B. Snyder**

Saturday 04-25-2020 8:00 AM ET to

Sunday 04-26-2020 9:00 AM ET

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-32746#>

The Shooting Sports Committee is planning an exciting day of BB gun shooting, archery, slingshots and more! After a fun day on the ranges Scouts and their families will gather for an evening campfire program and then camp overnight.

All participants must bring a complete BSA health form parts A & B with them to check-in. Units will retain the forms in case of emergencies.

If you have food allergies, a medical condition, or requires a special diet for religious reasons and plan to purchase the meal plan please complete the Special Dietary Request form and submit it to [Camp.Snyder@Scouting.org](mailto:Camp.Snyder@Scouting.org) no later than April 1, 2020. <https://scoutingevent.com/082-32746#>

Schedule: Check in between 8 AM - 12 Noon on Saturday 4/25

Program is from 12 Noon - 5:30PM. (Units rotate at scheduled times), Campfire program is at around 8 PM, Departure is Sunday 4/26 in the morning

## **Bullseye Family Camping II 2020**

### **Camp William B. Snyder**

Saturday 05-23-2020 8:00 AM ET

to

Sunday 04-24-2020 9:00 AM ET

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-32747>

Did you like Bulls Eye in April? Did it sell out too fast? You will love May Bullseye II. Join us for BB gun shooting, archery, slingshots and more! After a fun day of camp program you and your pack can stay overnight.

All participants must bring a complete BSA health form parts A & B with them to check-in. Units will retain their medical forms in case of emergencies.

If you have food allergies, a medical condition or you require a special diet for religious reasons and plan to purchase the meal

plan please complete the Special Dietary Request form and submit it to [Camp.Snyder@Scouting.org](mailto:Camp.Snyder@Scouting.org) no later than May 1, 2020.

Schedule: Check in between 8 AM - 12 Noon on Saturday 5/23

Program is from 12 Noon - 5:30PM. (Units rotate at scheduled times), Campfire program is at around 8 PM

Departure is Sunday 5/24 in the morning <https://scoutingevent.com/082-32747>





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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

- 14 years or older (13 with permission)
- First Class Rank
- Scoutmaster approval
- Completed ILST\*
- 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

- 20-1 Jan 18-20 & Feb 15-17  
Camp William B. Snyder  
(Must complete both weekends)
- 20-2 June 21-26  
Cheltenham, MD
- 20-3 June 28-July 3  
Cheltenham, MD
- 20-4 July 26-31  
Camp William B. Snyder
- 20-5 August 2-7  
Camp William B. Snyder
- 20-6 August 10-15  
Camp William B. Snyder  
(Sunday Friendly)

REGISTRATION AND MORE INFORMATION:

# www.myNYLT.org



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[www.scouting.org/commissioners](http://www.scouting.org/commissioners)



## National Commissioner's Minute

My vision for commissioner service is to "ensure a great Scouting experience." Of course, that is focused on the youth, but it is intended to include adults as well. The best way we, as commissioners, can ensure a great Scouting experience for youth is to support their leaders. As we have direct contact with unit leaders, we help them make the transition from being a "member" of the BSA to being a "Scouter."

In reality, unit service isn't very complicated. You get introduced to a unit, spend time with them, form a relationship with the leaders, and then seek to help them form plans to make the Scouting experience for the youth of that unit stronger and more vibrant. Not really complicated at all, though it does take time.

As simple as it is, there can be challenges in execution. Perhaps it's simply "bench strength" to provide the kind of unit support you desire. Or maybe it is understanding which comments logged into Commissioner Tools are the most helpful. Whatever the challenges, there are articles in this newsletter that address them. I'm confident there are resources here that will enhance your support of your units.

There is a direct correlation between our support of unit leaders and the impact that support has on the youth of your units. Spend time with your unit leaders. Watch them grow. Watch their units grow and know you made a difference.

Thank you for joining me in this game of Scouting. I am proud to serve alongside you and am deeply grateful for your service and your dedication to commissioner service.



**Ellie Morrison**  
National Commissioner  
[esmorrison@sbcglobal.net](mailto:esmorrison@sbcglobal.net)

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# SPIRIT OF THE WEST NE-6A OA CONCLAVE

MAY 15-17, 2020

HOSTED AT BROAD CREEK SCOUT RESERVATION, MD



**What:** The largest scouting event you can attend that is not held at the national level. There will be cowboy action shooting, a western themed escape room, amazing trainers, and much more.

**Who:** Arrowmen from the three lodges in NE-6A: Amangamek-Wipit, Nentego, and Nentico. There will also be special guests including National Chief Zach Schonfeld.

**Where/When:** May 15-17th at Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation, in Harford County, Maryland. Check-in and check-out times TBA.

**Cost:** Conclave costs \$60, but register before April 25, 2020 for a \$10 early bird discount! If you completed your Ordeal after May 15th, 2019, Conclave is only \$15!

[2020 Conclave Registration Link](#)

Show Me More: [2020 Conclave Video - Click on ME](#)

CONCLAVE GENERAL STORE will have the following:

BOLO TIES, BANDANAS, T-SHIRTS, AMANGAMEK-WIPIT PATCHES, NENTEGO PATCHES, NENTICO PATCHES AND MORE!



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## It's time to renew your Lodge Membership!

To be a member of Amangamek-Wipit Lodge and the Order of the Arrow, you must be a registered Scout or Scouter and pay lodge dues of \$16 annually. Membership ensures your invitation to all chapter/lodge events and includes a subscription to the quarterly *Lodge Shark's Tooth* newsletter, which will be imprinted with your OA ID number and BSA ID number.



### 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 2020, annual dues will be \$14 until March 31 when they increase to \$16 on April 1 (no fooling!).

Included in the registration is the optional opportunity to make a campership donation to help youth OA members to attend camp and other lodge approved events.

If you are transferring from another lodge, please visit the Membership Dues and Transfers page on the lodge website (<https://www.ncacbsa.org/program/order-of-the-arrow/membership-dues-transfers/>) and complete the [Membership Transfer Form](#) to pay your dues.

**Dues Link:** <https://scoutingevent.com/082-2020oadues>

**Membership Transfers and Membership Reactivation:** [Membership Info](#)

Membership questions can be emailed to: [membership@wipit470.org](mailto:membership@wipit470.org)



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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:

- [Parktakes](#) (select "Scouts" from the Category of Activity)
- [MeritBadge.Info](#) - Various MB Days throughout the country
- [Fly Fishing Merit Badge Program](#), Northern Virginia
- 03/14/20 – GM District Merit Badge Fair (8:30am) – Fairfax Presbyterian Church, Fairfax, VA.
- 03/21/20 - [Citizenship Merit Badge Program](#), Richmond, VA
- 03/28/20 - [DC Merit Badge University](#), Catholic University, Washington, DC
- 04/18/20 - Troop 7369 MBU, Chantilly, VA (Registration will open on **March 21, 2020** at <https://www.meritbadge.info>)
- 04/25/20 - [Spring Merit Badge Afloat](#), Alexandria, VA

### **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 will need to submit the following information to the [Merit Badge Dean](#):

- [Adult Application](#) (Page 3 only – fill in the form, initial & sign. No other signatures needed),
- [Background Check Authorization](#) (Page 15),
- [Merit Badge Counselor Information Sheet](#), and
- [Current YPT Certification](#) (Login, Menu, My Dashboard, Completions).

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

Rus Pittman at (571) 354-7378, [gm.mb.dean@hotmail.com](mailto:gm.mb.dean@hotmail.com)



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# 2020 District Merit Badge Day



- March 14, 2020
- Fairfax Presbyterian Church, 10723 Main St., Fairfax, VA.
- Gathering at 8:30 a.m.
- Opening at 9:00 a.m.
- Two sessions – morning and afternoon.
- Will need unit adult volunteers.

Note: We need a chess merit badge counselor and volunteers to assist counselors and maintain YPT compliance.



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## George Mason Order of The Arrow – 2020 Spring Initiation

George Mason Troops will elect their OA candidates for 2020 between November 2018 and April 1, 2020. Once a youth becomes an elected candidate, they need to participate in a weekend member Initiation which includes the Ordeal.

In Spring 2020 the George Mason/Patriot combined Chapter Initiation will be May 1-3 2020 at Camp Snyder. George Mason OA will send postal letters to each elected candidate providing information about the Initiation. Online registration will become available closer to the Initiation weekend.

In Fall 2020, the Area Initiation will be Oct 2-4, 2020 at Camp Snyder. Colonial, Patriot, George Mason, Old Dominion and Chain Bridge OA Chapters will come together to hold the Virginia Central Area initiation.

The George Mason Chapter sends out a monthly newsletter with more OA news. Look for your newsletter.

Here are the OA 2020 Initiation Weekend (Ordeal/Brotherhood) dates:

- May 1-3, 2020 Spring GM/Patriot Chapter Ordeal at Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- Oct 2-4, 2020 Fall Virginia Central Area Ordeal at Snyder, Haymarket, VA

Here is the OA 2021 Initiation Weekend (Ordeal/Brotherhood) date:

- April 30, May 1-2, 2021 Spring GM/Patriot Chapter Ordeal at Snyder, Haymarket, VA

### 2020 Lodge Events

- January 4, 2020 Lodge Banquet, Maryland University, MD
- April 17-19, 2020 Spring Fellowship, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- May 15-17, 2020 Conclave – Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation
- September 20-22, 2020 Fall Fellowship, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

### 2020 National Order of the Arrow Events

- Aug 1-8, 2020 National Order of the Arrow Conference – NOAC, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, buses leave and return from Camp Snyder with a day at Cedar Point Amusement Park, OH



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## 2019 Amangamek-Wipit Vigil Honor Recipients

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to lodge, council, and Scouting. Membership cannot be won by a person's conscious endeavors.

The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position of office.

The following are the 2019 Amangamek-Wipit Vigil Honor Recipients:

Patrick T. Brantley - Mattaponi  
 Thomas P. Breske - Western Shore  
 Kenneth A. Buszta - Aquia  
 Christopher T. Cooper - Old Dominion  
 John A. Denman - Old Dominion William  
 S. Denman - Old Dominion Shane C.  
 Dietrich - Direct Service  
 Alexander H. Durnal - Francis Scott Key  
 Linda A. Ehler - Potomac  
 Max E. Gallant - Bull Run  
 Charles N. Gilbertson - Powhatan  
 Benjamin E. Goldring - Bull Run  
 William H. Gouker - **Lodge Chief**  
 G. Kenith Gray - Colonial  
 Richard I. Haas - Aquia  
 Melanie J. Heider - Aquia  
 Thomas R. Howard - Chain Bridge  
 Timothy A. Kasner - Seneca  
 Alexander S. Kolb - Seneca

Spencer G. Lanning - **Section Chief**  
 Joseph J. Lepak – Colonial – **Lodge Vice Chief**  
 Michael A. Lince - Aquia  
 Matthew D Messenger - Bull Run  
 Grant M. Miller - Chain Bridge  
 Christian A. Moon - Occoquan  
 Christopher C. Murray - Potomac  
 Winifred J. Niemi - Western Shore  
 Craig A. Poland – **NCAC Scout Executive**  
 Stephen J. Scherr - Old Dominion  
 James A. Shewan - Seneca  
 Duncan H. Slade - Francis Scott Key  
 Alexander J. Stuck - Goose Creek  
 Brian P. Summers - **George Mason**  
 Wahbe L. Tamari - Washington D.C.  
 Timothy R. Uecker - Occoquan  
 Kim E. Walmer - Mattaponi  
 William C. Witt - Washington D.C.





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At the Annual Amangamek-Wipit Banquet at University of Maryland on January 4, 2020, Brian Summers received his Vigil certificate. Kevin Brendel Lodger Adviser, William Gouker Lodge Chief, Craig Poland NCAC Scout Executive, Brian Summers GM Chapter.



**Zach Schonfeld, 2020 National Lodge Chief congratulates Brian Summers.**



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## 2020 Order of the Arrow national officers elected; here's who represents your region



**From left: Northeast Region Chief Conor Power, Southern Region Chief Seth Greiling, National Vice Chief Noah Smith, National Chief Zachary Schonfeld, Central Region Chief Patrick McInerney and Western Region Chief Gavin Cho**

Zachary Schonfeld, an Eagle Scout from Virginia, has been elected by his peers to serve as National Chief of the Order of the Arrow for 2020.

Zachary, along with National Vice Chief Noah Smith of Arkansas and four region chiefs, will serve and represent nearly 200,000 members of the OA, the BSA's national honor society.

As a new decade begins, Zachary and his fellow leaders will steer the OA toward continued greatness under their commitment to selfless service. They'll also continue to welcome young women into the OA as [female members are eligible](#) for election in Scouts BSA troops, Venturing crews and Sea Scout ships. (Previously, elections only were for Boy Scout troops.)

This spring, Zachary and his fellow officers will help support [PhilBreak](#), Philmont's alternative spring break program in which participants help Philmont mitigate fire risk and recover from the 2018 fires that [forced the high-adventure base to close for the summer](#).



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After that, Zachary and his fellow officers will be at the helm for the OA's signature event: NOAC, the National Order of the Arrow Conference. [NOAC 2020](#) will be held in August at Michigan State University. (For an idea of what to expect, take a look back at our [complete coverage of NOAC 2015](#).)

Let's meet your national OA officers and introduce you to the chief for your region. (Not sure which region you're in? [I've blogged about that](#).)

## 2020 National OA Chief: Zachary Schonfeld

- **From:** Reston, Va. (National Capital Area Council)
- **Scouting background:** Member since 2006 and an Eagle Scout.
- **OA background:** Vigil Honor member and a Founder's Award recipient from Amangamek-Wipit Lodge. Former Section NE-6A chief and served as the Northeast Region NLS Chief of Staff.
- **Education:** Studies political communication at George Washington University, with hopes of becoming a journalist.
- **Favorite hobby:** Traveling and visiting national parks.
- **Random fact:** His dad's best man was 1988 National Vice Chief Angelo Cappelli.
- **Quotable:** "I'm excited to build on the momentum we created this year to improve lodge performance and initiate long-term change for our organization. Between NOAC, Section ACT Conferences, and every event in between, I can't wait to meet Arrowmen from all over and make our brotherhood stronger than ever before."



## Your three national youth officers

**As national chief, Zachary Schonfeld** joins 2019-20 National Venturing Officers' Association President [Pamela Petterchak](#) and 2019-20 National Sea Scout Boatswain [Hannah Carter](#) as the **three highest-ranking youth leaders in the Boy Scouts of America**.

These three youth leaders sit on the BSA's National Executive Board, helping shape the future of our great movement.

As one of his first acts, Zachary will join Pamela, Hannah and a group of other impressive Scouts and Venturers at the BSA's [Report to the Nation](#), beginning in late February in Washington, D.C. (As always, you can expect full coverage of the Report to the Nation experience right here on Bryan on Scouting.)



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## Honor and Celebrate 100 Years of Camping in the National Capital Area Council!

Continue the tradition of Scout camping that began at Camp Roosevelt on Maryland's Western Shore in 1919!

Camp overnight and participate in events in 2019 and 2020 with

### Special Programs:

- **HISTORY** talks, displays and re-enactors describe the 100 years of Scout and Council camping
- **"HOW TO CAMP"** displays and talks for cubs, scouts and parents new to camping
- Earn a **FREE** 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary patch by participating in designated events
- Perform **SERVICE PROJECTS** to improve our council summer camps and earn a **FREE** patch
- **TELL YOUR OWN STORY** to others about your best NCAC camping or outdoor adventure experience
- Obtain a **SPECIAL EDITION** 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary patch at one of our four summer camps
- Purchase a **LIMITED EDITION** 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary neckerchief, shoulder patch, Order of the Arrow lodge patch and many more anniversary items at the Scout Shops in 2020
- Participate in the **SPECIAL CELEBRATION** of our council's camping heritage, hosted by our council's Order of the Arrow Lodge, the largest in the country



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*The most worth-while thing is to try to put happiness into the lives of others. B.P.*



## **NCAC Camping Centennial Special Events**

### **“How to Camp” Display and Talk**

October 19, 2019 Cub EXPO (Camp Snyder)

November 18, 2019 Webelos/Scout EXPO (Camp Snyder)

September 13, 2020, Order of the Arrow Fall Fellowship Celebration (Camp Snyder)

### **Council History and Camping Heritage Displays**

October 19, 2019 Cub EXPO (Camp Snyder)

November 18, 2019 Webelos/Scout EXPO (Camp Snyder)

January 31 – February 2, 2020, Old Dominion District Klondike Derby (Harpers Ferry)

February 29, 2020, University of Scouting

September 13, 2020, Order of the Arrow Fall Fellowship (Camp Snyder)

### **Earn an FREE NCAC Camping Centennial Patch at a Council or District Outdoor Event**

District Klondike Derbies – Winter 2020

District Camporees/Webelos-O-Ree – Spring 2020

Camp Snyder Work Day – April 4, 2020 and May 17, 2020

Camp Snyder Family Camp – Bullseye 1, April 25, 2020; Bullseye II, May 23, 2020;

Family Camp, Sep 12, 2020

Goshen Scout Reservation Family Camp – Memorial Day and Labor Day Weekends 2020

Summer 2020 Cub and Webelos District Day Camps

Summer 2020 Camp Snyder Cub and Webelos Day Camps

Goshen Scout Reservation Service Project – Summer Camp 2020

District Camporees/Webelos-O-Ree - Fall 2020

High Adventure Hike-O-Ree – October 2020

Sea Scout Short Cruise – Anytime in 2020

### **Celebrate Our Camping Heritage with Our Order of the Arrow Lodge**

September 13, 2020 --- Join our council's Honored Campers in their Fall Fellowship at Camp Snyder

Cubs, Webelos, Scouts BSA, Venturers, Explorers, Sea Scouts, parents --- all are welcome to this day event

Special activities and programs for scouts of all ages

**Check the Council website at <https://www.ncacbsa.org/> to stay up to date on all the events**