## February Roundtable Minutes

**(**Updates from Read-ahead are in red**)**

* **Welcome –** Welcome to Martin Juenge (incoming Committee Chair P0152) and Wendy Yoviene (incoming COR T0976).
* **Announcements**
* **BSA 2024 Fee Schedule –** National has released a [new fee schedule](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/yN313SwvMvGqcgHji5b6Xyre) that increases adult and youth position fees by $5 starting on April 1, 2024. Merit Badge Counselor-only position is still $25.
* **Approving Online Applications –** With the processing of charter renewals, some units have new members in their Key 3. The unit’s Key 3 gets notices from my.scouting.org when Youth and Adult Applications and Invitations are available. Any of the Key 3 can respond to an invitation (a request for more information). Any of the Key 3 can approve a Youth Application. Only the Chartering Organization Representative or the COR Delegate can approve an Adult Application. Once an application is approved, it will be removed from the list.
* **Youth Protection Training** – Some adults are taking their YPT but are not getting a certificate. If the time to complete the training exceeds 60 days (from first to last module), the training will have to be retaken.
* **Recharter –** All but five units have completed their charter renewal. These five are expected to be processed by the end of next week. Six unit’s Annual Charter Agreement are not on file at NCAC. Please complete these as soon as possible.
* **Unit Fund Raising** - If your unit is having a fund-raising activity, other than Popcorn or Camp Cards, please be sure to fill out the unit [Money-Earning Application](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=304472&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1686847&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fpublic.3.basecamp.com%2Fp%2FQNiLjysLJE7o8uLm4dN6CesD&cf=14346&v=af54afd0c63acefb4ad3b39ec45418c18ad0095a98a44adb051c497ca7d54fe3) and send to our District Executive ([Elizabeth.kohler@scouting.org](mailto:Elizabeth.kohler@scouting.org)). It only takes a few minutes. This is important to make this an official scouting activity and to be covered by BSA insurance. It does indicate to submit 14 days in advance, however, Liz can turn this around much faster, if requested. Be sure to review the requirements for a fund-raising event (including getting your Chartering Organization’s approval before signing contracts).
* **Community Connections -** The Community Connections Night will be set up as a “share fair” model. Participants will bring flyers, brochures, and anything else that they might want to share with the community. Each group will be given a table to set up at and stand at during the event, so that they can answer their parents’ questions. The event will take place at Providence Elementary (3616 Jermantown Rd, Fairfax, VA) on 2/21/24. Set up will begin at 5:30pm and the event will run from 6-7 pm. The GMD has a table that will be staffed by Liz and Rus. ***If we could get a couple of scouts to attend, that would be helpful. Contact*** [***ruspittman@gmail.com***](mailto:ruspittman@gmail.com) ***or*** [***Elizabeth.kohler@scouting.org***](mailto:Elizabeth.kohler@scouting.org)***.***
* **Camp Card Fund Raising** – Camp card sign-up is through 04/26/24. Bulk cards can be sold throughout the calendar year. [Leader's Guide](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=304472&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1686847&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fpublic.3.basecamp.com%2Fp%2FkuPSWDLb8DYFQ4bmLFDWJSQs&cf=14346&v=050f94b8df5c9b4c739c4e26c1e9950cf597ff2871ace7ab81ecad7210969007); [Camp Card Sign-up Sheet](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=304472&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1686847&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fpublic.3.basecamp.com%2Fp%2Fyydt7UDm9G1qY8aE4cWvidn7&cf=14346&v=693682aefd9cfeeb7978b8b517c03267b45d10928b41b55838c21eab9481068d).
* **Troop 1978B/G Iron Chef –** Join us for this this Webelos/AOL recruiting event on Tuesday, February 13 (7:30pm) at St. Mark Activity Center.
* **Camporee –** The spring Camporee will be on May 3-5 at the 4H Center in Front Royal. Theme will be Romans vs Greeks. Activities are still in development but could include Heralding, long jump, bridge building, discus throw and chariot races. More adult help is needed to make this event successful. We will need a Program Chair, Health & Safety, Logistics, Awards and Finance coordinators. There will be a Kickoff Zoom call on Thursday 02/15. More information will be provided to unit Key 3.
* **Awards** – Congratulations to Steve Banowit for earning the Scouter’s Key.
* **Pinewood Derby –** Note that the location will be St. James in Falls Church. Please let your Cub parents know. We don’t want anyone to miss the event by being at the wrong location.
* **University of Scouting** – [Registration](https://scoutingevent.com/082-76291) is open. Classes filled fast last year. Please sign-up soon to get the classes that you want. GMD currently has 11 adults signed up.
* **Shooting Sports Instructor Classes:**
* [Rifle/Shotgun - 02/24/24, 04/27/24, 07/20/24, 08/24/24](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/merit-badges/rifle-shotgun-training/)
* [Archery](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/merit-badges/rifle-shotgun-training/) – 02/24/24, 03/18/24

**Big Rock – Arrow of Light Bridging and Transitioning to Scouts**

* The group had an active discussion about the preparation, celebration, and challenges.
* Discussion included:
* Ceremonies: formal and informal. Some units have a physical bridge they use. Some hold the event with the entire Pack, others require the AOL scouts and families and invite the other dens.
* Recruiting AOLs to Scouts:
  + Changes in 2024 AOL adventures will require that the AOLs meet with Scout BSA units much sooner.
  + Den Chiefs can be a way to expose the Cubs to Scouts and to your unit specifically
  + Scouts/Scout Leaders could attend AOL den meeting to discuss Scouts BSA
* Post Bridging:
  + Patrols – Some use same age patrols for a period of time – often with Troop Guides or Instructors.
  + Parents – Zoom parent meeting to go over how Scouts BSA and the Troop function. Assign a New Member ASM for the parents.
  + New Scout Quest: Get the scouts up through first class quickly so summer camp can be spent with the other scouts at Merit Badges.
* Retention/Parent Issues:
  + NCAC retention rate overall is 79% (won’t have breakout of GMD for a few months). Would be interested in retention numbers for first scout in family or if there is a history of scouting in the family. Friend groups do form in Dens and the odd one or two scouts may feel left out and not go on the Scouts BSA.
  + Girls in Packs tire of how boys act in Pack and don’t have exposure to how Girl Troops will function/be different
  + Parents may see bridging as “graduation” and not as promotion/advancement
  + Some parents make the decision to leave scouting before learning that Scouts BSA is youth-led and responsibilities and duties for parents will be greatly different.
  + Scout Expo could be useful if changed and much earlier. Could survey the parents about what they want to know and give AOLs a list of multiple-choice questions.
  + Summer and Day Camps can help retain youth in Scouting. Statistics show if they go to camp as a Cub or first year Scout, they stay in scouting longer.
* Resources:
  + [What to look for in a Boy Scout Troop](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/nqNZjEMwhQP7Q1SbCkqZfRJp) – Thanks Roy D.
  + [Roundtable Volunteers Cub Scout Update](https://vimeo.com/910085468)
  + [Scoutmaster Conference Guide](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/Fgjq5uGiUAvThrHvaEMGkK9p) – Thanks Steve B

**George Mason Program**

* **Current GM Calendar**
* February 24, 2024 – [University of Scouting](https://scoutingevent.com/082-76291), Alexandria, VA
* March 09, 2024 – [GMD Merit Badge Day](https://site.corsizio.com/a/5bf2f8e8e6dfc6f1ca7cbd64), Fairfax, VA
* April 11, 2024 – GM District Court of Honor
* April 13, 2024 – GMD Pinewood Derby, St James in Falls Church
* May 3-5, 2024 – Spring Camporee, 4H at Front Royal
* May 27, 2024 – Memorial Day Flags In, Falls Church, VA
* May 29, 2024 – Elks Youth Recognition Dinner for 2023 Eagle Scouts
* **STEM /John D**
* 02/10/24 - [Akela Chess Classic Scouts BSA Tournament](https://scoutingevent.com/082-ChessClassic), MSSC, Bethesda, MD
* 03/23/24 – [Maryland Science Center Camp-In](https://www.mdsci.org/learn/programs-for-scouts/camp-in/), Baltimore, MD
* Ancient Earth: Birth of the Sky (on PBS) - [link](https://us.engagingnetworks.app/page/email/click/10004/2037650?email=j2mObVAw6OCBePIN6tZ3hlESkN1MQhKC&campid=xocb452w9CaZkArzVWMSmA==)
* Anytime – [DC STEM Trek](https://www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/DC-STEM-Trek-2.pdf)- Showcases 24 government agencies, private organizations and monuments related to the tenets upon which STEM is based. Two hikes - 10.57 miles, or 4.75 miles
* **2024 GM District Merit Badge Day**
* March 9th, 2024, at Fairfax Presbyterian Church in Fairfax.
* There are currently 125 Scouts registered. There are still openings (Chess, Disabilities Awareness, Geology, Citizenship of the Nation) but they are going fast. Please check out at the Registration site to see what is open: <https://site.corsizio.com/a/5bf2f8e8e6dfc6f1ca7cbd64>
* Will be needing Unit Adult Volunteers for Merit Badge Day (Setup, Clean up and Assistant to the Merit Badge Counselors. Send info to: [gmasonmeritbadgeday@gmail.com](mailto:gmasonmeritbadgeday@gmail.com)
* Scouts should be utilizing the merit badge books and read requirements and start tackling the “pre-work” now.
* 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 in order 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)
* **American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year Award**
* 15 years old and in high school
* Relationship w/ American Legion (as CO, or parent/grandparent in AL)
* Eagle scout, project, and community participation
* Submit by March 1, 2024
* Winners will be announced in May.
* The recipient will receive a $10,000 scholarship.
* Three runner-up scholarship awards will be granted in the amount of $2,500 each.
* <https://www.legion.org/scouting/261001/apply-2024-american-legion-eagle-scout-year-award>
* **Elks Youth Recognition Dinner**
* For youth that earned Eagle in 2023 (i.e. their Eagle Board of Review was held in the 2023 calendar year) and their Scoutmasters.
* Thursday, May 29, 2024
* 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.
* **Council Update /Rus P**
* **Unit Charter Renewal –** As your unit rosters are processed, I will send your Key 3 the new Unit Charter and a request to review your roster. If there are any missing scouts/scouters or individuals that needed to be dropped, it is important that we correct these items while the system still has the records - until mid-February.
* [**Goshen**](https://gotogoshen.org)**/**[**Snyder**](https://gotosnyder.org) **Programs for 2024 –**
* [**Join the Camp Staff** –](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/uPgPdJSZyrw9yc1BGmvuJd67) Job interviews start January 2024
* [**Camp Snyder Family Camping**](https://gotosnyder.org)– April 19-21, 2024, May 10-12, 2024 & July 5-7
* [**Camp Snyder Day Camping**](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/SfbtxGT6N41AXnzUhsfcnA1e) – June 24-28 and July 8-12.
* [**Camp Snyder Resident Weekends**](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/SfbtxGT6N41AXnzUhsfcnA1e) – June 20-23, June 27-30, July 11-14
* [**Camp Snyder Specialty Week**](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/BjipkwYCtuoivFD8vNhYBPK3) – Two Merit Badge Weeks July 14-July 20 & July 21-July 27
* [**Goshen Summer Camping 2024**](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/rBAD2VaBfJDgDScALTCaUiiE) – Five sessions starting June 23rd. A sixth week at Camp Ross. Registration is now open.
* [**Goshen Provisional Camping**](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/BjipkwYCtuoivFD8vNhYBPK3) – Camping for individual scouts (June 23-July 27).
* [**Goshen OA Trail Crew**](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/BjipkwYCtuoivFD8vNhYBPK3) **–** June 16 – June 29
* [**Lenhok’sin High Adventure**](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/MevsKmbLhmCrj39FHQaiUMzX) – Five sessions during summer 2024. Including paddling 61 miles of the historic Upper James River with 120 Class I and II rapids.
* **Merit Badges /Margee E**
* The online Merit Badge Counselor [registration](https://my.scouting.org/VES/OnlineReg/1.0.0/?tu=UF-MB-082gm23) 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).
* ***Did you know***:
* The National Council does not limit the number of Merit Badges a youth may earn from one counselor, though a **unit leader is permitted to do so**, as long as the same limit applies to all Scouts in the unit. Ideally, Scouts should work with a variety of adults. (GTA 7.0.0.3)
* Partial Merit Badges have no expiration except for the Scout’s 18th birthday. (GTA 7.0.3.3)
* Due to the BSA policies related to Youth Protection and two-deep leadership, a merit badge counselor must have another adult present during all merit badge counseling sessions. However, the parent or legal guardian of the Scout may serve as the second adult. **This parent or legal guardian does not have to be a registered leader**.
* If the requirements for a merit badge differ between the merit badge pamphlet and the current edition of Scouts BSA Requirements, the requirements in the Scouts BSA Requirements book supersede all others.
* **Merit Badge Opportunities (**[**https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/merit-badges/**](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/merit-badges/)**):**
* 02/11/24 –[Model Design and Building, Alexandria, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-MDB)
* 05/18/24 – [Welding, Alexandria, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-WCM)
* 05/18/24 –[Composite Materials, Alexandria, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-WCM)
* Group – [Fly Fishing](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/jCNqtVKMyVHYi6EVFYGEeCdY)
* Group - [Aviation](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/XPhbDcYTs13gsSHEaAPwRaNQ)
* **Training (**[**https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/training**](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/training)**) /Roy D**
* **Cub Scout Den Leader Specific (C42)**
  + [Available on-line (125 min](https://my.scouting.org/))
  + [03/02/24 – Alexandria, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-clstmar24)
  + [05/04/24 – Herndon, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-80262)
* **Scoutmaster Position Specific Training(S24)**
  + [Available on-line](https://my.scouting.org/)**(192 min)**
  + [**03/02/24 – Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-sstmar24)
  + [**05/04/24 – Herndon, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-80263)
* **Back Country Outdoor Leadership Skills (BCOLS)**
* [03/23/24 & 04/27/24-04/28/24](https://scoutingevent.com/082-79025)
* 10/05/24 & 11/02/24-11/03/24
* **Climbing Level 1 Instructor**
* April 20-21 at [Great Falls Park](https://www.google.com/maps/place/38%C2%B059'38.2%22N+77%C2%B015'18.4%22W/@38.9900418,-77.2608296,15z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0x8d90ecb88e83f477!8m2!3d38.99395!4d-77.2551?hl=en), 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM. [Logistics memo](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1M4dRigvijvGzelYlPn89YVOb0YMX735e/view?usp=drive_link)
* April 27-28 at[Carderock Rec Area](https://www.google.com/maps/place/38%C2%B058'33.8%22N+77%C2%B012'19.9%22W/@38.9760556,-77.2055278,144m/data=!3m2!1e3!4b1!4m4!3m3!8m2!3d38.9760556!4d-77.2055278?hl=en&entry=ttu), 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. [Logistics memo](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ScjaVdMtoV9MKApCww7XRCEPsZ8QBfW5/view?usp=drive_link)
* June 15-16 at [Great Falls Park](https://www.google.com/maps/place/38%C2%B059'38.2%22N+77%C2%B015'18.4%22W/@38.9900418,-77.2608296,15z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0x8d90ecb88e83f477!8m2!3d38.99395!4d-77.2551?hl=en), 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM. [Logistics memo](https://drive.google.com/file/d/185J6vmz_3PzhymcYA3naBvxZ15mO4sFI/view?usp=drive_link)
* Sept 7-8 at [Great Falls Park](https://www.google.com/maps/place/38%C2%B059'38.2%22N+77%C2%B015'18.4%22W/@38.9900418,-77.2608296,15z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0x8d90ecb88e83f477!8m2!3d38.99395!4d-77.2551?hl=en), 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM. [Logistics memo](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iHw2RTNIG7CH_KGprjxPYr4cOf3XYsmr/view?usp=drive_link)
* Sept 21-22 at [Sugarloaf Mountain](https://www.google.com/maps/place/39%C2%B015'36.7%22N+77%C2%B023'29.1%22W/@39.25918,-77.3995313,15z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0x11c2b45d9db7b071!8m2!3d39.260206!4d-77.391415?hl=en), 8:15 AM to 5:00 PM. [Logistics memo](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yA31KOSFdIahj8BFt46xE-lq0g8GSKYY/view?usp=drive_link)
* **Mental Health First Aid** <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hscode/ereg/Registration.aspx?groupID=47>
* **NYLT** <https://scoutingevent.com/082-78075>
  + 24.2: 06/16/24-06/21/24
  + 24.3: 06/23/24-06/28/24
  + 24.4: 07/28/24-08/02/24
  + 24.5: 07/28/24-08/02/24
  + Registration is open. Some seats are still available. There may be a wait list.
* **Trainer’s Edge**
  + 09/10/24
  + 12/07/24
* **Wilderness First Aid (N02) -** [<https://scoutingevent.com/082-WFASpring2024>](https://scoutingevent.com/082-WFASpring2024)
* 02/24/24 – 02/25/24 – Camp Snyder
* 03/23/24 – 03/24/24 – Camp Snyder
* 04/27/24 – 04/28/24 – Camp Snyder
* **Wood Badge (A90)** <https://www.ncacbsa.org/wood-badge/>
* 04/12/24 – 04/14/24 & 05/04/24 – 05/05/24
* 10/14/24 – 10/15/24 & 10/05/24 – 10/06/24
* **Outdoor Ethics Orientation Courses (Scouts and Cubs)**
* **Outdoor Ethics Newsletter** - Sign up [here](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-7UORw4wBNIkuzqEkKjolA_-RogqHYMojzhB2xwLoENWVSg/viewform).
* **GM High Adventure / Brian H**
* Members of the High Adventure Committee are available to assist units in planning and training for their upcoming high adventure trips – Contact [Brian Heath](mailto:brian@bkheath.com) for more information
* Important notes for this month
  + Registration for BSA’s high adventure bases - <https://www.scouting.org/outdooradventures/open4adventure/>
    - 2024 treks – Most BSA High Adventure bases still have availability
    - 2025 treks – Registration for all high adventure bases is now open
  + 2024 National High Adventure Base Scholarships
    - SUMMIT: Submit by 3/31/24. Go [here](https://www.summitbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/INSTRUCTIONS-TO-APPLY-FOR-CAMPERSHIP.pdf) for the application.
    - The deadlines for all other bases have already passed.
* NCAC-Organized High Adventure Trips - 2024
  + Lenhok’sin – James River Canoeing Trek - July 7-13, 2024
    - Crew of 6-12 - $475 per participant – 5 slots remaining
    - Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-75664>
    - For more information, e-mail [highadventure@ncacbsa.org](mailto:highadventure@ncacbsa.org)
  + Wind River Range, WY: 06/22 to 06/30/24 – Registration is Full
  + NCAC-sponsored trips for Philmont, Northern Tier & Sea Base are already full
* High Adventure Preparation Training - Open to all NCAC Scouts & adults that are participating in HA trips in the next few years
  + Philmont 2024 Sessions: IIIa – 03/24/24 (virtual); IIIb – 04/06/24 (in-person)
  + Philmont Advisor Hikes: Sat 3/09/24 & Sun 3/17/24, 8:00am – Catoctin Mt Park, Thurmont, MD
  + Northern Tier: Sat, 04/06/24 (in-person); Sat, 04/20/24 (virtual)
  + Sea Base Session: TBD
* Other Training
  + [Back Country Outdoor Leadership Skills](https://www.ncacbsa.org/bcols/)
    - Maryland session, Spring 2024: 03/02/24 (classroom), 04/27-28 (overnight), <https://scoutingevent.com/082-79025-191979>
    - Virginia session, Fall 2024: 9/21/2024 (classroom), 10/19-20 (overnight)
  + Paddle Craft Safety Training Sessions (2024): May 18-19, June 1-2, August 24-25, September 7-8
* Council Plans for More Big High Adventure Trips
  + Summer 2024 - Backpacking in Wind River Range, WY - FULL
  + Summer 2025 - Backpacking in Sawtooth Mountains, ID
    - June 21-29, 2025 - $1,165 per person – Ask for details
  + Looking for more ideas and volunteers to plan the trips
* National High Adventure Base Quick Links
  + **Philmont:** <https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/register/>
  + **Northern Tier:** <https://www.ntier.org/provisional-scout-connections/>
  + **Sea Base:** <https://www.bsaseabase.org/scouts/scout-connections/>
  + **Summit:** <https://www.summitbsa.org/registration/scoutconnections/>
* Other High Adventure Bases
  + Adirondack High Adventure Area: <https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/hLgsVbk7Suju6cuDzQQJaEn4>
  + Maine High Adventure Area: <https://www.mainehighadventure.org/>
  + Montana Outdoor High Adventure Base: <https://montanabsa.org/camps/high-adventure/>
* Other useful links for high adventure information and opportunities
  + NCAC High Adventure website - <https://www.ncacbsa.org/high-adventure/>
  + List of units with available slots in their upcoming high adventure trips - <https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/xWpkdrKHKAA9pCzwmHMNdbWb>
* **Shooting Sports /Brian S**
* Requests for Shooting Events – Lead Time!
* Notice needed for SSC: 50+ scouts - 6mos; Less than 50 scouts - 3mos
* Shooting on private land:
* Requirements
* Permissions/protocols
* Shooting Sports [web page](https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/shooting-sports/)
* Shooting Sports Instructor Classes:
* [Rifle/Shotgun](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/merit-badges/rifle-shotgun-training/)
* [Archery](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/merit-badges/rifle-shotgun-training/)
* Contact for finishing Shooting Sports MB Partials [brian.summers@verizon.net](mailto:brian.summers@verizon.net)
* **Order of the Arrow / Collin L & Brian F**
  + 2024 Dues can be paid online: <https://wipit470.org/dues.html>
* The Amangamek-Wipit Lodge will be sending a contingent to the one-and-only National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) next summer and we want you to join us! Registration is now open! Follow the directions below to register for the one and only 2024 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) at the University of Colorado at Boulder.   Here are the steps to register for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!
* Step 1: [Click the registration link here!](https://u5354241.ct.sendgrid.net/ls/click?upn=0YlUef6ScEuFGXvSWVsPIggmo1nV-2BFWpCdq1Ye743GJtp-2FK5pnhJlSIN8EoO1dSKhEWL_yuIfwpi4wZF-2FAbB8pnXtOaJ11uHXJIqypi-2B5rFYEvxbjYfSyq8mV65XUAbaBccYxDEXTrMNT-2FmrKbvWT5ZfqxutNqz5t2FJmuFl9Qwjr6ySgFWZEW4xz54LShnaSYBJ488H6zYrG5PB-2BASSu1TZwK-2Bm5pCjzsBH9SysPRzUm0CrYqxTm1poaRE7aTcP1AlDP3KvW2RdNYvEi8coHmxjEF7xl-2BhL31Loz-2FyclRj7K5jMFV8EMvxJAC1A1WxGdTYv800M-2BHCGixndZzerKpsvsq2WdtshNNCIbSr9qU-2BxhXPPPgOzX-2FWaab5QrL54XJMMNMH7bbruOJDJHp-2Fyy34k8fwKY4rVSzO43IX69P2jIREzBgphvq6yF5niYEgtnDLlnkhvu8MaV8p64Kbe7I8sriN1ZtgMl4uXHEB5rU5yBP3ZojwK2-2BZZhMdq73vCjxsjE-2FmMIGgIWXxg7B-2B76z1exQAwCTpympGhRUW5sxSFh6pI-3D)
* Step 2:  Fill out all information for the registration form.
* Step 3: Congrats! You have reserved your spot for the 2024 NOAC! Look out for other emails in regard to both national registration AND further payments you may need to make! Can’t wait to see you there!
* If you have any questions regarding the National Order of the Arrow Conference email [noac2024@wipit470.org](mailto:noac2024@wipit470.org)
* **OA Lodge Master** - Instructions for setting up a Troop in Lodge Master for upcoming O/A elections.  Please have your election dates confirmed prior to setting this up. If your Unit Leaders can’t access Lodge Master, you should contact [Brian Fleck](mailto:briankfleck140@gmail.com) and he’ll put you in touch with the Lodge.
* Log into Lodge Master (<https://lodgemaster.oa-bsa.org/>)
* Select “Inductions”
* Select “Visit & Election Management” (right side of the screen)
* Filter on “George Mason”
* Find your Troop and select “Edit”
* Scroll to the bottom of the page and enter your eligible Scouts information.
* Please include e-mail addresses for both the Scout and Parent.  If no Scout e-mail is available, add the parents.
* Please add phone numbers.
* SAVE
* You should be back at the 2024 Inductions page. If you are not, go back and repeat steps 1-4.  At the top in the red banner, click on “Reports”
* Print 2 copies of the Unit Election Report. The Election Team will sign both and give one to you at the conclusion of the election.
* Print 1 copy of the Candidate Information Form.  This is for the Election Team to use to verify the election results.
* Click on the Unit Election Ballots and print that as many times as you need for all the Scouts in the Troop.
* **Roundtable - Minutes and slides -** Available on the [GMD web site](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/roundtable/) (District Resources, Roundtable). Password is “GMDRT”
* **March Roundtable** – March 14, 2024, at Thoreau Middle School and on Zoom.