## March Roundtable Minutes

## [Changes from Read-Ahead are in red]

* **Announcements**
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* **Flyers from the Elementary Schools –** The Scout Executive and the NCAC President met with Dr. Michelle Reid, Fairfax County School Superintendent this week. She is willing to support flyer distribution across all the elementary schools. More details will follow.
* **Merit Badge Day** – Was a success. Thanks to all the volunteers. 90% of youth rated it five stars!
* **Safety Moment** – Now is the time for parents to start scheduling the annual physicals for summer and high adventure camps. Remind them what is needed by using the [Annual Health and Medical Record Safety Moment](https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/annual-health-and-medical-record/)!
* **Council Update /Rus P**
* **Organizational Alignment –**
* [Organizational Alignment Committee Recommendations](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/GnyfnukRPjVo3zJTHtQ2kaXV)
* Goal - Align with High School boundaries and provide optimal service to units by balancing professional workload.
* Draft Plan (give us your comments)
* This plan is membership driven. The council membership has dropped 33% since 2017. The plan is an attempt to align council resources in a way to drive new membership to a rate far above past goals of 3% per year.
* The plan calls for renaming most districts. The districts will choose their own names.
* Individuals are not tied to any particular district. They can choose where to volunteer regardless of where they reside.
* Units affected will have their charter renewal process through their new district and be served by the District Executive in the new district. They may choose to participate in activities such as Roundtable in a different district if that better serves their needs.
* The plan, if adopted, will likely be implemented this spring so that all elements can be in place for a robust fall recruitment season and in time for the program launch in the districts.
* **Discussion** – There was significant discussion on this, including:
  + **Communications – Didn’t seem to get communicated well as it was going along.**
  + **Rushed – This is being voted on March 23, this seems rushed with no time to communicate. We did mention that the Council-Wide Key 3 wanted this approved before Program Launch in May/June.**
  + **The plan provides the what but doesn’t supply the why:**
  + **Why will this increase membership?**
  + **Why change the district names? Is this a fresh start for those moving to the district?**
  + **Did the committee make decisions on old data since the estimated number of units to transfer was so off?**
  + **Wanted to know which units will transfer to our new district.**
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* **Aquatics Committee –** <https://www.ncacbsa.org/aquatics-committee/> **[**[Flyer](https://www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Aquatics-2024-Flyer-v10.pdf)**]**
* Paddle Craft Safety – Still water (Camp Snyder) & Moving Water (Ryan’s Lock)
* May 18-18: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-82687>
* Jun 1-2: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-82688>
* Aug 24-25: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-82689> Opens June 2nd
* Sept 7-8: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-82690> Opens June 28th
* Pre-Camp Swim Tests – Camp Snyder
* June 1: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-82691>
* June 2: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-82692>
* Partial MB Completion Day – First weekend in Oct?
* **Unit Charter Renewal – All units are rechartered! Please** 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.
* **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.
* **Error message in My.Scouting.Org and Scoutbook** - For those of you with open renewals, the new Membership Renewal Tool is currently picking up older positions, including Merit Badge Counselor registrations that might be lapsed. In March, NCAC will complete the changes to registration and sync all your renewals to the expiration date of your paid registration, this will make renewal in the future much easier. Double check your paid positions and ignore any reminders about multiple positions until then.
* **Camp Card Fund Raising** – Camp card sign-up is through 04/26/24. Bulk cards can be sold throughout the calendar year. [Leader's Guide](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=304472&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1686847&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fpublic.3.basecamp.com%2Fp%2FkuPSWDLb8DYFQ4bmLFDWJSQs&cf=14346&v=050f94b8df5c9b4c739c4e26c1e9950cf597ff2871ace7ab81ecad7210969007); [Camp Card Sign-up Sheet](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=304472&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1686847&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fpublic.3.basecamp.com%2Fp%2Fyydt7UDm9G1qY8aE4cWvidn7&cf=14346&v=693682aefd9cfeeb7978b8b517c03267b45d10928b41b55838c21eab9481068d).
* **Unit Fund Raising** - If your unit is having a fund-raising activity, other than Popcorn or Camp Cards, please be sure to fill out the unit [Money-Earning Application](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=304472&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1686847&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fpublic.3.basecamp.com%2Fp%2FQNiLjysLJE7o8uLm4dN6CesD&cf=14346&v=af54afd0c63acefb4ad3b39ec45418c18ad0095a98a44adb051c497ca7d54fe3) and send to our District Executive ([Elizabeth.kohler@scouting.org](mailto:Elizabeth.kohler@scouting.org)). It only takes a few minutes. This is important to make this an official scouting activity and to be covered by BSA insurance. It does indicate to submit 14 days in advance, however, Liz can turn this around much faster, if requested. Be sure to review the requirements for a fund-raising event (including getting your Chartering Organization’s approval before signing contracts).
* **Certificate of Liability Insurance –** The currently issued certificates expire this month. To renew or get a new certificate, please fill out a Request for [Certificate of Liability Insurance](https://www.ncacbsa.org/aquia/wp-content/uploads/sites/20/2021/02/REQUEST-FOR-CERTIFICATE-OF-LIABILITY-INSURANCE-COUNCIL-filable-1.pdf) and return to the [email listed](mailto:insrequest@ncacbsa.org) on the form (with a cc: to the [DE](mailto:elizabeth.kohler@scouting.org) and [Rus](mailto:ruspittman@gmail.com)). You’ll receive a certificate of insurance back within two weeks. If the group/vendor requesting the COLI needs some special language, this needs to be put in writing and submitted with the request. This will add time to the turn-around. If the event is out of the NCAC boundaries, then NCAC processor will forward the request to National. This increases the turn-around time to about four weeks.

**Big Rock – Recruiting-Joint Cub/Troop Event**

* Continuation of discussion about a district-wide recruiting event. Could be done at a park or school and advertised in local media (Patch, Facebook, neighborhood newsletters, etc.). Some comments:
* Should use events already in the community – Viva Vienna, Chill’in on Church, etc. Could have booths or just show up in the uniform with information.
* November Scout Expo is too late. Need to have it in August or the summer.
* Scout House would be a good location.
* Joint Cub/Scout event would be good.
* Trying to do anything during the FCPS summer break won’t be as effective as doing it during school. With the various times that Scouts have summer camp and family activities, you just don’t have the participation. Having an EXPO in June is a GREAT idea.
* Great tie-in with Program Launch
* It will give a good introduction to folks for the AOL Bobcat adventure for the fall

We could even hold it outside (weather permitting) so there is more room to move around. I think that for the Scouting Day for the Girl Troops to work, we need to know what our District lines are first. I’m all for it, but we need to know what audience we are trying to get to.

* Keep the Troop Expo but move it to the last two weeks in June after school lets out. Or the June Roundtable. There should be a community wide “introduction to Scouting” event in late August after school starts or Labor Day weekend at one of the local parks. Since FCPS has agreed to provide flyers in all of the schools, flyers for this event could go out with the first distribution day at all of the schools. It would be helpful if we had some other Marketing and publicizing of the event. Have some typical events with the various Scout units being asked to provide staff for 1 to 2 hours blocks of time.
* Some of the female Scouts BSA units in the District have been talking about having a girl’s “Scouting Day” with a climbing towers and other activities. I think we should go ahead with that. It should Not be combined with the community wide “Introduction to Scouting” event. Perhaps in late July?
* Gunnar Spafford (Viva Vienna Coordinator for Rotary) spoke about P78 having a free booth (they are sponsored by the Rotary Club of Vienna). The event is 10 weeks out. He would welcome scout participation and can offer community service hours. Volunteer sign-up is at <https://vivavienna.org/volunteer/>
* Liz indicated that the printing of flyers, by NCAC, would be free again this year.

**George Mason Program**

* **Current GM Calendar**
* April 11, 2024 – District Court of Honor (7pm)
* April 13, 2024 – [GMD Pinewood Derby](https://scoutingevent.com/082-82698), St James, Falls Church, VA
* May 3-5, 2024 – Spring Camporee, 4H
* May 27, 2024 – [Memorial Day Flags In](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/flags-in/), Falls Church, VA
* May 29, 2024 – Elks Youth Recognition Dinner for 2023 Eagle Scouts
* **STEM /John D**
* 03/23/24 – [Maryland Science Center Camp-In](https://www.mdsci.org/learn/programs-for-scouts/camp-in/), Baltimore, MD
* 05/04/24 – [19th Annual NCAC Orienteering Meet](https://scoutingevent.com/082-2024ScoutOrienteering), Prince William Forrest
* 07/08/24 - 07/12/24 – [STEM Summer Workshop](https://scoutingevent.com/082-STEMsummer), Alexandria, VA
* 08/05/24 – 08/09/24 – [STEM Summer Workshop](https://scoutingevent.com/082-STEMsummer), Alexandria, VA
* Ancient Earth: Birth of the Sky (on PBS) - [link](https://us.engagingnetworks.app/page/email/click/10004/2037650?email=j2mObVAw6OCBePIN6tZ3hlESkN1MQhKC&campid=xocb452w9CaZkArzVWMSmA==)
* Anytime – [DC STEM Trek](https://www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/DC-STEM-Trek-2.pdf)- Showcases 24 government agencies, private organizations and monuments related to the tenets upon which STEM is based. Two hikes - 10.57 miles, or 4.75 miles
* **2024 GM District Pinewood Derby**
* Race Day is April 13, 2024
* All Packs wanting to participate in the 2024 Pinewood Derby MUST hold their Pack Pinewood Derby by April 5, 2024.
* One unit winner from each age bracket (Lions, Tigers, Wolves, etc.) regardless of gender.
* Pack winners must register (and pay) on the Council website. $15.00 per entry. No money collected at door on day of race. Must register by 04/06/24.
* Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-82698>
* Race will be held at St James Catholic Church, Falls Church, VA.
* For questions, contact Pat Berney.
* **District Court of Honor (April 11, 2024, at Thoreau MS at 7pm)**
* 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.
* Submit Unit Commissioner’s Unit Scouter Award to Unit Commissioner.
* Unit Appreciate Award to [gm.adultrecognition@gmail.com](mailto:gm.adultrecognition@gmail.com)
* Must have all submissions by no later than March 22, 2024.
* Will confer awards at District COH/April Roundtable.
* **Elks Youth Recognition Dinner**
* Matt Burns will send out invitation to each Scoutmaster and bcc the Eagle parents.
* For youth that earned Eagle in 2023 (i.e. their Eagle Board of Review was held in the 2023 calendar year) and their Scoutmasters.
* 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.
* **Camporee – Greeks vs. Romans (March 7, 2024)**
  + **A Game with a Purpose**
  + Practice and Apply Scout Skills
  + Fulfill Rank Requirements
  + Learn and Appreciate Ancient History and Culture
  + Exercise Creativity and Ingenuity
  + **The Details**
  + When: May 3-5, 2024
  + Where: 4-H Camp, 600 4H Center Drive, Front Royal, VA 22630
  + Cost: $25
  + Program: I’m glad you asked…
  + **The Chariot Race** - Like a Klondike Derby, Patrols will build and race Chariots, pulled by Scouts.
  + **Olympic Running** - A one-mile run for either the “before” or “after” section of Tenderfoot requirement 6a.
  + **Crossing the Rhine** - Use lashings to build a bridge to carry Caesar’s troops to Rome (First Class Requirement 3b, 3c, 3d).
  + **Hoplite Down** - Triage, deliver first aid, and transport a wounded Greek soldier (Second Class, 6a, 6b; First Class, 7a, 7b)
  + **Shield Wall Drills** - Learn how Greek and Roman soldiers used teamwork to protect themselves and defeat their enemies.
  + **Culture Competition** –
  + Decorate your campsite in Greek or Roman fashion!
  + Perform themed skits at the Campfire!
  + Experiment with Greek or Roman camp dishes!
  + **What do we need from you?**
  + Make cardboard shields to bring (instructions provided)
  + Build a chariot
* [**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/)**):**
* 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)
* [**04/06/24 - Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-clstspring24)
* [**05/04/24 - Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-clstspring24)
* [**05/04/24 - Herndon, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-80262)
* [**06/01/24 - Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-clstspring24)
* ***Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO;C32) -***
* [**03/16/24 - 03/17/24 - Haymarket, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-80564)
* [**05/04/24 - 05/05/24 - Gaithersburg, MD**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-80951)
* [**05/10/24 - 05/11/24 - Fredericksburg, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-81718)
* ***Scoutmaster Position Specific Training(S24)***
* [**Available on-line**](https://my.scouting.org/)**(192 min)**
* [**03/02/24 - Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-sstmar24)
* [**04/06/24 - Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-sstspring24)
* [**05/06/24 - Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-sstspring24)
* [**05/04/24 - Herndon, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-80263)
* [**06/01/24 - Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-sstspring24)
* ***Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS; S11)***
* [**04/19/24 - Stafford, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-81716)
* [**05/04/24 - 05/05/24 - Gaithersburg, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-80951)
* [**05/10/24 - 05/11/24 - Fredericksburg, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-81718)
* **Climbing Level 1 Instructor**
* **March 8-10 at** [**Maiden’s VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/602-81320)
* **April 20-21 at**[**Great Falls Park**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-80664)**, 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://scoutingevent.com/082-80664)**, 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://scoutingevent.com/082-80664)**, 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.** [**Logistics memo**](https://drive.google.com/file/d/185J6vmz_3PzhymcYA3naBvxZ15mO4sFI/view?usp=drive_link)
* **Sept 7-8 at**[**Great Falls Park**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-80664)**, 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.** [**Logistics memo**](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iHw2RTNIG7CH_KGprjxPYr4cOf3XYsmr/view?usp=drive_link)
* **Sept 21-22 at** [**Sugarloaf Mountain**](file:///C:\Users\RusPi\Downloads\36.7%22N+77%25C2%25B023)**, 8:15 AM to 5:00 PM.** [**Logistics memo**](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yA31KOSFdIahj8BFt46xE-lq0g8GSKYY/view?usp=drive_link)
* **Mental Health First Aid**

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* **NYLT** [**https://www.ncacbsa.org/national-youth-leadership-training/**](https://www.ncacbsa.org/national-youth-leadership-training/)
* **24.2: 06/16/24-06/21/24**
* **24.3: 06/23/24-06/28/24**
* **24.4: 07/28/24-08/02/24**
* **24.5: 07/28/24-08/02/24**
* **Outdoor Ethics Orientation Courses (Scouts and Cubs)**
* **Outdoor Ethics Newsletter** - Sign up [here](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-7UORw4wBNIkuzqEkKjolA_-RogqHYMojzhB2xwLoENWVSg/viewform).
* **Wilderness First Aid (N02)** <https://scoutingevent.com/082-WFASpring2024>
* 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
* **GM High Adventure / Brian H**
* Members of the High Adventure Committee are available to assist units in planning and training for their upcoming high adventure trips – Contact [Brian Heath](mailto:brian@bkheath.com) for more information
* Important notes for this month
  + Registration for BSA’s high adventure bases - https://www.scouting.org/outdooradventures/open4adventure/
    - 2024 treks – Most BSA High Adventure bases still have availability
    - 2025 treks – Registration for all high adventure bases are now open
  + 2024 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)
  + Joshua Tree with Climbing Committee - Winter Break 2024/25 (Tentative)
  + Wind River Range, WY: 06/22 to 06/30/24 – Registration is Full
  + All NCAC-sponsored trips for Philmont, Northern Tier & Sea Base are already full
* NCAC-Organized High Adventure Trips - 2025
  + Sawtooth Mountain Trip 06/21 to 06/29 2025
    - Registration begins June 1, 2024 - $1,165 per person – Ask for details
* 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: Sun 3/17/24, 8:00am – Catoctin Mt Park, Thurmont, MD
  + Northern Tier: Sat, 04/06/24 (in-person); Sat, 04/20/24 (virtual)
* 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
* 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 - 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/) – 03/18/24
* Contact for finishing Shooting Sports MB Partials [brian.summers@verizon.net](mailto:brian.summers@verizon.net)
* **Order of the Arrow / Collin L & Brian F**
  + [Joint Ordeal with Colonial District](https://scoutingevent.com/082-82451) - 04/26/24 – 04/28/24 at Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
  + Elections – Moving along
  + Ceremonies Team – Training at the monthly OA meetings at Thoreau MS. All are welcome!
  + 2024 Dues can be paid online: <https://wipit470.org/dues.html>
* The Amangamek-Wipit Lodge will be sending a contingent to the one-and-only National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) next summer (07/029/24 – 08/04/24) 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** – April 11, 2024, at Thoreau Middle School and on Zoom. District COH (7pm), RT (8pm)