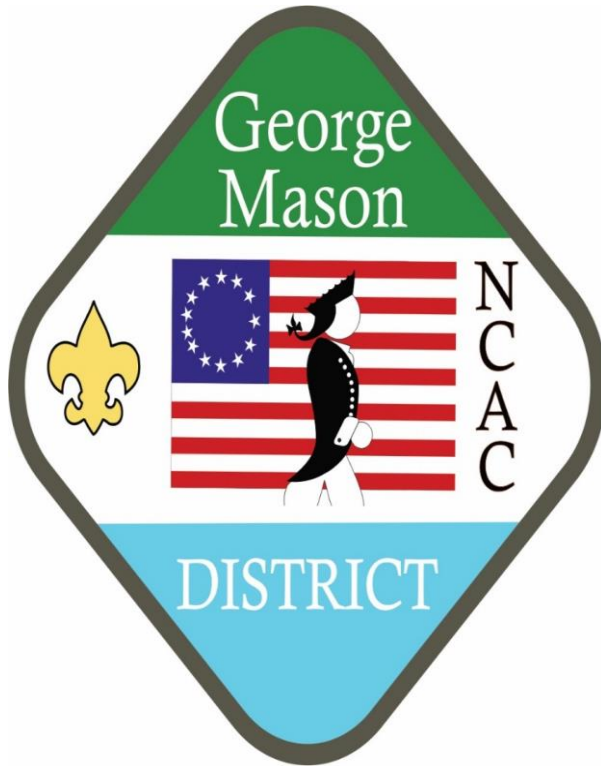




GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PRESS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct." Baden Powell



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.

Please plan to attend the Thurs. November 11, 2021 –
Scout Expo (Thoreau Cafeteria) at 6:30pm
Roundtable Meeting (Thoreau and online) at 7:30 pm

USEFUL LINKS:

[NCAC Council Web site](#)

[National BSA](#)

[GMD Web Site](#)

[GMD Upcoming Events](#)

[GMD Roundtable \(PW: GMDRT\)](#)

[GMD Training](#)

[National Order of the Arrow](#)

[wipit470.org](#)

All information about rechartering including fees is updated in the Council's site:

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/recharter/>



GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PRESS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct." Baden Powell



Calendar of Events – Links included if available

- 11/04/2021 – GM Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting – St Marks 7:30PM
- 11/06/2021 – Scouting for Food Tag Distribution
- 11/06/2021 – 11/07/2021 – [Introduction to Outdoor Leadership](#), Camp Snyder Haymarket, VA
- 11/07/2021 - [Flags In](#) (Veterans Day – 12 Noon), National Memorial Park, Falls Church, VA
- 11/09/2021 – GM Commissioner’s Meeting 7:30PM
- 11/11/2021 – GM Roundtable, 7:30PM
- 11/13/2021 – Scouting for Food Bag Collection – Pantry Staffing
- 11/17/2021 – GM District Committee/Annual Meeting, 7:30PM [Zoom Link](#)
- 11/19/2021 – [EXPO and Family Camping](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 11/20/2021 – Cub Scout Leader Akela's Trail Training is 8:30AM - Noon [Registration](#)
- 11/20/2021 – [Scoutmaster Specific Training](#), Alexandria, VA
- 12/01/2021 - [Annual Unit Charter Agreement Form](#) submitted to Unit Commissioner
- 12/01/2021 – 2021 [Journey to Excellence \(JTE\)](#) form submitted to Unit Commissioner
- 12/02/2021 – GM Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting – St Marks Church, Vienna, VA 7:30PM
- 12/03/21 – [Amangamek Wipit NCAC Trade-O-Ree & Memorabilia Show](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 12/04/2021 – [Scoutmaster Specific Training](#), Alexandria, VA



GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PRESS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct." Baden Powell



Calendar of Events (cont.) – Links included if available

12/09/2021 – GM Roundtable, 7:30PM

12/14/2021 – Commissioner's/District Committee Joint Meeting 7:30pm

12/XX/2021 – Sharing the **Peace Light of Bethlehem**

12/31/2021 – Unit Charters expire

01/01/2022 – Unit Commissioner Accepting GM Court of Honor Unit recognition forms

01/06/2022 – GM Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting – Virtual Zoom

01/14-17/2022 & 01/21-23/2022 Course 22-1 National Youth Leaders Training (NYLT)

01/29/2022 – GM Life to Eagle Seminar

02/03/2022 – GM Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting – St Marks Church, Vienna, VA 7:30PM

02/05/22 – **Akela Chess Classic Cub Scout Tournament**, Microsoft Tech Center, Reston, VA

02/12/22 – **Akela Chess Classic Scouts BSA Tournament**, Microsoft Tech Center, Reston, VA

02/26/2022 – NCAC University of Scouting

03/05/2022 – GM District Merit Badge Day

03/11/2022 – GM Court of Honor (CoH) Unit recognition submissions due to Unit Commissioner

03/19/2022 – GM District Pinewood Derby

03/2022 – Pi Day (STEM) **NCAC STEM**

03/03/2022 – GM Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting – St Marks Church, Vienna, VA 7:30PM

03/14/2022 – Pi Day

03/31/2022 – Register by March 31 for Jamboree On the Trail **JOTT**

"There is no teaching to compare with example." Boy Scout Saying



GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PRESS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct." Baden Powell



Calendar of Events (cont.) – Links included if available

04/2022 – Eagle Recognition Dinner

04/07/2022 – GM Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting – St Marks Church, Vienna, VA
7:30PM

04/14/2022 – GM District Court of Honor

04/29-05/01/2022 – GM Spring Camporee (Site and Theme TBD)

04/29-05/01/2022 & 05/13-15/2022 – NCAC Spring Wood Badge [WB Registration](#)

05/07/2022 & 05/14/2022 - 2nd Annual GM Hike-O-Ree

05/14/2022 – Jamboree on the Trail [JOTT](#)

05/30/2022 – Memorial Day Flags In (National Memorial Park, Falls Church)

06/19-24/2022 - Course 22-2 National Youth Leaders Training (NYLT) Camp Snyder

06/26-07/01/2022 - Course 22-3 National Youth Leaders Training (NYLT) Cheltenham, Md

07/24-29/2022 - Course 22-4 National Youth Leaders Training (NYLT) Camp Snyder

07/24-29/2022 - Course 22-5 National Youth Leaders Training (NYLT) Camp Snyder

07/25-30/2022 – National Order of the Arrow Conference, University of Tennessee

09/9-11/2022 & 10/8-9/2022 – NCAC Fall Wood Badge [WB Registration](#)

10/02/2022 – Patriot/George Mason Chapters Fall Ordeal Induction – Camp Snyder,
Gainesville, VA



GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PRESS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct." Baden Powell



Chair's Chat

Cycles of various kinds both real and artificial abound in our lives and call us to action in various ways. I am struck by this thought now because I am spending a good bit of time and effort to prepare for our district annual meeting on Nov. 17th. We will be reporting to the district, our charter partners, and the council our results for the past year and our plans for the year ahead.

Most of you have started a Scouting cycle in August with the start of the school year. You began meeting again (mostly in person), started recruiting new youth members and adult volunteers, started selling popcorn to help pay for your unit program, and began your cycle of activities. The district cycle is just ending. That gives us a chance to reflect back on the year and see what we have accomplished (or not), plan to implement our vision for the year ahead.



You have gotten off to a great start. Every Pack has held at least one Join Scouting event, one new Troop has been started with another under development and two Packs are being reformed, and 214 youth have joined since July 1st. You have begun the charter renewal process, final orders for popcorn have been placed, and two of our big service projects (Scouting For Food and Flags In) will be accomplished in the next two weeks.

What are we looking forward to at the district? More fun district activities, more Cubs having fun at summer day camp, more and better trained leaders, more Scouts, advancement of all kinds, and preparing for our Friends of Scouting fund raising to make those things a reality.

Another important thing that occurs at the district annual meeting is the election of the district committee members and officers for the next year. If you would like to have the opportunity to have a greater impact in Scouting, please let me know and I will show you how you can get involved.

Keep up the great Scouting. I'll see you on the trail.

John Kilduff

732-610-4284

johnkilduff42@gmail.com



GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PRESS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct." Baden Powell



George Mason District's ANNUAL MEETING

7:30 pm, November 17, 2021 via Zoom

Notice of George Mason District Annual Meeting: ***Important Message to All Chartered Organization Representatives, George Mason District "At Large" District Committee Members, and Council Board Members.***

This message is being sent on behalf of the George Mason District Key-3 Leadership.

Your presence is respectfully requested at the George Mason District's ANNUAL MEETING. *If you are a COR who has not participated in a district-level Scout meeting before, we'd love to have you join us. This is a great way to hear and ask questions about how the Scouting Program is adapting to our times and to help influence the way your unit's scouting program is supported by the district.*

This year's annual business meeting will be held at: **7:30 pm, November 17, 2021 via Zoom**. Please mark your calendar now. See online meeting link below.

The meeting will present a detailed briefing from your District's leadership informing you and your chartered organization about George Mason District annual report, projections for 2022, our promise to Charter Organizations and our communities, confirming the 2022 District leadership ballot, a Friends of Scouting Presentation, and ending with Q&A.

Your vote is important. Voting members consist of: (1) the Chartered Organization Representative (COR) of each unit in the George Mason District, and (2) current District and Council members at large.

We look forward to seeing you on **November 17th at 7:30 pm!** If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out and let us know.

George Mason District Key-3 Leadership

Jose Calil | District Executive: George Mason District

John Kilduff | District Chair: George Mason District

Hector Uranga | District Commissioner: George Mason District

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

National Capital Area Council

George Mason District

Zoom Link: <https://ncacbsa-org.zoom.us/j/89875870001>



GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PRESS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct." Baden Powell




Now is Charter Renewal time!


All information about rechartering including fees is updated in the Council's site:

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/recharter/>

2022 Charter Renewal Handbook



**Tips for Renewing Your Unit's
BSA Membership**



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL

Revised 8/24/2021



GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PRESS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct." Baden Powell



Program Launch Resources

- [Annual Program Planning for Packs](#)
- [Annual Program Planning for Troops](#)
- [Annual Program Planning for Crews](#)

Additional Resources

- Pack Resources
 - [Family Talent Survey](#)
 -
- Troop Resources
 - [Budget Planning Tool](#)
- Crew Resources
 - [Annual Program Planning](#)
- 2021 Journey to Excellence
 - [Cub Scouts](#)
 - [Scouts BSA](#)
 - [Crews](#)
- [Outdoor Ethics Awards](#)
- [Religious Awards](#)
- [Pack Overnighter Approved Camping Sites](#)
- Roundtable – a monthly opportunity – 2nd Thursday at 7:30pm



GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PRESS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct." Baden Powell



Flags In (Veterans Day) Nov 7, 2021

Scouts Honoring our Veterans

Celebrate Veterans Day by joining George Mason District scout families at "Flags-in" – placing American Flags on the graves of veterans.



Class-A Uniforms and Masks

The scout family's pick-up flags at the Chapel: The National Memorial Park, 7482 Lee Highway, Falls Church, VA 22042. Families should then move into the NMP and place flags.

Schedule for **November 7, 2021 (Sunday)**

- 12:00 pm – Event Starts – Pizza/Water provided. Get flags and instructions.
- 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm – TAPS blown (buglers needed)
- 3:00 pm – Event ends

Scout service hours (up to 3 hours) will be available. Each participating Scout earns a unique patch and rocker.

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



GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PRESS NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct." Baden Powell



District Life to Eagle



- Saturday, 29 January 2022
- 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- Virtual
- Register at: (Registration site coming soon)

Who should attend:

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

Registration will be done online and must be received by 27 January 2022 to get the Zoom link.

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



GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PRESS

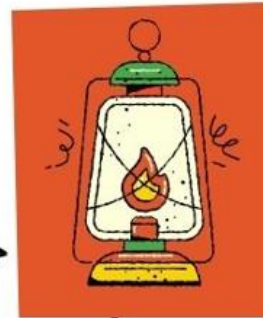
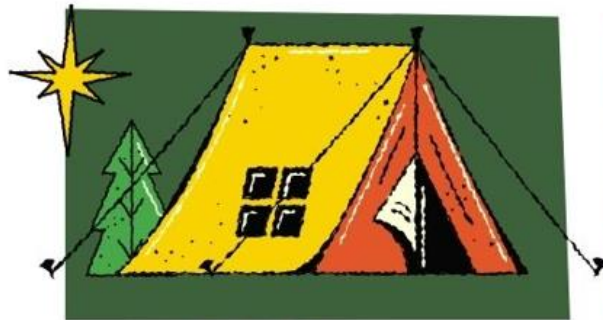
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct." Baden Powell



NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL

AKELA'S TRAIL



**REGISTRATION
IS NOW OPEN!**

NOVEMBER 20, 2021

[HTTPS://SCOUTINGEVENT.COM/082-51296](https://scoutingevent.com/082-51296)



GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PRESS NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct." Baden Powell



Akela's Trail – Formerly known as Pow-Wow

Scouters,

Registration for Akela's Trail (the Cub Scout Leader Training Extravaganza formerly known as Pow-Wow!) is now open!

Akela's Trail is 8:30AM to Noon virtual event, on November 20, 2021, which provides supplemental training for Cub Scout Leaders, Adults, and Partners. Please pass the information along to everyone in your Cub Scout Units!

Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-51296>

But wait, we have more information:

Still plenty of room to sign up for Akela's Trail! Lots of great training sessions for both new and experienced Cub Scout leaders, or if you just want to learn more about Cub Scouting. Pick and choose your own classes from a very wide selection of offerings. See the link below to get more information and register.

<https://weownadventure.com/akelas-trail-cub-scout-training/>

Also, here is a link to NCAC Cub Scouting Recruiting Resources webpage:

<https://www.bsacac.org/resources/membership/cub-scout-recruiting/>

Another great recruiting technique is encouraging your Cubs to earn their Recruiter Strip. The goal of the Recruiter Strip is "To recognize youth members who recruit a friend into Scouting". They only need to recruiter ONE new Cub. Nobody can sell the Cub Scout program like a Cub Scout!!!!



GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PRESS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct." Baden Powell



Akela's Trail

50 Minute Sessions		9-9:50	10-10:50	11-11:50
Camp Snyder: A Program Resource	Let our Camp Snyder expert give you great ideas on how you can use Camp Snyder to enhance your Pack or Den activities and create lifetime memories		X	X
Ceremonies	There can be more to an opening ceremony than just the Pledge of Allegiance. Let us give you a lesson on why ceremonies are important and how to plan and execute great ceremonies.	X		X
Cub Mastering	Some say it is science. Others say it an art. Is it a skill? Or a Talent? Putting on great pack meetings takes planning, organization, and execution. We explore lot of ideas to help you become a master at Cub Mastering.		X	X
Cubs Can Go Climbing	Cub Scouts like to climb! They climb ladders, fences, trees ... and even a climbing wall, if you take them to one. Our expert climber will give you an overview of what to look for in a climbing facility, the dos and don'ts when climbing with scouts and things you must do to keep climbing scouts boys BSA safe.	X		X
Cub Scout Awards	There are lots of awards and patches Cub Scouts can earn: the BSA Crime Prevention Award, the BSA Family Award, the World Conservation Award, just to name a few. Learn how to integrate the supplemental awards into your den program.	X		
Dealing with Difficult Parents	Parents ... they can be a great help. They can also be a great hindrance. Parent management is one of the most unenviable jobs of any den or pack leader, new to the job or not. Whether it is interacting with an angry or hostile or aggressive parent, we will discuss strategies on how to defuse the situation so that they realize you have their Cub Scout's best interest at heart.	X		X
Den Dynamics	What makes a good den? Along with the basics of den structure, we will focus on how a successful den starts and continues the momentum age get scouts ownership of their scouting program.		X	
Duty to God	Learn how to plan a Interfaith Service for your pack overnighiter or your Webelos den campout. We will show you the resources available for putting together a simple interfaith program and have it led by your cub scouts. Learn about the Religious Emblems program offered by P.R.A.Y. and the "Duty To God" programs	X		
Evaluating your Pack	Is your Pack the best it can be? Have you always wondered what changes you can make to be better at doing Cub Scouting? Come and we will discuss how to do a self -assessment of your Pack's operations.		X	
Event Planning	So, you have been asked to plan a pack or District Cub Scout event. Where do you start? Who can you call? What do you consider? We will show you the ABCs of event planning...for 35 or 350!		X	X
Family Scouting	You hear the term all the time, but what does it really mean. We will explore the meaning of "Family scouting" and how you can put the elements into practice in your unit.	X		X



GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PRESS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct." Baden Powell



Flag Ceremonies	How much do you know about displaying Old Glory? Let us show you how the proper way to show respect for our nation's flag. We will even show you a few great flag opening and closing ceremonies.	X		
Games with a Purpose	You'll learn how to facilitate team building games. These initiative games focus on communications, problem-solving, trust, planning, leadership, goal setting, and cooperation. These are not physically strenuous games but they are certainly challenging.		X	
Gathering Activities	Get your den or pack meeting off to a great start by using a gathering activity. Gathering activities are one of the little things you can use to put SPARKER and PUNCH into your meetings and give a touch of spice that adds to everyone's enjoyment.	X		X
Geocaching with Cub Scouts	We will show you how to use the growing sport of Geocaching to enhance your Cub Scout program. This course introduces you to the fundamentals of Geocaching and how to apply it in your Cub Scout Den or Pack to promote membership, retention, advancement, and public relations.	X		
How to Plan a Cub Scout Campfire!	Learn the steps for planning a successful campfire program with songs, skits, stories, and run-ons. What if you can't have an open flame? Don't let that stop you from having a campfire! Learn how to create an exciting outdoor and indoor campfire program.	X	X	
Keep Those Leaders Motivated	Understanding the reasons why people volunteer are keys to keeping them motivated and productive. Our motivational expert will help you discover the techniques to get the best from your leaders and parents involved, while meeting their expectation as volunteers.			X
Pack Communications	What information should be communicated within the Pack? What's the best way to communicate? Are there any tips on how better to communicate? What about emails and websites? Are there rules and guidelines concerning communication? Come find out as we explore together how we can improve and expand Pack Communications.	X		X
Pack Dynamics	It's the next step in planning the pack program. Its not the activities that make a pack succeed, but the structure; leadership, planning; guidelines of behavior.... and more that makes pack successful.	X		
Planning the Webelos Program	How a Webelos spends his last months as Webelos Scout determines his success as a Scout in a troop. We discuss program planning and pacing, outdoor activities, and other Weleblo activities that can improve their success.	X		X
Pack Pizzazz	Raise the roof and your Pack spirit with cheers, skits, songs, and run-ons. Come learn how you can put PIZZAZZ in your pack program!		X	
Put'n on a Blue and Gold	Have you been asked to be Chairman of your Pack's Blue and Gold Banquet, but haven't the foggiest idea where to start or what to do. Well, we'll explore the mechanics and logistics of a Blue and Gold together: from meal options to entertainment ideas, from site selection considerations to themes.			X



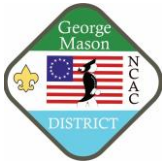
GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PRESS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct." Baden Powell



Revitalize your Pack	Is your "Pack Pooped"? Is your membership dropping and your program drooping? We'll show you how to give your unit a "shot in the arm" with lots of ideas on how to "Pep Up Your Pack".		X	X
Scout Book: An Introduction	Get a bird's eye view of a valuable tool and resource that will help you with the day-to-day management of your unit and give you what you need most: TIME.	X	X	X
Using you Den Chief	You want to know how to best use a Boy Scout serving as a Den Chief to take your Den program "over the top". We will give you the secrets if what a Deb Chief can do for you!		X	
Webelos to Scout Transition	The passage from Cub Scout pack to Boy Scout troop should be smooth, with no time lost in between. By the time Webelos Scouts are ready to cross over, they and their families should be familiar and comfortable with the youth and adult leaders of the troop, their role in the troop and troop activities, and feel excited about beginning this new adventure. We will talk about the keys to make the transition easy and seamless. (This is a two session course.)	X		
Pack Committee Training	Do you know how a pack committee should function? Do you its roles and responsibilities? Our trainer can help you make your pack Grow and GO by discussing the fundamentals of the Pack Committee understand hoe you can g	X		
Your Best Friend: The Unit Commissioner	Did you know a Unit Commissioner can be your single most important resource to building a better program, solving a parent or scout communication or behavior problem ... or just be there as a sounding board. Let our Commissioner explain what being a Unit Commissioner is all about.		X	



GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PRESS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct." Baden Powell



Registration is OPEN as of Sunday **October 24th at 10:00 am**

Registration Site

2022 Winter NYLT Course Dates

14 - 17 January 2022

&

21 - 23 January 2022

Both weekends must be attended.

Early Bird discount is \$300 until 16 December 2022

After that the fee is \$350.



GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PRESS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct." Baden Powell



Make sure new families in your pack have this info as soon as they join – This topic applies to all Units

[August 12, 2021](#) [Gina Circelli App Feed](#), [App Feed - Cub Scouts](#), [App Feed - For Leaders](#), [Cub Scouts](#), [Recruiting](#)

Get daily updates! [Download the new Scouting magazine app today.](#)



The data is in! New Scout families want to feel welcome and a sense of belonging in their new unit. And when they do, these Scouts will stay in Scouting programs for a long time.

What does this mean for Cub Scout leaders? Of course, being welcoming and kind to newcomers is at Scouting’s core. But there is one tool you can start using right now to get families the info they need to feel welcomed right off the bat.

Check out the new [“Welcome to Cub Scouts one-pager”](#) and fill in the blanks for your unit. Then, make handing, mailing, emailing, or texting this info sheet to new parents’ part of your welcoming process.

What do new parents, especially Cub Scout parents, need to know right away?

Don’t overthink it. The most important information to impart to a new family is how to make it to their first Cub Scout meeting. A family needs the time, date, and place of the meeting as part of the “onboarding” journey.

Onboarding means getting new Scouts and parents looped in with what’s going on in your unit and demonstrating the welcoming atmosphere of Cub Scouts. If someone doesn’t come from a Scouting background, they may not know the difference between a “den” and a “pack.” They likely have no idea how often Scouts meet. And they certainly don’t know when and where your unit meets.

That’s why it’s critical to give new families this info as soon as possible, as simply as possible. Then, parents and kids have a foundational understanding of how Cub Scouts is structured and you can ensure they make it to that first, crucial meeting.



GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PRESS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct." Baden Powell



Give new Cub Scout families the information they need quickly and easily

WELCOME TO CUB SCOUT PACK

We meet on _____ at _____

Our meeting location is _____

Our Cubmaster is _____

Phone: _____
This is the adult leader who will run meetings for your pack, the larger group your Scout will meet with once a month. A pack includes Cub Scouts from multiple dens and grades.

Our Den Leader is _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____
This is the adult leader who will run meetings for your den. Your Scout will meet with their den - a smaller, grade-specific group - several times a month on weeks when there is not a Pack meeting.

If I have questions about Cub Scouts, I can call or text _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Our pack website: _____

Our most-used pack social media page: _____

FIND SCOUT GEAR AND UNIFORM INFORMATION AT OUR LOCAL SCOUT SHOP OR AT SCOUTSHOP.ORG.

Address: _____

 Scan this with the camera on your phone to learn about the tool that will guide you through the Scouting experience.

SCOUT ME IN

If your Cub Scout unit's onboarding process needs a refresh, we've got your back. Check out the [Welcome to Cub Scouts one-pager](#). It's an editable PDF. Add your unit's info using your computer or print the one-pager and fill it out by hand.

Consider the best way to distribute this one-pager to new families. Perhaps your delivery method changes depending on how a family sign up for Scouts. You could turn it into a poster for joining events or copy-and-paste the one-pager's text into an email you send to every new family that registers online. You could distribute it as a flyer or text it to parents after you receive their children's applications.

https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2021/08/12/make-sure-new-families-in-your-pack-have-this-info-as-soon-as-they-join/?utm_source=scoutingwire&utm_campaign=swvolunteer8182021&utm_medium=email&utm_content=



GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PRESS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct." Baden Powell



2022 Wood Badge Registration NOW Open

Spring Course

Register at: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/wood-badge/>

Weekend #1: 29 April - 1 May 2022

Weekend #2: 13 - 15 May 2022

Course Director: Mr. John Howlin
johnhowlinjr@yahoo.com

Fall Course

Registration Open 30 April, 2022

Weekend #1: 9 - 11 September 2022

Weekend #2: 8 - 9 October 2022

Course Director: Mr. Rick Rogers
rsrogers4@gmail.com



Wood Badge could be postponed or delayed based on covid restrictions

Wood Badge is the Boy Scouts of America's ultimate leadership training designed to meet the advanced leadership needs of Scouters in all aspects of the BSA, whether unit, district, or council level – from assistant den leaders to Scoutmasters, from Cubmasters to Venturing Advisors, from committee members to commissioners. It is a fun, energetic and inspiring course guaranteed to infuse your unit with fun and meaning – all designed to fulfill the mission of the BSA, and ensure our youth is getting everything they are promised from the program.

QUESTIONS?

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



Wood Badge - Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-49317>

Wood Badge is an advanced, national leadership course open only to Scouting volunteers and professionals. Scouters from Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts, and Explorers, and district and council Scouters all are welcome and belong here.

Listen to the [April 2017 CubCast](#), "Tell Us More About Wood Badge," to learn more about this advanced leadership training course.

What do we see on course? We do many things on course, like:

- Listening
- Managing conflict
- Leading change
- Stages of team development
- Coaching & Mentoring
- Leadership for different stages
- Servant leadership
- Project planning
- And more!

These come to you in presentations, games, discussions, activities, and other methods.



GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PRESS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct." Baden Powell



Wood Badge (cont.)

Why do you want to go?

You want to participate in a Wood Badge course because of things you will learn and do. Here are some of the benefits:

- **Stronger units.** You will make your Scouting unit — and your sons' and daughters' units — stronger.
- **What and why of Scouting.** You will have a deeper understanding of what Scouting is and why we do it.
- **Experience.** You will learn and experience things that will stay with you in Scouting and the rest of your life.
- **Fun.** You will have fun and you will meet interesting people.
- **Other groups.** You will make your other groups, like work, church, even family, stronger.

Here's another summary of why to go. This was originally aimed particularly at Scouters in the Cub Scout program, but it applies equally to all of us.

CUB SCOUT LEADERS! How would you like to attend a training that takes you far beyond your Basic Leader Training? Would you like to build your skills in communication, conflict management and teaching methods? How about a leadership course that rivals many corporate level trainings?

Wood Badge is here for you. This is not a Troop leader training but is designed for Cub, Scout, and Venturing leaders. This course will help you better understand how all the Scouting programs tie together. It will provide you with many useful leadership tools to help enable our youth to have the best possible Scouting experience. There is no better time to attend a Wood Badge course and make a difference in your unit than when you are a Cub Scout Leader.

Tickets

Have you heard of "The Ticket" and wondered what it is? The ticket is a group of five goals you set for yourself to do after course, to improve your unit. You learn more about this on the course.

Purpose of Wood Badge

The purpose of Wood Badge is to develop skilled leaders who can strengthen Scouting units in achieving the mission of the Boy Scouts of America.

When we accomplish the mission of Scouting, we do it in the units. Therefore, the short form of the purpose is, *the purpose of Wood Badge is to strengthen units.*

Although the course is different today, what Baden-Powell said in 1919 still applies:

One of the purposes of Wood Badge training is to get Scouters to think about the practice of Scouting, to meet together, to exchange experiences, and to live together in the spirit of the Scout Oath.



GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PRESS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct." Baden Powell



#OPEN4 ADVENTURE

The Summit Bechtel Reserve is Booking for 2022!

Our High Adventure Experiences are filling up, so register now.

REGISTER NOW

Come check out our brand-new adventure **The Pack N' Paddle Experience**, or take part in one of our most popular adventures, **the Marksman Experience**, our one-of-a-kind specialized shooting sports program.



And don't forget, Summit offers units the unique ability to divide Scouts between the Summer Camp and many High Adventure programs. We've got experiences for everyone 11 to 20 years old.

Take part in some of our iconic offerings such as rafting down the New River in America's newest National Park, careening down the Big Zip, or hop on an ATV, take a hike or grab a bike. We're easy to get to and we've got something for everyone.

We're #open4adventure and can't wait to see you!



GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PRESS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021



"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct." Baden Powell

Looking for a different type of adventure in 2022?

Imagine canoeing pristine waters in Minnesota and Canada, hiking the Tooth of Time or Scuba diving the Florida Keys. Your Scouts BSA Troop, Venturing Crew or Sea Scout Ship can attend one of the BSA's four High Adventure Bases in the summer of 2022.

Check out our other amazing National High Adventure Bases below:



Philmont Scout Ranch



Florida Sea Base



Northern Tier

REGISTER NOW



GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PRESS NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct." Baden Powell



NYLT training – 2022 Schedule

- Winter course Registration open **October 24^h at 1000**
- Typically fills very quickly. Waitlist will be available.
- May require participants and staff to show proof of vaccination. Still being decided.



Entire 2022 Schedule

Course	Course Dates	location
22-1	Jan 14-17; Jan 21 -23	Snyder
22-2	June 19-24	Snyder
22-3	June 26 to Jul 1	Cheltenham
22-4	July 24-29*	Snyder
22-5	July 24-29*	Snyder

* courses running concurrently



Updated flyer coming soon



George Mason has sent an increasing percentage of Scouts attending

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
7 Scouts	9 Scouts	7 Scouts	20 Scouts	--	16 Scouts

7% of the 292 available slots

11% of the 144 available slots

- Questions? Email contact@my.NYLT.org

WHO SHOULD ATTEND? Scouts who have completed their unit's introduction to leadership course, have been practicing these skills, and are ready for the next level of training should attend NYLT once they meet all Eligibility Requirements.

NYLT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS Scouts must:

- Complete their home Unit's Introduction to Leadership Skills course*
- Receive approval from your Scoutmaster or Unit leader
- Be at least 13 years of age by course start date
- Earn First Class rank, if registered in a Troop
- Have current BSA Health Form (Parts A, B, and C)
- Be comfortable camping and cooking outdoors
- Commit to attending the entire course

WHAT NYLT IS (AND IS NOT) NYLT is not like summer camp and is not designed for rank advancement or earning merit badges. NYLT is an intense and challenging hands-on leadership training program. It is essential that NYLT participants be physically, emotionally, and mentally prepared to handle the demands of this advanced training. In order to get the most benefit from this unique experience, participants must exhibit emotional maturity, a positive attitude, proficiency in basic camping and outdoor cooking, and have an ambition to serve in leadership roles. NYLT is an exciting program designed for youth.



GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PRESS NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct." Baden Powell



2022 GM District Merit Badge Event

- March 5th, 2022 at Fairfax Presbyterian Church in Fairfax.
- Registration will open on December 23, 2021
- Need Unit Merit Badge Day Coordinator names and contact details by November 30 to John Drisco at gmasonmeritbadgeday@gmail.com
- Encourage Scouts to get merit badge books by December 31. Read requirements and start tackling "pre-work" by early January 2022.
- 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



GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PRESS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct." Baden Powell



Merit Badge Program



The Scouting BSA is a movement dedicated to supplementing and enlarging the education of youth. As a vital part of the BSA's advancement plan, the merit badge program is one of Scouting's basic character-building tools and plays a key role in the fulfillment of this educational commitment. There are over 100 different merit badges in the program. Upcoming events will be listed below:

- [Online Merit Badge Courses](#) - Watch video, fill out workbook, contact Counselor
- [Virtual Merit Badge Opportunities \(Nation-wide\)](#)
- [Parktakes](#) (select "Scouts" from the Category of Activity)
- [MeritBadge.Info](#) - Various MB Days throughout the country
- [Fly Fishing Merit Badge Program](#), Northern Virginia
- [Merit Badges Scouts can complete at Home](#)

Current Merit Badge Counselors and Guidelines:

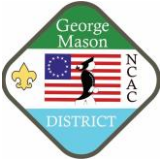
The current roster of merit badge counselors is provided periodically to the Scoutmaster of each troop. If a scout needs information about a specific merit badge, the scout can contact their troop leadership or the George Mason Merit Badge Dean **(note emails should include two adults - no one-on-one contact for electronic media).**

To become a Merit Badge Counselor:

You can apply online [here](#) (note, please ensure you have a current YPT before filling out application). When you are done with the application, send the MB Dean your list of MBs using the [Merit Badge Counselor Information Sheet](#).

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

Margee Egan at margee.egan@gmail.com



GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PRESS
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021
"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct." Baden Powell



Virginia Bird and Wildlife Trail (VBWT)

Check out this online guide for observing birds and wildlife from over 600 viewing sites along 65 trail loops within the Old Dominion.

With 400 species of birds, 150 species of mammals, 150 species of amphibians and reptiles, 250 species of fish, plus hundreds of butterflies, dragonfly, and other invertebrate species, you'll soon see why Virginia is a premier destination for birding and wildlife viewing.

Use the interactive maps and menus at [Find Wildlife: Viewing](#) to search for viewing sites near you or by city/county, search for sites with specific birds and wildlife of interest, or get driving directions to a site from your current location. Or, you can search by region (Coastal, Piedmont, Mountain) from here: <https://dwr.virginia.gov/VBWT/>

+++++

Printing Unit Charter Forms and BSA ID cards for youth/adults

Some units are asking questions on how to obtain / print materials such as BSA id Cards and Unit Charters. BSA is no longer printing and mailing these materials to the units. BSA has now made it possible for units to do this task themselves. The following are how-to guides to download and print the BSA ID cards and Unit Charters:

- How to download BSA Ids (YouTube Video):
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KOUcBoamgs0>

- How to downloads and print Unit Charters:
<https://files.constantcontact.com/0778a6dc201/ee304af2-9c84-4143-a42d-c1798715ca01.pdf>



GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PRESS NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct." Baden Powell



Pi Day – March 14, 2022



- Open to all (Cubs, Scouts BSA and Venturing Scouts)
- Pi Day gives math enthusiasts the opportunity to celebrate their love for numbers and the enigma that is the infinite pi.
- March 14 also is Albert Einstein's birthday.
- Pi is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. Amazingly, for all circles of any size, pi will always be the same.
- One can celebrate "Pi Day" with any kind of pie – pizza, apple, cherry, Boston Crème pie, etc. Let your imagination be your guide!
- Stay tuned for more "Pi Day" activities as we get closer to the big day!



GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PRESS NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct." Baden Powell



March 10, 2022 George Mason Pinewood Derby

- All Packs wanting to participate in the 2022 Pinewood Derby MUST hold their Pack Pinewood Derbies by March 10, 2022.
- One unit winner from each age bracket (Lions, Tigers, Wolves, etc.) regardless of gender.
- Pack winners must register (and pay) on Council website. \$15.00 per entry. No money collected at door on day of race. Must register by 3/17/22.
- Race will be held at Fairfax Presbyterian in Fairfax.
- For questions, contact Chip McCaslin at chipmccaslin@gmail.com



GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PRESS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate not instruct." Baden Powell



GM District Court of Honor



- To recognize adults who served/are serving at the unit level.
- Two awards:
 - Unit Commissioner's Unit Scouter Award – 1 per unit
 - Unit Appreciation Award – 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
- **Must have all submissions by no later than March 11, 2022.**
- Will confer awards at District COH/April Roundtable.



GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PRESS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct." Baden Powell



UNIT APPRECIATION AWARD

Annually each Unit in the George Mason District can recognize Unit Scouters by selecting individuals to receive the Unit Appreciation Award. Retention of strong unit leaders is critical to successful program delivery. While one should thank active, engaged adults throughout the year, don't miss this chance to recognize them

CRITERIA:

The basis for this award is broad. Some units may recognize a person for long and dedicated service. Other units may decide to honor an individual for his or her specific contribution during the past year, or for an individual event. The unit may choose certain criteria this year and change it next year. The only hard criteria are that the service must have been for the unit itself, not the District, Council, Region, National, or some outside organization; and that the individual be a registered Scouter in the Unit.

NUMBER OF AWARDS:

Unit Appreciation Awards are **limited 8 per unit**. Units are encouraged to focus the awards on those Scouters who have provided excellent service to the youth of the unit.

PROCEDURE:

Each spring, Unit leadership will select the adults they wish to recognize. Nominating an adult for the Unit Appreciation Award requires simply an e-mail to the District Advancement and Recognition Committee (gm.adultrecognition@gmail.com) with:

1. Nominee's name.
2. Unit type.
- 3 Unit number.
4. Nominee's e-mail address (required)

Please provide one or two sentences to describe the adult's contribution to your unit. If possible, please submit a photo of the scouter involved in an activity with the unit.

DUE DATE:

Unit's must submit their nominees to the District Awards and Recognition Committee (gm.adultrecognition@gmail.com) no later than **11 March 2022**.

PRESENTATION:

A Unit Appreciation Award Certificate will be presented to each Unit Nominee at the District Court of Honor in the spring of 2022. There is an expectation, not a requirement, that Units submitting a Nominee will attend the ceremony and bring the Nominee(s).



GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PRESS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct." Baden Powell



GEORGE MASON DISTRICT UNIT COMMISSIONER'S UNIT SCOUTER AWARD

I nominate _____ for the Unit Commissioner's Unit Scouter Award in recognition of the service given to his/her Unit to further the Scouting program in the George Mason District.

Commissioner making nomination: _____ Date: _____

INFORMATION ABOUT THE NOMINEE

Unit Type: _____ Number: _____ Sponsor: _____

Nominee's Position in Unit: _____

Years in position:* _____ Years in Scouting:* _____ (*If relevant to award)

Nominee address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: VA. Zip: _____

E-Mail Address (required): _____

NOMINATION JUSTIFICATION

(Insert one or two sentences here describing why the unit is nominating this individual for the award. _____)

Nominations may be based on long service to the unit, outstanding accomplishment or both. Service must have been for the unit itself, not the District, Council, Regional, National, or some outside organization, and the individual must be a registered Scouter in the Unit. Ordinarily, units are limited to one Unit Scouter Award. Talk with your Unit Commissioner if you have a second leader you want to recognize. The expectation, not requirement, is that the Nominee and Unit leadership will attend the District Court of Honor.

SUBMISSION AND DUE DATE

Unit Commissioners should forward their nominations to the District Advancement and Recognition Committee (gm.adultrecognition@gmail.com) no later than **11 March 2022**.

**Please return the nomination in the word document format, not PDF. If possible, please submit a photo of the nominee, preferably involved in an activity with the unit.



GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PRESS NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct." Baden Powell



GM Spring Camporee Date:

April 29 – May 1, 2022

Location and Theme: TBD

- Online registration available on Council website in early 2022.
- Leader Guide will be available on registration site a few weeks ahead of event.
- Need unit volunteers to help run event.

Registration will open in early 2022



GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PRESS NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct." Baden Powell



George Mason Hike-O-Ree May 2022

- 2nd Annual GM Hike-O-Ree on weekends of May 7 and May 14 – 5/6 to 5/15/22.
- Open to all (Cubs, Scouts BSA and Venturing Scouts), families and friends.
- Any age, any place and any appropriate grouping – just keep track of how far you hiked.
- Register on Council website (registration opening in early 2022). \$5.00 for a patch.
- Challenge – District Scouts, Scouters and families hike 2,022 miles.
- Total the miles for each unit and notify Matt Burns at Burnsmj509@gmail.com. We'll see how big a total we reach.



GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PRESS NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct." Baden Powell



Jamboree On the Trail



- An international event open to all (Cubs, Scouts BSA, Venturers).
- Cubs could visit a local nature trail to complete an Adventure.
- Scouts BSA might backpack as prep for High Adventure or hike a trail as part of a merit badge.
- Venturing Scouts might make a service project out of restoring a trail.
- The key thing is to get outdoors and enjoy nature responsibly.
- There is no minimum distance or time.
- A patch is available by registering at: [Registration - JOTT - Jamboree on the Trail](#)
- Register by March 31, 2022 to be confident of receiving your patch by JOTT.



GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PRESS NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct." Baden Powell



Flags In – May 30, 2022

- May 30, 2022 at Noon
- Open to all (Cubs, Scouts BSA and Venturing Scouts)
- Social distancing – bring a mask
- **National Memorial Park, 7482 Lee Highway, Falls Church**
- **All Scouts, including Girl Scouts, are welcome.**
- **Class A Uniforms**



GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PRESS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct." Baden Powell



George Mason Order of The Arrow

Our Chapter Meetings (for the foreseeable future) have changed to the First Thursday of the month, and they are held at St. Mark Catholic Church, 9970 Vale Rd. Vienna VA 22181.



GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PRESS NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct." Baden Powell



NOAC 2022

Zach Schonfeld June 24, 2021 [OA Today](#) [NOAC 2022](#)

2022 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)



We are excited to invite you to attend the 2022 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) on **July 25-30, 2022**, at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville! NOACs are the OA's largest event, with upwards of 8,000 attendees from lodges nationwide expected to gather for the best national conference yet!

After more than a year of living through this pandemic, we can't wait to get back to NOAC and watch the nightly stadium shows, watch lodges compete for glory in the sports and ceremony competitions, and meet Arrowmen from around the nation, all while spending a week living in a college dorm—and yes, it will have air conditioning!

Interested in joining us in Knoxville? Attendees can register for next year's NOAC as one of four categories:

1. **Delegates** - Participants who register directly with a lodge contingent. Lodge leadership will coordinate payment of conference fees.
2. **Individuals** - Participants who register outside of their lodge contingent. Council Scout executives must still approve these individuals' attendance. These participants will register directly through the National OA Event Registration System (NOAERS) and will be housed in premium (hotel) housing. This option is only available for adult participants at least 21 years old.
3. **Staff** - Volunteers who execute the conference and coordinate their own travel. Staff opportunities are available for both youth and adults. Staff can either choose to stay in University of Tennessee, Knoxville dorms or premium (hotel) housing and will register directly through the National OA Event Registration System (NOAERS).
4. **Virtual Delegates** - Participants who do not travel to Knoxville but still want to watch a livestream of NOAC programs and other exclusive content. These individuals will register directly through NOAERS.

Staff and individual registration open October 4th! Delegates should check with their lodge for registration details!

To hear more about what's in store at next year's NOAC, follow the conference's social media pages on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) @OANOAC and like the [Facebook](#) page, "NOAC," to be one of the first to hear the



GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PRESS
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021
"The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct." Baden Powell



theme announcement in August and other updates! Make sure to keep checking NOAC2022.org to stay informed with all of the information regarding NOAC!



NOAC 2022 Theme Announcement
 Zach Schonfeld August 23, 2021 [OA Today](#) [NOAC 2022](#)



Thought without action is just a possibility. For every insurmountable challenge or audacious dream there is a first step: the courageous young person who rises against the odds to take one act, however small, to begin transforming the world.

It's this urgency to create change and the willingness to take action—continuously and repeatedly in the face of failure—that defines young people who shape a world that reflects their values.

With this in mind, we're excited to announce the 2022 National Order of the Arrow Conference theme: **Tomorrow Begins Today.**

At NOAC, we'll gather as a movement in person once again to build our shared future together. Every attendee has a role to play as we strengthen our lodges, grow our membership, and chart a modern vision for the Order of the Arrow—we all must do our part.

In 2022, NOAC will return to the University of Tennessee, Knoxville! This will be our first conference since 2018 and the largest Scouting event in nearly three years. When more than 6,000 Arrowmen gather at UT, we will commit ourselves to the conference learning objective: **Act today to transform tomorrow.** This challenge will guide our time at NOAC in training, competitions, fellowship, and other premier programs.

The conference branding will be released in the coming months.

We hope to see you at UT on July 25-30, 2022, for NOAC! Staff and individual registration opens in October, but some lodges have already opened registration for their contingents. More information about the conference can be found [here](#).