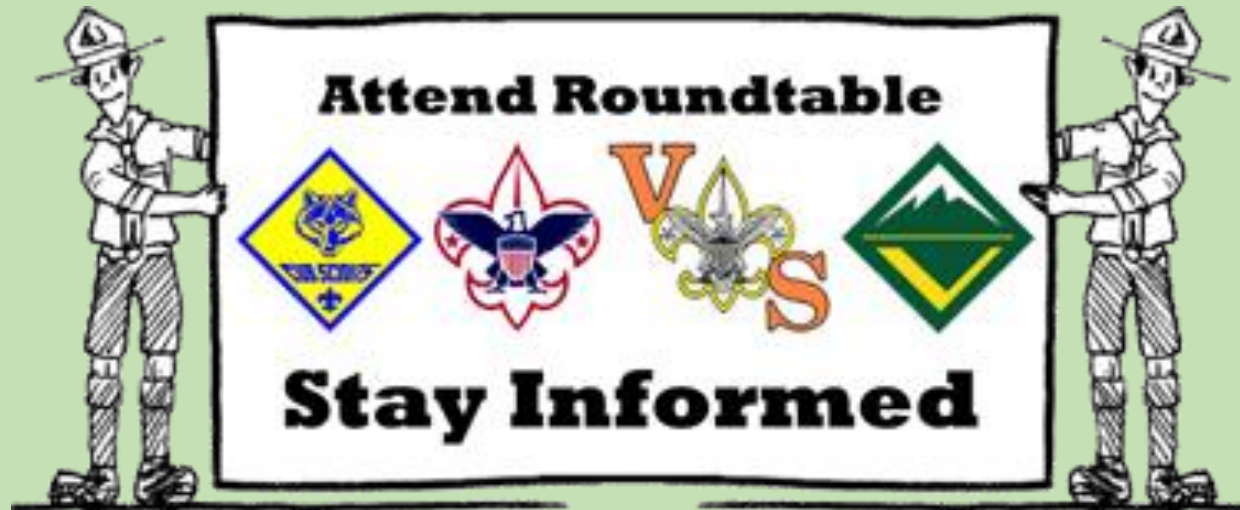


George Mason District Roundtable

September 14, 2023



Agenda

- Pledge and Welcome
- Questions about [Read-ahead](#)
- General Announcements
- George Mason Calendar
- Joint Session: Incident Reporting
- Joint Session: BSA Insurance/Other Insurance
- Cracker Barrel/Networking (Optional; NLT 9pm)
- Next Meeting: October 12, 2023 (7:30pm) – Thoreau MS

Pledge



Welcome

New to Roundtable?

Please introduce yourself!

Questions/Clarification about Read-ahead?

General Announcements

Discussion - Incident Reporting Icebreaker

Event Overview:

- Dolly Sods, WV Backpacking Incident August 13 (Day 4 of 4 day trek)
- 3 adults and 5 scouts from the 2024 Philmont Crew
 - 0900 - Adult slipped on rock refilling water (**fractured femur**)
 - Crew assessed seriousness of injury
 - Contacted EMT
 - 0930 - Incident reported
 - 1430 - EMT arrival on foot
 - 1534 - Air evacuation (Maryland State Trooper)by chopper

Lessons Learned:

- Slippery rocks near streams
- Emergency communication devices
 - Satellite Phone
 - iPhone 14 (SOS)
- Crew briefing and preparation

Discussion - Incident Reporting

- Incident Information Reporting Tool - Use this tool to report all injuries, illnesses, and incidents during Scouting activities or on council-owned properties that require the intervention of a medical provider beyond basic Scout-rendered first aid.
- Youth Protection/Membership Infraction Information Reporting Tool - Use this tool to report all allegations of abuse, violations of BSA guidelines or policies, inappropriate behavior by a Scout/Scout leader/parent/other.
- Near Miss Incident Information Reporting Tool - Use this tool to report near misses in programs such as COPE and climbing activities. A near miss is an incident that did not result in injury, illness, or damage by definition but that had the potential to have done so. Near misses with clear lessons learned can bring to light opportunities to improve safety performance or program practices.

Discussion – BSA Insurance

- **Comprehensive General Liability Insurance.** This type of policy responds to allegations or claims from a third party that they suffered personal injury or property damage due to negligent action. *Coverage is limited to official Scouting activities, and those activities must be consistent with the values, Charter and Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, operation manuals, and applicable literature of the Boy Scouts of America.* Local councils, chartered organizations, and registered volunteers are provided with primary coverage. **Scouting youth (age 17 and younger) are not insured under this policy.** The insurance provided to unregistered volunteers through the general liability insurance program is excess over any other insurance the volunteer might have to his or her benefit.
- **Accident and Sickness.** This insurance provides **medical coverage to Scouting participants on an excess basis** for injuries or fatalities that arise out of an official Scouting activity. For example, if a youth falls during a hike and breaks a wrist, the parent's health coverage may pay for the ER visit minus a \$500 deductible; this insurance can reimburse the \$500.
- **Automobile Liability Insurance.** Coverage is provided **above the vehicle owner's insurance plus any automobile liability insurance** provided by a local council. Vehicles **MUST** be covered at the minimum amount required by the state for automobile liability. It is recommended that coverage limits are at least \$100,000 combined single limit. Vehicles carrying 10 or more passengers should have at least \$1,000,000 in coverage. **Note:** The use of 15-passenger vans manufactured before 2005 is prohibited.
- **Coverage for Non-Owned Boats.** General liability insurance **coverage on an excess basis**, after other applicable insurance is exhausted, is available for boat owners above their liability coverage limits. It is recommended that boats under 26 feet have at least \$300,000 and boats 26 feet or over have at least \$500,000.

Discussion – Other Insurance

- High Adventure Campers Accident & Sickness Insurance
 - Automatically provided to all persons registered and attending any BSA High Adventure Base (Philmont, Sea Base, Northern Tier [US & CA], Summit Bechtel Reserve).
 - In effect while attending and while traveling to and from.
 - An *excess coverage* plan – BUT if camper has no other coverage, plan will cover all, up to max coverage.
 - Low coverage amounts: 2023 - \$15K max medical, \$7.5K sickness.
- Travel Insurance
 - How far away must you be? Some require >100 mi from home.
 - Extra medical coverage / cancel for covered reasons / may include evacuation (more on this later).
- Cancel For Any Reason (CFAR)
 - Expect ~10% of trip cost for qualifying travel insurance plan + CFAR add-on.
 - How will your unit fill a vacated spot? Who will be responsible for finding a substitute? Are you willing to take anyone?
- Rescue / Evacuation considerations
 - Emergency reunion benefits
 - Plans offered in conjunction with your SOS locator beacon service provider (Garmin/SPOT/etc.) – e.g., Overwatch & Rescue via SPOT = \$29/yr. Iridium phones & hotspot, free with some plans.

Current 2023 George Mason Calendar

- September 23, 2023 – [Scouts Night – Nationals vs Atlanta Braves](#)
- September 23, 2023 – [Life to Eagle Seminar \(in-person\)](#)
- October 6-9, [Climb-o-ree](#)
- October 20-22, 2023 – [Fall Camporee](#)
- October 28, 2023 – [Scouting for Food \(Tags\)](#)
- November 4, 2023 – [Scouting for Food \(Collection\)](#)
- November 11, 2023 – [Flags In \(Veterans Day\)](#)
- November 25, 2023 – 5K Trot & Ride, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA



Time for Cracker Barrell

- *Minutes and slides available on the [GMD web site](#) (District Resources, Roundtable). Password is “GMDRT”*
- *Next meeting – October 12, 2023, at Thoreau MS 7:30pm*

Backup Slides

Fall Camporee

- Camp Rock Enon (off 81 in western VA) on October 20-23, 2023 – registration opens Monday. Webelos welcome. Units provide their own food. About 1.5 hours from Vienna, VA.
- Activities will include Shooting Sports, Merit Badge completions, Friendship & Fellowship, and a Campfire.
- Will need lots of volunteers to successfully do this. Even if you could only do a few hours, that would be helpful.
- Partial and full merit badge classes
- Scouts sign up for Merit Badges when they register and pay
- Cut off for MB Sign Up is Oct 2
- Cost is \$30 for scouts, adults, and staff - more if doing shooting.
- (2) 90-minute AM sessions, (2) 90-minute PM sessions, (1) 60-minute slow prior to dinner

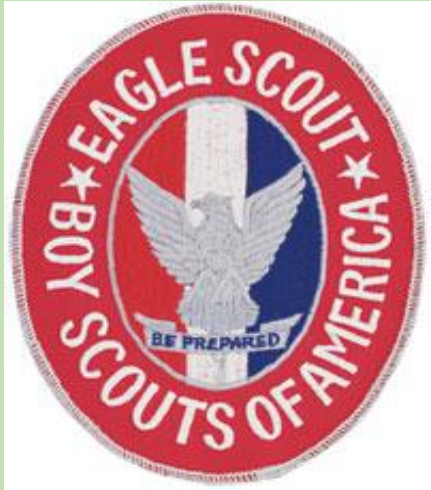
Council Update

- **2024 National Dues** – Effective 08/01/23 - <https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/XoisQJcMr1NncMfshG7xCj9f>
- **2024 Council Dues** – Effective 1/1/24 - <https://www.ncacbsa.org/participation-fee/https://www.ncacbsa.org/participation-fee/>
- **Join Scouting Resources** - Unit resources are available on the web at <https://www.ncacbsa.org/unit-resources/>
- **NCAC support for Join Scouting** - Contact the [District Executive](#) for signs, banners, flyers, pencils, stickers, etc. Many items are available, but banners need to be reserved and flyers take 2-3 weeks to print. Note, use the default Cub/Scout flyers (in [Unit Resources](#)), with your meeting information, to expedite printing. [Geofencing](#) takes approximately 2-3 week (one week to setup and a couple of weeks to be seen by the parents in your area).
- **Cub Scout Overnight Camping** - Starting 09/01/23, Cub Scout Packs who are conducting their own overnight camping activities may now camp up to two consecutive nights. More information [here](#).
- **Unit Charter Renewal (September activities)** - **Internet Advancement will open on 10/2/23 for** Charter Renewal. To prepare, units should: 1)Conduct a membership inventory by 30 Sep; 2)Compare unit roster against official my.scouting.org roster; 3)Submit apps for individuals not on my.scouting.org roster – encourage online apps; 4)Identify member not returning in 2024; 5)Collect all fees; 6)Identify leaders for next year and get CR approval; and 7)Identify adults whose YPT expires before 1 Jan 2025 and encourage them to retake YPT now.
- **Unit Charter Renewal Training (via Zoom)** - Classes will be offered on [09/19/23](#) (Tues) and [09/28/23](#) (Thur) at 7:30pm. Note: only the Key 3 and Key 3 Delegates will have access to [Internet Advancement](#). The [2024 Annual Membership Renewal Handbook](#) is now available.

STEM

- Anytime – [DC STEM Trek](#)- 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

District Life to Eagle Seminar – September 23



- Saturday, 23 September 2023
- 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- In Person at St. James Catholic Church in Falls Church
- Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-70702>

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 is live now and must be registered by 21 September 2023.

Any questions contact Matt Burns at 703-938-9550 or at gm.advancement@gmail.com

Merit Badges

- The online Merit Badge Counselor [registration](#) 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.

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 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.



Training (<https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/training/>)

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO;C32) –

- [10/13/23 – 10/14/23, Huntingtown, MD](#)
- [10/14/23 – 10/15/23, Middleburg, VA](#)
- [11/18/23 – 11/19/23, Lorton, VA](#)

Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS; S11)

- [09/15/23 – 09/16/23, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)
- [10/13/23 – 10/14/23, Huntingtown, MD](#)
- [10/14/23 – 10/15/23, Middleburg, VA](#)
- [11/18/23 – 11/19/23, Lorton, VA](#)

Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills (BCOLS) - [09/23/23 \(Alexandria, VA\)](#) & [10/21/23 -10/22/23 \(Camp Big Mac, Markham, VA\)](#)

NYLT

24-1: 01/12/24 -01/15/24 & 01/27/24-01/28/24

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 will open in the Fall and will be announced via email and on Facebook

Wilderness First Aid (N02) –

- [10/21/23 – 10/22/23, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)
- [11/18/23 – 11/19/23, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)
- [12/16/23 – 12/17/23, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)

Wood Badge (A90) <https://www.ncacbsa.org/wood-badge/> - 09/08/23 - 09/10/23 & 10/07/23 – 10/08/23

Leave No Trace/Outdoor Ethics - [10/16/23 \(Zoom\)](#) & [10/21/23 \(Camp Snyder\)](#)

BSA Leave No Trace Trainer Course - Outdoor Ethics - [10/16/23 \(Zoom\)](#) & [10/21/23](#) – Haymarket, VA

Outdoor Ethics Orientation Courses (Scouts and Cubs) - Outdoor Ethics Newsletter - Sign up [here](#).

[12/03/23](#) – Brandywine, MD



GM High Adventure



Sept 2023

- **Important notes for this month**
 - **HELP NEEDED FROM ALL George Mason Scouts BSA Troops, Venture Crews & Sea Scout Ships!!**
 - Please complete the Google Form survey on your units high adventure activities (even if your unit hasn't done any) at the following URL
 - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf9JOXShmdJVIDg4GeVD4a0bbrQUS6JDW4tOsruUsml9IJ9cw/viewform?usp=sharing>
 - Philmont 2025 registration occurs Oct 1-16, 2023 – For more information, go to <https://www.registerphilmont.org/entry/2025>
 - Most BSA High Adventure bases still have availability for summer 2024 trips – See the URL below for more information
 - <https://www.scouting.org/outdooradventures/open4adventure/>
- **NCAC-Organized High Adventure Trips - 2024**
 - Northern Tier – Jul 23-Aug 3, 2024, Crew of 6-8 - \$2,095
 - Lenhok'sin – James River Canoeing Trek - Crew of 6-12, July 7-13, 2024
 - FOR INFO: highadventure@ncacbsa.org
 - Philmont – Jul 13-27, 2024 – Already full
 - Sea Base – Jul 29-Aug 3, 2024 – Already full
 - Sea Base – Aug 6-11, 2024 - Already full
- **Training - Open to all NCAC Scouts & adults that are participating in HA trips in the next few years**
 - Philmont 2024 Sessions: I – 11/19/23; II – 01/07/24; IIIa – 03/24/24; IIIb – 04/06/24
 - Philmont Advisor Hikes: 08:00, Sat 3/09 & Sun 3/17/24, 0800 Catoctin Mt Park, Thurmont, MD
 - Northern Tier 2024 Sessions: Sat, 04/06/24 (in-person); Sat, 04/20/24 (virtual)
 - Sea Base Session: TBD
 - BCOLS: Sep 23/Oct 21-22, Heritage Pres & Camp Big Mac
 - Registration Link - <https://scoutingevent.com/082-70527>
- **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

- Requests for Shooting Events – Lead Time!
 - 50+ scouts - 6mos
 - Less than 50 scouts - 3mos
- Shooting on private land:
 - Requirements
 - Permissions/protocols
- Shooting Sports [web page](#)
- Shooting Sports Instructor Classes:
 - [Rifle/Shotgun](#)
 - [Archery](#)



Order of the Arrow

- 2023 Dues can be paid online: <https://wipit470.org/dues.html>
 - 11/01/23 – Election Season Opens
- * Registrations open online <https://wipit470.org/index.html> under “Events”