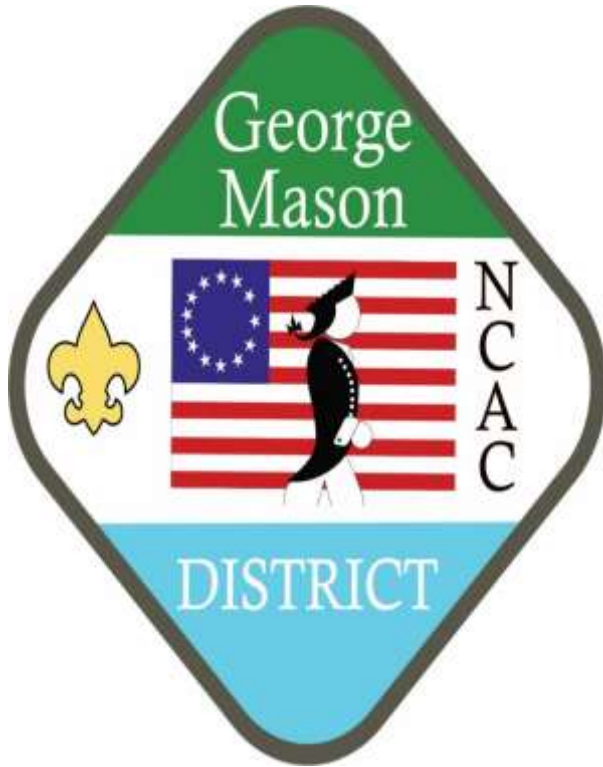




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Welcome to this edition of the George Mason District Press. We e-mail this out bi-monthly to the BSA registered leaders in George Mason District; unit leaders and merit badge counselors – those who have their current YPT.

George Mason District Leadership and its youth appreciate all of the hard work and commitment you provide to the youth of our community. Thank you.

Please plan to attend the 1/09/2020 – Roundtable/OA Chapter Meetings
(7:30pm RT/OA), Thoreau Middle School, Vienna, VA

University of Scouting – Feb 29, 2020

Save the Date: May 1-3 - George Mason Spring 2020
Camporee (STEM Theme)

USEFUL LINKS:

[NCAC Council Website](#)

[National BSA](#)

[National Order of the Arrow](#)

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Calendar of Events

- 01/04/2020 - Amangamek-Wipit Lodge 470 Banquet
- 01/05/2020 - [Pinewood Derby Clinic](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 01/05/2020 - NCAC Jewish Committee on Scouting Merit Badge Fair, Fairfax, VA [Merit Badge Registration](#)
- 01/09/2020 - Roundtable/OA Chapter Meetings (7:30pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA
- 01/14/2020 - GM Commissioner's Meeting (7:30pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA
- 01/18-20/2020 & 02/15-17/2020 - [NYLT](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA (Both Weekends required)
- 01/25/2020 - [Webelo Invitational Klondike Derby](#), Clarksburg, MD
- 01/31/2020 - [Old Dominion Klondike Derby](#), Harper's Ferry, WV
- 02/02/2020 – Scout Sunday
- 02/08/2020 - [The Akela Chess Classic Scouts BSA Tournament](#), Reston, VA
- 02/11/2020 - Roundtable/OA Chapter Meetings (7:30pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA
- 02/13/2020 - GM Commissioner's Meeting (7:30pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA
- 02/26/2020 – District Committee (7:15pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA
- 02/29/2020 - [NCAC University of Scouting - UoS Alexandria, VA](#)**
- 03/07/2020 - Life-To-Eagle Seminar, Fairfax, VA
- 03/07/2020 – [Northern Tier High Adventure Bases Training](#), Fairfax VA0
- 03/10/2020 - Roundtable/OA Chapter Meetings (7:30pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA
- 03/12/2020 - GM Commissioner's Meeting (7:30pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA
- 03/14/2020 - GM District Merit Badge Fair (8:30am) – Fairfax Presbyterian Church, Fairfax, VA.
- 03/21/2020 - GM District Pinewood Derby – Fairfax Presbyterian Church, Fairfax, VA.
- 03/25/2020 – District Committee (7:15pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA



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- 04/03-05/2020 – Amangamek-Wipit Lodge Spring Fellowship, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 04/14/2020 - GM Commissioner's Meeting (7:30pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA
- 04/29/2020 – District Committee (7:15pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA
- 05/01-03/2020 - Spring George Mason/Patriot Chapter Ordeal at Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 05/01-03/2020 - George Mason Spring 2020 Camporee (STEM Theme), Site TBD
- 05/12/2020 - Roundtable/OA Chapter Meetings (7:30pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA
- 05/14/2020 - GM Commissioner's Meeting (7:30pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA
- 05/15-17/2020 – Amangamek-Wipit Lodge Conclave, Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation, Whiteford, MD
- 05/27/2020 – District Committee (7:15pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA
- 06/09/2020 - Roundtable/OA Chapter Meetings (7:30pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA
- 06/11/2020 - GM Commissioner's Meeting (7:30pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA
- 06/20-21/2020 – Colonial District Spring IOLS/BALOO, Gunston Hall, Mason Neck, VA
- 06/21-26/2020 - [NYLT](#), Cheltenham, MD
- 06/24/2020 – District Committee (7:15pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA
- 06/28-7/3/2020 - [NYLT](#), Cheltenham, MD
- 07/06-09/2020 - [Camp Snyder Cub Scout Day Camp 2020](#) Day Camp 1, Haymarket, VA
- 07/10-12/2020 - [Camp Snyder Cub Scout Resident Weekends 2020](#) Weekend 1, Haymarket, VA
- 07/13-17/2020 - [Camp Snyder Webelos Resident Week 2020](#), Haymarket, VA
- 07/17-19/2020 - [Camp Snyder Cub Scout Resident Weekends 2020](#) Weekend 2, Haymarket, VA
- 07/20-23/2020 - [Camp Snyder Cub Scout Day Camp 2020](#), Day Camp 2 STEM, Haymarket, VA



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Calendar of Events (cont.)

07/26-31/2020 - [NYLT](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

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

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

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

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

08/02-07/2020 - [NYLT](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

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

08/10-15/2020 - [NYLT](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA (Sunday Friendly)

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



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Training Opportunities

Cub Scout:

- *Position Specific:*
 - 01/25/20 - [Cub Scout Leader Specific Training](#), Herndon, VA
 - 02/08/20 - [Cub Scout Leader Specific Training](#), Stafford, VA
- *BALOO:*
 - 03/20/20 - [Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation \(BALOO\)](#), Stafford, VA

Scout:

- *Position Specific*
 - 01/25/20 - [Scoutmaster Position - Specific Training](#), Alexandria, VA
 - 02/01/20 - [Scoutmaster Position - Specific Training](#), Alexandria, VA
 - 03/07/20 - [Scoutmaster Position - Specific Training](#), Gaithersburg, MD
- *IOLS:*
 - 03/13/20 – [IOLS](#), Stafford, VA
- *BCOLS:*
 - 03/14/20 - Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills (BCOLS), Huntington, MD (Overnight - 04/25/20 - Prince Frederick, MD)
- *COR:*
 - 02/08/20 - [Chartered Organization Representative \(COR\) Training](#), Stafford, VA

District:

- *Commissioners:*
 - 03/07/20 - [Commissioners Basic Training/Roundtable Commissioners](#), Gaithersburg, MD
 - 03/14/20 - [Commissioner's College](#), Mountain West Service Area

Miscellaneous:

Community Emergency Response Training (CERT)

- Fairfax County [CERT](#) training - take your Emergency Prep to the next level by attending the CERT - Contact: [Jeffrey Katz](#) (Volunteer Liaison, 703-246-3926)



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Den Chief Training



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

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

activity-packed day.

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

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

High Adventure Bases Training

- Philmont Skills Training for Advisors/Crews - [01/12/20](#), [03/14/20](#)
- Northern Tier High Adventure Bases Training - [03/07/20](#), [03/28/20](#), [04/25/20](#)

International Scouting

- 01/05/20 - [JCoS International Scouting Training](#), Fairfax, VA

STEM/NOVA

- 01/05/20 - [JCoS STEM/NOVA Counselor Training](#), Fairfax, VA

University of Scouting

- 02/29/20 - [University of Scouting](#), Alexandria, VA

Wilderness First Aid/CPR/AED

- 01/10/20 - [Wilderness First Aid/CPR/AED](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 02/07/20 - [Wilderness First Aid/CPR/AED](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 03/13/20 - [Wilderness First Aid/CPR/AED](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 04/17/20 - [Wilderness First Aid/CPR/AED](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA



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UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

29 FEBRUARY 2020

HAYFIELD SECONDARY SCHOOL, 7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA

(Prior to Registering Open the Catalog and Select the Classes You Want to Take)

Here is the Course Catalog Link: [2020 University of Scouting Catalog](#)

Online registration will open in early January 2020!!!

PURPOSE OF UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

Purpose of the University of Scouting – The “*University of Scouting*” is a supplemental training opportunity for all adult Scout leaders. It is the only time during the year where you can find, all in one place, the widest variety of training opportunities in all program areas (*Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouting, District Operations, and Council*). Whether you are new to the program or a veteran of many years, the University provides interesting courses in Cubbing, Scouts, and Adventure and leadership training for Venturing, and Sea Scouting; Electives courses applicable across the Scouting programs, and District operations courses.

- The *College of Cub Scouting* provides a wide variety of courses from working with Cub Scout-aged boys to pack administration to planning for an outdoor program, all focused on meeting Scouting goals while having fun as a pack or den.
- The *College of Scouts BSA* provides an exciting variety of troop, patrol and outdoor planning supplemental courses to help manage the challenges of a great troop experience.
- The College of Adventure Scouting provides classes in Venturing and Sea Scout topics and a variety of classes in Adventure Scouting / High Adventure subjects and resources for Venturing Crews, Sea Scout Ships, and Scout Troops.
- The *College of Elective Programs* offers many “general studies courses” that cut across all the programs. Just about everything from diversity and special needs to using technology can be found in the Elective Programs. STEM Scouts will be covered as a subprogram (ELC500 classes) within the Electives College.



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- **The *College of District Operations*** is intended to provide training to district committee members and Scouters with an interest in district operations. Courses will range from a two-period orientation for new members to those focusing on administration, strategic planning, recruiting, and promotion. New classes have been added on managing your committee/district with Basecamp and using Black Pug to manage scouting events.
- ***Standalone Courses are BSA national syllabus courses such as Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC) that provide training for leadership positions in Scouting. Note that standalone courses do not count toward any degree requirements in any College.***
- ***Scoutbook Training*** We are offering a full day of Scoutbook training in the College of Electives, three classes, each repeated twice. They are: Scoutbook – the Key to Organizing a Scout Unit, Scoutbook – Advancement in Cub Scouts, and Scoutbook – Advancement in ScoutsBSA. Full details are at ELC classes 132, 137, and 138 on pages 31 and 32.

All these opportunities are available at the University for learning how to better serve our young people and better work with our fellow leaders!



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The George Mason Chapter of the Order of the Arrow Amangamek-Wipit Lodge 470 Congratulates Zach Schonfeld!



Zach Schonfeld has been elected as the **2020 National Chief** of the Order of the Arrow! He is a Vigil Arrowman from Amangamek-Wipit Lodge, National Capital Area Council.



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Colonial District Spring 2020 IOLS/BALOO Pre-requisites

Please see some important notes related to Colonial's IOLS and BALOO Trainings scheduled for **June 20, 2020** Gunston Hall. The overnight session will run from **Saturday, June 20 beginning at 11:00 AM** through **Sunday, June 21 at 3:00 p.m.**

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

Registration link still needs to be created.

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

All prerequisites can be found on my.scouting.org ==>

<https://my.scouting.org/dashboard-legacy> under "Expanded Learning"

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

Part One— The BSA Safety Modules:

Hazardous Weather

Safety Afloat

Safe Swim Defense

Drive Safe

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

[Introduction to Cub Scout Outdoor Program](#)

[Pack Camping Program](#)

[Planning Your Cub Scout Outdoor Event](#)

[Planning Your Event](#)

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



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Experience Camp William B. Snyder, Haymarket, VA

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

2020 Day Camp

Come experience all the fun that Camp has to offer. Day camp runs from Monday – Thursday for three weeks this summer. This camp experience runs from 9:30am – 4:00pm each day and includes all your summer camp favorites. Lunch is included in the cost of camp for Scouts and their adult chaperones.



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

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

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

Session 2 has a STEM (ScienceTechnologyEngineeringMath) focus.

If you have any questions, please contact the camp at Camp.Snyder@Scouting.org

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

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

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

2020 Resident Weekends

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

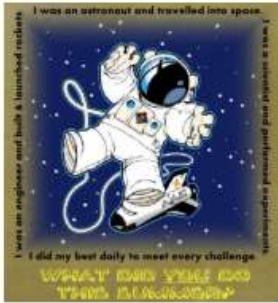
Sleep in a camp tent, eat in the dining hall, experience a great campfire program from morning until night. Sessions run from Friday at 9:00am to Sunday at 9:00am, and feature 2 nights of overnight camping. Meals are provided starting with Friday lunch through Sunday continental breakfast.



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

We offer 4 Resident Weekend sessions per summer.

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

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

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

If you have any questions, please contact the camp at Camp.Snyder@Scouting.org

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

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

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

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

Cub Scout Resident Week 8/3-7/2020

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

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

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



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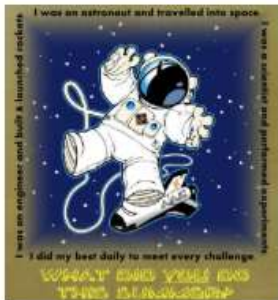


2020 Webelos Resident Camp

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

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

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



Thank you for choosing Camp William B. Snyder

We have an exciting Webelos week planned for this summer.

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

If you have any questions, please contact the camp at Camp.Snyder@Scouting.org



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

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



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

Register: [Philmont High Adventure Training](#)

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



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





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NCAC Jewish Committee on Scouting MERIT BADGE FAIR

Sunday, January 5, 2020

2:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Gesher Jewish Day School

4800 Mattie Moore Ct, Fairfax, VA 22030

The National Capital Area Council Jewish Committee on Scouting invites Boy Scouts of all faiths to participate in a Merit Badge Fair.

To Register: Register at [Jewish Committee Merit Badge Fair Registration](#)

Send us your *registration form* as soon as possible Enrollment for each merit badge class is limited. Scouts and their parents will be notified by return email with the merit badge they have been assigned, and with the contact information for the merit badge counselor. Counselors will let scouts know about prerequisites and how to prepare for their merit badge class.

Merit Badges: *Aviation, Automotive Maintenance, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Chemistry, Collections, Communication, Electricity, Electronics, Engineering, Family Life, Fingerprinting, Genealogy, Leatherwork, Nuclear Science, Personal Management, Photography, Public Speaking, Scholarship, Space Exploration, Truck Transportation*

Scouts can also ask for another merit badge of *their choice*, and we will try to offer it.

Bring a Boy Scout merit badge blue card signed by unit leader to give to their counselor.

Fees: The cost of the Merit Badge Fair is \$10.00 per scout (\$5.00 for additional scouts in the same family). This fee pays for, facility fee, merit badge supplies, a special patch, and refreshments.

Note: Please do not bring your own food or drinks to the Fair; refreshments will be provided.

Questions: Philip Sternberg <registration@ncacjcos.org>, or 703-960-0205 (cell).



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Wood Badge

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



Living the Values

Growing

Connecting

Guiding

Empowering



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

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

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

Cost is only
\$300
Scholarships available

UPCOMING COURSE DATES

Spring 2020

N6-82-20-1

May 1-3 & June 6-7

Camp William B. Snyder
Course Director: Chris Cooper

Fall 2020

N6-82-20-2

Sept 18 - 20 & Oct 17 - 18

Camp William B. Snyder
Course Director: Tony LaCava

REGISTRATION AND MORE INFORMATION:

www.ncacbsa.org/woodbadge



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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>

Den Chief Training Now on-line:

<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/training/den-chief-training/>



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2020 Journey to Excellence

As part of your unit's ongoing program planning, you should take into account the topics found in the yearly Journey to Excellence forms.

We have added the links to the PDF form that is filled out and a workbook which will show your scores as you update the XLS.

2020 Scorecards

- [Pack Scorecard](#)
- [Troop Scorecard](#)
- [Crew Scorecard](#)
- [Ship Scorecard](#)
- [Post Scorecard](#)

Plan to submit your unit's 2020 Journey to Excellence scorecard to your Unit Commissioner by December 1 2020.



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GEORGE MASON DISTRICT'S

LIFE TO EAGLE SEMINAR

Saturday, 7 March 2020

1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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

Topics Include:

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

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

HIGHLIGHT: Panel discussion featuring recent Eagle Scouts

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

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

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

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

Who should attend:

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

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

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



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2020 GM Pinewood Derby



March 21, 2020

Fairfax Presbyterian Church

10723 Main St.

Fairfax, VA 22030



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GEORGE MASON 2020 SPRING CAMPOREE

May 1 to 3, 2020



STEM – Engineering Theme

Site – TBD

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



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NYLT

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) equips young people with leadership skills to help them succeed in their Scouting program and in life. NYLT brings together Scouts from all over the council to learn and practice leadership techniques in a risk free, Scout-friendly environment. The Scouts learn and practice leadership skills and styles together.



6 DAYS OF FUN & ADVENTURE
TEAMWORK • GAMES • FOOD
CHALLENGES • CAMPING • LEARNING



WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

NYLT is for Scouts who are likely to take on leadership positions in their Troop, Crew, Ship or home unit.

REQUIREMENTS

- 14 years or older (13 with permission)
- First Class Rank
- Scoutmaster approval
- Completed ILST*
- BSA Med Form: Parts A, B & C

NYLT is an *intense course* for *mature Scouts* who want to become *better leaders*.

Scouts must be *respectful* of each other and their actions must be consistent with the *Scout Oath and Law*.

* Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST), Crews (ILSC), or Ships (ILSS)

COURSE # DATES & LOCATIONS

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

REGISTRATION AND MORE INFORMATION:

www.myNYLT.org



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THE COMMISSIONER

www.scouting.org/commissioners



National Commissioner's Minute

The only thing wrong with commissioners is that there are not enough of them.

I'm not sure that truer words have ever been spoken regarding commissioner service, especially in light of the new Scouts BSA troops that are being established. Between February 1 and June 1, 2019, over 2,500 new Scouts BSA troops were chartered. And more are being chartered every day.

It is an exciting time to be part of such growth and opportunity. But it also presents a responsibility for us to recruit many, many more individuals into the commissioner corps.

There is a certain magic that occurs in Scouting—when an individual goes from being a member of the BSA to being a Scout. Unit leaders see this with the youth they work with. Commissioners see it too as we work with unit leaders and watch them blossom and see their units grow and thrive.

This is what we are looking for in a commissioner—someone of character who will support unit leaders and help them go from being a member of the BSA to being a Scouter.

Look around you. We don't necessarily need someone with a lot of Scouting experience—we teach Scouting to kids every day of the week. *Surely* we can teach it to adults. We are looking for men and women of character who want to light the fire of Scouting in others—particularly unit leaders.

Join me in reaching out and offering that opportunity to the men and women of character we know.



Ellie Morrison
National Commissioner
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[Click here to print a copy of *The Commissioner* newsletter.](#) 



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BRAND NEW OA WIPIT Website – Check it Out!

[Wipit470.org](https://wipit470.org)

You may ask What is the Order of the Arrow? This link provides a good overview:

<https://wipit470.org/about.html>

The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's national honor society. Since its founding in 1915, the Order of the Arrow has recognized campers – Scouts and Scouters – who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. The Order has three purposes:

- Promoting responsible outdoor adventure
- Developing leaders
- Crystallizing the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

Scouts from the National Capital Area Council who are inducted into the Order of the Arrow become members of Amangamek-Wipit Lodge #470, an organization offering outdoor adventure and service opportunities. Amangamek-Wipit, which is part of the Northeast Region and Section NE-6A, serves almost 4,300 Arrowmen from the Council's chapters.



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It's time to renew your Lodge Membership!

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



Amangamek-Wipit Lodge

Annual Dues

To attend any OA event or wear your sash and lodge flap, you must be a current dues-paying member of our lodge! For 2020, annual dues will be \$14 until March 31 when they increase to \$16 on April 1 (no fooling!).

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

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

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

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

Membership questions can be emailed to: membership@wipit470.org



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Merit Badge Program



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

Upcoming events are listed below and on the [GMD Merit Badge Web Site](#):

- [Parktakes](#) (select "Scouts" from the Category of Activity)
- [MeritBadge.Info](#) - Various MB Days throughout the country
- [Fly Fishing Merit Badge Program](#), Northern Virginia
- 01/05/20 - [Jewish Committee MB Fair & Religious Emblems Workshop](#), Fairfax, VA
- 02/15/20 - [Goose Creek MB University](#), Leesburg, VA
- 03/14/20 - GM District Merit Badge Fair (8:30am) - Fairfax Presbyterian Church, Fairfax, VA.

Current Merit Badge Counselors and Guidelines:

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

To become a Merit Badge Counselor:

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

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

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

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



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2020 District Merit Badge Day



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



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Scouting for Food at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church – the local George Mason Cub and Troop Units brought in more than **10,000 pounds** of food to St Leo's – that's 5 Tons!





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Are you a Cub Adult Leader with two years of Tenure and completed the following?

- Complete at least two years of tenure as a registered adult leader in a Cub Scout pack – **Any Adult Position**.
- Complete [basic training](#) for any Cub Scout leader position.
- Complete [This Is Scouting](#) training.
- Attend a pow wow or university of Scouting (or equivalent), or attend at least four roundtables (or equivalent) during each year of the tenure used for this award.
- Participate in an annual pack planning meeting in each year.
- Serve as an adult leader in a pack that achieves at least the Bronze level of [Journey to Excellence](#) in each year.
- Give primary leadership in meeting at least one pack [Journey to Excellence](#) objective in each year.
- Participate in at least one additional supplemental or advanced training event at the council, area, region, or national level during the two years – Pow Wow Oct 26, 2019, University of Scouting Feb 28, 2020, BALOO, Wood Badge

Then fill this out: [Cub Scout PDF](#) and email to: eaglescout.roy@cox.net

Are you a Boy Scout Leader with two years of Tenure and completed the following?

- Complete at least two years of tenure as a registered adult leader in a Troop – **Any Adult Position**.
- Complete [basic training](#) for any Boy Scout leader position.
- Complete [This Is Scouting](#) training.
- Attend a university of Scouting (or equivalent), or attend at least four roundtables (or equivalent) during each year of the tenure used for this award.
- Participate in an annual troop planning meeting in each year.
- Serve as an adult leader in a troop that achieves at least the Bronze level of [Journey to Excellence](#) in each year. The Quality Unit Award was acceptable if the tenure used was prior to 2011.
- Give primary leadership in meeting at least one troop [Journey to Excellence](#) objective in each year.
- Participate in at least one additional supplemental or advanced training event at the council, area, region, or national level during the two years – University of Scouting Feb 28, 2020, BALOO, Wood Badge, BCOLS, Powder Horn

Then fill this out: [Boy Scout PDF](#) and email to: eaglescout.roy@cox.net



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George Mason Order of The Arrow – 2020 Spring Initiation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2020 Lodge Events

- January 4, 2020 Lodge Banquet, Maryland University, MD
- April 3-5, 2020 Spring Fellowship, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- May 15-17, 2020 Conclave – Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation
- September 20-22, 2020 Fall Fellowship, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

2020 National Order of the Arrow Events

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



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

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

Camp overnight and participate in events in 2019 and 2020 with

Special Programs:

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

NCAC Camping Centennial Special Events

"How to Camp" Display and Talk

October 19, 2019 Cub EXPO (Camp Snyder)

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

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



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Council History and Camping Heritage Displays

October 19, 2019 Cub EXPO (Camp Snyder)

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

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

February 29, 2020, University of Scouting

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

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

District Klondike Derbies – Winter 2020

District Camporees/Webelos-O-Ree – Spring 2020

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

Camp Snyder Family Camp – Bullseye 1, April 25, 2020; Bullseye II, May 23, 2020;
Family Camp, Sep 12, 2020

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

Summer 2020 Cub and Webelos District Day Camps

Summer 2020 Camp Snyder Cub and Webelos Day Camps

Goshen Scout Reservation Service Project – Summer Camp 2020

District Camporees/Webelos-O-Ree - Fall 2020

High Adventure Hike-O-Ree – October 2020

Sea Scout Short Cruise – Anytime in 2020

Celebrate Our Camping Heritage with Our Order of the Arrow Lodge

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

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

Special activities and programs for scouts of all ages

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