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Welcome to this edition of the Wolf Trap District Press. If you have not heard, George Mason District has been renamed to be Wolf Trap District. We e-mail this out bi-monthly to the BSA registered leaders in Wolf Trap District; unit leaders and merit badge counselors – those who have their current YPT.

Wolf Trap District Leadership and its youth appreciate all of the hard work and commitment you provide to the youth of our community.

The September 12, 2024 Wolf Trap District Roundtable will be held 7:30pm, at Thoreau Middle School, Vienna, VA.

USEFUL LINKS:

[NCAC Council Web site](#)

[National BSA](#)

[WTD Web Site](#)

[WTD Upcoming Events](#)

[WTD Roundtable \(PW: WTDRT\)](#)

[WTD Training](#)

[National Order of the Arrow](#)

[wipit470.org](#)

[Pay OA Dues](#)

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**Calendar of Events – Links included if available**

- 09/12/24 – Roundtable, 7:30pm, Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA  
09/13/24 – 09/15/24 – 2024 OA Fall Fellowship, Camp Goshen, Goshen, VA  
09/21/24 & 10/19-20/24 BCOLS Training – see flier below  
09/21/24 – 09/22/24 – [Fall Festival \(Scout-tober Fest\)](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA  
09/28/24 – [Life to Eagle Seminar](#), St James Catholic Church, Falls Church, VA  
09/XX/24 – 10/XX/24 – [Fall Ordeal](#), TBD
- 10/XX/24 – Aquatics Partial Merit Badge Completion Clinic, Location TBD  
10/10/24 – Roundtable, 7:30pm, Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA  
10/11/24 – 10/14/24 – [Climb-o-ree](#), Morgantown, WV (Waitlisted)  
10/18/24 – 10/20/24 – BLD/WTD Joint Fall Camporee, Camp Rock Enon, Gore, VA [Camp Rock Enon  
Camporee Registration](#)  
10/19/24 – 10/20/24 – [Jamboree on the Air/Jamboree on the Internet \(JOTA/JOTI\)](#)  
10/26/24 – 10/27/24 – [Hike-o-ree](#)
- 11/01/24 – OA Election Season Opens  
11/02/24 – [Scouting for Food](#) (Tags)  
11/09/24 – [Scouting for Food](#) (Collection)  
11/10/24 – [Veterans Day Flags In](#), National Memorial Park, Falls Church, VA  
11/14/24 – Roundtable, 7:30pm, Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA
- 12/06/24 – 12/07/24 – OA Trade-o-ree, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA  
12/XX/24 – [Peace Light](#) distribution
- 02/22/25 – University of Scouting, Alexandria, VA
- 03/08/25 – WTD Merit Badge Day, St James Catholic Church, Falls Church, VA
- 03/01/25 & 04/26-27/25 BCOLS Training – see flier below  
09/20/25 & 10/18-19/25 BCOLS Training – see flier below

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### Chair's Chat – September 2024

Another exciting summer in scouting is coming to a close, with some awesome memories of summer camp and scouting adventures as the momentum to take us into the most important time of the year: fall recruitment. Now is the time to draw on those memories to let prospective scout families know how much fun scouting is, and even more importantly, how scouting helps our youth experience new things, challenge themselves, and grow into better citizens.

Packs should be actively planning their Join Scouting activities for the fall and following up with prospective families after each event. In addition to recruiting youth, be sure to look for parents who are willing to serve! Adults sharing their own scouting experiences is a great way to recruit new volunteers.

Recruitment resources are included in the Roundtable minutes from August, including links to BSA resources online ([Unit Resources - National Capital Area Council](#)). With advance notice of your event, you can also get color flyers, peer-to-peer cards, yard signs, banners and pop-up tents. We are also offering JSN-in-a-box this year for packs who want to try out a scouting-themed set of carnival-type games! Let us know if you need any of these resources.

Heads' up for troops: The requirements for Cub Scouting have been revised as of June 2024. AOL Dens/Patrols will be looking to schedule troop visits very soon as this requirement is part of the Bobcat activity, which is the first required adventure for AOLs. Be sure to schedule your Join Scouting event dates for September and let us know the dates and locations.

Please let us know how we can help you to grow your unit and spread the benefits of Scouting to a whole new set of youth and their families this recruiting season.

Wishing everyone a wonderful autumn!

Traci Yates

Wolf Trap District Chair

Traci.yates@cox.net



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## Wolf Trap District Executive's Chat



Welcome back! I hope everyone had a fun and eventful summer. As we prep for fall don't forget about our joint camporee with Burke Lake at our favorite spot Camp Rock Enon! I hope to see everyone there!

Yours in Scouting,

Liz Kohler | District Executive

NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL  
**Boy Scouts of America**

Serving youth in Vienna, Falls Church, & McLean

9190 Rockville Pike

Bethesda, MD 20814

(301) 214-9147

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## District Life to Eagle Seminar



- Saturday, 28 September 2024
- 12:30 p.m. gathering
- 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.
- In Person – Heller Hall at St. James Catholic Church in Falls Church
- Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-84680>

### 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 26 September 2024.**

Any questions contact Matt Burns at 703-938-9550.

[Life to Eagle Seminar Registration](#)

### Leaders that took training at Summer Camp:

Roy De Lauder can help get the completion recorded in their Training Record.

Roy De Lauder, [eaglescout.roy@cox.net](mailto:eaglescout.roy@cox.net)

Training Chairman,

Wolf Trap (formerly George Mason) District, NCAC

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### 2024-2025 OFFERINGS

## BACK COUNTRY OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS

**DON'T BE THIS GUY**



**GET BCOLS TRAINED!**

This course was developed by a group of Scouters in 1993; it has been continually updated to meet current techniques and technology. This course is designed to support the older youth programs of the BSA. It is aimed at all adults working with older youth regardless of program (Boy Scouting, Venturing, or Exploring). **Cub Scout Leaders or people without camping experience SHOULD NOT training this training.** All participants MUST complete Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, as well as the position-specific training for their program area prior to attending this course. All participants must be able to meet current physical requirements of the BSA Annual Health & Medical Record.

The target audience is adult leaders planning High Adventure treks at backcountry venues not supported by BSA infrastructure; however, units planning to attend High Adventure bases supported by BSA will find this course useful, because unit shakedown will, most likely, take place in venues not supported by BSA infrastructure. If you are participating in an NCAC-sponsored High Adventure Trek, you must also take the course offered by the NCAC High Adventure Committee.

Youth participants (16 and up) will be admitted on an individual basis and requires the nomination by the unit leader. Youth must have completed unit leadership training (Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops or Crews, etc.) as well as National Youth Leadership Training.

Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills is offered by the Council Training Committee as an optional follow-on to the basic course, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills. Its goal is to provide adult leaders with an overview of such topics as:

• Trek Planning • Leadership Skills • Team Development • Leave No Trace • Water Treatment •
• Stove Maintenance • Risk Management • Equipment Maintenance • Crew Equipment Needs & Selection •
• Personal Equipment Needs & Selection • Terrain Awareness & Land Navigation • Menu Planning & Clean-up •
• Hygiene & Health • On the Trail Tips • Wilderness First Aid Overview

**Part 1** — Addresses ways to effectively work with older youth and covers the detailed preparation and planning that must be done before you go out, including risk management. Summarizes the personal and crew equipment used for lightweight camping. Plans are also made for the weekend overnight session. (Part 1 is the EXPLAIN & DEMONSTRATE part of EDGE.)

**Part 2** — Participants will practice core leader skills for the outdoor program — Leave No Trace, navigation (map & compass plus GPS), terrain awareness, expedition menu planning and food preparation, stove and stove maintenance, wilderness first aid issues, expedition health and hygiene, team building. (Part 2 is the GUIDE part of EDGE.)

**Part 3** — *While not required*, we strongly suggest participation in the Hikeoree which will allow BCOLS trained leaders to apply the BCOLS training with their youth at a real-world event. (Part 3 is the ENABLE part of EDGE.)

FALL 2024	SPRING 2025	FALL 2025
Classroom: Sat 9/21 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Heritage Presbyterian Church 8503 Fort Hunt Rd Alexandria, VA 22308	Classroom: Sat 3/1 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Mt. Zion UMC 27108 Mt. Zion Church Road Mechanicsville, MD 20659	Classroom: Sat 9/20 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Heritage Presbyterian Church 8503 Fort Hunt Rd Alexandria, VA 22308
Overnight: Sat 10/19, 7:30 am thru Sun. 10/20, 3:30 pm Virginia location TBA	Overnight: Sat 04/26, 7:30 am thru Sun 04/27, 3:30 pm American Chestnut Land Trust 2650 Scientists Cliff Road Prince Frederick, MD 20678	Overnight: Sat 10/18, 7:30 am thru Sun. 10/19; 3:30 pm Camp Highroad 21164 Steptoe Hill Rd Middleburg, VA, 20117

**Final venue will be selected based on home unit locations of the majority of the attendees.**

Register via the NCAC web-site — BCOLS can be found on the Training menu  
**Class size limited to 32. Adults receive preference. Fee is \$70.00**

**FOR INFORMATION: DOMINICK CARIDI → DscSCOUTING@AOL.COM / 703-625-4196**



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**Harley-Davidson Museum's online Virtual Engineering Merit Badge - book your scout today!**

My name is Meg and I am the Scout Coordinator at the Harley-Davidson Museum in Milwaukee, WI. I am reaching out to you to let you know that you can bring our engineering merit badge program directly to your scouts with our virtual **online** Engineering Merit Badge! Our program is geared towards scouts who are unable to visit the museum in person to earn their merit badge. All 9 requirements will be covered with a BSA/Council approved merit badge counselor who has current YPT certification.

Registration:

- For individual scouts who would like to participate we offer sessions nearly every Tuesday evening at 6:30pm CST or Saturday morning at 8:30am CST.
- **For groups of 6 or more scouts private troop sessions are available on most days (pending availability).**

Pre-Work:

There are 4 activities to complete prior to the virtual session. These activities are things that cannot be done in a virtual setting. They should not take more than 1 or 2 hours. Instructions for these activities will be sent out after registration has been received.

For more information you may also visit our website:

[Click Here for more information or to register!](#)

A flyer has been attached to this email for your convenience to let interested scouts know of the opportunity!

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to register your scouts to earn their engineering merit badge with the Harley-Davidson Museum!

YIS,

**Meghan Selke-Gorski**

Experience Development Coordinator

Youth Program Facilitator

BSA# 12934016

**harley-davidson Museum**

400 W Canal St, Milwaukee, WI, 53203

(414) 287-2755

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Booking dates  
begin in  
August 2024!

# SCOUT VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE

With the Harley-Davidson Museum™



**\$20 per Scout**

Scouts may join us for this 90-minute **online** program, which is open to all scouts. Our program facilitator will guide the scouts and explore the role of an engineer. Scouts will have the opportunity to learn about Harley-Davidson and explore styling, design, and engineering. The nine requirements for the Engineering Merit Badge will be discussed during this virtual, interactive experience.

Sessions are offered on Tuesday evenings (6:30pm CST) or Saturday mornings (8:30am CST)

PLEASE NOTE: Group Bookings for troops of 6 or more are available on other days of the week (pending availability)

**PROGRAM FEE INCLUDES:**

- **DOWNLOADABLE ACTIVITY BOOKLET FOR THE PROGRAM**
- **FACILITATED VIRTUAL PROGRAM WITH BSA APPROVED & YPT CERTIFIED MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR**
- **SIGNED BLUE CARD UPON COMPLETION OF THE MERIT BADGE REQUIREMENTS**
- **EXCLUSIVE H-D MUSEUM PATCH**



For more information or to schedule a private Troop booking please call **414-287-2755** or email

**[Meghan.SelkeGorski@Harley-Davidson.com](mailto:Meghan.SelkeGorski@Harley-Davidson.com)**



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## Aviation Merit Badge Program



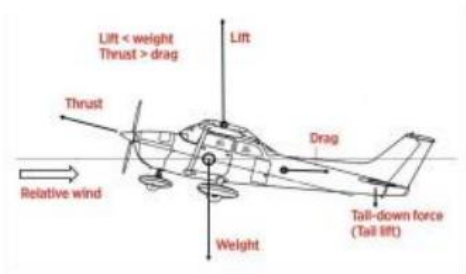
Organized by Merit Badge Counselors who are also Docents at the Smithsonian National Air & Space Museum -- a full-day immersive experience in Aviation at the Hazy Center in Chantilly provided by the Air and Space Museum's Education Department and volunteer docents that includes:

- Orientation to Aviation, types of aircraft, types of propulsion, and aviation career fields
- Forces of Flight: basic aeronautics, reinforced with flight in computer flight simulators
- Flight Planning with introduction to aeronautical charts and use of the E6B flight computer
- Aircraft pre-flight and flight control movements on an actual Cessna 206 aircraft
- Introduction to FAA approach and departure procedures from the Observation Tower

Classes consist of 12-16 Scouts, preferably age 12 or older. The maximum number of participants is limited by the availability of flight simulator computer desktop configurations in the Hazy Center's Science Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) classroom.

Scouts are interested in Aviation Merit Badge can expect a full-day experience leading to the merit badge. Participation may be coordinated for individual scouts or for troop participation. Scouts may expect a \$12 fee for one portion of the flight simulator experience.

Preparatory work consists of reading the BSA-published Merit Badge Pamphlet and familiarity with the Aviation merit badge requirements.



Please call Ernie Snowden at 703-600-9747 or email at [ernie.snowden@gmail.com](mailto:ernie.snowden@gmail.com)

Aviation MB Counselor - Registered with Wolf Trap District

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## Fly Fishing Merit Badge Program



The Northern Virginia Chapter of Trout Unlimited (NVATU), in coordination with BSA National Capital Area Council (NCAC), conducts two annual Fly-Fishing Merit Badge events – fall and spring.

A one-day merit badge event hosted by NVATU will take Scouts through all of the merit badge requirements for Fly Fishing by means of an immersive agenda that focuses on:

- Essential stream and environment conservation mindfulness
- Virginia fish species and anatomy
- Entomology of trout food – the macro-invertebrates that fish eat (bugs)
- Orientation to fly rod & reel and wading gear
- Fly-Tying & Knot-Tying and Casting Techniques
- Fishing a local area pond using the flies and knots learned in earlier sessions

Classes consist of no more than 16 Scouts, preferably age 12 or older. Scouts may expect a nominal fee of \$20 to cover all fly tying tools, handouts, and administrative costs including the rental of Locust Shade Park near Quantico in Prince William County.

## Eight (8) slots open for the 10/19/24 class!

No equipment is required other than appropriate Scout dress for outdoor activity, including dry socks or boots for any stream work. All rods, reels, leader and fly tying material is furnished for the day's event. Scouts and adults should come with a bag lunch.

For Scouts interested in Fly-Fishing Merit Badge, but also in developing a life-long appreciation of and skill in fly-fishing, we can schedule individual and troop participation.



Please call Ernie Snowden at 703-600-9747 or email at [ernie.snowden@gmail.com](mailto:ernie.snowden@gmail.com)

Fly Fishing MB Counselor - Registered with Wolf Trap District

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**Scout Leadership: Prepare for JOTA/JOTI 2024– Plan Now! October 18-20, 2024**

Good morning, Scout Leader,

I hope you are enjoying the cooler Virginia weather and having a productive day. My name is McKenzie Denton, and I am the Virginia Section Youth Coordinator for Amateur Radio. I'm reaching out to encourage your participation in this year's Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) and Jamboree-on-the-Internet (JOTI), scheduled for October 18-20, 2024. JOTA has been a collaborative effort between amateur radio and scouting organizations since 1958.

These events are a fantastic opportunity for Scouts to connect with peers worldwide, exchanging knowledge and cultural insights through Amateur Radio and the Internet. JOTA/JOTI can be used for the portions part of the merit badge and, if properly planned, can be the culminating event for the complete merit badge. Whether you can participate for one hour, one day, or the entire weekend, your involvement is crucial to making this event successful.

To help you prepare, I've attached a letter from Jack Smith, our Virginia Section Leader, which includes detailed guidance and resources for maximizing your JOTA/JOTI experience. Here are some key points:

**Utilize Planning Resources:** The JOTA Countdown Calendar and Scouting.org's JOTA page offer valuable tools and resources to assist with planning.

**Radio Merit Badge classes:** Hosting a class can equip Scouts with the skills they need for the merit badge, but it does not preclude other scouts from participating. This is a fun event, and no experience is required; everyone is welcome.

**Collaborate with Local Amateur Radio Clubs:** Early engagement with local clubs will help a smooth and engaging event.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you're planning to participate or if there's anything I can do to assist you in your preparations.

I will gladly facilitate if you have difficulty getting amateur radio support for the event.



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Your early involvement will make a significant impact, and I'm here to support you every step of the way. I'm excited about what we'll achieve together at JOTA/JOTI 2024!

Thank you for your dedication to this exciting adventure and contribution to America's most important resource.

Best regards,

McKenzie Denton

Virginia Section Youth Coordinator

Representing ARRL members in Virginia

ARRL – the National Association for Amateur Radio

Facebook Page: ARRLofVA

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## **Wolf Trap Popcorn Press**

Planning your Scout program for the coming year and wondering how to pay for it? Why not think of making a Trails End Popcorn sale your main fundraiser or add it to the mix? Do you have Scouts who would like to pay their way in Scouting through fundraising? Let them sell popcorn to pay their way.

Our Council has revamped the popcorn program this year. They have boosted the commission and removed the hoops and hurdles to earn the maximum commission. What's new?

35% commission for all physical sales

30% commission for all online sales

No minimum sales

No minimum participation

Training provided but not required to earn top commission

Want to find out more about how it works? Want to get your unit to participate? Contact me your District Popcorn Kernel

John Kilduff – Wolf Trap District Finance Chair & Popcorn Kernel, [johnkilduff42@gmail.com](mailto:johnkilduff42@gmail.com)



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**Testimonial from Pack 493**

"Making Scouting accessible to all regardless of family income is a core value in Pack 493. One of our goals is to afford our families a dues-free Scouting experience by funding the entire program year through fundraising. For 2023-24, through the popcorn fundraiser, this goal was exceeded and powered by popcorn!... Through the Council's annual popcorn fundraiser, our Scouts learned about perseverance, public speaking, teamwork, and most importantly the Cub Scout Motto, "Do Your Best.""

**Testimonial from Troop 179**

"By Selling popcorn, our Scout has earned his way way to two Philmont trips, Sea Base Florida, and National Jamboree! This fall, he will be earning his way to Sea Base Bahamas 2025!"

35% commission to units!

No up front costs!

Built-in prize program!

Rank requirement & Merit Badge opportunities!

Supported by Scouting & in the community!

Military/First Responder donations!

**POPCORN BENEFITS!**

**SIGN-UP NOW!**



[www.ncacbsa.org/popcorn](http://www.ncacbsa.org/popcorn)



[082popcorn@ncacbsa.org](mailto:082popcorn@ncacbsa.org)



**National Capital Area Council, BSA**

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<https://scoutingevent.com/082-86222>

**Summer Camp In a Day**  
**Camp Rock Enon October 18th-20th**

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-86222?draftmode=1>

**Programs :**

- Climbing Rock Wall
- Aquatics
- Lashings
- First Aid
- Archery
- Shot Gun
  - Rifles
- Tomahawks



**REGISTRATION: Open Now!**

Early Bird \$25  
- June 14th - Sept 5th

Normal Registration \$35  
- Sept 6th - Oct 12th

Late Registration \$45  
- Oct 13th - 18th



**In order to make this as big as possible we need your help!**

If you know anyone certified in shooting sport, rope & climbing, or anyone willing to help please contact:

Burke Lake Program Chair  
wt Dexterjr@gmail.com

George Mason District Program Chair  
Andrewzaso@gmail.com

District Executive  
Elizabeth.Kohler@Scouting.org

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# Training

Local NCAC Leadership Training: [WTD Training](#)

## Cub Scout:

### *Cub Leader Position Specific (C40)*

- [Available on-line \(117 min\)](#)
- [09/14/24 - Alexandria, VA](#)
- [09/21/24 - Herndon, VA](#)
- [11/02/24 - Alexandria, VA](#)
- [12/07/24 - Alexandria, VA](#)
- [01/11/25 - Alexandria, VA](#)
- [02/01/25 - Alexandria, VA](#)
- [03/08/25 - Alexandria, VA](#)
- [04/05/25 - Alexandria, VA](#)
- [05/03/25 - Alexandria, VA](#)

### *Cub Scout Den Leader Specific (C42)*

- [Available on-line \(125 min\)](#)
- [09/14/24 - Alexandria, VA](#)
- [09/21/24 - Herndon, VA](#)
- [11/02/24 - Alexandria, VA](#)
- [12/07/24 - Alexandria, VA](#)
- [01/11/25 - Alexandria, VA](#)
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**Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO;C32)** - BALOO consists of two sessions, an online portion (<https://my.scouting.org>, Menu, My Training, Cub Scouts, Catalog, search on BALOO) that takes 35 minutes and a hands-on overnight session. The overnight sessions are listed below.

- [08/17/24 - 08/18/24 - Glen Arm, MD](#) (Call Davawna Davis; 443-573-2528 for permission)
- [08/24/24 - 08/25/24 - Catonsville, MD](#) (Email Phil Juengst before registering)
- [09/28/24 - 09/29/24 - Davidsonville, MD](#) (Email riverhawktraining@gmail.com before registering)
- [10/04/24 - 10/05/24 - Huntingtown, MD](#) (Call Chip 808-499-5390 for permission before registering)
- [10/05/24 - 10/06/24 - Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#) (Contact vbonifera@yahoo.com before registering)
- [10/12/24 - 10/13/24 - Middleburg, VA](#) (email Roger cub-scout-training@powhatan-scouting.org for permission to register)
- [11/02/24 - 11/03/24 - Camp Sinoquipe, Winchester, VA](#) ([Request](#) permission to attend)
- [11/16/24 - 11/17/24 - Lorton, VA](#) (Contact Dominick dscscouting@aol.com for permission to register)
- [03/29/25 - 03/30/25 - TBD, VA](#) ([Request](#) permission to attend)
- [06/14/25 - 06/15/25 - Lorton, VA](#) (Contact Dominick dscscouting@aol.com for permission to register)

### Scouts BSA:

- **Scoutmaster Position Specific Training(S24)**
- [Available on-line](#) (192 min)
- [09/14/24 - Alexandria, VA](#)
- [09/21/24 - Herndon, VA](#)
- [11/02/24 - Alexandria, VA](#)
- [12/07/24 - Alexandria, VA](#)
- [01/11/25 - Alexandria, VA](#)
- [02/01/25 - Alexandria, VA](#)
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- [05/03/25 - Alexandria, VA](#)

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### ***Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS; S11)***

- [08/24/24 - 08/25/24 - Catonsville, MD](#) (Email Phil Juengst before registering)
- [10/04/24 - 10/05/24 - Huntingtown, MD](#) (Call Chip 808-499-5390 for permission before registering)
- [10/05/24 - 10/06/24 - Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#) (Contact lozanoreng@gmail.com before registering)
- [10/12/24 - 10/13/24 - Middleburg, VA](#) (Call Walt 703-599-5667 for permission to register)
- [11/16/24 - 11/17/24 - Lorton, VA](#) (Contact Dominick dscscouting@aol.com for permission to register)
- [06/14/25 - 06/15/25 - Lorton, VA](#) (Contact Dominick dscscouting@aol.com for permission to register)

### ***Back Country Outdoor Leadership Skills (BCOLS)***

- [09/21/24 \(Alexandria, VA\) & 10/19/24 - 10/20/24 \(Markham, VA\)](#)

### ***Climbing Level 1 Instructor Training***

- [Sept 7-8 at Great Falls Park](#), 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM. [Details](#)
- [Sept 21-22 at Sugarloaf Mountain](#), 8:15 AM to 5:00 PM. [Details](#)

### ***Community Emergency Response Training***

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

### ***Den Chief Training (C31)***

- [Available on-line](#)
- [09/28/24 - Herndon, VA](#)

### ***Outdoor Ethics/Leave No Trace (D78)***

- Outdoor Ethics Newsletter
- [09/30/24 & 10/05/24, Leave No Trace, Germantown, MD](#)
- [10/19/24 - Outdoor Ethics Orientation Course, Brandywine, MD](#)
- [10/19/24 - Outdoor Ethics Guide, Brandywine, MD](#)

### ***Powder Horn (P50)***

- [08/15/24 - 08/18/24, Camp St. Charles, Newburg, MD](#)



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***Scouterhorn Operations Training***

- [10/19/24 - Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)
- [11/16/24 - Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)

***University of Scouting***

- **02/22/2025, Alexandria, VA** (2024 Course Materials available on [Basecamp](#))

***Wilderness First Aid/CPR/AED (N02)***

- [09/28/24 - 09/29/24 - Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)
- [10/26/24 - 10/27/24 - Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)
- [11/23/24 - 11/24/24 - Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)
- [12/14/24 - 12/15/24 - Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)

***Wood Badge (A90)***

- [09/13/24 - 09/15/24 - Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)

***Youth Protection Training (YPT)***

- [Online](#) (72 minutes)

**NOTE:** If Scouters were trained at Summer Camp, Roy De Lauder can help get the completion recorded in their Training Record.

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## **NCAC Wood Badge 2024**

### **Fall Course**

September 13-15 & October 5-6, 2024

Course Director: MJ Uribe Email: [mjuribebesa@gmail.com](mailto:mjuribebesa@gmail.com)

The Course will be \$300.

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.

Reflecting the best of nearly a century of Scouting experience, Wood Badge draws upon the most current leadership models used by corporate America, academic circles and successful organizations throughout the country. Participants can expect to develop skills in many areas, including leadership theory, team building, problem-solving, communication, project planning and more. These skills can be taken back to packs, troops, crews and ships to help leaders guide youth in dynamic Scouting programs. Scouters will find these skills invaluable in their business and personal lives as well.

Wood Badge consists of two parts:

The first five full days is the initial group training, usually held over two weekends – the first weekend Friday through Sunday, and the second Saturday and Sunday (**Both weekends must be attended**).

The second part requires participants to apply the skills they learned by completing a 5-part plan (called a "ticket") over the following 18 months, leading towards the individual participant's vision of a better Scouting future.

Requirements for attending Wood Badge:

1. Be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America and age 18 or older.
2. Have completed the basic position-specific training courses for their Scouting role.
3. Be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment. All participants are required to complete the Annual Health and Medical Record. Parts A, B, and C are required which includes a physical. Part C is required for everyone, including people who are not present for more than 72 hours.

A minimum (non-refundable) deposit is due with registration, and then full payment is due 45 days before the start of the course. Each Wood Badge course is limited to 48 participants. Per national guidelines, any course not having 30 fully paid participants 30 days prior to the start of the course is subject to cancellation.

Scholarship requests can be submitted at: <https://247scouting.com/forms/082-FinancialSupport>

#### **QUESTIONS?**

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



## *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
- [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 Wolf Trap 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](mailto:margee.egan@gmail.com)

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## **Additional Self-Pay Membership Renewal Notes**

### **How unit coordinators can prepare**

1. **Valid Emails** – Key 3 (or delegate) should check the unit roster (<https://my.scouting.org>, login, Menu, select unit, Roster, export roster) to ensure all registered adults and leaders have valid email addresses.
2. **Whitelisting** – Recommend parents/registered adults whitelisting “@scouting.org” or check their Junk/SPAM folders periodically for renewal messages
3. **My.Scouting.Org Accounts** – Ensuring all parents have a my.scouting.org account. If not, they can create one at <https://my.scouting.org>, Create Account. It should ask for the BSA ID of their youth. If not, let Rus/Liz know and we can establish the parent/guardian relationship.
4. **Review Reports**
  - a. **Monthly reports** – Reports will be emailed to Unit Key 3 (CM/SM, CC, COR) for those whose registration is expiring within the next sixty (60) days.
  - b. **Generate Reports (as needed)** - The Unit Key 3 can generate report from Organizational Manager (<https://my.scouting.org>, login, Menu, Organizational Manager, Reports – you can adjust the date ranges as needed.)
    - i. Member Opt-Out Report – those that have selected not to receive renewal emails
    - ii. Members Due to Renew – those members due to renew within two months or who are lapsed
    - iii. Members who have renewed – all youth and adult who have renewed this year.
5. **Youth Applications** – Decide if the unit wants to automatically renew Youth Applications. This will reduce your approval workload.
6. **Review Training slides** – Training slides Sent to Key 3 in messages this week - <https://3.basecamp.com/3958009/p/oMhAuAPUnrjbV9G87e3cUM6Q/vault/7708793900>

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## **Self-Pay Membership Renewal Email**

### **Your BSA Membership is up for renewal**

Dear David Blythe,

This is a friendly reminder that your annual BSA membership will expire in **60 days on 06/30/2024**. Please [click here to renew](#) your membership(s) in the below organization(s). Renewals can also be processed by contacting your local council.

[Click Here to Renew](#) 

**Member ID:**

**Organization Name:** Pathfinder 09

**Position:** Asst. District Commissioner

**New Registration Term:** 07/01/2024 to 06/30/2025

Reminders will be sent at 60, 30, 15, and 7 days before, plus several more after expiration.

Parents will receive the emails to renew the membership of youth.

**Parents need to create a [My.Scouting.org](#) in order to receive the renewal emails.**



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Personal Information Expiration Date Application Status

Multiple Positions are not displayed in this section, Click Start Renewal to see the full list of positions you can renew

Personal Information	Expiration Date	Application Status
 David Blythe Asst. District Commissioner Pathfinder 09	30 June 2024	Registration is soon to expire

OPT OUT AUTO RENEWAL Start Renewal

When you click the link, you are redirected to sign in to My.Scouting.org; after signing in you will see this screen.

Parents that do not have a My.Scouting account will need to create one.

Note the option to “opt out auto renewal”, **this will cancel your registration in BSA – DO NOT CLICK THIS BUTTON**. Click Start Renewal to continue with your renewal.

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The annual national registration fee is non-refundable.

**BSA Privacy Policy**

The BSA protects the confidentiality of the names and personal

By signing here you agree and accept the Terms and Conditions of the Boy Scouts of America.

E-Signature ← 2

Back Go to Checkout Summary ← 3

Next is the Terms & Conditions.

- 1 Auto-renew is now turned off; if worried about it, don't save your credit card number to the system.
2. Type your name to agree to the Terms and Conditions.
3. Click go to checkout.

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## Self-Pay Membership Renewal

The screenshot shows a payment screen with a progress bar at the top. The first step, 'Member Information', is complete with a checkmark. The second step, 'Payment/Checkout', is active and numbered '2'. Below the progress bar is a 'Summary' section with a table of fees:

Item	Amount
BSA Non-Unit Adult Reg Jennifer Evans Valid until November 2024	\$60.00
Council Fee Jennifer Evans Valid until November 2024	\$10.00
Administrative Fee	\$2.55
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scout Life Domestic Rates Jennifer Evans Valid until November 2024	\$15.00
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE</b>	<b>\$87.55</b>

Below the summary is a 'Payment Details' section with a 'CARD INFORMATION' subsection. The 'Cardholder Name' field is visible and contains the text 'Jennifer Evans'.

On the payment screen the system will default to include Scout's Life magazine! You can toggle this on or off.

Then enter your credit card information and click Place Order.

**There is no "ACH" or "Pay at Council" option for Self-Pay.**



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