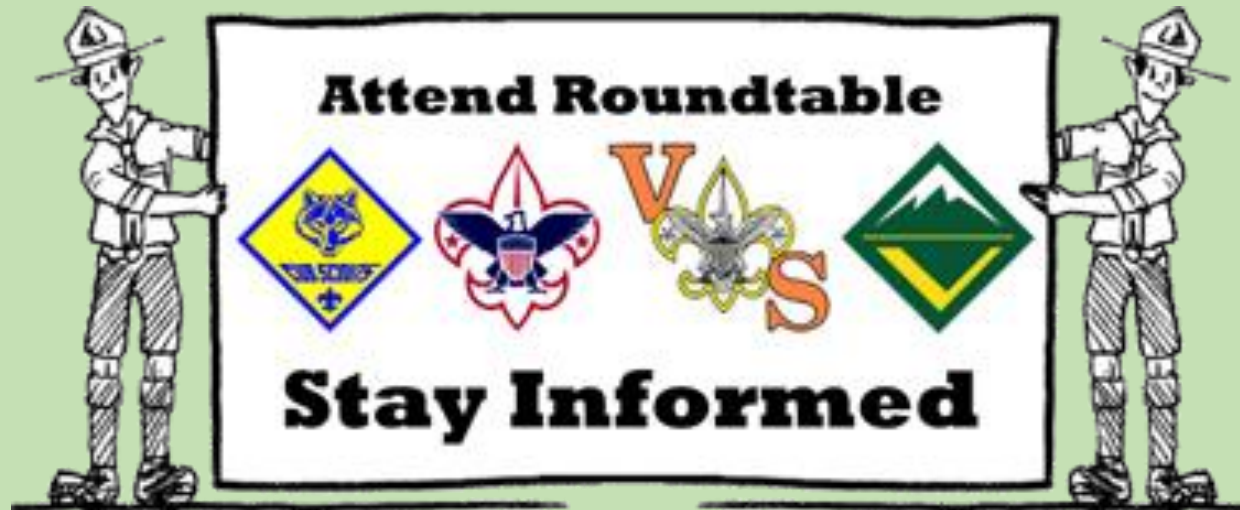


George Mason District Roundtable

August 10, 2023



Agenda

- Pledge and Welcome
- Questions about [Read-ahead](#)
- General Announcements
- George Mason Calendar
- Fall Camporee Update
- Joint Session: Join Scouting Discussion
- Joint Session: Summer Activities/Camps Discussion
- Cracker Barrel/Networking (Optional; NLT 9pm)
- Next Meeting: Sept.14, 2023 (7:30pm) – Thoreau MS

Pledge



Welcome

New to Roundtable?

Please introduce yourself!

Questions/Clarification about Read-ahead?

General Announcements

Current 2023 George Mason Calendar

- August 10, 2023 – Join Scouting Night/Roundtable
- August 16-18, 2023 – Summer Ordeal, Camp Snyder
- 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



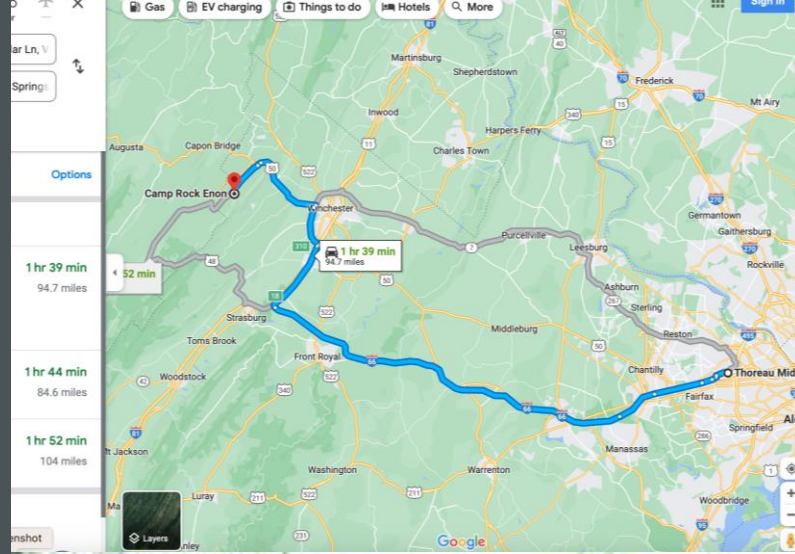


FALL CAMPOREE
OCT 20-22, 2023

Rock Enon Scout Camp
292 Rock Enon Springs Rd
Gore, VA 22637

LOCATION & VENUE

- Just West of Winchester
- 90 minutes from Vienna
- Shenandoah Council Camp
- Full Scout Camp facilities



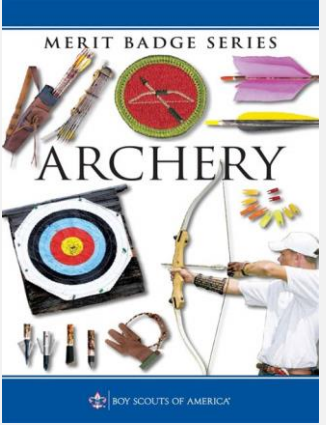


THEME:
MERIT
BADGE
CARNIVAL

- 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
- Open to districts outside GMD



MERIT BADGES



- Astronomy
- Backpacking
- Canoeing/Kayaking
- CITC, CITN, CIS, CITW
- Communications
- Cooking

- Ecology
- Environmental Science
- First Aid
- Orienteering
- Pioneering
- Shooting Sports: Rifle, Shotgun, Archery



MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS: ADDITIONAL MERIT BADGES

- Email: trlapham@gmail.com
- No restrictions on MBs for counselors
- Counselors must bring their own supplies
- Include availability and partial vs. complete



MB SCHEDULE

- 2 90-minute AM MB slots
- 2 90-minute PM MB slots
- 1 60-minute slot prior to dinner break



CHECK IN:
5-9 PM FRI
7-8 AM SAT

- QUESTIONS?
- TRLAPHAM@GMAIL.COM
- 703 969 9900



Join Scouting - Discussion

Summer Activities/Camps - Discussion

Time for Cracker Barrell

- *Minutes and slides available on the [GMD web site](#) (District Resources, Roundtable). Password is “GMDRT”*
- *Next meeting – September 14, 2023, at Thoreau MS 7:30pm*

Backup Slides

**Join
Scouting**

Join Scouting Night/Event Prep

Goal: Provide information and resources that can assist your Unit for upcoming recruitment events. This includes:

- Online Tools
- Resources Available from Council
- Planning Timelines
- Best Practices – Please share your successes!

On-Stop Shop for Membership

<https://ncacbsa.org/george-mason/>

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George Mason District

- About the District
- Upcoming Events
- District Newsletters
- District Leadership
- STEM Program
- Training (Adult)
- District Resources/FAQ
- One-Stop-Shop for Membership

George Mason District

Welcome

The **George Mason District** is part of the Virginia Central field service area in the National Capital Area Council. It is the home to 40 scouting units, serving over 1,500 youth in the areas of Vienna, Falls Church, Fairfax, Dunn Loring and Oakton in Fairfax County, Virginia.

On-Stop Shop for Membership

<https://ncacbsa.org/membership-resources/>



Unit Resources

Our Unit Resources page contains recruitment materials to help our unit leaders successfully advertise and conduct joining events year-round.



District Resources

Our District Resources page contains membership campaign management resources to help our districts' leadership teams strategically plan and prepare successful year-round membership recruitment plans.



STEM & Exploring Resources

STEM Scouts re-imagines creative ways to learn about science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Interact with professionals in weekly hands-on lab sessions and discover new things in a fast-paced, thought-provoking, and fun way.



New Unit Resources

Our New Unit Resources page contains resources and sales kits focused around the creation and development of new Scouting units.



Charter Organization Resources

Our Charter Organization Resources page contains useful resources focused around the relationship between the local Scouting Council and the Charter Partner.

On-Stop Shop for Membership

<https://ncacbsa.org/unit-resources/>

Program-wide Resources

These resources can be used to assist with membership recruitment for all our Scouting Programs.



NCAC Resource
Request Timeline



Facebook Geofence
Request Form



Community Pop-up
Event Outline



Financial Assistance
Request Form

Geofence Request Form

Information Needed:

- Email
- District
- Unit Number
- Unit Type (Pack, Troop)
- Name of Chartering Organization
- Is the event In-Person or On-line
 - Address of In-Person Event
 - URL (if virtual event) w/ login instructions
- Event Date/Time and description of activity
- Unit Facebook Page info (if applicable)
- Flyer (if available)

On-Stop Shop for Membership

<https://ncacbsa.org/unit-resources/>

Cub Scouting

Cub Scouting is fun for the whole family. In Scouting, boys and girls start with their best right now selves and grow into their very best future selves. It's fun, hands-on learning and achievement that puts kids in the middle of the action and prepares them for today – and for life.



Webelos-to-Scouts
Transition Pack
Responsibilities



Social Media
Playbook



Social Media
Guidelines



Online
Registration
Help Files



BSA
Membership
Applications



2023 Cub Scouts Membership Playbook



Cub Scouts Marketing Assets



NCAC's
Cub
Scout
Resource
Guide



NCAC's
Lion
Resource
Guide



NCAC's
Tiger
Resource
Guide



NCAC's
Wolf
Resource
Guide



NCAC's
Bear
Resource
Guide



NCAC's
Webelos
Resource
Guide



NCAC's
AOL
Resource
Guide

JSN Resources

- Scout Talks – Videos
- JSN Logistics – Resources for various stations – Activities, Advancement, Ideals of Scouting, Calendar, Application, etc.
- New Leader Welcome Packet
- Program Information
- Unit Guides

Peer-to-Peer Cards



led	You Are Invited	You Are Invited	You Are Invited	You Are Invited
_____	Event	Event	Event	Event
_____	Time	Time	Time	Time
_____	Date	Date	Date	Date
_____	Place	Place	Place	Place
_____	By	By	By	By
				
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On-Stop Shop for Membership

<https://ncacbsa.org/unit-resources/>

Scouts BSA

Scouts BSA is the traditional Scouting experience for youth in the fifth grade through high school. Service, community engagement, and leadership development become increasingly important parts of the program as Scouts lead their own activities and work their way toward earning Scouting's highest rank, Eagle Scout.



Unit Webelos to Scout
Transition



Scouts BSA Marketing
Assets



2023 Scouts BSA
Membership Playbook



Social Media Playbook



Social Media
Guidelines



Scouts BSA Fliers



Online Registration
Help Files



BSA Membership
Applications

NCAC Resources Available

Items to request/keep on-hand:

- Flyers – Please give Liz 2-3 week's notice
- Yard Signs
- BeAScout.org Pencils
- Stickers
- Parent's Guides
- Paper Applications

Items to borrow and return:

- Roll-out recruitment banners
- Pup-up Tents



Planning Timelines (Suggested)



Three Weeks Prior:

- Requested Facebook Geofenced Advertising (date, location, time, & contact info)
- Requested PeachJar Advertisements (Flyer, Schools, additional info)

Two Weeks Prior:

- Submitted Physical Flyer Requests (Color: 10 cents per page)
- Submitted Peer-to-Peer Cards Requests
- Requested Council Recruitment Banners (While resources are available)
- Requested Council Projectors (While resources are available)
- Requested Council Pop-Up Tents (While resources are available)

One Week Prior:

- Requested Yard Signs
- Requested Parents' Guides
- Requested Paper Applications
- Requested Printed "How-To" Social Media templates
- Requested Pens/Pencils

Best Practices Some Units Use

(Please share your successes/ideas!)

- Have information they need – ideally one page
 - Meeting location, day of week/month and time
 - Background about the unit (size, history, typical events)
 - Contact information
 - Costs – BSA, NCAC insurance, Unit fees, how you raise funds
 - Other needed items – uniform, equipment, books, etc.
- Have a way to sign up immediately
 - Tablet / Computer for adults to register their youth
 - Paper forms and pens
 - A way to collect fees (Square, check, etc.)
- Have a way for Parents to volunteer/be informed of unit needs
 - Emphasize that your unit is a volunteer organization
 - Have a list of possible jobs they can volunteer to do
 - **Emphasize the need for YPT when recruiting Adults**

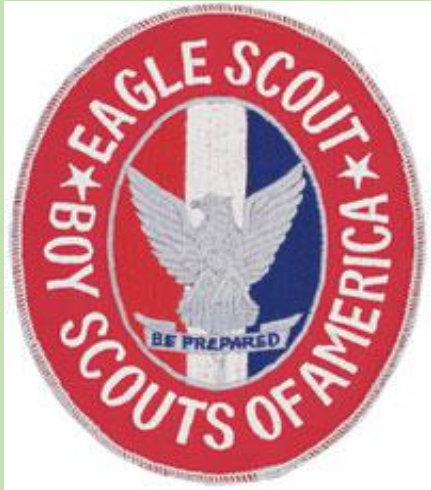
Make it fun!



STEM

- 08/12 – [Townes Supernova Project](#) – Individuals and Small Groups, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 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](#)

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](#)

Back Country Outdoor Leadership Skills (BCOLS)

[09/23/23 \(Alexandria, VA\) & 10/21/23-10/22/23 \(Markham, VA\)](#)

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

Powder Horn – [08/17/23 – 08/20/23 – Camp St. Charles, Newberg, MD](#)

Wilderness First Aid (N02) - [09/08/23 – 09/10/23 & 10/07/23 - 10/08/23](#)

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)

[09/09/23](#) – Brandywine, MD

[12/03/23](#) – Brandywine, MD

Outdoor Ethics Newsletter - Sign up [here](#).



GM High Adventure



August 2023

- **NCAC High Adventure Trips - 2024**
 - Philmont – Jul 13-27, 2024 - Crew of 8-12, 4Y/2A booked - \$2,795
 - Includes White Water Rafting & Pike’s Peak!
 - Northern Tier – Jul 23-Aug 3, 2024, Crew of 6-8 - \$2,095
 - Sea Base – Jul 29-Aug 3, 2024 - Crew of 6-8, 3Y/2A pre-booked, \$2,100
 - Lenhok’sin – James River Canoeing Trek - Crew of 6-12, July 7-13, 2024
 - FOR INFO: highadventure@ncacbsa.org
- **Training**
 - *BCOLS: Sep 23/Oct 21-22, Heritage Pres & Camp Big Mac*
 - 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)
- **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/>

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>
 - 08/16/23 – 08/18/23 – Summer Ordeal, Camp Snyder
 - 09/08/23 – 09/10/23 – Fall Fellowship, Goshen
 - 11/01/23 – Election Season Opens
- * Registrations open online <https://wipit470.org/index.html> under “Events”