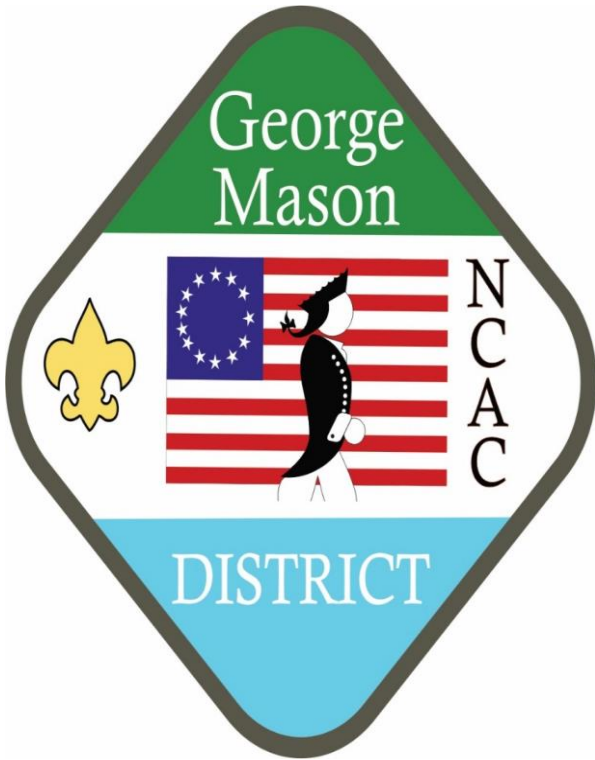




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Welcome to this edition of the George Mason District Press. We e-mail this out bi-monthly to the BSA registered leaders in George Mason District; unit leaders and merit badge counselors – those who have their current YPT.

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 Thurs. January 13, 2022 – Roundtable Meeting (Thoreau and online) at 7:30 pm – OA Chapter meeting will be same time/location

USEFUL LINKS:

[NCAC Council Web site](#)

[National BSA](#)

[GMD Web Site](#)

[GMD Upcoming Events](#)

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

[GMD Training](#)

[National Order of the Arrow](#)

[wipit470.org](#)

[Pay 2022 OA Dues](#)

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

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



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### Calendar of Events – Links included if available

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

01/07/2022 – [Outdoor Ethics Orientation](#), 7:00pm (Virtual)

01/08/2022 – 01/09/2022 – [Wilderness First Aid](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

01/11/2022 – Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm (Virtual)

01/13/2022 – GM Roundtable Meeting (Thoreau and online) at 7:30 pm

01/13/2022 – GM OA Chapter Meeting, Thoreau Middle School, Vienna, VA at 7:30 pm

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

01/22/2022 – [Cub Leader Position Specific Training \(C40\)](#), Herndon, VA

01/26/2022 - District Committee, 7:30pm (Virtual)

01/29/2022 – [GM Life to Eagle Seminar](#) 1:00-5:00pm (Virtual)

02/05/2022 – [Akela Chess Classic Cub Scout Tournament](#), Microsoft Tech Center, Reston, VA

02/08/2022 - Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm (Virtual)

02/10/2022 – GM Roundtable Meeting (Thoreau and online) at 7:30 pm

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02/26/2022 – NCAC University of Scouting, Alexandria, VA

03/01/2022 - GM Court of Honor (CoH) Unit recognition submissions due to Unit Commissioner

03/05/2022 & 04/23-24/2022 **BCOLS Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills Training** – MD

03/05/2022 – GM District Merit Badge Day, Fairfax, VA [2022 GM MB Event](#)

03/08/2022 - Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm

03/10/2022 – GM Roundtable Meeting (Thoreau and online) at 7:30 pm

03/10/2022 – GM OA Chapter Meeting, Thoreau Middle School, Vienna, VA at 7:30 pm

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

03/12/2022 – NCAC College of Commissioner Service, Annandale, VA

03/19/2022 – GM District Pinewood Derby

03/14/2022 – Pi Day (STEM) **NCAC STEM**

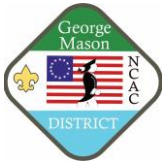
03/30/2022 – District Committee, 7:30pm (Virtual)

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

04/2022 – Eagle Recognition Dinner

04/12/2022 – Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm

04/14/2022 – GM District Court of Honor/Roundtable, Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA



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

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

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

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

05/12/2022 – GM OA Chapter Meeting, Thoreau Middle School, Vienna, VA at 7:30 pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

08/26-28/2022 – NCAC Powder Horn Course, Camp St. Charles, Newberg MD

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

09/24/2022 & 10/22-23/2022 BCOLS Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills Training – VA

9/30-10/02/2022 – Patriot/George Mason Chapters Fall Area Ordeal Induction – Camp Snyder, Gainesville, VA



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**Chair's Chat January 1, 2022**

Happy New Year! We've made it to another year. It wasn't easy but we managed and did our best. Because we were prepared (mostly) we were able to succeed.

Most of us have gotten back to in person or hybrid unit meetings and District Roundtables are now hybrid. Let's hope we can keep up the progress Fall recruiting was a big win for many of us and our district membership is growing again. Some of our units had successful popcorn sales or other fundraisers this fall. We held our Fall Camporee and are planning for a Spring Camporee. Lots of units attended summer camp at Goshen or elsewhere and many Scouts went to our high adventure camps. Our biggest service project of each year came off spectacularly with over 54,000 lbs. of food collected during our Scouting for Food drive.



Aside from reviewing our past year, what do we do at the start of a new year? We make resolutions. Resolutions are complicated and difficult to keep. I take a little different approach and make them last for years. You might call them continuing resolutions. So, what resolutions do I make?

Health. I've been working on this one for 14 years. I took up exercise, mostly running, have lost weight every year and improved my overall health. Recently, this has included vaccinations of various kinds, keeping up with medical well visits and taking the usual illness prevention precautions. I get outside almost every day (364 days this year). This time of year, sunlight is very important to keeping our internal clocks running right, improving our sleep and generally improving our mood. Nature and greenery are great for our mental and physical health.

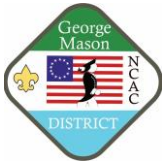
Scouting. A long time ago I began a Scouting journey with my son. At one of our early campouts another leader told me, "All these Scouts are yours". I took that to heart and was able to see the progress and development of all the Scouts, how they benefited from the program, and share in the pride of their accomplishments. Over the years this has led me to take on many different Scouting roles all of which continued to allow me to see hundreds and thousands of Scouts grow and develop as a result of my effort. What a motivator!

Personal development. I read. I read news, business, history, fiction, science, and science fiction. I play. I play games, puzzles, sport and go to camp. They are fun and sometimes even have a purpose. I contemplate and plan. I attend. I go to live theater, musical performances, museums, and ball games.

What will you resolve to do this year? If you want to try your hand at something new in Scouting, let me know. There are all kinds of ways to make a difference in the lives of Scouts and potential Scouts.

I can't wait to see what 2022 brings. Keep up the great Scouting. I'll see you on the trail.

John Kilduff 732-610-4284 [johnkilduff42@gmail.com](mailto:johnkilduff42@gmail.com)



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## George Mason District Executive (DE) Chat

Hello family and friends! Since stepping into this position in June to take charge of the district, I've learned quite a lot in a short period. I never had the opportunity to become a scout while I was younger since I played sports year-round, but it always interested me. Something about the way scouts held a certain standard in school was appealing. They were always humble, they were always ready to help wherever needed, they were also problem solvers, and they were natural leaders.

This is possible thanks to all the volunteers in the district that hold the scouts to a high standard. The volunteers that guide and mentor these young adults to become the best person possible. The volunteers that day in and day out will run around multiple locations to ensure that their scout has the best experience possible. Nothing in this district would operate without your time and dedication and I would like you to know how greatly appreciate this is.

I'm ecstatic to see that units are meeting back in person and recently I attended the Fall Camporee. Walking around the campground, I saw scouts running around, exploring, trying to see how many scouts could stand on a big rock (it was around 10), and scouts playing extreme gaga ball. I spoke with a few of the adult volunteers, and they were full of joy to see their scouts back in the great outdoors and that they enjoyed the different experience that comes from a camporee. This is one of the few times where units will have the opportunity to do an event together and have a sense of competition.

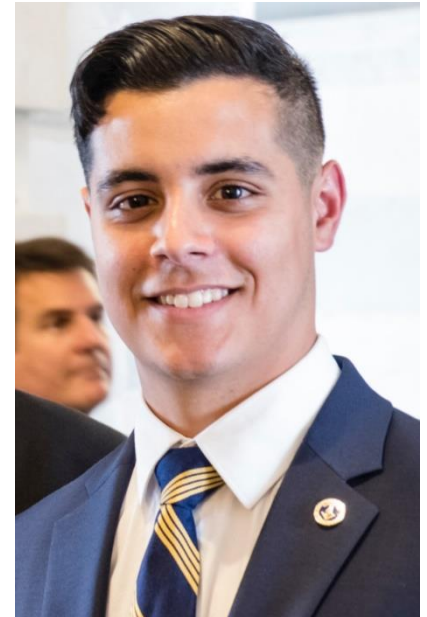
These next couple of months will fly by quick with the holidays and focusing on rechartering our units, hosting our annual business meeting, and closing out the year on a strong note. I'll be moving from Manassas to Vienna in December, and this will bring me closer to our district and allow me to attend meetings. My goal for this coming year will be more present at events and hopefully step into a merit badge counselor position so that I may have the opportunity to also mentor the future leaders from our district.

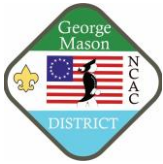
My last parting words, we are always looking for strong candidates to serve in key district positions and we can find a position that fits your interest and time availability. In a similar matter, we are always looking for new and fresh ideas on how we can improve the scouting experience for everyone such as new events and challenges. If you are interested in helping the scouting program on a bigger scale, please feel free to contact myself, John our District Chairman, or Hector our District Commissioner.

Thank you for all that you do, and I look forward to seeing you all around!

José Calil, 305.321.3142

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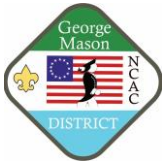
### Program Launch Resources

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

### Additional Resources

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





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## Journey to Excellence – JTE for 2022 & Beyond

This information is from: <https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/>

The JTE program for 2022 is being reviewed and may have significance changes: "...We will be considering what assessment and/or recognition system will be most helpful to councils and districts for 2022 and beyond..."

Scouting's *Journey to Excellence (JTE)* is the BSA aspirational planning, performance and recognition program designed to encourage and reward success of our units, districts, and councils. It is meant to encourage excellence and continuous improvement in providing a quality program at all levels of the BSA.

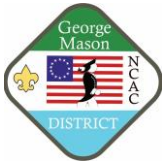
The JTE standards are based on achievements the previous year or previous few years, both individually and for the creation of national standards. Due to the extraordinary circumstances occurring in 2020, benchmarking 2019 to 2020 at the district and council level is not constructive and similarly basing 2021 standards on 2020 for districts and councils is equally inappropriate. Many units, however, have largely adapted their programs to the challenges of 2020 so their members have continued to enjoy Scouting.

For these reasons, the Journey to Excellence **recognition** program for districts and councils is discontinued immediately. The Unit level recognition program will continue, and recognition patches will be available for units.

Journey to Excellence for Districts and Councils also represents data which is important to help districts and councils. A new membership reporting tool is under development to aid districts and councils with key membership data including gender and ethnic inclusion. You will soon hear more about this.

Unfortunately, the council and district JTE dashboard (dials) and finish line report require substantial manual compilation and data assessment each month. With the significant reduction in staff at the BSA National office, the staff support necessary to keep the dashboard current and helpful to you is simply not available. Consequently, it is necessary to decommission the JTE dashboard and finish line report effective September 18.





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We suggest that even if JTE recognition is not available, the JTE standards still represent a vision of good Scouting for Districts and Councils and can be used in strategic planning.

### **Unit Recognition**

Revised unit criteria, due to the pandemic, is available at <https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/unit/2020-scorecards-english/>

2021 unit scorecards are available at <https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/unit/>

We will be considering what assessment and/or recognition system will be most helpful to councils and districts for 2022 and beyond. It is very premature to speculate on what that might be. Questions can be directed to [jte@scouting.org](mailto:jte@scouting.org).

Thank you for all you do for Scouting and for your support of the Journey to Excellence program.

### **Neil Lupton**

*Chair, National Assessment and Evaluation Committee  
Boy Scouts of America*

<https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/>



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## Powder Horn 2022

### The High Adventure Skills Resources Management Course

**August 26 – 28**

**(a three-day course)**

Camp St. Charles, Newberg, MD  
15375 Stella Maris Dr. Newberg, MD 20664

**Course Director: Bob Simmons**

Presented by the National Capital Area Council, BSA

**What is Powder Horn?** Powder Horn is a resource course designed to introduce Scouting's adult leaders to exciting program possibilities using a variety of resources for their unit. It helps leaders to provide a robust outdoor program that meets the health and safety requirements as well as the rules and regulations of the BSA as they apply to outdoor programs. The goal for participants is to leave the Powder Horn course with a list of ideas to help their program, along with contacts and resources needed to implement them. It is important to understand that Powder Horn is not a personal development course or a team building experience. It is not a certification course. Its purpose is to educate the youth and adult Scouting leaders about specific high-adventure skills, to connect them to resources to deliver those skills, and to get them excited about delivering those skills in an exciting, challenging way to youth.

**Who can attend Powder Horn?** All registered adult leaders are welcome. All participants must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. Adults must have completed Leader Specific Training for their registered position. All youth applications will be placed on a wait list until all adult applications are processed. Youth participants (14 and up) will be admitted on an individual basis and requires the completion of the Powder Horn Youth Application Addendum which includes the nomination by the unit leader. Youth must have completed their unit's version of leadership training (Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops or Crews, etc.). National Youth Leadership Training is recommended.

#### What are the pre-requisites?

- Must be a registered adult or youth member of the Boy Scouts of America, within the Scouts BSA or Venturing Program.
- All adult participants must be fully trained for their program, to include a valid Youth Protection Training certificate which covers the course dates.
- All participants must complete the Hazardous Weather training, Safety Afloat and Safe Swim Defense, Drive Safely, and Climb on Safely online (through [Scouting.org](http://Scouting.org)) prior to the course.
- Meet the physical requirements contained in the Annual Health and Medical Record physical in a back-country environment (Forms A, B, and C).
- Youth must be 14 years of age (or in a Venturing crew if 13 years of age and completed eighth grade).
- Youth must have completed the unit's version of leadership training (Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops, Ships, or Crews, etc.). National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is recommended for youth participants.

**What will we do?** Powder Horn is organized around the BSA's High Adventure elements. Topics may include:

• Archery	• Cycling/Mountain Biking	• Scuba
• Astronomy	• Emergency Preparedness	• Search & Rescue
• Backpacking	• Fly Fishing	• Shooting Sports
• Caving	• Land Navigation	• Water Craft
• Communications	• Leave No Trace/Outdoor Ethics	• Wilderness Survival
• Conservation Projects	• Outdoor Living History	• Winter Sports
• COPE Challenge Course	• Plants & Wildlife	• Working with Youth

**What is the Course Size?** The course is limited to 32 participants.

- Adult registrations will be accepted on a first come-first served basis to fill the 32 participant positions and, when those are filled, adult applicants will be placed on a waiting list in case of cancellation.
- We are not able to accept youth registration on a first come-first served basis. All youth will be placed on a wait-list and asked to complete the Powder Horn Youth Application Addendum via email. The addendum will be used to evaluate all youth registrations.
- **How Do I Register?** Registration is now open and closes on June 3, 2022. The fee is **\$300.00** after the closing date the fee increases to \$350. Fees will only be refunded if you cancel before July 1, 2020 **AND** there is someone on the waiting list willing to take your place.

**NCAC Powder Horn Coordinator: Dominick Caridi,**  
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### 2021 - 2022 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. It is aimed at all adults working with older youth regardless of program (Boy Scouting, Venturing, or Exploring). **This training IS NOT recommended for Cub Scout leaders or people without camping experience.** All participants are strongly encouraged to complete Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, as well as the position-specific training for their program area (Venturing or, Boy Scout) 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, inasmuch as 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.). National Youth Leadership Training is strongly recommended.

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:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trek Planning • Leadership Skills • Team Development • Leave No Trace • Water Treatment •</li> <li>• Stove Maintenance • Risk Management • Equipment Maintenance • Crew Equipment Needs &amp; Selection •</li> <li>• Personal Equipment Needs &amp; Selection • Terrain Awareness &amp; Land Navigation • Menu Planning &amp; Clean-up •</li> <li>• Hygiene &amp; Health • On the Trail Tips • Wilderness First Aid Overview</li> </ul>
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**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.)

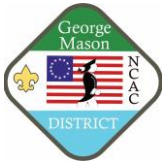
**Part 3** — *While not required, we strongly suggest participation* in the Hikeoree which will allow BCOLS trained leaders to apply the BCOLS training with their youth at a real-world event. (Part 3 is the ENABLE part of EDGE.)

FALL 2021 -- VIRGINIA	SPRING 2022 -- MARYLAND	FALL 2022 -- VIRGINIA
Classroom: Sat 9/25 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Heritage Presbyterian Church 8503 Fort Hunt Rd Alexandria, VA 22308 Overnight: Sat 10/23, 7:30 am thru Sun. 10/24, 1:30 pm Camp Big Mac 12647 Moss Hollow Rd Markham, VA 22643	Classroom: Sat 3/5 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Huntingtown UMC 4020 Hunting Creek Rd Huntingtown, MD Overnight: Sat 04/23, 7:30 am thru Sun 04/24, 1:30 pm American Chestnut Land Trust 2650 Scientists Cliff Road Prince Frederick, MD 20678	Classroom: Sat 9/24 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Heritage Presbyterian Church 8503 Fort Hunt Rd Alexandria, VA 22308 Overnight: Sat 10/22, 7:30 am thru Sun. 10/23, 1:30 pm Camp Big Mac 12647 Moss Hollow Rd Markham, VA 22643

Register via the NCAC web-site — BCOLS can be found on the Training menu  
**Class size limited to 32. Adults receive preference. Fee is \$50.00**

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

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### **SAVE THE DATES**

The 2022 NCAC College of Commissioner Service will be held as a hybrid college with in-person classes held Saturday, March 12 and online classes held Sunday March 13, 2022. Registration will open in February 2022.

Are you interested in helping George Mason District Units by becoming a Commissioner?

This is a great place to learn what a Commissioner does.

### **2022 NCAC COMMISSIONER COLLEGE**

Theme: Commissioner Culture: Hearts – Relationships – Lives

March 12, 2022, at Holy Spirit School, Annandale VA

7:00 AM to 4:30 PM

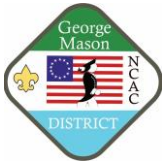
Keynote Speaker: Larry Chase  
National Commissioner Service Chair

Virtual (Online via Zoom) College

March 13, 2022 - 12:30 PM to 5:30 PM

OPEN TO EVERYONE INTERESTED IN LEARNING HOW TO HELP UNITS BETTER SERVE MORE YOUTH THROUGH SCOUTING





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# District Life to Eagle



- Saturday, 29 January 2022
- 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- Virtual
- Register at: [GM Life to Eagle Seminar](#)

George Mason's Life to Eagle virtual seminar is of great use by Life Scouts, advanced Star Scouts, parents of Scouts working on Eagle, Eagle advisors, coaches, mentors or unit leaders that haven't attended a seminar in 2 or more years or other adults interested in Scouting. The seminar will cover the requirements a Scout must complete to earn the Eagle rank, will offer advice on selecting and completing a project and will feature a panel of recent Eagle Scouts that will discuss some of their lessons learned and tips they can offer Scouts working to earn Eagle.

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

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



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# What Is University of Scouting?

Currently planned for February 26, 2022 – NCAC University of Scouting,  
Alexandria, VA - Registration Link not yet available

*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 and girls 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 a variety of classes in Adventure Scouting / High Adventure subjects and resources for Venturing Crews, Sea Scout Ships, and Scout Troops.
- The **College of General Studies** (formerly the *Electives College*) offers courses that cut across all the programs. Just about everything from diversity and special needs to using technology can be found in the *General Studies College*. *STEM Scouts, District Operations, and Online Scouting/Social Media* will be covered as subprograms (*GSC500, GSC600, and GSC700 classes, respectively*) within the *General Studies College*.

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 Boy Scouts of America Introduces New Citizenship in Society Merit Badge

*Merit badge will be available to youth in Scouts BSA program beginning November 1, 2021*

**Irving, TX – November 1, 2021**— Today, The Boy Scouts of America (BSA), one of the largest youth organizations in the United States, announced the launch of the Citizenship in Society merit badge, its newest merit badge for youth in the Scouts BSA program (ages 11-17). The new merit badge encourages Scouts to explore important topics around diversity, equity, inclusion and ethical leadership and learn why these qualities are important in society and in Scouting. Beginning July 1, 2022, the Citizenship in Society merit badge will be required for any youth seeking to achieve the prestigious Eagle Scout rank.



*The Boy Scouts of America introduces the Citizenship in Society Merit Badge, the newest merit badge for youth in the Scouts BSA program.*

"The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law," said Roger Mosby, president and chief executive officer of The Boy Scouts of America. "This merit badge aligns with both the Scout Oath and Scout Law, which encourage Scouts to respect the beliefs of others, to be kind and courteous, and to help other people at all times."

The Citizenship in Society merit badge is the latest initiative as part of BSA's ongoing commitment to promoting diversity, equity and inclusion. Developed by BSA's Office of Diversity and Youth Development Office, with input from a dedicated group of Scouting volunteers, BSA youth and professional staff, the merit badge pairs Scouts with merit



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badge counselors who will help guide Scouts on their journey of self-discovery and facilitate discussions as Scouts seek to further understand the diverse world we live in.

"The Citizenship in Society merit badge is an important initiative to help Scouts learn about the diverse identities we each possess, understand different perspectives and experiences, and promote good citizenship in society," said Elizabeth Ramirez-Washka, chief diversity officer and vice president of diversity & inclusion, Boy Scouts of America.

The new merit badge complements existing merit badges, such as the American Cultures, Citizenship in the Community, Disability Awareness and American Heritage merit badges, which require Scouts to learn and grow their understanding of diverse perspectives and spur positive action.

"As part of earning the Citizenship in Society merit badge, I learned that it's important to understand different opinions and perspectives to become a good leader so that you're prepared to handle any situation that comes up," said Maya, a 15-year-old Scout who participated in the pilot program. "I also enjoyed getting to discuss diversity and inclusion topics with my friends in Scouting, as it felt like a safe environment to be open and honest about these topics."

For more information on the Citizenship in Society merit badge, please visit [www.scouting.org/dei](http://www.scouting.org/dei).



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## Outdoor Ethics Orientation

January 7, 2022 at 7pm

Register <https://scoutingevent.com/082-53588>

The course is suitable for scouters (adults) and mature scouts. We hope as many units as possible are able to send at least 2 scouts and 1 scouter; this will allow your unit to have youth & adult members qualified to lead Outdoor Ethics at all outdoor events and help your scouts & scouters complete some of the requirements to earn the **Outdoor Ethics Award for Scouts** or **NCAC Outdoor Ethics Award for Cub Scouts**.

The course is perfect for your unit's **Outdoor Ethics Guide** (formerly Leave No Trace Trainer) or scouts who plan to take that leadership role.

By the end of the class, the participants should have:

- Knowledge of Outdoor Ethics
- Knowledge of the Outdoor Code
- Knowledge of how Leave No Trace, Tread Lightly! and The Land Ethic / Stewardship support the Outdoor Code
- Knowledge of Outdoor Ethics Awareness and Action Awards Program
- Knowledge to locate additional Leave No Trace, Tread Lightly! and BSA Outdoor Ethics resources and opportunities for further training

After this course and completion of the on-line Leave No Trace On-Line Awareness course and Tread Lightly! on-line Awareness course, participants should have enough knowledge to

- earn the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award
- conduct Outdoor Ethics workshops & activities within their respective units
- help scouts & scouters earn their Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award

Register here: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-53588>



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

**Registration Site**

## 2022 Winter NYLT Course Dates

14 - 17 January 2022

&

21 - 23 January 2022

*Both weekends must be attended.*

Early Bird discount is \$300 until 16 December 2022

After that the fee is \$350.



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## 2022 Wood Badge Registration NOW Open

### Spring Course

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

Weekend #1: 29 April - 1 May 2022

Weekend #2: 13 - 15 May 2022

Course Director: Mr. John Howlin  
[johnhowlinjr@yahoo.com](mailto:johnhowlinjr@yahoo.com)

### Fall Course

Registration Open 30 April, 2022

Weekend #1: 9 - 11 September 2022

Weekend #2: 8 - 9 October 2022

Course Director: Mr. Rick Rogers  
[rsrogers4@gmail.com](mailto:rsrogers4@gmail.com)



### **Wood Badge could be postponed or delayed based on covid restrictions**

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

#### QUESTIONS?

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



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

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

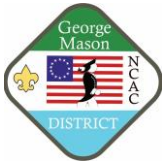
Listen to the [April 2017 CubCast](#), "Tell Us More About Wood Badge," to learn more about this advanced leadership training course.

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

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

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





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### Wood Badge (cont.)

#### Why do you want to go?

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

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

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

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

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

#### Tickets

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

#### Purpose of Wood Badge

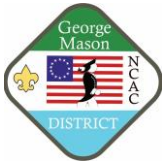
***The purpose of Wood Badge is to develop skilled leaders who can strengthen Scouting units in achieving the mission of the Boy Scouts of America.***

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

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

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





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# #OPEN4 ADVENTURE

## The Summit Bechtel Reserve is Booking for 2022!

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

**REGISTER NOW**

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



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

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

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



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## Looking for a different type of adventure in 2022?

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

Check out our other amazing National High Adventure Bases below:



Philmont Scout Ranch



Florida Sea Base



Northern Tier

**REGISTER NOW**



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## NYLT training – 2022 Schedule

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



### Entire 2022 Schedule

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

\* courses running concurrently



Updated flyer coming soon



George Mason has sent an increasing percentage of Scouts attending

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

7% of the 292 available slots

11% of the 144 available slots

- Questions? Email [contact@my.NYLT.org](mailto:contact@my.NYLT.org)

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

### **NYLT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS** Scouts must:

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

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



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# 2022 GM District Merit Badge Event

- March 5, 2022, at Fairfax Presbyterian Church in Fairfax, VA.
- Registration: [2022 GM MB Event](#) and navigate to March 2022
- Need Unit Merit Badge Day Coordinator names and contact details by November 30 to John Drisco at [gmasonmeritbadgeday@gmail.com](mailto:gmasonmeritbadgeday@gmail.com)
- Encourage Scouts to get merit badge books by December 31. Read requirements and start tackling "pre-work" by early January 2022.
- Note: The "pre-work" is not the same as a "prerequisite." The "pre-work" consists of tasks/activities that the Scout is advised to do in advance of the Merit Badge Day. A Scout can still participate in the Merit Badge Day class if he hasn't completed the pre-work but failure to complete the pre-work may mean the Scout leaves the Merit Badge Day with a partial badge. A prerequisite is something that must be done in order to qualify to take the class. The only prerequisite we are aware of for the George Mason Merit Badge Day is that the Scout must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts in a participating unit.
- Feedback to John Drisco at [gmasonmeritbadgeday@gmail.com](mailto:gmasonmeritbadgeday@gmail.com)





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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 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 George Mason Merit Badge Dean **(note emails should include two adults - no one-on-one contact for electronic media).**

### **To become a Merit Badge Counselor:**

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

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

Margee Egan at [margee.egan@gmail.com](mailto:margee.egan@gmail.com)



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**Virginia Bird and Wildlife Trail (VBWT)**

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

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

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

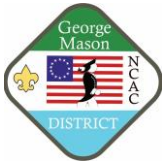
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**Printing Unit Charter Forms and BSA ID cards for youth/adults**

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>





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### Pi Day – March 14, 2022



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



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# March 10, 2022 George Mason Pinewood Derby

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



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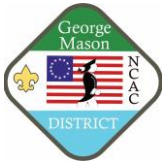
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# GM District Court of Honor



- To recognize adults who served/are serving at the unit level.
- Two awards:
  - [Unit Commissioner's Unit Scouter Award](#) – 1 per unit
  - [Unit Appreciation Award](#) – Maximum 8 per unit.
- Please provide a sentence or two describing the individual's service.
- Submit Unit Commissioner's Unit Scouter Award to Unit Commissioner.
- Unit Appreciate Award to [gm.adultrecognition@gmail.com](mailto:gm.adultrecognition@gmail.com)
- **Must have all submissions by no later than March 11, 2022.**
- Will confer awards at District COH/April Roundtable.



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### UNIT APPRECIATION AWARD

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

#### CRITERIA:

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

#### NUMBER OF AWARDS:

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

#### PROCEDURE:

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

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

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

#### DUE DATE:

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

#### PRESENTATION:

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



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### GEORGE MASON DISTRICT UNIT COMMISSIONER'S UNIT SCOUTER AWARD

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

Commissioner making nomination: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### INFORMATION ABOUT THE NOMINEE

Unit Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Position in Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Nominee address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: VA. Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address (required): \_\_\_\_\_

#### NOMINATION JUSTIFICATION

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

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

#### SUBMISSION AND DUE DATE

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

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



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**GM Spring Camporee Date:**

**April 29 – May 1, 2022**

**Location and Theme: TBD**

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

**Registration will open in early 2022**





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# George Mason Hike-O-Ree May 2022

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



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# Jamboree On the Trail



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



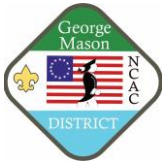
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## Flags In – May 30, 2022

- May 30, 2022, at 10am
- Open to all (Cubs, Scouts BSA and Venturing Scouts)
- National Memorial Park, 7482 Lee Highway, Falls Church
- All Scouts, including Girl Scouts, are welcome.
- Class A Uniforms
- Social distancing – bring a mask



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### George Mason Order of The Arrow



Beginning in January 2022, the George Mason Chapter of the O/A is back to meeting in Person on the 2nd Thursday of the month at Thoreau Middle School from 7:30-8:30. (Same time/location as GM Roundtable.)

The OA Chapter meeting January 13, 2022, is Mandatory for all Troop O/A Representatives (TOARs) as we will be discussing the upcoming elections and Ordeal. If you do not attend, they can't guarantee the success of your elections."

The Spring 2022 Ordeal will be April 29 – May 1 2022.

### Amangamek-Wipit Lodge Annual Dues

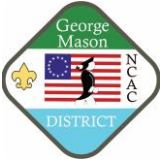
To attend any OA event or wear your sash and lodge flap, you must be a current dues-paying member of our lodge! For 2022, annual dues will be \$14 until March 31, 2022 when they increase to \$16 on April 1, 2022 (no fooling!). Payment may be made by credit card or e-check.

You will have an opportunity to make a contribution to help support our lodge activities and operations. Become a Lodge Contributor by making a \$100 contribution and receive our special Lodge Contributor patch and the satisfaction of knowing that you've dramatically helped further our mission of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.

If you are transferring from another lodge, please visit the Membership Dues and Transfers page on the lodge website <https://scoutingevent.com/082-MembershipTransfer> and complete the [Membership Transfer Form](#) to pay your dues.

[Pay 2022 OA Dues](#)





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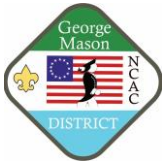
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### 2022 Amangamek-Wipit Lodge Calendar

Date	Time	Name	Location	Group Responsible
<b>JAN</b>				
Postponed Until Spring Fellowship		2022 Lodge Banquet	(April 1-3, 2022)	Banquet Committee
22		ACT Conference	Central Pres. Ch., Towson, MD	Section Leadership
<b>FEB</b>				
13	3-5 pm	LEC	MSSC (plus virtual)	Lodge Leadership
26		University of Scouting	Hayfield School, Alexandria, VA	Training Committee
<b>MAR</b>				
6	3-5 pm	LO&A	Virtual	Key 7
Pending Fianaliation		Camping-palooza	Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA	Camping-palooza Committee
<b>APR</b>				
1-3		2022 Spring Fellowship	Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA	Spring Fellowship Committee
2		RAMADAN begins		
3	12-2 pm	LEC (@ Fellowship)	Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA	Lodge Leadership
15		PASSOVER begins		
17		EASTER		
23		PASSOVER ends		
<b>MAY</b>				
1	3-5 pm	LO&A	Virtual	Key 7
2		RAMADAN ends		
20-22		Section Conclave	Broad Creek SR, Whiteford, MD	Section Leadership
31		Unit Election Season Closes		
<b>JUN</b>				
11		LLDC	TBD	Training Committee
11	3-5 pm	LEC (After LLDC)	Same as LLDC	Lodge Leadership
18		Goshen Staff First Day	Goshen Scout Reservation, VA	GSR Director
26		GOAT Begins	Goshen Scout Reservation, VA	GOAT Committee
26	8-11 am	Goshen Bus Loading -Day 1	Fairfax County Gov. Center, VA	GBL Committee
<b>JUL</b>				
2	8-11 am	Goshen Bus Loading -Day 2	Fairfax County Gov. Center, VA	GBL Committee
3	8-11 am	Goshen Bus Loading -Day 3	Fairfax County Gov. Center, VA	GBL Committee
9		GOAT Ends	Goshen Scout Reservation, VA	GOAT Committee
9	8-11 am	Goshen Bus Loading -Day 4	Fairfax County Gov. Center, VA	GBL Committee
10	8-11 am	Goshen Bus Loading -Day 5	Fairfax County Gov. Center, VA	GBL Committee
16	8-11 am	Goshen Bus Loading -Day 6	Fairfax County Gov. Center, VA	GBL Committee
17	8-11 am	Goshen Bus Loading -Day 7	Fairfax County Gov. Center, VA	GBL Committee
23	8-11 am	Goshen Bus Loading -Day 8	Fairfax County Gov. Center, VA	GBL Committee
24	8-11 am	Goshen Bus Loading -Day 9	Fairfax County Gov. Center, VA	GBL Committee
25-30		NOAC	University of Tenn., Knoxville	NOAC Committee
30	8-11 am	Goshen Bus Loading -Day 10	Fairfax County Gov. Center, VA	GBL Committee
<b>AUG</b>				
2		Goshen Staff Last Days	Goshen Scout Reservation, VA	GSR Director





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5-7		2022 Vigil Induction (1st)	Goshen Scout Reservation, VA	Vigil Induction Committee
TBD		Lodge Summer Ordeal	Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA	Lodge Ordeal Committee
21	3-5 pm	LEC	MSSC (plus virtual)	Lodge Leadership
SEP				
5		LABOR DAY		
16-18		2022 Fall Fellowship	Camp Snyder, VA	Fall Fellowship Committee
18	12-2 pm	LO&A (@ Fellowship)	Camp Snyder, VA	Key 7
25-27		ROSH HASHANAH		
OCT				
2	3-5 pm	LEC	MSSC (plus virtual)	Lodge Leadership
4-5		YOM KIPPPUR		
NOV				
1		Unit Election Season Opens		
6	3-5 pm	LO&A	MSSC	Key 7
25-26		2022 Vigil Induction (2nd)	Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA	Vigil Induction Committee
DEC				
4	3-5 pm	LEC	MSSC (plus virtual)	Lodge Leadership
2-3		2022 Trade-O-Ree	Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA	Trade-O-Ree Committee

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Date	Time	Name	Location	Group Responsible
JAN				
7		2023 Lodge Banquet	Riggs Center, College Park, MD	Banquet Committee
TBD		ACT Conference	TBD	Section Leadership
FEB				
12	3-5 pm	LEC	MSSC (plus virtual)	Lodge Leadership
25		University of Scouting	Hayfield School, Alexandria, VA	Training Committee
MAR				
5	3-5 pm	LO&A	Virtual	Key 7
22		RAMADAN begins		
31 – 4/2		2023 Spring Fellowship	Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA	Spring Fellowship Committee
APR				
2	12-2 pm	LEC (@ Fellowship)	Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA	Lodge Leadership
5		PASSOVER begins		
9		EASTER		
12		PASSOVER ends		
20		RAMADAN ends		
MAY				
7	3-5 pm	LO&A	Virtual	Key 7



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19-21		Section Conclave	Camp Rodney, Northeast, MD	Section Leadership
31		Unit Election Season Closes		
<b>JUN</b>				
3		LLDC	TBD	Training Committee
3	3-5 pm	LEC (After LLDC)	Same as LLDC	Lodge Leadership
18		Goshen Staff First Day	Goshen Scout Reservation, VA	GSR Director
TBD		GOAT	Goshen Scout Reservation, VA	GOAT Committee
25	8-11 am	Goshen Bus Loading - Day 1	Fairfax County Gov. Center, VA	GBL Committee
<b>JUL</b>				
1	8-11 am	Goshen Bus Loading - Day 2	Fairfax County Gov. Center, VA	GBL Committee
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15	8-11 am	Goshen Bus Loading - Day 6	Fairfax County Gov. Center, VA	GBL Committee
16	8-11 am	Goshen Bus Loading - Day 7	Fairfax County Gov. Center, VA	GBL Committee
19-28		National Jamboree	Summit Bechtel Reserve, WVA,	
22	8-11 am	Goshen Bus Loading-Day 8	Fairfax County Gov. Center, VA	GBL Committee
23	8-11 am	Goshen Bus Loading - Day 9	Fairfax County Gov. Center, VA	GBL Committee
29	8-11 am	Goshen Bus Loading - Day 10	Fairfax County Gov. Center, VA	GBL Committee
30	8-11 am	Goshen Bus Loading - Day 11	Fairfax County Gov. Center, VA	GBL Committee
<b>AUG</b>				
1		Goshen Staff Last Days	Goshen Scout Reservation, VA	GSR Director
4-5		2023 Vigil Induction (1st)	Goshen Scout Reservation, VA	Vigil Induction Committee
TBD		Lodge Summer Ordeal	Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA	Lodge Ordeal Committee
20	3-5 pm	LEC	MSSC (plus virtual)	Lodge Leadership
<b>SEP</b>				
4		LABOR DAY		
15-17		2023 Fall Fellowship	Camp Snyder, VA	Fall Fellowship Committee
17	12-2 pm	LO&A (@ Fellowship)	Camp Snyder, VA	Key 7
24-25		YOM KIPPPUR		
<b>OCT</b>				
1	3-5 pm	LEC	MSSC (plus virtual)	Lodge Leadership
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DEC				
3	3-5 pm	LEC	MSSC (plus virtual)	Lodge Leadership
1-2		2023 Trade-O-Ree	Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA	Trade-O-Ree Committee

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