**George Mason District   
Roundtable**

**May 12, 2022**

**Announcements**

1. Marriott Scout Service Center – “Front counter” service resumed at Marriott Scout Service Center on Wednesday, April 27, 2022. Operating hours are Monday -Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The MSSC Scout Shop will continue to be closed.  The following “front counter” services will be available: Eagle Kit Pick-up, drop-off payments and other Scouting information, specialty patch, and over-the-counter sales.  The President’s Conference Room will be our “front counter” due to recent water damage. Access to this area is only available by using the side entrance of MSSC (not the regular entrance). After entering the building, follow the signs and proceed to the end of the hallway, and the President’s Conference Room is on the right. No public restrooms are available at this time. If you have questions and would like to verify service before making the trip to MSSC, please call Annette Donfor at 301-530-9360.
2. Program Launch – GMD will have our annual Program Launch at 7:00pm on June 9 (Roundtable will start at 8:00pm).  There will be District/Council program representatives and vendors to provide information about upcoming events and opportunities to include in your annual calendar of events. Please bring your ACMs, DL, ASMs, and Patrol Leaders to this event at Thoreau MS in Vienna.
3. Day Camp 2022 – There are 14-day camps scheduled to take place across the Washington Metropolitan Area this summer. Each specific camp offers their own mix of program opportunities, but most camps offer a combination of BB gun shooting, archery, sling shots, arts and crafts, nature, field sports, fishing, and aquatics.  More information [**here**](https://www.ncacbsa.org/day-camp/).
4. Registrar enters MBs – While adults who have taken their MBC training (at my.scouting.org) can [register online](https://my.scouting.org/VES/OnlineReg/1.0.0/?tu=UF-MB-082gm23) to be a GMD MBC, they must still submit the [Merit Badge Counselor Information Form](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34405.pdf) to [Margee](mailto:GM.MB.Dean@hotmail.com) for approval.  Once Margee approves, they can teach the listed MB.  It may take a while for their MB listing to appear in Scoutbook.  The NCAC registration staff have to enter the MBs and they are still working on Charter Renewals.
5. Training - Our Council (National Capital Area Council or NCAC) has decided that all Volunteer Adults must be fully trained for all of their leadership positions in Scouting.  This is in addition to the National BSA requirement that all adults who have contact with the youth must complete Youth Protection Training (YPT).  The accomplishment of this goal is to be phased in over the next four years.
6. Camp Snyder Saw Dust Saturdays – Supporting our local Camp Snyder
   1. Dates: April 9, May 28, June 18, August 20, September 17, October 15, November 12, and December 17
   2. **Contact Dan Kurtenbach to let us know you are coming**.  Use the [sign up link](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fforms%2Fd%2F1rlc0T_1GCGfA1Y8YjypzmuR4dooy7VBWSSOLuV2NXio%2Fedit&data=04%7C01%7C%7C47968027a5ab41d24bc408da07715b7d%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637830480854691128%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=b6SQyDZh8pFFS32haGqQuS0cnO7BwpvE9oWXWgTGit8%3D&reserved=0) on our Camp Snyder volunteer project [webpage](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gotosnyder.org%2Fwork-volunteer%2Fservice-days%2F&data=04%7C01%7C%7C47968027a5ab41d24bc408da07715b7d%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637830480854691128%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=ydxtUQRm3RXMbGLsVhhEYT2iUTHkSLWe%2BOyB1Fs%2FQYs%3D&reserved=0), call Dan at 703-802-0613, or email him at [cwbs.volunteers@gmail.com](mailto:cwbs.volunteers@gmail.com).
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8. Camping Palooza – Camp Snyder - Save the Date – Oct 15, 2022 – Open to all Scouts – more to come…

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**Council Update**

1. Pre-Camp Swim Tests – 6/4 & 6/5, Camp Snyder - <https://www.ncacbsa.org/aquatics-committee/>
2. Adding new members – Use on-line processing
3. Journey to Excellence
   1. New Scorecards - <https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/unit/>
   2. Scouts Minimal Changes – “Will” & “Scoutbook”
   3. Cub Significant Changes - Removed Budget, added Lion Den, Retention %, Special Activities.
4. Restructuring – no update; latest estimate July 2022
5. Scoutbook uses Internet Advancement database – Check roster in IA first
   1. Internet Advancement – <https://discussions.scouting.org>
   2. Scoutbook – <https://help.scoutbook.com>

**Council Update - Scoutbook**

1. Bug Fixes:
   1. Charter Org - An issue that prevented the Charter Org from automatically being updated in Scoutbook has been fixed.
   2. Connections - An issue that caused parent connections to Scouts to end when the Scout turned 18 has been fixed. Parents will no longer be disconnected from their Scouts that are 18 years of age or older. Units will need to re-establish these connections that were previously removed.
   3. Den/Patrol Admins
   4. An issue that caused Den Admin positions to be added to Assistant Scoutmasters has been fixed.
   5. The Den Admin optional role will not longer appear on the Add Position screen for Tiger Den Leader, Den Leader or Webelos Den Leader as the role is automatically created.
   6. Life Rank - An issue that prevented Eagle Required Merit badges earned for Star rank from appearing in the list for Life rank has been fixed.
   7. Pack Membership - An issue that prevented membership in a Pack from ending when Member Update brought in a Troop membership for the Scout has been fixed.
2. Reports
   1. Cub Scout History, Scouts BSA History, Venturing History, Sea Scout History, and OA Eligibility Reports
   2. An issue was corrected in which activity logs/history were not displaying all activities for Scouts and Scouters when individuals previously had two accounts/MIDs that were subsequently merged.
   3. Scouts BSA History
   4. An issue that caused a Patrol name to be printed at the top of the Scouts BSA History Report if the Scout was formerly in a patrol but currently is not has been fixed.
3. New Features:
   1. E-Mail Addresses - E-Mail addresses that are updated in Scoutbook will be pushed to Akela, the BSA Person Database.
   2. Unit Numbers - When a unit’s number changes, Scoutbook will now be automatically updated to display the new number.

**Big Rock – Safe Scouting!**

1. **Navigating the *'gray areas*' to protect yourself and your unit**

**George Mason Program**

**Current 2022 GM Calendar**

1. May 1 to May 15, 2022  – GM Hike-O-Ree
2. May 14, 2022 – Jamboree on the Trail
3. May 30, 2022 – Flags In
4. June 2, 2022 – Elks Youth Recognition Dinner
5. June 4, 2022 – NCAC Stem Expo and Pinewood Derby
6. June 9, 2022 – Program Launch and Roundtable
7. June/July 2022 – Cub Summer Camp

**George Mason Hike-O-Ree**

1. 2nd Annual GM Hike-O-Ree on weekends of May 7 and May 14 – 5/6 to 5/15/22.
2. Open to all (Cubs, Scouts BSA and Venturing Scouts), families and friends.
3. Any age, any place and any appropriate grouping – just keep track of how far you hiked.
4. Register on Council website (registration opening in early 2022).  $5.00 for a patch.
5. Challenge – District Scouts, Scouters and families hike 2,022 miles.
6. 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.

[Flags In](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/flags-in/) – May 30, 2022 at 10am

1. National Memorial Park, 7482 Lee Highway, Falls Church
2. All Scouts, including Girl Scouts, are welcome.
3. Class A Uniforms
4. SCOUTS BSA Roundtable

**Future Camporees - Save the Dates!!!**

1. George Mason Fall 2022 Camporee – October 21 - 23, 2022
2. Theme and Site TBD
3. George Mason Spring 2023 Camporee – May 5-7, 2023
4. Theme and Site TBD
5. Please factor this into unit calendars/planning.
6. Scouts are loyal – including loyalty to District activities.

**2022 Elks Youth Recognition Dinner**

1. For youth that earned Eagle in 2021 (i.e. their Eagle Board of Review was held in the 2021 calendar year) and their Scoutmasters.
2. Thursday, June 2, 2022
3. Elks Lodge 2188, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, VA.
4. Will need unit leader help in contacting Scouts and obtaining an RSVP.

**Training**

1. Cub Leader Specific Training in-person 6/4 @ Alexandria  <https://scoutingevent.com/082-56464>
2. BALOO – 06/18/22, Lorton, VA <https://scoutingevent.com/082-56465>
3. Scoutmaster/ASM Specific Training 6/4 in Alexandria
4. <https://scoutingevent.com/082-57862>
5. IOLS – 6/4 -6/5 @ Camp Snyder or 6/18-6/19 in Lorton  <https://scoutingevent.com/082-PATRIOTSPRING22IOLS>  <https://scoutingevent.com/082-56465>
6. NYLT summer courses – registration now open
7. Powderhorn (P50) - 08/26/22 – 08/28/22 – Camp St. Charles, Newburg, MD.  <https://scoutingevent.com/082-49585>

**GM High Adventure**

1. NCAC High Adventure Committee (HAC) updates and announcements: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/high-adventure/>
2. Vacancies list updated 4 May: <https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/xWpkdrKHKAA9pCzwmHMNdbWb>
3. NCAC Paddle Craft Safety Class:

14 May (Camp Snyder/Silver Lake); 15 May (Potomac River)

1. <https://scoutingevent.com/082-58366>
2. National High Adventure Base COVID policies are subject to change per the evolving environment; please be aware of requirements in advance of treks.
3. All BSA high adventure treks require Medical forms A, B, and C – both  Scouts and adults – certain programs have additional medical screening requirements.  (Schedule that physical exam soon!)
4. HA Sourcebook update: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/high-adventure-information/>
5. Contact Joe Knecht at [knechtjoe@yahoo.com](mailto:knechtjoe@yahoo.com) if you have questions regarding high adventure planning or resources.

**Shooting Sports**

1. Requests for Shooting Events – Lead Time!
2. 50+ scouts - 6mos
3. Less than 50 scouts - 3mos
4. Shooting on private land:
5. Requirements
6. Permissions/protocols
7. Shooting Sports [web page](https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/shooting-sports/)
8. Shooting Sports Instructor Classes:
9. [Rifle/Shotgun](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/merit-badges/rifle-shotgun-training/)
10. [Archery](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/merit-badges/archery-training/) (Virtual classes available)

**Merit Badges**

1. Every merit badge counselor needs to be on the District charter.  The time for action is NOW!
2. The online Merit Badge Counselor [registration](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/merit-badges/archery-training/) works for all Scouters who do not already hold another District position.
3. New Merit Badge Counselors must complete online merit badge counselor training, in addition to YPT, after November 1, 2021.  Existing merit badge counselors have until 12/31/22 to complete training.
4. Be sure the counselor uses his/her legal name – no nicknames.
5. Merit Badge Counselors, or the unit Dean/Leader, also need to scan and send Margee the Merit Badge Counselor Information Form listing the badges the counselor is applying to teach and providing a justification of his/her qualifications.
6. Youth Protection Training is the essential first step.  Don’t hit “send” on the application without it!
7. Contact Margee if you have questions at [GM.MB.Dean@hotmail.com](mailto:GM.MB.Dean@hotmail.com)

**Other Topics**

1. Order of the Arrow
2. General Announcements
3. District Executive Minute
4. District Chair Minute
5. District Commissioner Minute

*Minutes and slides available on the GMD web site (District Resources, Roundtable).  Password is “GMDRT”*

*Next meeting – Program Launch - June 9, 2022, at 7:00pm (Thoreau MS)*