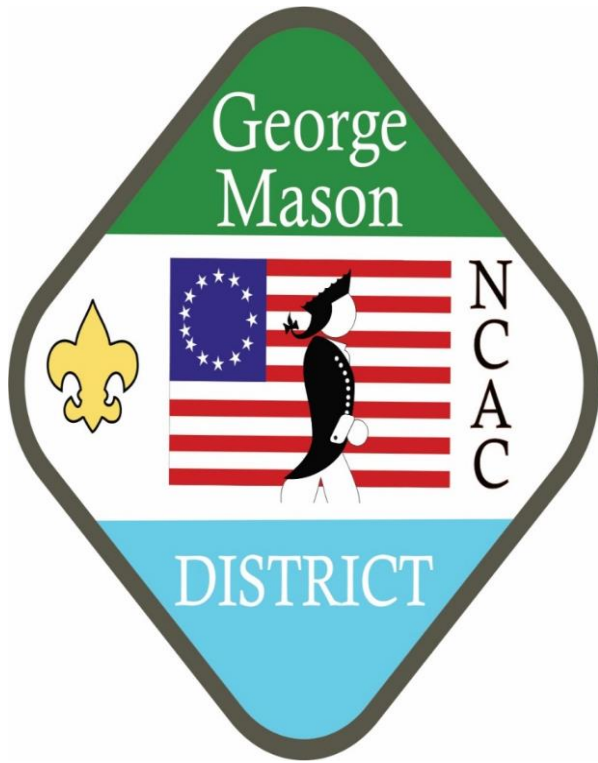


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Welcome to this edition of the George Mason District Press. We e-mail this out bi-monthly to the BSA registered leaders in George Mason District; unit leaders and merit badge counselors – those who have their current YPT.

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. Nov, 10, 2022 – Roundtable Meeting (Thoreau and online) at 7:30 pm – **OA Chapter meeting same time/place as Roundtable**

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 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**

**November 2022:**

11/01/2022 - 05/31/2023 - Unit election season for Order of the Arrow begins

11/05/2022 - Scouting for Food (Tag Distribution) [Scouting for Food](#)

11/08/2022 - Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm (Virtual)

11/10/2022 - Roundtable Meeting, 7:30pm, Zoom & Thoreau Middle School, Vienna, VA

11/11/2022 - **Flags In Veterans Day**, National Memorial Park, Falls Church, VA

11/12/2022 - Scouting for Food (Food Pick-up) [Scouting for Food](#)

11/19/2022 – Akela’s Trail (Formerly Pow-Wow), 8:30am – 12 Noon [Akela’s Trail](#)

11/30/2022 – George Mason District Annual Meeting, 7:30pm, Zoom

**December 2022:**

12/8/2022 - Roundtable Meeting, 7:30pm, Zoom & Thoreau Middle School, Vienna, VA

12/13/2022 - Commissioner/District Committee Cracker Barrell, 7:30pm (Virtual)

12/15/2022 – GM Unit JTE forms due Unit Commissioner (sooner is better) [JTE forms](#)

12/31/2022 – 2022 Unit Charters expire

**January 2023:**

01/01/2023 – Units without new charters posted become lapsed units and lose the ability to accept or process On-line Applications for new members or for transfers in or out - loose BSA insurance coverage and advancement recognition stop

01/13-16/2022 & 01/28-29/2023 – National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) Course 23-1, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA - Wait List [WWW.myNYLT.org](http://WWW.myNYLT.org)

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**February 2023:**

02/25/2023 - University of Scouting, Hayfield Secondary School, Alexandria, Va [UoS Info/Registration](#)

**March 2023:**

03/01/2023 – Units without new charters posted become dropped units and members lose access to records in my.scouting.org and Scoutbook – members and units are no longer part of BSA Units without new 2023 Charters posted become dropped and loose BSA insurance coverage and advancement recognition stop

03/04/2023 & 04/22-23/2023 – BCOLS Training – see flyer below

03/25/2023 – GMD Pinewood Derby, Fairfax Presbyterian Church, Fairfax, VA

03/31-04/2/2023 & 04/22-23/2023 Wood Badge Spring 2023 Course [NCAC Wood Badge](#)

**April 2023:**

04/13/2023 – District Court of Honor, Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA

**May 2023:**

05/5-7/2023 - George Mason Spring Camporee – Theme & Site TBD

05/05-07/2023 & 06/03-04/2023 Wood Badge Summer 2023 Course [NCAC Wood Badge](#)

05/29/2023 - **Flags In Memorial Day**, National Memorial Park, Falls Church, VA

05/31/2023 - Unit election season for Order of the Arrow closes

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**Calendar of Events (cont.) – Links included if available**

**June 2023:**

06/08/2023 – Program Launch, Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA

06/18-23/2023 – National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) Course 23-2, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA [WWW.myNYLT.org](http://WWW.myNYLT.org)

06/25-30/2023 – National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) Course 23-3, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA [WWW.myNYLT.org](http://WWW.myNYLT.org)

**July 2023:**

07/19-28/2023 – BSA 2023 National Jamboree, The Summit Bechtel Reserve, WV, <https://www.facebook.com/NatJamboree23/>

07/23-28/2023 – National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) Course 23-4, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA [WWW.myNYLT.org](http://WWW.myNYLT.org)

07/23-28/2023 – National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) Course 23-5, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA [WWW.myNYLT.org](http://WWW.myNYLT.org)

**September 2023:**

09/08-10/2023 & 10/07-08/2023 Wood Badge Fall 2023 Course [NCAC Wood Badge](#)

09/23/2023 & 10/21-22/2023 – BCOLS Training – see flyer below

# Flags In – Veterans Day 2022

## Scouts Honoring our Veterans

Celebrate Veterans Day by joining George Mason District scout families at “Flags-in” – placing American Flags on the graves of veterans.



**Class-A Uniforms**

**Masks Optional**

The scout family’s pick-up flags at the Chapel: The National Memorial Park, 7482 Lee Highway, Falls Church, VA 22042. Families should then move into the NMP and place flags.

Schedule for November 11, 2022 (Friday; a FCPS Holiday for Students)

- 12:00 pm – Event Starts – Pizza/Water provided. Get flags and instructions.
- 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm – TAPS blown (buglers needed)
- 3:00 pm – Event ends

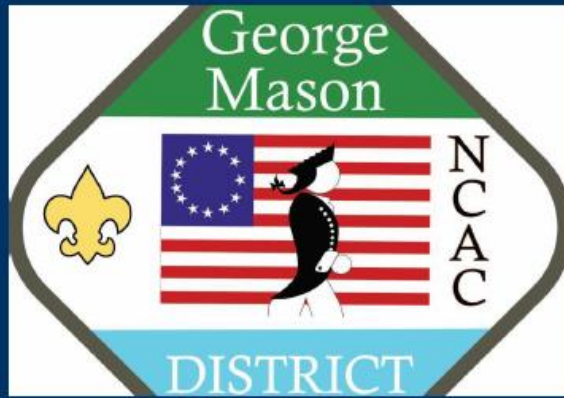
Scout service hours (up to 3 hours) will be available. Each participating Scout earns a unique patch and rocker.

For more information, please contact: Russell Pittman at (571) 354-7378 or [ruspittman@gmail.com](mailto:ruspittman@gmail.com)

Slideshow: [How to Identify Veteran’s Graves](#)

Pamphlet: [How to Identify Veteran’s Graves](#)

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**GEORGE MASON DISTRICT'S**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**


**A year-end report for the George Mason District and  
election of the 2023 District Leadership**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**NOVEMBER 30, 2022  
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM  
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM**

**Current Council Executive Board members, George  
Mason District Committee members, & Chartered  
Organization Representatives are invited and  
encouraged to attend via Zoom.**





**SAVE THE DATE**

**UNIVERSITY OF  
SCOUTING**

**February 25, 2023**

**Hayfield Secondary  
School**

**7630 Telegraph Rd,  
Alexandria, VA 22315**

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### Chair's Chat November 1, 2022

As I write this note I am realizing that this is the last Chairs' Chat and Newsletter of 2022. It is time to look back and see what we have accomplished and look forward to where we can go in the coming years. So where are we?

For the last 2 months I have been visiting with many of our Packs as they conducted their new member Join Scouting events. It was great to see the enthusiasm and commitment of the leaders and the happy, eager faces of the potential new Scouts. What is the result? As of Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, our overall membership is up by 54 Scouts over October 2021, and we are already up 22 Scouts over year end. In addition, we have a new Pack coming on this week with at least 15 Cubs. This is great. It shows that we have an eager Scouting audience and leaders who want to deliver the promise of Scouting.



What remains to be done with membership? We need to make sure all those who visited our Packs get follow up if they have not yet joined. We need to attract and register more girls in both Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA. We need to continue to recruit in our minority communities and we need to make sure no one is denied the opportunity to join Scouts for financial reasons.

Even though we are facing some financial headwinds, we have succeeded in reaching our Friends of Scouting fundraising goal and did it early. Popcorn sales are ongoing. We already have 2 units who have sold over \$10,000 of product with a combination of storefront sales, wagon sales, and online sales. They will be earning over \$4000 for their Pack programs.

Our program has been going great this year. We had a terrific District Pinewood Derby in March, a great Spring Camporee with our Fall Camporee happening just about press time. In May we had a fine turnout for our Flags In event and hope to have a great attendance for the Veteran's Day Flags In. Many Scouts have been taking advantage of the Life to Eagle Seminars.

What lies ahead for program? Over the next 2 years there will be an emphasis on leader training. We will need to get all unit leaders trained for their position. That means all Cubmasters and Den Leaders will need Cub Scout Specific Training and all Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters will need Scoutmaster Specific Training, Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills and Weather Hazard Training. Why wait until it is required? It will make you a more effective leader now.

Our District Annual Meeting is coming up on November 30<sup>th</sup>. If you are a Charter Organization Representative or a District Committee Member, I hope you will join us. We will be presenting a full District status report and electing our District Committee to serve us for 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

John Kilduff – George Mason District Chair

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



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If you have not yet seen this, check out the following new NCAC 22 page publication:

[NCAC Membership Playbook](#)



**#ADVENTUREON**

*Information Covered*

**CAMPAIGN SET UP:**  
*Scouting Matters- Tuft Study*  
*Sources of Membership*  
*Membership Cycle*  
*Organizational Chart*  
*Who does what*

**ACTION PLANS:**  
*Cub Scout Action Plan*  
*Scout BSA Open Houses*  
*Venturing/Sea Scout First Nighters*  
*Exploring Opportunities*  
*STEM Scouts Labs and info sessions*

**SUPPORT MATERIALS:**  
*Printed resources*  
*Digital assets*  
*Geofencing and Social Media*

**Welcome!**

Thank you for helping lead the National Capital Area Council, Boy Scouts of America to grow our membership base and support our communities.

Together, we will find ways to provide a positive Scouting experience to tens of thousands of youth members across Southern Maryland, Northern Virginia and the District of Columbia.

This guide will help you make a compelling case for potential families to join a local Scouting program and enjoy all the benefits Scouting can provide their child through these critical developmental years.

Remember: your knowledge, enthusiasm, and commitment to Scouting is important when supporting membership development. You are recruiting families that will positively affect our communities for years to come.

Thank you again!

Gene Irisari, Vice President of Membership  
National Capital Area Council Executive Board

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**2022 National BSA Fee Structure**

NCAC Volunteers,

Summer Camp is in full swing and I hope all those who have participated in a Scouting adventure this summer have had a fantastic time! Thank you for the leadership you provide to deliver the Scouting program in National Capital Area Council.

Last week the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America announced an increase to the national membership fee structure. To ensure the Boy Scouts of America has the resources to fulfill the promise of Scouting, the following structure will take effective **August 1st, 2022**.

[2022 Membership Fee infographic](#)

**\$75** for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts participants

**\$45** for Exploring participants

**\$45** for all adult volunteers (includes cost of background check)

**\$100** for a unit charter/affiliation fee

**\$25** one-time joining fee for new program participants in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts (Not pro-rated)

**\$15** for Scout Life magazine; this is the first price increase since 2005

Over many years, the Boy Scouts of America has worked diligently to keep all membership fees as low as possible. As you know, costs continue to rise, and the annual fee must be increased to address the fiscal realities we face to deliver a safe and quality Scouting program. The outlined membership fees cover the cost of essential services provided by the National Council in Irving Texas which include; program resources, liability insurance for those participating in approved Scouting activities, criminal background checks, youth protection, and the development of intellectual property used throughout the movement. All membership registration fees are collected to support the operation of the National Council.

Our local Council, National Capital Area Council, does not retain any of the above referenced fees, when members register or renew their membership with the Boy Scouts of America. As we continue forward, the membership fee structure continues to be evaluated and how we deliver the Scouting program for future generations.

Thank you for all you are doing to positively impact the lives of thousands of Scouts and their families through Scouting in National Capital Area Council.

Yours in Scouting,

JP Morgan, Council President  
Julie Lesko, Council Commissioner  
Craig Poland, Scout Executive

**2023 Charter Renewal Process Has begun for  
NCAC and George Mason District Units**

**Enter Link to 2023 Charter Renewal Handbook here**

Every Unit Key 3 (COR, Committee Chair and Unit Leader) should take the time and review this Handbook to understand the Recharter process, the timeline and what their part is in the 2023 Recharter Process. Unit Committee members should also review the handbook to understand this process.

**2023 Unit Recharter Timeline**

- 1 August – 30 September 2022 – Units collect and validate recharter Data and collect BSA registration fee
- 1 October 2022 – Units begin to input recharter data into online system
- 24 October 2022 – Units should have completed entering Charter Renewal data and submit to council
- 24 Oct – 24 Nov 2022 – Commissioners/NCAC work with Units to address issues found during submission process
- 31 December 2022 – Current 2022 unit charter expires
- 1 January 2023 – Units without new charters posted become lapsed units and lose the ability to accept or process On-line Applications for new members or for transfers in or out
- 1 March 2023 – Units without new 2023 charters posted become dropped units and members lose access to records in my.scouting.org and Scoutbook – members and units are no longer part of BSA. Units loose BSA insurance coverage.

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The Following is from Chapter One of the 2023 Charter Renewal Handbook:

### UNIT INFORMATION

This year the Boy Scouts of America is introducing new Rechartering software. It will be effective for all units that have a charter expiration date of 31 December 2021 or later. The new program will be part of Internet Advancement and will not require an access code to use it; however, it will be only accessible to those members of the unit who are part of the Key 3 or have been designated as a Key 3 Delegate. As you work through the recharter system, the software will alert you to inconsistencies in your data. All warnings and errors will have a pop-up notice. If it's an error, it would also be a blocker, so a notice would keep you from proceeding. A warning will only have a pop-up appear letting you know something will need to be further addressed. If help is needed with warnings or errors, contact the District Renewal Expert for assistance.

Below is information that is extremely important to the Committee Chair and Unit Leader about what needs to be done to complete the Internet Advancement Renewal process for their unit this year.

### RECHARTER PROCESS

The recharter process is broken down into two parts – The **Data Collection** phase and the **Data Input** phase. There are specific processes required in each phase and neither is more important than the other. In fact, the Data Input phase cannot be done without the Data Collection phase being completed first.

For the **Data Collection** Phase, the following processes need to be completed:

- ❖ review Chapter One of the Council Charter Renewal Handbook
- ❖ conduct a Membership Inventory comparing the roster from [my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org) to your unit roster, identify Scouts who are not returning and reason why along with adults who are not returning and identify adults and Scouts from the unit's roster that do not appear on the official [my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org) roster and submit applications for them along with the appropriate fees (waiting to submit the applications with the recharter application will **NOT** get them on your current year roster)
- ❖ with the assistance of the Charter Organization Representative (CR), select leaders for the next charter year
- ❖ with Unit Leader (UL) assistance, select direct contact leaders for the next charter year and have them approved by the CR
- ❖ identify the unit Renewal Processor (RP) team
- ❖ attend the District Charter Renewal training
- ❖ ensure the unit is properly coded (especially for Packs (Boy Pack (BP) or Family Pack (FP))
- ❖ identify volunteers with expired YPT or YPT that will expire before 1 May of the new charter year
- ❖ identify a committee member to collect the registration and Scout Life magazine fees for recharter

While the above task may seem daunting, they can be completed in the two months leading up to the Data Input phase and will reduce the overall effort needed to complete it. As the Cub Scout and Scouts BSA mottos say "Do Your Best" and "Be Prepared."

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### Important Dates for Units

The most important dates for units to remember are:

- ❖ 1 August – 30 September – Data Collection part and registration fee collection
- ❖ August – September – Submit applications for new members and for leader position changes
- ❖ 1 October – Data Input part begins
- ❖ 24 October – NLT date for completed Charter Renewal files to be submitted to council
- ❖ 31 December – Current unit charter expires
- ❖ 1 January – Units without new charters posted become lapsed units and lose the ability to accept or process On-line Applications for new members or for transfers in or out
- ❖ 1 March – Units without new charters posted become dropped units and members lose access to records in my.scouting.org and Scoutbook – members and units are no longer part of BSA

While units are only focused on their own charter renewal packets, the District Rep can be responsible for any number of charters ranging from 30 to over 100 and the Council is focusing on almost 1,000 charters to get processed and posted before 31 December. By working on your Data Collection and Data Input parts and completing them early so your charter can get turned in on-time will greatly decrease the chances that your unit will become a lapsed unit or worse a dropped unit. **The Committee Chair is responsible for the consequences of a unit becoming a Lapsed Unit or a Dropped Unit.**

### NCAC 2023 Charter Renewal Handbook:

<https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/FUzaa88HE935WHzLKGgDcsDo>

George Mason District plans to provide more information on Charter Renewal, Training and Resources at the September 8<sup>th</sup> Roundtable.



## Upcoming Training:

- ***Cub Leader Position Specific (C40)***
  - [11/19/22 – Alexandria, VA](#)
  - [12/17/22 – Alexandria, VA](#)
- ***Cub Scout Den Leader Specific (C42)***
  - [11/19/22 – Alexandria, VA](#)
  - [12/17/22 – Alexandria, VA](#)
- ***Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO;C32)***
  - [11/04/22 – 11/05/22 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)
  - [11/05/22 – 11/06/22 – Lorton, VA](#)
  - [11/12/22 – 11/13/22 – Gaithersburg, MD](#)
- ***Akela's Trail (formerly PowWow)***
  - [11/19/22 – Zoom](#)
- ***Scoutmaster Position Specific Training(S24)***
  - [11/19/22 - Alexandria, VA](#)
- ***Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS; S11)***
  - [11/04/22 - 11/05/22 - Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)
  - [11/05/22 - 11/06/22 - Lorton, VA](#)
  - [11/12/22 - 11/13/22 - Middleburg, VA](#)
  - [12/03/22 - 12/04/22 - Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)
- ***Wilderness First Aid/CPR/AED (N02)***
  - [11/19/22 - Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)
  - [12/17/22 - Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)



# Wood Badge

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



Living the Values

Growing

Connecting

Guiding

Empowering

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

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

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

Cost is only  
**\$300**  
Scholarships available

All Courses at Camp William B. Snyder

### Spring 2023

12-82-23-1  
31 March - 2 April  
& 22-23 April

Course Director: Maria Cooper

### Summer 2023

12-82-23-2  
5-7 May & 3-4 June

Course Director: Bobby Tran

### Fall 2023

12-82-23-3  
8-10 Sept & 7-8 Oct

Course Director: Jai Evans



REGISTRATION AND MORE INFORMATION:

**[www.ncacbsa.org/woodbadge](http://www.ncacbsa.org/woodbadge)**



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# NYLT

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



6 DAYS OF FUN & ADVENTURE  
TEAMWORK • GAMES • FOOD

CHALLENGES • CAMPING • LEARNING

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

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

### REQUIREMENTS

- 13 years or older
- First Class Rank
- Unit Leader approval
- Completed Intro. to Leadership Skills\*
- BSA Med Form: Parts A, B & C

NYLT is an *intense course* for *mature Scouts* who want to become *better leaders*. Scouts must be *respectful* of each other and their actions must be consistent with the *Scout Oath and Law*.

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

### COURSE # DATES

23-1 Jan 13-16 & Jan 28-29  
Must complete both weekends

23-2 June 18-23

23-3 June 25 to 30

23-4 July 23-28

23-5 July 23-28

Concurrent courses.  
All courses held at Camp William B. Snyder.



REGISTRATION AND MORE INFORMATION:  
[www.myNYLT.org](http://www.myNYLT.org)

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## National Youth Leadership Training – NYLT

[WWW.myNYLT.org](http://WWW.myNYLT.org)

Camp William B. Snyder 6100 Antioch Rd, Haymarket , VA

### 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 six-day course

\* Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST), Crews (ILSC), and Ships (ILSS) should be offered through a Scout's home unit. Ask your Unit Leader how you can participate in this 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.

Behavior at NYLT: Participants agree to conduct themselves in accordance with the Scout Oath and Law.

### QUESTIONS?

For information about specific courses, contact the Course Director. General inquiries about the NYLT program may be directed to [contact@myNYLT.org](mailto:contact@myNYLT.org).

You can follow NCAC NYLT Youth Training online on Facebook [facebook.com/myNYLT](https://facebook.com/myNYLT)

*Remember, "Scouting is a game with a purpose." — Baden-Powell*

[WWW.myNYLT.org](http://WWW.myNYLT.org)

## **2022 Journey to Excellence – NEW INFO from BSA**

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

*Journey to Excellence* is the Boy Scouts of America program to help Packs, Troops, Crews, Ships and Posts to plan, monitor and evaluate their performance and their ability to serve youth. There are specific criteria for the unit to plan and accomplish. These standards are reviewed each year and revised standards are published.

The 2022 Journey to Excellence Standards are now available.

Here are the major changes in the JTE scorecards for 2022.

1. The standards are written as activities that the unit will do. This is to emphasize that JTE is primarily a planning tool.
2. The Cub Scout scorecard has many changed standards. This is because of changes in the Cub Scout program.
3. For standard #10, Gold now includes recruiting a new leader. We have found that the best units continually recruit parents and other adults who have never been involved in Scouting.

There is no requirement, no expectation and, in fact, we might discourage a unit from believing that they should achieve Gold in all JTE criteria. A great unit is balanced in the service that it provides to youth. There is no shame and no problem if a unit achieves Silver or Bronze. That unit is serving youth. We regard the various colors as meaning:

Bronze – Effective  
Silver – Excellent  
Gold – Exceptional

Please share with us your thoughts about JTE and any suggestions that you have for improvement. Please sent them to [jte@scouting.org](mailto:jte@scouting.org)

National Assessment and Evaluation Committee  
Boy Scouts of America

### [\*\*2022 JTE Unit Scorecards \(PDF\) links\*\*](#)

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



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**Izaak Walton League of America - IWLA Arlington Fairfax**

**2022 ARL-FX IWLA Education & Training Course Schedule**

Please direct all questions to the Chapter's Director of Education & Training

John Seaberg @ [John.Seaberg@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org](mailto:John.Seaberg@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org).

<b>Date</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Registration Payment</b>
November 12-13, 2022	NRA Level 1 Rifle Coach School	\$225	<a href="#">Registration Paypal</a>
November 19, 2022	Shotgun Shell Reloading Course	\$100	<a href="#">Registration Paypal</a>
December 4, 2022	NRA Basic RSO Course	\$100	<a href="#">Registration Paypal</a>

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**Scout Mission:**

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.

**Scout Oath:**

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

**Scout Law:**

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

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## **Camp Snyder Sawdust Saturdays**

For Camp Snyder Sawdust Saturdays on scheduled dates (see the calendar below), **please contact Dan Kurtenbach to let us know you are coming.** Use the [sign up link](#) on our Camp Snyder volunteer project [webpage](#), call Dan at 703-802-0613, or email him at [cwbs.volunteers@gmail.com](mailto:cwbs.volunteers@gmail.com). Please review the COVID-19 precautions in the box below.

### **Individual “Come When You Can” Service**

For individual service opportunities at Camp Snyder on your own schedule, contact Camp Ranger Ryan Alford, 615-934-7962 (mobile), [ryan.alford@scouting.org](mailto:ryan.alford@scouting.org), to discuss a date, time, and available projects.

- **ARRIVAL WINDOW: 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.** Come any time during the arrival window and someone will be there. We usually finish by mid-afternoon. If you’d like to come earlier or later, please call or text before you leave home to see if someone will be at camp. **Call or text Dan Kurtenbach at 703-802-0613 or Ryan Alford at 615-934-7962.**
- **FIND US:** When you arrive at camp, **call or text Dan Kurtenbach at 703-802-0613 or Ryan Alford at 615-934-7962.** If you are not familiar with Camp Snyder, use the map below (also attached).
- **BRING:** Drinking water, personal hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, and/or other personal cleaning supplies.
- **WEAR:** Outerwear, sun protection, and insect protection appropriate for the season and weather.
- **WEAR:** Work clothes that can get dirty, torn, or permanently stained.
- **WEAR:** Closed-toe shoes or boots, work gloves, eye protection, and ear protection (when using loud equipment).
- **BRING:** Tools you like to use if you have them. Tools that get a lot of use are: battery-powered drills/drivers with bits for Phillips #2 and Star T-25 screws; hammers; pry bars; and – you guessed it – saws.

### **2022 Sawdust Saturdays Schedule:**

November 12, 2022

December 17, 2022

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### 2022-2023 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:**

● 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.)

SPRING 2023 -- MARYLAND	FALL 2023 -- VIRGINIA
Classroom: Sat 3/4 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Huntingtown UMC 4020 Hunting Creek Rd Huntingtown, MD Overnight: Sat 04/22, 7:30 am thru Sun 04/23, 2:30 pm American Chestnut Land Trust 2650 Scientists Cliff Road Prince Frederick, MD 20678	Classroom: Sat 9/23 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Heritage Presbyterian Church 8503 Fort Hunt Rd Alexandria, VA 22308 Overnight: Sat 10/21, 7:30 am thru Sun. 10/22, 2:30 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 \$65.00**

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

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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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### TROOP UNIT LEADERS including COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

As you prepare for your Unit's upcoming 2022-2023 program, we wanted to remind you of the requirements needed for a youth or adult to become an Order of the Arrow Ordeal **Candidate**.

#### Youth Membership Qualifications:

1. Be a **registered member of the Boy Scouts of America**.
2. **At the time of their election, youth must be under the age of 21, hold the Scouts BSA First Class rank, the Venturing Discovery Award, or the Sea Scout Ordinary rank or higher, and following approval by the scoutmaster, crew advisor or Sea Scout skipper, be elected by the youth members of their unit.**
3. The youth must have experienced **15 nights of camping** while registered with a troop, crew or ship within the two years immediately prior to the election. The 15 nights must include **one, but no more than one, long-term camp** consisting of at least five consecutive nights of overnight camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. **Only five nights of the long-term camp may be credited toward the 15-night camping requirement**; the balance of the camping (10 nights) must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps of, at most, three nights each. Ship nights may be counted as camping for Sea Scouts.
4. Assistant scoutmasters who are 18, 19 or 20 years old are also considered to be youth members for the purpose of OA elections. All requirements shown above must be met for a young assistant scoutmaster to be eligible for election.

Prior to the annual election, the unit leader must certify the nominee's Scout spirit and youth membership qualifications. Voting for youth candidates will be based on their spirit of brotherhood, cheerfulness (no matter how tiresome their duties), and a willingness to give unselfish and wholehearted service to others at all times.

#### Adult Membership Qualifications:

Each year, upon holding a unit election for youth candidates that results in at least one youth candidate being elected, the unit committee may nominate registered unit adults, 21 years of age or older, to the lodge adult selection committee. The number of adults nominated can be no more than one-third of the number of youth candidates elected, rounded up where the number of youth candidates is not a multiple of three. In addition to the one-third limit, the unit committee may nominate the currently serving unit leader (but not assistant leaders), as long as he or she has served as unit leader for at least the previous 12 months. Recommendations of the adult selection committee, with the approval of the Scout executive, will be candidates for induction, provided the following conditions are fulfilled:

1. **Selection of the adult is based on the ability to perform the necessary functions to help the Order fulfill its purpose and is not for recognition of service, including current and prior achievements and positions.**
2. **The individual will be an asset to the Order because of demonstrated abilities that fulfill the purpose of the Order.**
3. **The camping requirements set forth for youth members are fulfilled.**
4. The adult leader's membership will provide a positive example for the growth and development of the youth members of the lodge.

## George Mason Chapter Order of the Arrow (OA)



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.)

November 10, 2022 will be the next OA Chapter Monthly meeting.

11/01/2022 – 05/31/2023 – Unit election season for Order of the Arrow

### Amangamek-Wipit Lodge – 2022 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 OA Dues](#)

This link will be updated when 2023 OA Dues can be paid.

### 2022 Amangamek-Wipit Lodge Calendar

Date	Time	Name	Location	Group Responsible
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

**Lodge Website: [Wipit470.org](http://Wipit470.org)**