## District Court of Honor

## Unit Scouter Award - The Unit Scouter Award is presented to a limited number of people from the district. The award recognizes volunteers for noteworthy service to the unit in which the awardee is registered. The award can be for excellence of duty, action during a crucial period, or sustained performance on behalf of the unit.

## P0078 – Chetan Tiwari

## P0152 – Matt MacLean, Ann Christopher

## P0656 – Jason Soules

## P0657 – Scott Van Alstine

## P0675 – Sheri Wolfrom

## P0976 – Maureen Bunn

## T0187 – Roxanna Edwards

## T0345 – Bandon Nunes

## T0349 – Taudi Hansen

## T0976 – Abe Bacarra

## T0987 – Mike Angove

## T1539 – Thom Remmers

## T1887 – Tony Fasullo

## T1888 – Catherine Arrange

## T1978G – Julia Beach

## T1978B – Kirk Silva

## T1996 – Bill Schmittel

## Unit Appreciation Award - The unit appreciation award is a District award presented by a unit to a Scouter who has provided outstanding service to the unit and its youth.

## P0078 – Colin MacInnes, Susan Swithenbank, Ben Edwards, Jon Besko, Annie Besko, Jacqui Phillips, Dexter Payne, & Frank Farruggia

## P0152 – Brian Christopher, Chip Cullen, Terese Blanchard, Tyler Blanchard, Glenn Buckholz, Matthew French, Scott Kelly, & Cheryl Schlosnagle

## P0656 – Ben Huebner, Allyson Laskowski, Mike Reese, Diane Reese, Maari Hanson, Celeste Jensen, James Bosworth, and Terry Brown

## P0657 – Michael Chase, Michael Economous, Emily Smith, Matt Wieseler, Alec Williamson, Lindsey Munera, Drew Walter, & Rob Hux

## P0675 – Toni Kislear & Erik Bergman

## P0833 – Neena Raj, David Michehl, Andrew Huling, Steve Goehrke, Sachin Nene, Mark Pollak, & Tom Rohrback

## P0976 – Chris Laverty, Chirstian Sotomayor, Alice Bottcher, Richard Jones, Cardiel Trevizo, Claudia Sotomayor, Rebecca Bolchoz & Eric Hernandez

## P1139 – Sara Snyder, Hather Etner, Amy Scott, Annemarie McCaslin, Elizabeth Korondy, & Luke Harris

## T0140 – Andro Franetovic & William Mulligan

## T0187 – Kristinha Sabatino

## T0345 – Andy Lee, Fred Muhlenberg, Neal Sikka, Stanley Antoine, mark Enstrom, Anjum Sikka, Keith Robinson & Seema J

## T0349 – Laura Hill, James Hinderks, Susan Janec, Hans Miller, John Bonds, Nicholas Draper & Chris Ross

## T0681 – James Simonson, Larry Williams & Elizabeth Vogel Rogers

## T0895 – Chris Mahon, Karen Eisner-Enriquez, Rob Barnett, & Eric Thomton

## T0976 – Gregory Beaty, Stephanie Findlay, Mike Hughes, Tara Rice, Timothy Argauer, Betsy Argauer, Wendy Yoviene & Harry Rice

## T0987B – Elizabeth Korondy, Tom VanDenBrink, Jim Miller & Iana Ahmed

## T0987G – Johnathan Ng, Annmarie McCaslin, Karen Landwehr & Jason Dalton

## T1113 – Jeny Fishman, Patrick Murray, Daniel Perugini,

## T1143 – Mark Quigley, Robert Sansone & David Phillips

## T1539 – Steve Costner, Andy Cretal, Calvin Liu, Bret Nickels, Donna O’Harren, Cheryl Schlosnagle, Sindy Yeh &Handa Xi

## T1887 – Andrew Arrange, Seve Johnson, Peter Stafford, Robert Deal, Patti Coates, Travis Tempel & Chris Coates

## T1888 – Scott Smith

## T1978B – David Best, Meaghan Molinini, Tiffany McGettigan, Margaret Schottler, Kristin Root, Matthew Zawislak, Brian McCabe & Brian Summers

## T1978G – Christian Brown & Melinda Berardi,

## T1996 - Wayne Casey, Bob Dunn, Jeff Kuck, Ryan Conner & Chris Sturgill

## District Award of Merit - The District Award of Merit is presented by the District to Scouters who have rendered service of an outstanding nature to youth, both in the community and in Scouting.

## Jerry Driscoll - Jerome Driscoll was Scoutmaster for Troop 1539, overseeing 41 Scouts before the pandemic in 2020. His tenure saw numerous young individuals achieve the prestigious Eagle rank, and despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, he ensured a seamless transition to a successor who continued to uphold the Troop's strong program. Following this, Jerry held multiple district positions, including being a Unit Commissioner for Pack 1139 and Troop 1539. Jerry served as the George Mason Conservation Coordinator for two years, dedicating his time to promoting conservation within the district. In 2020, he assumed the role of Chartered Organization Representative (COR) for Pack 1139 and Troop 1539, which he continues to hold. He also extended his service as the COR to Pack 152 and Troop 345 in 2023.

## Bob Freeman - Bob Freeman began Scouting in Charlotte, North Carolina as a Cub Scout and Boy Scout. In 1999, he joined Cub Scout Pack 1114 in Vienna as a Den Leader, serving three years. In 2003, Bob joined Emmanuel Lutheran Troop 987 as an Assistant Scoutmaster and became Scoutmaster in 2010, serving until 2014. With his sons, Bob entered the Order of the Arrow and saw both sons earn the rank of Eagle Scout. In 2011, GM District Commissioner Bob Dice awarded Bob the “Commissioner’s Unit Scouter Award” for increasing Troop 987’s enrollment from about 30 to over 90, the second largest Troop in the District. Later, Bob served as Troop 987’s Committee Chair for one year (2014-15) and Chartered Organization Representative for four years (2015-19). In 2019, Bob joined the George Mason District Advancement Committee serving as a District Eagle Representative. In this role, Bob has mentored over 50 Scouts on their path to the Eagle rank.

## Silver Beaver - The Silver Beaver Award is the council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Upon nomination by their local Scout council and with the approval of the National Court of Honor, recipients of this award are registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council. The Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service. It is given to those who do not seek it.

## William Cullen Bengston -Cullen Bengston is a scouter who has had significant impact in developing and providing quality youth leadership in national BSA, council and district programs. Through Cullen’s 15-year scouting career he has been a Cubmaster, Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster. He served the George Mason District representing Friends of Scouting, Baloo training and continues to serve in the District’s Training Committee introduction to Leadership Skills (ILST) and National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT). In 2015 Cullen began investing time in the Council’s Leadership Training Continuum courses: staffing both Wood Badge (2015 and 2022) and National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) since 2015 (7 years with 3 years as course Director and continuing). In 2017 he was asked to be the Council Coordinator for NYLT. In addition to leading NCAC’s program, Cullen has also helped other councils in Council Service Territory 12 with their NYLT programs.

## Scott Willey - Scott Willey is a volunteer with a passion for serving Scouting and his community. Scott joined Cubs as a youth in Iowa, earning the Arrow of Light in 1982. Scott bridged to a troop in his community, attended the 1985 National Jamboree, was elected to the Order of the Arrow in 1986 and earned the Eagle rank in 1987. Scott volunteered to be an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 697 in Patriot district and served as a Merit Badge Counselor for Citizenship in the World merit badge. He became a Den Leader in Pack 1513 in 2009 and later served as the Cubmaster for three years. Subsequently, he served as Scoutmaster of Troop 187 for four years. He completed his Wood Badge ticket in 2018. He led the 2018 “Greeks and Romans” District Camporee, led the Scouting for Food campaign for several years, pioneering the use of things like firetrucks and dinosaurs to describe our results. Scott has been the District’s Special Needs Coordinator since 2021 and received the District Award of Merit in 2022. In addition to his Scouting roles, Scott has been an election officer for Fairfax County since 2020, volunteers as a Tree Rescuer, has chaperoned elementary and middle school field trips, regularly runs in 5K and 10K races and has completed 7 triathlons!

## Mary Nuese - Mary Neuse has played a crucial role at the unit level as the Troop 1978G Scoutmaster since the summer of 2023 and as an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 1978G for four years as a female Troop. Mary is a dedicated district merit badge counselor, covering a wide range of merit badges, including American Heritage, Camping, Citizenship in Community, Citizenship in Nation, Citizenship in World, Family Life, Music, Personal Management, Public Speaking, Reading, Scout Heritage, and Theater. Mary was the chapter advisor for the Order of the Arrow from 2020 to 2023. In 2020, she achieved the distinguished Vigil Honor, a testament to her commitment to the values and principles upheld by the BSA. Mary actively participates in district training teams within both the Transatlantic Council and the National Capital Area Council. Her dedication to her own development is evident through her completion of Powder Horn and Wood Badge training. Her outstanding contributions to scouting have not gone unnoticed. The Frontier Council/Pikes Peak district honored her with the Golden Bow award and the Transatlantic Blazer patch. Additionally, in 2019, she received the District Award of Merit from the National Capital Area Council (NCAC)/George Mason District. Mary has been actively involved as the youth minister at St. Mark Catholic Church since 2013. She was honored as the St. Mark Youth Minister Volunteer of the Year in 2022. As a Eucharistic minister since 2013, she has been an integral part of the religious life of her parish.

## Schenaker Award for Meritorious Service in Support of District Roundtables - This Award is presented by the District to a volunteer that provides meritorious service to the George Mason District Roundtables. The award honors Deb and Mike Schenaker who, beginning in the early 2000s when they joined the Cub Scout Roundtable staff, invested countless hours in support of the Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtables over more than 15 years. Deb and Mike set the standard for selfless support of the District’s Roundtables and unit leaders. We recognize each year a volunteer that follows their example of Roundtable support.

## John Kilduff - John has been a steady cheer leader, booster, and attendee at the George Mason District Roundtables. The Commissioners and the Uniformed Leaders of our District recognize him as a truth-teller and a totally unselfish promoter of all the best that we see in Scouting. He is fully deserving of the Shenaker Award for his Outstanding support of District Roundtable Program

## Unit Leader Award of Merit - Peter Stapleton (T0987G)

## Den Leader Training Award – Rapheal Balsam (P0078)

## Boyce Award – John Waterston, Lisa Scott, Peter Stapleton, Steve Banowit (T0987B)

## April Roundtable Minutes

## (items that changed from Read-Ahead are in red)

* **Announcements**
* **NCAC District Alignment** – An [updated version of the plan](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/Cy4fNZLMMSZ2UNXm3pitYS6S) was provided to districts on 04/10/24. This update did include Falls Church City for GMD. There appear to be some conflicts between the narrative and the maps. Our District Executive is seeking information from NCAC. If we understand the plan correctly, GMD will lose seven units (Packs – 0187, 1513; Troops – 0187, 0918, 1113, 1887 and 1888) to Powhatan District. We will gain five units (3 packs; 2 troops) from Old Dominion District. We may also gain some units from Chain Bridge District, but this is still under review. Another update should be available after 4/202/24.
* **Request for Certificate of Liability Insurance (COLI)** – If your unit is going on an outing where the campground or a vendor requires a COLI, please fill out the [COLI Request Form](https://www.ncacbsa.org/aquia/wp-content/uploads/sites/20/2021/02/REQUEST-FOR-CERTIFICATE-OF-LIABILITY-INSURANCE-COUNCIL-filable-1.pdf) and return to the [email](mailto:insrequest@ncacbsa.org) listed on the form and cc the [DE](mailto:elizabeth.kohler@scouting.org) and [District Commissioner](mailto:ruspittman@gmail.com). You’ll receive a certificate of insurance back within two weeks. If the vendor/group requesting the COLI needs some special language, this needs to be put in writing and submitted with the request. This will add time to the turn-around.
* **Eagle Scout Project (04/28/24; 8am - 3pm)** - Come out and help Troop 13 repair and restore an Equipment Shed at Stratton Woods County Park (2431 Fox Mill Road, Reston, VA). ([Flyer](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/RQMmDiv9tSTb12zwrq9FPzQ2))
* **Eagle Scout Project (5/5/24; 1pm - 4pm)** - Jake W. (Troop 1539), is conducting a bike donation drive for an organization called Bikes for the World. Bikes for the World aims to "make affordable, good quality used bicycles available to low-income people in developing countries. Bikes for the World accepts all serviceable bikes and accessories. The goal is to collect 75 bikes. Please consider donating used bikes for this project. Bikes can be dropped off at the American Legion Post 180 (330 Center St N, Vienna, VA). ([Flyer](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/1aayfrgtRoCGbQrPuB4t2UM9))
* **Unit Money-Earning Application** - If your unit is having a fund-raising activity, other than Popcorn or Camp Cards, please be sure to fill out the unit [Money-Earning Application](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=306396&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1691521&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fpublic.3.basecamp.com%2Fp%2FQNiLjysLJE7o8uLm4dN6CesD&cf=14346&v=af54afd0c63acefb4ad3b39ec45418c18ad0095a98a44adb051c497ca7d54fe3) and send to our [District Executive](mailto:elizabeth.kohler@scouting.org).
* [**Wood Badge Fall Course (9/13-15/24 & 10/5-6/24)**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-81101%20)- Wood Badge is the BSA’s ultimate leadership training designed to meet the 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.
* **Elks Youth Recognition Dinner (05/29/24)** – Please encourage your Eagle Scouts, that had their Eagle BOR in 2023, to sign-up. Matt Burns will send Scoutmasters list of those signed up by the end of the month.
* **Pinewood Derby (04/13/24)** – PWD will be held at St. James on 04/13/24. Track setup will be on Friday at 4pm. Check-in for the first races will begin at 8:30am.
* **OA Ordeal** – The GMD Ordeal will be April 26-28 at Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA. [Registration](https://wipit470.org/ordeal.html) is expected to open early next week.
* **Council Update /Rus P**
* **Jamboree-on-the-Water** – Just as there is a Jamboree-on-the-Air/Jamboree-on-the-Internet, this year scouts are invited to plan an activity on the water in the second weekend in July. More information and a web site will be coming out soon. [[Flyer](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/s5YCwQQ8e9q5uRcSbTcBgBaP)]
* **Member Renewals** - Beginning March 1, 2024, all members renew using the new “Yearly Membership” process. Renewals open two months before your expiration date. You can find your pending renewal by clicking on the “My Applications” tab found above and then click “My Renewals”. Check with your unit before you renew, some units are choosing to process the renewal for the members.
* **BSA 2024 Fee Schedule –** National has released a [new fee schedule](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/yN313SwvMvGqcgHji5b6Xyre) that increases adult and youth position fees by $5 starting on April 1, 2024. Merit Badge Counselor-only position is still $25.
* **Camp Card Fund Raising** – Camp card sign-up is through 04/26/24. Bulk cards can be sold throughout the calendar year. [Leader's Guide](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=304472&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1686847&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fpublic.3.basecamp.com%2Fp%2FkuPSWDLb8DYFQ4bmLFDWJSQs&cf=14346&v=050f94b8df5c9b4c739c4e26c1e9950cf597ff2871ace7ab81ecad7210969007); [Camp Card Sign-up Sheet](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=304472&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1686847&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fpublic.3.basecamp.com%2Fp%2Fyydt7UDm9G1qY8aE4cWvidn7&cf=14346&v=693682aefd9cfeeb7978b8b517c03267b45d10928b41b55838c21eab9481068d).
* **Unit Fund Raising** - If your unit is having a fund-raising activity, other than Popcorn or Camp Cards, please be sure to fill out the unit [Money-Earning Application](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=304472&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1686847&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fpublic.3.basecamp.com%2Fp%2FQNiLjysLJE7o8uLm4dN6CesD&cf=14346&v=af54afd0c63acefb4ad3b39ec45418c18ad0095a98a44adb051c497ca7d54fe3) and send to our District Executive ([Elizabeth.kohler@scouting.org](mailto:Elizabeth.kohler@scouting.org)). It only takes a few minutes. This is important to make this an official scouting activity and to be covered by BSA insurance. It does indicate to submit 14 days in advance, however, Liz can turn this around much faster, if requested. Be sure to review the requirements for a fund-raising event (including getting your Chartering Organization’s approval before signing contracts).
* **Certificate of Liability Insurance –** The currently issued certificates expire this month. To renew or get a new certificate, please fill out a Request for [Certificate of Liability Insurance](https://www.ncacbsa.org/aquia/wp-content/uploads/sites/20/2021/02/REQUEST-FOR-CERTIFICATE-OF-LIABILITY-INSURANCE-COUNCIL-filable-1.pdf) and return to the [email listed](mailto:insrequest@ncacbsa.org) on the form (with a cc: to the [DE](mailto:elizabeth.kohler@scouting.org) and [Rus](mailto:ruspittman@gmail.com)). You’ll receive a certificate of insurance back within two weeks. If the group/vendor requesting the COLI needs some special language, this needs to be put in writing and submitted with the request. This will add time to the turn-around. If the event is out of the NCAC boundaries, then NCAC processor will forward the request to National. This increases the turn-around time to about four weeks.
* **Aquatics Committee –** <https://www.ncacbsa.org/aquatics-committee/> **[**[Flyer](https://www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Aquatics-2024-Flyer-v10.pdf)**]**
* Paddle Craft Safety – Still water (Camp Snyder) & Moving Water (Ryan’s Lock)
* May 18-19: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-82687>
* Jun 1-2: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-82688>
* Aug 24-25: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-82689> Opens June 2nd
* Sept 7-8: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-82690> Opens June 28th
* Pre-Camp Swim Tests – Camp Snyder
* June 1: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-82691>
* June 2: class cancelled
* Partial MB Completion Day – First weekend in Oct?

**George Mason Program**

* **Current GM Calendar**
* April 13, 2024 – [GMD Pinewood Derby](https://scoutingevent.com/082-82698), St James, Falls Church, VA
* May 3-5, 2024 – Spring Camporee, 4H
* May 27, 2024 – [Memorial Day Flags In](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/flags-in/), Falls Church, VA
* May 29, 2024 – Elks Youth Recognition Dinner for 2023 Eagle Scouts
* **STEM /John D**
* 05/04/24 – [19th Annual NCAC Orienteering Meet](https://scoutingevent.com/082-2024ScoutOrienteering), Prince William Forrest
* 07/08/24 - 07/12/24 – [STEM Summer Workshop](https://scoutingevent.com/082-STEMsummer), Alexandria, VA
* 08/05/24 – 08/09/24 – [STEM Summer Workshop](https://scoutingevent.com/082-STEMsummer), Alexandria, VA
* Ancient Earth: Birth of the Sky (on PBS) - [link](https://us.engagingnetworks.app/page/email/click/10004/2037650?email=j2mObVAw6OCBePIN6tZ3hlESkN1MQhKC&campid=xocb452w9CaZkArzVWMSmA==)
* Anytime – [DC STEM Trek](https://www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/DC-STEM-Trek-2.pdf)- Showcases 24 government agencies, private organizations and monuments related to the tenets upon which STEM is based. Two hikes - 10.57 miles, or 4.75 miles
* **2024 GM District Pinewood Derby**
* Race Day is April 13, 2024
* One unit winner from each age bracket (Lions, Tigers, Wolves, etc.) regardless of gender.
* Pack winners must register (and pay) on the Council website. $15.00 per entry. No money collected at door on day of race.
* Need volunteers to help with setup on Apr. 12th (4pm) and race day on Apr. 13th, to include from older Scouts looking for service/Den Chief hours: [https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/5080E4BA9AE2DA1FA7-48723540-gmdistrict](https://m.signupgenius.com/)
* Race will be held at St James Catholic Church, Falls Church, VA.
* For questions, contact Pat Berney.
* **Elks Youth Recognition Dinner**
* Matt Burns will send out invitation to each Scoutmaster and bcc the Eagle parents.
* For youth that earned Eagle in 2023 (i.e. their Eagle Board of Review was held in the 2023 calendar year) and their Scoutmasters.
* Thursday, May 29, 2024
* Elks Lodge - 2188, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, VA.
* Will need unit leader help in contacting Scouts and obtaining an RSVP.
* Scoutmaster are invited at no cost to them.
* **Camporee – Greeks vs. Romans**
  + **A Game with a Purpose**
  + Practice and Apply Scout Skills
  + Fulfill Rank Requirements
  + Learn and Appreciate Ancient History and Culture
  + Exercise Creativity and Ingenuity
  + **The Details**
  + When: May 3-5, 2024
  + Where: 4-H Camp, 600 4H Center Drive, Front Royal, VA 22630
  + Cost: $25
  + Program: I’m glad you asked…
  + **The Chariot Race** - Like a Klondike Derby, Patrols will build and race Chariots, pulled by Scouts.
  + **Olympic Running** - A one-mile run for either the “before” or “after” section of Tenderfoot requirement 6a.
  + **Crossing the Rhine** - Use lashings to build a bridge to carry Caesar’s troops to Rome (First Class Requirement 3b, 3c, 3d).
  + **Hoplite Down** - Triage, deliver first aid, and transport a wounded Greek soldier (Second Class, 6a, 6b; First Class, 7a, 7b)
  + **Shield Wall Drills** - Learn how Greek and Roman soldiers used teamwork to protect themselves and defeat their enemies.
  + **Culture Competition** –
  + Decorate your campsite in Greek or Roman fashion!
  + Perform themed skits at the Campfire!
  + Experiment with Greek or Roman camp dishes!
  + **What do we need from you?**
  + Make cardboard shields to bring (instructions provided)
  + Build a chariot
* Need Some Volunteers
  + As far as Program goes, here's what we're looking for:
  + **Roman Shield Drills**:  Teach and call commands for Roman formations.  This is one of the most fun things you will ever do!  Don't worry, we have a guide, and it gives you an excuse to watch Gladiator again.
  + **Greek Shield Drills**:  Teach and call commands for Greek phalanx formations. Don't worry, there are instructions!
  + **Crossing the Rhine** (monkey bridge):  Brian Fleck is leading this, but he could use a second.
  + **Hoplite Down**(first aid): General supervision of volunteer victim Scouts in Greek armor being treated.  Not required, but if you are familiar with moulage or have always wanted to try it, that would be extra cool.  Also cool if it's someone who can sign off on first aid requirements.
  + **Chariot Race**:  We could use some adults to help at the start and finish lines.
* [**Goshen**](https://gotogoshen.org)**/**[**Snyder**](https://gotosnyder.org) **Programs for 2024 –**
* [**Camp Snyder Family Camping**](https://gotosnyder.org)– April 19-21, 2024, May 10-12, 2024 & July 5-7
* [**Camp Snyder Day Camping**](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/SfbtxGT6N41AXnzUhsfcnA1e) – June 24-28 and July 8-12.
* [**Camp Snyder Resident Weekends**](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/SfbtxGT6N41AXnzUhsfcnA1e) – June 20-23, June 27-30, July 11-14
* [**Camp Snyder Specialty Week**](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/BjipkwYCtuoivFD8vNhYBPK3) – Two Merit Badge Weeks July 14-July 20 & July 21-July 27
* [**Goshen Summer Camping 2024**](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/rBAD2VaBfJDgDScALTCaUiiE) – Five sessions starting June 23rd. A sixth week at Camp Ross. Registration is now open.
* [**Goshen Provisional Camping**](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/BjipkwYCtuoivFD8vNhYBPK3) – Camping for individual scouts (June 23-July 27).
* [**Goshen OA Trail Crew**](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/BjipkwYCtuoivFD8vNhYBPK3) **–** June 16 – June 29
* [**Lenhok’sin High Adventure**](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/MevsKmbLhmCrj39FHQaiUMzX) – Five sessions during summer 2024. Including paddling 61 miles of the historic Upper James River with 120 Class I and II rapids.
* **Merit Badges /Margee E**
* The online Merit Badge Counselor [registration](https://my.scouting.org/VES/OnlineReg/1.0.0/?tu=UF-MB-082gm23).
* New Merit Badge Counselors must complete online merit badge counselor training, in addition to YPT. Be sure the counselor uses his/her legal name – no nicknames.
* Merit Badge Counselors, or the unit Dean/Leader, also need to scan and send Margee the Merit Badge application form listing the badges the counselor is applying to teach and providing a justification of his/her qualifications.
* Youth Protection Training is the essential first step. Don’t hit “send” on the application without it!
* Contact Margee if you have questions at [GM.MB.Dean@hotmail.com](mailto:GM.MB.Dean@hotmail.com).
* ***Did you know***:
* The National Council does not limit the number of Merit Badges a youth may earn from one counselor, though a **unit leader is permitted to do so**, as long as the same limit applies to all Scouts in the unit. Ideally, Scouts should work with a variety of adults. (GTA 7.0.0.3)
* Partial Merit Badges have no expiration except for the Scout’s 18th birthday. (GTA 7.0.3.3)
* Due to the BSA policies related to Youth Protection and two-deep leadership, a merit badge counselor must have another adult present during all merit badge counseling sessions. However, the parent or legal guardian of the Scout may serve as the second adult. **This parent or legal guardian does not have to be a registered leader**.
* If the requirements for a merit badge differ between the merit badge pamphlet and the current edition of Scouts BSA Requirements, the requirements in the Scouts BSA Requirements book supersede all others.
* **Merit Badge Opportunities (**[**https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/merit-badges/**](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/merit-badges/)**):**
* 05/18/24 – [Welding, Alexandria, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-WCM)
* 05/18/24 –[Composite Materials, Alexandria, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-WCM)
* Group – [Fly Fishing](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/jCNqtVKMyVHYi6EVFYGEeCdY)
* Group - [Aviation](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/XPhbDcYTs13gsSHEaAPwRaNQ)
* **Training (**[**https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/training**](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/training)**) /Roy D**
* **Cub Scout Den Leader Specific (C42)**
* [**Available on-line (125 min**](https://my.scouting.org/)**)**
* [**05/04/24 - Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-clstspring24)
* [**05/04/24 - Herndon, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-80262)
* [**06/01/24 - Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-clstspring24)
* ***Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO;C32) -***
* [**05/04/24 - 05/05/24 - Gaithersburg, MD**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-80951)
* [**05/10/24 - 05/11/24 - Fredericksburg, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-81718)
* ***Scoutmaster Position Specific Training(S24)***
* [**Available on-line**](https://my.scouting.org/)**(192 min)**
* [**05/06/24 - Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-sstspring24)
* [**05/04/24 - Herndon, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-80263)
* [**06/01/24 - Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-sstspring24)
* ***Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS; S11)***
* [**04/19/24 - Stafford, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-81716)
* [**05/04/24 - 05/05/24 - Gaithersburg, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-80951)
* [**05/10/24 - 05/11/24 - Fredericksburg, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-81718)
* **Climbing Level 1 Instructor**
* **April 20-21 at**[**Great Falls Park**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-80664)**, 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.** [**Logistics memo**](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1M4dRigvijvGzelYlPn89YVOb0YMX735e/view?usp=drive_link)
* **April 27-28 at**[**Carderock Rec Area**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-80664)**, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.** [**Logistics memo**](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ScjaVdMtoV9MKApCww7XRCEPsZ8QBfW5/view?usp=drive_link)
* **June 15-16 at**[**Great Falls Park**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-80664)**, 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.** [**Logistics memo**](https://drive.google.com/file/d/185J6vmz_3PzhymcYA3naBvxZ15mO4sFI/view?usp=drive_link)
* **Sept 7-8 at**[**Great Falls Park**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-80664)**, 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.** [**Logistics memo**](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iHw2RTNIG7CH_KGprjxPYr4cOf3XYsmr/view?usp=drive_link)
* **Sept 21-22 at** [**Sugarloaf Mountain**](file:///C:\Users\RusPi\Downloads\36.7%22N+77%25C2%25B023)**, 8:15 AM to 5:00 PM.** [**Logistics memo**](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yA31KOSFdIahj8BFt46xE-lq0g8GSKYY/view?usp=drive_link)
* **Mental Health First Aid**

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* **NYLT** [**https://www.ncacbsa.org/national-youth-leadership-training/**](https://www.ncacbsa.org/national-youth-leadership-training/)
* **24.2: 06/16/24-06/21/24**
* **24.3: 06/23/24-06/28/24**
* **24.4: 07/28/24-08/02/24**
* **24.5: 07/28/24-08/02/24**
* **Outdoor Ethics Orientation Courses (Scouts and Cubs)**
* **Outdoor Ethics Newsletter** - Sign up [here](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-7UORw4wBNIkuzqEkKjolA_-RogqHYMojzhB2xwLoENWVSg/viewform).
* **Wilderness First Aid (N02)** <https://scoutingevent.com/082-WFASpring2024>
* 04/27/24 – 04/28/24 – Camp Snyder
* **Wood Badge (A90)** <https://www.ncacbsa.org/wood-badge/>
* 04/12/24 – 04/14/24 & 05/04/24 – 05/05/24
* 10/14/24 – 10/15/24
* **GM High Adventure / Brian H**
* Members of the High Adventure Committee are available to assist units in planning and training for their upcoming high adventure trips – Contact [Brian Heath](mailto:brian@bkheath.com) for more information
* Important notes for this month
  + [NCAC 2025 Outdoor Programs Kick-Off Webinar](https://www.ncacbsa.org/outdoor-programs-2025/) - April 16 @7pm - [REGISTER HERE](https://ncacbsa-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qNMw8PvDSrK1LcRJW4qxxg)
  + Registration for BSA’s high adventure bases - https://www.scouting.org/outdooradventures/open4adventure/
    - 2024 treks – Most BSA High Adventure bases still have availability
    - 2025 treks – Registration for all high adventure bases is now open
* 2024 NCAC-Organized High Adventure Trips
  + Lenhok’sin – James River Canoeing Trek - July 7-13, 2024
    - Crew of 6-12 - $475 per participant – 6 slots remaining
    - Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-75664>
    - For more information, e-mail [highadventure@ncacbsa.org](mailto:highadventure@ncacbsa.org)
  + 11-12 year old Scout High Adventure Experience - Sept 28-29 Prince William Forest
  + Joshua Tree with Climbing Committee - Winter Break 2024/25 (Gathering interest)
  + Wind River Range, WY: 06/22 to 06/30/24 – Registration is Full
  + All NCAC-sponsored trips for Philmont, Northern Tier & Sea Base are already full
* 2025 NCAC-Organized High Adventure Trips
  + Sawtooth Mountain Trip 06/21 to 06/29/2025
    - Registration begins June 1, 2024 - $1,165 per person – Ask for details
* High Adventure Preparation Training - Open to all NCAC Scouts & adults that are participating in HA trips in the next few years
  + Northern Tier: In-person session already passed; Virtual session on Sat, 04/20/24
  + All other sessions for this year are over
* Other Training
  + [Back Country Outdoor Leadership Skills](https://www.ncacbsa.org/bcols/)
    - Maryland session, Spring 2024: Classroom session already passed, Overnight on 04/27-28 <https://scoutingevent.com/082-79025-191979>
    - Virginia session, Fall 2024: 9/21/2024 (classroom), 10/19-20 (overnight)
  + Paddle Craft Safety Training: May 18-19, June 1-2, Aug 24-25, Sept 7-8
* National High Adventure Base Quick Links
  + **Philmont:** <https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/register/>
  + **Northern Tier:** <https://www.ntier.org/provisional-scout-connections/>
  + **Sea Base:** <https://www.bsaseabase.org/scouts/scout-connections/>
  + **Summit:** <https://www.summitbsa.org/registration/scoutconnections/>
* Other High Adventure Bases
  + Adirondack High Adventure Area: <https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/hLgsVbk7Suju6cuDzQQJaEn4>
  + Maine High Adventure Area: <https://www.mainehighadventure.org/>
  + Montana Outdoor High Adventure Base: <https://montanabsa.org/camps/high-adventure/>
* Other useful links for high adventure information and opportunities
  + NCAC High Adventure website - <https://www.ncacbsa.org/high-adventure/>
  + List of units with available slots in their upcoming high adventure trips - <https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/xWpkdrKHKAA9pCzwmHMNdbWb>
* **Shooting Sports /Brian S**
* Requests for Shooting Events – Lead Time!
* Notice needed for SSC: 50+ scouts - 6mos; Less than 50 scouts - 3mos
* Shooting on private land:
* Requirements
* Permissions/protocols
* Shooting Sports [web page](https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/shooting-sports/)
* Shooting Sports Instructor Classes:
  + [Rifle/Shotgun - 04/27/24, 07/20/24, 08/24/24](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/merit-badges/rifle-shotgun-training/)
  + [Archery](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/merit-badges/rifle-shotgun-training/) – 03/18/24
* Contact for finishing Shooting Sports MB Partials [brian.summers@verizon.net](mailto:brian.summers@verizon.net)
* **Order of the Arrow / Collin L & Brian F**
  + [Ordeal](https://wipit470.org/ordeal.html) - 04/26/24 – 04/28/24 at Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA. Registration should open early next week.
  + Elections – Moving along
  + Ceremonies Team – Training at the monthly OA meetings at Thoreau MS. All are welcome!
  + 2024 Dues can be paid online: <https://wipit470.org/dues.html>
* **OA Lodge Master** - Instructions for setting up a Troop in Lodge Master for upcoming O/A elections.  Please have your election dates confirmed prior to setting this up. If your Unit Leaders can’t access Lodge Master, you should contact [Brian Fleck](mailto:briankfleck140@gmail.com) and he’ll put you in touch with the Lodge.
* Log into Lodge Master (<https://lodgemaster.oa-bsa.org/>)
* Select “Inductions”
* Select “Visit & Election Management” (right side of the screen)
* Filter on “George Mason”
* Find your Troop and select “Edit”
* Scroll to the bottom of the page and enter your eligible Scouts information.
* Please include e-mail addresses for both the Scout and Parent.  If no Scout e-mail is available, add the parents.
* Please add phone numbers.
* SAVE
* You should be back at the 2024 Inductions page. If you are not, go back and repeat steps 1-4.  At the top in the red banner, click on “Reports”
* Print 2 copies of the Unit Election Report. The Election Team will sign both and give one to you at the conclusion of the election.
* Print 1 copy of the Candidate Information Form.  This is for the Election Team to use to verify the election results.
* Click on the Unit Election Ballots and print that as many times as you need for all the Scouts in the Troop.
* **Roundtable - Minutes and slides -** Available on the [GMD web site](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/roundtable/) (District Resources, Roundtable). Password is “GMDRT”
* **Next Roundtable** – May 9, 2024, at Thoreau Middle School and on Zoom.