**Announcements**

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| * Peace Light - The NCAC International Committee will return to hosting a [Peace Light](https://www.peacelightnorthamerica.org/about/Peace-Light-North-America) Ceremony in person. The date is set for Saturday, December 10th at the Marriott Scout Service Center at 2 pm. * Aquatics Merit Badge Make-up Day (12/11/22 at 1pm) – Didn’t complete Swimming or Lifesaving at Summer Camp? Join us for this make-up session. More info <https://scoutingevent.com/082-64078> * Activity Tracking - Your unit now records all activities (Camping, Hiking, Service Projects, etc.) in [Internet Advancement](https://advancements.scouting.org/). In Scoutbook, when you click on a Scout’s activity log, you will be directed to Internet Advancement to enter activities. More information is available [here](https://help.scoutbook.scouting.org/knowledge-base/activitylogs/). * Incident Reporting - Great article in the [Scouting Wire](https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2022/11/16/incident-reporting-in-the-bsa-how-it-works-and-why-it-matters/?utm_source=scoutingwire&utm_campaign=swvolunteer11302022&utm_medium=email&utm_content=). Online reporting tool is located [here](https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/incident-report/). |

**Roundtable Minutes**

**December 8, 2022**

* **Council Update:**
* GMD Charter Renewal:
  + Rosters - 13 Completed; 15 Awaiting Review; 9 In Process; 3 Not Started
  + Annual Charter Agreement – Three page; [Sept 2022 version](https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Fillable-Annual-Charter-Agreement-Charter-Orgs_Short-Version_09.16.2022.pdf)
  + Journey to Excellence - <https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/unit/>
* Retirement - Craig Poland (NCAC Scout Executive). Search underway for his successor.
* New District Executive – Liz Kohler will start in January.
* NCAC Membership – 33,232 (11/30) – almost at goal 5,300 new youth
  + Retention: 79.4%
  + Diversity: 11.68% Female; 33.11% Minority
  + Market Share: 3.35% eligible youth in our geographic area.
  + While Cub Scout enrollment is up significantly, there is a COVID-gap in Webelos scouts that will be bridging to Scouts BSA. This could reduce Troop enrollment for the next couple of years.
* Cub Camps:
  + Cub Day Camps (Snyder) - Weeks of 6/26 and 7/10
  + Cub Resident (Snyder) – Weekends of 6/22, 6/29, 7/6 and 7/13
  + Other District Day Camps – Advertising in first quarter at <https://www.ncacbsa.org/day-camp/>
* **International Peace Light**
* The Peace Light is meant to promote peace, harmony, and unity among all people of the world regardless of race, ethnicity, or creed. Many churches, Scouting, and associated community organizations use the Peace Light in Advent worship services, parish tree lighting events, and other special ceremonies.
* The Peace Light from Bethlehem campaign was originally organized in 1986. Each year in late November, a child from Austria lights a lantern from the continuously burning candle in the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. The light, known as the Peace Light, stored in special explosion-proof lanterns, is then flown with a safety adviser back to Vienna, Austria, where it is shared with delegations from across Europe who distribute it with a message of Peace to their own countries for use at ecumenical services. Scouting organizations then take the light to houses of worship, hospitals, homeless shelters, nursing homes, and places of public, cultural and political importance – to anyone who appreciates the significance of the “gift”.
* ***The Peace Light Ceremony will be in person at the MSSC (Bethesda) on Saturday, December 10th at 2 pm***
* **Jack Lundin**
* Jack Lundin, a registered Scout Leader for 59 years, passed away on November 10th at Fairfax Hospital at the age of 99.
* Jack spent much of his Scouter career mentoring Eagle Scout candidates. He led the Life to Eagle seminars and personally mentored almost 900 scouts.
* Jack Lundin’s memorial service will be held at the Vienna Presbyterian Church on December 28, 2022, at 11:00 AM with a repast afterwards.
* *A Life of Giving/The Legendary Scouter Jack Lundin (by Dan Glass)*<https://weownadventure.com/a-life-of-giving-the-legendary-scouter-jack-lundin/>

**Big Rock: Shooting Sports**

* Why have Shooting Sports in Scouts BSA?
* Popular program that promotes recruitment and retention.
* Opportunity to teach Shooting Sports Safety at young age
* What types of Shooting Sports can Scouts BSA do?
* Air Rifle/BB Rifle - Air rifles must shoot at 540 Feet per second (FPS) or less, .177 caliber pellets
* Rifle - .22 caliber rimfire only (Short, Long, LR) with/without box magazine. No semi-autos, pump action, high-capacity, or tube magazines. Prone or supported bench positions recommended
* Shotgun - 12 Gauge or smaller. Ammo: Shot size 7.5, 8, 9 (typical skeet/trap shot sizes). Can be any action type, semi-auto recommended. Straightaway trap recommended.
* Muzzleloading Rifle/Shotgun - Must be of modern manufacture. Kit guns must be inspected by a gunsmith. No Flint Locks.
* Archery - Proper sized equipment (15lb+) pull weight. Recurve or Compound Bows. Target points only; no broadheads/field points.
* Slingshots/Wrist rockets - Ammo must not be hard (no stones, metal, etc.); Biodegradable preferred: suggest dog food kibbles.
* Tomahawk Throwing - French or Blackhawk—With handles 10-18 inches long, and heads weighing 8-24 ounces.
* Knife Throwing – Eight to 12” long, sharp point, dull edge, solid blade throwing knives.
* Qualified Supervision is REQUIRED!!!
* Rifle/Air Rifle/Muzzleloading
* NRA Certified Rifle Instructor or BSA Shooting Sports Director **AND** NRA Certified Range Safety Officer
* Ratio: 1 Range Officer and Instructor to 8 Scouts
* Muzzleloading: NRA/NMLR ML Instructor; 1:1 Ratio
* Shotgun
* NRA Certified Shotgun Instructor or BSA Shooting Sports Director **AND** NRA Certified Range Safety Officer
* Ratio: 1 to 1 Instructor to Scout that is currently shooting (1:6 Range Officer permitted with 1:1 Instructor)
* Archery
* USA Archery Level 1 (or higher) Instructor or BSA Shooting Sports Director
* Ratio: 1 to 8
* Tomahawk/Knife Throwing/Slingshots/Wrist Rockets
* NRA Instructor (any discipline) or USAA L1 Instructor (NCAC Rule)
* Where Can My Troop Shoot?
* Firearms
* BSA Council Range
* Public/private Commercial Range, Hunt, or Gun Club
* *Pre-approved* Private land. Must be inspected by BSA-approved CRSO prior to use in ready-to-use condition
* Archery/ Tomahawk/Knife Throwing/Slingshots/Wrist Rockets
* Anywhere that is safe, legal and can be set up per BSA guidelines
* Guideline links available on Scouting.org
* Other Information
* Targets: May not be human-like or shape (includes profile or “Zombie” targets)
* Equipment: Certified Instructor/RSO must inspect before use
* Advance Approval: By NCAC Shooting Sports Committee for all Troop/District events
* Merit Badge Program
* All Range operations for merit badge instruction and requirement completion must be under control of a currently NRA certified instructor (or USA Archery Instructor) and a currently certified NRA Range Safety Officer.
* Some registered merit badge counselors in NCAC are NOT properly certified to manage the range activities and on-range shooting required for a scout to complete the merit badge.
* Resources
* NCAC Shooting Sports Web Site: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/shooting-sports/>
* Trifold Shooting Sports pamphlet
* “So, You Want to Hold a Shooting Sports Activity”
* NCAC Where to Shoot
* NCAC Shooting Sports Event Request Form
* BSA Shooting Sports Manual & Supplement
* BSA Shooting Sports Web Site: <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/shooting-sports/>
* SAFETY
* NCAC SSC Shooting Sports Event Request Form
* Safety Brief and Rules, NRA Rules
* Range Orientation and Safety Brief
* Equipment Orientation and Safe Usage
* Approved supervision
* Zero Tolerance for playing/not paying attention on the range

**George Mason Program / John D**

* **Current GM Calendar /John D**
* December 10, 2022 – Peace Light of Bethlehem at MSSC (Bethesda), 2:00pm-3:30pm
* February 4, 2023 - District Life to Eagle Seminar
* March 4, 2023 – Merit Badge Day at Fairfax Presbyterian Church
* March 18, 2023 – Pinewood Derby at Fairfax Presbyterian Church
* April 13, 2023 - District COH (before April RT)
* May 5-7, 2023 – Spring Camporee Theme: Canoeing at Antietam
* May 29, 2023 – Memorial Day Flags In
* **STEM /Andrew M**
* Chess Tournaments
* Cubs – 4 February 2023 - <https://scoutingevent.com/082-chess>
* SBSA – 11 February 2023 - <https://scoutingevent.com/082-ChessClassic>
* DC STEM Trek- Showcases 24 government agencies, private organizations and monuments related to the tenets upon which STEM is based. Shoulder patches are available!
* Two options 10.57 miles or 4.75 miles
* <https://www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/DC-STEM-Trek-2.pdf>

**SCOUTS BSA Roundtable**

* **Future Camporees /John D**
* George Mason Spring 2023 Camporee – May 5-7, 2023
* Theme: Canoeing at Antietam
* Will also have tour of the battlefield and scout crafts
* Please factor this into unit calendars/planning.
* Scouts are loyal – including loyalty to District activities.
* George Mason Fall 2023 Camporee - Camp Rock Enon, Winchester, VA – will include shooting sports and other activities
* **District Life-to-Eagle Seminar (Virtual)**
* Saturday, February 4, 2023; 1pm – 4pm
* Register at:[<https://scoutingevent.com/082-64518>](https://scoutingevent.com/082-64518)**;** closes 02/03/23
* Who should attend:
* Life Scouts or advanced Star Scouts who want to pursue the Eagle Rank
* Eagle advisors, coaches or unit leaders that haven’t attended a seminar in two years
* Parents of Scouts working on Eagle or other adults interested in Scouting
* Questions – contact Matt Burns at 703-938-9550
* **District Merit Badge Event**
* March 4th, 2023, at Fairfax Presbyterian Church in Fairfax: [**https://site.corsizio.com/a/5bf2f8e8e6dfc6f1ca7cbd64**](https://site.corsizio.com/a/5bf2f8e8e6dfc6f1ca7cbd64)
* Registration will open on December 23rd, 2022; Scouts can register for Personal Management MB now because of the pre-work needed.
* Need Unit Merit Badge Day Coordinator names and contact details by November 30 to John Drisco at [gmasonmeritbadgeday@gmail.com](mailto:gmasonmeritbadgeday@gmail.com)
* Merit Badges being offered: American Heritage, Citizenship of the Community, Citizenship of the Nation, Citizenship of the World, Communications, Disabilities Awareness, Emergency Preparedness, Engineering, Family Life, Fire Safety, Genealogy, Geology, Journalism, and Personal Management
* Encourage Scouts to get merit badge books by December 31. Read requirements and start tackling “pre-work” by early January 2023.
* 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 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)
* **Merit Badges /Margee E**
* Every merit badge counselor needs to be on the District Charter. The time for action is NOW!
* The online Merit Badge Counselor [registration](https://my.scouting.org/VES/OnlineReg/1.0.0/?tu=UF-MB-082gm23) works for all Scouters who do not already hold another District position.
* New Merit Badge Counselors must complete online merit badge counselor training, in addition to YPT. Existing merit badge counselors have until **12/31/22** to complete training.
* 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](about:blank).
* **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 22, 2023.
* Will confer awards at District COH/April Roundtable.
* **Training (**<https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/training>**) /Roy D**
* Cub Leader Position Specific (C40) - 12/17/22 – Alexandria, VA
* Cub Scout Den Leader Specific (C42) - 12/17/22 – Alexandria, VA
* Scoutmaster Position Specific Training (S24) - 12/17/22- Alexandria, VA
* Backcountry Outdoor Leadership Skills - 03/04/23 – Huntingtown, Md (opens 12/10/22)
* National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT; S78)
* 01/20/23 - 01/23/23 & 01/27/23 - 01/29/23 - Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA (Waitlist)
* 06/18/23 – 06/23/23 – Session 23-2 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA (opens 12/10/22 10am)
* 06/25/23 – 06/30/23 – Session 23-3 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
* 07/23/23 – 07/28/23 – Session 23-4 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
* 07/23/23 – 07/28/23 – Session 23-5 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
* University of Scouting - 02/25/23 – Alexandria, VA
* Wilderness First Aid (N02)
* 12/17/22 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
* 01/28/23 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
* 02/25/23 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
* Wood Badge (A90)
* 03/31/23 – 04/02/23 & 04/22/23 – 04/23/23 (Registration is open now)
* 05/05/23 – 05/07/23 & 06/03/23 – 06/04/23 (Registration will open 01/01/23)
* Fall Wood Badge (Registration will be open Feb 1, 2023)
* **Scholarships**
* Deadlines Approaching!!!
* BSA Scholarship page - <https://www.scouting.org/awards/scholarships/>
* Sons of American Revolution – Deadline Dec 15, 2022 [Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest – National Society Sons of the American Revolution (sar.org)](https://www.sar.org/arthur-m-berdena-king-eagle-scout-contest/)

For more info/questions, contact Bill Denk at [thinkdenk3@msn.com](mailto:thinkdenk3@msn.com).

* National Eagle Scout Association – Deadline January 31, 2023, [Scholarships - The National Eagle Scout Association (nesa.org)](https://nesa.org/for-eagle-scouts/scholarships/)
* American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year – Deadline is February 15, 2023 – Apply to local Legion Post. Open to Scouts in units sponsored by an American Legion Post or who have a parent or grandparent that is a member of the Legion. Applications at: <https://www.legion.org/scouting/nominate>
* **Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams Award**
* Recognizes a noteworthy Eagle Scout Service Project.
* Deadline is January 21, 2023
* Anyone can make a nomination. [ADAMS-NATIONAL-EAGLE-SCOUT-SERVICE-PROJECT-OF-THE-YEAR-NOMINATION-FORM.pdf (nesa.org)](http://nesa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/ADAMS-NATIONAL-EAGLE-SCOUT-SERVICE-PROJECT-OF-THE-YEAR-NOMINATION-FORM.pdf)
* Scout must sign application to document their “consent.”
* Also needs an electronic copy of the project workbook.
* Some nominations include video.
* Winners can receive:
* $500 at the Council level.
* $500 at the Regional (Northeast) level.
* $2,500 for National winner.
* **GM High Adventure**
* **NCAC High Adventure Committee (HAC) updates and announcements:** [**https://www.ncacbsa.org/high-adventure/**](https://www.ncacbsa.org/high-adventure/)
* **High Adventure Bases**

- Northern Tier

- Winter 2022-2023 and summer 2023 – first come/first serve

- 2024 reservations should open January 2023

- Philmont - Lottery open 10/1/22 – 12/1/22

- Seabase

- Some 2022 & 2023 availability https://www.bsaseabase.org/scouts/register/

- 2024 Reservations should open January 2023

* **Training**

- Northern Tier Classroom Training (email: [BSA2XS@gmail.com](mailto:BSA2XS@gmail.com))

03/04/23; 03/25/23; 04/15/23 – Holy Cross Lutheran, Herndon, VA

- Philmont

11/20/22 – Orientation for Crew Members and Parents (Zoom)

01/08/23 – Advisors & Crew Leader Training

03/12/23 & 03/18/23 – Philmont Advisor Hikes (email: [wcdubi@gmail.com](mailto:wcdubi@gmail.com))

03/25/23 – Skills Training (Zoom)

04/01/23 – Skills Training (In-Person, TBD)

* **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](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/merit-badges/rifle-shotgun-training/)
* [Archery](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/merit-badges/archery-training/) (Virtual classes available)
* Contact for finishing Shooting Sports MB Partials [brian.summers@verizon.net](mailto:brian.summers@verizon.net)
* **Order of the Arrow / Brandon G & Mary N**
  + Elections – 01/12/23 meeting will include election training. Open in November. Units will still support their sister unit in the election process. All the paperwork will be online this year. Units will highlight eligible youth in Scoutbook. This information will be copied into LodgeMaster. If elected, the unit marks the youth in Scoutbook, then LodgeMaster will send out congratulations and provide information on available Ordeals. If your unit does not have anyone eligible for elections, please let Mary Neuse ([mary@humbleprogrammer.net](mailto:mary@humbleprogrammer.net)) know so we will not schedule your unit to support another Troop’s election.
  + Ordeal – Patriot, George Mason & Old Dominion Joint Spring Ordeal is April 28-30, 2023, at Camp Snyder (6100 Antioch Rd, Haymarket, VA, 20169) - <https://wipit470.org/ordeal.html>
* **General Announcements** 
  + University of Scouting – Will be a live event this year. Registration is expected to open early in the new year.
* **District Chair Minute/District Executive Minute/District Commissioner Minute / Rus P**
* Great work – It has been a great year. Membership and Friends of Scouting goals have been exceeded. Charter Renewal is going well.
* We want to help – Please let us know how your Unit Commissioners can assist.
* Thank you – Thanks for all you do for scouts and scouting. Have a great holiday and stay safe.
* ***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 meeting*** *– January 12, 2023, Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA at 7*:30pm