**Announcements**

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| * [Flags In](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/flags-in-veterans-day-2/) (Friday 11/11/22 at 12 noon) - Celebrate Veterans Day by joining George Mason District scout families at “Flags-in” – placing American Flags on the graves of veterans. The National Memorial Park, 7482 Lee Highway, Falls Church, VA 22042.
* [Scouting for Food](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/scouting-for-food/) - Food Pick-up is 11/12/22 (unless your unit scheduled a different day).Your unit maps can be found [here](https://www.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=50c04419fcc1496d8a0d072f186e592b). The Data Capture site to report your totals is [here](https://www.ncacbsa.org/scouting-for-food-unit-data/).
* Aquatics Merit Badge Make-up Day (12/11/22 at 1pm) - Weren't able to complete Swimming or Lifesaving at Summer Camp? Join us for this make-up session. More info <https://scoutingevent.com/082-64078>
* Youth/Adult Applications - Beginning immediately, start dates for Scouting registration will be the date submitted to the Council Registrar rather than the date on the Youth/Adult Application. It is important to submit any paper applications in a timely manner to avoid issues with rank advancement and training records.
* OA Monthly Meeting - 7:30pm on 11/10/22, Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA
* [NYLT Winter Session](https://scoutingevent.com/082-59338) - 01/13-16/23 & 01/28-29/23, Haymarket, VA
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**Roundtable Minutes**

**November 10, 2022**

* **Scouting for Food – Hunger is still out there, and so are we! /Scott W**
	+ Saturday, November 12: Pick up the food and deliver to the unit’s assigned food pantry
	+ Feedback – have heard that not having the date on the stickers was inconvenient. Some units printed stickers to put over the date blank.
* If possible, try to get the food pantry to weigh each unit’s donation and record the weight. If not, you can estimate: A full bag is about ten pounds (welcome better methodologies from the crowd) 8 cans=7.5 pounds or whatever makes sense to your unit.
	+ Data Capture
	+ Unit’s fill out at: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/scouting-for-food-unit-data/>
	+ District: George Mason District
	+ Number of Scouts and Other Youth Participants (siblings, friends, etc.)
	+ Number of Adult Participants
	+ Pounds of Food Collected
	+ Food pantry delivered to
	+ For your Scouts: Express the weight in fun terms, for example: Vehicles, animals, dinosaurs

**George Mason Program / John D**

* **Current GM Calendar /John D**
* November 11,2022- Flags in, National Memorial Park, Falls Church
* November 12,2022 Scouting for Food Bag Collection
* December 2022- Peace Light of Bethlehem
* February 4, 2023 – Life to Eagle Seminar (Virtual)
* March 4, 2023 - Merit Badge Day at Fairfax Presbyterian Church
* March 25, 2023 - Pinewood Derby at Fairfax Presbyterian Church
* May 5-7, 2023 - Spring Camporee TBD
* **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 and Site TBD
* Please factor this into unit calendars/planning.
* Scouts are loyal – including loyalty to District 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.
* Registration will open on December 23rd, 2022
* Need Unit Merit Badge Day Coordinator names and contact details by November 30 to John Drisco at gmasonmeritbadgeday@gmail.com
* 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 in order to qualify to take the class.  The only prerequisite we are aware of for the George Mason Merit Badge Day is that the Scout must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts in a participating unit.
* Feedback to John Drisco at gmasonmeritbadgeday@gmail.com
* **Merit Badges /Margee E**
* Every merit badge counselor needs to be on the District Charter. Let parents bridging over to Troops know that the MBC registration is separate from the Adult Application to be an ASM/MC.
* Scouters registered only in the unit are not automatically merit badge counselors.
* <https://my.scouting.org/VES/OnlineReg/1.0.0/?tu=UF-MB-082gm23> This is the URL for MBC online registration. Online registration is preferred.
* 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.
* Special training is required for Shooting Sports and Water Sports. See the Guide to Advancement for specifics.
* Citizenship in Society also requires Diversity, Equity and Inclusion as well as the council specific training for this merit badge.
* After taking all required training and registering online, submit the completed Merit Badge Counselor Information Form to the District Merit Badge Dean. Also submit specialty training such as BSA Safety Afloat, BSA Aquatics Instructor, American Canoe Association, NRA Shotgun Instructor, etc.
* Each unit is recommended to have a Unit MB Dean to assist adults in MB submissions.
* Contact Margee if you have questions at GM.MB.Dean@hotmail.com.
* **Scholarships**
* Deadlines Approaching!!!
* BSA Scholarship page - <https://www.scouting.org/awards/scholarships/>
* Elks Most Valuable Scholar – Deadline Nov 14, 2022 <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm>
* 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.

* 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.
* **Training (**<https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/training>**) /Roy D**
* **Akela’s Trail (formerly Pow-Wow)** – 11/19/22 – Zoom <https://scoutingevent.com/082-63597>
* **Cub Leader Position Specific (C40) / Cub Scout Den Leader Specific (C42)**

 - 11/19/22 – Alexandria, VA

 - 12/17/22 – Alexandria, VA

* **Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO; C32)**

- 11/12/22 – 11/13/22 – Gaithersburg, MD

* **Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS; S11)**

 - 12/03/22 – 12/04/22 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

* **National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT; S78)**

 - 01/20/23 - 01/23/23 & 01/27/23 - 01/29/23 - Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA (Waitlist)

 - NYLT Summer registration is not yet open. Roy will send out a notice as soon as he knows. Expect many sessions this summer.

* **Outdoor Ethics/Leave No Trace (D78)**

 - 11/13/22 For Guides and their Advisors, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

* **Mental Health First Aid** <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hscode/ereg/Registration.aspx?groupID=47>

 - Two classes in November; Two Classes in December (Thursdays 9am – 3:30pm)

* **University of Scouting -** 02/25/23 – Alexandria, VA
* **Wood Badge (A90)**

 - 03/31/23 – 04/02/23 & 04/22/23 – 04/23/23

 - 05/05/23 – 05/07/23 & 06/03/23 – 06/04/23

* **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)

 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)

 03/25/23 – Skills Training (Zoom)

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

* **Shooting Sports /Brian S**
* [Incident in Hawaii](https://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/2022/10/18/criminal-investigation-into-deadly-shooting-big-island-boy-scouts-camp-hits-roadblock/) – First fatal shooting in BSA history. It is important to have the appropriate reviews/permissions prior to any shooting sports event. Also need the proper Scout leadership (with the proper training) at the event. The NCAC Shooting Sports Committee can help support your units.
* 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
* **Council Update / Rus P**
	+ Charter Renewal – 28 of 40 units have logged into the Charter Renewal system. Eight have submitted their rosters. Four have been reviewed and are complete.
	+ Fall Family Camping (Snyder; $35/person) – BB, Archery, Scouterhorn, Crafts, Leatherwork, Woodshop 11/18-20/2022 - <https://www.gotosnyder.org/year-round-events/cub-scout-expo/>
	+ Goshen 2023 Registration is open – [https://www.gotogoshen.org](https://www.gotogoshen.org/)
	+ Paper Adult Applications – Use the new form in order to have the proper Additional Disclosures and Background Check form: <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/524-501.pdf>
	+ Changing IH/EO or CR – Paper applications are required during the year, but at Charter Renewal can use Internet Advancement.
	+ My.Scouting.org – Please have your adults update their email/address/phone. This information is used for email contact and during emergencies.
	+ Organizational Manager - COR/ COR Delegate can change adult positions including the new Unit Treasurer.
* **Flags In – Veterans Day / Rus P**
* November 11, 2022, starting at 12 noon – bring rain gear!
* National Memorial Park, 7482 Lee Highway, Falls Church, VA
* All Scouts, siblings, friends, and parents’ welcome
* Class A uniform
* Refreshments and pizza will be served starting at noon
* For more information, contact Rus Pittman at ruspittman@gmail.com
* **Order of the Arrow / Brandon G & Mary N**
	+ Ordeal - Those that were elected can still go to other Ordeals in our Council:
	+ Seneca Fall Ordeal (11/18/22 – 11/20/22) - <https://scoutingevent.com/082-61000>
	+ Elections – 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.
* **General Announcements / Pat B**
	+ Camporee **–** The event went great this year. Those that attended seemed to enjoy it. Thanks to those coordinating the event and to the unit leaders that supported it. District leadership is eager to get more participation in the Camporee. We are looking for your ideas about how to make these events attractive to more units. We will follow-up in the near future.
* **District Chair Minute /John K**
* Busy time – Lots of activities going on: Flags In, Scouting for Food, Recharter, etc. Our membership is up by 80 over this time last year. This is a great achievement and due to the recruiting efforts of the Packs and Troops. Please keep the forms coming in.
* Friends of Scouting - Completed the year exceeding our goal. We will soon announce the 2023 FOS effort. We will need assistance with scheduling and presenting at the units.
* STEM – In search of a new District STEM Coordinator. The next big District STEM event is planning for the Pi day (3/14/23) activities. Let me know if you have someone interested in filling this position.
* Volunteer – We have a volunteer seeking to work with a unit. This volunteer, an older adult female, is in Falls Church and is eager to support a Pack or any other needs that a unit might have. Transportation is limited – public transportation – but she has much enthusiasm.
* Thank you all for your great work.
* **District Commissioner Minute /Rus P**
* Great work - I appreciate the enthusiasm for getting new membership applications and the recharter packages submitted. A few items that may make your job easier:
	+ Youth Apps – Any of the Key 3 can sign a youth application (paper or online)
	+ Roster – After your unit roster is submitted, each of the Key 3 receive an email request to sign via Adobe. While this has traditionally been done by the Chartering Organization Representative, any of the Key 3 can sign this form. Once you sign, please send a copy to ruspittman@gmail.com
	+ Application manager – Some units are getting notices about Adult/Youth applications expiring in my.scouting.org Application Manager. When they go into the system, there are no pending applications. This is a known bug. National is working it. Let Rus Pittman know if you have this issue.
* We want to help – Please let us know how your Unit Commissioners can assist.
* ***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*** *– December 8, 2022, Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA*
	+ *7*:30pm – Roundtable