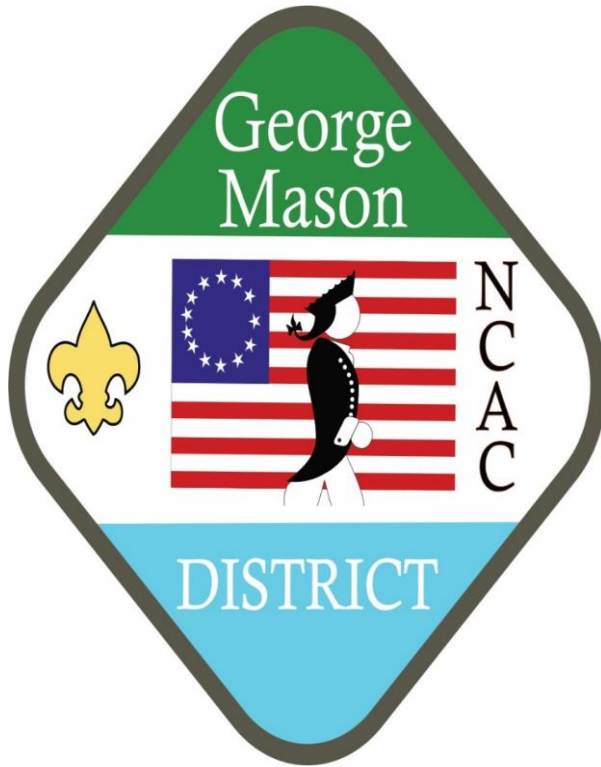




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Welcome to this edition of the George Mason District Press. We e-mail this out bi-monthly to the BSA registered leaders in George Mason District; unit leaders and merit badge counselors – those who have their current YPT.

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. September 9, 2021 –
Virtual: Roundtable Meeting at 7:30 pm

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](#)

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

- 09/2021 – [2021 Journey to Excellence \(JTE\) form](#) review at Unit Committee Meeting
- 09/2021 – Join Scouting Nights
- 09/03/2021 – 09/06/2021 - [Goshen Family Camping](#), Goshen, VA
- 09/09/2021 – George Mason District Round Table
- 09/09/2021 – George Mason OA Chapter Meeting
- 09/11/2021 – Popcorn Orders #2
- 09/10-12/2021 & 10/9-10/2021 [Fall NCAC Wood Badge](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA – Attendance both weekends required
- 09/18/2021 – Cub Specific Leader training at St. Marks, Vienna, VA
- 09/20/2021 – [Leave No Trace Trainer Course – Outdoor Ethics](#), Frederick, MD
- 09/24/2021 – 09/216/2021 - [Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation \(BALOO\)](#), Stafford, VA
- 09/25/2021 – Popcorn Distribution #2
- 09/25/2021 – [Life to Eagle Seminar](#) (Virtual) – Register by 09/23/2021
- 09/25/2021 – Back Country Outdoor Leadership School (BCOLS) [Registration & Info](#)
- 09/25/2021 - [Cub Scout Leader Specific Training](#) (CM/ACM, Den Leader, Committee Members), Herndon, VA
- 09/25/2021 – 09/26/2021 – [Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation \(BALOO\)](#), Haymarket, VA
- 10/01/2021 - Charter Renewal system open
- 10/01/2021 – 10/02/2021 – [Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation \(BALOO\)](#), Haymarket, VA
- 10/01-03/2021 – George Mason Order of the Arrow – Virginia Central Area Fall Ordeal (Registration should open 9/1/2021)
- 10/02/2021 – [COR Training](#), Marriot Scout Center, Bethesda, MD
- 10/15/2021 -10/17/2021 – [Fall Camporee](#), 4H on Front Royal
- 10/16/2021 – Jamboree on the Internet/Jamboree on the Air [JOTA-JOTI Info](#)



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

- 10/16/2021 - **BALOO Training**, Reston, VA
- 10/22/2021 – **EXPO and Family Camping**, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 11/06/2021 – Scouting for Food Tag Distribution
- 11/06/2021 – 11/07/2021 – **Introduction to Outdoor Leadership**, Haymarket, VA
- 11/07/2021 - **Flags In** (Veterans Day), National Memorial Park, Falls Church, VA
- 11/13/2021 – Scouting for Food Bag Collection – Pantry Staffing
- 12/01/2021 - **Annual Unit Charter Agreement Form** submitted to Unit Commissioner
- 12/01/2021 – 2021 **Journey to Excellence (JTE)** form submitted to Unit Commissioner
- 12/31/2021 – Unit Charters expire
- 01/01/2022 – Unit Commissioner Accepting GM Court of Honor Unit recognition forms
- 02/2022 – GM Life to Eagle Seminar
- 02/26/2022 - University of Scouting **2022 NCAC UoS**
- 03/01/2022 – GM Court of Honor (CoH) Unit recognition submissions due to Unit Commissioner
- 03/2022 – GM District Pinewood Derby
- 03/2022 – GM District Merit Badge Day
- 03/2022 – Pi Day (STEM) **NCAC STEM**
- 04/2022 – Eagle Recognition Dinner
- 04/14/2022 – GM District Court of Honor
- 04/29-05/01 – GM Spring Camporee (Site and Theme TBD)
- 05/2022 - 2nd Annual GM Hike-O-Ree
- 05/14/2022 – Jamboree on the Trail **JOTT**
- 05/30/2022 – Memorial Day Flags In (National Memorial Park, Falls Church)
- 07/25-30/2022 – National Order of the Arrow Conference, University of Tennessee
- 10/02/2022 – Patriot/George Mason Chapters Fall Ordeal Induction – Camp Snyder, Gainesville, VA



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Chair's Chat

What is that I hear? What is that I see? What is that I smell?

I hear the sound of lots of new Cub Scouts having fun at Den and Pack meetings. I see lots of Scouts out camping in their favorite places. I smell popcorn.

Is this a dream or is it real? We will all provide the answer to that over the next two months as we start a new Scouting season. We have all the pieces in place to make this a great comeback year for Scouting. As Scout leaders and parents, you kept the dream of Scouting alive for the last two years through your outstanding efforts. Pat yourself on the back for that. National, Council and your District are all rolling out Join Scouting event trainings, webinars, and workshops. Council is providing the materials we need as well as geofencing (boosting the reach of Facebook events) for those recruiting events. Scouts went to summer camps and high adventure camps this summer and will keep the momentum going this fall where I hope to see many of them at our Fall Camporee. Need a way to pay for that year of Scouting ahead? The Trails End Popcorn sale is popping. Units have been out selling for almost three weeks. It is not too late to join them and put in an order for the next delivery or just sell online and never have to touch the product or manage inventory.

In other news, our council, National Capital Area Council, is now the largest council in the country with over 26,000 members. That may sound like a lot, but it is down 28% from a year ago. Let's get those Scouts back along with new ones and make up the difference this year. We have reached our goal for Family Friends of Scouting. We are the 3rd NCAC District to reach their goal. Thank you, Steen Simonsen, for leading our FOS team. By the time you read this the BSA bankruptcy settlement will probably have been reached. The settlement will have no effect on the operations and programs available to our Scouts. It gives us the opportunity to move ahead again as the premier youth program in the county.

Enough of the dreaming. Let's get out there and make Scouting a reality for all those youth out there who can benefit from the program. Let's bring them in, provide them a great program and grow them into great individuals and citizens.

I'll see you on the trail,

John Kilduff
George Mason District Chair

732-610-4284





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Now is Charter Renewal time!


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2022 Charter Renewal Handbook



**Tips for Renewing Your Unit's
BSA Membership**



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NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL

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Program Launch Resources

- [Annual Program Planning for Packs](#)
- [Annual Program Planning for Troops](#)
- [Annual Program Planning for Crews](#)

Additional Resources

- **Pack Resources**
 - [Family Talent Survey](#)
 - [Pack Operating Budget Planning Tool](#)
 - [Pack Budget Worksheet](#)
 - [Selecting Pack Leadership](#)
- **Troop Resources**
 - [Annual Planning Guide](#)
 - [Troop Operating Budget Worksheet](#)
 - [Budget Planning Tool](#)
- **Crew Resources**
 - [Annual Program Planning](#)
- **Journey to Excellence**
 - [Cub Scouts](#)
 - [Scouts BSA](#)
 - [Crews](#)
- [Outdoor Ethics Awards](#)
- [Religious Awards](#)
- [Pack Overnighter Approved Camping Sites](#)
- **OA Camping Site List** [Certified Camp List 12/2020](#)
- **Roundtable – a monthly opportunity – 2nd Thursday at 7:30pm**



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District Life to Eagle Seminar



- **Saturday, 25 September 2021**
- **1:00 to 4:00 p.m.**
- **Virtual**
- **Register at:**

<https://site.corsizio.com/c/60eefcdba647dcba68c93d8e>

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

Registration will be done online and must be received by 23 September 2020 to get the Zoom link.

Any questions contact Jack Lundin at 703-938-0369.



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GEORGE MASON DISTRICT CAMPOREE



Date:

October 15 – 17, 2021

Location: 4H Camp, Front Royal, VA.

- Online registration available now on Council website (below).
- Leader Guide available on registration site.
- Need unit volunteers to help run event.

Camporee Director Andrew Zaso

(703) 434-2907 - AndrewZaso@gmail.com

Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-49459>





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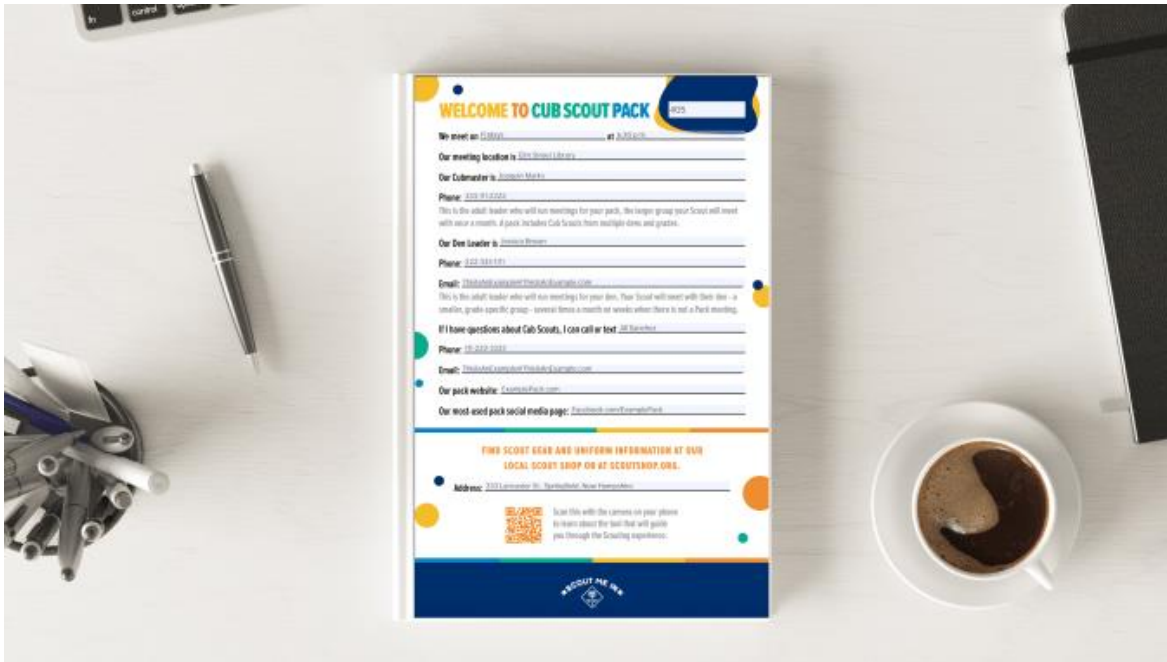
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Make sure new families in your pack have this info as soon as they join – This topic applies to all Units

[August 12, 2021 Gina Circelli App Feed](#), [App Feed - Cub Scouts](#), [App Feed - For Leaders](#), [Cub Scouts](#), [Recruiting](#)

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The data is in! New Scout families want to feel welcome and a sense of belonging in their new unit. And when they do, these Scouts will stay in Scouting programs for a long time.

What does this mean for Cub Scout leaders? Of course, being welcoming and kind to newcomers is at Scouting's core. But there is one tool you can start using right now to get families the info they need to feel welcomed right off the bat.

Check out the new "[Welcome to Cub Scouts one-pager](#)" and fill in the blanks for your unit. Then, make handing, mailing, emailing, or texting this info sheet to new parents' part of your welcoming process.

What do new parents, especially Cub Scout parents, need to know right away?

Don't overthink it. The most important information to impart to a new family is how to make it to their first Cub Scout meeting. A family needs the time, date, and place of the meeting as part of the "onboarding" journey.



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Onboarding means getting new Scouts and parents looped in with what's going on in your unit and demonstrating the welcoming atmosphere of Cub Scouts. If someone doesn't come from a Scouting background, they may not know the difference between a "den" and a "pack." They likely have no idea how often Scouts meet. And they certainly don't know when and where your unit meets.

That's why it's critical to give new families this info as soon as possible, as simply as possible. Then, parents and kids have a foundational understanding of how Cub Scouts is structured and you can ensure they make it to that first, crucial meeting.

Give new Cub Scout families the information they need quickly and easily

WELCOME TO CUB SCOUT PACK [Redacted]

We meet on _____ at _____

Our meeting location is _____

Our Cubmaster is _____

Phone: _____

This is the adult leader who will run meetings for your pack, the larger group your Scout will meet with once a month. A pack includes Cub Scouts from multiple dens and grades.

Our Den Leader is _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

This is the adult leader who will run meetings for your den. Your Scout will meet with their den - a smaller, grade-specific group - several times a month on weeks when there is not a Pack meeting.

If I have questions about Cub Scouts, I can call or text _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Our pack website: _____

Our most-used pack social media page: _____

FIND SCOUT GEAR AND UNIFORM INFORMATION AT OUR LOCAL SCOUT SHOP OR AT SCOUTSHOP.ORG.

Address: _____

 Scan this with the camera on your phone to learn about the tool that will guide you through the Scouting experience.

SCOUT ME IN

If your Cub Scout unit's onboarding process needs a refresh, we've got your back. Check out the [Welcome to Cub Scouts one-pager](#). It's an editable PDF. Add your unit's info using your computer, or print the one-pager and fill it out by hand.

Consider the best way to distribute this one-pager to new families. Perhaps your delivery method changes depending on how a family signs up for Scouts. You could turn it into a poster for joining events or copy-and-paste the one-pager's text into an email you send to every new family that registers online. You could distribute it as a flyer or text it to parents after you receive their children's applications.

https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2021/08/12/make-sure-new-families-in-your-pack-have-this-info-as-soon-as-they-join/?utm_source=scoutingwire&utm_campaign=swvolunteer8182021&utm_medium=email&utm_content=



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Wood Badge Registration NOW Open

Fall Course

Registration Open 1 May 2021

Weekend #1: 10 - 12 September

Weekend #2: 9 - 10 October

Course Director: Mrs. Alexandria Keenan

ADLKeenan@gmail.com

Wood Badge could be postponed or delayed based on covid restrictions

Wood Badge is the Boy Scouts of America's ultimate leadership training designed to meet the advanced leadership 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.

QUESTIONS?

For information about specific courses, contact the Course Director listed above.



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"There is no teaching to compare with example." Boy Scout Saying



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Flags In – Veterans Day 2021

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 and Masks

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 7, 2021 (Sunday)

- 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



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INTRODUCTION

Jamboree on the Air - Jamboree on the Internet (**JOTA-JOTI**) promotes a Scout's sense of belonging to the worldwide Scout Movement and builds cultural awareness, develops tolerance, advocates sharing and collaboration as well as demonstrates teamwork. It provides exciting opportunities for young people to explore technology and to develop technical skills including fostering innovation and creativity through communicating with other Scouts. A wide range of activities using communication technology are the chief methods of attaining these goals. JOTA-JOTI strives for a meaningful engagement of as many young people from as many parts of the world as possible annually on the third weekend in October. This weekend is also an occasion to celebrate Scouting and to generate positive energy to support the development of the Scout Movement. The event seeks to promote quality Scouting in a manner faithful to the purpose, principles and method of Scouting and consistent with the needs and aspirations of young people in today's world. The JOTA-JOTI programme shall be a reflection of the Promise, Law, Principles and Method of Scouting, as defined by the WOSM Constitution, and shall also reflect the most up-to-date policies and initiatives of WOSM relating to youth programme for all ages. **When?** JOTA-JOTI is an annual event that takes place the third weekend of October. Future dates are: - 19 to 21 October 2018 - 18 to 20 October 2019 - 16 to 18 October 2020 - 15 to 17 October 2021 - 14 to 16 October 2022 - 20 to 22 October 2023 For more information please visit the event website: www.world-jotajoti.info

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#OPEN4 ADVENTURE

The Summit Bechtel Reserve is Booking for 2022!

Our High Adventure Experiences are filling up, so register now.

Come check out our brand-new adventure **The Pack N' Paddle Experience**, or take part in one of our most popular adventures, **the Marksman Experience**, our one-of-a-kind specialized shooting sports program.



And don't forget, Summit offers units the unique ability to divide Scouts between the Summer Camp and many High Adventure programs. We've got experiences for everyone 11 to 20 years old.

Take part in some of our iconic offerings such as rafting down the New River in America's newest National Park, careening down the Big Zip, or hop on an ATV, take a hike or grab a bike. We're easy to get to and we've got something for everyone.

We're #open4adventure and can't wait to see you!

[**REGISTER NOW**](#)



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Looking for a different type of adventure in 2022?

Imagine canoeing pristine waters in Minnesota and Canada, hiking the Tooth of Time or Scuba diving the Florida Keys. Your Scouts BSA Troop, Venturing Crew or Sea Scout Ship can attend one of the BSA's four High Adventure Bases in the summer of 2022.

Check out our other amazing National High Adventure Bases below:



Philmont Scout Ranch



Florida Sea Base



Northern Tier



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NCAC Shooting Sports Committee Training Schedule

Offered by/at Arlington-Fairfax Chapter of the Izaak Walton League ("IWLA") located in Centerville, Va.

<https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/nra-courses/>

Month	Day (s)	Start Time	End Time	Course	Chief Instructor	Minimum Course Length	Course Fee	Max Class Size
23	September 12th	1200	1600	NRA Basic Shotgun Instructor Pre-Qualification		4 Hours	N/A	12
24	September 17th	0900	1600	NRA Basic Instructor Training (BIT)		6 Hours	N/A	12
25	September 18th 19th	0800 0800	1700 1200	NRA Basic Shotgun Instructor		12 Hours	\$ 150	12
26	September 25th 26th	0900 0800	1600 1200	NRA Defensive Pistol Module		9 Hours	\$ 75	12
27	October 9th 10th	0800 0800	1600 1200	NRA Basic CCW Course		10 Hours	\$ 125	12
28	October 24th	0800	1800	NRA Basics of Shotgun Shooting Course		10 Hours	\$ 50	12
29	October 31st	0800	1200	Instructor Development Day		4 Hours	N/A	16
30	November 13th	0800	1700	Shotgun Shell Reloading Course		8 Hours	\$ 75	12
31	November 13th	1800	2000	2022 Education and Training Program Planning Meeting	Sills	2 Hours	\$ -	N/A
32	November 21st	0800	1200	NRA Refuse to be a Victim Seminar		4 Hours	\$ 25	12
33	November 21st	1200	2000	NRA Refuse to be a Victim Instructor Workshop		8 Hours	\$ 100	10
34	November 27th 28th	0800 0800	1600 1600	NRA Rifle Coach School		16 Hours	\$ 200	12
35	December 5th	0800	1700	NRA Basic RSO course		9 Hours	\$ 75	12

NRA Offered Course – See GMD Rifle/Shotgun Web Site

COURSE TITLE	CITY	COURSE DATE
NRA Instructor Rifle Shooting Course	Herndon, VA	09/03/2021
NRA Instructor Rifle Shooting Course	Gaithersburg, MD	09/09/2021
NRA Instructor Rifle Shooting Course	Charles Town, WV	09/11/2021
NRA Basic Range Safety Officer Course	Gaithersburg, MD	09/16/2021
NRA Instructor Shotgun Shooting Course	Centerville, VA	09/18/2021
NRA Instructor Shotgun Shooting Course	Charles Town, WV	09/18/2021
NRA Chief Range Safety Officer	Gaithersburg, MD	09/23/2021
NRA Instructor Shotgun Shooting Course	Gaithersburg, MD	09/26/2021
NRA Chief Range Safety Officer	Herndon, VA	10/14/2021
NRA Basic Range Safety Officer Course	Frederick, MD	10/17/2021



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STEM Program

STEM—Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

STEM is an initiative the Boy Scouts of America has taken on to encourage the natural curiosity of youth members and their sense of wonder about these fields. From archery to welding, Scouts can't help but enjoy the wide range of STEM-related activities. To support this initiative, the BSA developed the STEM Nova Awards program so that youth members have fun and receive recognition for their efforts.

Nova Awards

What are the STEM Nova Awards?

Scouts BSA developed the STEM Nova Awards program to excite and expand a sense of wonder in our Scouts. By working with an adult counselor or mentor, the various modules allow them to explore the basic principles of STEM and discover how fun and fascinating STEM can be. The Supernova awards are offered for those who enjoy a super challenge. Discover how the STEM Nova Awards program helps youth be "Prepared. For Life."

Award requirements for Cubs Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts: [Award Requirements | Boy Scouts of America \(scouting.org\)](#)

Currently, the District maintains the list of Nova and Supernova counselors/mentors. If a Scout needs information about a specific award, the Scout can contact their troop leadership or the George Mason District STEM Coordinator (note emails should include two adults – no one-on-one contact for electronic media). If an adult leader is interested in becoming a Nova award counselor/mentor, please reach out to the STEM Coordinator. The requirements for becoming a Nova counselor can be found here: [Counselors & Mentors | Boy Scouts of America \(scouting.org\)](#).

The NCAC STEM webpage can be found [here](#).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the District's STEM Coordinator: [Andrew Meikle](#)



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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
- [Virtual Merit Badge Opportunities \(Nation-wide\)](#)
- [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



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Virginia Bird and Wildlife Trail (VBWT)

Check out this online guide for observing birds and wildlife from over 600 viewing sites along 65 trail loops within the Old Dominion.

With 400 species of birds, 150 species of mammals, 150 species of amphibians and reptiles, 250 species of fish, plus hundreds of butterfly, dragonfly, and other invertebrate species, you'll soon see why Virginia is a premier destination for birding and wildlife viewing.

Use the interactive maps and menus at [Find Wildlife: Viewing](#) to search for viewing sites near you or by city/county, search for sites with specific birds and wildlife of interest, or get driving directions to a site from your current location. Or, you can search by region (Coastal, Piedmont, Mountain) from here: <https://dwr.virginia.gov/VBWT/>

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Printing Unit Charter Forms and BSA ID cards for youth/adults

Some units are asking questions on how to obtain / print materials such as BSA id Cards and Unit Charters. BSA is no longer printing and mailing these materials to the units. BSA has now made it possible for units to do this task themselves. The following are how-to guides to download and print the BSA ID cards and Unit Charters:

- How to download BSA Ids (YouTube Video):
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KOUCBoamgs0>

- How to downloads and print Unit Charters:
<https://files.constantcontact.com/0778a6dc201/ee304af2-9c84-4143-a42d-c1798715ca01.pdf>



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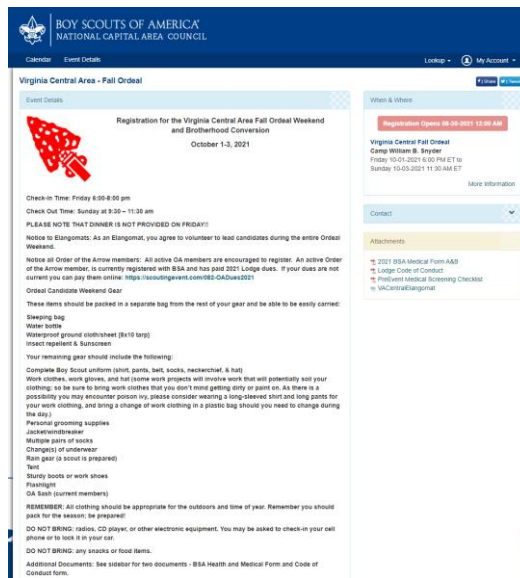
George Mason Order of The Arrow – 2021 Ordeal Initiation & Brotherhood Conversion – Oct 1-3 2021 – Live – In-person

The George Mason OA Chapter plans to support the Virginia Central Area Initiation Weekend (Ordeal/Brotherhood):

- Friday October 1 (6PM) - Sunday October 3 (9:30AM), 2021 GM/Patriot Chapter Area Ordeal (In-Person)

Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-50524?draftmode=1>

The Chapter has sent an email out informing the Ordeal and Brotherhood Candidates.



Just for reference and not intended for your reading – use the link to read and register.

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-50524?draftmode=1>



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NOAC 2022

Zach Schonfeld June 24, 2021 [OA Today](#) [NOAC 2022](#)

2022 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)



We are excited to invite you to attend the 2022 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) on **July 25-30, 2022** at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville! NOACs are the OA’s largest event, with upwards of 8,000 attendees from lodges nationwide expected to gather for the best national conference yet!

After more than a year of living through this pandemic, we can’t wait to get back to NOAC and watch the nightly stadium shows, watch lodges compete for glory in the sports and ceremony competitions, and meet Arrowmen from around the nation, all while spending a week living in a college dorm—and yes, it will have air conditioning!

Interested in joining us in Knoxville? Attendees can register for next year’s NOAC as one of four categories:

1. **Delegates** - Participants who register directly with a lodge contingent. Lodge leadership will coordinate payment of conference fees.
2. **Individuals** - Participants who register outside of their lodge contingent. Council Scout executives must still approve these individuals’ attendance. These participants will register directly through the National OA Event Registration System (NOAERS) and will be housed in premium (hotel) housing. This option is only available for adult participants at least 21 years old.
3. **Staff** - Volunteers who execute the conference and coordinate their own travel. Staff opportunities are available for both youth and adults. Staff can either choose to stay in University of Tennessee, Knoxville dorms or premium (hotel) housing and will register directly through the National OA Event Registration System (NOAERS).
4. **Virtual Delegates** - Participants who do not travel to Knoxville but still want to watch a livestream of NOAC programs and other exclusive content. These individuals will register directly through NOAERS.

Staff and individual registration open October 4th! Delegates should check with their lodge for registration details!

To hear more about what’s in store at next year’s NOAC, follow the conference's social media pages on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) @OANOAC and like the [Facebook](#) page, “NOAC,” to be one of the first to hear the theme announcement in August and other updates! Make sure to keep checking [NOAC2022.org](#) to stay informed with all of the information regarding NOAC!



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NOAC 2022 Theme Announcement

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Thought without action is just a possibility. For every insurmountable challenge or audacious dream there is a first step: the courageous young person who rises against the odds to take one act, however small, to begin transforming the world.

It's this urgency to create change and the willingness to take action—continuously and repeatedly in the face of failure—that defines young people who shape a world that reflects their values.

With this in mind, we're excited to announce the 2022 National Order of the Arrow Conference theme: **Tomorrow Begins Today.**

At NOAC, we'll gather as a movement in person once again to build our shared future together. Every attendee has a role to play as we strengthen our lodges, grow our membership, and chart a modern vision for the Order of the Arrow—we all must do our part.

In 2022, NOAC will return to the University of Tennessee, Knoxville! This will be our first conference since 2018 and the largest Scouting event in nearly three years. When more than 6,000 Arrowmen gather at UT, we will commit ourselves to the conference learning objective: **Act today to transform tomorrow.** This challenge will guide our time at NOAC in training, competitions, fellowship, and other premier programs.

The conference branding will be released in the coming months.

We hope to see you at UT on July 25-30, 2022 for NOAC! Staff and individual registration opens in October, but some lodges have already opened registration for their contingents. More information about the conference can be found [here](#).



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Looking for a Project for your Unit?

Individuals, small groups/teams, or units/larger groups may request a service project at Camp Snyder separate from a regularly scheduled Camp Snyder Volunteer Service Day. Please view our current Project List to see types of projects available and then fill out our simple Request a Project form. We will get to back to you to coordinate your project.

[Project List](#)

<https://www.gotosnyder.org/work-volunteer/service-days/>

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Existing Camp Snyder Projects:

Camp Snyder Service Projects by Group Size

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Category			
1	Group Projects (5+ people) - Cubs and Higher		
Proj #	Type	Location	Description
784	Logs & Limbs	Campsite 02 (SCS02)	CS 2 Logs (Phase 3 of 3) - Remove several large stumps- Tractor work
803	Wildlife Hab	Michael's Woodshop (SMCSTEMMWS)	Northern Flicker Boxes (Phase 2 of 4) Assemble 3 Northern Flicker boxes.

Category			
2	Group Projects (5+ people) - Scouts BSA and Higher		
Proj #	Type	Location	Description
786	Logs & Limbs	Akela Village Pavilion (SAKVIL)	Behind Akela Village Pavilion - Phase 3 of 4 Split logs from several downed trees behind pavilion (They will need to be moved to road to split)
769	Logs & Limbs	Secondary Parade Field (near CS 5) (SGDSECPAR)	Secondary Parade Field Logs (Phase 2 of 2) - split logs and stack near road
727	Logs & Limbs	Campsite 13 (SCS13)	Two trees were cut down and Campsite # 13 and need to have a group of people split and re-locate (the logs have been cut into split-able links)
849	Other	Carroll's Cottage Access Rd (SRDCC)	Clear brush from access road near nursery
514	Painting	Michael's Woodshop (SMCSTEMMWS)	18 new traffic barriers (Phase 4 of 4) - painting
840	Preventive	Amphitheater (SAMPH)	Paint new benches (completed) still need to finish painting stage railing
844	Project	Shower House 5 (SSH05)	Replace four 6x6 posts that have been severely damaged by weather. Remove gates, completely remove 4 fence sections, dig out existing posts, replace posts/cut to proper height - reinstall four completed fence sections and re-install gates. Material list TBD.

Category			
5	Team Projects (2-4 people) - Scouts BSA & Above		
Proj #	Type	Location	Description
456	Conserv - Other	Campsites (SCS)	Raised Walkways (Phase 2 of 2) - Deploy raised walkway sections - locations TBD
954	Damage	COPE Course (SCOPE)	Replace broken PT 4x4 post (+ two diamond point staples) for Spider's Web
847	Logs & Limbs	Carroll's Cottage (SCC)	Downed Tree at Carroll's Cottage (Phase 2 of 2) Split logs and stack for use at Carroll's Cottage
524	Other	Campsites (SCS)	Install bar codes on each tent platform
493	Other	Campsites (SCS)	Number each tent platform in all sites



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523	Other	Campsites (SCS)	Prepare/laminate bar codes for tent platforms
605	Painting	Dining Hall (SDH)	DH Dumpster Enclosure (Phase 2 of 2) - Repaint dining hall dumpster enclosure
848	Painting	STEM Building (SMCSTEM)	Paint propane enclosure at STEM building.
443	Painting	Shower House 2 (SSH02)	Repaint SH 2 propane enclosure
444	Painting	Shower House 3 (SSH03)	Repaint SH 3 propane enclosure
445	Painting	Shower House 4 (SSH04)	Repaint SH 4 propane enclosure
446	Painting	Shower House 5 (SSH05)	Repaint SH 5 propane enclosure
864	Project	Farm Wagon 1 (SVWAG1)	Remove and replace deck on farm wagon.
495	Routine Repairs	Dining Hall (SDH)	DH Dumpster Enclosure (Phase 1 of 2) - Replace broken slats on dining hall dumpster enclosure - partially completed. Need to make up more slats.
843	Routine Repairs	Carroll's Cottage (SCC)	Remove stairs from side deck, cut and install new stringers and replace step boards. Need 3 PT 2x12 x 6' (on hand) and 5 PT 2x6x8' (ordered).
851	Routine Repairs	Ranger Cabin (SRGRCAB)	Replace 4 sign posts at Ranger Cabin
589	Routine Repairs	Tent Platform S 05 #8 (SCS05TP8)	Replace temporary stair railing. Need 4x4's and carriage bolts + railing
462	Routine Repairs	Shower House 3 (SSH03)	Replace two 2x4 vent louvers. Pre-cut louvers are in the shop.
622	Routine Repairs	Shower House 3 (SSH03)	SH 3 Propane Enclosure Gates (Phase 1 of 3) - Remove and repair propane enclosure gates
623	Routine Repairs	Shower House 3 (SSH03)	SH 3 Propane Enclosure Gates (Phase 2 of 3) - Repaint propane enclosure gates
703	Routine Repairs	Shower House 3 (SSH03)	SH 3 Propane Enclosure Gates (Phase 3 of 3) - reinstall propane enclosure gates
860	Upgrade	Camp Snyder BLVD (SRDBLVD)	Camp Directional Signs (Phase 3 of 4) - Install posts for directional signs & paint
861	Upgrade	Camp Snyder BLVD (SRDBLVD)	Camp Directional Signs (Phase 4 of 4) - Install painted signs on posts
665	Wildlife Hab	Grounds (SGD)	Barn Owl Boxes (Phase 3 of 3) - Install two barn owl boxes. One box to be installed on south end of the barn. The second box to be pole mounted and installed on the inside of the camp loop road between the two trail entrances to the Nature pavilion.
455	Wildlife Hab	Fish Pond Area (SGDFISH)	Bluebird Boxes (Phase 3 of 3) - Install bluebird boxes in accordance with conservation plan. Four completed
802	Wildlife Hab	Michael's Woodshop (SMCSTEMMWS)	Northern Flicker Boxes (Phase 1 of 4) Pre-cut 3 kits.
804	Wildlife Hab	Michael's Woodshop (SMCSTEMMWS)	Northern Flicker Boxes (Phase 3 of 4) Paint three finished Northern Flicker boxes
805	Wildlife Hab	Woodlands (SCONSWOODS)	Northern Flicker Boxes (Phase 4 of 4) Install three Northern Flicker Boxes in accordance with Camp Conservation Plan
615	Wildlife Hab	Grounds (SGD)	Purple Martin Houses (Phase 3 of 3) - Install seven purple martin houses - various locations. Requires fabrication of post, digging hole and setting post
614	Wildlife Hab	Woodlands (SCONSWOODS)	Screech Owl/Kestrel Boxes (Phase 4 of 4) Install six screech owl/Kestrel boxes in accordance with conservation plan
610	Wildlife Hab	Wetlands (SCONSWET)	Wood Duck Boxes (Phase 3 of 3) - Install two wood duck boxes in accordance with conservation plan
699	Wildlife Hab	Woodlands (SCONSWOODS)	Wren Houses (Phase 3 of 3) - Install wren houses in accordance with conservation plan



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6 Team Projects (2-4 people) - Adults

Proj #	Type	Location	Description
901	Damage	CS 05 Pavilion (SCS05PAV)	Replace damaged fascia board on pavilion
900	Damage	CS 11 Pavilion (SCS11PAV)	Replace damaged roofing boards in pavilion (2 locations)
798	Routine Repairs	Barn (SBARN)	Board up upper window on south end of barn. Consider doing this in connection with installation of the barn owl box. Need to measure and cut plywood to fit and paint white.

Category

7 Individual Projects - Cubs & Above

Proj #	Type	Location	Description
454	Wildlife Hab	Michael's Woodshop (SMCSTEMMWS)	Bluebird Boxes (Phase 1 of 3) - Construction of six bluebird boxes - four completed

Category

8 Individual Projects - Scouts BSA & Above

Proj #	Type	Location	Description
697	Wildlife Hab	Michael's Woodshop (SMCSTEMMWS)	Bluebird Boxes (Phase 2 of 3) - Paint completed bluebird boxes - 4 completed
609	Wildlife Hab	Michael's Woodshop (SMCSTEMMWS)	Wood Duck Boxes (Phase 1 of 3) - Construct two wood duck boxes - one completed (each requires one 1x12x12' and one pair of hinges)
700	Wildlife Hab	Michael's Woodshop (SMCSTEMMWS)	Wood Duck Boxes (Phase 2 of 3) - paint completed wood duck boxes (one box has been painted)

Category

9 Individual Projects - Adults

Proj #	Type	Location	Description
873	Tent Platforms	Campsites (SCS)	Inspect Campsites
858	Upgrade	Michael's Woodshop (SMCSTEMMWS)	Camp Directional Signs (Phase 1 of 4) Cut boards and rout lettering into signs
859	Upgrade	Michael's Woodshop (SMCSTEMMWS)	Camp Directional Signs (Phase 2 of 4) - Paint signs and lettering (detailed work)
613	Wildlife Hab	Michael's Woodshop (SMCSTEMMWS)	Purple Martin Houses (Phase 1 of 3) - Construct seven purple martin houses (Each house requires a sheet of 1/4 plywood)
702	Wildlife Hab	Michael's Woodshop (SMCSTEMMWS)	Purple Martin Houses (Phase 2 of 3) - paint completed purple martin houses

Category

9.1 Individual Projects - Adults (Specialized Skills)

Proj #	Type	Location	Description
846	Chainsaw	Carroll's Cottage (SCC)	Downed Tree at Carroll's Cottage (Phase 1 of 2) Cut downed tree into lengths for splitting
535	Chainsaw	Campsite 01 (SCS01)	Downed tree to be cut up

463	Electrical	Shower House 1 (SSH01)	Int Lights - Inspect, replace bulbs and ballasts as req'd (24 fixtures)
799	Welding/Metal Work	Cabins (SCB)	Re-weld broken section of railing at cabin entrance
800	Welding/Metal Work	JD Rotary Cutter (SVJDROTO)	Remove, heat and reshape damaged part on front edge of bush hog.
355	Welding/Metal Work	Canoe Trailer - Old (SVCTR2)	Repair Bent Canoe Support Arm

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