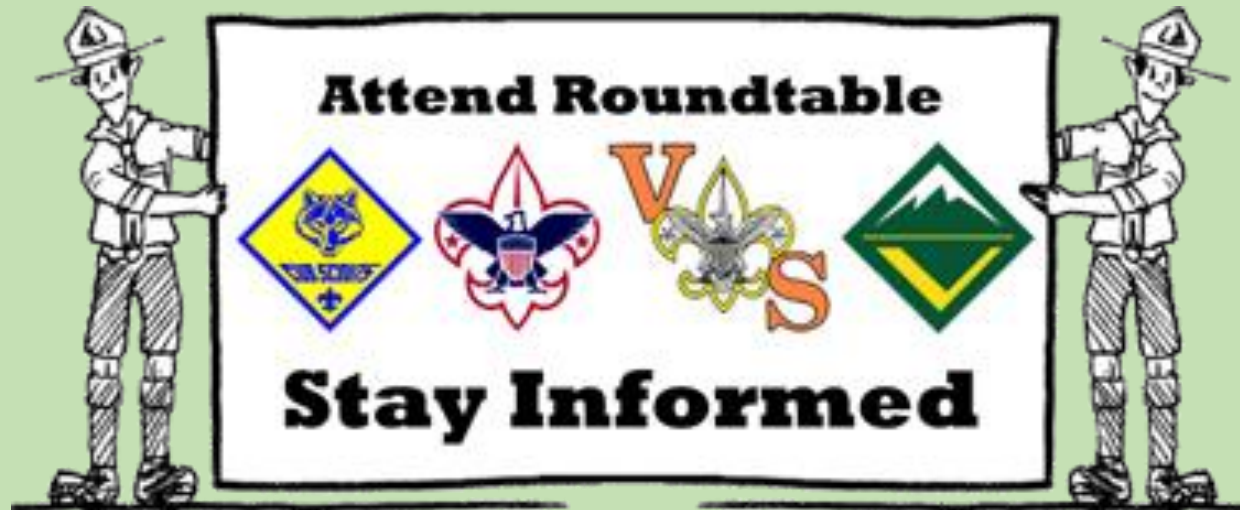


George Mason District DCOH/Roundtable

May 9, 2024



Pledge



Agenda

- Welcome and Pledge
- Questions about [Read-ahead](#)
- Award(s)
- Council Announcements
- General Announcements
- Program Announcements
- Big Rock – Planning for next year of Roundtables
- Cracker Barrel/Networking (Optional; NLT 9pm)
- Next Meeting: June 13, 2024 (Program Launch/Silent Auction 7pm)

Welcome


New to Roundtable?

Please introduce yourself!

Questions/Clarification about Read-ahead?

District and other Award(s)

Council Announcements

- [Brand changing](#) to  Scouting America.
- [Outdoor Programs 2025 Strategic Initiative](#)
- May 1 – New fees went into effect; no \$25 joining fee
- May 21 – Council-Wide Roundtable (Virtual)
- June 1 – [New Cub Program](#)
- June 13 – Program Launch (7pm)
- July – Dec – [Renewal](#) notices, via email, to registered Adults/Youth

General Announcements

Current 2024 George Mason Calendar

- May 27, 2024 – [Memorial Day Flags In](#), Falls Church, VA
- May 29, 2024 – Elks Youth Recognition Dinner for 2023 Eagle Scouts
- Sept 28, 2024 – Life to Eagle Seminar, St James, Falls Church, VA
- Oct 18-20, 2024 – Fall Camporee, Camp Rock Enon, Gore, VA



STEM

- 07/08/24 – 07/12/24 – [STEM Summer Workshop](#), Alexandria, VA
- 08/05/24 – 08/09/24 – [STEM Summer Workshop](#), Alexandria, VA
- Ancient Earth: Birth of the Sky (on PBS) - [link](#)
- Anytime – [DC STEM Trek](#)- 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
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Elks Youth Recognition Dinner

- For youth that earned Eagle in 2023 (i.e. their Eagle Board of Review was held in the 2023 calendar year) and their Scoutmasters.
- Wednesday, 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.



GREEKS VERSUS **ROMANS**

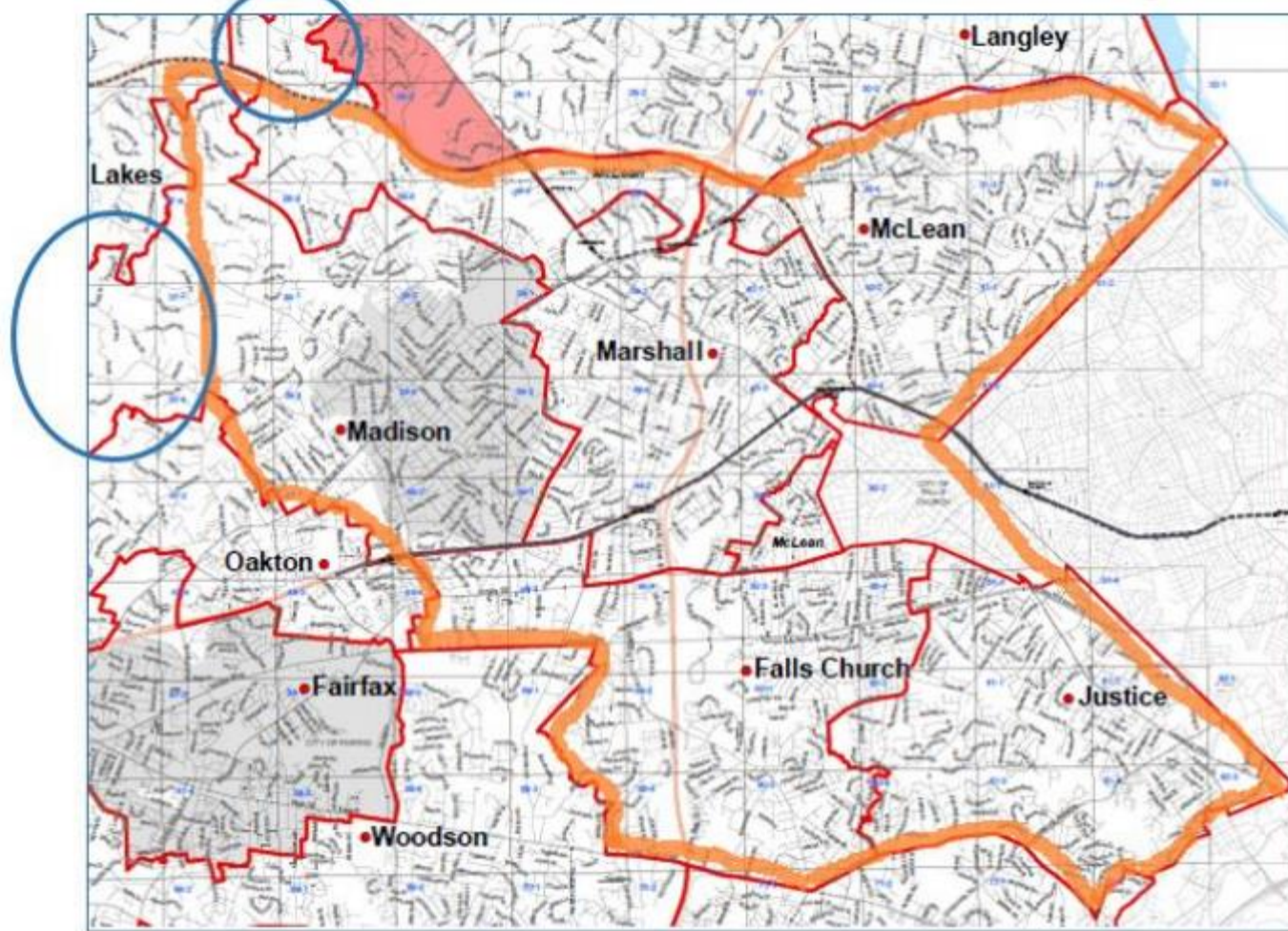
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Alignment Update

George Mason District adjustment



Circles represent where roads (straight lines) were chosen over HS boundary

Rationale:

- Picks up Falls Church and Justice HSs
- Transfers area north of 267 back to Langley HS (Powhatan Dist)
- Transfers Oakton HS proper back to area with students (Powhatan Dist)

Pros:

- alignment with HSs
- picks up areas uncovered by reallocation of Old Dominion

Cons:

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Units Impacted

- GMD
 - Packs – 0187, 0882, 1513 (to Powhatan)
 - Troops – 0187, 0918, 1113, 1887, 1888 (to Powhatan)
- Old Dominion District
 - Packs – 0855, 1845, 1962 (to GMD)
 - Troops – 0875, 1845 (to GMD)
- Chain Bridge District
 - Still under review

District Name Change

- The Organizational Alignment Committee's district alignment recommendations will propose these naming guidelines:
 - Districts composed of more or less than one county should be named after a prominent geographical feature.
 - Districts whose boundaries have been significantly redrawn should be renamed [10 districts listed].
 - NCAC will approve final name submission.
- ***Our Guidelines:***
 - We encourage you to get suggestions from your Scouts, parents, Committee members and uniformed leaders.
 - The District Committee will review all submissions and develop a short list of names.
 - A short list will be provided, via survey, for a vote of all registered adults. One week will be given for this vote.
 - To assist in locating a prominent geographical feature, we have added the new District boundary [map](#).
 - A survey will be released, within a day or two, to allow you to submit your recommendation(s).

Big Rock – Roundtable Format and Topics



Roundtable Topics Covered

- Success stories – fund raising, recruitment, volunteers, cub program
- Unique opportunities for scouts, recruiting, fund raising, and training
- Outdoor/Camping activities and great sites/unique HA activities
- Youth Mental Health and courses available
- Local organizations that have activities/programs/opportunities for scouts
- Discussions related to transition from Cubs to Scouts BSA
- Discussions related to issues as scouts age through the program
- Recruiting, membership and how to reach non-traditional youth
- How to better publicize activities
- STEM opportunities
- Backpacking, paddle, climbing and biking locations; program support
- Make the Calendar items a pre-read or handout.
- De-emphasize information transmission and focus on comradery
- Panels on specific topics – clearly identify if Cubs, Scouts or family scouting
- Move Scout Expo to a community location for exposure – e.g., Vienna Community Center on Saturday
- Roundtable topics planned out for whole year – announce the schedule, type (e.g., panel)
- Share best practices
- Be more interactive

Not yet Complete or Covered

- Share best practices
- Be more interactive
- Effective communication and team building
- Eagle Scout project opportunities
- fund raising alternatives
- Cub camping places and getting approval
- Get more people involved with themes – e.g., advancement coordinator night
- In-unit youth training – we are all rebuilding after the pandemic
- Developing Leadership/leadership stories
- Kids development
- Local experts in topics pertinent to scouting program (e.g., Conservation)
- Adventures/inspiring service projects
- Specific options to expand the scouting experience beyond NCAC
- Programming that is not currently part of the unit planning
- Periodic social event in lieu of standard meeting - Foster more networking

Time for Cracker Barrel

- *Minutes and slides available on the [GMD web site](#) (District Resources, Roundtable). Password is “GMDRT”*
- *Next meeting – June 13, 2024, at Thoreau MS*
 - *Program Launch/Silent Auction (7pm)*
 - *Roundtable (8pm)*

Backup Slides

Merit Badges

- The online Merit Badge Counselor [registration](#).
- 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.

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 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.



Training (<https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/training/>)

Cub Scout Den Leader Specific (C42)

- [Available on-line \(125 min\)](#)
- [06/01/24 - Alexandria, VA](#)

•Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO;C32) -

- [05/10/24 - 05/11/24 - Fredericksburg, VA](#)

•Scoutmaster Position Specific Training(S24)

- [Available on-line \(192 min\)](#)
- [06/01/24 - Alexandria, VA](#)

•Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS; S11)

- [05/10/24 - 05/11/24 - Fredericksburg, VA](#)

Climbing Level 1 Instructor

June 15-16 at [Great Falls Park](#), 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM. [Logistics memo](#)

Sept 7-8 at [Great Falls Park](#), 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM. [Logistics memo](#)

Sept 21-22 at [Sugarloaf Mountain](#), 8:15 AM to 5:00 PM. [Logistics memo](#)

Mental Health First Aid

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hrcode/ereg/Registration.aspx?groupID=47>

NYLT <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

Registration is open. Some seats are still available. There may be a wait list.

Wood Badge (A90) <https://www.ncacbsa.org/wood-badge/>

09/13/24 – 09/15/24



GM High Adventure



May 2024

- **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](#) for more information
- Important notes for this month
 - 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 are 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
 - Lenhok’sin Provo Backpacking Trip June 23-29, <https://scoutingevent.com/082-83116>
 - 3 spaces available for Scouts or adults
 - 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 Backpacking Trip: 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, ID Trip - 06/21 to 06/29/2025
 - Registration begins June 1, 2024 - \$1,385 per person – Ask for details
- **High Adventure Preparation Training**
 - All sessions for this year are finished

GM High Adventure



May 2024 (cont.)

- Other Training
 - [Back Country Outdoor Leadership Skills](#) - 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

- Requests for Shooting Events – Lead Time!
 - 50+ scouts - 6mos
 - Less than 50 scouts - 3mos
- Shooting on private land:
 - Requirements
 - Permissions/protocols
- Shooting Sports [web page](#)
- Shooting Sports Instructor Classes:
 - [Rifle/Shotgun - 07/20/24, 08/24/24](#)



Order of the Arrow

- Brian Fleck is Chapter Advisor.
- 2024 Dues can be paid online: <https://wipit470.org/dues.html>
- Registrations open online
<https://wipit470.org/index.html> under “Events”