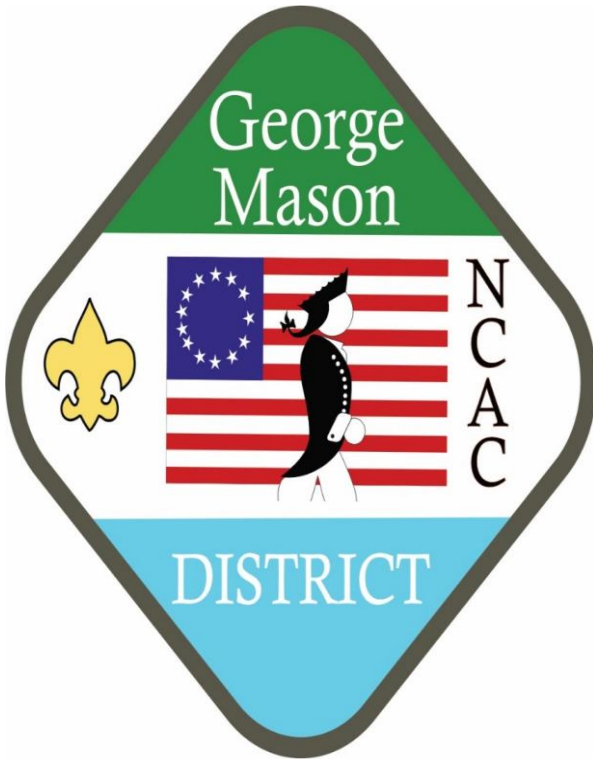




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Welcome to this edition of the George Mason District Press. We e-mail this out bi-monthly to the BSA registered leaders in George Mason District; unit leaders and merit badge counselors – those who have their current YPT.

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. August 11, 2022 – Roundtable Meeting (Thoreau and online) at 7:30 pm – OA Chapter meeting will be same time/location

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](#)

[Pay OA Dues](#)

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

07/01/22 - **New Citizenship in Society Merit Badge required for Eagle Scout**

07/09/22 -07/10/22 - **SCUBA PADI Certification (1 of 2)**, Pool Session

07/11/22 - 07/15/22 - **Cub Day Camp**, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

07/16/22 - 07/17/22 - **SCUBA PADI Certification (2 of 2)**, Open Water

07/17/22 - 07/23/22 - **Scouts BSA Specialty Week (5 Merit Badges)**, Camp Snyder

07/17/22 - 07/23/22 - **James River Adventure Crew**, Goshen, VA

07/24/22 - 07/29/22 - **Course 22-4 National Youth Leaders Training (NYLT)**, Camp Snyder

07/24/22 - 07/29/22 - **Course 22-5 National Youth Leaders Training (NYLT)**, Camp Snyder

07/25/22 - 07/30/22 – National Order of the Arrow Conference, University of Tennessee

08/06/22 - 08/07/22 - **SCUBA PADI Certification (1 of 2)**, Pool Session

08/09/22 - Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm, Zoom

08/11/22 - Roundtable/Join Scouting, 7:30pm, Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA

08/13/22 - 08/14/22 - **SCUBA PADI Certification (2 of 2)**, Open Water

08/17/22 - 08/19/22 - **OA Summer Ordeal, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA**

08/20/22 - 08/21/22 - **SCUBA PADI Certification (1 of 2)**, Pool Session

08/26/22 - 08/28/22 - **NCAC Powder Horn**, Camp St. Charles, Newberg, MD

08/27/22 - 08/28/22 - **SCUBA PADI Certification (2 of 2)**, Open Water

08/31/22 - District Committee, 7:30pm, Zoom

09/08/22 - Roundtable, 7:30pm, Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA

09/09/22 - 09/11/22 - **Fall Wood Badge (Session 1 of 2)**, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

09/10/22 - **Paddle Craft Safety/Canoeing MB Instructor** (Still Water), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

09/11/22 - **Paddle Craft Safety** (Moving Water), Riley's Lock, MD

09/13/22 - Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm, Zoom

09/16/22 - 09/18/22 - OA Fall Fellowship, Camp Olmsted

09/24/22 - Life to Eagle Seminar, Christ Lutheran Church, Fairfax, VA

09/24/22 & 10/22-23/22 - **BCOLS Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills Training** – Markham, VA

09/26/22 & 10/01/22 - **Leave No Trace Trainer course**, Germantown, MD

09/28/22 – District Committee, 7:30pm, Zoom

09/30/22 - 10/02/22 – Patriot/GM OA Chapters Fall Area Ordeal – Camp Snyder



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

- 10/03/22 - Partial Merit Badge Completion Clinic (Aquatics), TBD
- 10/08/22 - 10/09/22 - **Fall Wood Badge (Session 2 of 2)**, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 10/11/22 - Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm (Virtual)
- 10/13/22 - Roundtable Meeting, 7:30pm, Zoom & Thoreau Middle School, Vienna, VA
- 10/15/22 - 10/16/22 - **Jamboree on the Air/Jamboree on the Internet**
- 10/17/22 & 10/22/22 - **Leave No Trace Trainer course**, Germantown, MD
- 10/21-23/22 George Mason Fall Camporee – Theme & Site TBD
- 10/28-30/22 V3 HIKE-O-REE – see details on later pages
- 11/01/22 – 05/31/23 – Unit election season for Order of the Arrow begins
- 11/05/22 - Scouting for Food (Tag Distribution)
- 11/06/22 - **Flags In Veterans Day**, National Memorial Park, Falls Church, VA
- 11/12/22 - Scouting for Food (Food Pick-up)
- 11/08/22 - Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm (Virtual)
- 11/10/22 - Roundtable Meeting, 7:30pm, Zoom & Thoreau Middle School, Vienna, VA
- 11/30/22 – District Committee, 7:30pm, Zoom
- 12/08/22 - Roundtable Meeting, 7:30pm, Zoom & Thoreau Middle School, Vienna, VA
- 12/13/22 – Commissioner/District Committee Cracker Barrell, 7:30pm (Virtual)
- 02/25/23 - University of Scouting
- 04/28/22-04/30/23 – Patriot/George Mason OA Chapters Spring Ordeal Induction – Camp Snyder, Gainesville, VA
- 05/05/23 - 05/07/23 – George Mason Spring Camporee – Theme & Site TBD
- 05/29/23 – **Flags In Memorial Day**, National Memorial Park, Falls Church, VA
- 05/31/23 – Unit election season for Order of the Arrow closes
- 07/19/23 - 07/28/23 – **BSA 2023 National Jamboree**, The Summit Bechtel Reserve, WV,



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Chair's Chat May, 2022

Is it summer yet? School is out, Memorial Day is long behind, the Nats are more than 20 games back, still playing hockey?, Father's Day is done, but the calendar says summer starts tomorrow. Good enough, let's go! Off to vacations, picnics, summer camp, pool parties, high adventure, great weather, and all the things that make summer great. We have spent all year getting ready for this time. Let's have fun!

We are wrapping up the season at the George Mason District as well. FOS wraps up this week and we are on the cusp of reaching our goal again this year. Thank you to all who helped make that possible. We have also finished the spring with 4% growth in membership. Great job! We will be taking a break in July from our monthly District Roundtable and District Committee meetings but will be back in August.

While summer gives us a chance to enjoy the fruits of our labors, it is also a time to reflect and plan for the Scouting year ahead. We just held the District "Program Launch" to help Packs and Troops get started with unit planning for activities and events in the next year. Program is essential to all we do to make Scouting work but don't forget to make sure you attract new Cubs and Scouts by planning and advertising your various join Scouting events. Our council will again be paying to boost your events on Facebook so don't forget to sign up for "Geofencing". Boosted events attract a 20% larger audience.

Don't forget about paying for all that program you are planning. The Trails End Popcorn sale will be starting just in time for your late summer and fall events and new Scouts. Please consider participating in the popcorn sale as either your main unit fundraiser or as an adjunct to whatever other fundraising you do. Consider having an online sale that doesn't require handling any product or money.

Back to where we started. Have a great summer. Get recharged. Get "prepared". I'll see you on the trail.

John Kilduff – George Mason District Chair

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George Mason District Executive Departs the District

After a year serving as George Mason District Executive, Jose Calil, has left professional Scouting. Jose is taking a career turn and will be working in the fitness industry as a gym manager in Springfield, VA. Jose served us well through a difficult time as we dealt with huge changes in technology, relationships with our charter organizations, bankruptcy, and coming back from remote meetings. Thank you, Jose. We wish you great success in your new career.



NCAC is actively seeking a new professional to assume our District Executive position. In the meantime, the Chain Bridge District Director will be providing us with professional support. Keenan Pallone can be reached at Keenan.Pallone@scouting.org.



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George Mason District Congratulates Brian Summers Sr. Recipient of the 2022 NCAC Silver Beaver Award

May 22, 2022 at Camp Snyder



Brian Summers, SR is a scouter who professionally has spent over 30 years as an IT professional and is a Cyber Security Manager, PMP, and CISSP at ManTech international. Brian started his scouting career at age 11 in Troop 154 in Falls Church, VA. He earned the Youth Religious award, became a member of the Order of the Arrow, and became an Eagle Scout and lifelong membership in the National Eagle Scout Association.

He later enlisted in the US Army as a Combat Engineer. Brian returned to Scouting after starting his family, first as a Cub Master and then later an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 1978 in Vienna, VA. Brian has been recognized with the District Award of Merit and the Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor while supporting the George Mason District and the OA Chapter.

NCAC has recognized only 12 recipients of the Silver Beaver for 2022. Please congratulate Brian when you see him!



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2022 Journey to Excellence – NEW INFO from BSA

<https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/>

Journey to Excellence is the Boy Scouts of America program to help Packs, Troops, Crews, Ships and Posts to plan, monitor and evaluate their performance and their ability to serve youth. There are specific criteria for the unit to plan and accomplish. These standards are reviewed each year and revised standards are published.

The 2022 Journey to Excellence Standards are now available.

Here are the major changes in the JTE scorecards for 2022.

1. The standards are written as activities that the unit will do. This is to emphasize that JTE is primarily a planning tool.
2. The Cub Scout scorecard has many changed standards. This is because of changes in the Cub Scout program.
3. For standard #10, Gold now includes recruiting a new leader. We have found that the best units continually recruit parents and other adults who have never been involved in Scouting.

There is no requirement, no expectation and, in fact, we might discourage a unit from believing that they should achieve Gold in all JTE criteria. A great unit is balanced in the service that it provides to youth. There is no shame and no problem if a unit achieves Silver or Bronze. That unit is serving youth. We regard the various colors as meaning:

Bronze – Effective
Silver – Excellent
Gold – Exceptional

Please share with us your thoughts about JTE and any suggestions that you have for improvement. Please sent them to jte@scouting.org

National Assessment and Evaluation Committee
Boy Scouts of America

[2022 JTE Unit Scorecards \(PDF\) links](#)

- [Pack Scorecard](#)
- [Troop Scorecard](#)
- [Crew Scorecard](#)
- [Ship Scorecard](#)
- [Post Scorecard](#)



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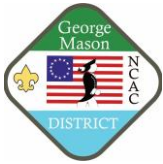
Izaak Walton League of America - IWLA Arlington Fairfax

2021 ARL-FX IWLA Education & Training Course Schedule

Please direct all questions to the Chapter's Director of Education & Training

John Seaberg @ John.Seaberg@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org.

Date	Course	Cost	Registration Payment
July 23, 2022	NRA Metallic Cartridge Reloading Course	\$100	Registration Paypal
July 30, 2022	NRA Basics of Shotgun Shooting Course	\$75	Registration Paypal
August 12-14, 2022	NRA BIT and Basic CCW Instructor Course	\$200	Registration Paypal
August 27, 2022	NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting Course	\$75	Registration Paypal
September 18, 2022	NRA Basic RSO Course	\$100	Registration Paypal
September 24-25, 2022	NRA Basic CCW Course	\$150	Registration Paypal
October 8-9, 2022	NRA Level 1 Shotgun Coach School	\$225	Registration Paypal
October 22, 2022	NRA Basics of Shotgun Shooting Course	\$75	Registration Paypal
November 12-13, 2022	NRA Level 1 Rifle Coach School	\$225	Registration Paypal
November 19, 2022	Shotgun Shell Reloading Course	\$100	Registration Paypal
December 4, 2022	NRA Basic RSO Course	\$100	Registration Paypal



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Get your
Passport to Adventure
for Summer Camp 2022
at Camp Snyder!



Cub Scout Camp Day Camp

Weeks of
6/27 & 7/11

Resident Weekends

Weekends of
6/23, 6/30, 7/7, & 7/14
Mid-week 7/5

Adventures! Advancement! Fun!

Programs are open to Cub Scouts - rising Tigers to rising Webelos.

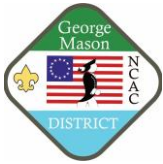
www.gotosnyder.org

Looking for programs for older campers?

Scout Specialty Week
for Scouts BSA
www.gotosnyder.org

Goshen Scout Reservation
for Scouts BSA, Venturers, & Webelos
www.gotogoshen.org

WWW.gotosnyder.org



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BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND IN 2022 CAMP WILLIAM B. SNYDER SCOUTS BSA SPECIALTY WEEK! NEW FOR 2022: THE GREEN BAR BILL PATROL FIRST-YEAR SCOUT PROGRAM



WHO: YOU!

WHAT: A WEEK FOR SCOUTS TO EARN MERIT BADGES AND MORE

WHEN: JULY 17 - 23, 2022

WHERE: CAMP SNYDER, HAYMARKET, VA

WHY: FUN, ADVANCEMENT REQUIREMENTS, AND FUN!

HOW: REGISTERED MEMBERS OF SCOUTS BSA CAN PARTICIPATE AS DAY OR RESIDENTIAL CAMPERS IN JAMBOREE-STYLE PROVISIONAL TROOPS TO EARN EAGLE-REQUIRED, OUTDOOR-FOCUSED, AND HANDS-ON MERIT BADGES, PARTICIPATE IN EVENING PROGRAMS, AND FIRST-YEAR SCOUTS CAN WORK ON FIRST CLASS SCOUT RANK REQUIREMENTS.

PLANNED MERIT BADGES INCLUDE WOODWORKING, AVIATION, SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION, MOVIE MAKING, ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, SEARCH & RESCUE, PHOTOGRAPHY, WEATHER, FIRST AID, SWIMMING, CLIMBING, EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, AND RADIO.

FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION GO TO:

[HTTPS://SCOUTINGEVENT.COM/082-2022SNYDERMBWEEK](https://scoutingevent.com/082-2022snydermbweek)

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Camp Snyder Sawdust Saturdays

For Camp Snyder Sawdust Saturdays on scheduled dates (see the calendar below), **please contact Dan Kurtenbach to let us know you are coming.** Use the [sign up link](#) on our Camp Snyder volunteer project [webpage](#), call Dan at 703-802-0613, or email him at cwbs.volunteers@gmail.com. Please review the COVID-19 precautions in the box below.

Individual “Come When You Can” Service

For individual service opportunities at Camp Snyder on your own schedule, contact Camp Ranger Ryan Alford, 615-934-7962 (mobile), ryan.alford@scouting.org, to discuss a date, time, and available projects.

- **ARRIVAL WINDOW:** 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Come any time during the arrival window and someone will be there. We usually finish by mid-afternoon. If you’d like to come earlier or later, please call or text before you leave home to see if someone will be at camp. **Call or text Dan Kurtenbach at 703-802-0613 or Ryan Alford at 615-934-7962.**
- **FIND US:** When you arrive at camp, **call or text Dan Kurtenbach at 703-802-0613 or Ryan Alford at 615-934-7962.** If you are not familiar with Camp Snyder, use the map below (also attached).
- **BRING:** Drinking water, personal hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, and/or other personal cleaning supplies.
- **WEAR:** Outerwear, sun protection, and insect protection appropriate for the season and weather.
- **WEAR:** Work clothes that can get dirty, torn, or permanently stained.
- **WEAR:** Closed-toe shoes or boots, work gloves, eye protection, and ear protection (when using loud equipment).
- **BRING:** Tools you like to use if you have them. Tools that get a lot of use are: battery-powered drills/drivers with bits for Phillips #2 and Star T-25 screws; hammers; pry bars; and – you guessed it – saws.

2022 Sawdust Saturdays Schedule:

July – Off	October 15, 2022
August 20, 2022	November 12, 2022
September 17, 2022	December 17, 2022



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NCAC Aquatics Committee - Program 2022

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/aquatics-committee/>

The NCAC Aquatics Committee is please to confirm the following programs.

Paddle Craft Safety – Fall = Limit 16 Scouts/Leaders

Course Fee \$30/day

Still water course includes ***Canoe Merit Badge Counselor Certification***

Still water required for Moving Water

September 10, 2022 @8:00am – Still Water Safety – Silver Lake

Class at the Hylton Center – am

Silver Lake - pm

September 11, 2022 @8:30am – Moving Water Safety – Potomac River

Rileys Lock – On the Potomac

James River Adventure Crew

July 17 – 23, 2022 – Sign-up on High Adventure Committee site

<https://www.gotogoshen.org/camps-programs/lenhoksin-high-adventure/>

SCUBA – PADI Certification by Age / Scouts BSA Merit Badge

PADI Divemaster Andrew Blanco (Email ABSEAS2@aol.com to schedule)

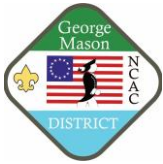
Fee \$650 - Minimum age 14 years

Three Sessions:

- **July 9-10 Pool Session & July 16-17 – Open Water**
- **Aug 6 & 7 – Pool Session & Aug 13 & 14 – Open Water**
- **Aug 20 & 21 – Pool Session & Aug 27 & 28 – Open Water**

Partial Merit Badge Completion Clinic

Tentative -TBD - October 3, 2022 - 18 Scout Limit



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V3 HIKE-O-REE

October 28-30, 2022

The 32nd Annual V3 (originally named for Venturing, Varsity, and Venture) Hike-o-ree will be held October 28-30, 2022, at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center, Front Royal, VA. Registration is limited to trail capacities of the fifteen trails. The Hike-o-ree is open to all **Venturing Crews, Sea Scout Ships, and Scouts BSA Troops**. Units must form trail crews consisting of no more than 12 members, including at least two adults. If a unit has more than 12 simply form another crew (with proper adult leadership). The **minimum age to participate is 13**.

BSA units will need to comply with the Guide to Safe Scouting, etc., and meet the safety requirements therein. All BSA Scouts and Scouters that hike must bring a current BSA Annual Health and Medical Record, parts A, and B, and meet the weight limits on part C.

Trail crews will be assigned a hike based on the preferences indicated in their registration. All hikes are approximately ten miles in length and range in difficulty from moderate (1500 foot change in elevation) to super strenuous (2600 foot change in elevation). Other Hike-o-ree activities include a Friday night opening rally, a Saturday night **High Adventure Rally**, and a service project on Sunday morning. Crews receive their Hike-o-ree t-shirts Saturday night.

The Hike-o-ree is intended to be an introduction to backpacking and shakedown. **Therefore, camping at the 4-H Center is BACKPACKING style using ONLY backpacking equipment.** Bring ONLY what you can carry in your backpack. Come prepared to cook outdoors; bring a trail tarp. Do not bring chuck boxes, coolers, Dutch ovens, propane tanks, camp lanterns, etc.!!

Registration on a **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS** begins on **September 1, 2022**, on the BSA National Capital Area Council website.

Unit deposit is required to reserve a particular hike **not later than October 7, 2022**. After you register for a hike and pay your deposit, you will be sent a confirmation email with the leader's package and detailed information about the hike you have selected.

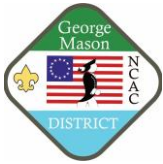
Because of the lead-time required to produce the t-shirts, the final date to provide shirt numbers and sizes (S, M, L, XL, 2XL) is **October 14**. **NO ADDITIONAL ORDERS CAN BE TAKEN AFTER THAT DATE.** Submit payment and final shirt orders online on BSA National Capital Area Council website.

For additional information contact:

Joe Flaig, (703) 250-9791 (H), jwflaig@aol.com

Terry Gigure, awpm2k@cox.net

Dominick Caridi, (703) 625-4196, dscscouting@aol.com



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- Hike #1 - White Oak/Cedar Run Canyon** Superstrenuous Elevation change: 3200 feet
Length: 9.7 miles Driving Distance (one way): 42.9 miles PATC Map: 10
This hike goes through two of the deepest and steepest ravines in the Shenandoah National Park. Both canyons have waterfalls, cascades and high cliffs.
- Hike #2 - Robertson Mountain** Superstrenuous Elevation change: 2884 feet
Length: 11.3 miles Driving Distance (one way): 34.8 miles PATC Map: 10
This trail follows a beautiful trout stream to an original mountaineer's cabin and finally over one of the least climbed mountains in the Shenandoah National Park. If you want a challenge, climb Robertson Mountain from the east.
- Hike #3 - Overall Run** Superstrenuous Elevation change: 2490 feet
Length: 9.5 miles Driving Distance (one way): 15.6 miles PATC Map: 9
This hike follows trails that were farm roads in pre-park days and gives access to the Overall Run Falls. At 93 feet, it is the highest waterfall in the Shenandoah National Park.
- Hike #4 - Little Devil's Stairs** Strenuous Elevation change: 2155 feet
Length: 10.2 miles Driving Distance (one way): 26.1 miles PATC Map: 9
Little Devil's Stairs Trail winds around and between the rocks in a canyon, crossing and recrossing Keyser Run many times. Be sure to stop and visit a graveyard dating back to the early 1800s.
- Hike #5 - Thorofare Mountain** Strenuous Elevation change: 2559 feet
Length: 9.5 miles Driving Distance (one way): 34.8 miles PATC Map: 10
This trail offers a waterfall, old farm roads that once connected the families in this area, two great swimming holes, and a restored mountaineer's cabin.
- Hike #6 - Hazel Country** Strenuous Elevation change: 2467 feet
Length: 9.9 miles Driving Distance (one way): 34.8 miles PATC Map: 10
The mountaineer has been gone for 50 years, but the few old houses, which remain standing, old apple orchards, the lonely chimneys, and crude stone fences are evidence that he was here.
- Hike #7 - Hazel Mountain** Strenuous Elevation change: 2365 feet
Length: 10.25 miles Driving Distance (one way): 32 miles PATC Map: 10
This hike takes you into one of the most remote areas of the Shenandoah National Park and is recommended for crews who are map and compass experts. It offers a waterfall, a swimming hole and a cave.
- Hike #8- Old Rag** Strenuous Elevation change: 2423 feet
Length: 9.0 miles Driving Distance (one way): 35.0 miles PATC Map: 10
If you have never climbed "Old Raggedy Top", now's the time. This hike provides views in all directions, including a noble panorama of the mountains of the Shenandoah National Park.
- Hike #9 - Jeremy's Run** Moderate Elevation change: 2222 feet
Length: 10.0 miles Driving Distance (one way): 35.0 miles PATC Map: 9
Jeremy's Run is one of the most scenic streams in the Northern District of the Shenandoah National Park. The trail is beautifully forested and the run itself is a continual series of cascades and pools.
- Hike #10 - Signal Knob** Moderate Elevation change: 2770 feet
Length: 10.6 miles Driving Distance (one way): 15.4 miles PATC Map: G
Signal Knob was used by the Confederate forces during the Civil War to monitor movement of Federal troops. Excellent views are provided of the Shenandoah Valley.
- Hike #11 - Thomton Hollow** Moderate Elevation change: 2384 feet
Length: 10.6 miles Driving Distance (one way): 28.5 miles PATC Map: 9
This hike gives the backpacker a taste of the Appalachian Trail. It descends over Piney Ridge and climbs back up along the beautiful North Fork of the Thomton River.
- Hike #12 - Piney Ridge/Piney Branch** Moderate Elevation change: 1650 feet
Length: 9.4 miles Driving Distance (one way): 26.7 miles PATC Map: 9
Walk along a ridge where homes and farmlands once stood and see a spectacular view of a three tier waterfall. Offers two waterfalls and a deep swimming hole.
- Hike #13- Big Devil's Stairs Overlook** Moderate Elevation change: 1300 feet
Length: 10.8 miles Driving Distance (one way): 12.2 miles PATC Map: 9
This hike slabs around the eastern and southern slopes of Mount Marshall and provides a side trek to the east rim of Big Devil's Stairs offering spectacular views of Big Devil's Stairs canyon and the mountains beyond.
- Hike #14 - Massanutten Mountain** Moderate Elevation change: 2237 feet
Length: 9.1 miles Driving Distance (one way): 16.0 miles PATC Map: G
From the top of the ridge, there will be opportunities for superb views both east towards the mountains of the Shenandoah National Park and west into the Shenandoah Valley.
- Hike #15 - Sugarloaf Trail** Moderate Elevation change: 1876 feet
Length: 9.3 miles Driving Distance (one way): 25.4 miles PATC Map: 9
This trail uses both the Appalachian Trail and horse and foot trails that were farm roads in the pre-park days. It also offers two excellent viewing areas from the tops of Sugarloaf and Hogback Mountains.



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Leave No Trace Trainer Course – Outdoor Ethics



Purpose of this Course

Participants in the Trainer Course learn Leave No Trace skills and ethics as well as techniques for educating others about these low impact practices. Research has shown that this course significantly improves participant knowledge and understanding of how Leave No Trace protects the outdoor places we love. The goal of this course is to teach students taking the course how to introduce the concept of Outdoor Ethics in a fun and engaging way to a group with little experience in outdoor ethics. It should help youth and adults at all program levels understand the general principles behind Scouting's outdoor ethics program. Graduates of a Trainer Course are prepared to lead Outdoor Ethics Orientation and BSA Leave No Trace 101 courses and to offer Leave No Trace Awareness Workshops to their community.

We recommend that youth complete this course before serving as in the troop Outdoor Ethics Guide position.

Who should attend?

This course will be of interest to any youth or registered Scouter who is associated with either implementing or training for any BSA outdoor program at any level. It is also well-suited for anyone who would like to pass on the knowledge of how to treat the outdoors and protect its beauty for others to enjoy. Youth must be at least 14 years old. Youth must be willing and able to conduct themselves appropriately for an adult training experience that is tightly scheduled and highly interactive.

We're pleased to offer 3 LNT Trainer courses in 2022 in NCAC. Please share widely with your units, scouts, scouters, families, and NCAC networks. Thanks much!

Sept/Oct 2022 course in Maryland:

9/26/2022, 7pm-8pm online

10/1/2022, 9am-7pm @ Germantown MD

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-55113>

October 2022 course in Virginia:

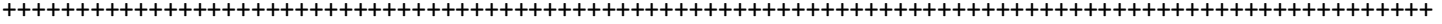
10/17/2022, 7pm-8pm online

10/22/2022, 9am-7pm @ Haymarket VA

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-55114>

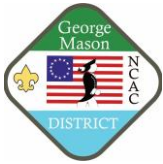


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Welcome to the official page of the Boy Scouts of America's 2023 National Jamboree.
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Powder Horn 2022

The High Adventure Skills Resources Management Course

August 26 – 28

(a three-day course)

Camp St. Charles, Newberg, MD
15375 Stella Maris Dr. Newberg, MD 20664

Course Director: **Bob Simmons**

Presented by the National Capital Area Council, BSA

What is Powder Horn? Powder Horn is a resource course designed to introduce Scouting’s adult leaders to exciting program possibilities using a variety of resources for their unit. It helps leaders to provide a robust outdoor program that meets the health and safety requirements as well as the rules and regulations of the BSA as they apply to outdoor programs. The goal for participants is to leave the Powder Horn course with a list of ideas to help their program, along with contacts and resources needed to implement them. It is important to understand that Powder Horn is not a personal development course or a team building experience. It is not a certification course. Its purpose is to educate the youth and adult Scouting leaders about specific high-adventure skills, to connect them to resources to deliver those skills, and to get them excited about delivering those skills in an exciting, challenging way to youth.

Who can attend Powder Horn? All registered adult leaders are welcome. All participants must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. Adults must have completed Leader Specific Training for their registered position. All youth applications will be placed on a wait list until all adult applications are processed. Youth participants (14 and up) will be admitted on an individual basis and requires the completion of the Powder Horn Youth Application Addendum which includes the nomination by the unit leader. Youth must have completed their unit’s version of leadership training (Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops or Crews, etc.). National Youth Leadership Training is recommended.

What are the pre-requisites?

- Must be a registered adult or youth member of the Boy Scouts of America, within the Scouts BSA or Venturing Program.
- All adult participants must be fully trained for their program, to include a valid Youth Protection Training certificate which covers the course dates.
- All participants must complete the Hazardous Weather training, Safety Afloat and Safe Swim Defense, Drive Safely, and Climb on Safely online (through Scouting.org) prior to the course.
- Meet the physical requirements contained in the Annual Health and Medical Record physical in a back-country environment (Forms A, B, and C).
- Youth must be 14 years of age (or in a Venturing crew if 13 years of age and completed eighth grade).
- Youth must have completed the unit’s version of leadership training (Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops, Ships, or Crews, etc.). National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is recommended for youth participants.

What will we do? Powder Horn is organized around the BSA’s High Adventure elements. Topics may include:

• Archery	• Cycling/Mountain Biking	• Scuba
• Astronomy	• Emergency Preparedness	• Search & Rescue
• Backpacking	• Fly Fishing	• Shooting Sports
• Caving	• Land Navigation	• Water Craft
• Communications	• Leave No Trace/Outdoor Ethics	• Wilderness Survival
• Conservation Projects	• Outdoor Living History	• Winter Sports
• COPE Challenge Course	• Plants & Wildlife	• Working with Youth

What is the Course Size? The course is limited to 32 participants.

- Adult registrations will be accepted on a first come-first served basis to fill the 32 participant positions and, when those are filled, adult applicants will be placed on a waiting list in case of cancellation.
- We are not able to accept youth registration on a first come-first served basis. All youth will be placed on a wait-list and asked to complete the Powder Horn Youth Application Addendum via email. The addendum will be used to evaluate all youth registrations.
- **How Do I Register?** Registration is now open and closes on June 3, 2022. The fee is **\$300.00** after the closing date the fee increases to \$350. Fees will only be refunded if you cancel before July 1, 2020 **AND** there is someone on the waiting list willing to take your place.

NCAC Powder Horn Coordinator: Dominick Caridi,
DscScouting@aol.com // 703-625-4196



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2022 Wood Badge Registration NOW Open



Spring Course

Register at: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/wood-badge/>

Weekend #1: 29 April - 1 May 2022

Weekend #2: 13 - 15 May 2022

Course Director: Mr. John Howlin
johnhowlinjr@yahoo.com



Fall Course

Registration Open 30 April, 2022

Weekend #1: 9 - 11 September 2022

Weekend #2: 8 - 9 October 2022

Course Director: Mr. Rick Rogers
rsrogers4@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

Wood Badge - Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-49317>

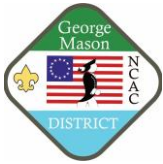
Wood Badge is an advanced, national leadership course open only to Scouting volunteers and professionals. Scouters from Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts, and Explorers, and district and council Scouters all are welcome and belong here.

Listen to the [April 2017 CubCast](#), "Tell Us More About Wood Badge," to learn more about this advanced leadership training course.

What do we see on course? We do many things on course, like:

- Listening
- Managing conflict
- Leading change
- Stages of team development
- Coaching & Mentoring
- Leadership for different stages
- Servant leadership
- Project planning
- And more!

These come to you in presentations, games, discussions, activities, and other methods.



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Wood Badge (cont.)

Why do you want to go?

You want to participate in a Wood Badge course because of things you will learn and do. Here are some of the benefits:

- **Stronger units.** You will make your Scouting unit — and your sons' and daughters' units — stronger.
- **What and why of Scouting.** You will have a deeper understanding of what Scouting is and why we do it.
- **Experience.** You will learn and experience things that will stay with you in Scouting and the rest of your life.
- **Fun.** You will have fun and you will meet interesting people.
- **Other groups.** You will make your other groups, like work, church, even family, stronger.

Here's another summary of why to go. This was originally aimed particularly at Scouters in the Cub Scout program, but it applies equally to all of us.

CUB SCOUT LEADERS! How would you like to attend a training that takes you far beyond your Basic Leader Training? Would you like to build your skills in communication, conflict management and teaching methods? How about a leadership course that rivals many corporate level trainings?

Wood Badge is here for you. This is not a Troop leader training but is designed for Cub, Scout, and Venturing leaders. This course will help you better understand how all the Scouting programs tie together. It will provide you with many useful leadership tools to help enable our youth to have the best possible Scouting experience. There is no better time to attend a Wood Badge course and make a difference in your unit than when you are a Cub Scout Leader.

Tickets

Have you heard of "The Ticket" and wondered what it is? The ticket is a group of five goals you set for yourself to do after course, to improve your unit. You learn more about this on the course.

Purpose of Wood Badge

The purpose of Wood Badge is to develop skilled leaders who can strengthen Scouting units in achieving the mission of the Boy Scouts of America.

When we accomplish the mission of Scouting, we do it in the units. Therefore, the short form of the purpose is, *the purpose of Wood Badge is to strengthen units.*

Although the course is different today, what Baden-Powell said in 1919 still applies:

One of the purposes of Wood Badge training is to get Scouters to think about the practice of Scouting, to meet together, to exchange experiences, and to live together in the spirit of the Scout Oath.



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BE PREPARED...

NCAC NYLT Summer Registration Is Open!!

at

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/national-youth-leadership-training/>



2022 Course Schedule

22-4: July 24-29 @ Camp Snyder, VA*

22-5: July 24-29 @ Camp Snyder, VA*

** Courses running concurrently*



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NYLT

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) equips young people with leadership skills to help them succeed in their Scouting program and in life. NYLT brings together Scouts from all over the council to learn and practice leadership techniques in a risk free, Scout-friendly environment. The Scouts learn and practice leadership skills and styles together.



6 DAYS OF FUN & ADVENTURE
TEAMWORK • GAMES • FOOD
CHALLENGES • CAMPING • LEARNING

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

NYLT is for Scouts who are likely to take on leadership positions in their Troop, Crew, Ship or home unit.

REQUIREMENTS

- 13 years or older
- First Class Rank
- Unit Leader approval
- Completed Intro. to Leadership Skills*
- BSA Med Form: Parts A, B & C

NYLT is an *intense course* for *mature Scouts* who want to become *better leaders*. Scouts must be *respectful* of each other and their actions must be consistent with the *Scout Oath and Law*.

* Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST), Crews (ILSC), or Ships (ILSS)

COURSE # DATES & LOCATIONS

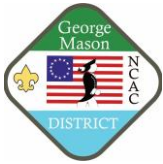
- 22-1 Jan 14-17 & Jan 21-23
Camp William B. Snyder
(Must complete both weekends)
- 22-2 June 19-24
Camp William B. Snyder
- 22-3 June 26 to July 1
Cheltenham, MD
- 22-4 July 24-29
Camp William B. Snyder
- 22-5 July 24-29
Camp William B. Snyder



REGISTRATION AND MORE INFORMATION:

www.myNYLT.org

[Download Flyer PDF \(363kb\)](#)



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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
- [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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TROOP UNIT LEADERS including COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

As you prepare for your Unit's upcoming 2022-2023 program, we wanted to remind you of the requirements needed for a youth or adult to become an Order of the Arrow Ordeal **Candidate**.

Youth Membership Qualifications:

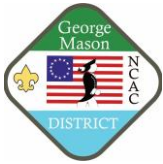
1. Be a **registered member of the Boy Scouts of America**.
2. **At the time of their election, youth must be under the age of 21, hold the Scouts BSA First Class rank, the Venturing Discovery Award, or the Sea Scout Ordinary rank or higher, and following approval by the scoutmaster, crew advisor or Sea Scout skipper, be elected by the youth members of their unit.**
3. The youth must have experienced **15 nights of camping** while registered with a troop, crew or ship within the two years immediately prior to the election. The 15 nights must include **one, but no more than one, long-term camp** consisting of at least five consecutive nights of overnight camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. **Only five nights of the long-term camp may be credited toward the 15-night camping requirement;** the balance of the camping (10 nights) must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps of, at most, three nights each. Ship nights may be counted as camping for Sea Scouts.
4. Assistant scoutmasters who are 18, 19 or 20 years old are also considered to be youth members for the purpose of OA elections. All requirements shown above must be met for a young assistant scoutmaster to be eligible for election.

Prior to the annual election, the unit leader must certify the nominee's Scout spirit and youth membership qualifications. Voting for youth candidates will be based on their spirit of brotherhood, cheerfulness (no matter how tiresome their duties), and a willingness to give unselfish and wholehearted service to others at all times.

Adult Membership Qualifications:

Each year, upon holding a unit election for youth candidates that results in at least one youth candidate being elected, the unit committee may nominate registered unit adults, 21 years of age or older, to the lodge adult selection committee. The number of adults nominated can be no more than one-third of the number of youth candidates elected, rounded up where the number of youth candidates is not a multiple of three. In addition to the one-third limit, the unit committee may nominate the currently serving unit leader (but not assistant leaders), as long as he or she has served as unit leader for at least the previous 12 months. Recommendations of the adult selection committee, with the approval of the Scout executive, will be candidates for induction, provided the following conditions are fulfilled:

1. **Selection of the adult is based on the ability to perform the necessary functions to help the Order fulfill its purpose and is not for recognition of service, including current and prior achievements and positions.**
2. **The individual will be an asset to the Order because of demonstrated abilities that fulfill the purpose of the Order.**
3. **The camping requirements set forth for youth members are fulfilled.**
4. The adult leader's membership will provide a positive example for the growth and development of the youth members of the lodge.



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George Mason Chapter Order of the Arrow (OA)



The George Mason Chapter of the O/A is back to meeting in Person on the 2nd Thursday of the month at Thoreau Middle School from 7:30-8:30. (Same time/location as GM Roundtable.)

9/30-10/02/2022 – Patriot/George Mason Chapters Fall Area Ordeal
Induction – Camp Snyder, Gainesville, VA

11/01/2022 – 05/31/2023 – Unit election season for Order of the Arrow

4/28-30/2023 – Patriot/George Mason Chapters Spring Ordeal Induction –
Camp Snyder, Gainesville, VA

Amangamek-Wipit Lodge - Annual Dues

To attend any OA event or wear your sash and lodge flap, you must be a current dues-paying member of our lodge! For 2022, annual dues will be \$14 until March 31, 2022, when they increase to \$16 on April 1, 2022 (no fooling!). Payment may be made by credit card or e-check.

You will have an opportunity to make a contribution to help support our lodge activities and operations. Become a Lodge Contributor by making a \$100 contribution and receive our special Lodge Contributor patch and the satisfaction of knowing that you've dramatically helped further our mission of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.

If you are transferring from another lodge, please visit the Membership Dues and Transfers page on the lodge website <https://scoutingevent.com/082-MembershipTransfer> and complete the [Membership Transfer Form](#) to pay your dues.

[Pay OA Dues](#)



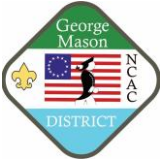
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2022 Amangamek-Wipit Lodge Calendar

Date	Time	Name	Location	Group Responsible
JAN				
Postponed Until Spring Fellowship		2022 Lodge Banquet	(April 1-3, 2022)	Banquet Committee
22		ACT Conference	Central Pres. Ch., Towson, MD	Section Leadership
FEB				
13	3-5 pm	LEC	MSSC (plus virtual)	Lodge Leadership
26		University of Scouting	Hayfield School, Alexandria, VA	Training Committee
MAR				
6	3-5 pm	LO&A	Virtual	Key 7
Pending Fianaliation		Camping-palooza	Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA	Camping-palooza Committee
APR				
1-3		2022 Spring Fellowship	Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA	Spring Fellowship Committee
2		RAMADAN begins		
3	12-2 pm	LEC (@ Fellowship)	Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA	Lodge Leadership
15		PASSOVER begins		
17		EASTER		
23		PASSOVER ends		
MAY				
1	3-5 pm	LO&A	Virtual	Key 7
2		RAMADAN ends		
20-22		Section Conclave	Broad Creek SR, Whiteford, MD	Section Leadership
31		Unit Election Season Closes		
JUN				
11		LLDC	TBD	Training Committee
11	3-5 pm	LEC (After LLDC)	Same as LLDC	Lodge Leadership
18		Goshen Staff First Day	Goshen Scout Reservation, VA	GSR Director
26		GOAT Begins	Goshen Scout Reservation, VA	GOAT Committee
26	8-11 am	Goshen Bus Loading -Day 1	Fairfax County Gov. Center, VA	GBL Committee
JUL				
2	8-11 am	Goshen Bus Loading -Day 2	Fairfax County Gov. Center, VA	GBL Committee
3	8-11 am	Goshen Bus Loading -Day 3	Fairfax County Gov. Center, VA	GBL Committee
9		GOAT Ends	Goshen Scout Reservation, VA	GOAT Committee
9	8-11 am	Goshen Bus Loading -Day 4	Fairfax County Gov. Center, VA	GBL Committee
10	8-11 am	Goshen Bus Loading -Day 5	Fairfax County Gov. Center, VA	GBL Committee
16	8-11 am	Goshen Bus Loading -Day 6	Fairfax County Gov. Center, VA	GBL Committee
17	8-11 am	Goshen Bus Loading -Day 7	Fairfax County Gov. Center, VA	GBL Committee
23	8-11 am	Goshen Bus Loading-Day 8	Fairfax County Gov. Center, VA	GBL Committee
24	8-11 am	Goshen Bus Loading -Day 9	Fairfax County Gov. Center, VA	GBL Committee
25-30		NOAC	University of Tenn., Knoxville	NOAC Committee
30	8-11 am	Goshen Bus Loading -Day 10	Fairfax County Gov. Center, VA	GBL Committee
AUG				
2		Goshen Staff Last Days	Goshen Scout Reservation, VA	GSR Director



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5-7		2022 Vigil Induction (1st)	Goshen Scout Reservation, VA	Vigil Induction Committee
TBD		Lodge Summer Ordeal	Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA	Lodge Ordeal Committee
21	3-5 pm	LEC	MSSC (plus virtual)	Lodge Leadership
SEP				
5		LABOR DAY		
16-18		2022 Fall Fellowship	Camp Snyder, VA	Fall Fellowship Committee
18	12-2 pm	LO&A (@ Fellowship)	Camp Snyder, VA	Key 7
25-27		ROSH HASHANAH		
OCT				
2	3-5 pm	LEC	MSSC (plus virtual)	Lodge Leadership
4-5		YOM KIPPPUR		
NOV				
1		Unit Election Season Opens		
6	3-5 pm	LO&A	MSSC	Key 7
25-26		2022 Vigil Induction (2nd)	Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA	Vigil Induction Committee
DEC				
4	3-5 pm	LEC	MSSC (plus virtual)	Lodge Leadership
2-3		2022 Trade-O-Ree	Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA	Trade-O-Ree Committee

	To be determined by others
	To be determined by us, the Lodge

Lodge Website: Wipit470.org

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