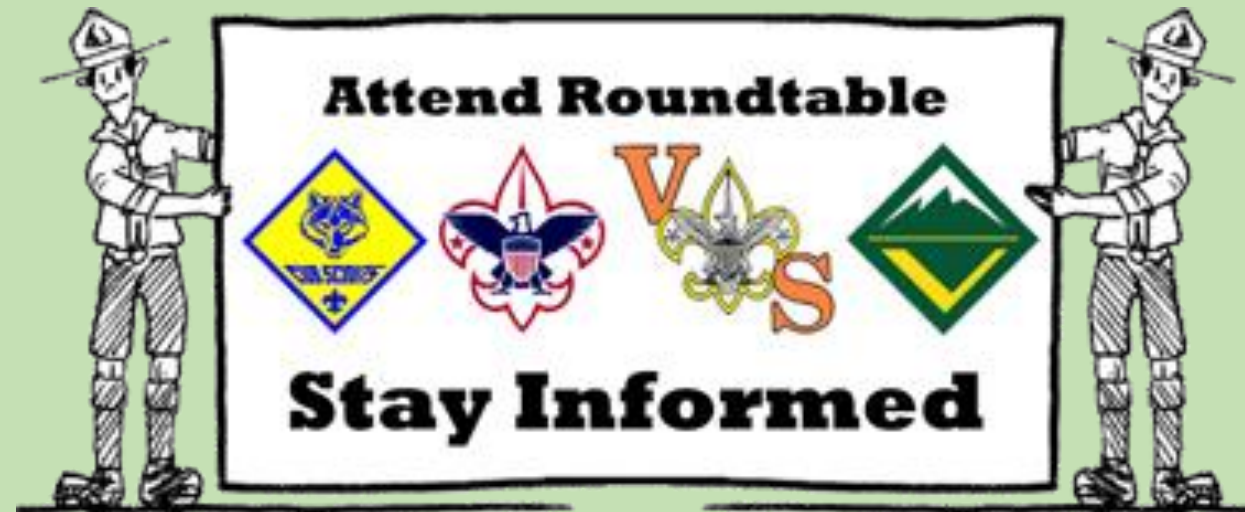


# George Mason District Roundtable

October 13, 2022



**Pledge**



# Council Update

- **Charter Renewal** – 11 of 39 units have logged into the Charter Renewal system.
- **Family Den Pilot Program** – Still time to sign up
- **Fall Family Camping** (Snyder; \$35/person) – BB, Archery, Scouterhorn, Crafts, Leatherwork, Woodshop.
  - 11/18-20/2022 - <https://www.gotosnyder.org/year-round-events/cub-scout-expo/>
- **Goshen 2023 Registration is open** – <https://www.gotogoshen.org>
- **New Applications** – Effective date will be the date posted – not back dated beyond 1<sup>st</sup> of the month.
- **Insurance** – Insurance certificates (2 weeks) & Out-of-Council Insurance (National's Policy could take longer)
- **BSA Branding Guidelines** - <https://scoutingwire.org/bsa-brand-center/brand-identity/>
- **My.Scouting.org**
  1. Update Adult email/address/phone
  2. Organizational Manager
    1. COR/ COR Delegate can change positions
    2. New Position - Unit Treasurer
- **Fund Raising**
  - Popcorn distribution this weekend – Alexandria, VA
  - Right Response First Aid Kits – Sign-up Dec-Feb; sales Mar-May

# Updates to my.scouting.org

- 07Oct2022
  - Recalibrate BeAScout Pins to reflect true GPS location
  - Add the listing of all active units to the Detailed Advancement Reports
  - Create a new “Detail Cub Scout Membership Totals Report – Found in Organization Manager”
- 30Sep2022
  - **Allow Unit to make Changes in Position Manage even if the CBC flag is not present**
  - Remove Unit Participant from drop down positions available
  - Fix Screening question issue in Online Registration
- 09Sep2022
  - **Change the application flow for Online Applications to provide a better user experience.** – Moved the My.Scouting account creation to the end of the process
  - **Fixed the ability for a unit to acknowledge an online application**
  - Fixed Report issue for Training reports cutting off list at 254 characters in the CSV version
  - Fixed issue where units in application manager could view other units’ note

# Updates to Scoutbook

10/7/22

- **Bug Fixes**

- None

- **New Features**

- **CS Advancement and Adventure Report**

- Just in time for December Recharter and JTE, a new report has been released for Cub Scout Packs. This report is accessible from the Pack Reports menu on the Pack page. This report has a selectable time frame (defaulting to a typical program year as specified in current JTE metrics). This will return a listing of Scouts who earned a rank and/or adventures during the time period (Bobcat is included, so rank may be more than “1”). A checkbox allows for including Scouts with no advancement in the set time frame. This should aide in an overview of Cub Scouts for the Pack and their advancement activity.

# Updates to Scoutbook

10/5/22

- **Bug Fixes**

- Adult Leader Positions - Adults can only be listed as leaders in Scoutbook if the BSA Member ID attached to the Scoutbook account is registered with the BSA. **An issue that allowed some unregistered adults to be listed as leaders in Scoutbook has been fixed. Any adult that has an unregistered BSA Member ID attached to their Scoutbook account has had any leadership positions in Scoutbook ended.**
- Calendar Reminders - An issue that **prevented some non-registered adults from receiving certain calendar reminders** when their Scout was not invited to the event has been fixed.
- Delete Account - The function to delete a youth Scoutbook account if there is no BSA Member ID attached has been restored to the Edit Extended Information page.
- Merit Badge Counselor Unit List - The Unit List for Merit Badge Counselor visibility previously did not require the B designator for boy troops. Scoutbook has been updated to require either a B or G designator for all Scouts BSA troops in the MBC unit visibility list. For example Troop 1234B or Troop 1234G must be entered.

- **New Features**

- Grand Slam and Triple Crown Awards - The requirements for the Grand Slam and Triple Crown Awards are now linked so that updating a requirement for one award will update the corresponding requirement for the other award.

# Aquatics Committee

- **SCUBA** (Course Fee: \$650)
  - PADI Certification by Age / Scouts BSA Merit Badge
  - Contact the PADI Divemaster **Andrew Blanco** ([ABSEAS2@aol.com](mailto:ABSEAS2@aol.com)) to schedule
  - Minimum age 14 years
- **Partial Merit Badge Completion Clinic**
  - 18 Scout Limit
  - 12/11/22 and 12/18/22 from noon-5pm at Fairland Sports & Aquatics Center, Riverdale, MD.
  - Sign-up will be put on NCAC calendar when pricing has been established.

# Awards

- Steve Banowit (T0987) – 10 Year Veteran Award
- Allen Mohaber (P0675) – Den Leader Training Award
- Edward Roggenkamp (P1537) – Den Leader Training Award



# Big Rock – Scouting for Food





**HUNGER IS STILL OUT  
THERE, AND SO ARE WE!**

**GEORGE MASON DISTRICT  
SCOUTING FOR FOOD  
2022**



- **The Basics:**
  - **Saturday, November 5:** Put the Scouting for Food stickers on doors in your unit's assigned zone
  - **Saturday, November 12:** Pick up the food and deliver to the unit's assigned food pantry
- **I still need POCs from the following units:**
  - Pack 833, Pack 882, Troop 918, Troop 976, Troop 979, Troop 987B and G, Troop 1113, Troop 1996



- **Good news:** Stickers for each Unit are in the back
  - We have about the same as last year, but I know some units were short last year
  - Through Basecamp, let me know if you have extras, and if you need more
- **Bad news:** They don't have dates on them
- **Rules to keep in mind:**
  - YPT: drive as families or two adults per car
  - Respect no soliciting signs
  - Don't go inside people's homes
  - Be careful crossing streets
  - Don't ring doorbells



- OPTIONAL: Awareness-building during the week
  - Weekly bulletins
  - Neighborhood Facebook pages
  - Signs
- If possible, try to get the food pantry to weigh each unit's donation and record the weight. If not, you can estimate: A full bag is about ten pounds (welcome better methodologies from the crowd)
  - 8 cans=7.5 pounds



# Data Capture

- Unit's fill out at:  
<https://www.ncacbsa.org/scouting-for-food-unit-data/>
- District: George Mason District
- Number of Scouts and Other Youth Participants (siblings, friends, etc.)
- Number of Adult Participants
- Pounds of Food Collected
- Food pantry delivered to
- For your Scouts: Express the weight in fun terms, for example
  - Vehicles, animals, dinosaurs



# George Mason Program



John Drisco, Vice Chair Program  
Matt Burns, Deputy Vice Chair Program  
George Mason District



# Current 2022 GM Calendar

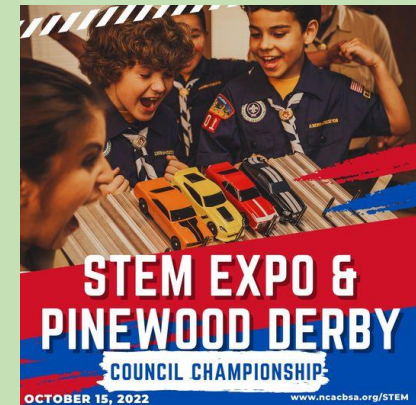
- October 28-30, 2022 – Fall Camporee- Pioneering Blue Ridge Regional Park, VA
- November 5, 2022 – Scouting for Food Tag Distribution
- November 11,2022 – Flags in, National Memorial Park, Falls Church
- November 12,2022 – Scouting for Food Bag Collection
- December 2022 – Peace Light of Bethlehem
- February 25, 2023 - University of Scouting
- March 4, 2023 – Merit Badge Day at Fairfax Presbyterian Church
- March 25, 2023 – Pinewood Derby at Fairfax Presbyterian Church
- May 5-7, 2023 – Spring Camporee TBD





# STEM

- STEM Expo & Pinewood Derby – (Rescheduled) 15 October @ Camp Snyder
  - STEM Expo is open to all! Register by 7 October
  - <https://scoutingevent.com/082-pwd>
- Chess Tournaments
  - Cubs – 4 February 2023
  - SBSA – 11 February 2023
- DC STEM Trek- Showcases 24 government agencies, private organizations and monuments related to the tenets upon which STEM is based.
  - 10.57 miles
  - 4.75 miles
  - <https://www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/DC-STEM-Trek-2.pdf>



**November 11, 2022 (Veterans Day)**  
**Flag placement will start at 12:00 noon**

**Flags In**

- **Social distancing – bring a mask.**
- **National Memorial Park,  
7482 Lee Highway, Falls Church**
- **All Scouts, including Girl Scouts,  
are welcome.**
- **Class A Uniforms**

For more info, contact  
Russell Pittman at  
[ruspittman@gmail.com](mailto:ruspittman@gmail.com)

# SCOUTS BSA Roundtable



# George Mason Fall Pioneering Camporee 2022



- October 28<sup>th</sup> – October 30<sup>th</sup> at Blue Ridge Regional Park  
19178 Blue Ridge Mountain Road, Bluemont, VA 20135

# Future Camporees

- Save the Dates!!!
- George Mason Fall 2022 Camporee – October 28 - 30, 2022
  - Pioneering Theme at Blue Ridge Regional Park
- George Mason Spring 2023 Camporee – May 5-7, 2023
  - Theme and Site TBD
- Please factor this into unit calendars/planning.
- Scouts are loyal – including loyalty to District activities.



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

## Akela's Trail (formerly Pow-Wow)

- 11/19/22 – Zoom <https://scoutingevent.com/082-63597>

## Cub Leader Position Specific (C40) / Cub Scout Den Leader Specific (C42)

- 11/19/22 – Alexandria, VA

- 12/17/22 – Alexandria, VA

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

- 10/15/22 – 10/16/22 - Reston, VA

- 11/05/22 – 11/06/22 – Lorton, VA

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

- 11/05/22 – 11/06/22 – Lorton, VA

## National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT; S78)

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

## Outdoor Ethics/Leave No Trace (D78)

- 10/17/22 (Introduction), Virtual & 10/22/22 (Fieldwork), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

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

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

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

## University of Scouting

- 02/25/23 – Alexandria, VA



# GM High Adventure



- NCAC High Adventure Committee (HAC) updates and announcements: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/high-adventure/>
  - 2024 Philmont lottery is now open: <https://registerphilmont.org/entry/2024>
  - NCAC HAC Treks and training schedules are posted. Many of the pre-trek training opportunities and shakedown are available. (See HAC website)
  - Information on HAC-planned Lenhok'sin and James River Canoeing 50-Miler treks will be released shortly.
  - HA Sourcebook: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/high-adventure-information/>
  - Now is the time to refine your summer 2023 trek plans – many inexpensive, local opportunities are available.

October 2022

Contact Joe Knecht at [knechtjoe@yahoo.com](mailto:knechtjoe@yahoo.com) if you have questions regarding high adventure planning or resources.



# GM High Adventure



October 2022

(cont.)

- **High Adventure Bases**

- **Northern Tier**

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

- 2024 reservations should open January 2023

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

- **Seabase**

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

- 2024 Reservations should open January 2023

- **Training**

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

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

- **Philmont**

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

- 01/08/23 – Advisors & Crew Leader Training

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

- 03/25/23 – Skills Training (Zoom)

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



# Shooting Sports

- 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](#)
  - [Archery](#) (Virtual classes available)



# Merit Badges

- Every merit badge counselor needs to be on the District charter.
- Scouters registered only in the unit are not automatically merit badge counselors.
- <https://my.scouting.org/VES/OnlineReg/1.0.0/?tu=UF-MB-082gm23> This is the URL for MBC online registration. Online registration is preferred.
- **New Merit Badge Counselors must complete online Merit Badge Counselor training, in addition to YPT. Existing Merit Badge Counselors have until 12/31/22 to complete training.**
- Special training is required for Shooting Sports and Water Sports. See the Guide to Advancement for specifics.
- Citizenship in Society also requires Diversity, Equity and Inclusion as well as the council specific training for this merit badge.
- After taking all required training and registering online, submit the completed Merit Badge Counselor Information Form to the District Merit Badge Dean. Also submit specialty training such as BSA Safety Afloat, BSA Aquatics Instructor, American Canoe Association, NRA Shotgun Instructor, etc.
- Each unit is recommended to have a Unit MB Dean to assist adults in MB submissions.
- Contact Margee if you have questions at [GM.MB.Dean@hotmail.com](mailto:GM.MB.Dean@hotmail.com).



# Other Topics

- Order of the Arrow
- General Announcements
- District Executive Minute
- District Chair Minute
- District Commissioner Minute
  
- *Minutes and slides available on the [GMD web site](#) (District Resources, Roundtable). Password is "GMDRT"*
- *Next meeting – November 10, 2022 (Thoreau MS)*
  - *6:30pm – Troop Expo*
  - *7:30pm - Roundtable*