**August 2023 Roundtable Minutes**

(Items that were not in the Read-Ahead are in red)

* **Announcements**
* **T1978G Webelos Event** – September 9th at Marsden Tract Group campsite #6. It’s compass skills and Orienteering/Capture the Flag. If Webelos Dens are interested in attending, please have them contact me at <mailto:mary.neuse@outlook.com>.
* [**T13 Spring Carnival**](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/ztuwc1aHeLFbHnKvNqjo47or) **–** September 30th from 1pm – 3pm at The Church of the Good Shepherd. Email [Scoutmaster\_Troop13@outlook.com](mailto:Scoutmaster_Troop13@outlook.com) for more information.
* **Reporting Incidents** – Timely, clear, concise, and complete incident reports allow for an appropriate response and an opportunity for analysis while promoting continuous improvements of our programs. You can report incidents, near misses, and youth protection/membership infraction incidents by clicking [here](https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/incident-report/). Please cc: the [District Executive](mailto:elizabeth.kohler@scouting.org) so she can track the incident reporting.
* **Participation Fee –** New scouts (registering in August – December 2023) only pay the BSA National fees. The scout’s family will be billed for their 2024 NCAC Participation Fee with their 2024 National Fee at the one-year renewal in the fall of 2024.
* **Roundtable Meeting Location –** Pat Berney has reserved the Thoreau Middle School Cafeteria for the 2023-2024 school year Roundtable meetings. He has also reserved rooms for a Cub Breakout and Order of the Arrow.
* **Fall Camporee /Timothy L**
  + Camp Rock Enon (off 81 in western VA) on October 20-23, 2023 – registration opens Monday. Webelos welcome. Units provide their own food. About 1.5 hours from Vienna, VA.
  + Activities will include Shooting Sports, Merit Badge completions, Friendship & Fellowship, and a Campfire.
  + Will need lots of volunteers to successfully do this. Even if you could only do a few hours, that would be helpful.
  + Partial and full merit badge classes
  + Scouts sign up for Merit Badges when they register and pay
  + Cut off for MB Sign Up is Oct 2
  + Cost is $30 for scouts, adults, and staff - more if doing shooting.
  + (2) 90-minute AM sessions, (2) 90-minute PM sessions, (1) 60-minute slow prior to dinner
  + Open to districts outside GMD
  + Merit Badge Instruction Options being considered
  + Traditional Half Day/Full Day MB Day Format – Astronomy, Backpacking, Canoeing/Kayaking, CITC, CITN, CIS, CITW, Communications, Cooking, Ecology, Environmental Science, First Aid, Orienteering, Pioneering, and Shooting Sports.
  + Partials Clinic format (Variable Skills Demo by Scout)
  + Skills Clinics (Jamboree Format)
  + All MBC encouraged to attend, including non-camporee attendees
  + “Key 3” needed MBCs: EPrep, Search & Rescue, Wilderness Survival
  + Arrival times – Friday 5pm – 8pm and Sat 7am – 8am.
  + May combine with Patriot District
  + Please contact Brian Summers if you are an NRA Instructor/RSO or USAA Instructor to help support shooting sports at the Jamboree! [brian.summers@verizon.net](mailto:brian.summers@verizon.net)
* **Summer Camps/Activities**
* **Colorado (T895) –** Unit went to Colorado for a 15-day trip. Had 15 scouts and 9 adults. Wanted to let others know you can camp at the USAF Academy for free.
* [**Justice National Scout Camp, Summit, WV**](https://www.summitbsa.org/programs/scout-camp/) **(T987) –** Unit had a great time. Use your own tents. Also sent three crews to Sea Base (2 scuba, 1 island)
* [**Pipsico Scout Reservation, Spring Grove, VA**](https://pipsicobsa.com/) **(T13) –** Camp was well run. Had senior age staff that could coach the younger staff. Great food. Provided feedback on which visitor suggestions were addressed. Field trips to a farm, courthouse, etc. to assist with Merit Badge requirements. Also sent a crew to Philmont.
* [**Camp Conestoga, Somerset, PA**](https://wfbsa.org/camping/camp-conestoga/) **(T152) –** Good food. Volunteers cook. Activities on par with other camps. Also sent a crew to Philmont.
* [**Camp Ross, Goshen, VA (P833)**](https://www.gotogoshen.org/camps-programs/camp-ross/) – Good time. Well run.
* **Michigan Sailing (T681)** - Also sent crews to Sea Base, Goshen, and Camp Snyder Specialty week. Good food at Snyder.
* **Maine (T1887)** – Unit due back this week. Also sent youth/adults to Camp Rock Enon. Staff need more training.
* [**Sea Base (T349)**](https://www.bsaseabase.org/scouts/adventures/)– Island adventure with 11 youth and 4 adults. Also sent 9 youth and 3 adults to Goshen. Heat, bug bites and ticks were issues. Some MB counselors need better training.
* [**Goshen Camp Olmsted, Goshen, VA (T345)**](https://www.gotogoshen.org/camps-programs/camp-olmsted/) – Sent 8 youth and 6 adults.
* [**Camp T. Brady Saunders, Maidens, VA (P657)**](https://bradysaunders.net/) – Sent 20 youth and 8 adults.
* [**Camp Powhatan, Hiwassee, VA (T1978)**](https://www.bsa-brmc.org/index.php/campreservation/powhatan.html) – Also sent units to Sea Base and [**Northern Tier**](https://www.ntier.org/).
* [**Camp Tuckahoe, Dillsburg, PA (P187)**](https://newbirthoffreedom.org/camping-2/camp-tuckahoe/) – Sent 5 youth.
* [**Lenhok’sen (T1539)**](https://www.gotogoshen.org/camps-programs/lenhoksin-high-adventure/) – Sent youth/adults to Goshen, Northern Tier and Lenhok’sin.
* [**National Jamboree, Summit WV**](https://jamboree.scouting.org/) (Brian Summers Sr/Jr) – Supported Shooting sports and OA Service Corp. Shooting sports had over 4,000 people and 7,000 events. 80,000 rounds with no incidents. Had 1-on-1 support for shooting. Long walks to the dining hall. OA had ~750 Arrowmen. Provided support for various events. Great resource for Jamboree. The big zip line was great! BMX and skate park had some minor injuries.
* **Council Update /Rus P**
* **2024 National Dues** – Effective 08/01/23 - <https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/XoisQJcMr1NncMfshG7xCj9f>
* **2024 Council Dues** – Effective 1/1/24 - <https://www.ncacbsa.org/participation-fee/https://www.ncacbsa.org/participation-fee/>
* **Join Scouting Resources** - Unit resources are available on the web at <https://www.ncacbsa.org/unit-resources/>
* **NCAC support for Join Scouting** - Contact the [District Executive](mailto:elizabeth.kohler@scouting.org) for signs, banners, flyers, pencils, stickers, etc. Many items are available, but banners need to be reserved and flyers take 2-3 weeks to print. Note, use the default Cub/Scout flyers (in [Unit Resources](https://www.ncacbsa.org/unit-resources/)), with your meeting information, to expedite printing. [Geofencing](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1e3eIFt223uey0dURLghazvNgxXQtsPqtlWEmOMOdMZo/viewform?pli=1&pli=1&edit_requested=true) takes approximately 2-3 week (one week to setup and a couple of weeks to be seen by the parents in your area).
* **Cub Scout Overnight Camping** - Starting 09/01/23, Cub Scout Packs who are conducting their own overnight camping activities may now camp up to two consecutive nights. More information [here](https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2023/08/03/coming-soon-cub-scout-packs-can-camp-up-to-two-consecutive-nights/).
* **Aquatics Committee -** [**2023 Training Schedule**](https://ncacbsa.org/aquatics) **(check site for links to register) /Rus P**
* Aquatic MB Partial Wrap-up (only for those that are missing a few requirements from camp)
* 10/01/23 (Sunday); noon – 5pm; Fairland Sports & Aquatics Center, 13820 Old Gunpowder Road, Laurel, MD 20707 (will be released to register soon). Check [Aquatics web page](https://www.ncacbsa.org/aquatics-committee/).

**George Mason Program**

* **Current GM Calendar**
* August 10, 2023 – Join Scouting Night/Roundtable
* August 16-18, 2023 – Summer Ordeal, Camp Snyder
* September 23, 2023 – Scouts Night – Nationals vs Atlanta Braves
* September 23, 2023 – Life to Eagle Seminar (in-person)
* October 6-9, Climb-o-ree
* October 20-22, 2023 – Fall Camporee
* October 28, 2023 – Scouting for Food (Tags)
* November 4, 2023 – Scouting for Food (Collection)
* November 11, 2023 – Flags In (Veterans Day)
* November 25, 2023 – 5K Trot & Ride, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
* **STEM /John D**
* 08/12 – [Townes Supernova Project](https://scoutingevent.com/082-71594) – Individuals and Small Groups, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
* Anytime – [DC STEM Trek](https://www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/DC-STEM-Trek-2.pdf)- 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
* **District Life to Eagle Seminar – September 23, 2023 /Matt B**
* Saturday, 23 September 2023, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. (St James Catholic Church, Falls Church)
* Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-70702>
* 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 is live now
* Any questions contact Matt Burns at 703-938-9550 or at [gm.advancement@gmail.com](mailto:gm.advancement@gmail.com)
* **Advancement – Changes to Merit Badge Counselors /Matt B**
  + Starting August 1, 2023, the fee for new Merit Badge Counselors that are not already registered in a BSA adult position (Unit leader, committee member, district staff, etc.) will be $25.
  + Current Merit Badge Counselors that are not also registered in a BSA adult position will need to pay $25 when the District recharters in December.
  + Impact on merit badge counselor re-registration is uncertain.
  + I’d like a volunteer to help me work with unit merit badge deans to assess the impact on MBCs and help recruit new ones to cover gaps.
  + Don’t know how this will impact the requirement to be registered to stay overnight with a Troop. Hope to learn more over the summer.
* **Merit Badges /Margee E**
* The online Merit Badge Counselor [registration](https://my.scouting.org/VES/OnlineReg/1.0.0/?tu=UF-MB-082gm23) works for all Scouters who do not already hold another District position.
* 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](mailto: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 for 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.
* **Merit Badge Opportunities (**[**https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/merit-badges/**](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/merit-badges/)**):**
* [**09/09/23 – Americanism Merit Badge Workshop, Fredericksburg, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-69340)
* [**09/09/23 – 09/10/23– Merit Badge Afloat, Alexandria, VA**](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/rnYKucqZ416jvxfLTNjyTkag)
* **09/10/23 -** [**Welding**](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=299576&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1672759&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fscoutingevent.com%2F082-weld&cf=14346&v=95f9e0609d47998fc183af4d35a4a09a25162668dbec07f38fee5a76af5b7c8d) **Alexandria, VA**
* **10/05-23 – 12/04*/23 -*** [**Innovation Academy**](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=299576&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1672759&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fscoutingevent.com%2F082-innovation&cf=14346&v=fecd2563af9b7362f6aa62c38f6806898aa82ef4df112a948bc1b186e212ec99) **(on Mondays), Alexandria, VA**
* **11/11/23 -** [**Electronics and Welding**](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=299576&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1672759&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fscoutingevent.com%2F082-WeldSolder&cf=14346&v=aa9213d7d0e5c04d0b8a42ca78c5a7718d63d37fdaad42686029b8b79f8ac005)**, Alexandria, VA**
* **Training (**[**https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/training**](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/training)**) /Roy D**
* **Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation**(**BALOO; C32) –**[10/13/23 – 10/14/23, Huntingtown, MD](https://scoutingevent.com/082-wsd_balooiols)
* **Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS; S11)**
  + [09/15/23 – 09/16/23, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-69852)
  + [10/13/23 – 10/14/23, Huntingtown, MD](https://scoutingevent.com/082-wsd_balooiols)
  + **Goshen Summer Camp will offer IOLS – Check with the Camp Director**
* **Back Country Outdoor Leadership Skills (BCOLS)**
  + [09/23/23 (Alexandria, VA) & 10/21/23-10/22/23 (Markham, VA)](https://scoutingevent.com/082-70527)
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* [09/23/23 (Alexandria, VA) & 10/21/23 -10/22/23 (Camp Big Mac, Markham, VA)](https://scoutingevent.com/082-70527)
* **Powder Horn –** [08/17/23 – 08/20/23 – Camp St. Charles, Newberg, MD](https://scoutingevent.com/082-65171)
* **Mental Health First Aid** <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hscode/ereg/Registration.aspx?groupID=47>
* NYLT
  + 24-1: 01/12/24 -01/15/24 & 01/27/24-01/28/24
  + 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 will open in the Fall and will be announced via email and on Facebook
* **Wilderness First Aid (N02)**
* [09/08/23 – 09/10/23 & 10/07/23 - 10/08/23](https://scoutingevent.com/082-Fall2023)
* **Wood Badge (A90)** <https://www.ncacbsa.org/wood-badge/>
* 09/08/23 - 09/10/23 & 10/07/23 – 10/08/23
* **Leave No Trace/Outdoor Ethics -** [10/16/23 (Zoom) & 10/21/23 (Camp Snyder)](https://scoutingevent.com/082-66417)
* **BSA Leave No Trace Trainer Course - Outdoor Ethics**
* [10/16/23 (Zoom) & 10/21/23](https://scoutingevent.com/082-66417) – Haymarket, VA
* **Outdoor Ethics Orientation Courses (Scouts and Cubs)**
* [09/09/23](https://scoutingevent.com/082-69068) – Brandywine, MD
* [12/03/23](https://scoutingevent.com/082-69069) – Brandywine, MD
* **Outdoor Ethics Newsletter** - Sign up [here](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-7UORw4wBNIkuzqEkKjolA_-RogqHYMojzhB2xwLoENWVSg/viewform).
* **GM High Adventure /Brian H**
* NCAC High Adventure Trips - 2024
  + Philmont – Jul 13-27, 2024 - Crew of 8-12, 4Y/2A booked - $2,795
  + Includes White Water Rafting & Pike’s Peak!
  + Northern Tier – Jul 23-Aug 3, 2024, Crew of 6-8 - $2,095
  + Sea Base – Jul 29-Aug 3, 2024 - Crew of 6-8, 3Y/2A pre-booked, $2,100
  + Lenhok’sin – James River Canoeing Trek - Crew of 6-12, July 7-13, 2024
  + FOR INFO: highadventure@ncacbsa.org
* Training
  + *BCOLS: Sep 23/Oct 21-22, Heritage Pres & Camp Big Mac*
  + Philmont 2024 Sessions: I – 11/19/23; II – 01/07/24; IIIa – 03/24/24; IIIb – 04/06/24
  + Philmont Advisor Hikes: 08:00, Sat 3/09 & Sun 3/17/24, 0800 Catoctin Mt Park, Thurmont, MD
  + Northern Tier 2024 Sessions: Sat, 04/06/24 (in-person); Sat, 04/20/24 (virtual)
* 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/>
* **Shooting Sports /Brian S**
* Requests for Shooting Events – Lead Time!
* Notice needed for SSC: 50+ scouts - 6mos; Less than 50 scouts - 3mos
* Shooting on private land:
* Requirements
* Permissions/protocols
* Shooting Sports [web page](https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/shooting-sports/)
* Shooting Sports Instructor Classes:
* [Rifle/Shotgun](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/merit-badges/rifle-shotgun-training/)
* [Archery](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/merit-badges/rifle-shotgun-training/)
* Contact for finishing Shooting Sports MB Partials [brian.summers@verizon.net](mailto:brian.summers@verizon.net)
* **Order of the Arrow / Collin L & Mary N**
  + OA will provide support at the Fall Camporee.
  + Mary Neuse has accepted the Scoutmaster position at T1978G. Brian Fleck will be the new Chapter Advisor.
  + 2023 Dues can be paid online: <https://wipit470.org/dues.html>
  + 08/16/23 – 08/18/23 – [Lodge Summer Ordeal](https://wipit470.org/ordeal.html), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
  + 09/08/23 – 09/10/23 – Fall Fellowship, Goshen
  + 11/01/23 – Election Season Opens

\* Registrations open online <https://wipit470.org/index.html> under “Events”

* ***Roundtable - Minutes and slides -*** *Available on the* [*GMD web site*](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/roundtable/) *(District Resources, Roundtable). Password is “GMDRT”*
* ***September*** *– Roundtable is September 14, 2023, at 7:30pm at Thoreau Middle School, Vienna, VA*