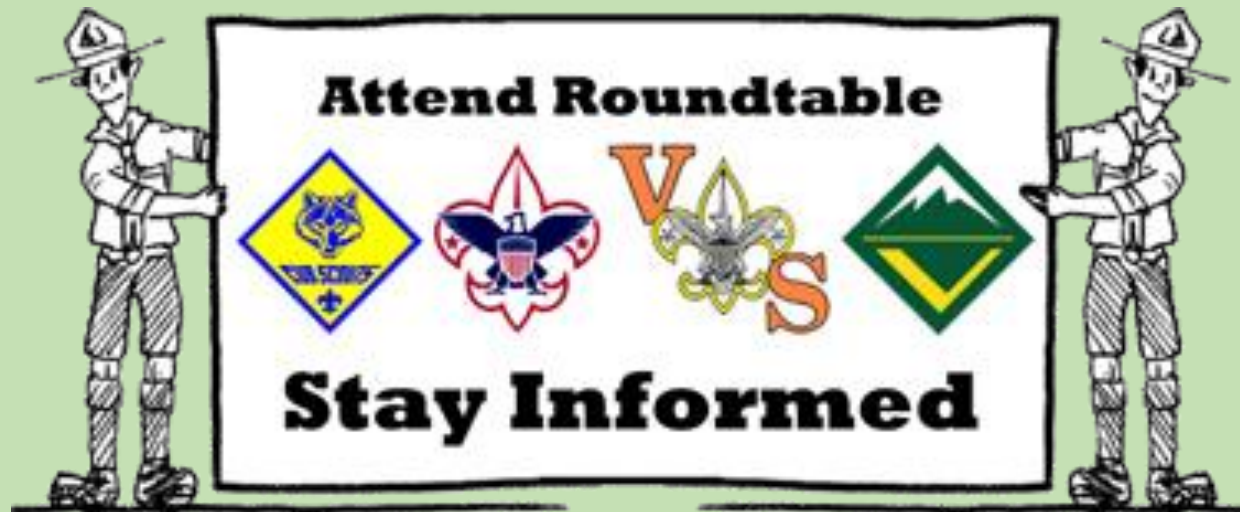


# Wolf Trap District Roundtable

September 12, 2024



**Pledge**



# Welcome

New to Roundtable?

Please introduce yourself!

# Agenda

- Welcome and Pledge
- Award(s)
- Questions about [Read-ahead](#)
- Council Announcements
- General Announcements
- Program
- Breakout Sessions
- Cracker Barrel/Networking (Optional; NLT 9pm)
- Next Meeting: October 10, 2024 - at Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA

District and other Award(s)

Questions/Clarification about Read-ahead?

# Council Announcements

- Web Site Updates – NCAC is making 'til 11/1/24 – some downtime
- District Changes in [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) – still being worked
- July – Dec – [Renewal](#) notices, via email, to registered Adults/Youth
  - Bills individual youth/adults both National and NCAC Fees
  - Units can choose to pay but will pay every 30-60 days
  - Still working on Scholarship processes
  - Renewal Aids – Individuals; Unit Coordinators
- Key 3 replacement error – my.scouting.org (60 days)

# General Announcements



# Current 2024 Wolf Trap Calendar

- Sep 28, 2024 – [Life to Eagle Seminar](#)(In Person), St James Catholic Church, Falls Church, VA
- Oct 18-20, 2024 – [Fall Camporee](#), Camp Rock Enon, Gore, VA
- Nov 02, 2024 – [Scouting for Food](#) (Tags)
- Nov 09, 2024 – [Scouting for Food](#) (Pick-up)
- Nov 10, 2024 – [Flags In \(Veterans Day\)](#), National Memorial Park, Falls Church, VA
- Feb 22, 2025 – [University of Scouting](#), Alexandria, VA
- Mar 08, 2025 – WTD MB Day, Fairfax Presbyterian Church



# STEM

- 09/07/24 – [Scouts BSA STEM MB and NOVA Workshop](#), Fredricksburg, MD
- NCAC STEM contact is Bruce Donlin ([bruce.donlin@scouting.org](mailto:bruce.donlin@scouting.org); 240-395-0601)
- 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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# Fall Camporee

## Summer Camp In a Day Camp Rock Enon October 18th-20th

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-86222?draftmode=1>

### Programs :

- Climbing Rock Wall
- Aquatics
- Lashings
- First Aid
- Archery
- Shot Gun
  - Rifles
- Tomahawks

### REGISTRATION: Open Now!

Early Bird \$25  
- June 14th - Sept 5th

Normal Registration \$35  
- Sept 6th - Oct 12th

Late Registration \$45  
- Oct 13th - 18th

**In order to make this as big as possible we need your help!**

If you know anyone certified in shooting sport, rope & climbing, or anyone willing to help please contact:

Burke Lake Program Chair  
wtdexterjr@gmail.com

George Mason District Program Chair  
Andrewzaso@gmail.com

District Executive  
Elizabeth.Kohler@Scouting.org



# Breakout Sessions

# **Range & Target Activities Program Updates – Effective 9/1/2024**

The following program adjustments aim to simplify range and target activities focusing on safe and quality program, thus enhancing the overall experience for Scouts and Scouters alike.



# Range & Target Activities Program Updates – Effective 9/1/2024

- Effective September 1, 2024, the following changes will be implemented in BSA's Shooting Sports programs.
- All other current BSA shooting sports policies as indicated in the BSA Shooting Sports Manual remain unchanged and must be followed.
- These changes will be reflected in the BSA's Shooting Sports Manual on 9/1/2024 and will be updated periodically.



# What are the changes?

Scouting Wide





# Range & Target Activities Program Updates – Effective 9/1/2024

Effective September 1, 2024, Scouting's Shooting Sports programs within all programs including Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouting will be referred to as *Range & Target Activities*.





# Range & Target Activities Program Updates – Effective 9/1/2024

- The use of personal firearms and personal ammunition is prohibited in all Scouting programs at nationally authorized camp properties.
- Personal firearms and personal ammunition may be used at a commercial firearm range, subject to restrictions regarding caliber, gauge, and action as described in the National Shooting Sports Manual and herein.



# Range & Target Activities Program Updates – Effective 9/1/2024

- Reference policies related to Boy Scouts of America youth programs. Additional conversations will take place related to Learning for Life and Exploring.
- Do not address adult participation at council sponsored fundraisers events that may include shooting sports programs, such as sporting clays tournaments etc.
- Do not change the organization's current prohibition for any shooting or throwing activities outside of BSA program literature and guidance.



# Range & Target Activities Program Updates – Effective 9/1/2024

**Q: What about hosting NRA training courses?**

A: Personal firearms may be used for classroom demonstration purposes only during NRA training programs at nationally authorized camp properties **but may not be used for live fire.**



# Range & Target Activities Program Updates – Effective 9/1/2024

- Firearm programs may only take place on a nationally authorized camp property's range(s) or at a commercial firearm range. This does not apply to district or council programs that utilize BB devices\*, but applies to pellet rifles, airsoft (any type), rifles, pistols, shotguns, and muzzle loading rifles and shotguns.

*\*Some states, counties or jurisdictions may regulate BB guns as firearms depending on their design and capabilities. Councils must review and follow any local regulations before conducting programs.*





# Range & Target Activities Program Updates – Effective 9/1/2024

**Q: What is a commercial firearm range?**

**A:** A commercial firearm range is a facility that offers a controlled environment for safe firearm practice. It will provide shooting lanes, targets, and may offer equipment rentals and training in safe firearm handling and marksmanship. Standard operating procedures are required for each firearm type used on-site. BSA range and target activities must follow all BSA range and target activities policies or range standard operating procedures that are equivalently stringent, including no variation from BSA limitations on firearms used. These ranges may be operated by a licensed business, a government entity or non-profit.



# Range & Target Activities Program Updates – Effective 9/1/2024

- At a minimum, all Scouts BSA troops, Venturing crews, and Sea Scout ships who provide unit-level sponsored/planned range and target activities must have at least one registered unit leader 21+ years of age take the Range Activity SAFETy online training.
- This trained adult leader must be present at the range. The training is recommended for all unit leaders in Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouting. Note this training does not replace the requirements for certified NRA firearms instructors and range safety officers. This training will be available beginning 9/1/2024.



# Range & Target Activities Program Updates – Effective 9/1/2024

## Scouts BSA Range & Target Activities Changes

- The Scouting Pistol Safety and Marksmanship program is retired effective September 1, 2024.
- Effective September 1, 2024, Scouts BSA older Scouts\*\* pistol program is the NRA FIRST Steps Pistol Orientation.
- Scouts BSA older Scouts\*\* can only participate in the NRA FIRST Steps Pistol Orientation at an accredited camp program (day camp, short-term camp, long-term camp) or a council organized one day event. Note there is no change to the use of pistols within Cowboy Action Programs.

*\*\*Older Scouts BSA youth are age 13 and have completed eighth grade or 14 years old and up.*



# Range & Target Activities Program Updates – Effective 9/1/2024

## Venturing and Sea Scout Program Range & Target Activities Changes

- Venturing and Sea Scouting rifle use is limited to the following types. (All other rifle or caliber types are prohibited.)
  - .177 caliber air rifle, min 2.5 lbs. trigger pull (open, scope or dot sights);
  - air, CO2, or pre-charged pneumatic rifle,
  - .22 caliber rimfire<sup>^</sup> long rifle or short rifle (breech-loading, single shot, bolt action or repeater bolt action with box magazine), min 3 lbs. trigger pull.
  - Muzzle loading rifle
  - Lever action rifles as part of an approved Cowboy Action Program at an accredited camp program (day camp, short-term camp, long-term camp) or a council organized one day event.

<sup>^</sup>Tubular not allowed and higher capacity magazines may not be loaded with more than 5 rounds.





# Range & Target Activities Program Updates – Effective 9/1/2024

## Venturing and Sea Scout Program Range & Target Activities Changes

- Hunting is no longer part of the Venturing program. Venturing youth may continue to take part in Hunters Education courses.



# Range & Target Activities Program Updates – Effective 9/1/2024

## Venturing and Sea Scout Program Range & Target Activities Changes

- Unit-level sponsored/planned Venturing and Sea Scouting pistol programs are prohibited.
- Venturing and Sea Scouting may no longer use muzzle loading pistols anywhere within Scouting.



# Range & Target Activities Program Updates – Effective 9/1/2024

## Venturing and Sea Scout Program Range & Target Activities Changes

- Effective September 1, 2024, the Venturing and Sea Scouting pistol program is the NRA FIRST Steps Pistol Orientation.
- Venturers and Sea Scouts can only participate in the NRA FIRST Steps Pistol Orientation at an accredited camp program (day camp, short-term camp, long-term camp) or a council organized one day event. Note there is no change to the use of pistols within Cowboy Action Programs.



# Range & Target Activities Program Updates – Effective 9/1/2024

## Camps

- Rare exceptions to the changes indicated may be granted to council camps as part of the NCAP variance process. Camps are defined in NCAP standard SA-001.



# Positive Aspects of Range and Target Activities

- Range and target activities are part of the Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- Range and target activities do not require participants to start at an early age to be successful.
- Age does not seem to be a factor in learning range and target activities.
- Range and target activities are for everyone.
- Range and target activities may be featured as both a winter sport and a summer sport.
- Range and target activities may offer individual participation, team participation, or both at the same time.



## **Positive Aspects (cont.)**

- **Students who have participated in range and target activities report a marked improvement in their ability to concentrate when they apply the principles of these sports to their academic pursuits.**
- **Range and target activities have a reputation for high sportsman.**
- **People with physical disabilities can compete at high levels of competition in range and target activities.**
- **College scholarships are awarded in range and target activities.**



# Q & A





# Other Resources

- [Guide to Safe Scouting](#) with changes indicated
- [Shooting Sports Manual](#) (will be updated periodically)
- [Shooting Sports FAQs](#) (will continue to be updated prior to 9/1)
- Stay Informed through the [Trail to Adventure Blog](#) (Scroll to bottom of page to subscribe to bi-monthly newsletter)
- Questions ? Email [outdoorprograms@scouting.org](mailto:outdoorprograms@scouting.org).





# Time for Cracker Barrel

- *Minutes and slides available on the [WTD web site](#) (District Resources, Roundtable). Password is “GMDRT”*
- *Next meeting – Oct 10, 2024, at Thoreau Middle School*

# Backup Slides

# Scouts Deserve a Trained Leader

Wolf Trap Training site: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/training/>

2024

- **Cub Leader Position Specific (C40)**
  - [Available on-line \(117 min\)](#),
  - [09/14/24 – Alexandria, VA](#); [09/21/24 – Herndon, VA](#); [11/02/24 – Alexandria, VA](#); [12/07/24 – Alexandria, VA](#); [01/11/25 – Alexandria, VA](#); [02/01/25 – Alexandria, VA](#); [03/08/25 – Alexandria, VA](#); [04/05/25 – Alexandria, VA](#); [05/03/25 – Alexandria, VA](#)
- **Cub Scout Den Leader Specific (C42)**
  - [Available on-line \(125 min\)](#)
  - [09/14/24 – Alexandria, VA](#); [09/21/24 – Herndon, VA](#); [11/02/24 – Alexandria, VA](#); [12/07/24 – Alexandria, VA](#); [01/11/25 – Alexandria, VA](#); [02/01/25 – Alexandria, VA](#); [03/08/25 – Alexandria, VA](#); [04/05/25 – Alexandria, VA](#); [05/03/25 – Alexandria, VA](#)
- **Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO;C32)** – BALOO consists of two sessions, an online portion (<https://my.scouting.org>, Menu, My Training, Cub Scouts, Catalog, search on BALOO) that takes 35 minutes and a hands-on overnight session. The overnight sessions are listed below.
  - [09/28/24 – 09/29/24 – Davidsonville, MD](#) (Email riverhawktraining@gmail.com before registering)
  - [10/04/24 – 10/05/24 – Huntingtown, MD](#) (Call Chip 808-499-5390 for permission before registering)
  - [10/05/24 – 10/06/24 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#) (Contact vbonifera@yahoo.com before registering)
  - [10/12/24 – 10/13/24 – Middleburg, VA](#) (email Roger cub-scout-training@powhatan-scouting.org for permission to register)
  - [11/02/24 – 11/03/24 – Camp Sinoquipe, Winchester, VA](#) ([Request](#) permission to attend)
  - [11/16/24 – 11/17/24 – Lorton, VA](#) (Contact Dominick dscscouting@aol.com for permission to register)
  - [03/29/25 – 03/30/25 – TBD, VA](#) ([Request](#) permission to attend)
  - [06/14/25 – 06/15/25 – Lorton, VA](#) (Contact Dominick dscscouting@aol.com for permission to register)
- **Scoutmaster Position Specific Training(S24)**
  - [Available on-line \(192 min\)](#)
  - [09/14/24 – Alexandria, VA](#); [09/21/24 – Herndon, VA](#); [11/02/24 – Alexandria, VA](#); [12/07/24 – Alexandria, VA](#); [01/11/25 – Alexandria, VA](#); [02/01/25 – Alexandria, VA](#); [03/08/25 – Alexandria, VA](#); [04/05/25 – Alexandria, VA](#); [05/03/25 – Alexandria, VA](#)
- **Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS; S11)**
  - [09/09/24 & 09/14/24-09/15/24](#) – Zoom and Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
  - [10/04/24 – 10/05/24 – Huntingtown, MD](#) (Call Chip 808-499-5390 for permission before registering)
  - [10/05/24 – 10/06/24 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#) (Contact lozanoreng@gmail.com before registering)
  - [10/12/24 – 10/13/24 – Middleburg, VA](#) (Call Walt 703-599-5667 for permission to register)
  - [11/16/24 – 11/17/24 – Lorton, VA](#) (Contact Dominick dscscouting@aol.com for permission to register)
  - [06/14/25 – 06/15/25 – Lorton, VA](#) (Contact Dominick dscscouting@aol.com for permission to register)
- **Back Country Outdoor Leadership Skills (BCOLS) - 09/21/24 (Alexandria, VA) & 10/19/24 – 10/20/24 (Markham, VA)**

## Miscellaneous:

### [Climbing Level 1 Instructor Training](#)

- [Sept 7-8 at Great Falls Park](#), 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM. [Details](#)
- [Sept 21-22 at Sugarloaf Mountain](#), 8:15 AM to 5:00 PM. [Details](#)

### [Outdoor Ethics/Leave No Trace \(D78\)](#)

- [Outdoor Ethics Newsletter](#)
- [09/30/24 & 10/05/24, Leave No Trace, Germantown, MD](#)
- [10/19/24 – Outdoor Ethics Orientation Course, Brandywine, MD](#)
- [10/19/24 – Outdoor Ethics Guide, Brandywine, MD](#)

### [Scouterhorn Operations Training](#)

- [10/19/24 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)
- [11/16/24 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)

### [Trainer's Edge \(H96\)](#)

- [09/10/24](#)
- [12/07/24](#)

### [University of Scouting](#)

- [02/22/2025, Alexandria, VA](#) (2024 Course Materials available on [Basecamp](#))

### [Wilderness First Aid/CPR/AED \(N02\)](#)

- [09/28/24 – 09/29/24 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)
- [10/26/24 – 10/27/24 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)
- [11/23/24 – 11/24/24 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)
- [12/14/24 – 12/15/24 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)

### [Wood Badge \(A90\)](#)

- [09/13/24 – 09/15/24 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)

### [Youth Protection Training \(YPT\)](#)

- [Online](#) (72 minutes)

2025

- **BCOLS:**
  - Spring: 03/01/25 & 4/26-27/25
  - Fall: 09/20/25 & 10/18-19/25
- **Trainers Edge:** 08/09/25 & 12/06/25
- **University of Scouting:** 02/22/25
- **Wood Badge:**
  - Spring: 4/4-6/25 & 5/3-4/25
  - Fall: 09/12-14/25 & 10/4-5/25



# OUTDOOR ETHICS TRAINING IN BRANDYWINE, MD

## Outdoor Ethics

**Saturday 6/29/24**

**Orientation 12:30-2 pm**

**Guide 2:30-4:30 pm**



**Saturday 10/19/24**

**Orientation 12:30-2 pm**

**Guide 2:30-4:30 pm**





# Leave No Trace



## LEAVE NO TRACE LEVEL 1

**Maryland:**  
**Online: 9/30 at 7pm**  
**In person: 10/5 at 9am-7pm**



**Virginia:**  
**Online: 10/21 at 7pm**  
**In person: 10/26 at 9am-7pm**





# Outdoor Ethics Newsletter



## SUBSCRIBE TO THE NCAC OUTDOOR ETHICS NEWSLETTER

- UPCOMING COURSES
- UPCOMING EVENTS
- Q&A WITH AN OUTDOOR ETHICS SCOUT OR SCOUTER
- INFORMATION ABOUT AWARDS
- LINKS TO RESOURCES
- IDEAS FOR PROJECT PARTNERS



# 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](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 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.



# GM High Adventure



Sept 2024

- 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/>
    - 2025 treks – Registration for all high adventure bases are now open
    - 2026 treks – Registration for Philmont treks will open this fall
- 2024 NCAC-Organized High Adventure Trips
  - 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)
- 2025 NCAC-Organized High Adventure Trips
  - Sawtooth Mountain, ID Trip - 06/21 to 06/29/2025 - \$1,385 per person – Ask for details
- High Adventure Preparation Training
  - [Back Country Outdoor Leadership Skills](#) - Virginia session
    - Fall 2024: 9/21/2024 (classroom), 10/19-20 (overnight) - [Registration Link](#)
- Other Training
  - Paddle Craft Safety Training: 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>



# Range and Target Activities



- Requests for Shooting Events – Lead Time
  - 50+ scouts - 6mos
  - Less than 50 scouts - 3mos
- Shooting on private land:
  - Requirements
  - Permissions/protocols
- R&TA [web page](#)
- [R&TA Instructor Classes](#)



A screenshot of the George Mason District website. The page is titled "Rifle/Shotgun/Archery Training". It features a navigation menu on the left with options like "About the District", "Upcoming Events", and "Training (Adult)". The main content area displays a table of training courses with columns for "COURSE TITLE", "CITY", and "COURSE DATE". The table lists several courses, including "NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting Course\*", "NRA Basics of Shotgun Shooting Course\*", "NRA Basic Range Safety Officer Course\*", "Pistol Basic Training\*", and "NRA Basics of Rifle Shooting Course\*". Each course entry includes the city (e.g., Centreville, VA, Whiteford, MD) and the course date (e.g., 06/15/24, 07/20/24, 07/21/24, 08/17/24, 08/24/24). A "Map" link is provided for each course. The website has a dark blue header with a search bar and a logo on the left.

# Flags In

- Honoring veterans by placing flags on graves at the National Memorial Park in Falls Church, VA
- Veterans Day (Sunday) – 11/10/24 at 10am



# 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”