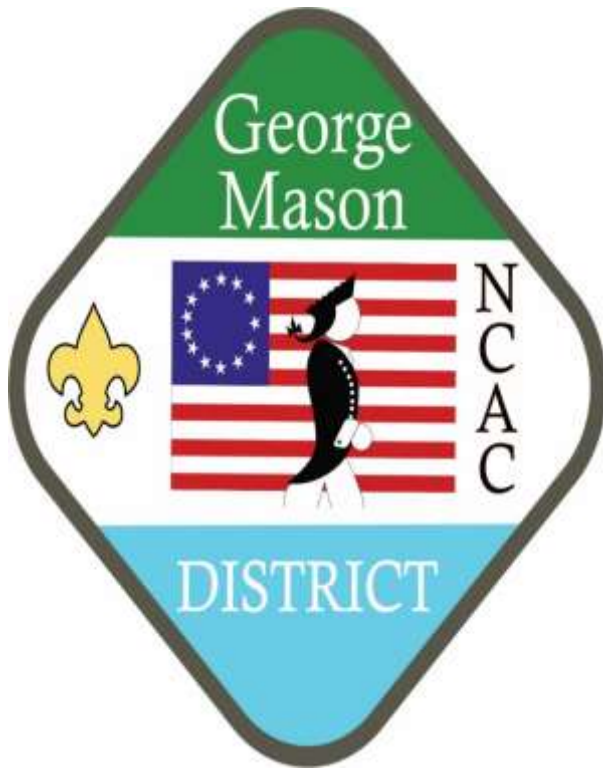




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"We never fail when we try to do our duty, we always fail when we neglect to do it." *B.P.*



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 11/14/2019 – EXPO/Roundtable/OA Chapter Meetings (7pm EXPO/8pm RT/OA), Thoreau Middle School, Vienna, VA

Save the Date: May 1-3 - George Mason Spring 2020  
Camporee (STEM Theme)

USEFUL LINKS:

[NCAC Council Website](#)

[National BSA](#)

[National Order of the Arrow](#)

[wipit470.org](http://wipit470.org)



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## George Mason District Scouting for Food

**November 2, 2019** – Sticker distribution and promotion

**November 9, 2019** – Food pick up & delivery to assigned food bank

Any unit that hasn't already provided its Point of Contact (POC) to Heidi Snyder, the GM District Coordinator for 2019, should do so ASAP at

[Heidi.Snyder@verizon.net](mailto:Heidi.Snyder@verizon.net).

Heidi will communicate critical logistical details to the Unit Scouting for Food POC.

All unit POCs or a delegate **MUST** attend the October Roundtable (October 10 at Thoreau Middle School) to pick up stickers and final instructions. Those in need in NOVA are counting on us to do our best.





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## Flags In – Sunday, November 10, 2019

### GM Scouts Honoring our Fallen Veterans

Celebrate Veterans Day by joining the George Mason District Crews, Troops, and Packs for "Flags-in" – placing American Flags on the graves of fallen veterans.



### Class-A Uniforms

The Scouts will gather in the Chapel at:  
The National Memorial Park, 7482 Lee Highway, Falls Church, VA 22042

Schedule: 11:30am – arrive and sign in  
12:00 noon – Pizza Delivery and flag placement training  
1:00pm – Begin flag placement  
1:00pm, 2:00pm and 3:00pm – TAPS blown (buglers needed)  
3:30pm – Probable completion of event

On Veterans Day 2018, approximately 140 Scouts plus parents/Scouters from our District and others nearby participated in this patriotic activity. Scout service hours (3 hours) will be available. Each participating Scout earns a unique patch and rocker. Cemetery Staff will supply flags, drinks and the pizza lunch.

**No preregistration is required – units, individual scouts and families are welcome.**

For more information, please contact: Russell Pittman at 571-354-7378 or [ruspittman@gmail.com](mailto:ruspittman@gmail.com)



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Have you signed up for POW WOW?  
HURRY it is not to late space is limited!!!



**When:** Saturday November 16, 2019

**Where:** Annandale High School 4700 Medford Drive  
Annandale, VA 22003

Doors open at 7:30 AM

**Registration Closes: Tue 11-12-2019 11:59 PM**

### What is POW WOW?

Pow Wow is a supplemental, action-packed training event for adult Cub Scout Leaders, Pack Committee Members, Charter Organization Representatives, parents of Cub Scouts, and Cub Scout-interested persons. You'll spend the day learning new ideas, concepts, and having hands-on experiences that will enhance your ability to deliver and support a fun-filled, exciting program to Cub Scouts.



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## Calendar of Events

11/02/2019 - Scouting for Food (Flyer Distribution)

11/08/2019 - [Wilderness First Aid Training](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

11/09/2019 - Scouting for Food (Bag Pick-up) & Pantry Support

11/10/2019 - [Flags-In](#), National Memorial Park, Falls Church, VA

11/12/2019 - GM District Committee Meeting, Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA

11/14/2019 – EXPO/Roundtable/OA Chapter Meetings (7:00pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA

11/16/2019 - [NCAC Pow Wow \(Registration Open\)](#), Annandale HS, Annandale, VA

**Registration Closes: Tue 11-12-2019 11:59 PM**

11/16/2019 - [Webelo and Scout EXPO](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

11/20/2019 - GM District Committee Meeting/FOS Kickoff, Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA

12/01/2019 - [Journey to Excellence forms](#) due to Unit Commissioners

12/07/2019 - [Pinewood Derby Clinic](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

12/10/2019 - GM Commissioner's Meeting (7:30pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA

12/12/2019 - GMD Roundtable/District Committee, Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA

12/14/2019 - [Pinewood Derby Clinic](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

12/21/2019 - [Pinewood Derby Clinic](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA



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## Calendar of Events (cont.)

01/04/2020 - Amangamek-Wipit 470 Banquet

01/05/2020 - [Pinewood Derby Clinic](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

01/05/2020 - NCAC Jewish Committee on Scouting Merit Badge Fair, Fairfax, VA [Merit Badge Registration](#)

01/09/2020 - Roundtable/OA Chapter Meetings (7:30pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA

01/14/2020 - GM Commissioner's Meeting (7:30pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA

01/18-20/2020 & 02/15-17/2020 - [NYLT](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA (Both Weekends required)

01/25/2020 - [Webelo Invitational Klondike Derby](#), Clarksburg, MD

01/31/2020 - [Old Dominion Klondike Derby](#), Harper's Ferry, WV

02/08/2020 - [The Akela Chess Classic Scouts BSA Tournament](#), Reston, VA

03/07/2020 - Life-To-Eagle Seminar, Fairfax, VA

03/14/2020 - GM District Merit Badge Fair (8:30am) – Fairfax Presbyterian Church, Fairfax, VA.

03/21/2020 - GM District Pinewood Derby – Fairfax Presbyterian Church, Fairfax, VA.

05/01-03/2020 - George Mason Spring 2020 Camporee (STEM Theme), Site TBD

06/21-26/2020 - [NYLT](#), Cheltenham, MD

06/28-7/3/2020 - [NYLT](#), Cheltenham, MD

07/26-31/2020 - [NYLT](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

08/02-07/2020 - [NYLT](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

08/10-15/2020 - [NYLT](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA (Sunday Friendly)



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## Training Opportunities

### Cub Scout:

- *Position Specific:*
  - 12/07/19 - [Cub Scout Leader Specific Training](#), Gaithersburg, MD
  - 01/25/20 - [Cub Scout Leader Specific Training](#), Herndon, VA
  - 02/08/20 - [Cub Scout Leader Specific Training](#), Stafford, VA
- *BALOO:*
  - 03/20/20 - [Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation \(BALOO\)](#), Stafford, VA
- *PowWow*
  - 11/16/19 - [PowWow](#), Bethesda, MD

### Scout:

- *Position Specific*
  - 11/09/19 - [Scoutmaster Position - Specific Training](#), Alexandria, VA
  - 12/07/19 - [Scoutmaster Position - Specific Training](#), Gaithersburg, VA
  - 03/07/20 - [Scoutmaster Position - Specific Training](#), Gaithersburg, MD
- *IOLS:*
  - 11/09/19 - [IOLS](#), Haymarket, VA
  - 03/13/20 - [IOLS](#), Stafford, VA
- *BCOLS:*
  - 03/14/20 - Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills (BCOLS), Huntington, MD (Overnight - 04/25/20 - Prince Frederick, MD)
- *COR:*
  - 12/07/19 - [Chartered Organization Representative \(COR\) Training](#), Gaithersburg, MD
  - 02/08/20 - [Chartered Organization Representative \(COR\) Training](#), Stafford, VA

### District:

- *Commissioners:*
  - 03/07/20 - [Commissioners Basic Training/Roundtable Commissioners](#), Gaithersburg, MD
  - 03/14/20 - [Commissioner's College](#), Mountain West Service Area

### Miscellaneous:

#### *Community Emergency Response Training (CERT)*

- Fairfax County [CERT](#) training - take your Emergency Prep to the next level by attending the CERT - Contact: [Jeffrey Katz](#) (Volunteer Liaison, 703-246-3926)



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## *Den Chief Training*

- 03/14/20 - [Den Chief Training](#), Herndon, VA

## *High Adventure Bases Training*

- Philmont Skills Training for Advisors/Crews - [11/17/19](#), [01/12/20](#), [03/14/20](#)
- Northern Tier High Adventure Bases Training - [03/07/20](#), [03/28/20](#), [04/25/20](#)

## *International Scouting*

- 01/05/20 - [JCoS International Scouting Training](#), Fairfax, VA

## *STEM/NOVA*

- 01/05/20 - [JCoS STEM/NOVA Counselor Training](#), Fairfax, VA

## *Trainer's Edge*

- 12/07/19 - [Trainer's Edge](#), Reston, VA

## *University of Scouting*

- 02/29/20 - [University of Scouting](#), Alexandria, VA

## *Wilderness First Aid/CPR/AED*

- 11/08/19 - [Wilderness First Aid/CPR/AED](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 01/10/20 - [Wilderness First Aid/CPR/AED](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 02/07/20 - [Wilderness First Aid/CPR/AED](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 03/13/20 - [Wilderness First Aid/CPR/AED](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 04/17/20 - [Wilderness First Aid/CPR/AED](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA





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## NCAC Jewish Committee on Scouting MERIT BADGE FAIR

Sunday, January 5, 2020

2:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Gesher Jewish Day School

4800 Mattie Moore Ct, Fairfax, VA 22030

**The National Capital Area Council Jewish Committee on Scouting invites Boy Scouts of all faiths to participate in a Merit Badge Fair.**

**To Register:** Register at [Jewish Committee Merit Badge Fair Registration](#)

Send us your *registration form* as soon as possible. Enrollment for each merit badge class is limited. Scouts and their parents will be notified by return email with the merit badge they have been assigned, and with the contact information for the merit badge counselor. Counselors will let scouts know about prerequisites and how to prepare for their merit badge class.

**Merit Badges:** *Aviation, Automotive Maintenance, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Chemistry, Collections, Communication, Electricity, Electronics, Engineering, Family Life, Fingerprinting, Genealogy, Leatherwork, Nuclear Science, Personal Management, Photography, Public Speaking, Scholarship, Space Exploration, Truck Transportation*

Scouts can also ask for another merit badge of *their choice*, and we will try to offer it.

Bring a Boy Scout merit badge blue card signed by unit leader to give to their counselor.

**Fees:** The cost of the Merit Badge Fair is \$10.00 per scout (\$5.00 for additional scouts in the same family). This fee pays for, facility fee, merit badge supplies, a special patch, and refreshments.

Note: Please do not bring your own food or drinks to the Fair; refreshments will be provided.

**Questions:** Philip Sternberg <[registration@ncacjcos.org](mailto:registration@ncacjcos.org)>, or 703-960-0205 (cell).



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## Wood Badge

By taking Wood Badge, Scouters will acquire valuable tools such as listening, communicating, conflict management, project planning and leading change. Participants will better learn to understand and appreciate diversity and differences in our society. They will learn skills that will make them better Scout leaders.



**Living the Values**  
**Growing**  
**Connecting**  
**Guiding**  
**Empowering**

Wood Badge was begun by Baden Powell in 1919 as a way to ensure Scouters were properly trained. Since then Wood Badge has been held worldwide, providing advanced leadership training to thousands of Scout leaders.

Wood Badge builds upon the best traditions and experiences of the Boy Scouts of America and also draws from a wide range of courses within and beyond the bounds of Scouting to present the latest in leadership theory and team development.

Wood Badge is designed to meet the advanced leadership needs of all Scouters.

Cost is only **\$300**  
Scholarships available

### UPCOMING COURSE DATES

#### Spring 2020

N6-82-20-1

May 1-3 & June 6-7

Camp William B. Snyder  
Course Director: Chris Cooper

#### Fall 2020

N6-82-20-2

Sept 18 - 20 & Oct 17 - 18

Camp William B. Snyder  
Course Director: Tony LaCava

REGISTRATION AND MORE INFORMATION:

**[www.ncacbsa.org/woodbadge](http://www.ncacbsa.org/woodbadge)**





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## Printing Unit Charter Forms and BSA ID cards for youth/adults

Some units are asking questions on how to obtain / print materials such as BSA id Cards and Unit Charters. BSA is no longer printing and mailing these materials to the units. BSA has now made it possible for units to do this task themselves. The following are how-to guides to download and print the BSA ID cards and Unit Charters:

- How to download BSA Ids (YouTube Video):  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KOUUCBoamgs0>
- How to downloads and print Unit Charters:  
<https://files.constantcontact.com/0778a6dc201/ee304af2-9c84-4143-a42d-c1798715ca01.pdf>

**Den Chief Training Now on-line:**

<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/training/den-chief-training/>

## Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries

Now that the summer fishing season is coming to a close and most birds are migrating south, this is a great time to get out and start observing Virginia birds and wildlife. Not sure how to start? Well, the Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries (DGIF) have got you covered. Start your planning by going to the DGIF's "Virginia Bird & Wildlife Trail" site: <https://www.dgif.virginia.gov/vbwt/>

From here you can study and select one the 65 established loop trails in the Coastal, Piedmont or Mountain regions or just use the interactive map and menus to select quality wildlife watching sites in any county of the Commonwealth.

So, whether you are looking for a Cub-friendly or Crew-challenging bird & wildlife watching outdoor activity, this is a great place to start!



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## NCAC UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

**SAVE THE DATE!!!! 29 FEBRUARY 2020**

**HAYFIELD SECONDARY SCHOOL 7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA**

*Online registration will open in early January 2020!!!*

### PURPOSE OF UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

University of Scouting is a supplemental training opportunity offering over 200 courses for adult Scout leaders in all program areas (Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouting, and District Operations). There is a Scouting Museum and a Midway with more than 50 displays. Whether you are new to Scouting or a veteran the University of Scouting has something for everyone.

**The College of Cub Scouting** provides courses ranging from pack administration to planning for an outdoor program.

**The College of Scouts, BSA** provides an exciting variety of troop, patrol and outdoor planning supplemental courses to help manage the challenges of a great troop experience.

**The College of Adventure Scouting** offers courses for those wanting to learn more about Scouting's "senior" level programs and the challenges of an active high adventure experience.

**The College of Elective Programs** offers many "general studies courses" that cut across all the program areas. Just about everything from diversity and special needs to using technology can be found in the Elective Programs. STEM Scouts will be covered as a subprogram (ELC500 classes) within the Electives College

**The College of District Operations** provides training to district committee members and scouters with an interest how the district works. While no degree is conferred, those who take the required three courses are awarded the BSA District Scouter Training Certificate and "Trained" patch.

Also offered as Standalone Courses are Introduction to Leadership Skills in the Crew and Ship, for Youth and for Adults (separate courses). Note these are all day classes and do not meet any degree requirements in any College.

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/training/university-of-scouting/>



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## 2019 Journey to Excellence

As part of your unit's ongoing program planning, you should take into account the topics found in the yearly Journey to Excellence forms.

We have added the links to the PDF form that is filled out and a workbook which will show your scores as you update the XLS.

### 2019 Scorecards – English

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

### 2019 Tracking Workbooks

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



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## Wilderness First Aid class scheduled for Dec. 7-8, 2019 Sponsored by Troop 918

Troop 918 is sponsoring Wilderness First Aid Class for those going on high adventure this upcoming summer or even in 2021. It is a commitment of an entire weekend from 9-6 p.m. for both Saturday and Sunday (Dec 7 - 8) and will take place in a location in Herndon. The cost is \$100, which is a very good price. Those who need CPR/First AID can be certified for an extra \$30 from 6PM-7PM on Saturday evening. It is a prerequisite for the class.

Here is the registration link:

<https://campaignpayitforward.com/booking/>

The drop-dead registration date is Nov. 14th.

Select the online booking for: "Saturday, December 7,2019 BSA ONLY Wilderness First Aid Troop 918"

Please let me know if you are considering this and/or registered:

Craig Cole, Scoutmaster, Troop 918

[craigcole23@gmail.com](mailto:craigcole23@gmail.com)



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## GEORGE MASON DISTRICT'S

### LIFE TO EAGLE SEMINAR

**Saturday, 7 March 2020**

1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church, 3810 Meredith Drive,  
Fairfax, VA. Check-in starts at 12:30 p.m.

#### Topics Include:

Service project selection/approval  
Details of the on-line Project Workbook  
Scouts with special needs

Eagle Scout Rank application  
Eagle Board of Review  
Eagle Court of Honor

**HIGHLIGHT: Panel discussion featuring recent Eagle Scouts**

Registration applications must be received by **Monday, 2 March 2020**

Fees (\$3 per person) will be collected at check-in. Registrations are requested to ensure adequate handouts and refreshments. Mail or E-mail registrations to:

Mr. Jim Miller, 4405 San Marcos Dr., Fairfax, Va. 22030  
703-273-6101      E-mail: [miljwpa@aol.com](mailto:miljwpa@aol.com)

Any questions contact Jack Lundin at 703-938-0369.

#### 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

**Location of church:** Meredith Dr. intersects Lee Highway (Route 29) west of Paul VI High School. There is a Mobile service station on the northwest corner of the intersection. The church is located behind the service station.

**In case of inclement weather, we will follow Fairfax County schools.**



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# 2020 GM Pinewood Derby



March 21, 2020

Fairfax Presbyterian Church

10723 Main St.

Fairfax, VA 22030





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## GEORGE MASON 2020 SPRING CAMPOREE

May 1 to 3, 2020



**STEM – Engineering Theme**

**Site – TBD**

**Please include in your unit's spring 2020 camping plans!**



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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

- 14 years or older (13 with permission)
- First Class Rank
- Scoutmaster approval
- Completed ILST\*
- 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

- 20-1 Jan 18-20 & Feb 15-17  
Camp William B. Snyder  
(Must complete both weekends)
- 20-2 June 21-26  
Cheltenham, MD
- 20-3 June 28-July 3  
Cheltenham, MD
- 20-4 July 26-31  
Camp William B. Snyder
- 20-5 August 2-7  
Camp William B. Snyder
- 20-6 August 10-15  
Camp William B. Snyder  
(Sunday Friendly)

REGISTRATION AND MORE INFORMATION:

# www.myNYLT.org



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A PUBLICATION FOR COMMISSIONERS AND PROFESSIONALS

# THE COMMISSIONER

www.scouting.org/commissioners



## National Commissioner's Minute

*The only thing wrong with commissioners is that there are not enough of them.*

I'm not sure that truer words have ever been spoken regarding commissioner service, especially in light of the new Scouts BSA troops that are being established. Between February 1 and June 1, 2019, over 2,500 new Scouts BSA troops were chartered. And more are being chartered every day.

It is an exciting time to be part of such growth and opportunity. But it also presents a responsibility for us to recruit many, many more individuals into the commissioner corps.

There is a certain magic that occurs in Scouting—when an individual goes from being a member of the BSA to being a Scout. Unit leaders see this with the youth they work with. Commissioners see it too as we work with unit leaders and watch them blossom and see their units grow and thrive.

This is what we are looking for in a commissioner—someone of character who will support unit leaders and help them go from being a member of the BSA to being a Scouter.

Look around you. We don't necessarily need someone with a lot of Scouting experience—we teach Scouting to kids every day of the week. *Surely* we can teach it to adults. We are looking for men and women of character who want to light the fire of Scouting in others—particularly unit leaders.

Join me in reaching out and offering that opportunity to the men and women of character we know.



**Ellie Morrison**  
National Commissioner  
[esmorrison@sbcglobal.net](mailto:esmorrison@sbcglobal.net)

[Click here to print a copy of \*The Commissioner\* newsletter.](#) 



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## BRAND NEW OA WIPIT Website – Check it Out!

[Wipit470.org](http://Wipit470.org)

The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's national honor society. Since its founding in 1915, the Order of the Arrow has recognized campers – Scouts and Scouters – who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. The Order has three purposes:

- Promoting responsible outdoor adventure
- Developing leaders
- Crystallizing the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

Scouts from the National Capital Area Council who are inducted into the Order of the Arrow become members of Amangamek-Wipit Lodge #470, an organization offering outdoor adventure and service opportunities. Amangamek-Wipit, which is part of the Northeast Region and Section NE-6A, serves almost 4,300 Arrowmen from the Council's chapters.

### **It's time to renew your Lodge Membership!**

To be a member of Amangamek-Wipit Lodge and the Order of the Arrow, you must be a registered Scout or Scouter and pay lodge dues of \$16 annually. Membership ensures your invitation to all chapter/lodge events and includes a subscription to the quarterly *Lodge Shark's Tooth* newsletter, which will be imprinted with your OA ID number and BSA ID number.

Your 2019 dues can be paid online at <https://dues.wipit470.org>

**Membership Transfers and Membership Reactivation:** [Membership Info](#)

Membership questions can be emailed to: [membership@wipit470.org](mailto:membership@wipit470.org)



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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 are listed below and on the [GMD Merit Badge Web Site](#):

- [Parktakes](#) (select "Scouts" from the Category of Activity)
- [MeritBadge.Info](#) - Various MB Days throughout the country
- [Fly Fishing Merit Badge Program](#), Northern Virginia
- 11/09/19 - [Aviation MB](#), College Park Aviation Museum, College Park, MD
- 11/24/19 - [Geology MB](#), George Mason Univ., Fairfax, VA
- 12/14/19 - [Troop 7369's 17th Semi-Annual Merit Badge University](#), Chantilly, VA
- 01/05/20 - [Jewish Committee MB Fair & Religious Emblems Workshop](#), Fairfax, VA
- 02/15/20 - [Goose Creek MB University](#), Leesburg, VA
- 03/14/20 - GM District Merit Badge Fair (8:30am) - Fairfax Presbyterian Church, Fairfax, VA.

### **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 will need to submit the following information to the [Merit Badge Dean](#):

- [Adult Application](#) (Page 3 only – fill in the form, initial & sign. No other signatures needed),
- [Background Check Authorization](#) (Page 15),
- [Merit Badge Counselor Information Sheet](#), and
- [Current YPT Certification](#) (Login, Menu, My Dashboard, Completions).

**Any questions or concerns please contact the District's Merit Badge Dean:**

Rus Pittman at (571) 354-7378, [gm.mb.dean@hotmail.com](mailto:gm.mb.dean@hotmail.com)



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# 2020 District Merit Badge Day



- March 14, 2020
- Fairfax Presbyterian Church, 10723 Main St., Fairfax, VA.
- Gathering at 8:30 a.m.
- Opening at 9:00 a.m.
- Two sessions – morning and afternoon.
- Will need unit adult volunteers.



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## DEA Red Ribbon Week Patch Program



The DEA Red Ribbon Patch Program is designed to provide Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts the opportunity to earn a patch from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) by engaging in anti-drug activities in celebration of [Red Ribbon Week](#).

The purpose of the Patch Program is to empower young people to engage with their community through drug-free activities and strengthen their anti-drug beliefs.

DEA will award a Red Ribbon Patch and Certificate of Participation to qualifying Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts (while supplies last)! Check out the [Scout Leader Toolkit](#) for items you'll need to complete the program.

**What are the dates of the program? July 1 - November 30**

**How many patches can our Scout Troop or Unit receive?**

- 1 patch per scout, per program year.
- Patches are not distributed based on the number of events/activities a scout participates in.
- Due to the limited number of patches available, make sure to submit your ["Activity Report"](#) as soon as *all* program requirements have been completed.

**Who can participate in the program?**

All Boy and Girl Scouts are eligible to participate.

**What are the patch requirements?**

- Each Scout/Troop or unit must coordinate a **Week activity** within your local community or school.
- Activities and events must be coordinated during the program dates (July 1 – November 30) of the current year.
- Each Scout must attend a drug prevention education session.
- Each Scout must take the [DEA Drug Free Pledge](#).
- The Scout leader must complete and submit the online ["Activity Report"](#) upon completion of *all* program requirements.



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Need more Red Ribbon Week ideas? [Visit our Red Ribbon Week page](#) for additional ideas, videos, and more.

## Scout Leader Toolkit:

[Red Ribbon Patch Program Implementation Guide](#)

[Celebrating a Hero's Life—the story of Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena](#)

[Red Ribbon Flyer](#)

[Scout Leader Activity Report Form](#)

[Red Ribbon Drug Free Pledge](#)

[Red Ribbon Certificate of Participation](#)

[Red Ribbon Press Release Template](#)

[Red Ribbon Public Service Announcement Template](#)

[Media Waiver Agreement](#) (Scanned and signed media waivers may be e-mailed to [Community.Outreach@usdoj.gov](mailto:Community.Outreach@usdoj.gov) or sent to the mailing address:

### **DEA Headquarters**

Community, Outreach, Prevention and Support Section (W-12116)

ATTN: Red Ribbon Patch Program

8701 Morrisette Drive

Springfield, VA 22152





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In this Issue we would like to Showcase Troop 1978 both Girl Troop and Boy Troop. This is what they are using to promote their units:

## FAMILY SCOUTING



### FOR BOYS

#### TROOP 1978B

- Tuesdays @ 7:30 PM
- St Mark Church, Vienna
- Scoutmaster: Ben Weintraub
- [troop1978.com/boys](http://troop1978.com/boys)



### FOR GIRLS

#### TROOP 1978G

- Tuesdays @ 7:30 PM
- St Mark Church, Vienna
- Scoutmaster: Tara Ogden
- [troop1978.com/girls](http://troop1978.com/girls)

JOIN US ANY TUESDAY NIGHT  
AGES 11-17 (GRADES 5-12)

## OUR ADVENTURES

Our Scouts want to to push their limits and explore their world through challenging outdoor adventures and real-life leadership and service experiences.

### TROOP 1978B

September	Caving
October	Shooting Sports
November	Camping Skills
December	Holiday Party
January	Merit Badge Camp
February	Ski Trip
March	Backpacking
April	Scout Skills
May	Assateague
June	Whitewater Rafting
Summer	Olmstead, Sea Base

\*Monthly campouts are 2 nights  
\*Summer camps are 6-12 nights

### TROOP 1978G

September	Horsemanship
October	Shooting Sports
November	Camping Skills
December	Holiday Party
January	Merit Badge Camp
February	Ski Trip
March	Backpacking
April	Scout Skills
May	Assateague
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Summer	Olmstead, Bechtel

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## Processing Training Awards, Unit Leader Key Awards, and other awards

Trained leaders have the knowledge and self-confidence to provide young people with a quality program. There are two important parts of BSA's Leadership Training Recognition plan: to honor demonstrated performance and tenure of trained leaders in all areas of the Scouting program involving units and to encourage others to become trained.

Trained leaders may apply for the knot appropriate to their program level by filling out the Progress Record for that award. **The application should be put in the awards box at Roundtable or given to your Unit Commissioner** to be reviewed by the district training committee for approval. You do not need to get a district signature before dropping off the form. The forms will be signed after a review is completed. All forms ask if training has been completed. We do review the training records. You can review your training records at [www.my.scouting.org](http://www.my.scouting.org)

If your training records are not updated, please complete the following excel spreadsheet:  
<http://tinyurl.com/NCACBSATraining>

and submit it to our Training Records, Roy DeLauder at [eaglescout.roy@cox.net](mailto:eaglescout.roy@cox.net) Usually one reason why training records are not showing up is because the individual has not linked their BSA Member Number to their my.scouting.org account. It is important that this is done so that we can show that our leaders are actually trained. Another error is not obtaining all the signatures required at the unit level. If the form asks for both the unit leader and the committee chairs signatures, then we need both signatures.

**Use the current forms (links to current forms are listed below).**

### TRAINING AWARD FORMS

Below is a listing of the award forms that should be used and the link to the current document.



**Unit Leader Award of Merit Nomination Form** (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, or Advisor). Don't forget to include the statement by the unit committee chair on behalf of the unit committee attesting to the nominee's performance as unit leader. For Scoutmaster nominations, also attach a statement by the troop's senior patrol leader. For crew Advisor nominations, also attach a statement by the crew president.

[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-003\\_WB.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-003_WB.pdf)



**Den Leader Training Award** – Adults that serve as Cub Scout Den Leaders may earn this knot by completing the required tenure, training, and performance for the award. Progress Record (Tiger, Wolf, Bear, or Webelo den leader)

[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-052\\_WB.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-052_WB.pdf)



**Scouter's Training Award**—Adults that serve as Leaders in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturing may earn this knot by completing the position-appropriate required tenure, training, and performance for the award.

**Scouter's Training Award for Cub Scouting—Progress Record**  
[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-057\\_WB.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-057_WB.pdf)

**Scouter's Training Award for Boy Scouting – Progress Record**  
[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-058\\_WB.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-058_WB.pdf)

**Venturing Training Award – Progress Record**  
[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-060\\_WB.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-060_WB.pdf)

**District Committee Scouter's Training Award – Progress Record**  
<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/districtcommscouterstrainingawd.pdf>



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**Scouter's Key Award**—Adults that serve as Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, District Committee members, and Venturing

Advisors may earn this knot by completing the required tenure, training, and performance for the award.

### Cubmaster's Key Progress Record

[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-053\\_WB.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-053_WB.pdf)

### Scoutmaster's Key Progress Record

[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-054\\_WB.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-054_WB.pdf)

### Advisor's Key Progress Record

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-WB.pdf>

### District Committee Key Progress Record

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/districtcommitteekey.pdf>

### Scouting Forms

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Media/forms.aspx>

### National Summertime Pack Award

[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/CubScoutMeetingGuide/PDF/33748\\_WB.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/CubScoutMeetingGuide/PDF/33748_WB.pdf)



### COMMISSIONER AWARD FORMS

Below is a listing of the award forms that should be used and the link to the current document. These are managed by the District Commissioner staff.

The



**Arrowhead Honor** recognizes proficiency in contemporary tools and techniques commissioners use to provide effective unit service.

**ELIGIBILITY:** ALL COMMISSIONERS

[Click here](#) for Unit Commissioner.

[Click here](#) for Assistant Roundtable Commissioner.

[Click here](#) for Roundtable Commissioner.

[Click here](#) for Assistant District Commissioner.



**The Commissioner's Key** encourages and recognizes continuing training, performance, and tenure by commissioners.

**ELIGIBILITY:** ALL COMMISSIONERS

[Click here](#) for requirements and progress records.



**The Doctorate of Commissioner Science Knot Award** recognizes

completion of a standardized training program including a thesis or project, the awarding of the Doctorate of Commissioner Science from a College of Commissioner Science, and the achievement of performance objectives to improve unit service.

**ELIGIBILITY:** ALL COMMISSIONERS

[Click here](#) for requirements and progress record.



**The Commissioner Award of Excellence in Unit Service** is awarded to a commissioner who provides exemplary unit service, focusing on unit performance as measured in Journey to Excellence and through the use of the current Boy Scouts of America Unit Service Plan and Commissioner Tools.

**ELIGIBILITY:** ALL COMMISSIONERS PROVIDING DIRECT SERVICE TO UNITS

[Click here](#) for requirements and progress record.



**The Distinguished Commissioner Service Award** is the highest recognition that can be given to a commissioner

who has consistently engaged in distinguished and exceptional commissioner service resulting in significant, positive impact to youth, units, and a district and/or council.

**CLASSIFICATION:** NOMINATION

**ELIGIBILITY:** ALL COMMISSIONERS

[Click here](#) for requirements.

[Click here](#) for nomination form.



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## Are you a Cub Adult Leader with two years of Tenure and completed the following?

- Complete at least two years of tenure as a registered adult leader in a Cub Scout pack – **Any Adult Position**.
- Complete [basic training](#) for any Cub Scout leader position.
- Complete [This Is Scouting](#) training.
- Attend a pow wow or university of Scouting (or equivalent), or attend at least four roundtables (or equivalent) during each year of the tenure used for this award.
- Participate in an annual pack planning meeting in each year.
- Serve as an adult leader in a pack that achieves at least the Bronze level of [Journey to Excellence](#) in each year.
- Give primary leadership in meeting at least one pack [Journey to Excellence](#) objective in each year.
- Participate in at least one additional supplemental or advanced training event at the council, area, region, or national level during the two years – Pow Wow Oct 26, 2019, University of Scouting Feb 28, 2020, BALOO, Wood Badge

Then fill this out: [Cub Scout PDF](#) and email to: [eaglescout.roy@cox.net](mailto:eaglescout.roy@cox.net)

## Are you a Boy Scout Leader with two years of Tenure and completed the following?

- Complete at least two years of tenure as a registered adult leader in a Troop – **Any Adult Position**.
- Complete [basic training](#) for any Boy Scout leader position.
- Complete [This Is Scouting](#) training.
- Attend a university of Scouting (or equivalent), or attend at least four roundtables (or equivalent) during each year of the tenure used for this award.
- Participate in an annual troop planning meeting in each year.
- Serve as an adult leader in a troop that achieves at least the Bronze level of [Journey to Excellence](#) in each year. The Quality Unit Award was acceptable if the tenure used was prior to 2011.
- Give primary leadership in meeting at least one troop [Journey to Excellence](#) objective in each year.
- Participate in at least one additional supplemental or advanced training event at the council, area, region, or national level during the two years – University of Scouting Feb 28, 2020, BALOO, Wood Badge, BCOLS, Powder Horn

Then fill this out: [Boy Scout PDF](#) and email to: [eaglescout.roy@cox.net](mailto:eaglescout.roy@cox.net)



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## George Mason Order of The Arrow – 2020 Spring Initiation

George Mason Troops will elect their OA candidates for 20209 between November 2018 and April 1, 2020. Once a youth becomes an elected candidate, they need to participate in a weekend member Initiation which includes the Ordeal.

In Spring 2020 the George Mason/Patriot combined Chapter Initiation will be May 1-3 2020 at Camp Snyder. George Mason OA will send postal letters to each elected candidate providing information about the Initiation. Online registration will become available closer to the Initiation weekend.

In Fall 2020, the Area Initiation will be Oct 2-4, 2020 at Camp Snyder. Colonial, Patriot, George Mason, Old Dominion and Chain Bridge OA Chapters will come together to hold the Virginia Central Area initiation.

The George Mason Chapter sends out a monthly newsletter with more OA news. Look for your newsletter.

Here are the OA 2020 Initiation Weekend (Ordeal/Brotherhood) dates:

- May 1-3, 2020 Spring GM/Patriot Chapter Ordeal at Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- Oct 2-4, 2020 Fall Virginia Central Area Ordeal at Snyder, Haymarket, VA

### 2020 Lodge Events

- January 4, 2020 Lodge Banquet
- April 3-5, 2020 Spring Fellowship
- May 15-17, 2020 Conclave – Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation
- September 20-22, 2020 Fall Fellowship



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## A few Pictures from the 2019 George Mason Fall "Iron Chef" Camporee (John Lesko, Photographer)



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## Shooting Sports



Next NCAC Shooting Sports Committee Meetings: *Tuesday, September 3 Teleconference and Tuesday, October 1 at MSSC.*

It is with great sadness that the NCAC family acknowledge the loss of one of our most active and effective Scouters. *John Leonard Wolfgang, Jr. has gone home.* John was not only the chairman of this committee and leading a significant quality improvement effort in BSA Shooting Sports training and safety in the Council and Nationally, but he has also been a leader in many committees and teams in our Council, our Region, and for BSA nationally. John's position as chairman has been succeeded by Demi Pulas, another long time nationally recognized instructor, NCS certified, and multiple Jamboree staffer.

**Brian P. Summers, SR**

**NRA Chief RSO/NRA Instructor Rifle, Shotgun and Pistol**

George Mason Shooting Sports Committee Representative

(C) 202-805-4496 [brian.summers@verizon.net](mailto:brian.summers@verizon.net)

**\*\*NOTICE\*\* We are actively looking active participation from all NCAC Districts in our committee.** To observe or join in on our meetings, if you have questions regarding shooting sports training, instructor certifications, seek Council authorization for adding shooting sports to an activity or similar shooting sports questions, please contact your District's Shooting Sports Coordinator who should already be an active member of our Committee and coordinate with us. You may also direct inquiries and comments on the website to the NCAC Shooting Sports Committee Webmaster [ncacsswebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:ncacsswebmaster@gmail.com) who will direct the inquiry to the Committee Chairman.

**\*\*NOTICE\*\*** The [BSA National Shooting Sports Manual](#) published in 2015 has some out of date information. Here is a [supplement](#) which notes important corrections.

**\*\*NOTICE\*\*** NCAC Shooting Sports presentations from University of Scouting have been posted to our Committee's Resources Page here: [NCAC Shooting Sport Committee – Shooting Sports Resources](#)

[Shooting Sports Committee Minutes Page](#)

**\*\*NOTICE\*\*** Merit Badge Counselors must ensure qualified and certified supervision according to Guide to Safe Scouting standards in order to run any shooting activity (rifle, shotgun, archery) under BSA rules. Generally, this means certification by USA Archery for Archery sports, and NRA Certified Instructor for Rifle, Pistol or Shotgun



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including muzzle loading. See this reference for special qualifications or certifications requirements: [BSA Guide to Advancements – The Merit Badge Program](#)

Important Shooting Sports Committee Documents:

[NCAC September 2019 Shooting Sports Calendar & Training Opportunities](#) (Please provide District Camporee dates that want shooting activities ASAP.)

[BSA Training Course Schedule for March](#)

[Shooting Sports Publications Listing](#)

[NCAC – So You Want to Hold a Scouting Shooting Sports Activity? \(April 2017\)](#)

[NCAC Shooting Sports Standard Operating Procedures 01-24-2018 Revision – Signed](#)

[BSA Shooting Sports Publications](#)

Shooting Sports Reference Links:

[Shooting Sports Resource Page](#)

[Latest Shooting Sports News!](#)

Look for University of Scouting handouts and other new resources soon!

Archery & NRA Instructor Certification Opportunities are listed in the Monthly calendar for shooting sports (see the calendar link above). You can also search online for Archery courses at this link for [USA Archery – Become a Coach](#) to find additional USA Archery courses and contact information.

NRA instructor courses are frequent and, in many locations, nationally. The NRA courses may have a BSA reduced rate, so contact the instructor for further information. Search [NRA Training – Credentials](#) to find course contact information.

Shooting Sports Reference Links:

[Shooting Sports Resource Page](#)

[Shooting Sports Committee Minutes Page](#)

[Latest Shooting Sports News!](#)

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NCAC adheres to the Boy Scouts of America's longstanding policy of teaching its youth and adult members the safe, responsible, intelligent handling, care, and use of firearms, air rifles, BB guns, and archery equipment in planned, carefully managed, and supervised programs.

From Cub Scouting to Venturing and Sea Scouting, all program divisions use responsible outdoor activities to promote character development and values-based leadership training. Shooting sports have the ability to attract and retain youth in the movement. Millions of young people participate in one or more of the sports annually — archery, rifle shooting, shotgun activities, etc. — guided by adult volunteers who have the skills and knowledge to provide quality programs in a safe and effective way.

Updated: September 2, 2019