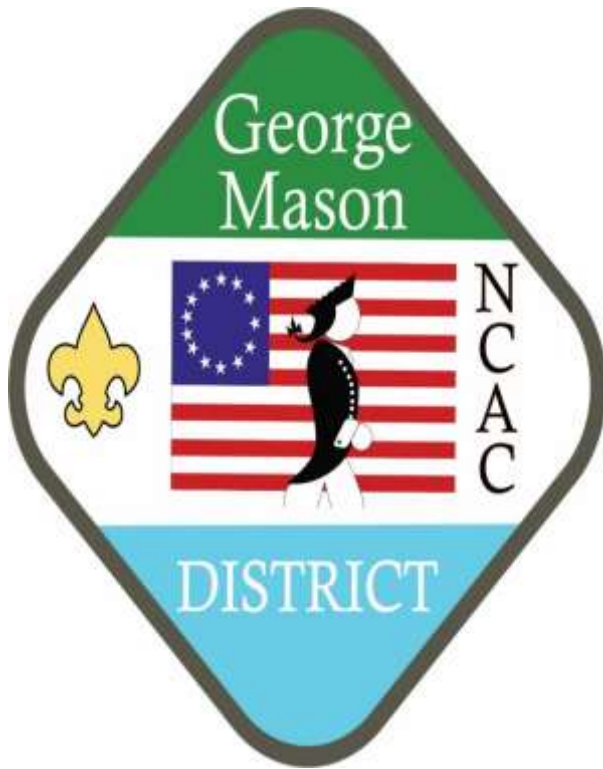




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Welcome to this edition of the George Mason District Press. We e-mail this out bi-monthly to the BSA registered leaders in George Mason District; unit leaders and merit badge counselors – those who have their current YPT.

George Mason District Leadership and its youth appreciate all of the hard work and commitment you provide to the youth of our community. Thank you.

Please plan to attend the 09/12/2019 - Roundtable/OA Chapter Meetings (7:30pm), Thoreau Middle School, Vienna, VA 7:30 PM

Plan to Attend: October 18 – 20, 2019

George Mason District Fall Camporee – Iron Chef

[Iron Chef Fall Camporee](#)

USEFUL LINKS:

[NCAC Council Website](#)

[National BSA](#)

[National Order of the Arrow](#)

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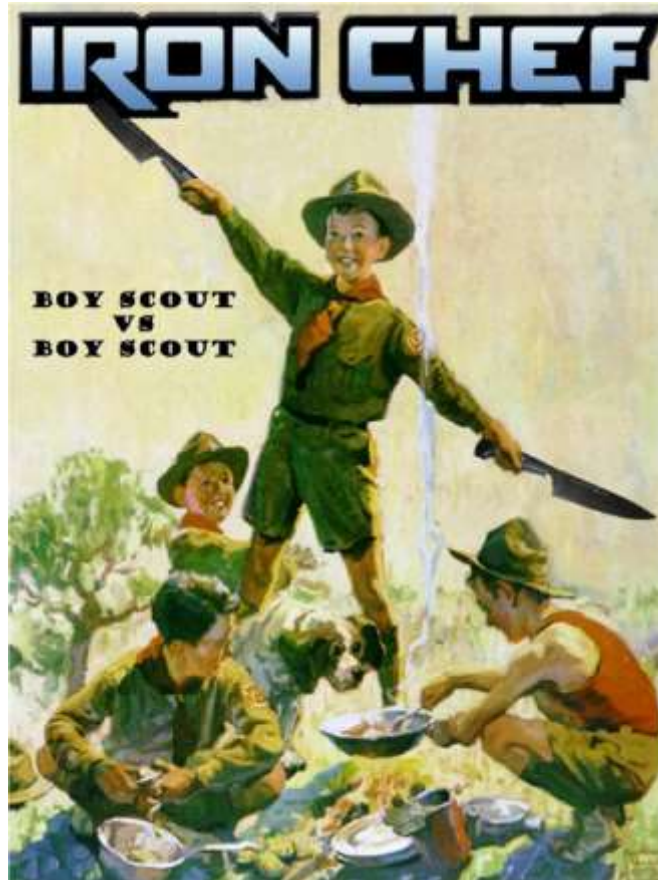
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GEORGE MASON DISTRICT CAMPOREE

Iron Chef Fall Camporee



NOVA Virginia 4-H Education and Conference Center

October 18 – 20, 2019, 600 4H Center Drive, Front Royal, VA 22630

The 13th point of the Scout Law is...A Scout is hungry! Join us for one of Scouting's oldest traditions – a Camporee. At this event Troops will compete in activities which test their scouting skills ranging from cooking to pumpkin carvings, Kim's game to relay races. District gatherings provide an opportunity for scouts to camp with friends in other troops and learn more about see how other troops operate. There will be fun, friendship, and fellowship.

Camporee Director Andrew Zaso (703) 434-2907 - AndrewZaso@gmail.com



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Calendar of Events

09/10/2019 - GM Commissioner's Meeting (7:30pm), Thoreau MS (B-113), Vienna, VA

09/12/2019 - Roundtable/OA Chapter Meetings (7:30pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA

09/14/2019 - [Adult Scouting Skills](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

09/17/2019 - [Cub Scout Summer Shooting Sports Spectacular](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

09/20/2019 – 09/22/19 - OA Fall Fellowship, Goshen Scout Reservation, Goshen, VA

09/25/2019 - GM District Committee Meeting, Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA

09/28/2019 - [Life to Eagle Seminar](#), Christ Lutheran Church, Fairfax, VA

10/04/2019 - [OA Ordeal](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

10/08/2019 - GM Commissioner's Meeting (7:30pm), Thoreau MS (B-113), Vienna, VA

10/10/2019 - Roundtable/OA Chapter Meetings (7:30pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA

10/11/2019 – [Wilderness First Aid Training](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

10/18/2019 - [Iron Chef Fall Camporee](#), Front Royal, VA

10/19 – 20/2019 - [Leave No Trace Trainer Course](#), Sky Meadows, VA

10/30/2019 - GM District Committee Meeting, Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA



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Calendar of Events (cont.)

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

11/16/2019 - NCAC Pow Wow, Annandale HS, Annandale, VA - [NCAC POW-WOW](#)

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

01/04/2020 – Amangamek-Wipit 470 Banquet

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

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

06/28 - 07/03/2020 [NYLT](#), Cheltenham, MD

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

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

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



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Training Opportunities

Cub Scout:

- Position Specific:
 - 09/28/19 - [Cub Scout Leader Specific Training](#), Herndon, VA
 - 09/28/19 - [Cub Scout Leader Specific Training](#), Herndon, VA
 - 12/07/19 - [Cub Scout Leader Specific Training](#), Gaithersburg, MD
- BALOO:
 - 09/06/19 - [Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation \(BALOO\)](#), Fredericksburg, VA
 - 09/21/19 - [Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation \(BALOO\)](#), Lorton, VA
 - 10/19/19 - [Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation \(BALOO\)](#), Reston, VA
- PowWow
 - 11/16/19 - [PowWow](#), Bethesda, MD

Scout:

- *Position Specific:*
 - 09/14/19 - [Scoutmaster Position - Specific Training](#), Alexandria, VA
 - 09/21/19 - [Scoutmaster Position - Specific Training](#), Gaithersburg, MD
 - 10/19/19 - [Scoutmaster Position - Specific Training](#), Alexandria, VA
 - 11/09/19 - [Scoutmaster Position - Specific Training](#), Alexandria, VA
 - 12/07/19 - [Scoutmaster Position - Specific Training](#), Gaithersburg, VA
- IOLS:
 - 09/20/19 - [Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills \(IOLS\)](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
 - 09/21/19 - [Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills \(IOLS\)](#), Lorton, VA
 - 10/05/19 - [Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills \(IOLS\)](#), Middleburg, VA
- BCOLS:
 - 09/28/19 - [Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills \(BCOLS\)](#), Alexandria, VA
- COR:
 - 09/21/19 - [Chartered Organization Representative \(COR\) Training](#), Gaithersburg, MD
 - 10/05/19 - [Chartered Organization Representative \(COR\) Training](#), Stafford, VA
 - 12/07/19 - [Chartered Organization Representative \(COR\) Training](#), Gaithersburg, MD

District:

- *Commissioners:*
 - 09/21/19 - [Commissioner Basic Training/Roundtable Training](#), Gaithersburg, MD

Miscellaneous:

- 09/14/19 - [Adult Scouting Skills and Camp Snyder Fellowship Lunch](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 09/21/19 - [Leave No Trace Trainer Course](#), Gaithersburg, MD
- 09/21/19 - [NCAC Level 1 & 2 Climbing Instructor Training and Assessment](#), Sugarloaf Mountain
- 10/05/19 - [Den Chief Training](#), Stafford, VA
- 10/25/19 - [COPE Facilitator Training & Scouterhorn Ops Training](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- Fairfax County CERT training - take your Emergency Prep to the next level by attending the CERT - [various dates](#)



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Fall 2019 - Sky Meadows State Park

Saturday 10-19-2019 8:30 AM ET to Sunday 10-20-2019 12:00 PM ET

Leave No Trace Trainer Course - Outdoor Ethics (Backpacking Format)

Event Details



What is the purpose of this class?

The Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, Varsity Scout, Venturing, and Sea Scout programs all include outdoor stewardship, care for the environment, and Leave No Trace as part of their programs. This course is offered to train adults and youth aged 14+ to serve their units and districts as Leave No Trace Trainers and as Outdoor Ethics Guides. Every Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, Varsity Scout, Venturing, and Sea Scout unit should have at least one Leave No Trace Trainer/Outdoor Ethics Guide.

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

Who should attend?

Venturers, Sea Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Scouts BSA aged 14+; adult Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, Varsity, Venturing, and Sea Scout leaders; and District and Council leaders and trainers.

What will I learn?

This course is designed to enhance your understanding of Leave No Trace practices and outdoor ethics, and to increase your level of expertise and confidence in teaching Leave No Trace skills. This class is both active and highly interactive. You will be introduced to concepts and methods that will advance your knowledge of Leave No Trace issues in both developed and high adventure environments, expand your repertoire of low-impact skills, and increase your effectiveness in teaching these important skills to others.

On completion of this course, participants will be registered as Leave No Trace Trainers with the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics and with the BSA. Students will receive Leave No Trace teaching materials, a certificate of course completion, a Leave No Trace Trainer lapel pin and patch, and a BSA Leave No Trace Trainer card.

This course is instructed by nationally designated Leave No Trace Master Educators and Trainers. Attendance for the entire duration of the training is required.

(Campsite location, equipment list, and other course details will be emailed to participants a few weeks prior to the course. Each participant will have an assignment to prepare for the training.)

This course is taught entirely in the outdoors and is a backpacking format. We will camp out Saturday evening and hike out Sunday am.

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



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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=KOUcBoamgs0>
- How to download 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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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.

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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Cub Scout Leaders ...

Save the Date

November 16, 2019

for

National Capital Council's

CUB SCOUT LEADER'S

POW WOW

(the Super Bowl of Training for
Cub Scout Leaders)

Location: TBD

Date: Saturday, November 16, 2019

For more information: NCAC.PowWow@gmail.com



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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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Celebrate 100 Years Of NCAC Camping!

SAVE THE DATE!

2019 ADULT SCOUTING SKILLS & CAMP SNYDER FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

To provide an afternoon of Scouting skills and fun for adults through stations that include archery, trail cooking, first aid, tomahawks, STEM, rocketry, and more!

SCOUTERS AND FAMILIES JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE SCOUTING AND EXPERIENCE WHAT OUR SCOUTS ENJOY AT SUMMER CAMP!

Register today at www.ncacbsa.org/adultscoutskills

Free Fellowship Lunch served at noon in the Dining Hall.
(Registration required for planning purposes).

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2019, 11 AM to 4 PM
 CAMP WILLIAM B. SNYDER, 6100 ANTIOCH ROAD, HAYMARKET, VA 20169
 SPONSORED BY THE ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE & NESA DC

For more info, please contact Chief Development Officer, Jenna Welle
 @ (301) 214-9113 jenna.welle@scouting.org

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Connect with Scouting Alumni!



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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. *Girl Scouts are welcome.*



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.

For more information, please contact:

Russell Pittman at 703-573-1679 or ruspittman@gmail.com



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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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GEORGE MASON DISTRICT'S

LIFE TO EAGLE SEMINAR

Saturday, 28 September 2019

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

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 applications must be received by **Monday, 23 September 2019**

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**

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

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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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

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



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BRAND NEW OA WIPIT Website – Check it Out!

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



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[Wipit 470 Fall Fellowship Video](#) - [REGISTER](#)



Activities Include

- Brotherhood Conversion
- Archery
- Rifle
- Tin Smithing
- Flute Making
- Leather Work
- Beading
- Viking Canoe Race
- Water Jousting
- VolleyBall
- FootBall
- Frisbee
- Fencing
- Branding
- Open Swim
- Watermelon Eating Competition
- Ceremonies Competition
- Lodge Master Training

Activities are subject to change or cancellation without prior notice.

 [Fall Fellowship Program.pdf](#)
[Download File](#)



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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
- 09/13/19 - **NCAC Canoeing Clinic and Merit Badge**, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 09/15/19 - [Woodworking MB](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 09/21/19 - [Merit Badge Afloat](#), Washington Sailing Marina, Alexandria, VA
- 10/18/19 - [Cook-o-ree](#) (Cooking MB), Frederick, MD
- 11/02/19 - [Waynesburg University MB Day](#), Waynesburg, PA
- 12/14/19 - [Troop 7369's 17th Semi-Annual Merit Badge University](#), Chantilly, 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 - just the applicant's initials and signature),
- [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



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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 [Red Ribbon 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 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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2019 OFFERINGS

BACK COUNTRY OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS - BCOLS

DON'T BE THIS GUY



GET BCOLS TRAINED!

This course was developed by a group of Scouters in 1993; it has been continually updated to meet current techniques and technology. It is aimed at all adults working with older youth regardless of program (Boy Scouting, Venturing, or Exploring). **This training IS NOT recommended for Cub Scout leaders or people without camping experience.** All participants are strongly encouraged to complete Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, as well as the position-specific training for their program area (Venturing or, Boy Scout) prior to attending this course. All participants must be able to meet current physical requirements of the BSA Annual Health & Medical Record.

The target audience is adult leaders planning High Adventure treks at backcountry venues not supported by BSA infrastructure; however, units planning to attend High Adventure bases supported by BSA will find this course useful, inasmuch as unit shakedown will, most likely, take place in venues not supported by BSA infrastructure. If you are participating in an NCAC-sponsored High Adventure Trek, you must also take the course offered by the NCAC High Adventure Committee.

Youth participants (16 and up) will be admitted on an individual basis and requires the nomination by the unit leader. Youth must have completed unit leadership training (Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops or Crews, etc.). National Youth Leadership Training is strongly recommended.

FALL 2019 – VIRGINIA – BOTH SESSIONS ARE REQUIRED:

Classroom: Sat. 9/28 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Heritage Presbyterian Church

8503 Fort Hunt Road

Alexandria, VA 22308

Overnight: Sat. 10/12, 7:30 AM thru Sun. 10/13, 1:30 PM

Camp Big Mac

12647 Moss Hollow Road

Markham, VA 22643



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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

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 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



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 Webelos den leader)

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

Scouter's Training Award for Boy Scouting – Progress Record

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

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

Scoutmaster's Key Progress Record

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



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 23, 2019, BALOO, Wood Badge

Then fill this out: [Cub Scout PDF](#) and email to: 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 23, 2019, BALOO, Wood Badge, BCOLS, Powder Horn

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



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George Mason Order of The Arrow – 2019 Fall Initiation

[George Mason OA Ordeal Registration Link](#)

George Mason Troops will elect their OA candidates for 2019 between November 2018 and April 1, 2019. Once a youth becomes an elected candidate, they need to participate in a weekend member Initiation which includes the Ordeal.

In Spring 2019 the George Mason/Patriot combined Chapter Initiation will be May 10-12 2019 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 2019, the Area Initiation will be Oct 4-6 2019 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 2019/2020 Initiation Weekend (Ordeal/Brotherhood) dates:

- Oct 4-6, 2019 Fall Area Ordeal at Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 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

2019 Lodge Events

- Sept 20-22 2019 Fall Fellowship – Goshen, VA

2020 Lodge Events

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



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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

****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 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