**Roundtable Minutes**

**August 11, 2022**

* **Council Update / Rus P**
* MSSC/Scout Store – Reopened this week (M-F 8:30am-5pm; Sat 10am to 3pm)
* iContact – New mail list server. Need to whitelist/move messages in the SPAM/Junk folder that are from georgemason@ncacbsa.org.
* NCAC Insurance Fee - $2.04/person (full year)
* Family Den Pilot – Mixed dens M/F youth. Pilot program – MOU needed to participate. <https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/uYFRgeombPuJe37tUCAPoYKK>
* Awards – NCAC continues to work backlog. Let Rus or Keenan know if you haven’t received after six weeks
* Safety Moments - Opportunities to prepare for an activity, review safety measures, and report incidents correctly. Topics of this new series include incident reporting helps, safe use of medication in Scouting, weather-related safety, winter activity, and winter sports. (<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/>)
* **Scoutbook / Rus P**
* Fixes
* Calendar - An issue that prevented Scouts who are **not** calendar editors from seeing the unit or sub-unit calendars has been fixed.
* Eagle Palms
* An issue that caused the percent complete calculation for Eagle Palms to be incorrect has been fixed. Eagle Palms with incorrect percent complete need to have 1 requirement edited to correct the percent complete value.
* An issue that prevented Eagle Palm requirement 4, Merit Badges, from being auto completed when Eagle 2022 is selected has been fixed. A script has been run to correct any Eagle Palms that should have had requirement 4 completed.
* Scoutbook Forum - https://discussions.scouting.org/
* **NCAC Aquatics Committee / Rus P**
* [Paddle Craft Safety](https://scoutingevent.com/082-60033) (Course Fee:  $30/day) – Limit 12 Scouts/Leaders  
  - Still water course includes Canoe Merit Badge Councilor Certification  
  - Still water course required for Moving Water course  
  - [Sept 10](https://scoutingevent.com/082-60033) – Still Water Safety – (am – Hylton Center; pm – [Silver Lake](https://www.visitpwc.com/listing/silver-lake-regional-park/460/))  
  - [Sept 11](https://scoutingevent.com/082-60033)  – Moving Water Safety – On the Potomac (Meet at [Riley’s Lock](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Rileys+Lock+Rd,+Darnestown,+MD/@39.0740131,-77.3435801,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x89b630fb2ed21e3b:0xca362f851174c338!8m2!3d39.074009!4d-77.3413861))
* [Merit Badges Afloat](https://www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Ship-1942-Fall-2022-MBA-Flyer-v2.pdf) – Ship 1942’s Merit Badge Afloat weekend is an opportunity for Scouts BSA scouts to earn three merit badges (Small-Boat Sailing, Weather, and Oceanography), be introduced to Sea Scouts, and learn more about the activities of Sea Scout Ship 1942.  Saturday, September 10, 2022; 8:30am to 6:00pm and Sunday, September 11, 2022; 8:30am to 6:00pm at the Washington Sailing Marina.
* SCUBA (Course Fee:  $650) – PADI Certification by Age / Scouts BSA Merit Badge  
         Contact the PADI Divemaster [Andrew Blanco](mailto:ABSEAS2@aol.com) to schedule  
         Minimum age 14 years  
        Aug 20 &21 – Pool Session & Aug 27 & 28 – Open Water
* Partial Merit Badge Completion Clinic – 18 Scout Limit  
         Oct 3 – Tentative -TBD
* **Join Scouting Night Event Prep /Rus P**
* Goal: Provide information and resources that can assist your Unit for upcoming recruitment events. This includes:
* Online Tools
* Resources Available from Council
* Planning Timelines
* Best Practices – Please share your successes!
* **On-Stop Shop for Membership** [**https://ncacbsa.org/george-mason/**](https://ncacbsa.org/george-mason/)

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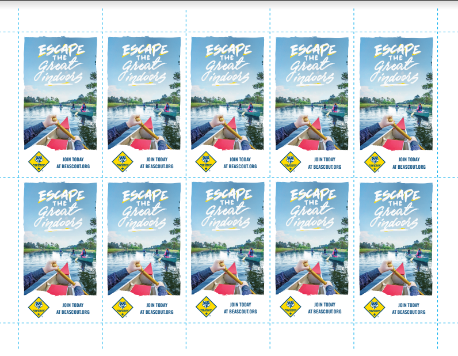
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* **Geofence Request Form**
* Information Needed:
* Email
* District
* Unit Number
* Unit Type (Pack, Troop)
* Name of Chartering Organization
* Is the event In-Person or On-line
* Address of In-Person Event
* URL (if virtual event) w/ login instructions
* Event Date/Time and description of activity
* Unit Facebook Page info (if applicable)
* Flyer (if available)

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* **JSN Resources available to the units:**
* Scout Talks – Videos
* JSN Logistics – Resources for various stations – Activities, Advancement, Ideals of Scouting, Calendar, Application, etc.
* New Leader Welcome Packet
* Program Information
* Unit Guides
* **Peer to Peer Cards – a great way for the Cubs/Scouts to share meeting information with peers**

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* **NCAC Resources Available (Contact Keenan –** [**keenan.pallone@scouting.org**](mailto:keenan.pallone@scouting.org)**)**
* Items to request/keep on-hand:
* Flyers – Please give Keenan a week’s notice
* Yard Signs
* BeAScout.org Pencils
* Stickers
* Parent’s Guides
* Paper Applications
* Items to borrow and return:
* Roll-out recruitment banners
* Pup-up Tents
* **Planning Timelines (suggested)**
* Three Weeks Prior:
* Requested Facebook Geofenced Advertising (date, location, time, & contact info)
* Requested PeachJar Advertisements (Flyer, Schools, additional info)
* Two Weeks Prior:
* Submitted Physical Flyer Requests (Color: 10 cents per page)
* Submitted Peer-to-Peer Cards Requests
* Requested Council Recruitment Banners (While resources are available)
* Requested Council Projectors (While resources are available)
* Requested Council Pop-Up Tents (While resources are available)
* One Week Prior:
* Requested Yard Signs
* Requested Parents’ Guides
* Requested Paper Applications
* Requested Printed “How-To” Social Media templates
* Requested Pens/Pencils
* **Best Practices Some Units Use (Please share your successes/ideas!)**
* Have information they need – ideally one page
* Meeting location, day of week/month and time
* Background about the unit (size, history, typical events)
* Contact information
* Costs – BSA, NCAC insurance, Unit fees, how you raise funds
* Other needed items – uniform, equipment, books, etc.
* Have a way to sign up immediately
* Tablet / Computer for adults to register their youth
* Paper forms and pens
* A way to collect fees (Square, check, etc.)
* Have a way for Parents to volunteer/be informed of unit needs
* Emphasize that your unit is a volunteer organization
* Have a list of possible jobs they can volunteer to do
* Emphasize the need for YPT when recruiting Adults
* **Most Importantly – Make it Fun!**

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**Big Rock – What did you do this summer?**

* [Goshen](https://www.gotogoshen.org/), [NYLT](https://www.ncacbsa.org/national-youth-leadership-training/), [NOAC 2022](https://noac2022.org/)
* [Maine HA](https://www.mainehighadventure.org/) – recommend for old scouts with Canoeing MB and “fit” adults.
* [Northern Tier](https://www.ntier.org/) – Manitoba, float plane, fishing great!
* [Philmont](https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/) – Sent our Girl Troop for the first time!
* [Camp Henson](https://www.facebook.com/HensonScoutReservation) – go early – mosquitoes are large and organized.
* [USS Constellation](https://historicships.org/explore/uss-constellation) (Cub overnight) in Baltimore.
* Rockets with [Northern Virginia Association of Rocketry](https://novaar.org/drupal7/index.html), Plains, VA
* Self-planned trip to the Adirondacks. Did 60 miles in six days.
* [Green Bar Bill](https://scoutingmagazine.org/2017/12/scoutmaster-to-the-world/) Museum
* [Camp Horseshoe, MD/PA](https://www.cccbsa.org/programs/camping/scouts-bsa/camp-horseshoe/)

**George Mason Program**

* **Current GM Calendar /John D**
* September 24, 2022 – Life to Eagle Seminar
* October 21-23, 2022 – Fall Camporee- Pioneering Theme
* November 5, 2022 – Scouting for Food Tag Distribution
* November 11,2022- Flags in, National Memorial Park, Falls Church
* November 12,2022 Scouting for Food Bag Collection
* December 2022- Peace Light of Bethlehem
* March 4, 2023 Merit Badge Day at Fairfax Presbyterian Church
* March 18 2023 Pinewood Derby at Fairfax PresbyterianChurch
* May 5-7, 2023- Spring Camporee TBD
* **STEM /Andrew M**
* Scout Day at Nationals Park – 14 August
* Get a special patch!
* <https://www.mlb.com/nationals/tickets/specials/scout-days>
* Explorer Post 1010 Open House – 10 & 14 September
* High school students only
* <http://post1010.org/>
* STEM Expo & Pinewood Derby – (Rescheduled) 15 October @ Camp Snyder
* STEM Expo is open to all! Register by 7 October
* <https://scoutingevent.com/082-pwd>
* Chess Tournaments
* Cubs – 4 February 2023
* SBSA – 11 February 2023

**SCOUTS BSA Roundtable**

* **Future Camporees /John D**
* George Mason Fall 2022 Camporee – October 28 - 30, 2022 (Note the new dates)
* Pioneering Theme at Blue Ridge Regional Park
* George Mason Spring 2023 Camporee – May 5-7, 2023 - Theme and Site TBD
* Please factor this into unit calendars/planning.
* Scouts are loyal – including loyalty to District activities.
* **District Life-to-Eagle Seminar /John D**
* Saturday, 24 September 2022, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
* Christ Lutheran Church, 3810 Meredith Drive, Fairfax, VA. Check-in starts at 12:30 p.m.
* 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 Thursday, 22 September 2022
* Fees ($5 per person) will be collected at registration. Registrations ensure adequate handouts and refreshments. To register go to: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-59744>
* Any questions contact Jack Lundin at 703-938-0369.
* **Training (**<https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/training>**) /Roy D**
* Cub Leader Position Specific (C40) - 09/24/22 - Herndon, VA
* Cub Scout Den Leader Specific (C42) - 09/24/22 - Herndon, VA
* Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO;C32)
* 10/01/22 – 10/02/22 - Huntingtown, MD
* 10/15/22 – 10/16/22 - Reston, VA
* Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS; S11) - 10/01/22 - 10/02/22 - Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
* Back Country Outdoor Leadership Skills (BCOLS) - 09/24/22 (Alexandria, VA) & 10/22/22 - 10/23/22 (Camp Big Mac)
* National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT; S78) - 01/20/23 - 01/23/23 & 01/27/23 - 01/29/23 - Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
* Outdoor Ethics/Leave No Trace (D78)
* 09/18/22 - TREAD Lightly! Trainer Course, Bryans Road, MD
* 09/26/22 (Introduction), Virtual & 10/01/22 (Fieldwork), Germantown, MD
* 10/17/22 (Introduction), Virtual & 10/22/22 (Fieldwork), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
* Powderhorn (P50) - 08/26/22 - 08/28/22 - Camp St. Charles, Newburg, MD
* Mental Health First Aid https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hscode/ereg/Registration.aspx?groupID=47
* 09/01/22 Adult (Virtual) – 9am – 3:30pm
* 09/10/22 Youth (Virtual) – 9am – 3:30pm
* **National Youth Leadership Training 2022 /Roy D**
* Training for 2022 is complete. Five courses were run. GMD sent 13 Scouts this summer and an additional six Scouts staffed.
* 2023 Schedule will likely include: 1 Winter Course (2 weekends in Jan) and 4 Summer Course
* Questions, email [contact@my.NYLT.org](mailto:contact@my.NYLT.org)
* **2022 Woodbadge Registration is now open! /Roy D**
* Fall Course – 9-11 Sept and 8-9 Oct; Course Director Mr. Rick Rogers ([*rsrogers4@gmail.com*](mailto:ADLKeenan@gmail.com))
* *Registration Open at* [*https://www.ncacbsa.org/wood-badge/*](https://www.ncacbsa.org/wood-badge/)
* **GM High Adventure /Joe K**
* NCAC High Adventure Committee (HAC) updates and announcements: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/high-adventure/>
* 2023 Northern Tier and 2023 Philmont – Both still have some openings. Check web sites.
* Summer 2022 lessons learned: How was your unit’s high adventure experience this summer?
* The GMD High Adventure Committee would appreciate any after-action reviews (good, bad, or in between) of your national high adventure base trek or self-supported high adventure activity. Please forward information to [knechtjoe@yahoo.com](mailto:knechtjoe@yahoo.com)
* Lessons learned will be compiled and shared at a future date.
* HA Sourcebook: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/high-adventure-information/>
* Contact Joe Knecht at [knechtjoe@yahoo.com](mailto:knechtjoe@yahoo.com) if you have questions regarding high adventure planning or resources.
* **Shooting Sports /Brian S**
* Requests for Shooting Events – Lead Time!
* Notice needed for SSC: 50+ scouts - 6mos; Less than 50 scouts - 3mos
* Shooting on private land:
* Requirements
* Permissions/protocols
* Shooting Sports [web page](https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/shooting-sports/)
* Shooting Sports Instructor Classes:
* [Rifle/Shotgun](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/merit-badges/rifle-shotgun-training/)
* [Archery](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/merit-badges/archery-training/) (Virtual classes available)
* Contact for finishing Shooting Sports MB Partials [brian.summers@verizon.net](mailto:brian.summers@verizon.net)
* **Merit Badges /Margee E**
* **Every merit badge counselor needs to be on the District charter. The time for action is NOW!**
* Margee is asking that each unit have a MB Dean to help their adults with MBC application and during the recharter period (February).
* Citizenship in Society (CIS) – This MB requires special training for the MBC
* Diversity Equity and Inclusion – This MB is also available on my.scouting.org for MBC.
* Shooting Sports and Aquatic Sports – These also have special training requirements for MBC.
* The online Merit Badge Counselor [registration](https://my.scouting.org/VES/OnlineReg/1.0.0/?tu=UF-MB-082gm23) works for all Scouters who do not already hold another District position.
* New Merit Badge Counselors must complete online merit badge counselor training, in addition to YPT. Existing merit badge counselors have until 12/31/22 to complete training.
* 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 Counselor Information 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).
* **General Announcements (Fundraisers)**
* [Sporting Clays Shoot](https://ncacbsa.org/SportingClays/) – Sept 16, 2022, Glendale, MD
* [42nd Annual Boy Scout Golf Classic](https://ncacbsa.org/boy-scout-golf-classic/)– Sept 19, 2022, River Creek Country Club, Leesburg, VA
* **District Chair Minute /John K**
* Roundtable – Great to see so many attend Roundtable this month. Roundtable is all about networking and making connections. We share ideas and solve problems.
* District Update
* FOS – This effort is completed. We exceeded the $45K goal (currently around $47K).
* Popcorn – First pickup of the products is this Saturday in Alexandria.
* Membership – We are starting the fall membership a bit ahead of last year. Scouting numbers for our district are up a little over one-percent.
* Registration – There are about 1000 units in the NCAC. Getting them all registered during the recharter period is a large task. The cleaner our paperwork the smoother for everyone.
* **District Commissioner Minute /Rus P**
* Join Scouting Night – Providing Scouting to youth in our area is important. We hope you have a great Join Scouting Nights and activities. Please let us know when your events are and how your Key 3 can help. Don’t forget the items available from NCAC to help you advertise.
* 2023 Recharter – I know it is too soon for many of you. We will discuss recharter at the September Roundtable. For now, please start working on your rosters and get any new paperwork submitted as soon as possible. This will make it much easier to complete your rosters in October.
* Summer Activities and Unit Planning – As we all know, a great program makes scouting fun and advancement possible for the youth. It was great hearing about all the summer activities. I also attended several unit planning meetings over the summer and was encouraged with all the activities coming up. Please use Roundtable and other forums to share your Program ideas so that other units can benefit from your experience.
* ***Minutes and slides -*** *Available on the* [*GMD web site*](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/roundtable/) *(District Resources, Roundtable). Password is “GMDRT”*
* ***Next meeting*** *– September 8, 2022, at 7:30pm (Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA)*