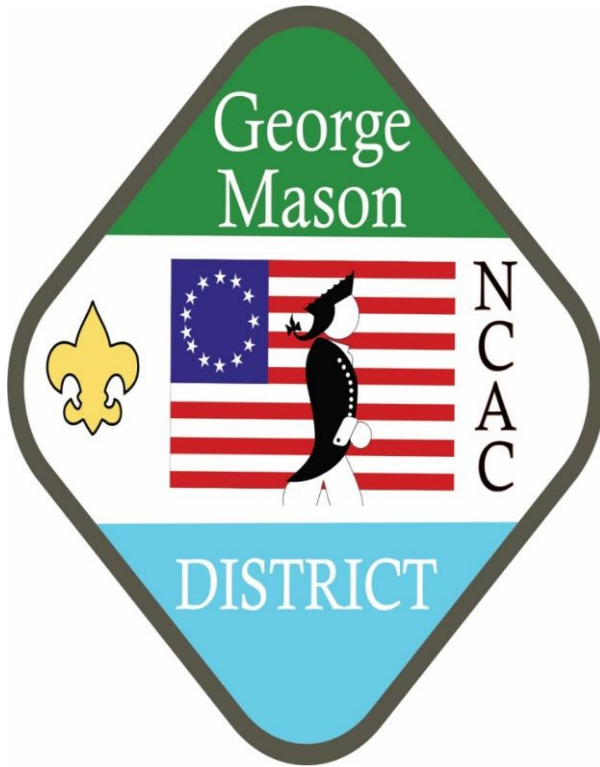




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Welcome to this edition of the George Mason District Press. We e-mail this out bi-monthly to the BSA registered leaders in George Mason District; unit leaders and merit badge counselors – those who have their current YPT.

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 Thurs. 5/13/2021 –
Virtual: Roundtable Meeting at 7:30 pm

USEFUL LINKS:

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Calendar of Events – Links included if available

- 05/01/2021 - [16th Annual NCAC Scout Orientation Meet](#), PW Forrest, Triangle, VA
- 05/08/2021 - [Jamboree on the Trail \(JOTT\)](#)
- 05/11/2021 - [Commissioner's Meeting](#), 7:30pm (Virtual)
- 05/13/2021 - [Roundtable](#), 7:30pm (Virtual)
- 05/21/2021 - 05/23/2021 [Spring Family Camping](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 05/26/2021 - [District Committee](#), 7:30pm (Virtual)
- 05/31/2021 - [Flags-In \(Memorial Day\)](#), National Memorial Park, Falls Church, VA
- 05/31/2021 - [Silver Beaver Club](#), Marriot Scout Center, Bethesda, MD
- 07/18/2021 - 07/24/2021 - NCAC Camp Snyder Merit Badge Week - [Registration](#)
- 08/12/2021 – Charter Renewal planning starts with the August Roundtable
- 09/19/2021 - [NCAC Commissioner's Conference](#) (Virtual)
- 10/01/2021 - Charter Renewal system open
- 10/01-02/2021 – George Mason Order of the Arrow Fall Ordeal
- 10/15/2021 -10/17/2021 – Fall Camporee, 4H on Front Royal
- 11/07/2021 - Flags In (Veterans Day), National Memorial Park, Falls Church, VA
- 12/01/2021 - Annual Unit Charter Agreement Form submitted to Unit Commissioner
- 12/01/2021 – 2021 Journey to Excellence (JTE) form submitted to Unit Commissioner
- 12/31/2021 – Unit Charter expire



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Chair's Chat

Yeah, yeah, it's the 1st of May. Outdoor activities get a kick start today!

Everyone who has been laying low through this pandemic is raring to get back to Scouting. Now that we can gather outside more safely and resume many of those Scouting activities it is time to invite back to Scouts those who may have gone missing in the last year. Let's reach out to those who may be lapsed members of your Pack, Troop or Crew and ask them to rejoin you for your next activity. Also, don't forget to reach out to those who may have joined in the last year but didn't because your unit did not have a Spring or Fall Membership Drive. You may not be able to reach them in the traditional way, but they are there and looking for you. Make yourselves visible and find them in the park, on the soccer field, on the trail, at your charter organization and on social media.



We have just reached the half-way mark in our Friends of Scouting campaign.

We missed a lot of presentations to Packs and Troops due to cancelled events. Please help us out and invite our FOS team to your next unit event. If you would like to help us meet our goal follow this link to give online.

<https://donations.scouting.org/#/council/082/appeal/3977>

Looking to make a bigger impact on the lives of our youth? Take your talents to the next level. The District Committee impacts the experience of Scouts and potential Scouts throughout our District and its 40 Packs, Troops and Crews. Skills as varied as planning activities, finance, camping, training, sales, public speaking, recruiting, promotional writing and more can be utilized on our various committees. Interested? Give me a shout.

Respectfully submitted,

John Kilduff

George Mason District Chair

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Camp Snyder Summer 2021 is Out Of This World!

Day Camp
Weeks of
6/28, 7/5, & 7/12

Resident Weekends
Weekends of
6/25, 7/9, & 7/16

Adventures! Advancement! Fun!
Programs are open to Cub Scouts - rising Tigers to rising Webelos. Mark your calendars!
Registration opens in November.
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2021 NCAC SUMMER CAMPS

CUB SCOUTS

Day Camp

Discover some fun in Day Camp's Weird Science labs! Conducted by volunteers from the local area, each district's day camps offer a variety of different activities to allow campers to experience outdoor programming around the camp's theme. Most camp's activities include STEM, nature, shooting sports, games, and possibly aquatics.

GoToDayCamp.org

Camp Snyder

Get ready for a Space Adventure at Camp Snyder! Choose a camp format that suits you: Day Camp or Resident Weekend.

GoToSnyder.org

Camps PMI & Ross

Go for the gold at the Magic Olympics! Pick a week at Goshen Scout Reservation's dedicated overnight Webelos Camps.

GoToGoshen.org

SCOUTS BSA & VENTURERS

Goshen Scout Reservation

We have three camps to choose from - program-oriented Camp Olmsted, traditional Camp Bowman, or Goshen's specialty camp, Camp Marriott. There are programs for new Scouts, older Scouts, all the Scouts in between, and Venturers. We even have options for campers to attend as provisional - aka individuals.

GoToGoshen.org

Camp Catoclin BSA

Francis Scott Key District's entirely volunteer-run resident camp operates one week a year. In addition to standard camp program, we excel in offering unusual merit badge programs with our experienced subject matter experts. Previously known at Camp Airy BSA.

CampCatoclinBSA.org

Camp Snyder Specialty Week

New in 2021! Attend on your own, with your unit, or with your friends and work on some specialty merit badges at some of the unique Camp Snyder facilities, including Michael's Woodshop, Sally's STEM Shack, and more.

GoToSnyder.org

HIGH ADVENTURE

Lenhok'sin High Adventure

Hit the Trail - whether by foot or by boat with our local High Adventure base. Your unit can backpack the trails of Goshen, visit the peaks and stop at our outposts for a variety of adventure activities. Or paddle down the James River on our Canoe Trek. For ages 13 and up.

GoToGoshen.org/Lenhoksin

High Adventure Base Trips

Take the trip of a lifetime with the NCAC High Adventure Committee's trips to National High Adventure Bases of Philmont, Seabase, and Northern Tier. The logistics are planned so you can focus on the fun! For individuals and groups. Ages 14 and up (13 with criteria).

ncacbsa.org/HighAdventure





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Here are a few highlights from the George Mason Court of Honor:

District Award of Merit

- The District Award of Merit is presented by the District to Scouters who have rendered service of an outstanding nature to youth, both in the community and in Scouting.



District Award of Merit - Brian P. Summers, Sr.

Brian trained as our Troop's Summer Camp coordinator during the summer 2016 and took over the job the next year, guaranteeing that the Scouts of Troop 1978 had the BEST WEEK OF THE YEAR! As the coordinator he has trained several leaders in the roles and responsibilities in both 1978B and 1978G Troops for this endeavor, thus ensuring that the Scouts would continue the adventures.

When his son, Brian Jr. was elected to the Order of the Arrow in 2017, Brian stepped up to take on the O/A Advisor position within the Troop. This led him to the District, and he has not stopped yet. He helped with several Ordeals, Camporees and Fellowships in various roles.

Brian was part of the N6-82-18-1 Wood Badge course earning his beads in 2019. Once he completed the course, he began working with the District on their Shooting Sports Committee eventually becoming the Chair in 2018. In this capacity he has overseen several shooting sports activities at Camp Snyder and Goshen. Both Cubs and Scouts have learned from him on how to handle Bows and Rifles, instilling in them not only a love of Shooting Sports but a respect for them as well.



Brian Summers (R)



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District Award of Merit - John Drisco



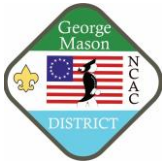
John's service to the youth of George Mason District began in Troop 13 in 2008 as an Assistant Scoutmaster. John was Scoutmaster from 2009 to 2017. During his time as Scoutmaster, more than 20 Troop 13 Scouts earned the Eagle rank, including a youth that experienced a disability that required significant support from John and the other troop leaders.

John was an adult leader for patrols that attended both the 2017 National Jamboree and the 2019 World Jamboree.

John has been a merit badge counselor for over 12 years.

John was a Unit Commissioner from 2008 to 2009. He supported the District Merit Badge Day in 2018. John led the District Merit Badge events in 2019, 2020 (cancelled due to Covid) and 2021.

John also has been a District Eagle Representative since 2018, working with Life Scouts who are completing their requirements for Eagle. John guides them on the Eagle Scout service project, reviews their Eagle application and participates in their Eagle Boards of Review as the Council/District representative.



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Schenaker Award for Meritorious Service in Support of District Roundtables

This Award is presented by the District to a volunteer that provides meritorious service to the George Mason District Roundtables.

The award honors Deb and Mike Schenaker who, beginning in the early 2000s when they joined the Cub Scout Roundtable staff, invested countless hours in support of the Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtables over more than 15 years.

Deb and Mike set the standard for selfless support of the District's Roundtables and unit leaders. We recognize each year a volunteer that follows their example of Roundtable support.



2021 Schenaker Award Recipient



Brian Summers, Sr. (L),
Chief Brian Summers, Jr. (R)

Brian P. Summers, Sr. is the recipient of the 2021 Schenaker Award for his outstanding service as the Assistant Roundtable Commissioner.

Brian supports the Roundtable every month, filling in as needed, keeping attendance and providing input on the monthly agenda. Brian has led multiple "Big Rocks," the monthly keynote. Brian's positive approach and reliability help make sure that Roundtables are fun as well as educational.



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NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL

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Virtual Spring Endowment Celebration and Donor Recognition Program

to recognize and commemorate all endowment and
major gift donors, and featuring the annual re-dedication of

The Alice S. Marriott Patio and The Robert & Dee Leggett Endowment Garden

Join us as we celebrate the James E. West Fellows and Endowment Donors of 2020

Saturday, May 22, 2021 | 10:00am – 11:00am

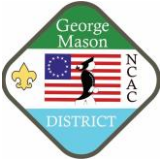
If you are being celebrated this year, stop by after the virtual ceremony on May 22nd from
11:00am to 2:00pm to pick up your recognition items and take photos with your brick!

Featuring keynote speaker **Dr. Arden Dougan**
Vice President of Program Impact at National Capital Area Council

To attend please visit www.NCACBSA.org/endowment-celebration
To collect recognition items, contact Dana Hock at Dana.Hock@scouting.org or 301-214-9118

We are one month away from this year's Spring Endowment Celebration! Please don't forget to join us on May 22, 2021 at 10 am for an engaging virtual program. There will be video footage of bricks dedicated to our new James E. West Fellows and you will be treated to inspirational speeches from our Scouts and Keynote Speaker Dr. Arden Dougan, Vice President of Program Impact at National Capital Area Council. We will be mailing all James E. West Recognition items to this year's recipients prior to the event to the address on file.

To attend the virtual event and see photos of this year's bricks, simply visit www.NCACBSA.org/endowment-celebration on May 22 at 10am.



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Looking for a Project for your Unit?

Individuals, small groups/teams, or units/larger groups may request a service project at Camp Snyder separate from a regularly scheduled Camp Snyder Volunteer Service Day. Please view our current Project List to see types of projects available and then fill out our simple Request a Project form. We will get to back to you to coordinate your project.

[Project List](#)

<https://www.gotosnyder.org/work-volunteer/service-days/>

[Request a Project](#)

Existing Camp Snyder Projects:

Camp Snyder Service Projects by Group Size

This report was run on: Mar 01, 2021 10:01:14 AM
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Category			
1	Group Projects (5+ people) - Cubs and Higher		
Proj #	Type	Location	Description
784	Logs & Limbs	Campsite 02 (SCS02)	CS 2 Logs (Phase 3 of 3) - Remove several large stumps- Tractor work
803	Wildlife Hab	Michael's Woodshop (SMCSTEMMWS)	Northern Flicker Boxes (Phase 2 of 4) Assemble 3 Northern Flicker boxes.

Category			
2	Group Projects (5+ people) - Scouts BSA and Higher		
Proj #	Type	Location	Description
786	Logs & Limbs	Akela Village Pavilion (SAKVIL)	Behind Akela Village Pavilion - Phase 3 of 4 Split logs from several downed trees behind pavilion (They will need to be moved to road to split)
769	Logs & Limbs	Secondary Parade Field (near CS 5) (SGDSECPAR)	Secondary Parade Field Logs (Phase 2 of 2) - split logs and stack near road
727	Logs & Limbs	Campsite 13 (SCS13)	Two trees were cut down and Campsite # 13 and need to have a group of people split and re-locate (the logs have been cut into split-able links)
849	Other	Carroll's Cottage Access Rd (SRDCC)	Clear brush from access road near nursery
514	Painting	Michael's Woodshop (SMCSTEMMWS)	18 new traffic barriers (Phase 4 of 4) - painting
840	Preventive	Amphitheater (SAMPH)	Paint new benches (completed) still need to finish painting stage railing
844	Project	Shower House 5 (SSH05)	Replace four 6x6 posts that have been severely damaged by weather. Remove gates, completely remove 4 fence sections, dig out existing posts, replace posts/cut to proper height - reinstall four completed fence sections and re-install gates. Material list TBD.

Category			
5	Team Projects (2-4 people) - Scouts BSA & Above		
Proj #	Type	Location	Description
456	Conserv - Other	Campsites (SCS)	Raised Walkways (Phase 2 of 2) - Deploy raised walkway sections - locations TBD
954	Damage	COPE Course (SCOPE)	Replace broken PT 4x4 post (+ two diamond point staples) for Spider's Web
847	Logs & Limbs	Carroll's Cottage (SCC)	Downed Tree at Carroll's Cottage (Phase 2 of 2) Split logs and stack for use at Carroll's Cottage
524	Other	Campsites (SCS)	Install bar codes on each tent platform
493	Other	Campsites (SCS)	Number each tent platform in all sites



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523	Other	Campsites (SCS)	Prepare/laminate bar codes for tent platforms
605	Painting	Dining Hall (SDH)	DH Dumpster Enclosure (Phase 2 of 2) - Repaint dining hall dumpster enclosure
848	Painting	STEM Building (SMCSTEM)	Paint propane enclosure at STEM building.
443	Painting	Shower House 2 (SSH02)	Repaint SH 2 propane enclosure
444	Painting	Shower House 3 (SSH03)	Repaint SH 3 propane enclosure
445	Painting	Shower House 4 (SSH04)	Repaint SH 4 propane enclosure
446	Painting	Shower House 5 (SSH05)	Repaint SH 5 propane enclosure
864	Project	Farm Wagon 1 (SVWAG1)	Remove and replace deck on farm wagon.
495	Routine Repairs	Dining Hall (SDH)	DH Dumpster Enclosure (Phase 1 of 2) - Replace broken slats on dining hall dumpster enclosure - partially completed. Need to make up more slats.
843	Routine Repairs	Carroll's Cottage (SCC)	Remove stairs from side deck, cut and install new stringers and replace step boards. Need 3 PT 2x12 x 6' (on hand) and 5 PT 2x6x8' (ordered).
851	Routine Repairs	Ranger Cabin (SRGRCAB)	Replace 4 sign posts at Ranger Cabin
589	Routine Repairs	Tent Platform S 05 #8 (SCS05TP8)	Replace temporary stair railing. Need 4x4's and carriage bolts + railing
462	Routine Repairs	Shower House 3 (SSH03)	Replace two 2x4 vent louvers. Pre-cut louvers are in the shop.
622	Routine Repairs	Shower House 3 (SSH03)	SH 3 Propane Enclosure Gates (Phase 1 of 3) - Remove and repair propane enclosure gates
623	Routine Repairs	Shower House 3 (SSH03)	SH 3 Propane Enclosure Gates (Phase 2 of 3) - Repaint propane enclosure gates
703	Routine Repairs	Shower House 3 (SSH03)	SH 3 Propane Enclosure Gates (Phase 3 of 3) - reinstall propane enclosure gates
860	Upgrade	Camp Snyder BLVD (SRDBLVD)	Camp Directional Signs (Phase 3 of 4) - Install posts for directional signs & paint
861	Upgrade	Camp Snyder BLVD (SRDBLVD)	Camp Directional Signs (Phase 4 of 4) - Install painted signs on posts
665	Wildlife Hab	Grounds (SGD)	Barn Owl Boxes (Phase 3 of 3) - Install two barn owl boxes. One box to be installed on south end of the barn. The second box to be pole mounted and installed on the inside of the camp loop road between the two trail entrances to the Nature pavilion.
455	Wildlife Hab	Fish Pond Area (SGDFISH)	Bluebird Boxes (Phase 3 of 3) - Install bluebird boxes in accordance with conservation plan. Four completed
802	Wildlife Hab	Michael's Woodshop (SMCSTEMMWS)	Northern Flicker Boxes (Phase 1 of 4) Pre-cut 3 kits.
804	Wildlife Hab	Michael's Woodshop (SMCSTEMMWS)	Northern Flicker Boxes (Phase 3 of 4) Paint three finished Northern Flicker boxes
805	Wildlife Hab	Woodlands (SCONSWOODS)	Northern Flicker Boxes (Phase 4 of 4) Install three Northern Flicker Boxes in accordance with Camp Conservation Plan
615	Wildlife Hab	Grounds (SGD)	Purple Martin Houses (Phase 3 of 3) - Install seven purple martin houses - various locations. Requires fabrication of post, digging hole and setting post
614	Wildlife Hab	Woodlands (SCONSWOODS)	Screech Owl/Kestrel Boxes (Phase 4 of 4) Install six screech owl/Kestrel boxes in accordance with conservation plan
610	Wildlife Hab	Wetlands (SCONSWET)	Wood Duck Boxes (Phase 3 of 3) - Install two wood duck boxes in accordance with conservation plan
699	Wildlife Hab	Woodlands (SCONSWOODS)	Wren Houses (Phase 3 of 3) - Install wren houses in accordance with conservation plan



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6 Team Projects (2-4 people) - Adults

Proj #	Type	Location	Description
901	Damage	CS 05 Pavilion (SCS05PAV)	Replace damaged fascia board on pavilion
900	Damage	CS 11 Pavilion (SCS11PAV)	Replace damaged roofing boards in pavilion (2 locations)
798	Routine Repairs	Barn (SBARN)	Board up upper window on south end of barn. Consider doing this in connection with installation of the barn owl box. Need to measure and cut plywood to fit and paint white.

Category

7 Individual Projects - Cubs & Above

Proj #	Type	Location	Description
454	Wildlife Hab	Michael's Woodshop (SMCSTEMMWS)	Bluebird Boxes (Phase 1 of 3) - Construction of six bluebird boxes - four completed

Category

8 Individual Projects - Scouts BSA & Above

Proj #	Type	Location	Description
697	Wildlife Hab	Michael's Woodshop (SMCSTEMMWS)	Bluebird Boxes (Phase 2 of 3) - Paint completed bluebird boxes - 4 completed
609	Wildlife Hab	Michael's Woodshop (SMCSTEMMWS)	Wood Duck Boxes (Phase 1 of 3) - Construct two wood duck boxes - one completed (each requires one 1x12x12' and one pair of hinges)
700	Wildlife Hab	Michael's Woodshop (SMCSTEMMWS)	Wood Duck Boxes (Phase 2 of 3) - paint completed wood duck boxes (one box has been painted)

Category

9 Individual Projects - Adults

Proj #	Type	Location	Description
873	Tent Platforms	Campsites (SCS)	Inspect Campsites
858	Upgrade	Michael's Woodshop (SMCSTEMMWS)	Camp Directional Signs (Phase 1 of 4) Cut boards and rout lettering into signs
859	Upgrade	Michael's Woodshop (SMCSTEMMWS)	Camp Directional Signs (Phase 2 of 4) - Paint signs and lettering (detailed work)
613	Wildlife Hab	Michael's Woodshop (SMCSTEMMWS)	Purple Martin Houses (Phase 1 of 3) - Construct seven purple martin houses (Each house requires a sheet of 1/4 plywood)
702	Wildlife Hab	Michael's Woodshop (SMCSTEMMWS)	Purple Martin Houses (Phase 2 of 3) - paint completed purple martin houses

Category

9.1 Individual Projects - Adults (Specialized Skills)

Proj #	Type	Location	Description
846	Chainsaw	Carroll's Cottage (SCC)	Downed Tree at Carroll's Cottage (Phase 1 of 2) Cut downed tree into lengths for splitting
535	Chainsaw	Campsite 01 (SCS01)	Downed tree to be cut up

463	Electrical	Shower House 1 (SSH01)	Int Lights - Inspect, replace bulbs and ballasts as req'd (24 fixtures)
799	Welding/Metal Work	Cabins (SCB)	Re-weld broken section of railing at cabin entrance
800	Welding/Metal Work	JD Rotary Cutter (SVJDROTO)	Remove, heat and reshape damaged part on front edge of bush hog.
355	Welding/Metal Work	Canoe Trailer - Old (SVCTR2)	Repair Bent Canoe Support Arm



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Get all the information you need on 2021 dates, fees, and how to sign up.

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Homecamping Records

Get your Merit Badge records or check the New Scout rank advancement or Webelos Adventure requirement lists.

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Family Camp

Save the date for Labor Day Weekend and get ready to jump in for fun for all ages!

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[Check out the NCAC webpage for Goshen Scout Reservation at:](#)

<https://www.gotogoshen.org/>



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About BSA Sea Base

Sea Base is a unique Scouting program that offers aquatics programs found nowhere else. Whether your interests lie in sailing, scuba diving, rustic camping on an undeveloped barrier island, fishing or a combination of all, this is the place for your Troop, Team, Crew, Sea Ship or Explorer Post. Sea Base serves around 16,000 participants annually.

Sea Base began in the early 1970's as a local program in the Florida Keys called the Florida Gateway to High Adventure under the guidance of Sam Wampler, a professional Scouter from the South Florida Council. It offered primarily sailing programs using local marinas and chartered boats sailing to the Bahamas and back. As the idea caught on and grew, it joined the high adventure offerings of the National Council of the BSA along with Philmont Scout Ranch and the Northern Tier High Adventure Base. In 1979, Sea Base acquired a permanent facility on Lower Matecumbe Key and when this opened for Scouts in 1980 it was renamed the Florida National High Adventure Sea Base. As the popularity of this program grew, scuba diving was added and in 1984 the BSA received the gift of Big Munson Island from Homer Formsby. This undeveloped island offered tremendous program potential as an outpost for primitive camping, Robinson Crusoe style. During this time period the sailing program concentrated on sailing around the fabulous Florida Keys. New sailing programs were started that originated and ended in Marsh Harbour in the beautiful Abaco Islands of the Bahamas.



<https://youtu.be/VwquJ4cjFJc>

"I pledge to lead by example, to be true and brave." Boy Scout Handbook 1941



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Sea Base programs continued to excite the imagination of Scouts and Scouters, and as attendance grew the need for a second facility was obvious. Thanks to the generosity of J. Porter Brinton of Greenwich, CT, the Brinton Environmental Center opened in 2001 making Sea Base even better. Sea Base has continued to add and upgrade facilities and programs to meet the needs of Scouts.

Sea Base now operates 18 different adventures out of five locations: two in the Florida Keys, two in the US Virgin Islands, and one in Marsh Harbour, Bahamas.

- Coral Reef Sailing, Sea Exploring Adventure, STEM Eco-Adventure, Scuba Adventure, Scuba Certification, and Live Aboard Scuba Adventure operate in the Florida Keys at Mile Marker 73.8 at **Florida Sea Base** on Lower Matecumbe Key located 75 miles south of Miami.
- Out Island Adventure, Keys Adventure, Florida Fishing, Marine STEM and Key West Sailing programs operate in the Florida Keys on Summerland Key at Mile Marker 23.8 at the **Brinton Environmental Center** located 125 miles south of Miami.
- **Sea Base Bahamas** offers Bahamas Adventure and Bahamas Tall Ship Adventure operated out of Marsh Harbour, Abaco, Bahamas, located about 100 miles east of Fort Lauderdale.
- **Sea Base St. Thomas** offers St. Thomas Sailing Adventures and STEM Eco Sailing Adventures operate out of St. Thomas, USVI.

Explore each exciting Scouting adventure on our Adventures Page

Northern Tier - Summer Adventures

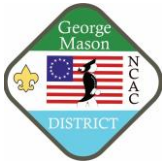
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Ely, MN— Charles L. Sommers Canoe Base



The flagship base of Northern Tier, the Charles L. Sommers Canoe Base has hosted Boy Scout canoe expeditions on the shores of Moose Lake since 1941. Located twenty miles outside of the town of Ely, MN, the Sommers Base outfits over 4,000 Scouts each year on wilderness canoe trips in the [Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness \(BWCAW\)](#) in Minnesota and the [Quetico Provincial Park](#) in Ontario. Trips out of the Sommers base are limited to 8 total participants plus an Interpreter.

Not everyone can attend Northern Tier with their Troop or Venturing Crew, but there are still a wide variety of opportunities for individual Scouts and Venturers to get to the Northwoods. Northern Tier has designed several programs, some offering special challenges for personal growth.



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Charles L. Sommers Canoe Base is also home to several unique **individual scout programs**: the Order of the Arrow's Wilderness Voyage; Forest Corps, a coeducational environmental leadership program; and Lone Voyager, a program that allows for individual scouts and smaller troops to take out a Northern Tier trip.

Atikokan, ON – Donald Rogert Canoe Base



Located an 80-mile paddle North of the Sommers base, the Donald Rogert ("Atikokan") Canoe Base outfits 1500 scouts each year for expeditions into the Northern regions of the **Quetico Provincial Park** as well as into the Canadian Crown Lands, including the Turtle River – White Otter Lake Provincial Park.

The Quetico is a gorgeous and pure wilderness, with minimal traces of human travel; the Crown Lands region features the remains of a used wilderness – trappers cabins, age-old gold mines and even the remains of a World War II Prisoner of War camp can be found amidst the beautiful wilds of the Canadian Shield (a vast geological shield covered by a thin layer of soil). Crew sizes may be up to 11 participants plus an Interpreter if traveling in the Crown Land and 8 participants plus an interpreter if traveling in the Quetico.

Bissett, MB – Northern Expeditions Canoe Base



Unofficially regarded as the "Most Extreme High Adventure in Scouting," the Northern Expeditions ("Bissett") Canoe Base is the most rugged and remote region paddled by Northern Tier crews. All crews enter the wilderness via a twenty-minute float plane to a canoe cache located at the heart of the combined 2.5 million acres of **Atikaki Provincial Park** and **Woodland Caribou Provincial Park**, an area paddled by only a handful of canoeists each year.

Northern Pike, Walleye and Channel Catfish abound the Bissett region. The fishing truly is world class and the difficult geography ensures that it will remain so. Crews are limited to the size of 11 participants plus an Interpreter. Bissett is most appropriate for older crews with previous High Adventure experience.

Our interpreter, Christopher, made our experience a lot better because he provided us with a constant helping hand, he was a very good role model, he taught us important life skills, and most of all he was funny.

Star Scout Troop 15 Virginia



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About Philmont

Philmont Scout Ranch is the Boy Scouts of America's largest National High Adventure Base. Born in 1938 as Philturn Rocky Mountain Scout Camp, Philmont has become a bustling center for high adventure and training. It covers 140,177 acres of rugged mountain wilderness in the Sangre de Cristo range of the Rocky Mountains in northeastern New Mexico. Philmont has a unique history of ancient Native Americans who chipped petroglyphs into canyon walls, Spanish conquistadors, who explored the Southwest long before the first colonists arrived on the Atlantic coast, the rugged breed of mountain man such as Kit Carson, who blazed trails across this land, the great land barons like Lucien Maxwell who built ranches along the Santa Fe Trail and miners, loggers and cowboys. All left their mark on Philmont.



<https://youtu.be/Jxx5L872yVc>

Philmont Scout Ranch operates 35 staffed camps and 55 trail camps across the rugged terrain that ranges in elevation from 6,500 to 12,441 feet. More than 1 million Scouts, Venturers, and Advisors have experienced the adventure of Philmont since its first camping season in 1939. Most activities take place during the summer, but Philmont also offers programs during the offseason such as Autumn and Winter Adventure. Throughout its existence, conscientious attention to low-impact camping techniques and diligent wildlife and forestry conservation work has helped maintain Philmont's wilderness.



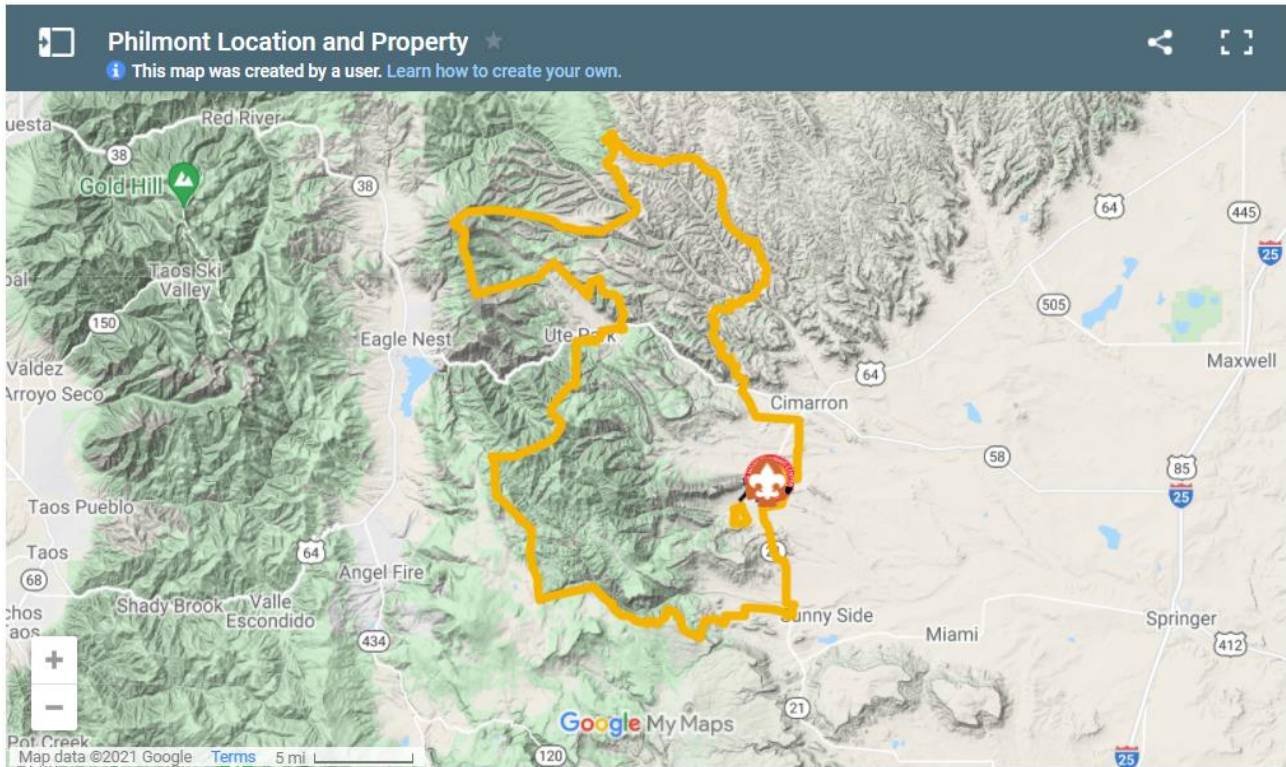
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In addition to providing an unforgettable adventure in backpacking across miles of rugged, rocky trails, Philmont Scout Ranch offers programs that feature the best of the Old West—horseback riding, burro packing, gold panning, chuckwagon dinners, and interpretive history—with exciting challenges for today such as rock climbing, mountain biking, and sport shooting. It's an unbeatable recipe for fast-paced fun in the outdoors.



Philmont Photo Album

[Check out Philmont's Flickr album](#) for a collection of program, wildlife, and landscape photos.

Frequently Asked Questions

[Here are answers](#) to Frequently Asked Questions about Philmont Scout Ranch and the Philmont Training Center.



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James C. Justice National Scout Camp



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[Black Pug Portal](#)

Looking for documents, forms, and other resources on a computer?

When you see the blue Quicklinks button (in left menu), click on it for resources related to the page!

Updated Guidance on Swim Checks and Wilderness First Aid for 2021 Season Visit our 2021 Operations page at [summitbsa.org/newnormal](https://www.summitbsa.org/newnormal) to view updated guidance on swim checks and Wilderness First Aid. (under "Daily Operations - What to Expect")

Summer Camp at the Summit Bechtel Reserve

Activity Exploration, Advancement & Scouting Traditions

The Justice Scout Camp is a week-long resident camp for Scout troops and Venturing Crews looking who are looking for challenging advancement opportunities, activity exploration, and Scouting traditions. This program is intended to build upon and supplement unit and local resident camp experiences and includes merit badge/ranger elective classes, open activity time, training courses, and camp-wide events within the Walter Scott Scouting Valley at the Summit Bechtel Reserve.

This webpage is just a brief overview of information. For full details be sure to download read through the Leaders' Guide and check out the schedules, packing lists & other documents on the sidebar (or near the bottom if you're on a mobile device)!

Please note, the James C. Justice National Scout Camp is not a National High Adventure experience. It has a different focus and does not grant access to all of the venues or program elements used by High Adventure Experiences at the [Paul R. Christen National High Adventure Base](#).



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June 2021

June 13 – 19

June 20 – 26 **FULL**

June 27 – July 3

July 2021

July 4 – 10

July 11 – 17

July 18 – 24

July/August 2021

July 25 – July 31

August 1 – August 7

Program Opportunities

When it comes to advancement at the Justice Scout Camp, our focus is on quality rather than quantity. Each course is taught by a qualified, adult instructor trained in merit badge counseling. The 32 merit badges we offer are carefully chosen to reflect the best experiential learning in areas that belong at camp. Some classes have prerequisites or additional fees. For a detailed listing of all merit badges, Ranger Award requirements, training classes and their prerequisites please see our Program Details & Prerequisites web-page. For more information about each of the various program venues please read through the [Leaders' Guide](#).

The Justice Scout Camp offers over 50 merit badges, along with a wide variety of awards, trainings, and instruction in the following program areas:

Aquatics

Fish Camp

Shootings Sports

Browsea Island

Hunter's Education

Wheeled Sports

COPE & Climbing

Media & Arts

Ecology & Sustainability

Outdoor Skills

Registration Info

Participation Requirements

- Minimum of two adults and five youth
- Registered in Scouts, BSA; Venturing, BSA; or Exploring, BSA
- Completed BSA Annual Health & Medical Record.
- Completed Summit Risk Acknowledgment & Media Release



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- Some activities & classes have height/weight, age, or rank requirements. See Program Details & Prerequisites and/or [Leaders' Guide](#) for more info.

What's Included?

- One Week (6 Nights) Camping in the Justice Scout Camp
 - Arrive Sunday, Depart Saturday
 - Early Arrivals & Late Departures Available for Additional Fee
- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner in the SBR Dining Hall
 - Sunday Dinner through Saturday Breakfast
- All Campsite Equipment
 - Tents w/ Bug Screens
 - Fold-out Cots
 - Dining Fly/Shade Shelter
 - Picnic Tables
 - Above Ground Fire Ring
- "Ambient Temperate" Shower house adjacent to campsite
 - Flush Toilets
 - Sinks w/ Mirrors
 - Electrical Outlets
- Access to All Programs Listed in Program Details & Prerequisites Page
 - All Program & Personal Protective Equipment (bikes, skateboards, life jackets, helmets, harnesses, etc)
- AT&T WIFI in sub camp and Summit Center Venues
- Adult Access to Adult Leader Lounge

New Program Features added in 2019

Hunters Education Certification: Get your hunters education certification while at summer camp!
See [Leaders' Guide](#) for more details!

Expanded Ecology & Sustainability Area – Archaeology Merit Badge, Geology Merit Badge, Pulp & Paper Merit Badge, Weather Merit Badge, and an expanded venue to better explore the natural wonders of the New River Gorge. Check out our Program Schedule or see a full listing of all our programs here!

Expanded Adult Leader Programs: Take advantage of new training opportunities, the Scoutmaster Merit Badge, our leaders lounge, or just take a nap. Up to you!



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NCAC Shooting Sports Committee Training Schedule

Offered by/at Arlington-Fairfax Chapter of the Izaak Walton League ("IWLA") located in Centerville, Va.

<https://wp.arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org/nra-courses/>

	Month	Day (s)	Start Time	End Time	Course	Chief Instructor	Minimum Course Length	Course Fee	Max Class Size
1	January	16th 17th	0800 0800	1700 1600	NRA Level 1 Pistol Coach School		16 Hours	\$ 200	10
2	January	22nd	0800	1700	NRA Basic CCW Course - RESTRICTED TO INSTRUCTOR CANDIDATES	Seaberg	8 Hours	N/A	12
3	January	23rd 24th	0800	1700	NRA CCW Instructor Course	Seaberg	8 Hours	\$ 150	12
4	January	31st	0800	1200	Instructor Development Day		4 Hours	N/A	16
5	February	7th	0800	1700	NRA Basic RSO Course		9 Hours	\$ 75	12
6	February	20th	0800	1200	NRA Refuse to be a Victim Seminar		4 Hours	\$ 100	12
7	February	20th	1200	2000	NRA Refuse to be a Victim Instructor Workshop		6 Hours	\$ 100	10
8	March	20th	0900	1900	NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting Course		9 Hours	\$ 50	12
9	March	29th 30th	0800 0800	1600 1600	NRA Shotgun Camp	Sipes	2 Days	\$ 200	22
10	April	10th	0800	1900	NRA Pers Protect Inside the Home (PPITH) Course		10 Hours	\$ 75	12
11	April	24th	0800	1800	NRA Basics of Shotgun Shooting Course		10 Hours	\$ 50	12
12	May	8th 9th	0800 0800	1600 1200	NRA Personal Protection Outside the Home (PPOTH) Course		12 Hours	\$ 100	12
13	May	22nd	0900	1600	NRA Women on Target (WOT)	Meara	~7 Hours	\$ 80	80
14	May	30th	0800	1200	Instructor Development Day		4 Hours	N/A	16
15	June	13th	0900	1600	Crush'n Clays for Kids	Brino	~8 Hours	N/A	80
16	June	19th	0900	1900	NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting Course		9 Hours	\$ 50	12
17	June	27th	0800	1800	NRA Basics of Shotgun Shooting Course		10 Hours	\$ 50	12
18	July	24th 25th	0900 0800	1600 1200	NRA Defensive Pistol Module		9 Hours	\$ 75	12
19	July	31st	0800	1700	NRA Metallic Cartridge Reloading Course		8 Hours	\$ 75	12
20	August	21st 22nd	0800 0800	1600 1200	NRA Basic CCW Course		10 Hours	\$ 125	12
21	August	28th	0900	1900	NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting Course		9 Hours	\$ 50	12
22	August	29th	0800	1200	Instructor Development Day		4 Hours	N/A	16
23	September	12th	1200	1600	NRA Basic Shotgun Instructor Pre-Qualification		4 Hours	N/A	12
24	September	17th	0900	1600	NRA Basic Instructor Training (BIT)		6 Hours	N/A	12
25	September	18th 19th	0800 0800	1700 1200	NRA Basic Shotgun Instructor		12 Hours	\$ 150	12
26	September	25th 26th	0900 0800	1600 1200	NRA Defensive Pistol Module		9 Hours	\$ 75	12
27	October	9th 10th	0800 0800	1600 1200	NRA Basic CCW Course		10 Hours	\$ 125	12
28	October	24th	0800	1800	NRA Basics of Shotgun Shooting Course		10 Hours	\$ 50	12
29	October	31st	0800	1200	Instructor Development Day		4 Hours	N/A	16
30	November	13th	0800	1700	Shotgun Shell Reloading Course		8 Hours	\$ 75	12
31	November	13th	1800	2000	2022 Education and Training Program Planning Meeting	Sills	2 Hours	\$ -	N/A
32	November	21st	0800	1200	NRA Refuse to be a Victim Seminar		4 Hours	\$ 25	12
33	November	21st	1200	2000	NRA Refuse to be a Victim Instructor Workshop		8 Hours	\$ 100	10
34	November	27th 28th	0800 0800	1600 1600	NRA Rifle Coach School		16 Hours	\$ 200	12
35	December	5th	0800	1700	NRA Basic RSO course		9 Hours	\$ 75	12



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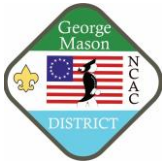
George Mason District congratulates our own Rus Pittman in being recognized for his great work in Scouting by receiving the Silver Beaver Award and part of the Class of 2021! Congratulate Rus when you see him!!

[Congratulations to the 2021 Silver Beaver Class!](#)

The Silver Beaver is the highest award presented by the council for volunteer service. Recipients of this award are adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth both in and out of Scouting. They have given hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service to our community. Congratulations to all of this year's recipients and class honoree and former NCAC Council President James Smith!

NCAC remote Court of Honor is 7:30 – 9:00PM May 15, 2021!

The link for the NCAC COH is: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-46492>



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SIGN UP **NOW** FOR CAMP SNYDER

SCOUTS BSA MERIT BADGE WEEK!

Join us at Camp Snyder for the **FIRST EVER MERIT BADGE** week for Scouts BSA for the week July 18 – 24, 2021!

There are two ways to participate: 1) individual Scouts or Units can stay at Camp Snyder all week and camp overnight or 2) be a day-only participant while staying overnight at home.

We will offer a wide range of **Trail-to-Eagle** and **Outdoor Merit Badges** (like Cooking, Swimming, Soil and Water Conservation, First Aid, Archery, Rifle Shooting, Geocaching and more) and **Specialty Merit Badges** (like Woodworking, Aviation, Search and Rescue, Photography, Weather, Archeology and more). Classes will be small (10 scouts maximum) and up to **50 Merit Badges** will be offered.

The entire program, to include dining, camping, merit badge classes and fun activities (like the swimming pool, climbing tower, air rifles, craftwork and campfires), will be conducted using strict COVID-19 virus precautions.

Sign up now at <https://www.gotosnyder.org/summer-camp/specialty-week/> to **RESERVE YOUR PLACE**, since the number of participants will be **LIMITED** to 100 campers and 50 day-only participants. Units can sign up one adult leader for **FREE** for every 5 paying Scouts. Sign-up for specific Merit Badges classes will be later, during Spring 2021 once the class schedule is finalized.





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Virginia Bird and Wildlife Trail (VBWT)

Check out this online guide for observing birds and wildlife from over 600 viewing sites along 65 trail loops within the Old Dominion.

With 400 species of birds, 150 species of mammals, 150 species of amphibians and reptiles, 250 species of fish, plus hundreds of butterfly, dragonfly, and other invertebrate species, you'll soon see why Virginia is a premier destination for birding and wildlife viewing.

Use the interactive maps and menus at [Find Wildlife: Viewing](#) to search for viewing sites near you or by city/county, search for sites with specific birds and wildlife of interest, or get driving directions to a site from your current location. Or, you can search by region (Coastal, Piedmont, Mountain) from here: <https://dwr.virginia.gov/VBWT/>

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Kids 'N Fishing Photo Contest

Prepare now for capturing the joy of fishing with kids this year by considering an entry into Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources' (DWR) Kids 'N Fishing Photo Contest.

The deadline for submissions is **3 Sep 2021**.

For information on the contest and prizes, go to this link. <https://dwr.virginia.gov/kidsnfishing/>

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A Few Black Bear Facts

- Female bears are called sows, male bears are called boars
- Cubs are born in January or early February
- Cubs are born nearly hairless and weigh 6-12 ounces
- Anywhere from 1-4 cubs are born at a time
- The sow will care for the cubs for about 1.5 years
- Feeding bears is illegal in Virginia

To learn more about black bears check out these web sites:

<https://dwr.virginia.gov/wildlife/bear/> and <https://bearwise.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 will be listed below:

- [Online Merit Badge Courses](#) - Watch video, fill out workbook, contact Counselor
- [Virtual Merit Badge Opportunities \(Nation-wide\)](#)
- [Parktakes](#) (select "Scouts" from the Category of Activity)
- [MeritBadge.Info](#) - Various MB Days throughout the country
- [Fly Fishing Merit Badge Program](#), Northern Virginia
- [Merit Badges Scouts can complete at Home](#)

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 can apply online [here](#) (note, please ensure you have a current YPT before filling out application). Alternatively, you can submit the following scanned/hardcopy information to the [Merit Badge Dean](#):

- [Adult Application](#),
- [Disclosure/Authorization Form \(part of Adult Application\)](#),
- [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:

Margee Egan at margee.egan@gmail.com



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George Mason Order of The Arrow – 2021 Ordeal Initiation

The Amangamek-Wipit Lodge has directed that all Spring 2021 Ordeals in the Lodge will be virtual on not in-person. We have no guidance yet for Fall 2021.

We are working with the Lodge and plan to have out OA 2021 Initiation Weekend (Ordeal/Brotherhood) date:

- October 1-2, 2021 Fall GM/Patriot Chapter Ordeal (Virtual or In-Person is NCAC dependent)

Please save this date for now.

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 downloads and print Unit Charters:
<https://files.constantcontact.com/0778a6dc201/ee304af2-9c84-4143-a42d-c1798715ca01.pdf>