**Announcements**

1. Scouting for Food Tags - The tags that your cubs/scouts put on door to announce the Scouting for Food drive will be available at the October Roundtable.
2. Youth/Adult Applications - Beginning immediately, start dates for Scouting registration will be the date submitted to the Council Registrar rather than the date on the Youth/Adult Application. It is important to submit any paper applications in a timely manner to avoid issues with rank advancement and training records.
3. Fairfax Fire & Rescue Stations Open House - All Fairfax Fire & Rescue Stations will be hosting an open house from 10am - 4pm on Saturday, October 15th to celebrate Fire Prevention Week. An online station tour is available [here](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=290075&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1659606&destination=https%3A%2F%2Ffairfaxcountyfrd.maps.arcgis.com%2Fapps%2FMapTour%2Findex.html%3Fappid%3Db22de4f5378f471cae8787f9fce4ad7b%26webapp%3D244a742008db411daaddbcf9d2df0c2e&cf=14346&v=6d0a3f514f3bc2640321e2719842e4aecc74223e436364a7d0935a4e5d6dcd07).
4. [Scout Day with the Commanders](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=290075&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1659606&destination=https%3A%2F%2Ffevo.me%2Fboyscoutsfundraiser2022&cf=14346&v=52474fa39a078ae45ac38a099f30530160cf1ba57406dd869c817500284b6123) - NCAC Scout Day at the Washington Commanders is on 11/06/22 at 1pm at FedExField. Each ticket purchased through the special link includes an exclusive inaugural season shoulder patch.
5. OA Monthly Meeting - 7:30pm on 10/13/22, Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA
6. [NYLT Winter Session](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=290075&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1659606&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fscoutingevent.com%2F082-59338&cf=14346&v=583ff42dbdbd69e63ccd13068c734f76b230455746d9b313f9d81e85aa687156) - 01/13-16/23 & 01/28-29/23, Haymarket, VA
7. Leave No Trace Trainer course **-** 10/17/22, 7pm-8pm online & 10/22/22, 9am-7pm @ Haymarket VA Register at [https://scoutingevent.com/082-55114](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=290075&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1659606&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fnam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com%2F%3Furl%3Dhttps%253A%252F%252Fscoutingevent.com%252F082-55114%26data%3D05%257C01%257C%257C8348578a78da4c0d0d3208daa63dca10%257C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%257C1%257C0%257C638005081652256694%257CUnknown%257CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%253D%257C3000%257C%257C%257C%26sdata%3D1lLStJMmOkrPBpGj0sbdcYmBI9opQol34945I5z0ao0%253D%26reserved%3D0&cf=14346&v=31521e2134c348bfe24b0f6c309b09a2378d76e81fb3e29624f6134a96ca6bed)
8. Training session for Outdoor Ethics Guides & their Advisors - Be an effective Outdoor Ethics Guide **-** 11/13/22, 2-4pm in Manassas, VA Register [https://scoutingevent.com/082-63540](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=290075&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1659606&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fnam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com%2F%3Furl%3Dhttps%253A%252F%252Fscoutingevent.com%252F082-63540%253Ffbclid%253DIwAR13hIJBQ62JrWeJkfsLP5rRg0ByYl9X5HHXrMZDAfO3_RJFPYRlIq6OLGE%26data%3D05%257C01%257C%257C8348578a78da4c0d0d3208daa63dca10%257C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%257C1%257C0%257C638005081652412938%257CUnknown%257CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%253D%257C3000%257C%257C%257C%26sdata%3DW2dO8d2bvbQ5DXXnGLiN11bZ2GWzhKQK2CHYUaIrxnM%253D%26reserved%3D0&cf=14346&v=c8fa457175f18db6c6805b24f734c3fb0a0797ebb2b635f444b50c976a5f1624)

**Roundtable Minutes**

**October 13, 2022**

* **Council Update / Rus P**
	+ **Charter Renewal –** 11 of 39 units have logged into the Charter Renewal system. If your unit has not yet tried to get into the system, please login to make sure your access is working. Remember to periodically refresh (button on middle right) to update your roster with anyone added after the 10/1/22 release date.
	+ **Family Den Pilot Program** – Still time to sign up. The group will share best practices.
	+ **Fall Family Camping** (Snyder; $35/person) – BB, Archery, Scouterhorn, Crafts, Leatherwork, Woodshop. 11/18-20/2022 - <https://www.gotosnyder.org/year-round-events/cub-scout-expo/>
	+ **Goshen 2023 Registration is open** – [https://www.gotogoshen.org](https://www.gotogoshen.org/)
	+ **New Applications** – Effective date will be the date posted – not back dated beyond 1st of the month. Please turn in your new Youth and Adult Applications in a timely manner.
	+ **Insurance** – If you need a Certificate of Liability Insurance for an outing/activity, please use this [link](https://www.ncacbsa.org/aquia/wp-content/uploads/sites/20/2021/02/REQUEST-FOR-CERTIFICATE-OF-LIABILITY-INSURANCE-COUNCIL-filable-1.pdf), email to the indicated administrator ( insrequest@ncacbsa.org), and allow two (2) weeks. If your unit will be Out-of-Council, then you are covered by National’s insurance policy. This request form is the same, but it could take longer to get the information back from National.
	+ **BSA Branding Guidelines -** <https://scoutingwire.org/bsa-brand-center/brand-identity/>
	+ **My.Scouting.org – During Charter Renewal encourage Scouters to update demographic data**
	+ Update email/address/phone – <https://my.scouting.org> > Menu > My Profile
	+ Change Positions - COR/COR Delegate – <https://my.scouting.org> > Menu > Organization Mgr
	+ Unit Treasurer – COR/COR Delegate - <https://my.scouting.org> > Menu > Organization Mgr > Functional Role (tab)
	+ **Fund Raising**
	+ Popcorn - Distribution this weekend – Alexandria, VA
	+ Right Response First Aid Kits – $25% goes to unit - Sign-up Dec-Feb; sales Mar-May
* **Updates to My.Scouting.Org / Rus P**
* 10/07/22
* Recalibrate BeAScout Pins to reflect true GPS location
* Add the listing of all active units to the Detailed Advancement Reports
* Create a new “Detail Cub Scout Membership Totals Report – Found in Organization Manager”
* 09/30/22
* Allow Unit to make Changes in Position Manage even if the CBC flag is not present
* Remove Unit Participant from drop down positions available
* Fix Screening question issue in Online Registration
* 09/09/22
* Change the application flow for Online Applications to provide a better user experience. – Moved the My.Scouting account creation to the end of the process
* Fixed the ability for a unit to acknowledge an online application
* Fixed Report issue for Training reports cutting off list at 254 characters in the CSV version
* Fixed issue where units in application manager could view other units’ note
* **Updates to Scoutbook / Rus P**
* **10/7/22**
* **Bug Fixes**
	+ None
* **New Features**
	+ - CS Advancement and Adventure Report - Just in time for December Recharter and JTE, a new report has been released for Cub Scout Packs. This report is accessible from the Pack Reports menu on the Pack page. This report has a selectable time frame (defaulting to a typical program year as specified in current JTE metrics). This will return a listing of Scouts who earned a rank and/or adventures during the time period (Bobcat is included, so rank may be more than “1”). A checkbox allows for including Scouts with no advancement in the set time frame. This should aide in an overview of Cub Scouts for the Pack and their advancement activity.
* **10/5/22**
* **Bug Fixes**
* Adult Leader Positions - Adults can only be listed as leaders in Scoutbook if the BSA Member ID attached to the Scoutbook account is registered with the BSA. An issue that allowed some unregistered adults to be listed as leaders in Scoutbook has been fixed. Any adult that has an unregistered BSA Member ID attached to their Scoutbook account has had any leadership positions in Scoutbook ended.
* Calendar Reminders - An issue that prevented some non-registered adults from receiving certain calendar reminders when their Scout was not invited to the event has been fixed.
* Delete Account - The function to delete a youth Scoutbook account if there is no BSA Member ID attached has been restored to the Edit Extended Information page.
* Merit Badge Counselor Unit List - The Unit List for Merit Badge Counselor visibility previously did not require the B designator for boy troops. Scoutbook has been updated to require either a B or G designator for all Scouts BSA troops in the MBC unit visibility list. For example, Troop 1234B or Troop 1234G must be entered.
* **New Features**
* Grand Slam and Triple Crown Awards - The requirements for the Grand Slam and Triple Crown Awards are now linked so that updating a requirement for one award will update the corresponding requirement for the other award.
* **Aquatics Committee**
* SCUBA (Course Fee:  $650)
* PADI Certification by Age / Scouts BSA Merit Badge
* Contact the PADI Divemaster Andrew Blanco (ABSEAS2@aol.com) to schedule
* Minimum age 14 years
* Partial Merit Badge Completion Clinic [updated since Roundtable]
* 18 Scout Limit; $10/scout
* 12/11/22 from 1pm - 4pm at Fairland Sports & Aquatics Center, Riverdale, MD.
* Sign-up will be on the NCAC calendar soon.
* **Awards**
* Steve Banowit (T0987) – 10 Year Veteran Award
* Allen Mohaber (P0675) – Den Leader Training Award
* Edward Roggenkamp (P1537) – Den Leader Training Award
* **Scouting for Food – Hunger is still out there, and so are we! /Scott W**
	+ The Basics:
	+ Saturday, November 5: Put the Scouting for Food stickers on doors in your unit’s assigned zone (Maps available [here](https://www.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=9e9779fca8b64452a12375d2da5e6cc0); click on zones to see unit numbers)
	+ Saturday, November 12: Pick up the food and deliver to the unit’s assigned food pantry
	+ I still need POCs from the following units: Pack 833, Pack 882, Troop 918, Troop 976, Troop 979, Troop 987B and G, Troop 1113, Troop 1996
	+ Good news: Stickers for each Unit are in the back (100 stickers per package)
	+ We have about the same as last year, but I know some units were short last year
	+ Through Basecamp, let me know if you have extras, and if you need more
	+ Bad news: They don’t have dates on them
	+ Rules to keep in mind:
	+ YPT: drive as families or two adults per car
	+ Respect no soliciting signs
	+ Don’t go inside people’s homes
	+ Be careful crossing streets
	+ Don’t ring doorbells
	+ Please remove SFF stickers if still on the door on 11/12/22
	+ OPTIONAL: Awareness-building during the week; examples include:
	+ Weekly bulletins
	+ Neighborhood Facebook pages – Can use Geofencing – [Request from Council](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe_1KPi8-qsikiFjfsZCMkJ7wFUD-0rfxswi4-fMDgRjpD9Iw/viewform)
	+ Signs – Can turn your Join Scouting signs inside-out and write on them
	+ If possible, try to get the food pantry to weigh each unit’s donation and record the weight. If not, you can estimate: A full bag is about ten pounds (welcome better methodologies from the crowd) 8 cans=7.5 pounds
	+ Data Capture
	+ Unit’s fill out at: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/scouting-for-food-unit-data/>
	+ District: George Mason District
	+ Number of Scouts and Other Youth Participants (siblings, friends, etc.)
	+ Number of Adult Participants
	+ Pounds of Food Collected
	+ Food pantry delivered to
	+ For your Scouts: Express the weight in fun terms, for example: Vehicles, animals, dinosaurs

**George Mason Program / John D**

* **Current GM Calendar /John D**
* October 28-30, 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 25, 2023 - Pinewood Derby at Fairfax Presbyterian Church
* May 5-7, 2023 - Spring Camporee TBD
* **STEM /Andrew M**
* 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 - <https://scoutingevent.com/082-chess>
* SBSA – 11 February 2023 - <https://scoutingevent.com/082-ChessClassic>
* DC STEM Trek- Showcases 24 government agencies, private organizations and monuments related to the tenets upon which STEM is based. Shoulder patches are available!
* Two options 10.57 miles or 4.75 miles
* <https://www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/DC-STEM-Trek-2.pdf>
* **Flags In – Veterans Day / Rus P**
* November 11, 2022, starting at 12 noon
* National Memorial Park, 7482 Lee Highway, Falls Church, VA
* All Scouts, siblings, friends, and parents’ welcome
* Class A uniform
* Refreshments and pizza will be served at noon
* For more information, contact Rus Pittman at ruspittman@gmail.com

**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
* Sign up early as we are limited to 92 campers (currently at 50 registrants)
* Registration <https://scoutingevent.com/082-63054>
* 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.
* **Training (**<https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/training>**) /Roy D**
* Akela’s Trail (formerly Pow-Wow) – 11/19/22 – Zoom <https://scoutingevent.com/082-63597>
* Cub Leader Position Specific (C40) / Cub Scout Den Leader Specific (C42)
* 11/19/22 – Alexandria, VA
* 12/17/22 – Alexandria, VA
* Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO; C32)
* 10/15/22 – 10/16/22 - Reston, VA
* 11/05/22 – 11/06/22 – Lorton, VA
* Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS; S11) - 11/05/22 – 11/06/22 – Lorton, VA
* National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT; S78)
* 01/20/23 - 01/23/23 & 01/27/23 - 01/29/23 - Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA (Waitlist)
* Outdoor Ethics/Leave No Trace (D78)
* 10/17/22 (Introduction), Virtual & 10/22/22 (Fieldwork), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
* 11/13/22 For Guides and their Advisors, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
* Mental Health First Aid <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hscode/ereg/Registration.aspx?groupID=47>
* Two classes in November; Two Classes in December (Thursdays 9am – 3:30pm)
* University of Scouting - 02/25/23 – Alexandria, VA
* **GM High Adventure**
* NCAC High Adventure Committee (HAC) updates and announcements: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/high-adventure/>
* 2024 Philmont lottery is now open: <https://registerphilmont.org/entry/2024>
* NCAC HAC Treks and training schedules are posted. Many of the pre-trek training opportunities and shakedowns are available. (See HAC website)
* Information on HAC-planned Lenhok’sin and James River Canoeing 50-Miler treks will be released shortly.
* HA Sourcebook: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/high-adventure-information/>
* Now is the time to refine your summer 2023 trek plans – many inexpensive, local opportunities are available.
* Contact Joe Knecht at knechtjoe@yahoo.com if you have questions regarding high adventure planning or resources.
* High Adventure Bases
* Northern Tier
* Winter 2022-2023 and summer 2023 – first come/first serve
* 2024 reservations should open January 2023
* Philmont - Lottery open 10/1/22 – 12/1/22
* Seabase
* Some 2022 & 2023 availability https://www.bsaseabase.org/scouts/register/
* 2024 Reservations should open January 2023
* **Training**
* Northern Tier Classroom Training (email: BSA2XS@gmail.com)
* 03/04/23; 03/25/23; 04/15/23 – Holy Cross Lutheran, Herndon, VA
* Philmont
* 11/20/22 – Orientation for Crew Members and Parents (Zoom)
* 01/08/23 – Advisors & Crew Leader Training
* 03/12/23 & 03/18/23 – Philmont Advisor Hikes (email: wcdubi@gmail.com)
* 03/25/23 – Skills Training (Zoom)
* 04/01/23 – Skills Training (In-Person, TBD)
* **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
* **Merit Badges /Margee E**
* Every merit badge counselor needs to be on the District Charter.
* Scouters registered only in the unit are not automatically merit badge counselors.
* <https://my.scouting.org/VES/OnlineReg/1.0.0/?tu=UF-MB-082gm23> This is the URL for MBC online registration. Online registration is preferred.
* 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.
* Special training is required for Shooting Sports and Water Sports. See the Guide to Advancement for specifics.
* Citizenship in Society also requires Diversity, Equity and Inclusion as well as the council specific training for this merit badge.
* After taking all required training and registering online, submit the completed Merit Badge Counselor Information Form to the District Merit Badge Dean. Also submit specialty training such as BSA Safety Afloat, BSA Aquatics Instructor, American Canoe Association, NRA Shotgun Instructor, etc.
* Each unit is recommended to have a Unit MB Dean to assist adults in MB submissions.
* Contact Margee if you have questions at GM.MB.Dean@hotmail.com.
* **Order of the Arrow / Brandon G & Mary N**
	+ Ordeal – Unfortunately, the VA Central Area Fall Ordeal was cancelled. Those that were elected can still go to other Ordeals in our Council:
	+ VA South Fall Ordeal (10/28/22 – 10/30/22) - <https://scoutingevent.com/082-62656>
	+ Aquia Fall Ordeal (10/21/22 – 10/23/22) - <https://scoutingevent.com/082-62870>
	+ Seneca Fall Ordeal (11/18/22 – 11/20/22) - <https://scoutingevent.com/082-61000>
	+ Elections – Start in November.
	+ Troop Visits – The Chapter Advisor (Mary N) has been visiting various Troops over the last month. She is eager to answer any questions and provide OA information to scouts.
	+ Records – The OA records of active scouts is lacking. We will be request help from the Troops to update these records.
* **General Announcements (Fundraisers)**
* T152 Recruiting (Brian H) – T152 is having their Fall Activity Day in Nottoway Park, from 1pm – 3pm, 10/16/22. These are great event for Webelos/AOL scouts, and anyone interested in a very active Troop.
* Training Session for Outdoor Ethics Guides and their Advisors – 11/13/22 from 2pm – 4pm in Manassas, MD. <https://scoutingevent.com/082-61000>
* **District Chair Minute /John K**
* Membership – As of today, George Mason District has met our annual membership goal. This is a great achievement and due to the recruiting efforts of the Packs and Troops. Please keep the forms coming in. Thank you all for your great work.
* **District Commissioner Minute /Rus P**
* Membership Demographics – When your unit is updating the roster, please have your parents and Scouters check that their address, phone and email are correct. They can update it themselves in my.scouting.org or your Charter Renewal Coordinator can update during the renewal process. Thanks.
* New Unit – We are proud to announce a new unit, Pack 1978 at St. Mark, should be chartered within the next week. Welcome.
* Out of Cycle Events – Recently, we have noticed some Merit Badge and other events, which were announced between Roundtable mailings, filled before the notice got out. In the future, we will provide this information through your Unit Commissioner, so your youth and adults have a fighting chance to sign up.
* We want to help – Please let us know how your Commissioners can assist.
* ***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*** *– November 10, 2022, Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA*
	+ *6*:30pm – Troop Expo
	+ *7*:30pm – Roundtable