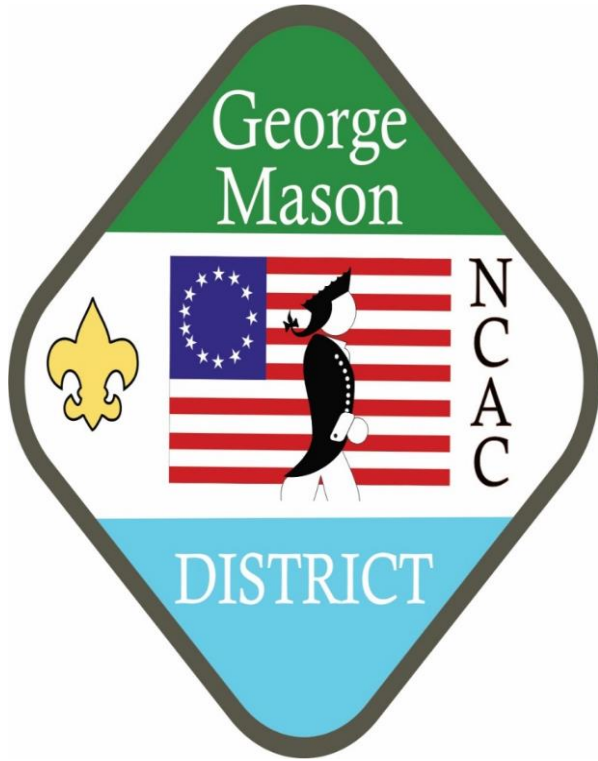


GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PRESS
JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2023



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. Jan, 12 2023 –
Roundtable Meeting (Thoreau and online) at
7:30 pm – **OA Chapter meeting same
time/place as Roundtable**

USEFUL LINKS:

[NCAC Council Web site](#)

[National BSA](#)

[GMD Web Site](#)

[GMD Upcoming Events](#)

[GMD Roundtable \(PW: GMDRT\)](#)

[GMD Training](#)

[National Order of the Arrow](#)

[wipit470.org](#)

[Pay OA Dues](#)

All information about rechartering including fees is updated in the Council's site:

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/recharter/>

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Calendar of Events – Links included if available

January 2023:

01/01/2023 – Units without new charters posted become lapsed units and lose the ability to accept or process On-line Applications for new members or for transfers in or out - loose BSA insurance coverage and advancement recognition stop

01/08/2023 4-6PM – Outdoor Ethics Guide Training, Silverspring, MD – details below

01/13-16/2022 & 01/28-29/2023 – National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) Course 23-1, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA - Wait List WWW.myNYLT.org

01/17/2023 7:30-8:30PM – NCAC Virtual Roundtable “Scouting is Outing” – details below

February 2023:

02/04/2023 - [Life to Eagle Seminar](#), 1pm – 4pm

02/25/2023 7:30AM – 5PM - University of Scouting, Hayfield Secondary School, Alexandria, VA [UoS Info/Registration](#)

March 2023:

03/01/2023 – Units without new charters posted become dropped units and members lose access to records in my.scouting.org and Scoutbook – members and units are no longer part of BSA Units without new 2023 Charters posted become dropped and loose BSA insurance coverage and advancement recognition stop

03/03-04/2023 BALOO class Stafford (Aquia District) <https://scoutingevent.com/082-65620>

03/04/2023 – GM Merit Badge Day, Fairfax, VA - [MBD](#)

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Calendar of Events (cont.) – Links included if available

March 2023 (cont.):

03/04/2023 & 04/22-23/2023 – BCOLS Training – <https://scoutingevent.com/082-64984> see flyer below

03/25/2023 – GMD Pinewood Derby, Fairfax Presbyterian Church, Fairfax, VA

03/31-04/2/2023 & 04/22-23/2023 Wood Badge Spring 2023 Course [NCAC Wood Badge](#)

April 2023:

04/13/2023 – District Court of Honor, Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA

04/14-16/2023 – Spring OA Fellowship – “May the Forest be with You!” Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA.

04/15-16/2023 – BALOO Training – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA.
<https://scoutingevent.com/082-PWDBALOOApr2023>

04/28-30/2023 - Tri-Chapter (George Mason, Old Dominion, Patriot) Ordeal – April 28-30, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA.

May 2023:

05/5-7/2023 - George Mason Spring Camporee – Theme is Canoeing. Location Antietam, MD.

05/05-07/2023 & 06/03-04/2023 Wood Badge Summer 2023 Course [NCAC Wood Badge](#)

05/29/2023 - **Flags In Memorial Day**, National Memorial Park, Falls Church, VA

05/31/2023 - Unit election season for Order of the Arrow closes

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June 2023:

06/08/2023 – Program Launch, Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA

06/18-23/2023 – National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) Course 23-2, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA WWW.myNYLT.org

06/22-25/2023 Cub Scout Resident Weekend Camp, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA. Details below

06/25-30/2023 – National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) Course 23-3, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA WWW.myNYLT.org

06/26-30/2023 Cub Scout Day Camp, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA. www.gotosnyder.org

06/29-07/02/2023 Cub Scout Resident Weekend Camp, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA. www.gotosnyder.org

July 2023:

07/02-08/2023 – Lenhok'sin High Adventure, Goshen Scout Reservation, Goshen, Va [Lenhok'sin 2023](#)

07/06-09/2023 Cub Scout Resident Weekend Camp, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA. www.gotosnyder.org

07/10-14/2023 Cub Scout Day Camp, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA. www.gotosnyder.org

07/13-16/2023 Cub Scout Resident Weekend Camp, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA. www.gotosnyder.org

07/16-22/2023 Scouts BSA Camp, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA. www.gotosnyder.org

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Calendar of Events (cont.) – Links included if available

July 2023 (cont.):

07/19-28/2023 – BSA 2023 National Jamboree, The Summit Bechtel Reserve, WV,
<https://www.facebook.com/NatJamboree23/>

07/23-28/2023 – National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) Course 23-4, Camp Snyder,
Haymarket, VA WWW.myNYLT.org

07/23-28/2023 – National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) Course 23-5, Camp Snyder,
Haymarket, VA WWW.myNYLT.org

September 2023:

09/08-10/2023 & 10/07-08/2023 Wood Badge Fall 2023 Course [NCAC Wood Badge](#)

09/23/2023 & 10/21-22/2023 – BCOLS Training – see flyer below

NCAC January Roundtable



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL

COUNCIL VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE **"SCOUTING IS OUTING"**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023
7:30 TO 8:30 PM

WITH GUEST SPEAKERS

- **Kelly Wratkowski**, NCAC Program Director, Cub Scout Day Camps
- **Elisabeth Warren**, Goshen Reservation Director, Goshen Programs
- **Laura Kuras**, District Executive USVI, Camp Howard Wall
- **Jeff Huggins**, Camp Director, Camp Catoctin BSA
- **Pete Adams**, BSA Fishing Programs Champion

Zoom Meeting Details

- **Link:** [bit.ly/ncacvrtjan2023](https://ncacvrtjan2023)
- **Meeting ID:** 890 2635 1032
- **Audio Only:** 301-715-8592, 89026351032#
- Zoom Room Opens at 7:15 PM and Closes at 8:45 PM

Questions? Contact Bill Desmond at bspd1438@aol.com

NCACBSA.ORG



Scouts, Scouters, and families are all invited to join us for our next National Capital Area Council Virtual Roundtable on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 7:30 PM; our topic for the evening is "Scouting is Outing."

Our Guest Speakers will be:

- Kelly Wratkowski, NCAC Program Director, Cub Scout Day Camps
- Elisabeth Warren, Goshen Reservation Director, Goshen Programs
- Laura Kuras, District Executive USVI, Camp Howard Wall
- Jeff Huggins, Camp Director, Camp Catoctin BSA
- Pete Adams, BSA Fishing Programs Champion

Zoom Meeting Details for the session are:

Meeting ID: 890 2635 1032

Audio Only: 301-715-8592, 89026351032#

Zoom Room Opens at 7:15 PM and Closes at 8:45 PM

Full Zoom Link: <https://ncacbsa-org.zoom.us/j/89026351032>

If you have any questions about this event or Roundtables, please contact Bill Desmond, our NCAC Roundtable lead, via Basecamp Ping at Bill or via email at bspd1438@aol.com.

[Zoom link](https://ncacbsa-org.zoom.us/j/89026351032)

TRAINING

Wood Badge Registration Open



SPRING WOOD BADGE
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN
<https://www.ncacbsa.org/wood-badge/>

Spring Wood badge registration is now open! The spring course runs over two weekends: March 31- April 2 & April 22- 23. This premier leadership training is for Scouters in all BSA programs.

Wood Badge draws upon the most current leadership models used by corporate America, academic circles, and successful organizations throughout the country. Participants can expect to develop skills in many areas, including leadership theory, team building, problem-solving, communication, project planning, and more. These skills can be taken back to packs, troops, crews, and ships to help leaders guide youth in dynamic Scouting programs. Scouters will find these skills invaluable in their business and personal lives as well. Register today!

[Register](#)

Outdoor Ethics Guide Training



Be an effective Outdoor Ethics Guide! We all know about the Outdoor Ethics Guide position and have seen the Handbook, but how do you actually operationalize this position of responsibility to have the greatest positive impact in your unit? Join Outdoor Ethics Guides and adult advisors for an in-person session to learn best practices, meet other Outdoor Ethics Guides and adult advisors, share experiences, discuss ways to overcome challenges, and create a network of Outdoor Ethics Guides across NCAC.

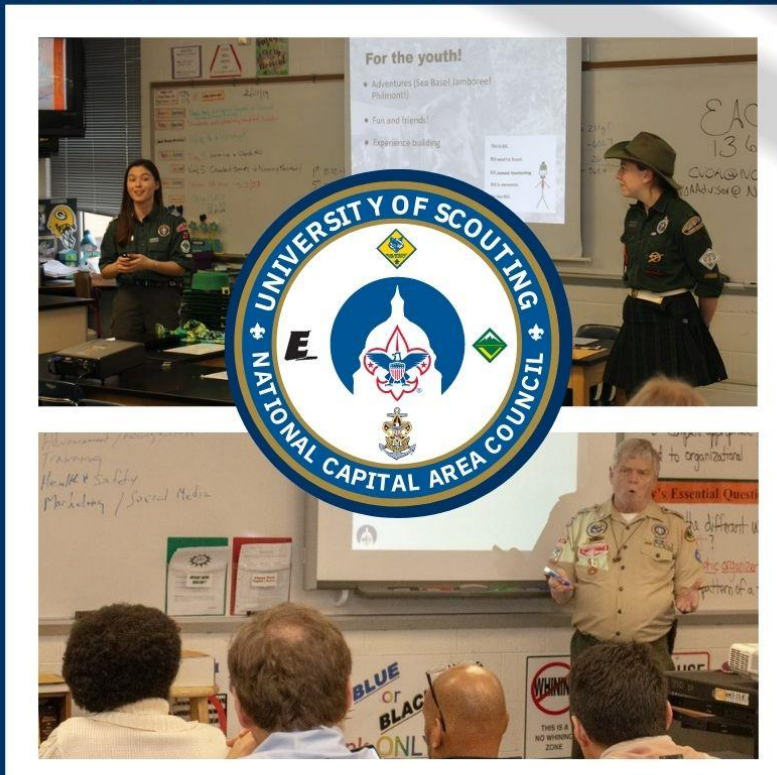
This session is open to current and future Outdoor Ethics Guides and their adult advisors. Ideally scouts and their advisors will attend together but attendance of both is not a requirement to attend.

[Register](#)

Save the Date for University of Scouting 2023

SAVE THE DATE
FEBRUARY 25, 2023

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING 2023



REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 8TH

The University of Scouting is back and in person on February 25, 2023 from 7:30AM until 5PM at Hayfield High School in Alexandria, VA. Whether you are new or a veteran of many years, the University of Scouting is a supplemental training opportunity for all adult Scout leaders. It is the only time during the year where you can find, all in one place, the widest variety of training opportunities in all program areas.

[Registration Info](#)

CAMP

2023 Camp Snyder



Save the Dates
Snyder Summer 2023



Cub Scout Camp

Rising Tigers to rising Webelos.

Day Camp

Session 1: June 26 - June 30, 2023

Session 2: July 10 - July 14, 2023

Resident Weekends

Session 1: June 22 - June 25, 2023

Session 2: June 29 - July 2, 2023

Session 3: July 6 - July 9, 2023

Session 4: July 13 - July 16, 2023

Scouts BSA Camp

Specialty Week:

July 16 - July 22, 2023

Registration opens
in October 2022.

www.gotosnyder.org

[Go To Snyder](http://www.gotosnyder.org)

Backpacking Trek at Lenhok'sin High Adventure



The NCAC High Adventure Committee is sponsoring a Provisional backpacking trek at Lenhok'sin High Adventure (Goshen Scout Reservation), July 2 – 8, 2023 (Week 2 Session)!

Lenhok'sin High Adventure is NCAC's very own high adventure base, located at the Goshen Scout Reservation. Offering week-long backpacking and canoeing treks, Lenhok'sin is a platform to "plan your own adventure" and train for future high adventure opportunities, including Philmont and Northern Tier.

[Learn more and Register](#)

Encourage Scouts to Join Our Camp Staff

Camp Staff is Hiring!

Camp Snyder



Goshen Scout Reservation

Apply Today!

We are actively recruiting camp staff right now. If you have Scouts who will be 14 years of age or older by next summer, encourage them to have the experience of a lifetime by joining our staff! Every year, the camps and programs which make up the Goshen Scout Reservation and Camp William B. Snyder employ highly-motivated individuals to be a part of something huge. Don't let your Scouts miss out!

Learn more about Goshen Scout Reservation:

<https://www.gotogoshen.org/information/goshen-staff/>

Learn more about Camp William B. Snyder:

<https://www.gotosnyder.org/work-volunteer/summer-camp-staff/>

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Chair's Chat January 1, 2023

Happy New Year 2023! It has been quite a year and the new one promises to be a great one for our district and hopefully all of us. What have we done?

We grew!! Our membership is up 5% from last year and a pack that had dropped its charter is back up and running. How did it happen? Mostly, you leaders of the Packs and Troops opened your arms and doors and welcomed in new Scouts. You made it fun and meaningful for the Scouts already in your units, so they wanted to stay. Kids and parents found they needed activities they had missed while waiting for some sense of normalcy to return.

We raised the funds to pay to support the Scouting program by running successful events like the District Pinewood Derby, and 2 Camporees, selling products like Trails End Popcorn, and participating in Friends of Scouting.

We put on successful events. We had good turnout for our Spring and Fall District Camporees. Our Hike-O-Ree drew more participants and more miles. We collected tons and tons of food with our Scouting for Food Drive. Our Cub Pack Pinewood Derby unit winners came together for a fast and furious District Derby. We were able to bring back the Eagle Recognition Dinner after a 2-year break.

Where do we go from here? With the new year we will be gaining the support and guidance of a new District Executive, Liz Kohler. You will keep running great Scout programs and activities for our youth. Don't forget to keep your eyes open for year-round new member opportunities. We will be looking for opportunities to start new units where we have gaps and needs, especially for girl Troops. Our District Program team is hard at work planning our next camporee at Antietam with opportunities for canoeing and merit badges. Our Friends of Scouting campaign has just started but we have already gotten a big boost thanks to the support of many on our District Committee and the scheduling of unit presentations by most of our Packs and Troops.

We have had a great springboard from 2022. Let's make it work for us to make 2023 even more successful.

Respectfully submitted, John Kilduff – George Mason District Chair

732-610-4284 johnkilduff42@gmail.com



George Mason District Merit Badge Day

March 4th, 2023

Fairfax Presbyterian Church

10723 Main St, Fairfax, VA 22030

Registration Open Dec 19th: [GM Merit Badge Day](#)

Merit Badges being offered:

- American Heritage,
- Citizenship of the Community,
- Citizenship of the Nation,
- Citizenship of the World,
- Communications,
- Disabilities Awareness,
- Emergency Preparedness,
- Engineering,
- Family Life,
- Fire Safety,
- Genealogy,
- Geology,
- Journalism,
- Law,
- Personal Management.

All Prework and Prerequisites are attached to the merit badge when they register on the website Corsizio.

Registration:

<https://site.corsizio.com/a/5bf2f8e8e6dfc6f1ca7cbd64>

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BALOO class March 3&4, 2023 Stafford (Aquia District).
<https://scoutingevent.com/082-65620>



Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) Course Training

Location: Curtis Park

Pavilion #2

58 Jesse Curtis Lane

Fredericksburg, VA 22406

Date: March 3 & 4, 2023

Times: Friday, March 3rd

5:30 – 6:30 PM - Registration/Gathering Time (Assigned Campsite/Setup Tent)

6:30 PM – Course Starts (Camping Overnight Required)

Saturday, March 4th (All day)

7:30 AM – Breakfast

5:00 PM – Course Over (Breakdown Campsite/Depart)

Cost: \$40.00 - Pre-registration is required.

Class size: Minimum 15 - Maximum 25 participates.

Meals: The following meals will be provided as part of this course: Saturday: Breakfast and Lunch.

There will be snacks provided during the day on Saturday. Friday Evening there will be a Cracker Barrel (snacks provided) after campfire. Please notify me at aquiadistcmsr@cox.net of any special dietary restrictions.

Please Note: The BALOO Course has an overnight requirement and a online component which needs

to be completed before you take this hands-on portion of the course. This course is required for leaders who haven't taken the former BALOO course to include Webelos Leaders (in order to take their den's camping). More information will be provided once you have registered for the course.

Pre-registration: Is required via online with payment by February 19, 2023. Registration may close early if Max participation is reached before this date.

Online Registration and Payment: Register via credit or debit card at the right side of this page.

Handouts: Will be provided for all leaders participating in this course.

Equipment Required to bring: Tent, Ground Cloth, Lantern/Flashlight, Sleeping bag, Sturdy Shoes, Change of Clothes, Rain Gear and Coat/Jacket/Hat/Gloves (if needed), Camp Chair.

For questions or for more information contact: Sharon Patrick, aquiadistcmsr@cox.net, 540-368-8011.

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**BALOO TRAINING for NEW CUB SCOUT LEADERS OR
PARENT VOLUNTEERS**

April 15-16, 2023, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-PWDBALOOApr2023>

(Registration Opens 01/16/22 at 12:01am)

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) Camping is an essential part of Scouting, and BALOO is an essential part of Cub Scout camping. In fact, BALOO trained leadership is required for a Pack or Webelos den camp out. BALOO is an overnight experience filled with practical information for Scouters to lead fun, meaningful, and safe camping experiences for the BSA's youngest campers. Training is conversational with a few demonstrations, show-and-tells, and a handful of hands-on work. It is geared to Cub Scouting. An optional visit to a local camping store outlet will be available prior to the sessions to participants that have zero experience camping. Experienced Scouters teach the topics you need for a great program

Topics Include:

- GPS & Navigation
- Gear Selection
- First Aid
- Knife Safety
- Cooking & Sanitation
- Meal Planning
- Outdoor Ethics
- Nature and Hiking
- Stove, Lanterns, Fires, Knots
- Program Planning
- Large Group Games

Costs: TBD

Prerequisites: Current YPT

Equipment: A list of camping equipment will be provided to registrants

Schedule:

TBD

Questions: jholdener@mitre.org

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Wood Badge

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



Living the Values

Growing

Connecting

Guiding

Empowering

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

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

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

Cost is only
\$300
Scholarships available

All Courses at Camp William B. Snyder

Spring 2023

12-82-23-1
31 March - 2 April
& 22-23 April

Course Director: Maria Cooper

Summer 2023

12-82-23-2
5-7 May & 3-4 June

Course Director: Bobby Tran

Fall 2023

12-82-23-3
8-10 Sept & 7-8 Oct

Course Director: Jai Evans



REGISTRATION AND MORE INFORMATION:

www.ncacbsa.org/woodbadge



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2023



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

- 13 years or older
- First Class Rank
- Unit Leader approval
- Completed Intro. to Leadership Skills*
- 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

23-1 Jan 13-16 & Jan 28-29
 Must complete both weekends

23-2 June 18-23

23-3 June 25 to 30

23-4 July 23-28

23-5 July 23-28

Concurrent courses.
 All courses held at Camp William B. Snyder.



REGISTRATION AND MORE INFORMATION:
www.myNYLT.org

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National Youth Leadership Training – NYLT

WWW.myNYLT.org

Camp William B. Snyder 6100 Antioch Rd, Haymarket , VA

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Scouts who have completed their unit's introduction to leadership course, have been practicing these skills, and are ready for the next level of training should attend NYLT once they meet all Eligibility Requirements.

NYLT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Scouts must:

- Complete their home Unit's Introduction to Leadership Skills course*
- Receive approval from your Scoutmaster or Unit leader
- Be at least 13 years of age by course start date
- Earn First Class rank, if registered in a Troop
- Have current BSA Health Form (Parts A, B, and C)
- Be comfortable camping and cooking outdoors
- Commit to attending the entire six-day course

* Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST), Crews (ILSC), and Ships (ILSS) should be offered through a Scout's home unit. Ask your Unit Leader how you can participate in this course.

WHAT NYLT IS (AND IS NOT)

NYLT is not like summer camp and is not designed for rank advancement or earning merit badges. NYLT is an intense and challenging hands-on leadership training program. It is essential that NYLT participants be physically, emotionally, and mentally prepared to handle the demands of this advanced training. In order to get the most benefit from this unique experience, participants must exhibit emotional maturity, a positive attitude, proficiency in basic camping and outdoor cooking, and have an ambition to serve in leadership roles.

Behavior at NYLT: Participants agree to conduct themselves in accordance with the Scout Oath and Law.

QUESTIONS?

For information about specific courses, contact the Course Director. General inquiries about the NYLT program may be directed to contact@myNYLT.org.

You can follow NCAC NYLT Youth Training online on Facebook facebook.com/myNYLT

Remember, "Scouting is a game with a purpose." — Baden-Powell

WWW.myNYLT.org

Journey to Excellence – NEW INFO from BSA

<https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/>

Journey to Excellence is the Boy Scouts of America program to help Packs, Troops, Crews, Ships and Posts to plan, monitor and evaluate their performance and their ability to serve youth. There are specific criteria for the unit to plan and accomplish. These standards are reviewed each year and revised standards are published.

The 2022/2023 Journey to Excellence Standards are now available.

Here are the major changes in the JTE scorecards for 2022.

1. The standards are written as activities that the unit will do. This is to emphasize that JTE is primarily a planning tool.
2. The Cub Scout scorecard has many changed standards. This is because of changes in the Cub Scout program.
3. For standard #10, Gold now includes recruiting a new leader. We have found that the best units continually recruit parents and other adults who have never been involved in Scouting.

There is no requirement, no expectation and, in fact, we might discourage a unit from believing that they should achieve Gold in all JTE criteria. A great unit is balanced in the service that it provides to youth. There is no shame and no problem if a unit achieves Silver or Bronze. That unit is serving youth. We regard the various colors as meaning:

Bronze – Effective
Silver – Excellent
Gold – Exceptional

Please share with us your thoughts about JTE and any suggestions that you have for improvement. Please sent them to jte@scouting.org

National Assessment and Evaluation Committee
Boy Scouts of America

[JTE Unit Scorecards](#) (PDF) links

- [Pack Scorecard \(2023\)](#)
- [Troop Scorecard\(2022\)](#)
- [Crew Scorecard \(2022\)](#)
- [Ship Scorecard \(2022\)](#)
- [Post Scorecard \(2022\)](#)



Michael's Woodshop News



Winter 2022-23

Our 5th Annual Pinewood Derby Days are Here!

Michael's Woodshop has a great process to guide Cub Scouts through the Pinewood Derby Car creation process. Each Cub Scout will leave with a paint-ready car. There are several ways to participate in the fun:



Open Registration

Individuals or small groups can sign up for one of our open registration sessions.

(Registration is now open)

Pack or Den Events

Packs or Dens may reserve Michael's Woodshop to hold their own pinewood derby event.

(Remaining dates are limited – inquire soon)

Visit the [Pinewood](#) learn more.



[Derby Days page](#) to

Plan Now For

Your 2023

Woodshop Events

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-2023ScheduledShop>

Register for a Class or Schedule Your Own

Event: Michael's Woodshop offers regular Woodwork Merit Badge Classes and Open Registration Baloo the Builder Workshops. In addition, Michael's Woodshop may be reserved by Scouts or Units for Eagle Scout projects, Baloo the Builder and Build It Workshops and many other fun unit activities. You can also "Leverage" the shop to support your [STEM Nova activities](#). Visit our webpage for information about the programs and reserving the shop. 2023 reservations have already begun!



[Upcoming Events and Shop Calendar](#)



View our [Activity Slideshows](#)



Click here to see [Youth Shop Use Measures](#)



Michael's Woodshop News



Winter 2022-23 (cont.)

It Has Been a Busy Fall in Michael's Woodshop!

[Read our Latest Articles](#)

Michael's Woodshop hosted 70 scouts in the shop during the **Fall Family Camping Weekends**. Participants picked projects from a variety of offerings including a bird house, tool boxes and game boards. Everyone had a great time and left with a successfully completed project!

This fall, Michael's Woodshop hosted 150 youth in our Baloo the Builder and Webelos Build It Workshops. Please see [Baloo the Builder Workshop](#) and [Webelos Build It Workshop](#) to learn more about these popular programs.

Michael's Woodshop was extremely busy during the **OA's Camping Palooza** event in October. We had 136 youth visit the shop to make a fun project and volunteers helped build 4 new benches for the dining hall. Great fun!

Join the Woodshop Team

Michael's Woodshop is operated and maintained by an incredible team of volunteers. With the growing popularity of our programs, we are looking to expand the team. Roles are available for experienced woodworkers, Woodwork Merit Badge Counselors and both adult and youth shop assistants. This is a fun and rewarding volunteer experience. Please view "[Join the Woodshop Team](#)" or email us for more information.

For more about upcoming events, volunteering, planning an event or reserving the shop, please visit the

[Michael's Woodshop web page](#) or email us at MichaelsWoodshop.CWBS@gmail.com

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Camp Snyder Sawdust Saturdays

For Camp Snyder Sawdust Saturdays on scheduled dates (see the calendar below), **please contact Dan Kurtenbach to let us know you are coming.** Use the [sign up link](#) on our Camp Snyder volunteer project [webpage](#), call Dan at 703-802-0613, or email him at cwbs.volunteers@gmail.com. Please review the COVID-19 precautions in the box below.

Individual “Come When You Can” Service

For individual service opportunities at Camp Snyder on your own schedule, contact Camp Ranger Ryan Alford, 615-934-7962 (mobile), ryan.alford@scouting.org, to discuss a date, time, and available projects.

- **ARRIVAL WINDOW: 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.** Come any time during the arrival window and someone will be there. We usually finish by mid-afternoon. If you’d like to come earlier or later, please call or text before you leave home to see if someone will be at camp. **Call or text Dan Kurtenbach at 703-802-0613 or Ryan Alford at 615-934-7962.**
- **FIND US:** When you arrive at camp, **call or text Dan Kurtenbach at 703-802-0613 or Ryan Alford at 615-934-7962.** If you are not familiar with Camp Snyder, use the map below (also attached).
- **BRING:** Drinking water, personal hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, and/or other personal cleaning supplies.
- **WEAR:** Outerwear, sun protection, and insect protection appropriate for the season and weather.
- **WEAR:** Work clothes that can get dirty, torn, or permanently stained.
- **WEAR:** Closed-toe shoes or boots, work gloves, eye protection, and ear protection (when using loud equipment).
- **BRING:** Tools you like to use if you have them. Tools that get a lot of use are: battery-powered drills/drivers with bits for Phillips #2 and Star T-25 screws; hammers; pry bars; and – you guessed it – saws.

2023 Service Days

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2023 OFFERINGS BACK COUNTRY OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS

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 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. **Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills is offered by the Council Training Committee as an optional follow-on to the basic course, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills. Its goal is to provide adult leaders with an overview of such topics as:**

● Trek Planning ● Leadership Skills ● Team Development ● Leave No Trace ● Water Treatment ●
● Stove Maintenance ● Risk Management ● Equipment Maintenance ● Crew Equipment Needs & Selection ●
● Personal Equipment Needs & Selection ● Terrain Awareness & Land Navigation ● Menu Planning & Clean-up ●
● Hygiene & Health ● On the Trail Tips ● Wilderness First Aid Overview

Part 1 — Addresses ways to effectively work with older youth and covers the detailed preparation and planning that must be done before you go out, including risk management. Summarizes the personal and crew equipment used for lightweight camping. Plans are also made for the weekend overnight session. (Part 1 is the EXPLAIN & DEMONSTRATE part of EDGE.)

Part 2 — Participants will practice core leader skills for the outdoor program — Leave No Trace, navigation (map & compass plus GPS), terrain awareness, expedition menu planning and food preparation, stove and stove maintenance, wilderness first aid issues, expedition health and hygiene, team building. (Part 2 is the GUIDE part of EDGE.)

Part 3 — *While not required, we strongly suggest participation* in the Hikeoree which will allow BCOLS trained leaders to apply the BCOLS training with their youth at a real-world event. (Part 3 is the ENABLE part of EDGE.)

SPRING 2023 -- MARYLAND	FALL 2023 -- VIRGINIA
Classroom: Sat 3/4 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Huntingtown UMC 4020 Hunting Creek Rd Huntingtown, MD Overnight: Sat 04/22, 7:30 am thru Sun 04/23, 2:30 pm American Chestnut Land Trust 2650 Scientists Cliff Road Prince Frederick, MD 20678	Classroom: Sat 9/23 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Heritage Presbyterian Church 8503 Fort Hunt Rd Alexandria, VA 22308 Overnight: Sat 10/21, 7:30 am thru Sun. 10/22, 2:30 pm Camp Big Mac 12647 Moss Hollow Rd Markham, VA 22643

Register via the NCAC web-site — BCOLS can be found on the Training menu

Class size limited to 32. Adults receive preference. Fee is \$65.00

FOR INFORMATION: DOMINICK CARIDI: DSCSCOUTING@AOL.COM / 703-625-4196

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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
- [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). When you are done with the application, send the MB Dean your list of MBs using the [Merit Badge Counselor Information Sheet](#).

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

Margee Egan at margee.egan@gmail.com

George Mason Chapter Order of the Arrow (OA)



The George Mason Chapter of the O/A is back to meeting in Person on the 2nd Thursday of the month at Thoreau Middle School from 7:30-8:30. (Same time/location as GM Roundtable.)

January 12, 2023 will be the next OA Chapter Monthly meeting. Purpose of this Meeting is to discuss specifics regarding O/A elections to include (but not be limited to) Election Training (what is needed to handle the elections), Eligibility requirements, Troop Parings, Election date coordination, contingency election plans.

Spring Fellowship, April 14-16 at Camp Snyder. Our theme this year is “May the Forest be with You”!

Save the date – Tri-Chapter (George Mason, Old Dominion, Patriot) Ordeal – April 28-30, Camp Snyder. In addition to needing Elangomats, George Mason will be handling the Cook Crew duties. We need volunteers to help. Please contact Mrs.

Neuse – O/A Chapter Advisor at georgemasonchapter@wipit470.org. Sign ups for the ordeal will be available soon!

11/01/2022 – 05/31/2023 – Unit election season for Order of the Arrow

Amangamek-Wipit Lodge – 2023 Annual Dues

To attend any OA event or wear your sash and lodge flap, you must be a current dues-paying member of our lodge! For 2023, annual dues will be \$14 until March 31, 2023 when they increase to \$16 on April 1, 2022 (no fooling!). Payment may be made by credit card or e-check.

You will have an opportunity to make a contribution to help support our lodge activities and operations. Become a Lodge Contributor by making a \$100 contribution and receive our special Lodge Contributor patch and the satisfaction of knowing that you've dramatically helped further our mission of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.

If you are transferring from another lodge, please visit the Membership Dues and Transfers page on the lodge website <https://scoutingevent.com/082-MembershipTransfer> and complete the [Membership Transfer Form](#) to pay your dues. [Pay OA Dues](#)

Lodge Website: Wipit470.org

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Amangamek-Wipit Lodge – 2023 Calendar

January 2023		
7	Lodge Banquet	U of MD
16	<i>MLK Holiday</i>	
21	LEAD Conference	Towson, MD
February 2023		
5	LEC	MSSC
12	<i>Super Bowl</i>	
25	University of Scouting	Hayfield HS
March 2023		
5	LO&A	MSSC
23	<i>Ramadan Begins</i>	
11&12	<i>Commissioner's College</i>	Sat in person- Sun Virtual Classes
April 2023		
9	<i>Easter</i>	
14-16	Spring Fellowship	CWBS
16	LEC at Fellowship	CWBS
May 2023		
7	LO&A	MSSC
19 - 21	Section Conclave	
June 2023		
3	LLDC	TBD
3	LEC/Induction of new Officers at LLDC	
25	Goshen Week 1 Bus Loading	Fairfax County Govt Ctr
18 Jun - 1 Jul	GOAT	Goshen
July 2023		
2 & 8	Goshen Week 2 Bus Loading	Fairfax County Govt Ctr
9 & 15	Goshen Week 3 Bus Loading	Fairfax County Govt Ctr
16 & 22	Goshen Week 4 Bus Loading	Fairfax County Govt Ctr
23 & 29	Goshen Week 5 Bus Loading	Fairfax County Govt Ctr
30	Goshen Week 6 Bus Loading	Fairfax County Govt Ctr
August 2023		
5	Goshen Week 6 Bus Loading Return	Fairfax County Govt Ctr
4-6	Vigil 1	Goshen S.R.

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16 - 18	Lodge Sabbath-friendly Ordeal	CWBS
20	LEC Pool Party	CWBS
September 2023		
8-10	Fall Fellowship	CWBS
9	LO&A at Fellowship	GSR
15 - 17	<i>Rosh Hashanah</i>	
24-25	<i>Yom Kippur</i>	
October 2023		
1	LEC	MSSC
November 2023		
1	Unit Election Season Opens	
5	LO&A	Virtual
23	<i>Thanksgiving</i>	
TBD	Vigil (2)	TBD
December 2023		
1-2	2023 Trade-O-Ree	CWBS
3	LEC	MSSC
3	Chapter Budgets and PMP packages due	MSSC