**November Roundtable Minutes**

* [**Goshen**](https://gotogoshen.org)**/**[**Snyder**](https://gotosnyder.org) **Programs for 2024 –**
* [**Join the Camp Staff** –](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/uPgPdJSZyrw9yc1BGmvuJd67) Job interviews start January 2024
* [**Camp Snyder Family Camping**](https://gotosnyder.org)– April 19-21, 2024, May 10-12, 2024 & July 5-7
* [Camp Snyder Day Camping](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/SfbtxGT6N41AXnzUhsfcnA1e) – June 24-28 and July 8-12.
* [Camp Snyder Resident Weekends](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/SfbtxGT6N41AXnzUhsfcnA1e) – June 20-23, June 27-30, July 11-14
* [**Camp Snyder Specialty Week**](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/BjipkwYCtuoivFD8vNhYBPK3) – Two Merit Badge Weeks July 14-July 20 & July 21-July 27
* [**Goshen Summer Camping 2024**](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/rBAD2VaBfJDgDScALTCaUiiE) – Five sessions starting June 23rd. A sixth week for Camp Ross. Registration is now open.
* [**Goshen Provisional Camping**](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/BjipkwYCtuoivFD8vNhYBPK3) – Camping for individual scouts (June 23-July 27).
* [**Goshen OA Trail Crew**](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/BjipkwYCtuoivFD8vNhYBPK3) **–** June 16 – June 29
* [**Lenhok’sin High Adventure**](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/MevsKmbLhmCrj39FHQaiUMzX) – Five sessions during summer 2024. Including paddling 61 miles of the historic Upper James River with 120 Class I and II rapids.
* **Camporee –** Camporee went well. Many Merit Badges successfully completed. We need your input on the Spring Camporee. Contact [Andy Zaso](mailto:andrewzaso@gmail.com) or [Tim Lapham](mailto:trlapham@gmail.com%20%3ctrlapham@gmail.com%3e;).
* **Cub Scout Program Updates –**
* The Cub Scout Adventure program changes are coming June 1, 2024.  The initial information about the Cub Scout Program Updates was officially released this afternoon.  The [Cub Scout Program Updates Announced | Boy Scouts of America (scouting.org)](https://www.scouting.org/program-updates/cub-scout-program-updates-announced/) page on the National website provides an overview of the changes coming next June 1st.  
    
  The NCAC Advancement & recognition Committee will have a representative at the December Presenters training mentioned in the chart below.  We are developing a plan to get the word out and will be able to share that after the start of the year.    
    
  Today's [#CubChatLive! (scoutingmagazine.org)](https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/cubchatlive/) session provided a 40-minute discussion to go along with today's announcement. Here is a chart of future shows that will focus on specific update topics.  Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner, please provide time each month for your district Advancement & Recognition Chair to announce the next upcoming Cub Scout Update related show.

Timeline of Cub Scout Update related shows on #CubChatLive and other related events.

* **Scouting for Food /Scott W & Brian B**
* **Thanks to all who Participated! Please be sure to record your unit’s totals (see below)**
* **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
* **Online Donation Option** (through mid-Dec) – There is an online donation URL available this year. If a scout wants to tell relatives or friends their unit is collecting food, then the online donation portal is a way to have them participate. Donations will go to the Food for Others Pantry. Instructions will be published on Basecamp. Note, SFF contributes about 10 percent of all food drives for the year.
* **Council Update /Rus P**
* **2024 National Dues** – Effective 08/01/23 - <https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/XoisQJcMr1NncMfshG7xCj9f>
* **2024 Council Dues** – Effective 1/1/24 - <https://www.ncacbsa.org/participation-fee/https://www.ncacbsa.org/participation-fee/>
* **Unit Charter Renewal -** Charter Renewal input at <https://advancements.scouting.org/>.  Only the unit Key 3 and Key 3 delegates can access the software.  Use the same Username and Password that you use for [https://my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org/) and Scoutbook.
  + Thanks to all that attended one of the two Charter Renewal training sessions.  The first session was recorded.  [Link](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/%20n%257N4C%5eu%20/NiLCVfVSdmUhBHY7noLB3Tj_Vehc3q1DEOy_chd25SCcAXMpxPaQ4IXokNJUpm9f.u8QuIdVvuS-HOyRu) (Passcode: n%7N4C^u) to view the session (70 minutes long).
* Here is a [link](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/jeCAyYxsF2GZPeEJCuYbJm55/vault) to the GMD Basecamp site that contains the
* 2024 Annual Membership Handbook (PDF)
* Internet Rechartering User Guide (PDF)
* Membership Renewal for Units (PPTX)
* NCAC Charter Renewal web site:  <https://www.ncacbsa.org/recharter/>
* In addition to the online Charter Renewal, we need units to get their unit’s Annual Charter Agreement signed by the Chartering Organization (Executive Officer), the COR, and your Unit Committee Chair.  The fillable Annual Charter Agreement is [here](https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Annual-Charter-Agreement-Charter-Orgs_2023-2024-Year.pdf).  If your Chartering Organization is a Catholic Dioceses/Parish, they may require [this version](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/BSA_Catholic_Trad_Charter_Agreement_2023-2024_FINAL.pdf?_gl=1*1zj3zq*_ga*MTEwMzIxODIwNi4xNjk2MDI5OTUy*_ga_20G0JHESG4*MTY5NjAyOTk1Mi4xLjEuMTY5NjAyOTk1Mi42MC4wLjA.*_ga_61ZEHCVHHS*MTY5NjAyOTk1Mi4xLjAuMTY5NjAyOTk1Mi42MC4wLjA.&_ga=2.117831881.117872926.1696029952-1103218206.1696029952).  Please check with your Executive Officer to determine which version they would prefer to submit.  NCAC will accept either version.

**George Mason Program**

* **Current GM Calendar**
* November 11, 2023 – [Flags In (Veterans Day)](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/flags-in-veterans-day-2/) **(Cancelled)**
* February 03, 2024 – Life to Eagle Seminar, Virtual
* February 24, 2024 – University of Scouting, Alexandria, VA
* March 09, 2024 – GMD Merit Badge Day, Fairfax, VA
* March 23, 2024 – GMD Pinewood Derby, Fairfax, VA
* **STEM /John D**
* [Cubs Can Code](https://scoutingevent.com/082-75328), 11-18-23 (6pm), Zoom
* Ancient Earth: Birth of the Sky (on PBS) - [link](https://us.engagingnetworks.app/page/email/click/10004/2037650?email=j2mObVAw6OCBePIN6tZ3hlESkN1MQhKC&campid=xocb452w9CaZkArzVWMSmA==)
* Anytime – [DC STEM Trek](https://www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/DC-STEM-Trek-2.pdf)- Showcases 24 government agencies, private organizations and monuments related to the tenets upon which STEM is based. Two hikes - 10.57 miles, or 4.75 miles
* **Merit Badges /Margee E**
* The online Merit Badge Counselor [registration](https://my.scouting.org/VES/OnlineReg/1.0.0/?tu=UF-MB-082gm23) works for all Scouters who do not already hold another District position.
* New Merit Badge Counselors must complete online merit badge counselor training, in addition to YPT. Be sure the counselor uses his/her legal name – no nicknames.
* Merit Badge Counselors, or the unit Dean/Leader, also need to scan and send Margee the Merit Badge application form listing the badges the counselor is applying to teach and providing a justification of his/her qualifications.
* Youth Protection Training is the essential first step. Don’t hit “send” on the application without it!
* Contact Margee if you have questions at [GM.MB.Dean@hotmail.com](mailto:GM.MB.Dean@hotmail.com).
* ***Did you know***:
* The National Council does not limit the number of Merit Badges a youth may earn from one counselor, though a **unit leader is permitted to do so**, as long as the same limit applies to all Scouts in the unit. Ideally, Scouts should work with a variety of adults. (GTA 7.0.0.3)
* Partial Merit Badges have no expiration except for the Scout’s 18th birthday. (GTA 7.0.3.3)
* Due to the BSA policies related to Youth Protection and two-deep leadership, a merit badge counselor must have another adult present during all merit badge counseling sessions. However, the parent or legal guardian of the Scout may serve as the second adult. **This parent or legal guardian does not have to be a registered leader**.
* If the requirements for a merit badge differ between the merit badge pamphlet and the current edition of Scouts BSA Requirements, the requirements in the Scouts BSA Requirements book supersede all others.
* **Merit Badge Opportunities (**[**https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/merit-badges/**](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/merit-badges/)**):**
* **11/11/23 -** [**Electronics and Welding**](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=299576&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1672759&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fscoutingevent.com%2F082-WeldSolder&cf=14346&v=aa9213d7d0e5c04d0b8a42ca78c5a7718d63d37fdaad42686029b8b79f8ac005)**, Alexandria, VA**
* **02/11/24 –**[**Model Design and Building, Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-MDB)
* **05/18/24 –**[**Welding, Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-WCM)
* **05/18/24 –**[**Composite Materials, Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-WCM)
* **Training (**[**https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/training**](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/training)**) /Roy D**
* **Cub Scout Leader**
  + [12/09/23, Alexandria, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-clst4fall23)
  + **Scouts BSA Leader**
  + [12/09/23, Alexandria, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-sst4fall23)
* **Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation**(**BALOO; C32)**
  + [11/18/23 – 11/19/23, Lorton, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-baloofall23)
* **Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS; S11)**
* [11/18/23 – 11/19/23, Lorton, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-iolsfall23)
* **Back Country Outdoor Leadership Skills (BCOLS)**
* 03/23/24 & 04/27/24-04/28/24
* 10/05/24 & 11/02/24-11/03/24
* **Mental Health First Aid** <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hscode/ereg/Registration.aspx?groupID=47>
* **Merit Badge Counselor Training –** [11/18/23 Citizenship in Society, Alexandria, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-mbc_cis)
* **NYLT**
  + [24-1: 01/12/24 -01/15/24 & 01/27/24-01/28/24](https://www.ncacbsa.org/national-youth-leadership-training/)
  + 24.2: 06/16/24-06/21/24
  + 24.3: 06/23/24-06/28/24
  + 24.4: 07/28/24-08/02/24
  + 24.5: 07/28/24-08/02/24
  + Registration will open in the Fall and will be announced via email and on Facebook
* **Trainer’s Edge**
  + 12/02/23
  + 09/10/24
  + 12/07/24
* **Wilderness First Aid (N02)** 
  + [11/18/23 – 11/19/23, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-74480)
  + [12/16/23 – 12/17/23, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/082-74480)
* **Wood Badge (A90)** <https://www.ncacbsa.org/wood-badge/>
* 04/12/24 – 04/14/24 & 05/04/24 – 05/05/24
* 10/14/24 – 10/15/24 & 10/05/24 – 10/06/24
* **Outdoor Ethics Orientation Courses (Scouts and Cubs)**
* [12/03/23](https://scoutingevent.com/082-69069) – Brandywine, MD
* **Outdoor Ethics Newsletter** - Sign up [here](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-7UORw4wBNIkuzqEkKjolA_-RogqHYMojzhB2xwLoENWVSg/viewform).
* **GM High Adventure / Brian H**
* Important notes for this month
  + HELP NEEDED FROM ALL George Mason Scouts BSA Troops, Venture Crews & Sea Scout Ships!!
    - Thanks to the 7 units that have completed the survey!!
    - If you haven’t already, please complete the Google Form survey on your unit’s high adventure activities (even if your unit hasn’t done any) at the URL below
    - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf9JOXShmdJVlDg4GeVD4a0bbrQUS6JDW4tOsruUsml9lJ9cw/viewform?usp=sharing>
  + Upcoming registration dates for 2025 trips
    - NORTHERN TIER: Reservations open Jan 18, 2024
    - SEA BASE: Reservations open Jan 18, 2024
    - SUMMIT: Reservations open Jan 18, 2024
    - Philmont: Lottery registration has closed, but treks are still available
  + Most BSA High Adventure bases still have availability for summer 2024 trips – See the URL below for more information
    - https://www.scouting.org/outdooradventures/open4adventure/
* NCAC-Organized High Adventure Trips - 2024
  + Lenhok’sin – James River Canoeing Trek - July 7-13, 2024
    - Crew of 6-12 - $470 per participant
    - Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-75664>
    - For more information, e-mail [highadventure@ncacbsa.org](mailto:highadventure@ncacbsa.org)
  + Wind River Range, WY: 06/22 to 06/30/24
    - Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-77027>
    - Space for 5 adults / 15 Scouts - $1,430 per participant
    - Mandatory Training for Adults
      * BCOLS
      * Wilderness First Aid
    - Mandatory Practice/Training for Everyone
      * HAC Philmont Training Sessions
  + Northern Tier – Jul 23-Aug 3, 2024 – Already full
  + Philmont – Jul 13-27, 2024 – Already full
  + Sea Base – Jul 29-Aug 3, 2024 – Already full
  + Sea Base – Aug 6-11, 2024 - Already full
* High Adventure Base Scholarship Information for 2024
  + NORTHERN TIER:Submit by Jan 31st, 2024. Go [here](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/NorthernTier/pdf/CampershipApp.pdf) for the application.
  + PHILMONT: Up to $400. Submit by Feb 1st, 2024. Go [here](https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/scholarship-application/) for the application.
  + SEA BASE: Up to$300. Submit by Nov 1st, 2023. Go [here](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oAiQ_UZ4iUmkxXfPrT9-TpTab0d12iBEjHplgQU7jhNUQ0oyMVRWTUVPRzRWQjhaV1oyRktFRU9YSS4u&wdLOR=cAFFD863E-DAC5-4F55-AFEE-83F440EEF183) for the application.
  + SUMMIT: Submit by Mar 31st, 2024. Go [here](https://www.summitbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/INSTRUCTIONS-TO-APPLY-FOR-CAMPERSHIP.pdf) for the application.
* Training - Open to all NCAC Scouts & adults that are participating in HA trips in the next few years
  + Philmont 2024 Sessions: I – 11/19/23; II – 01/07/24; IIIa – 03/24/24; IIIb – 04/06/24
  + Philmont Advisor Hikes: 8:00am, Sat 3/09 & Sun 3/17/24, 8:00am Catoctin Mt Park, Thurmont, MD
  + Northern Tier 2024 Sessions: Sat, 04/06/24 (in-person); Sat, 04/20/24 (virtual)
  + Sea Base Session: TBD
  + Members of the High Adventure Committee are available to assist units in planning and training for their upcoming high adventure trips
* NCAC High Adventure Committee is Planning for More Big High Adventure Trips
  + Backpacking in Wyoming – Summer of 2024
  + Climbing Trip to Zion National Park – Planning Underway
  + Looking for more ideas and volunteers to plan the trips – See me for details!
* National High Adventure Base Quick Links
  + Philmont: <https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/register/>
  + Northern Tier: <https://www.ntier.org/provisional-scout-connections/>
  + Sea Base: <https://www.bsaseabase.org/scouts/scout-connections/>
  + Summit: <https://www.summitbsa.org/registration/scoutconnections/>
* Other High Adventure Bases
  + Adirondack High Adventure Area: <https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/hLgsVbk7Suju6cuDzQQJaEn4>
  + Maine High Adventure Area: <https://www.mainehighadventure.org/>
  + Montana Outdoor High Adventure Base: <https://montanabsa.org/camps/high-adventure/>
* Other useful links for high adventure information and opportunities
  + NCAC High Adventure website - <https://www.ncacbsa.org/high-adventure/>
  + List of units with available slots in their upcoming high adventure trips - <https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/xWpkdrKHKAA9pCzwmHMNdbWb>
* **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/rifle-shotgun-training/)
* Contact for finishing Shooting Sports MB Partials [brian.summers@verizon.net](mailto:brian.summers@verizon.net)
* **Order of the Arrow / Collin L & Brian F**
  + 2023 Dues can be paid online: <https://wipit470.org/dues.html>
  + 11/01/23 – Election Season Opens
* The Amangamek-Wipit Lodge will be sending a contingent to the one-and-only National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) next summer and we want you to join us! Registration is now open! Follow the directions below to register for the one and only 2024 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) at the University of Colorado at Boulder.   Here are the steps to register for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!
* Step 1: [Click the registration link here!](https://u5354241.ct.sendgrid.net/ls/click?upn=0YlUef6ScEuFGXvSWVsPIggmo1nV-2BFWpCdq1Ye743GJtp-2FK5pnhJlSIN8EoO1dSKhEWL_yuIfwpi4wZF-2FAbB8pnXtOaJ11uHXJIqypi-2B5rFYEvxbjYfSyq8mV65XUAbaBccYxDEXTrMNT-2FmrKbvWT5ZfqxutNqz5t2FJmuFl9Qwjr6ySgFWZEW4xz54LShnaSYBJ488H6zYrG5PB-2BASSu1TZwK-2Bm5pCjzsBH9SysPRzUm0CrYqxTm1poaRE7aTcP1AlDP3KvW2RdNYvEi8coHmxjEF7xl-2BhL31Loz-2FyclRj7K5jMFV8EMvxJAC1A1WxGdTYv800M-2BHCGixndZzerKpsvsq2WdtshNNCIbSr9qU-2BxhXPPPgOzX-2FWaab5QrL54XJMMNMH7bbruOJDJHp-2Fyy34k8fwKY4rVSzO43IX69P2jIREzBgphvq6yF5niYEgtnDLlnkhvu8MaV8p64Kbe7I8sriN1ZtgMl4uXHEB5rU5yBP3ZojwK2-2BZZhMdq73vCjxsjE-2FmMIGgIWXxg7B-2B76z1exQAwCTpympGhRUW5sxSFh6pI-3D)
* Step 2:  Fill out all information for the registration form.
* Step 3: Congrats! You have reserved your spot for the 2024 NOAC! Look out for other emails in regard to both national registration AND further payments you may need to make! Can’t wait to see you there!!
* If you have any questions regarding the National Order of the Arrow Conference email [noac2024@wipit470.org](mailto:noac2024@wipit470.org)
* **Roundtable - Minutes and slides -** Available on the [GMD web site](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/roundtable/) (District Resources, Roundtable). Password is “GMDRT”
* **December Roundtable** – December 14, 2023, at 7:30pm at Thoreau Middle School, Vienna, VA. Roundtable to follow.