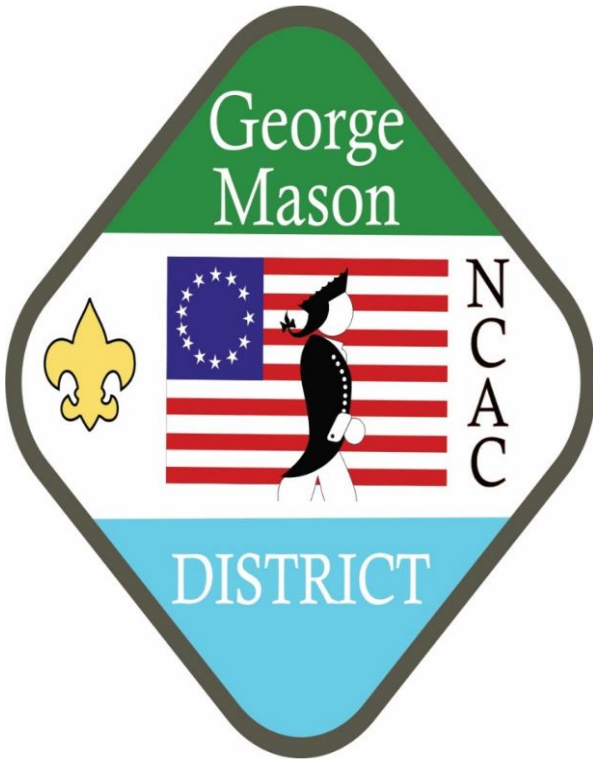




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Welcome to this edition of the George Mason District Press. We e-mail this out bi-monthly to the BSA registered leaders in George Mason District; unit leaders and merit badge counselors – those who have their current YPT.

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. Sept. 8, 2022 – Roundtable Meeting (Thoreau and online) at 7:30 pm – OA Chapter meeting resumes September 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### 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

- 08/01/2022 – 09/30/2022 – Submit applications for new members and for leader position
- 09/01/2022 – 09/30/2022 – Units Collect and validate data needed for 2023 Recharter changes
- 09/8/2022 - Roundtable Meeting, 7:30pm, Zoom & Thoreau Middle School, Vienna, VA - Charter Renewal, Training and Resources will be provided
- 09/9-11/2022 & 10/8-9/2022 – NCAC Fall Wood Badge [WB Registration](#)
- 09/10/2022 – 09/11/2022 – [Merit Badge Afloat on Sea Scout Ship 1942](#), Washington Sailing Marina
- 09/10/2022 - [Paddle Craft Safety/Canoeing MB Instructor](#) (Still Water), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 09/11/2022 - [Paddle Craft Safety](#) (Moving Water), Riley's Lock, MD
- 09/13/2022 - Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm (Virtual)
- 09/16-18/2022 - OA Fall Fellowship, Goshen/Camp Olmsted, Va [Registration Fall Fellowship](#)
- 09/21/2022 – 7:30PM NCAC Virtual Roundtable – 2023 National Jamboree
- 09/24/2022 - Life to Eagle Seminar, Christ Lutheran Church, Fairfax, VA
- 09/24/2022 & 10/22-23/2022 BCOLS Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills Training – VA
- 09/26/2022 & 10/01/2022 Leave No Trace Trainer course, Germantown, Md. [LNT Sep 2022](#)
- 09/28/2022 - District Committee, 7:30pm, Zoom
- 9/30-10/02/2022 – VA Central Area OA Chapters Fall Area Ordeal Induction - Camp Snyder, Gainesville, VA



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

10/1/2022 – Charter data input part begins

10/03/2022 - Partial Merit Badge Completion Clinic (Aquatics), TBD

10/08-09/2022 - **Fall Wood Badge (Session 2 of 2)**, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

10/11/2022 - Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm (Virtual)

10/13/2022 - Roundtable Meeting, 7:30pm, Zoom & Thoreau Middle School, Vienna, VA

10/15-16/2022 - **Jamboree on the Air/Jamboree on the Internet**

10/17/2022 & 10/22/2022 Leave No Trace Trainer course, Germantown, Md. [LNT Oct 2022](#)

10/24/2022 – NLT date for completed Charter Renewal files to be submitted to NCAC

10/26/2022 7pm 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Vienna Halloween Parade [Vienna Halloween Parade Reg Form](#)

10/28-30/2022 V3 HIKE-O-REE - see details on later pages

10/28/2022 – 10/30/2022 – GMD Fall Camporee (Pioneering), Blue Ridge Regional Park **[this date moved]**

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

11/05/2022 - Scouting for Food (Tag Distribution)

11/06/2022 - **Flags In Veterans Day**, National Memorial Park, Falls Church, VA

11/08/2022 - Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm (Virtual)

11/10/2022 - Roundtable Meeting, 7:30pm, Zoom & Thoreau Middle School, Vienna, VA

11/11/2022 - **Flags In Veterans Day**, National Memorial Park, Falls Church, VA

11/12/2022 - Scouting for Food (Food Pick-up)

11/30/2022 – District Committee, 7:30pm, Zoom



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

12/8/2022 - Roundtable Meeting, 7:30pm, Zoom & Thoreau Middle School, Vienna, VA

12/13/2022 - Commissioner/District Committee Cracker Barrell, 7:30pm (Virtual)

12/31/2022 – 2022 Unit Charters expire

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

02/25/2023 - University of Scouting

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

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

05/5-7/2023 - George Mason Spring Camporee – Theme & Site TBD

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

07/19-28/2023 – BSA 2023 National Jamboree, The Summit Bechtel Reserve, WV,

<https://www.facebook.com/NatJamboree23/>



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## Chair's Chat September 1, 2022

It's back to school time and it's back to Scouts time. This is a busy time for youth, Scouts, and parents. You are running around trying to get all those things you will need for the new school year, clothes, notebooks, backpacks, pens, etc. You are trying to plan for all those new activities at school, at your pack, at your troop in your den. Plan for it to be a fun year.

What makes it more fun? More Scouts! Make sure you invite new youth and adults to join in your Scouting activities. Ask them to put Scouting on their list of new activities this year. It is one of the few activities that they can be a lifelong pursuit and have lifelong positive impact. You can make the ask and give them a Peer-to-Peer card with your meeting or Join Scouting Night info on it. The card is like a business card with a Scouting photo on one side and contact/meeting info on the other side. Here is a link to one. Check it out! [Peer to Peer Card](#)

Now that you are back it is a time to renew your commitment to Scouting. If you are not yet trained for your position, get that training course you need. If you are a parent, help out your den leader, Troop, or Pack committee. We all have a skill or time that can benefit our kids and make Scouting better. If you are a leader join us for our District Roundtable. You will meet fellow leaders who are trying to do a great job leading their youth. They will help you, challenge you and inspire you. The Roundtable meets monthly at Thoreau Middle School in Vienna on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM. There is also a Zoom option.

Thank you for being a part of Scouting and for all you do. I'll see you at Roundtable, at a campout or on the trail. Have fun!



John Kilduff – George Mason District Chair

732-610-4284 [johnkilduff42@gmail.com](mailto:johnkilduff42@gmail.com)



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**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®**  
**NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL VIRTUAL  
 ROUNDTABLE**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022**

**7:30 TO 8:30 PM**

Zoom Room Opens 7:15 PM | Closes 8:45 PM

**Zoom Meeting Details**

Link: [bit.ly/ncacvrtsep2022](https://bit.ly/ncacvrtsep2022)

Meeting ID: 895 3570 1402

Passcode: 118589

**PLENARY SESSION TOPIC**  
**2023 NATIONAL JAMBOREE**

**WITH GUEST SPEAKERS**

**Tony Kassekert**

Chief of Staff, 2023 National Jamboree

**Bob MacKichan**

Chair, NCAC 2023 National Jamboree Committee

**Please share & join us for the Council Virtual Roundtable on  
 WED, SEP 21 at 7:30 PM - 2023 National Jamboree**

Please share this information with the Scouts, Scouters, and families in the units you serve as and all are invited to join us for our next National Capital Area Council Virtual Roundtable on Wednesday, September 21 at 7:30 PM and learn all about the 2023 National Jamboree!

Our Guest Speakers will be:

- Tony Kassekert, Chief of Staff, 2023 National Jamboree
- Bob MacKichan, Chair, NCAC 2023 National Jamboree Committee

Zoom Meeting Details for the session are:

- Zoom Meeting Link: <https://bit.ly/ncacvrtsep2022>
- Meeting ID: 895 3570 1402
- Passcode: 118589
- Zoom Room Opens 7:15 PM | Closes 8:45 PM
- Full Zoom link >> <https://ncacbsa-org.zoom.us/j/89535701402?pwd=ZmJmaXpYZDhOd1ZXY2FRMUICUnZvQT09>



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If you have not yet seen this, check out the following new  
 NCAC 22 page publication:

[NCAC Membership Playbook](#)

**#ADVENTUREON**

JOIN TODAY AT [BEASCOUT.ORG](https://www.beascout.org)

**2022 NCAC  
 Membership Playbook**

**#ADVENTUREON**

*Information Covered*

**CAMPAIGN SET UP:**  
*Scouting Matters- Tuft Study  
 Sources of Membership  
 Membership Cycle  
 Organizational Chart  
 Who does what*

**ACTION PLANS:**  
*Cub Scout Action Plan  
 Scout BSA Open Houses  
 Venturing/Sea Scout First Nighters  
 Exploring Opportunities  
 STEM Scouts Labs and info sessions*

**SUPPORT MATERIALS:**  
*Printed resources  
 Digital assets  
 Geofencing and Social Media*

**Welcome!**

Thank you for helping lead the National Capital Area Council, Boy Scouts of America to grow our membership base and support our communities.

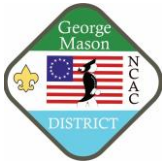
Together, we will find ways to provide a positive Scouting experience to tens of thousands of youth members across Southern Maryland, Northern Virginia and the District of Columbia.

This guide will help you make a compelling case for potential families to join a local Scouting program and enjoy all the benefits Scouting can provide their child through these critical developmental years.

Remember: your knowledge, enthusiasm, and commitment to Scouting is important when supporting membership development. You are recruiting families that will positively affect our communities for years to come.

Thank you again!

Gene Irisari, Vice President of Membership  
 National Capital Area Council Executive Board



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July 6, 2022

### 2022 National BSA Fee Structure

NCAC Volunteers,

Summer Camp is in full swing and I hope all those who have participated in a Scouting adventure this summer have had a fantastic time! Thank you for the leadership you provide to deliver the Scouting program in National Capital Area Council.

Last week the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America announced an increase to the national membership fee structure. To ensure the Boy Scouts of America has the resources to fulfill the promise of Scouting, the following structure will take effective **August 1st, 2022**.

#### [2022 Membership Fee infographic](#)

**\$75** for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts participants

**\$45** for Exploring participants

**\$45** for all adult volunteers (includes cost of background check)

**\$100** for a unit charter/affiliation fee

**\$25** one-time joining fee for new program participants in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts (Not pro-rated)

**\$15** for Scout Life magazine; this is the first price increase since 2005

Over many years, the Boy Scouts of America has worked diligently to keep all membership fees as low as possible. As you know, costs continue to rise, and the annual fee must be increased to address the fiscal realities we face to deliver a safe and quality Scouting program. The outlined membership fees cover the cost of essential services provided by the National Council in Irving Texas which include; program resources, liability insurance for those participating in approved Scouting activities, criminal background checks, youth protection, and the development of intellectual property used throughout the movement. All membership registration fees are collected to support the operation of the National Council.

Our local Council, National Capital Area Council, does not retain any of the above referenced fees, when members register or renew their membership with the Boy Scouts of America. As we continue forward, the membership fee structure continues to be evaluated and how we deliver the Scouting program for future generations.

Thank you for all you are doing to positively impact the lives of thousands of Scouts and their families through Scouting in National Capital Area Council.

Yours in Scouting,

JP Morgan, Council President  
Julie Lesko, Council Commissioner  
Craig Poland, Scout Executive





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### **2023 Charter Renewal Process Has begun for NCAC and George Mason District Units**

**Enter Link to 2023 Charter Renewal Handbook here**

Every Unit Key 3 (COR, Committee Chair and Unit Leader) should take the time and review this Handbook to understand the Recharter process, the timeline and what their part is in the 2023 Recharter Process. Unit Committee members should also review the handbook to understand this process.

### **2023 Unit Recharter Timeline**

- 1 August – 30 September 2022 – Units collect and validate recharter Data and collect BSA registration fee
- 1 October 2022 – Units begin to input recharter data into online system
- 24 October 2022 – Units should have completed entering Charter Renewal data and submit to council
- 24 Oct – 24 Nov 2022 – Commissioners/NCAC work with Units to address issues found during submission process
- 31 December 2022 – Current 2022 unit charter expires
- 1 January 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
- 1 March 2022 – Units without new 2023 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 loose BSA insurance coverage.



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The Following is from Chapter One of the 2023 Charter Renewal Handbook:

### UNIT INFORMATION

This year the Boy Scouts of America is introducing new Rechartering software. It will be effective for all units that have a charter expiration date of 31 December 2021 or later. The new program will be part of Internet Advancement and will not require an access code to use it; however, it will be only accessible to those members of the unit who are part of the Key 3 or have been designated as a Key 3 Delegate. As you work through the recharter system, the software will alert you to inconsistencies in your data. All warnings and errors will have a pop-up notice. If it's an error, it would also be a blocker, so a notice would keep you from proceeding. A warning will only have a pop-up appear letting you know something will need to be further addressed. If help is needed with warnings or errors, contact the District Renewal Expert for assistance.

Below is information that is extremely important to the Committee Chair and Unit Leader about what needs to be done to complete the Internet Advancement Renewal process for their unit this year.

### RECHARTER PROCESS

The recharter process is broken down into two parts – The **Data Collection** phase and the **Data Input** phase. There are specific processes required in each phase and neither is more important than the other. In fact, the Data Input phase cannot be done without the Data Collection phase being completed first.

For the **Data Collection** Phase, the following processes need to be completed:

- ❖ review Chapter One of the Council Charter Renewal Handbook
- ❖ conduct a Membership Inventory comparing the roster from my.scouting.org to your unit roster, identify Scouts who are not returning and reason why along with adults who are not returning and identify adults and Scouts from the unit's roster that do not appear on the official my.scouting.org roster and submit applications for them along with the appropriate fees (waiting to submit the applications with the recharter application will **NOT** get them on your current year roster)
- ❖ with the assistance of the Charter Organization Representative (CR), select leaders for the next charter year
- ❖ with Unit Leader (UL) assistance, select direct contact leaders for the next charter year and have them approved by the CR
- ❖ identify the unit Renewal Processor (RP) team
- ❖ attend the District Charter Renewal training
- ❖ ensure the unit is properly coded (especially for Packs (Boy Pack (BP) or Family Pack (FP))
- ❖ identify volunteers with expired YPT or YPT that will expire before 1 May of the new charter year
- ❖ identify a committee member to collect the registration and Scout Life magazine fees for recharter

While the above task may seem daunting, they can be completed in the two months leading up to the Data Input phase and will reduce the overall effort needed to complete it. As the Cub Scout and Scouts BSA mottos say "Do Your Best" and "Be Prepared."



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### Important Dates for Units

The most important dates for units to remember are:

- ❖ 1 August – 30 September – Data Collection part and registration fee collection
- ❖ August – September – Submit applications for new members and for leader position changes
- ❖ 1 October – Data Input part begins
- ❖ 24 October – NLT date for completed Charter Renewal files to be submitted to council
- ❖ 31 December – Current unit charter expires
- ❖ 1 January – 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
- ❖ 1 March – 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

While units are only focused on their own charter renewal packets, the District Rep can be responsible for any number of charters ranging from 30 to over 100 and the Council is focusing on almost 1,000 charters to get processed and posted before 31 December. By working on your Data Collection and Data Input parts and completing them early so your charter can get turned in on-time will greatly decrease the chances that your unit will become a lapsed unit or worse a dropped unit. **The Committee Chair is responsible for the consequences of a unit becoming a Lapsed Unit or a Dropped Unit.**

### NCAC 2023 Charter Renewal Handbook:

<https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/FUzaa88HE935WHzLKGGdcsDo>

George Mason District plans to provide more information on Charter Renewal, Training and Resources at the September 8<sup>th</sup> Roundtable.



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**Sea Scout Ship 1942**  
**Dragonlady**



**Fall 2022 Merit Badge Afloat**

- WHAT** Ship 1942’s Merit Badge Afloat weekend is an opportunity for Scouts BSA scouts to earn three merit badges (Small-Boat Sailing, Weather, and Oceanography), be introduced to Sea Scouts, and learn more about the activities of Sea Scout Ship 1942.
- WHEN** Saturday, September 10, 2022; 8:30am to 6:00pm  
 Sunday, September 11, 2022; 8:30am to 6:00pm
- WHERE** Washington Sailing Marina  
 1 Marina Drive, Alexandria, VA 22314  
*Off of the GW Parkway, just South of Ronald Reagan National Airport*
- COST** \$100 per Scout  
*Ship 1942 will provide lunch and snacks both days*

**REGISTRATION**

[https://bit.ly/Ship1942\\_Fall2022\\_MBA](https://bit.ly/Ship1942_Fall2022_MBA)

**Matt Hardy**  
**Ship 1942 Mate**  
**mhh2424@gmail.com**



Once you register, Matt Hardy will contact you to confirm registration and provide you with payment method.

The Fall 2022 Merit Badge Afloat is limited to 25 participants.

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/wp-content/uploads/sites/17/2022/08/Ship-1942-Fall-2022-MBA-Flyer-v2.pdf>



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## 2022 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 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](mailto:jte@scouting.org)

National Assessment and Evaluation Committee  
Boy Scouts of America

### [2022 JTE Unit Scorecards \(PDF\) links](#)

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



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## 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Vienna Halloween Parade

*Wednesday, October 26, 2022- 7 p.m.*

### FAQs for Parade Participants:

**When do I need to submit my entry?**

Entry deadline is Friday, September 16, 2022.

**What is this year's parade theme?**

This year's theme is Time Machine: Vienna in the past, present and future!

**Are parade applications automatically accepted to participate in the parade?**

No, application acceptance is based on entertainment, variety and adherence to the theme and guidelines. Photographs of your entry are encouraged. Submitting an application does not guarantee your group/organization acceptance to participate in the parade.

**How long is the parade?**

The parade route is approximately ½ mile long and lasts 1-1/2 hours. Please make sure your group is prepared with warm clothes, comfortable shoes, and flashlights.

**What happens if there is bad weather?**

The parade is rain or shine!

**What categories are there for parade entries?**

The categories for judging parade entrants are as follows: Youth Band, Float with Music, Float without Music, Youth Performers, Adult Performers, and Antique Vehicles.

**How are the parade winners selected?**

Entries will be judged on creativity and theme interpretation.

**What happens if we win?**

Winners will be notified in advance by EMAIL only. Parade Winners are presented their awards at an Award Ceremony held prior to the November 14, 2022 Town Council meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall (127 Center St S).

[Vienna Halloween Parade Reg Form](#)

Submission Deadline September 16, 2022



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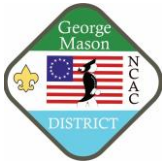
### Izaak Walton League of America - IWLA Arlington Fairfax

#### 2022 ARL-FX IWLA Education & Training Course Schedule

Please direct all questions to the Chapter's Director of Education & Training

John Seaberg @ [John.Seaberg@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org](mailto:John.Seaberg@arlingtonfairfax-iwla.org).

<b>Date</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Registration Payment</b>
September 18, 2022	NRA Basic RSO Course	\$100	<a href="#">Registration Paypal</a>
September 24-25, 2022	NRA Basic CCW Course	\$150	<a href="#">Registration Paypal</a>
October 8-9, 2022	NRA Level 1 Shotgun Coach School	\$225	<a href="#">Registration Paypal</a>
October 22, 2022	NRA Basics of Shotgun Shooting Course	\$75	<a href="#">Registration Paypal</a>
November 12-13, 2022	NRA Level 1 Rifle Coach School	\$225	<a href="#">Registration Paypal</a>
November 19, 2022	Shotgun Shell Reloading Course	\$100	<a href="#">Registration Paypal</a>
December 4, 2022	NRA Basic RSO Course	\$100	<a href="#">Registration Paypal</a>



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## Scout Mission:

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

## Scout Oath:

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

## Scout Law:

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.





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- 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.

### **2022 Sawdust Saturdays Schedule:**

September 17, 2022

November 12, 2022

October 15, 2022

December 17, 2022



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## NCAC Aquatics Committee - Program 2022

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/aquatics-committee/>

The NCAC Aquatics Committee is please to confirm the following programs.

### **Paddle Craft Safety – Fall = Limit 16 Scouts/Leaders**

Course Fee \$30/day

Still water course includes Canoe Merit Badge Counselor Certification

Still water required for Moving Water

September 10, 2022 @8:00am – Still Water Safety – Silver Lake

Class at the Hylton Center – am

Silver Lake -p.m.

September 11, 2022 @8:30am – Moving Water Safety – Potomac River

Rileys Lock – On the Potomac

### **Partial Merit Badge Completion Clinic**

Tentative -TBD - October 3, 2022 - 18 Scout Limit



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### V3 HIKE-O-REE

#### October 28-30, 2022

The 32nd Annual V3 (originally named for Venturing, Varsity, and Venture) Hike-o-ree will be held October 28-30, 2022, at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center, Front Royal, VA. Registration is limited to trail capacities of the fifteen trails. The Hike-o-ree is open to all **Venturing Crews, Sea Scout Ships, and Scouts BSA Troops**. Units must form trail crews consisting of no more than 12 members, including at least two adults. If a unit has more than 12 simply form another crew (with proper adult leadership). The **minimum age to participate is 13**.

BSA units will need to comply with the Guide to Safe Scouting, etc., and meet the safety requirements therein. All BSA Scouts and Scouters that hike must bring a current BSA Annual Health and Medical Record, parts A, and B, and meet the weight limits on part C.

Trail crews will be assigned a hike based on the preferences indicated in their registration. All hikes are approximately ten miles in length and range in difficulty from moderate (1500 foot change in elevation) to super strenuous (2600 foot change in elevation). Other Hike-o-ree activities include a Friday night opening rally, a Saturday night **High Adventure Rally**, and a service project on Sunday morning. Crews receive their Hike-o-ree t-shirts Saturday night.

The Hike-o-ree is intended to be an introduction to backpacking and shakedown. **Therefore, camping at the 4-H Center is BACKPACKING style using ONLY backpacking equipment.** Bring ONLY what you can carry in your backpack. Come prepared to cook outdoors; bring a trail tarp. Do not bring chuck boxes, coolers, Dutch ovens, propane tanks, camp lanterns, etc.!!

Registration on a **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS** begins on **September 1, 2022**, on the BSA National Capital Area Council website.

Unit deposit is required to reserve a particular hike **not later than October 7, 2022**. After you register for a hike and pay your deposit, you will be sent a confirmation email with the leader's package and detailed information about the hike you have selected.

Because of the lead-time required to produce the t-shirts, the final date to provide shirt numbers and sizes (S, M, L, XL, 2XL) is **October 14**. **NO ADDITIONAL ORDERS CAN BE TAKEN AFTER THAT DATE.** Submit payment and final shirt orders online on BSA National Capital Area Council website.

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- Hike #1 - White Oak/Cedar Run Canyon** Superstrenuous Elevation change: 3200 feet  
Length: 9.7 miles Driving Distance (one way): 42.9 miles PATC Map: 10  
This hike goes through two of the deepest and steepest ravines in the Shenandoah National Park. Both canyons have waterfalls, cascades and high cliffs.
- Hike #2 - Robertson Mountain** Superstrenuous Elevation change: 2884 feet  
Length: 11.3 miles Driving Distance (one way): 34.8 miles PATC Map: 10  
This trail follows a beautiful trout stream to an original mountaineer's cabin and finally over one of the least climbed mountains in the Shenandoah National Park. If you want a challenge, climb Robertson Mountain from the east.
- Hike #3 - Overall Run** Superstrenuous Elevation change: 2490 feet  
Length: 9.5 miles Driving Distance (one way): 15.6 miles PATC Map: 9  
This hike follows trails that were farm roads in pre-park days and gives access to the Overall Run Falls. At 93 feet, it is the highest waterfall in the Shenandoah National Park.
- Hike #4 - Little Devil's Stairs** Strenuous Elevation change: 2155 feet  
Length: 10.2 miles Driving Distance (one way): 26.1 miles PATC Map: 9  
Little Devil's Stairs Trail winds around and between the rocks in a canyon, crossing and recrossing Keyser Run many times. Be sure to stop and visit a graveyard dating back to the early 1800s.
- Hike #5 - Thorofare Mountain** Strenuous Elevation change: 2559 feet  
Length: 9.5 miles Driving Distance (one way): 34.8 miles PATC Map: 10  
This trail offers a waterfall, old farm roads that once connected the families in this area, two great swimming holes, and a restored mountaineer's cabin.
- Hike #6 - Hazel Country** Strenuous Elevation change: 2467 feet  
Length: 9.9 miles Driving Distance (one way): 34.8 miles PATC Map: 10  
The mountaineer has been gone for 50 years, but the few old houses, which remain standing, old apple orchards, the lonely chimneys, and crude stone fences are evidence that he was here.
- Hike #7 - Hazel Mountain** Strenuous Elevation change: 2365 feet  
Length: 10.25 miles Driving Distance (one way): 32 miles PATC Map: 10  
This hike takes you into one of the most remote areas of the Shenandoah National Park and is recommended for crews who are map and compass experts. It offers a waterfall, a swimming hole and a cave.
- Hike #8- Old Rag** Strenuous Elevation change: 2423 feet  
Length: 9.0 miles Driving Distance (one way): 35.0 miles PATC Map: 10  
If you have never climbed "Old Raggedy Top", now's the time. This hike provides views in all directions, including a noble panorama of the mountains of the Shenandoah National Park.
- Hike #9 - Jeremy's Run** Moderate Elevation change: 2222 feet  
Length: 10.0 miles Driving Distance (one way): 35.0 miles PATC Map: 9  
Jeremy's Run is one of the most scenic streams in the Northern District of the Shenandoah National Park. The trail is beautifully forested and the run itself is a continual series of cascades and pools.
- Hike #10 - Signal Knob** Moderate Elevation change: 2770 feet  
Length: 10.6 miles Driving Distance (one way): 15.4 miles PATC Map: G  
Signal Knob was used by the Confederate forces during the Civil War to monitor movement of Federal troops. Excellent views are provided of the Shenandoah Valley.
- Hike #11 - Thomton Hollow** Moderate Elevation change: 2384 feet  
Length: 10.6 miles Driving Distance (one way): 28.5 miles PATC Map: 9  
This hike gives the backpacker a taste of the Appalachian Trail. It descends over Piney Ridge and climbs back up along the beautiful North Fork of the Thomton River.
- Hike #12 - Piney Ridge/Piney Branch** Moderate Elevation change: 1650 feet  
Length: 9.4 miles Driving Distance (one way): 26.7 miles PATC Map: 9  
Walk along a ridge where homes and farmlands once stood and see a spectacular view of a three tier waterfall. Offers two waterfalls and a deep swimming hole.
- Hike #13- Big Devil's Stairs Overlook** Moderate Elevation change: 1300 feet  
Length: 10.8 miles Driving Distance (one way): 12.2 miles PATC Map: 9  
This hike slabs around the eastern and southern slopes of Mount Marshall and provides a side trek to the east rim of Big Devil's Stairs offering spectacular views of Big Devil's Stairs canyon and the mountains beyond.
- Hike #14 - Massanutten Mountain** Moderate Elevation change: 2237 feet  
Length: 9.1 miles Driving Distance (one way): 16.0 miles PATC Map: G  
From the top of the ridge, there will be opportunities for superb views both east towards the mountains of the Shenandoah National Park and west into the Shenandoah Valley.
- Hike #15 - Sugarloaf Trail** Moderate Elevation change: 1876 feet  
Length: 9.3 miles Driving Distance (one way): 25.4 miles PATC Map: 9  
This trail uses both the Appalachian Trail and horse and foot trails that were farm roads in the pre-park days. It also offers two excellent viewing areas from the tops of Sugarloaf and Hogback Mountains.



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## Leave No Trace Trainer Course – Outdoor Ethics



### Purpose of this Course

Participants in the Trainer Course learn Leave No Trace skills and ethics as well as techniques for educating others about these low impact practices. Research has shown that this course significantly improves participant knowledge and understanding of how Leave No Trace protects the outdoor places we love. The goal of this course is to teach students taking the course how to introduce the concept of Outdoor Ethics in a fun and engaging way to a group with little experience in outdoor ethics. It should help youth and adults at all program levels understand the general principles behind Scouting's outdoor ethics program. Graduates of a Trainer Course are prepared to lead Outdoor Ethics Orientation and BSA Leave No Trace 101 courses and to offer Leave No Trace Awareness Workshops to their community.

We recommend that youth complete this course before serving as in the troop Outdoor Ethics Guide position.

### Who should attend?

This course will be of interest to any youth or registered Scouter who is associated with either implementing or training for any BSA outdoor program at any level. It is also well-suited for anyone who would like to pass on the knowledge of how to treat the outdoors and protect its beauty for others to enjoy. Youth must be at least 14 years old. Youth must be willing and able to conduct themselves appropriately for an adult training experience that is tightly scheduled and highly interactive.

We're pleased to offer 3 LNT Trainer courses in 2022 in NCAC. Please share widely with your units, scouts, scouters, families, and NCAC networks. Thanks much!

#### ***Sept/Oct 2022 course in Maryland:***

9/26/2022, 7pm-8pm online

10/1/2022, 9am-7pm @ Germantown MD

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-55113>

#### ***October 2022 course in Virginia:***

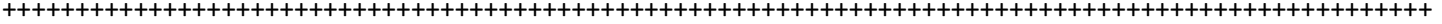
10/17/2022, 7pm-8pm online

10/22/2022, 9am-7pm @ Haymarket VA

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-55114>



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Welcome to the official page of the Boy Scouts of America's 2023 National Jamboree.  
July 19-28, 2023 at The Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia:

<https://www.facebook.com/NatJamboree23/>



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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:**

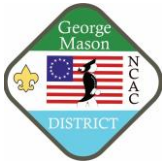
***The current roster of merit badge counselors is provided periodically to the Scoutmaster of each troop.*** If a scout needs information about a specific merit badge, the scout can contact their troop leadership or the George Mason Merit Badge Dean **(note emails should include two adults - no one-on-one 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](mailto:margee.egan@gmail.com)



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### TROOP UNIT LEADERS including COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

As you prepare for your Unit's upcoming 2022-2023 program, we wanted to remind you of the requirements needed for a youth or adult to become an Order of the Arrow Ordeal **Candidate**.

#### Youth Membership Qualifications:

1. Be a **registered member of the Boy Scouts of America**.
2. **At the time of their election, youth must be under the age of 21, hold the Scouts BSA First Class rank, the Venturing Discovery Award, or the Sea Scout Ordinary rank or higher, and following approval by the scoutmaster, crew advisor or Sea Scout skipper, be elected by the youth members of their unit.**
3. The youth must have experienced **15 nights of camping** while registered with a troop, crew or ship within the two years immediately prior to the election. The 15 nights must include **one, but no more than one, long-term camp** consisting of at least five consecutive nights of overnight camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. **Only five nights of the long-term camp may be credited toward the 15-night camping requirement;** the balance of the camping (10 nights) must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps of, at most, three nights each. Ship nights may be counted as camping for Sea Scouts.
4. Assistant scoutmasters who are 18, 19 or 20 years old are also considered to be youth members for the purpose of OA elections. All requirements shown above must be met for a young assistant scoutmaster to be eligible for election.

Prior to the annual election, the unit leader must certify the nominee's Scout spirit and youth membership qualifications. Voting for youth candidates will be based on their spirit of brotherhood, cheerfulness (no matter how tiresome their duties), and a willingness to give unselfish and wholehearted service to others at all times.

#### Adult Membership Qualifications:

Each year, upon holding a unit election for youth candidates that results in at least one youth candidate being elected, the unit committee may nominate registered unit adults, 21 years of age or older, to the lodge adult selection committee. The number of adults nominated can be no more than one-third of the number of youth candidates elected, rounded up where the number of youth candidates is not a multiple of three. In addition to the one-third limit, the unit committee may nominate the currently serving unit leader (but not assistant leaders), as long as he or she has served as unit leader for at least the previous 12 months. Recommendations of the adult selection committee, with the approval of the Scout executive, will be candidates for induction, provided the following conditions are fulfilled:

1. **Selection of the adult is based on the ability to perform the necessary functions to help the Order fulfill its purpose and is not for recognition of service, including current and prior achievements and positions.**
2. **The individual will be an asset to the Order because of demonstrated abilities that fulfill the purpose of the Order.**
3. **The camping requirements set forth for youth members are fulfilled.**
4. The adult leader's membership will provide a positive example for the growth and development of the youth members of the lodge.





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### 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.)

September 8, 2022 will be the next OA Chapter Monthly meeting. There was no Monthly OA Chapter meetings in July nor August 2022.

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

Sept 30 - Oct 2 2022 – VA Central Area OA Ordeal at Camp Snyder, Va

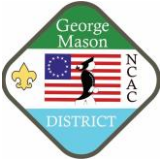
#### Amangamek-Wipit Lodge - Annual Dues

To attend any OA event or wear your sash and lodge flap, you must be a current dues-paying member of our lodge! For 2022, annual dues will be \$14 until March 31, 2022 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](#)



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**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!! - Theme is "Light the Fire!"**

**Amangamek-Wipit Lodge - OA Fall Fellowship  
 At Goshen Scout Reservation/Camp Olmsted**

**Come for Great Food, Fun, and Fellowship!  
 September 16-18, 2022**

**The theme is "Light the Fire!"**

Please register for the event [Registration Fall Fellowship](#) -

Amangamek-Wipit Lodge's Fall Fellowship is a great opportunity for all Arrowmen in the lodge to enjoy a weekend of recreation, service, and fellowship at Goshen Scout Reservation/Camp Olmsted. Stay tuned for more details as the team confirms exciting program content. This will be a fiery event that you won't want to miss!

**Carpooling is encouraged!** Adult participants – please work with your chapter adviser to coordinate transportation for the youth in your chapter.

- Registration** (closes September 11th)
- This is open to the entire #470 Amangamek-Wipit Lodge
  - The Lodge invites non-OA adult drivers to stay at camp rather than dropping off and then returning to collect Arrowmen. Please register to join us for meals and participate in the activities - bring your own tent and appropriate camping gear (no mess-kit)
  - All registrations must be completed online
  - Gather this information before starting your registration
    - OA ID#, BSA ID#, OA Chapter, Name, Address, Email, Phones, Volunteer Opportunities, Brotherhood conversion (if taking enter ordeal date) and allergies/medical/dietary restrictions

[Registration Fall Fellowship](#)



**New Self Reporting for: OA Golden Tooth Award and Service Hour Reporting**

Good Afternoon Arrowmen,

I would like to share the lodge's new system for keeping track of service hours and the Golden Tooth award. We have opened up an option for Arrowmen to directly report their own scouting service hours to the lodge. You can now visit <http://wipit470.org/service-hour-reporting.html> to report service hours and become eligible to receive the Golden Tooth award. Any Arrowmen who reports over 17 service hours will be eligible to receive the Golden Tooth Award. Service completed at lodge or chapter events is already logged for you by the event leadership, so there is no need to log those hours on this form. If you have any questions about this, feel free to reply to this email.

Yours in Brotherhood, **Benjamin J. Myers** | Vice Chief

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**2022 Amangamek-Wipit Lodge Calendar**

Date	Time	Name	Location	Group Responsible
SEP				
5		LABOR DAY		
16-18		2022 Fall Fellowship	Goshen, Camp Olmsted, VA	Fall Fellowship Committee
18	12-2 pm	LO&A (@ Fellowship)	Goshen, Camp Olmsted, VA	Key 7
25-27		ROSH HASHANAH		
OCT				
2	3-5 pm	LEC	MSSC (plus virtual)	Lodge Leadership
4-5		YOM KIPPPUR		
NOV				
1		Unit Election Season Opens		
6	3-5 pm	LO&A	MSSC	Key 7
25-26		2022 Vigil Induction (2nd)	Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA	Vigil Induction Committee
DEC				
4	3-5 pm	LEC	MSSC (plus virtual)	Lodge Leadership
2-3		2022 Trade-O-Ree	Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA	Trade-O-Ree Committee

**Lodge Website: [Wipit470.org](http://Wipit470.org)**

9/30-10/02/2022 – VA Central Area Fall Area Ordeal Induction (Which includes George Mason) – Camp Snyder, Gainesville, VA