## December Minutes

## (changes from Read-ahead are in red)

**Council Update and General Announcements**

* District Changes in [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org/) – still being worked
* Renewals – Send any issues to [ruspittman@gmail.com](mailto:ruspittman@gmail.com) (please include unit type/name, name(s), BSA IDs and emails)
* Parents/Registered Adults - Can register without email notice. [https://my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org/), login, Menu, My Application, My Renewals (on the top, middle of page), Click “Start Renewal”
* Don’t See their Youth – Email Rus Unit Type/#, Youth Name & BSA ID, Parent Name & BSA ID (if have one), Parent Email
* Executive Officers – Register by sending EO information to Jay E. No fee. Emailed Key 3 & UCs.
* EO or COR Changes – Paper New Unit Application for EO; Paper Adult App (with CBC and YPT Certificate) for COR.
* MBC/District MAL Only – Renew same way as unit Scouters
* $100 Payment – COR (and maybe the CM/SM or CC) can pay online. Units do not need to wait for their Youth and Adults to renew to pay the fee. Can be an issue if don’t have required number of leaders or any expired YPTs. [Guide](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/cgpGvdmMs9ECQtKBhF1sm8GJ).
* Annual Charter Agreement – [Paper](https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/BSA-Annual-Charter-Agreement-Charter-Orgs_2024-2025.pdf) copy only. Note, different [ACA for Catholic organizations](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/TLu6W838xAXdEqviYMWmd9dS). Good through all 2025.
* Journey To Excellence - <https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/> forms can still be turned in. This program will likely be replaced in 2025 with a system automatically generated from data input into the system by the units.
* Unit Balances – Report in [Basecamp](https://3.basecamp.com/3958009/p/oMhAuAPUnrjbV9G87e3cUM6Q/vault/8016264546). Unit can request check from NCAC for their balance. Need your CC or COR to send an email to Liz with specific wording, “I am the Committee Chair for Pack XXX. Please mail a check for $XXX to (address). Please make the payment line to (insert name the bank knows your unit as – e.g., “Pack 1132”).” Complete the email with their name, position and unit in signature line.
* **Camp Card Program** - The [New 2025 Scout Camp Card](https://www.ncacbsa.org/camp-cards-program/) is designed to help the youth/unit fund their 2025 program year. This is a Risk-Free Unit Sales project where all Scouts can earn their way to camp, Philmont, other activities or simply support unit program and supply needs.

Each Scout Camp Card will sell for only $10.00 to the public. With this purchase, the donor receives:

• two “tear off” coupons valued at $25,

• one-year access to over 500,000 special offers in over 10,000 cities, and

• the gratification of knowing they made a Scout’s journey possible.

The participating unit can select from two different Commission Structures.

• Get 70% commission if Units prepay in 100-card increments.

• Get 50% commission if Units do consignment. Return all unsold cards!

* **Financial Aid for Renewals** – Financial Aid is still available for 2024. No decision yet about the amount of aid available for 2025. If parents/registered adults need financial aid, please refer them to [Liz](mailto:elizabeth.kohler@scouting.org). To process their renewal, the parent goes online to [my.scouting.org](https://click-1518147.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=312120&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1711077&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fmy.scouting.org%2F&cf=14346&v=bdee38bcc6e1bf1a74ec9ddb6208121217ca7d74865cb16d6811f3fd321a63b0), follows the processes for renewal, but instead of paying with a credit card, they creates [fee summar](https://click-1518147.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=312120&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1711077&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fpublic.3.basecamp.com%2Fp%2F4AzJMYNwDU88AirWWKgnrDRp&cf=14346&v=02bf7c0feeaf61c13ad2812b4de71fc95e1cd3550a2097edc884e592063e0f72)y and submits it, with the financial support approval, to the District Executive. The NCAC registrar will complete the processing.
* **Parents with more than three (3) scouts** - Parents only pay the NCAC Participation fee for the first three scouts. To register a fourth scout, the parent goes online to [my.scouting.org](https://click-1518147.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=312120&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1711077&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fmy.scouting.org%2F&cf=14346&v=bdee38bcc6e1bf1a74ec9ddb6208121217ca7d74865cb16d6811f3fd321a63b0), follows the processes for renewal, but instead of paying with a credit card, they create a [fee summar](https://click-1518147.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=312120&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1711077&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fpublic.3.basecamp.com%2Fp%2F4AzJMYNwDU88AirWWKgnrDRp&cf=14346&v=02bf7c0feeaf61c13ad2812b4de71fc95e1cd3550a2097edc884e592063e0f72)y and submit it, with the [Participation Fee Exemption Form](https://click-1518147.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=312120&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1711077&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fpublic.3.basecamp.com%2Fp%2FfDPVmi3232z8MW2vZnR9GQwt&cf=14346&v=fe13176c48496ef0e261543e0021151e52678eea5aa9dccd312cd812e380649f), and payment for the National Fee ($85; check made to NCACBSA) to the District Executive. The NCAC registrar will complete the processing.
* **Annual Charter Agreements** – These are due. There are two forms:
  + [Annual Charter Agreement](https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/BSA-Annual-Charter-Agreement-Charter-Orgs_2024-2025.pdf)
  + [Catholic Organizations Annual Charter Agreement](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/TLu6W838xAXdEqviYMWmd9dS)
* **Scouts Turning 18** –
  + Youth turning 18, that want to continue with scouting, need to fill out a paper Adult Application, Background Check form and YPT Certificate. The forms should be turned in to the District Executive no later than the person’s birthday. Be sure to indicate the scout’s BSA ID on the paper form and they should use that BSA ID for their my.scouting.org account. This will maintain the Scouts BSA ID into their adult position.
  + If the scout’s account is not due to expire that month, then they can convert to an Adult Scouter without paying the $65 fee until their registration is due for renewal.
  + The scout can participate in Troop activities while the form is being processed (up to 30 days).
  + Note, if the scout has an authorized extension to complete their Eagle rank, they MUST register as a Unit Participant. Any other adult position will lock their youth record and prevent adding additional information.
* **Registration Renewal** - Parents and registered adult can renew even without receiving the renewal email by going to:
* [https://my.scouting.org](https://click-1518147.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=311467&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1706598&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fmy.scouting.org&cf=14346&v=db4768066a8e984d58393ede91cf3107c00895f74524bcaa3f77d014aa086510)
* Menu
* My Application
* My Renewals (on the top, middle of page)
* Click “Start Renewal” on any registrations that are listed. If not all positions are listed, move the "filter" to "off." "Multiple" positions will processed after payment is made and renewal date passes.

If a parent doesn’t have their youth listed in their [my.scouting.org](https://click-1518147.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=311467&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1706598&destination=http%3A%2F%2Fmy.scouting.org&cf=14346&v=389ae19830dbd5d13b94b61e256b06292962fbe27f25b1bedcb3a57e84231076) account, please send [Rus Pittman](mailto:ruspittman@gmail.com) the unit number, youth's name/BSAID, parent’s name, email address and BSA ID (if they have one). I will send them info on how to join the youth to their account and/or work with Council to fix this.

Individuals with positions of only MB Counselor or District Committee can register using the same menu above. If you have any questions, please email [Rus Pittman](mailto:ruspittman@gmail.com).

* **Peace Light** – Due to the conflict in the Middle East, the Peace Light will not be brought out of the grotto this year.
* **OA Lodge Banquet** (01/08/25) – [Registration](http://www.wipit470.org/banquet) is open now.
* **Philmont 2025 & 2026 Training Sessions** – The NCAC’s High Adventure Committee (HAC) puts on a series of four training sessions for Philmont advisors and crew leaders.  The first of these for 2025 will be held via Zoom from 1:00 to 4:30 PM on January 5 and March 23, 2025, via Zoom).  A final session on April 5 will be outdoors, with hands-on demonstrations of some of the most relevant skills that Philmont requires.
* **District Alignment Changes** in [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org/) – still being worked. Changes are being Beta tested. Expect updates soon.
* **District Web Site Change –** National template has been delayed. No date for changes indicated.

**Aquatics Committee –** <https://www.ncacbsa.org/aquatics-committee/>

* 2025 Schedule is being updated on the web site. There will be a Pre-Camp Swim Test at Camp Snyder, two (2) Paddle Craft Safety courses, a Swift Water Rescue course and other events. Keep checking back for dates/times.

**New District Commissioner**

* John Kilduff has been selected as the new District Commissioner. John outlined some areas
  + Roundtable
    - More interactive/more breakouts
    - Would like units to help with opening/closings
    - Would continue to have hot topics/big rocks
    - Find other ways to share knowledge
  + Commissioner Ranks – Will work to increase the number of Unit Commissioners and RT Commissioners

**District Updates**

* The Annual Business Meeting was held in November. Changes in District Leadership Team:
  + District Commissioner: Rus Pittman -> John Kilduff
  + Finance Vice Chair: John Kilduff -> Ryan Beaty
  + MarComm Vice Chair: AJ Wolcoski
  + Training Chair: Roy DeLauder -> Nate Greiner
  + STEM Coordiator: Joel Cline
  + RT Commissioner (Cubs): Steve Banowit -> Allen Mohaber
  + Asst District Commissioner (Renewals): Ed Hanlon
  + Unit Commissioners: Chip Black, John Kilduff, Brandon Nunes

Thanks to all past volunteers and those who have volunteered to serve in these positions now.

Q: Are we getting a new Commissioner assigned to our unit?

A: Many of the expected new Commissioners will be assigned to new units coming to WTD from Chainbridge and Old Dominion Districts. We also want to reduce the units served by any one Commissioner to the recommended standard of three (Rus and Pat have too many). We let you know of any proposed changes..

**Safety Moment –** [**Youth Suicide Prevention**](https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/youth-suicide-prevention/)

Youth suicidal behavior is a problem that you may encounter in Scouting or with friends of Scouting youth, but it is often preventable. In order to save the life of a youth at risk, it is important to have a plan in place beforehand, know local professional resources, understand the severity of the problem, look for the signs in the youth you lead, understand major risk factors, and know how you can help.

Youth with risk factors are more likely to engage in suicidal behavior, while youth with protective factors in their families and communities are less likely. While the risk factors don’t directly cause the behavior, research with youth who have attempted suicide often show that those factors were present. They include:

* Mental illness
* Substance abuse
* Previous suicide attempts
* Non-suicidal self-injury
* Low self-esteem
* Having a clear plan for suicide
* Having close proximity to a means of killing oneself
* Severe depression
* Loss of a loved one
* Medical problems
* Family or friend rejection
* Sleep or eating problems
* Withdrawing from friends and social activities
* Expressing a sense of hopelessness
* Being a victim of bullying

Protective factors include family and school connectedness, affiliation with religious organizations, safe schools, academic achievement, positive self-esteem, and active involvement in groups that promote a sense of achievement—such as the Boy Scouts of America.

When you suspect that someone might be suicidal:

* If you have a plan in place, follow it.
* Take every threat seriously.
* Don’t be afraid to ask whether the person has considered suicide.
* Listen and accept the person at face value.
* Don’t give false reassurance.
* Notify the person’s parent or guardian and seek professional help.
* Report any abuse to the appropriate authorities.
* One easy way to engage a youth is to simply ask if something is sad, bad, or scary in their life.

**RESOURCES**

* [National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/); telephone: 1-800-273-8255
* [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](https://www.cdc.gov/)
* [American Foundation for Suicide Prevention](https://afsp.org/)
* [American Association of Suicidology](https://www.suicidology.org/)

**Membership Moment**Historically, there has been a strong emphasis on fall recruitment drives to replenish unit membership. Spring recruitment drives were added to include more youth during summer activities. However, we are now in a time where year-round recruitment is possible and preferable to the once or twice a year recruitment events.

With online registration and year-round programs, a youth can join whenever it fits their schedule and lifestyle. Youth who participate in fall or spring sports can join once their playing schedule is over. We also have the possibility of running recruitment events in the colder weather of winter when many sports programs are on hiatus. The new Cub Scout program does not penalize the Scout for missing the fall, or any one season for that matter.

Units should plan for year-round recruiting and a year-round activity calendar that keeps their Scouts busy and actively advancing regardless of the time of year they join the program. Benefits include a richer program year with four seasons full of new and engaging activities to keep Scouts involved. Year-round recruitment can be event based or happen when Scouts invite friends to join or come to a fun activity.

Question: What type of year-round recruitment activities does your unit hold?

* Plan out Major Events
* Schedule Join Scouting Nights and Report to DE to get resources.
* Choose community events to “show the colors”
* You can read about these techniques on the Marketing and Membership Hub at: <https://scoutingwire.org/marketing-and-membership-hub/>

**Wolf Trap District Program**

* **Current WTD Calendar**
* 12/08/24 – NYLT Summer 2025 Registration opens at 12noon – Classes usually fill very fast.
* 12/12/24 – Roundtable (7:30pm), Thoreau MS
* 01/04/25 – [OA Lodge Banquet](http://www.wipit470.org/banquet), College Park, MD
* 02/08/25 – [Virtual Life to Eagle Seminar](https://scoutingevent.com/082-91472) (1pm)
* 02/22/25 – [University of Scouting](https://www.ncacbsa.org/the-university-of-scouting/), Hayfield Secondary School, Alexandria, VA
* 03/08/25 – WTD Merit Badge Day, Fairfax Presbyterian Church, Fairfax, VA (Reg opens mid-Jan)
* 03/08/25 – 03/09/25 – Commissioner College
* 03/XX/25 – WTD Pinewood Derby, TBD
* 03/22/25 – DCOH Award Nominations due
* 03/28/25 – 03/30/25 – [Joint Lodge Ordeal](https://wipit470.org/ordeal.html), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
* 04/10/25 – District Court of Honor, Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA
* 04/25/25 – 04/27/25 – 2025 OA Spring Fellowship
* 05/03/25 – [*19th NCAC Scout Orienteering Meet*](https://scoutingevent.com/082-2024ScoutOrienteering), PWD, Triangle, VA
* 05/XX/25 – 05/XX/25 – WTD Spring Camporee, Olympic Theme, Lake Fairfax
* 05/XX/25 – 05/XX/25 – WTD Hike-O-Ree
* 05/10/25 - [Jamboree on the Trail (JOTT)](https://jamboreeonthetrail.org/)
* 05/26/25 – Memorial Day Flags In, National Memorial Park, Falls Church
* 05/08/25 – Program Launch, Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA
* 05/31/25 – OA Election Season Closes
* June/July – STEM Day Camp
* **STEM**
  + [Burke Lake District NOVA Nights (Last Tuesday of Month)](https://scoutingevent.com/082-89072) – Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
  + STEM Speaker Series – [Geology Night](https://scoutingevent.com/082-90804) – 12/11/2024
  + [Akela Chess Classic](https://scoutingevent.com/082-90064)
  + Cub Scout Tournament – 02/01/2025 at MSSC
  + Scouts BSA Tournament – 02/15/2025 at MSSC
* NCAC STEM contact is Bruce Donlin ([bruce.donlin@scouting.org](mailto:bruce.donlin@scouting.org); 240-395-0601)
* 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
* **District Court of Honor/District Adult Volunteer Recognition**
* Each year the Wolf Trap District offers the opportunity to recognize adult volunteers that make significant contributions to our youth and units.  The next opportunity will come at the 2025 District Court of Honor in April 2025 (specific date, format and location TBD).
* Please return the completed nominations to [gm.advancement@gmail.com](mailto:gm.advancement@gmail.com) by NLT March 22, 2025.  Please don’t wait until the last minute.
  + Each Unit Commissioner can nominate one adult per unit for the Unit Commissioner's Unit Scouter Award.  Unit Key Three are encouraged to coordinate with their Unit Commissioner on this award.[**Commissioner’s Unit Scouter Award**](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/bPzhTt52hmkv8vAK1LZCLcMV)
* Units also have the opportunity to nominate up to 8 adult volunteers for the Unit Appreciation Award.[**Unit Appreciation Award**](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/SkJYr3TTXvTwzgkAvUEwKdMH)
* In both cases, awards are given in recognition for significant service at the unit level.  While an adult volunteer may have given service at the district, council, territory or national level, the award is focused on unit service.  There are other awards available to recognize service at the district level and above.
* Last year, several individuals indicated that they would like to have changes made to the ceremony. We are seeking volunteers to assist with this effort. Matt Burns sent out an email asking for some bodies to help plan the event.
* If you have questions about the award or the nomination process, please reach out to [gm.advancement@gmail.com](mailto:gm.advancement@gmail.com) or your unit commissioner.

**Breakouts**

* **Cub Scouts – Blue and Gold**
  + Video - [Cub Scouts Roundtable January 2021 Blue and Gold Banquet on Vimeo](https://vimeo.com/486864427)
  + Blue and Gold Dinners did not start to celebrate the birthday of Scouting or to do bridging/crossover. They started to build community by bringing in more fathers. It was a parent/child dinner.
  + Why does your Pack do a Blue & Gold? Give awards, crossover, fun, Scouting Anniversary, bring everyone together?
  + Does your Pack have a great Blue & Gold? What makes it special?
  + What specific things do you do right to make your Blue & Gold successful?
  + What is the greatest challenge with your Blue & Gold?
    - Getting the whole Pack to join in.
    - Making it special for everyone, not just AOL's
    - Cost
  + What plans do you have for your next Blue & Gold Banquet?
    - Breakfast, lunch or dinner?
    - Pot luck, catered, provided by a sponsor?
    - Entertainment, skits, talented members
    - Where, regular meeting place, catering hall, park, tailgate?
  + Next month roundtable topic: AOL to Scouts BSA
* **Scouts BSA – Supporting Women in Scouting**
  + Video - [Scouts BSA Roundtable - Supporting Women in Scouting.mp4 on Vimeo](https://vimeo.com/670710624)
  + Offer opportunities to participate and build relationships before taking the job
  + Training – a good first step
  + Recognition – always a good motivator
  + Having a Culture of Inclusiveness
  + Assign female mentors to support the leader and show the ropes
  + Make changes to processes and supplies (e.g., hygiene products) to support female needs
  + Encourage to become a regular member by going on outings or campouts
  + Have non-uniform events – social settings where can get to know others
  + Have pre-campout prep (for scouts and adults) to answer questions and make sure they will be prepared
  + Make it clear that women are welcome.
  + **Life to Eagle Virtual Seminar (02/08/25)**
  + The Wolf Trap (Virtual) [Life to Eagle Seminar](https://scoutingevent.com/082-91472) will take place on Saturday, February 8, 2025, at 1:00 pm. We expect to finish by 4:30 p.m.
  + You must register by midnight on Thursday, February 6, 2025, so we know how many attendees we need to prepare for and so you can receive the link and supporting materials.
  + The Seminar is focused on Life Scouts or advanced Star Scouts who want to pursue the Eagle Rank. It also is useful for Eagle advisers, coaches or unit leaders who haven't attended a seminar in the last two years. Parents of Scouts working on the Eagle Rank or other adults interested in Scouting can also benefit from attending the seminar.
  + Unit Leaders, if they haven’t attended in a few years, are encouraged to attend.
  + The Guide to Advancement is being updated. We expect the changes to be done before this event.
  + Any questions contact Matt Burns at 703-938-9550 or at [gm.advancement@gmail.com](mailto:gm.advancement@gmail.com)
* **Scholarships (Deadlines fast approaching)**
* BSA Scholarship page - <https://www.scouting.org/awards/scholarships/>
* American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year – Deadline is March 1 2025, – Apply to local Legion Post. Open to Scouts in units sponsored by an American Legion Post or who have a parent or grandparent that is a member of the Legion. Applications at: [American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year Scholarship | The American Legion](https://www.legion.org/get-involved/scholarships/american-legion-eagle-scout-of-the-year-scholarship)
* Sons of American Revolution – Deadline ASAP [Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest – National Society Sons of the American Revolution](https://www.sar.org/arthur-m-berdena-king-eagle-scout-contest/)[)](about:blank)
* National Eagle Scout Association – Deadline January 31, 2025 [Scholarships - The National Eagle Scout Association](https://nesa.org/scholarships/)
* Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams Award
  + Recognizes a noteworthy Eagle Scout Service Project.
  + Deadline is January 15, 2025
  + The Scout or a registered Scouting America volunteer can make a nomination. [2025 Adams Award Application](https://nesa.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/2025-Adams-National-Eagle-Scout-Service-Project-Nomination-Form-FILLABLE.pdf)
  + Scout must sign application to document their “consent.”
  + Also needs an electronic copy of the project workbook.
  + Some nominations include video.
  + Winners can receive:
  + $300 at the Territory level.
  + $3,500 for National winner.
* **Merit Badges**
* The online Merit Badge Counselor [registration](https://my.scouting.org/VES/OnlineReg/1.0.0/?tu=UF-MB-082gm23).
* 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/)**):**
* 12/15/24 – [EPrep Scout Day at FFX County Emergency Ops Ctr](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/scout-day-tickets-1022694004297?aff=oddtdtcreator) – Only tour; does not provide MB training requirements
* 01/18/25 - [MB University, Newport News, VA](https://scoutingevent.com/595-CVCMBU2025)
* 02/15/25 - [SAC-BSA MB College, Hagerstown, MD](https://www.sac-bsa.org/MBC) (updates 12/13/24)
* 02/22/25 - [SAC-BSA MB College, Hagerstown, MD](https://www.sac-bsa.org/MBC) (updates 12/13/24)
* 03/08/25 – Wolf Trap District MB Day, Fairfax Presbyterian Church, Fairfax, VA
* Group – [Fly Fishing](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/jCNqtVKMyVHYi6EVFYGEeCdY)
* Group - [Aviation](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/XPhbDcYTs13gsSHEaAPwRaNQ)
* **Training (**[**https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/training**](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/training)**)**
* **Cub Scout:**
* ***Cub Leader Position Specific (C40)***
* [**Available on-line (117 min)**](https://my.scouting.org/)
* [**01/11/25 – Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-clstsy25)
* [**02/01/25 – Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-clstsy25)
* [**03/08/25 – Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-clstsy25)
* [**04/05/25 – Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-clstsy25)
* [**05/03/25 – Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-clstsy25)
* **Cub Scout Den Leader Specific (C42)**
* [**Available on-line (125 min**](https://my.scouting.org/)**)**
* [**01/11/25 – Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-clstsy25)
* [**02/01/25 – Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-clstsy25)
* [**03/08/25 – Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-clstsy25)
* [**04/05/25 – Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-clstsy25)
* [**05/03/25 – Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-clstsy25)

* ***Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO;C32) – BALOO consists of two sessions, an online portion (***[**https://my.scouting.org**](https://my.scouting.org/)**, Menu, My Training, Cub Scouts, Catalog, search on BALOO) that takes 35 minutes and a hands-on overnight session.  The overnight sessions are listed below.**
* [**03/29/25 – 03/30/25 – TBD, VA**](https://www.sac-bsa.org/outdoortraining)**(**[**Request**](https://www.sac-bsa.org/SupportDesk?element_1=2)**permission to attend)**
* [**06/14/25 – 06/15/25 – Lorton, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-baloosy25)**(Contact Dominick dscscouting@aol.com for permission to register)**
* **Scout:**
* ***Scoutmaster Position Specific Training(S24)***
* [**Available on-line**](https://my.scouting.org/)**(192 min)**
* [**01/11/25 – Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-sstsy25)
* [**02/01/25 – Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-sstsy25)
* [**03/08/25 – Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-sstsy25)
* [**04/05/25 – Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-sstsy25)
* [**05/03/25 – Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-sstsy25)
* ***Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS; S11)***
* [**06/14/25 – 06/15/25 – Lorton, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-iolssy25)**(Contact Dominick dscscouting@aol.com for permission to register)**

* **Miscellaneous:**
* **BSA Leave No Trace Level 1 Instructor (formerly Trainer) & Skills Course**
* 3/24/25 online & 3/30/25 in person. Adults take the Level 1 course; scouts take the Skills course. [Register to attend](https://gle.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cfd17c82d0480e208690c4ffb&id=f6ff500f9a&e=58240eb8b3)
* **Outdoor Ethics Orientation & Outdoor Ethics Guide courses**
* Save the date for 2 courses in DC
* Sat 2/15/24 at St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church (OE Orientation at 10-11:30, OE Guide at 12-2). Stay tuned for the registration link
* ***University of Scouting***
* **02/22/2025, Alexandria, VA  (2024 Course Materials available on**[**Basecamp**](https://3.basecamp.com/3958009/buckets/25194874/vaults/4402534141)**)**
* ***Wilderness First Aid/CPR/AED (N02)***
* [**12/14/24 – 12/15/24 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-87650) **(Registration Closed)**
* [**01/25/25 – 01/26/25 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-WFASpring2025)
* [**02/22/25 – 02/23/25 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-WFASpring2025) **(Waitlist only)**
* [**03/22/25 – 03/23/25 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-WFASpring2025)
* [**04/26/25 – 04/27/25 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-WFASpring2025)
* [**05/17/25 – 05/18/25 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-WFASpring2025)
* ***Wood Badge (A90) -*** [***https://scoutingevent.com/082-woodbadge2025***](https://scoutingevent.com/082-woodbadge2025)
* Spring: 4/4-6/25 & 5/3-4/25 (Registration opens 12/08/24)
* Fall: 09/12-14/25 & 10/4-5/25 (Registration opens 02/20/25)
* **Youth Protection Training (YPT)**
* [**Online**](https://www.ncacbsa.org/youth-protection-program/)**(72 minutes)**
* **GM High Adventure / Brian H**
* Members of the High Adventure Committee are available to assist units in planning and training for their upcoming high adventure trips – Contact [Brian Heath](mailto:brian@bkheath.com) for more information
* Important notes for this month
  + Registration for BSA’s high adventure bases – https://www.scouting.org/outdooradventures/open4adventure/
    - 2025 National High Adventure Base Reservations
      * Registration for 2025 for all high adventure bases are now open
      * OPIC: 25% off remaining slots for **this winter**!!
      * PHILMONT
        + Registration is mostly full – Only a few crew start dates still available
        + Philmont is continuing to accept provisional attendance and will attempt to match them with crews willing to take them
      * SUMMIT, NORTHERN TIER, & SEA BASE still have availability
    - 2026 National High Adventure Base Reservations
      * NORTHERN TIER: Reservations open Jan 15, 2025
      * SEA BASE: Reservations open Jan 16, 2025
      * SUMMIT: Reservations open Jan 14, 2025
      * PHILMONT: Lottery closed on Oct. 16, 2024
        + Very close to being sold out
* 2025 NCAC-Organized High Adventure Trips
  + Philmont – HAC is working with 1 crew – Slots may be available on this crew – [Contact me](mailto:brian@bkheath.com) for more information
  + Lenhok’sin – Gathering interest for forming a crew – [Contact me](mailto:brian@bkheath.com) if you’re interested
* High Adventure Preparation Training
  + Philmont Crew Training
    - Online Sessions - January 5, March 23, 2025
    - In-Person Session - April 5, 2025 – Camp Snyder
  + Philmont Adult Advisor Practice Hikes – March 8 & 16, 2025
  + Northern Tier Training – In-Person - April 5, 2025; Online – April 19, 2025
  + BCOLS Spring 2025 – Online Session - March 1; In-Person Session - April 26-27
  + Wilderness First Aid – [Multiple dates at Camp Snyder](https://www.gotosnyder.org/year-round-events/outdoor-preparedness-initiative/)
* 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/>
* Council-Run High Adventure Bases
  + [Lenhok’sin](https://www.gotogoshen.org/camps-programs/lenhoksin-high-adventure/) @ Goshen Scout Reservation
  + [Adirondack High Adventure Area](https://senecawaterways.org/massawepie-adirondack-treks/)
  + [Maine High Adventure Area](https://www.mainehighadventure.org/)
  + [Pamlico Sea Base](https://www.pamlicoseabasenc.com/) - Blounts Creek, NC
  + [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**
* 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/)
* Contact for finishing Shooting Sports MB Partials [brian.summers@verizon.net](mailto:brian.summers@verizon.net)
* **Order of the Arrow** 
  + OA Representatives – Please join us at the monthly OA meetings on the 2nd Thursday of the month, Thoreau Middle School, Vienna VA. Meetings start at 7:30pm.
  + OA Election Season – This opened on 10/01/24. Unit leaders were notified by email. Please keep track of this email as it contains information needed to use LodgeMaster!
* Ordeal
  + Spring Ordeal is 03/28/25 – 03/30/25 at Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
  + Area Ordeal will be in May 2025
  + Ceremonies Team – Training at the monthly OA meetings. All are welcome!
  + 2024 Dues can be paid online: <https://wipit470.org/dues.html>
* **Roundtable - Minutes and slides -** Available on the [WTD web site](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/roundtable/) (District Resources, Roundtable). Password is “GMDRT”
  + - **Next Roundtable** – January 09, 2025, at Thoreau Middle School, Vienna, VA and on Zoom.