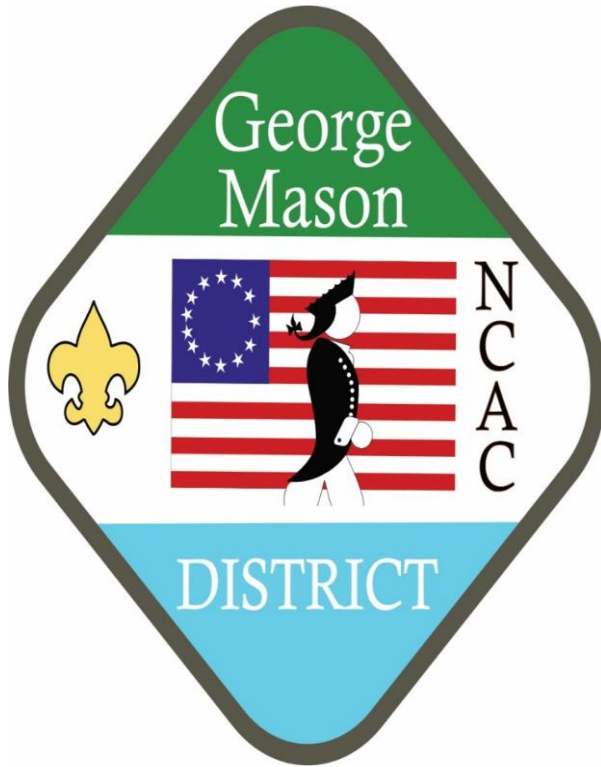


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Welcome to this edition of the George Mason District Press. We e-mail this out bi-monthly to the BSA registered leaders in George Mason District; unit leaders and merit badge counselors – those who have their current YPT.

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. 11/12/2020 – Virtual:

Roundtable Meeting at 7:30 pm

District Annual Meeting – Wed. 11/18/2020 7:30 pm

CORs encouraged to attend

USEFUL LINKS:

[NCAC Council Website](#)

[National BSA](#)

[National Order of the Arrow](#)

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Unit Leaders – Please work with your Unit Commissioner to submit your 2020 Journey to Excellence forms

We would like them submitted by December 1, 2020. When filling them out you can enter your planned December 2020 events.

Here are 2020 JTE Workbooks which you can manipulate - last page can be printed, signed and turned in (email is OK):

2020 Tracking Workbooks

<https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/tracking-workbooks/2020-tracking-workbooks/>

- [Pack Spreadsheet](#)
- [Troop Spreadsheet](#)
- [Crew Spreadsheet](#)

Here are the 2020 PDF forms – needs to hand entered, tallied, signed and turned in (email is OK):

2020 Unit Scorecards

<https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/unit/2020-scorecards-english/>

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

Using either document is acceptable.



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Restart Scouting Checklist

As always, the safety of our Scouts, volunteers, employees and communities is our top priority. This checklist outlines several minimum guiding protocols that adult leaders/volunteers must consider while working with local and state health departments, local councils, chartered organizations and Scouting families on when and how to resume meetings, service projects, camping and all other official Scouting activities.

If it is not practical to meet these minimal protocols, do not restart in-person activities.

S = Supervision

- Understand local and state guidance on preventing COVID-19 exposure.
- Engage your chartered organization and local council on necessary adjustments.
- Conduct the "before you gather" protocols.

A = Assessment

- Identify participants who fall under the CDC's group of higher-risk individuals. Notify all participants about the risks of participating since COVID-19 exposure cannot be eliminated.
- Verify that the planned activity, gathering or group sizes are not prohibited by local or state orders.

F = Fitness and Skill

- Review Annual Health and Medical Records and consider using a [pre-event screening](#) for all participants.

E = Equipment and Environment

- Verify that handwashing, hygiene and cleaning supplies are available and used properly.
- Monitor social distancing, interactions and sharing of equipment and food among participants.
- Monitor participants for changing health conditions.
- Use the "as you gather" protocols.

SAFE ≠ Risk-Free

As the response to the pandemic shifts to a state-focused, phased approach, the Boy Scouts of America advises local councils to consult with their local and state health departments, as well as local chartered partners, to implement appropriate protocols to help keep our members, volunteers and employees safe.

Precautions and mitigation strategies are important, but they cannot eliminate the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness when in-person activities resume.

People with COVID-19 may show no signs or symptoms of illness, but they can spread the virus. Some people may be contagious before their symptoms occur. The fact is that someone with COVID-19 may pass the required health screenings and be allowed into program activities.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. If you are in this group, please ensure you have approval from your health care provider prior to resuming in-person Scouting activities.

Every member, volunteer and family must evaluate their unique circumstances and make an informed decision before attending in-person activities.

We hope this information will be helpful as you make that choice.

For updates, please monitor <https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus>



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Before you gather:

- Consult** your council and chartered organization to understand community standards and protocols in place.
- Communicate** to all parents and youth that the Boy Scouts of America recommends that no one in the higher-risk category take part in person. Continue to engage virtually.
- Communicate** that anyone who feels sick must [stay home](#). If you become sick or develop symptoms, isolate yourself then go home and seek care.
- Educate and train** all participants on appropriate social distancing, [cleaning and disinfecting](#), [hand hygiene](#) and [respiratory \(cough or sneeze\) etiquette](#) before meeting for the first time. Periodically reinforce the behaviors as needed.
- Before attending**, upon arrival and at least daily for longer events, all participants [should be screened](#) for any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Chills
 - Repeated shaking with chills
 - Muscle pain
 - Headache
 - Sore throat
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - Diarrhea
 - Feeling feverish or having a temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
 - Known close contact with a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19
- As appropriate**, participants should have [face coverings](#) available to wear when gathering or when in public areas or venues. Several coverings per person may be needed.
- Communicate** that those who take part in person should avoid contact with higher-risk individuals for 14 days after the event.

As you gather:

- Minimize group sizes.** Small groups of participants who stay together all day every day, remain [6 feet apart](#) and do not share objects are at the lowest risk. Think of a den or patrol that does not mix or gather with other dens or patrols, with supervision that stays with the small group. *Scouting's [Barriers to Abuse](#) always apply.*
- Stay local** to your geographic area and groups for unit activities. If you must travel, limit mixing with others along the way.
- Minimize mixing** with parents or siblings unless they are part of the unit activity. For example, the same parent picks up and drops off youth, and stays in the car. No guests or visitors who have not been through the pre-gathering protocols and screening should take part.
- Have hand sanitizer**, disinfecting wipes, soap and water or similar disinfectant readily available for use at meetings, activities and campouts.
- Minimize the use** of common areas and shared tools. If unavoidable, they should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected between uses.
- Develop dining protocols** (including but not limited to):
 - No self-serve buffet meals or common water coolers.
 - Use of disposable utensils, napkins, cups and plates.
 - Clean and disinfect eating and cooking gear after each use.
- Develop tenting protocols** for the group:
 - Minimize use of fans or devices that stir the air.
 - Campers should sleep head-to-toe in bunks or cots spaced as far apart as possible.
 - Individual tents, hammocks and bivys may be considered.
- During program activities:**
 - Equipment that must be shared should be disinfected before and after each use.
 - Where possible, assign activity-related protective equipment for the duration of an event to a single individual (life jacket, gloves, harness).
 - Effective handwashing before and after each program area use.
- In case of an injury or illness**, promptly report the incident, including COVID-19 exposures. Utilize [Incident Reporting Resources](#), including COVID-19 instructions.

When you get home:

- Avoid contact** with higher-risk individuals for 14 days.
 - Monitor** for any signs of illness for 14 days, and
- Communicate** with your unit leadership should you develop symptoms.

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Calendar of Events – Links included if available

11/07/2020 - Scouting for Food (Tags)

11/08/2020 - [Flags-In \(Veterans Day\)](#), National Memorial Park, Falls Church, VA

11/10/2020 - Commissioner's Meeting (7:30pm), Virtual

11/12/2020 - Roundtable (7:30pm), Virtual

11/12/2020 – National BSA Live Office Hours - **REGISTER NOW**

11/14/2020 - Scouting for Food (Pickup)

11-18-2020 – District Annual Meeting (Chartered Organization Reps encouraged to attend) and District Committee – 7:30PM (Zoom)

11/19/2020 - [STEM/Conservation Career Talk \(7pm\)](#), Virtual

11/20/2020 - [Webelos & Scout BSA EXPO](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

11/21/2020 - Camp Snyder Service Day, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

11/2020 – Pow Wow – NCAC Cub Scout Pow Wow is in the process from being a one-day virtual event to a series of smaller virtual events. Registration and details are still being worked and will be announced when ready.

11/21/2020 - Two-hour game-playing sessions at Camp Snyder, Haymarket, Va. where families can enjoy a COFFEE - Challenging Outdoor Fun-Filled Family Engaged Experience.



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

12/1/2020 – Units submit (email) Unit Journey to Excellence forms to Unit Commissioners

12/05/2020 - Camp Snyder Service Day, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

12/05/2020 - [Pine Wood Derby Car Woodworking](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

12/12/2020 - [Pine Wood Derby Car Woodworking](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

12/19/2020 - [Pine Wood Derby Car Woodworking](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

12/19/2020 - Camp Snyder Service Day, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

12/19/2020 – Virtual Trainer's EDGE – registration coming 02/20/2021 – Virtual Life to Eagle Seminar 1-4:30PM On-line registration coming

02/27/2021 - University of Scouting, Alexandria, VA

March 2021 - District Pinewood Derby

March 2021 - District Merit Badge Day

04/2021 - Eagle Recognition Dinner

04/2021 - District Court of Honor

04/30/2021 - 05/02/2021 - Spring Camporee (Location and Theme TBD)

04/30/2021 – 05/02/2021 - Spring George Mason/Patriot Chapter Order of the Arrow Ordeal weekend

05/30/2021 - Flags-In, National Memorial Park, Falls Church, VA

10/15/2021 – 10/17/2021 – Fall Camporee (Location and Theme TBD)



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CHARTER RENEWAL

Information

Notice: The 2020 Membership Fees have been changed. The new fees are:

- \$60 per youth in Cubs, Troops, Venturing, Sea Scouts
- \$24 for council paid registration (ScoutReach) Youth
- \$36 Exploring youth
- \$36 for all adults
- \$60 for each unit a chartered organization charters

All the information you need to prepare you for the upcoming Charter Renewal season is available at the Council's Charter Renewal page:

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/charter-renewal/>

Major milestones:

- Your unit's charter ends on December 31, 2020
- Units will receive system log on information by mid-September
- The Charter Renewal System opens on October 1, 2020

Good practices for a timely renewal:

- YPT – review YPT dates for all leaders and let those know who expire between now and May 1 2021 to re-take YPT in September/October 2020
- Process paper and online applications as soon as you receive them – do not hold on to them!
- Get organized and start preparing a membership inventory - identify who is in, who is missing from the roster, what positions adult leaders will play in 2021, etc.
- Get signatures from the Chartering organization early on – get the Institutional Head to sign the Unit Charter Agreement now; that way, you are not chasing a signature around Christmas time!
- Aim at turning in your charter renewal paperwork by December 1, 2020
- Keep your Unit Commissioner involved! He / she will help you through the process



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Training Opportunities

Note: **Due to the Coronavirus outbreak check with the organizer about the status of events.**

Cub Scout:

- **Cubmaster Position Specific:**
 - 12/05/20 - [Gaithersburg, MD](#) (check on 11/15)
- **Pow Wow**
 - NCAC Cub Scout Pow Wow is in the process from being a one-day virtual event to a series of smaller virtual events. Registration and details are still being worked and will be announced when ready.
- **Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO):**
 - 11/20/20 - [Maidens, VA](#) LAST DAY TO REGISTER 11/13/2020

Scout:

- **Scoutmaster Position Specific Training**
 - 12/05/20 - [Gaithersburg, MD](#) (check on 11/15)
- **Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS):**
 - 11/20/20 - [Maidens, VA](#) LAST DAY TO REGISTER 11/13/2020

Community Emergency Response Training

- Fairfax County [CERT](#) training - Contact: [Jeffrey Katz](#) (Volunteer Liaison, 703-246-3926)

Den Chief Training - Available on-line at my.scouting.org

First Aid/CPR/AED

- [Campaign Pay It Forward](#) (30% discount - use code "Scouts")
- [American Red Cross](#) - Blended Courses (2.5 hr. online, 1.75 hr. classroom)

High Adventure Bases Training

Mental Health First Aid - Understand mental illnesses, seek timely intervention, and save lives

- [Various](#)

[Stop the Bleed](#) - How to stop bleeding in a severely injured person

University of Scouting: 02/27/21 - [Alexandria, VA](#)



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[Do You Have Questions About the COVID-19-Eagle Extension Request?](#)



Join the National Scouts BSA Committee for **LIVE OFFICE HOURS**

Thursday, November 12, 2020

8:00 p.m. ET / 7:00 p.m. CT /
6:00 p.m. MT / 5:00 p.m. PDT

Great for All Scouts BSA Leaders – Including Senior Patrol Leaders

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Join the National Scouts BSA committee and Scouters from around the country to learn more about the Scouts BSA program Thursday, **November 12, 2020** [during our live office hours](#).

This Q&A session is great for all Scouts BSA leaders – **including Senior Patrol Leaders** – to focus on implementing the Methods of Scouting in your Troop. We will cover the following topics:

- COVID-19-Eagle extension request
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advancement changes
- Preparing for Arrow of Light crossover
- Inaugural Class of Eagle Scouts



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- Retaining and Recruiting Scouts during COVID-19

To give your questions top priority, please email them to family.scouting@scouting.org by November 6th. When submitting questions please identify yourself as a youth or adult. All questions will be answered, either during our live presentation or later. Space is limited for the live event; a recording will be sent to all who register.

We look forward to hearing from you and speaking with you soon!



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Flags In – Nov 8, 2020 10:00AM

Scouts Honoring our Veterans - Note the Change in time and process below

Celebrate Veterans Day by joining George Mason District scout families at "Flags-in" – placing American Flags on the graves of veterans.



Class-A Uniforms and Masks

Due to COVID, the scout family's pick-up flags outside of the Chapel at: The National Memorial Park, 7482 Lee Highway, Falls Church, VA 22042. Families should then move into the NMP and place flags. **No access to the buildings is permitted, except for using the bathrooms in the main building.**

Schedule for November 8, 2020 (Sunday)

Note: Due to COVID, no food will be served - bring your own water bottle.

10:00 am – Event Starts - get flags and instructions

11:00 am, 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm – TAPS blown (buglers needed)

Scout service hours (up to 3 hours) will be available. Each participating Scout earns a unique patch and rocker.

For more information, please contact: Russell Pittman at (571) 354-7378 or ruspittman@gmail.com

Slideshow: [How to Identify Veteran's Graves](#)

Pamphlet: [How to Identify Veteran's Graves](#)

There is no sign-in sheet this year - please email ruspittman@gmail.com with your scout's name, unit type (Pack or Troop) and unit number.



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2020 Virtual POW WOW!!!

What is Pow Wow? Pow Wow is a supplemental, action-packed training event for adult Cub Scout Leaders, Pack Committee Members, Charter Organization Representatives, parents of Cub Scouts, and Cub Scout-interested persons. You'll learn new ideas, concepts and talking about experiences that will enhance your ability to deliver and support a fun-filled, exciting program to Cub Scouts.

At the last minute we have decided to cancel Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow as you know it and retool the event to offer you greater Cub Scout Leader training opportunities. Rather than a one day event were you are limited to 6 - one hour course selections, we have decided to do something new! This year we will have a series of FREE weekly Webinars on important topics like Rechartering, Family Scouting, Retention and HowTo have Fun During a Den Meetings! and other relevant topics for you, your, your Pack parents and other interested parties!

We are planning a topic offering each week, held on the same night, at the same time, facilitated by one of NCAC's expert volunteer trainers on the subject matter just for Cub Scout Leaders. The schedule will be published in advance so you pick the nights and the topics that you are interested in. Training will be done virtually.

So, we give you back your [Saturday November 21](#) (the date Pow Wow was to be held), and we invite you to join us for one night a week, for one hour, for training that is just for you ... the Cub Scout Leader.

Stay Tuned ... More Information Coming about the Start Date

Bill Mayo - Chairman – Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow



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Enjoy a COFFEE - Challenging Outdoor Fun-Filled Family Engaged Experience Break During COVID-19 For The Family!

On Nov 21, we'd like to offer two-hour game-playing sessions at Camp William B. Snyder where families can enjoy a Challenging Outdoor Fun-filled Family-Engaged Experience. Unlike a typical high element C.O.P.E. session of 6-15 participants, there may be 2 families of 2-4 people each competing or cooperating lawn activities, games, and team challenges that are fun and will be memorable experience. Look for registration details on the NCAC website:

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/c-o-p-e-climbing/>

George Mason POC: John Lesko johnlesko57@gmail.com



Scouts & Scouters, Merit Badges at Home is officially back with more variety than ever! These sessions allow Scout to earn merit badges in photography, coin collecting, cooking and much more! Registration is now open with classes set to begin this Monday, Nov. 2nd. 2020, [Merit Badges @ Home](#)

[Merit Badge Registration Site](#)



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NCAC University of Scouting – 2/27/2021

Purpose of the University of Scouting – The *"University of Scouting"* is a supplemental training opportunity for all adult Scout leaders. It is the only time during the year where you can find, all in one place, the widest variety of training opportunities in all program areas (*Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouting, District Operations, and Council*). Whether you are new to the program or a veteran of many years, the University provides interesting courses in Cubbing, Scouts, and Adventure and leadership training for Venturing, and Sea Scouting; Electives courses applicable across the Scouting programs, and District operations courses.

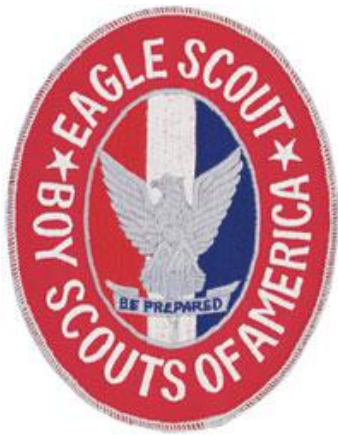
- The **College of Cub Scouting** provides a wide variety of courses from working with Cub Scout-aged boys to pack administration to planning for an outdoor program, all focused on meeting Scouting goals while having fun as a pack or den.
- The **College of Scouts BSA** provides an exciting variety of troop, patrol and outdoor planning supplemental courses to help manage the challenges of a great troop experience.
- The **College of Adventure Scouting** provides classes in Venturing and Sea Scout topics and a variety of classes in Adventure Scouting / High Adventure subjects and resources for Venturing Crews, Sea Scout Ships, and Scout Troops.
- The **College of Elective Programs** offers many "general studies courses" that cut across all the programs. Just about everything from diversity and special needs to using technology can be found in the Elective Programs. STEM Scouts will be covered as a subprogram (ELC500 classes) within the Electives College.
- The **College of District Operations** is intended to provide training to district committee members and Scouters with an interest in district operations. Courses will range from a two-period orientation for new members to those focusing on administration, strategic planning, recruiting, and promotion. New classes have been added on managing your committee/district with Basecamp and using Black Pug to manage scouting events.
- **Standalone Courses** are BSA national syllabus courses such as *Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC)* that provide training for leadership positions in Scouting. Note that standalone courses do not count toward any degree requirements in any College.
- **Scoutbook Training** We are offering a full day of Scoutbook training in the College of Electives, three classes, each repeated twice. They are: Scoutbook – the Key to Organizing a Scout Unit, Scoutbook – Advancement in Cub Scouts, and Scoutbook – Advancement in Scouts BSA. Full details are at ELC classes 132, 137, and 138 on pages 31 and 32.



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LIFE TO EAGLE SEMINAR

Saturday, 20 February 2021

1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

This is a Virtual Seminar

Topics Include:

Service project selection/approval
Details of the on-line Project Workbook
Scouts with special needs

Eagle Scout Rank application
Eagle Board of Review
Eagle Court of Honor

HIGHLIGHT: Panel discussion featuring recent Eagle Scouts

SAVE THE DATE – 20 February 2021

Registration will be online. Registration link coming soon. Advance registration is important so that everyone gets the Zoom link.

Any questions contact Jack Lundin at 703-938-0369.

Who should attend:

- Life Scouts or advanced Star Scouts who want to pursue the Eagle Rank
- Eagle advisors, coaches or unit leaders that haven't attended a seminar in two years
- Parents of Scouts working on Eagle or other adults interested in Scouting



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Every Year, NCAC recognizes outstanding adult leaders that are recognized for their service to Scouting and the Youth which we support. George Mason District is extremely proud that we have three leaders associated with the Silver Beaver Award. Here is a brief overview of the Silver Beaver Award:

The Silver Beaver

The Silver Beaver is awarded by the National Council, Boy Scouts of America, upon the recommendation of the local council.

It is the highest honor an adult Scouter may receive through the local council and is given for service in three equal categories: service to community, service to youth involved in Scouting and service to youth outside Scouting. Approximately one of every 1,000 volunteers is so honored.

There are three related awards in this elite category:

- District Award of Merit for service on the Unit/ District level*
- Silver Antelope for service on the Regional level*
- Silver Buffalo for service on the National level*

National Capital Area Council, BSA is pleased to honor twenty-four recipients with the Silver Beaver Award this year.



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Each year, NCAC recognizes a distinguished prior Silver Beaver Awardee with the honor as being the Silver Beaver Class Honoree.

NCAC has recognized Julia Mae-Shen Lesko as this year's Class Honoree:

2020 Class Honoree



Julia Mae-Shen Lesko

As a youth, Julia enjoyed Scouting as a Brownie, Girl Scout (First Class), and BSA Explorer (Scout Band). A passionate trainer, Julia is grateful for her many opportunities in Scouting to develop and deliver training to youth and adult leaders. She has developed training on three BSA national task forces: as chair of the Commissioner College Curriculum Update Task Force, as a member of the Wood Badge Update Task Force-Leadership Team, and as a writer of original training materials for the Cub Scout Roundtable Planning Guide Task Force. She has trained Scouts and Scouters from around the world at Philmont Training Center, Summit Bechtel Reserve, Florida Sea Base, and National Order of the Arrow Conference. A former Northeast Region area training chair, Order of the Arrow lodge training adviser, council training chair, and council Wood Badge coordinator, Julia currently serves as the National Wood Badge Coordinator for Scouting U and as the Northeast Region Wood Badge Coordinator.

While in college and law school, Julia served as a Girl Scout leader, Philmont Training Center summer staff, and BSA Explorer Post advisor. When her son joined Pack 1861 in Clifton, VA, as a Tiger Cub in 2003,



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Julia became the assistant Cubmaster and later Cubmaster. In response to requests to help start new packs, Julia helped start Pack 1136 at a new elementary school in Sully District and Pack 187 at Fairfax United Methodist Church in George Mason District, where she continues to serve as the unit commissioner. Julia served 12 years as an assistant Scoutmaster and Goshen summer camp coordinator for Troop 187, and later as assistant Crew Advisor for Crew 4. During this time, she also served at the district level as a district training chair, assistant roundtable commissioner, day camp coordinator, and district nominating chair; and at the council level as an assistant council commissioner (ACC) in various roles since 2005, which includes the immediate past five years as the ACC- Commissioner College Dean

During her 19 years as a Scouter, Julia serves regularly as an instructor and/or midway coordinator for Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow, University of Scouting, and National Camp School-Day Camp Administration. She also has served as conference faculty and chair for the Northeast Region Wood Badge Course Director Conference and as course director for Wood Badge and for National Youth Leadership Training. As the Goshen Training Initiative coordinator (2009-2019) prior to the pandemic, Julia set up and delivered adult leader training every year at Goshen Summer Camp Week 1, and recruited volunteer trainers to fill the other weeks. She also served on SCUBA staff at three national scout jamborees and on Visitor Experience staff at the last world scout jamboree.

Julia believes in resilience and that we can make a positive difference in the lives of all youth through Scouting. A Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow, Julia is the recipient of the Silver Buffalo Award, Silver Antelope Award, Silver Beaver Award, District Award of Merit, NCAC's Andrew D. Grafton Exceptional Trainer Award, Philmont Training Center Masters Track Award (and device), and numerous other square knot training awards.

She is the proud mother of Timothy Farr, an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow, who is engaged to Bethany St. Thomas, who earned her silver award and served as a Girl Scout ambassador. Julia is a member of Fairfax United Methodist Church, where she served 18 years as a handbell director, and founded the children's handbell choir in 1991. A past Fairfax County Civil Service Commissioner and certified mediator, she currently serves as the Deputy Director for Case Management and Attorney Development at the U.S. Surface Transportation Board. She is recently married to Lieutenant Colonel (retired) John Lesko, an executive coach/facilitator, BSA COPE facilitator, and Wood Badge Scouter, who proudly serves as her wonderfully supportive aide to camp.

A copy of the entire 2020 Silver Beaver class is found here:
[https://issuu.com/ncacbsa/docs/silver beaver booklet 2020](https://issuu.com/ncacbsa/docs/silver_beaver_booklet_2020)



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George Mason is extremely proud to announce two of our leaders have received the Silver Beaver Award as part of the 2020 NCAC Class:

Christian Griggs and Hector Uranga-Urias:



Christian Sean Griggs

Christian S. Griggs is a retired Army Foreign Area Officer with experience in Europe, the Near East, and Central and South Asia. Colonel Griggs is a native of Baltimore, Maryland, and was commissioned into the Infantry in 1993. He served in a variety of staff and command assignments, including Infantry Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer in Germany; and a Rifle Company Commander in the 82d Airborne Division, later Commander, Division Long Range Surveillance Detachment, 82d Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He served as a Liaison to the Turkish Special Forces in southern Turkey and Northern Iraq during the Iraq "Surge" in 2007. From 2010 to 2013 he was assigned as the US Army Attaché in Paris, France. He returned to Washington, D.C., where he served from 2013 to 2015 as Branch Chief, Senior Leader Division, Army Staff. From 2015 to 2016 he served a year as the US Army War College Fellow in residence at the Near East and South Asia (NESA) Center in Washington, D.C. His final assignment was as Director of FAO Assessment on the Army Staff at the Pentagon.

He holds a Bachelors of Arts in Foreign Affairs from the University of Virginia and a Masters of Arts in Near Eastern Affairs from Princeton University. He was a Fellow in the Seminar XXI Program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) prior to his selection as the US Army War College Fellow at NESAs.

He is married to Bridget von Truetschler Mahoney of Saarbrücken, Germany. They have three sons active in Scouting: Robert (Life), Sean (Second Class), and Maximilian (Webelos). In his spare time, Christian has served in the Scouts as a Den Leader, Cubmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Unit Commissioner, Roundtable Commissioner, and George Mason District Chair. He currently serves as NCAC's Vice President for District Operations.



Hector D. Uranga-Urias

Hector began his Scouting journey in the 1970s as a Cub Scout and later as a Rover Scout in his native country of Mexico. Shortly after Hector moved to the United States, he joined a local Troop in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as Assistant Scoutmaster and served as staff at Philmont Scout Ranch during the summer of 1988. He re-joined the Scouting movement in 2010 when his son joined Pack 976 in Vienna, Virginia. He served as Den Leader and Cubmaster. When his son crossed to the troop, Hector served as Assistant Scoutmaster and a member of the Committee. Outside of the unit, Hector served as Assistant Scoutmaster for a 2017 National Jamboree troop.

At the Council level, Hector is an active member of the International Committee. Hector was on the World Scout Jamboree staff in Japan in 2015, and in North America in 2019. For the latter, Hector helped translate the Jamboree participant handbook to Spanish. At the district level, Hector served as Scouts BSA Roundtable Commissioner, and now as Unit Commissioner, member of the District Committee, and District Commissioner.

Hector enjoys volunteering at his local parish of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. He's coached basketball and volleyball girl teams, helps in fundraising activities like the annual Fish Fry, and is an active member of the Church's Business Network.

Hector is married to Araceli Uranga, who teaches pre-school at the Church. They live in Vienna with their two teenage children.



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George Mason District Camping and Outdoor Program Committee:

Fee-Free Days in the National Parks

The National Park Service (NPS) manages 419 individual parks which 109 charge admission fees. Every year, the NPS offers five days of free admission for parks that charge admission. The last of the five days in 2020 are:

-11 Nov: Veterans Day

The participating parks in our area for Fee-Free days are:

Maryland:

- Antietam National Battlefield
- Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park
- Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine

North Carolina:

- Wright Brothers National Memorial

Virginia:

- Assateague Island National Seashore
- Colonial National Historical Park
- George Washington Memorial Parkway's Great Falls Park
- Harpers Ferry National Historical Park
- Prince William Forest Park
- Shenandoah National Park

For more information, go to the National Park Service web site at <https://www.nps.gov/index.htm>. Finally, always check with your NPS destination Rangers for and last-minute changes.



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Virginia DGIF Renamed DWR

On 1 July 2020, the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) was renamed the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR). However, not all of the legacy DGIF websites have been changed over. The Virginia Fish and Wildlife Information Service (VaFWIS) web sites are some of those sites. The DGIF “Find Wildlife VA” site is still up and contains a wealth of information about fishing, boating and wildlife viewing.

-Fishing: <https://vafwis.dgif.virginia.gov/findwildlifeva/#/findFish>

-Wildlife viewing: <https://vafwis.dgif.virginia.gov/findwildlifeva/#/findWildlife>

-Boating access: <https://vafwis.dgif.virginia.gov/findwildlifeva/#/findBoating>

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Bull Run Regional Park

-Trails are open for hiking, biking, walking

-Disc Golf is open

-Group camping is still closed

-the Bull Run Shooting Center

--Archery Range closed from 14-24 Sep

--“Learn to Shoot” classes are now open (<https://www.novaparks.com/parks/bull-run-shooting-center/things-to-do/learn-to-shoot-classesprivate-lessons>)

Elk in Virginia!

After many years of petitioning by hunters, and counter-action by farmers and orchardists, the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources began a program to reintroduce elk (*Cervus Canadensis*) back into Virginia.

In 2000 DWR partnered with the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation to fund a feasibility study which was completed by Virginia Tech. In 2011, 16 elk were captured in Kentucky, quarantined and tested for pathogens for 90 days and then released onto an 800,000-acre refuge near Grundy, VA. By 2014, that herd of 16 had produced 75 disease-free elk that would complete the catch-and-release portion of the project. By early 2020 the disease-free herd had increased to 250 animals, and that was before the calving period!

Today these majestic animals roam portions of Buchanan County, and it is expected they will expand their territory soon. Just shows what can be accomplished through proper wildlife management supported by hunters in this great Commonwealth.

If you want to see elk in their new habitat, tune in to the elk Live Stream at www.virginiawildlife.gov/elk-cam



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www.scouting.org/commissioners



Our Moment in Time

The year was 1935. The Boy Scouts of America was building its first-ever National Scout Jamboree site in Washington, D.C. It was, by all indications, going to be an epic event. But a "serious epidemic of infantile paralysis" — polio — had other plans. The Jamboree was postponed. On the occasion, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who had been scheduled to host an event on the White House lawn, took to the radio waves to send a message of resolve and courage to Scouts around the country. Much of the nation listened on their tabletop radio. His message recognized the resilient nature of Scouting:

When you go out into life, you have come to understand that the individual in your community who always says, "I can't" or "I won't" or "I don't," the individual who, by inaction or by opposition, slows up honest, practical, far-seeing community effort, is the fellow who is holding back civilization. ... We need more Scouts. The more, the better.

By now, you know the rest of the story. The polio epidemic was defeated. The first BSA National Jamboree was held in 1937, with a sea of tents in the shadow of the Washington Monument. President Roosevelt was back and greeted the Scouts, praising Scouting as a great source of training in the virtues of good citizenship. The first National Jamboree was a spectacular success, laying the foundation for many to follow, and it demonstrated to the nation the resilience and resolve of Scouting. Scouting was here to stay.

We are living our own moment in time 85 years later. Scouting is being challenged on multiple fronts. We once again have the opportunity to demonstrate to the nation our strength, resilience and resolve as we work together to continue the mission of Scouting.

In times such as these, it is easy to feel frustrated. The enormity of the challenge is daunting. I find strength in the knowledge that the mission of Scouting is to change lives for the better. We develop character and leadership attributes one Scout at a time. I find strength in the ingenuity and passion of our local volunteers, professionals and parents, who work every day in the midst of a pandemic to ensure the delivery of the promise of Scouting.

In this time, what is the clarion call for how we support Scouting? We will deliver the future of Scouting one small step at a time, all in the community where you live. Scouting happens in your local community. Our focus should be on completing the small steps that will support the effective delivery of Scouting in our councils and units. In that regard, we know that commissioners own retention. If we can focus on



Scott Sorrells
National Commissioner

one thing right now, I urge you to reach out and check on your local Scout leaders and professionals, and build on your relationship of trust and confidence. We should virtually embrace them and offer support as we all work together to keep Scouts engaged.

Fall is a time to recruit new Scouts, and we no doubt have to think differently. On Sept. 12, take part in the BSA Family Fun Fest, our signature online Cub recruiting event for Scout and non-Scout families. Scouting Wire is a great source of new and innovative membership resources. Our Facebook Commissioner Service site is another great source. Collaborate with your local professionals and volunteers to figure out how to best deliver Scouting in your community.

Two years from now, which will be 85 years after the first BSA National Jamboree, I am confident that we will look around, reflect on this most unusual journey and be proud of how we responded in our moment in time.

A heartfelt note of thanks for our volunteers and professionals, local and national, all working as one team and one movement. As a Scouting family, we understand in our soul the magic of the Scouting movement and our ability to impact the future. Thank you for playing your part today, one small step at a time.

Thanks for all you do for Scouting,

Scott Sorrells
National Commissioner



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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:

- [Parktakes](#) (select "Scouts" from the Category of Activity)
- [MeritBadge.Info](#) – Various MB Days throughout the country
- [Fly Fishing Merit Badge Program](#), Northern Virginia

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 will need to submit the following information to the [Merit Badge Dean](#):

- [Adult Application](#) (Page 3 - fill in form, answer questions on right side, initial and sign. No other signatures needed),
- [Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization](#) (Page 9),
- [Merit Badge Counselor Information Sheet](#), and
- [Current YPT Certification](#) (Login, Menu, My Dashboard, Completions).

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

Margee Egan at margee.egan@gmail.com



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Who in your Troop has the honor to serve and wear these patches?

Who is your Troop's adult Order of the Arrow Troop Advisor? As Scoutmaster you can assign that role. They do need to be an OA member in good standing.



In order to strengthen service to our Troops and promote involvement with the Order of the Arrow, a new Troop leadership position has been created. This adult position will serve as an adviser to the Troop's OA youth Representative and together serve as a link between the Troop and OA Chapter/Lodge. The position is open to any Assistant Scoutmaster who is a current member of the OA Lodge and is appointed by the Scoutmaster/Committee Chair in consulting with their District's OA Chapter Adviser.

The OA Troop Adviser's main function is to promote and support the Order of the Arrow by maintaining communication with the Chapter, advising OA Troop members, and providing a positive image of the Order of the Arrow in the Troop. The OA Chapter will present the leader with the above emblem to wear in recognition of their position and commitment to the Order of the Arrow. The Chapter will maintain a record of all OA Troop Advisers and utilize them as a primary contact with the Troop (in addition to Scoutmaster)

Who is your OA Troop Youth Representative?



Order of the Arrow representatives serve as a communication link between the troop and the local Order of the Arrow lodge. By enhancing the image of the Order as a service arm to the troop, they promote the OA, encourage Scouts to take part in all sorts of camping opportunities, and helps pave the way for older Scouts to become involved in high-adventure programs.

This is a recognized Leadership position for rank advancement and this person can be assigned by your SPL.



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George Mason Order of The Arrow – 2020 Ordeal Initiation

The Fall 2020 Area Initiation was held Oct 2-3 (Friday/Saturday), 2020 at Camp Snyder. Colonial, Patriot, George Mason, Old Dominion and Chain Bridge OA Chapters came together to hold the Virginia Central Area initiation.

We have reserved Camp Snyder for the OA 2021 Initiation Weekend (Ordeal/Brotherhood) date:

- April 30, May 1-2, 2021 Spring GM/Patriot Chapter Ordeal at Snyder, Haymarket, VA



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Boy Troop 1978 & Girl Troop 1978 spent the Oct 23-25 weekend at Izaak Walton League for a Shooting Sports weekend – shotgun, archery, rifle and indoor air rifle.





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Wesley United Methodist Church, Vienna, Va. Pack 152 Den Hikes and Den Meetings





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"True leaders don't create followers... They create more leaders!" Baden-Powell



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Printing Unit Charter Forms and BSA ID cards for youth/adults

Some units are asking questions on how to obtain / print materials such as BSA id Cards and Unit Charters. BSA is no longer printing and mailing these materials to the units. BSA has now made it possible for units to do this task themselves. The following are how-to guides to download and print the BSA ID cards and Unit Charters:

- How to download BSA Ids (YouTube Video):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KOUUCBoamgs0>

- How to downloads and print Unit Charters:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/0778a6dc201/ee304af2-9c84-4143-a42d-c1798715ca01.pdf>



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**BSA HIGH ADVENTURE
REGISTRATION FOR HIGH ADVENTURE IS NOW EASILY FOUND AT ONE SINGLE LOCATION ON THE
BSA WEBSITE:**

[HTTPS://WWW.Scouting.org/outdooradventures/findyouradventure/](https://www.scouting.org/outdooradventures/findyouradventure/)



The Summit Bechtel Reserve

Glen Jean, West Virginia - www.summitbsa.org

Situated in the wilds of West Virginia, The Summit is a training, Scouting, and adventure center for the millions of youth and adults involved in the Boy Scouts of America and anyone who loves the outdoors. Strategically located close to major highways, it is within 500 miles of 63% of the US Population and easily reached by all of our surrounding States.

The Summit Bechtel Reserve is also home to the BSA National Scout Jamboree, which happens every 4 years, along with other national and international conferences and special events.

SBR Programs Summit Bechtel Reserve (SBR) programs are all about challenging Scouts and Venturers. Whether earning merit badges, problem-solving on the challenge course, or working toward an AMGA instructor certification, those willing to test their mettle at The Summit will come away changed for the better. The SBR's programs are organized around its three major program components: the Paul R. Christen National High Adventure Base, the James C. Justice National Scout Camp, and the SBR National Training Center. The Summit is more than just a place for Scouts; it's where future leaders are shaped.

***Get Ready, 2022 Registration for the
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Philmont Scout Ranch

Cimarron, New Mexico -

www.philmontscoutranch.org

Philmont Scout Ranch is the Boy Scouts of America's largest National High Adventure Base. Born in 1938 as Philturn Rocky Mountain Scout Camp, Philmont has become a bustling center for high adventure and training. It covers 140,177 acres of rugged mountain wilderness in the Sangre de Cristo range of the Rocky Mountains in northeastern New Mexico.

Philmont Scout Ranch operates 35 staffed camps and 55 trail camps across the rugged terrain that ranges in elevation from 6,500 to 12,441 feet. More than 1 million Scouts, Venturers, and Advisors have experienced the adventure of Philmont since its first camping season in 1939. Most activities take place during the summer, but Philmont also offers programs during the offseason such as Autumn and Winter Adventure. In addition to providing an unforgettable adventure in backpacking across miles of rugged, rocky trails, Philmont Scout Ranch offers programs that feature the best of the Old West—horseback riding, burro packing, gold panning, chuckwagon dinners, and interpretive history—with exciting challenges for today such as rock climbing, mountain biking, and sport shooting. It's an unbeatable recipe for fast-paced fun in the outdoors.

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Sea Base High Adventure

Islamorada, Florida Keys - www.bsaseabase.org
Sea Base High Adventure offers 20 transformative experiences with the expansive backdrop of the Atlantic Ocean. Sail, fish, kayak, snorkel, SCUBA dive, and explore islands in the Florida Straits, Atlantic Ocean, and the Caribbean Sea. Sea Base's 20 programs each specialize in a particular area of interest, whether your unit is experiencing these tropical environments or skills for the first time, or are experienced seafarers. Find an adventure that fits your unit's interests: in camping trips, marine science, sailing, SCUBA diving, or saltwater fishing. Sea Base Adventures provide the opportunity to explore historic seaports and state parks, kayak on the ocean, to observe the rich biodiversity of these saltwater ecosystems. Participants can even complete a service project with the Order of the Arrow at Dry Tortugas National Park.

Participants sign up for adventures as a unit. Adventure crew sizes range from a maximum of 8 participants (adult and youth combined) to a maximum of 20 participants. Attend in Spring, Summer or even Winter— to escape the cold. Don't have a full crew? Check our Scout Connections Page to view and connect with crews who have open

positions! <http://www.bsaseabase.org/scout-connections/> Ocean Adventures that make a lifetime difference.

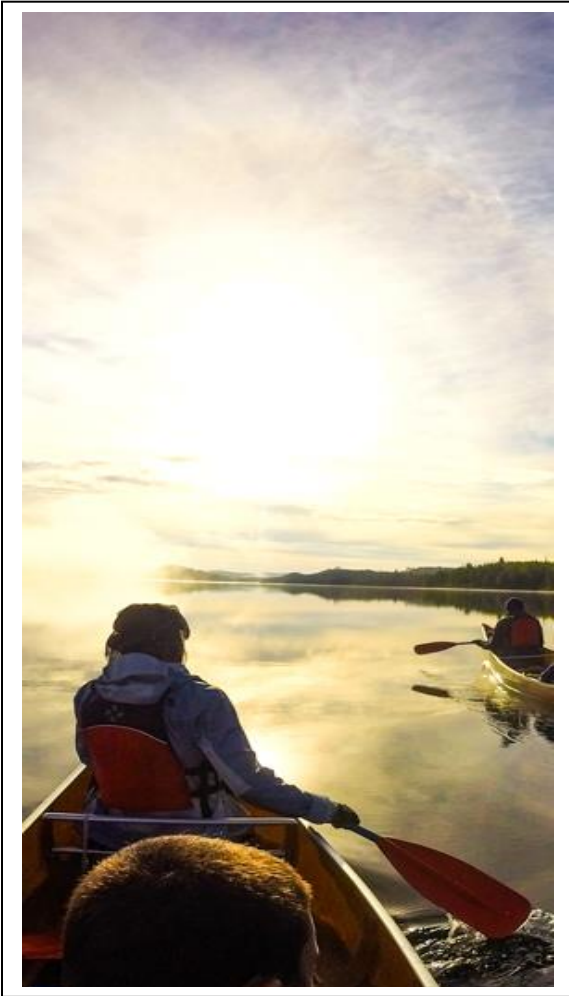
Get Ready, 2022 Registration for Sea Base goes live on October 28th!



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Northern Tier High Adventure

Ely, Minnesota - www.ntier.org

Northern Tier is the Boy Scouts of America's gateway to adventure in the Great Northwoods. In the summer, Scouts from Northern Tier's three wilderness canoe bases explore millions of acres of pristine lakes, meandering rivers, dense forests and wetlands in Northern Minnesota, Northwest Ontario and Northeast Manitoba. Northern Tier crews paddle in almost 6 million acres of exclusively canoe-access wilderness from the [Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness \(BWCAN\)](#) of Minnesota to the [Atikaki Provincial Park](#) of Manitoba. Trips range in length from 6-14 days and usually include between 50-150 miles of wilderness travel.

In the winter, Northern Tier is home to the Okpik Cold Weather Camping program, the BSA's premier winter high adventure program. Fall trips are also available.

All trips are fully outfitted and provisioned. A highly trained staff member, called an Interpreter, accompanies all crews on their trek. All participants must be age 14 by the time they arrive at Northern Tier

OR have graduated from the 8th grade and be age 13 by the time they arrive.

Get Ready, 2022 Registration for Northern Tier goes live on October 29th!



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BE PREPARED BY REVIEWING THE CHECKLIST AND GETTING THINGS SET UP IN ADVANCE! THE NEW REGISTRATION SYSTEM WILL REQUIRE USERS TO LOGIN USING THEIR MY.Scouting CREDENTIALS TO ACCESS THE REGISTRATION PORTAL.

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Processing Training Awards, Unit Leader Key Awards, and other awards

Trained leaders have the knowledge and self-confidence to provide young people with a quality program. There are two important parts of BSA's Leadership Training Recognition plan: to honor demonstrated performance and tenure of trained leaders in all areas of the Scouting program involving units and to encourage others to become trained.

Trained leaders may apply for the knot appropriate to their program level by filling out the Progress Record for that award. **The application should be put in the awards box at Roundtable or given to your Unit Commissioner** to be reviewed by the district training committee for approval. You do not need to get a district signature before dropping off the form. The forms will be signed after a review is completed. All forms ask if training has been completed. We do review the training records. You can review your training records at www.my.scouting.org

If your training records are not updated, please complete the following excel spreadsheet:
<http://tinyurl.com/NCACBSATraining>

and submit it to our Training Records, Roy DeLauder at eaglescout.roy@cox.net Usually one reason why training records are not showing up is because the individual has not linked their BSA Member Number to their my.scouting.org account. It is important that this is done so that we can show that our leaders are actually trained. Another error is not obtaining all the signatures required at the unit level. If the form asks for both the unit leader and the committee chairs signatures, then we need both signatures.

Use the current forms (links to current forms are listed below).

TRAINING AWARD FORMS

Below is a listing of the award forms that should be used and the link to the current document.



Unit Leader Award of Merit Nomination Form

(Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, or Advisor). Don't forget to include the statement by the unit committee chair on behalf of the unit committee attesting to the nominee's performance as unit leader. For Scoutmaster nominations, also attach a statement by the troop's senior patrol leader. For crew Advisor nominations, also attach a statement by the crew president.

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-003_WB.pdf



Den Leader Training Award

– Adults that serve as Cub Scout Den Leaders may earn this knot by completing the required tenure, training, and performance for the award. Progress Record (Tiger, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos den leader)

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-052_WB.pdf



Scouter's Training Award

—Adults that serve as Leaders in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturing may earn this knot by completing the position-appropriate required tenure, training, and performance for the award.

Scouter's Training Award for Cub Scouting—Progress Record

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-057_WB.pdf

Scouter's Training Award for Boy Scouting – Progress Record

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-058_WB.pdf

Venturing Training Award – Progress Record

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-060_WB.pdf

District Committee Scouter's Training Award – Progress Record

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/districtcommscouterstrainingawd.pdf>



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Scouter's Key Award—Adults that serve as Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, District Committee members, and Venturing

Advisors may earn this knot by completing the required tenure, training, and performance for the award.

Cubmaster's Key Progress Record

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-053_WB.pdf

Scoutmaster's Key Progress Record

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-054_WB.pdf

Advisor's Key Progress Record

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-WB.pdf>

District Committee Key Progress Record

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/districtcommitteekey.pdf>

Scouting Forms

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Media/forms.aspx>

National Summertime Pack Award

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/CubScoutMeetingGuide/PDF/33748_WB.pdf



COMMISSIONER AWARD FORMS

Below is a listing of the award forms that should be used and the link to the current document. These are managed by the District Commissioner staff.

The



Arrowhead Honor recognizes proficiency in contemporary tools and techniques commissioners use to provide effective unit service.

ELIGIBILITY: ALL COMMISSIONERS

- [Click here](#) for Unit Commissioner.
- [Click here](#) for Assistant Roundtable Commissioner.
- [Click here](#) for Roundtable Commissioner.
- [Click here](#) for Assistant District Commissioner.



The Commissioner's Key encourages and recognizes continuing training, performance, and tenure by commissioners.

ELIGIBILITY: ALL COMMISSIONERS

[Click here](#) for requirements and progress records.



The Doctorate of Commissioner Science Knot Award recognizes completion of a standardized training program including a thesis or project, the awarding of the Doctorate of Commissioner Science from a College of Commissioner Science, and the achievement of performance objectives to improve unit service.

ELIGIBILITY: ALL COMMISSIONERS

[Click here](#) for requirements and progress record.



The Commissioner Award of Excellence in Unit Service is awarded to a commissioner who provides exemplary unit service, focusing on unit performance as measured in Journey to Excellence and through the use of the current Boy Scouts of America Unit Service Plan and Commissioner Tools.

ELIGIBILITY: ALL COMMISSIONERS PROVIDING DIRECT SERVICE TO UNITS

[Click here](#) for requirements and progress record.



The Distinguished Commissioner Service Award is the highest recognition that can be given to a commissioner who has consistently engaged in distinguished and exceptional commissioner service resulting in significant, positive impact to youth, units, and a district and/or council.

CLASSIFICATION: NOMINATION

ELIGIBILITY: ALL COMMISSIONERS

[Click here](#) for requirements.

[Click here](#) for nomination form.