

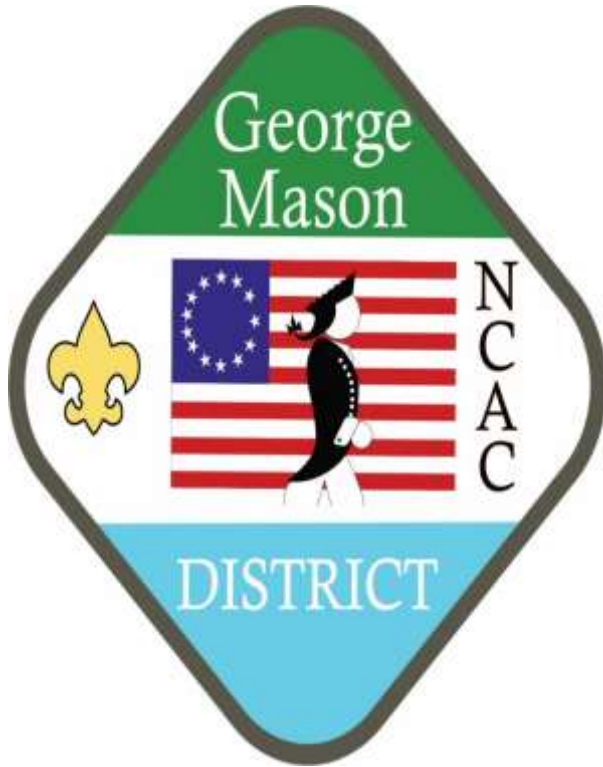


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Welcome to this edition of the George Mason District Press. We e-mail this out bi-monthly to the BSA registered leaders in George Mason District; unit leaders and merit badge counselors – those who have their current YPT.

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 6:30 PM May 9, 2019 George Mason District Court of Honor and Round Table held at Thoreau Middle School, Vienna, VA

Also, May 17 – 18 2019

Spring 2019 George Mason Spring Camporee

USEFUL LINKS:

NCAC Council Website	National BSA
National Order of the Arrow	wipit470.org



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The Key 3 Welcomes you to Attend The George Mason District's Program Launch/Roundtable/ Court of Honor

Thursday, 9 May 2019

Lots of cool vendors, silent auction and recognition
of outstanding adult volunteers.

6:30 p.m. Thoreau Middle School, Vienna, VA

Thoreau Middle School, Vienna, VA





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The George Mason District Spring 2019 Camporee

**Those Amazing Scouts and their
Flying Machines**

When May 17-19, 2019

Where Flying Circus in Bealeton VA.

5114 Ritchie Road (Route 644) in Bealeton, VA.

Come and join us for a weekend of FUN

***Airplane rides, Air Show
Merit Badges, Scout skills***

Camp Fire

Camporee contact Brian Fleck gmdcamporee@gmail.com

Registration live (<https://scoutingevent.com/082-27719>)

Registration is \$25 per person

***If you are interested in Flying your unit needs to apply for a Flying permit
and fill out the permission slip from the program guide***



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Open Cockpit Biplane Rides and Piper Cub Rides



Airplane rides will be available on Saturday during the Scout Event
Rides are subject to weather conditions and availability of pilots and airplanes

Biplane (Orientation Ride) ... \$ 80.00
Piper Cub (Orientation Ride) ... \$50.00

For additional information see the Flying Circus home page at

<http://www.flyingcircusairshow.com/>

**Airplane Ride tickets can only be purchased at the Flying Circus on the
Saturday of the Scout Event.**

IMPORTANT

- ***BSA requires a special FLYING PERMIT APPLICATION and a signed CONSENT FORM for any scouts participating in any FLYING ACTIVITY.***
- ***EACH Troop must fill out and submit to NCAC page one of the FLYING PERMIT APPLICATION, plus a signed CONSENT FORM for EACH scout that will participate in the flying activity.***
- ***The Flying Circus will provide all the required Aircraft, Insurance, and Pilot information from page two of the FLYING PERMIT APPLICATION directly to NCAC.***
- ***NO SCOUT will be permitted to take an airplane ride unless the troops FLYING PERMIT APPLICATION, and the scouts signed CONSENT FORM have been received and processed by NCAC***
- ***There will be NO EXCEPTIONS to the above policy.***



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Flags In – Memorial Day (May 27, 2019)

GM Scouts honoring the men and women who died while in the military service



Celebrate Memorial Day by joining the George Mason District Crews, Troops, and Packs for "Flags-in" – placing American Flags on the graves of veterans. This is a Fairfax County Public Schools student holiday.

Class-A Uniforms

The Scouts will gather in the Chapel at:
The National Memorial Park, 7482 Lee Highway, Falls Church, VA 22042
on Monday, May 27, 2019

- 8:30am – Arrival and sign-in
- 9:05am – Opening ceremony and training*
- 9:30am – Begin flag placement
- 10am, 11am, 12 noon: Taps Blown (Buglers needed)
- 11:45am – Pizza Lunch

*Training will be provided by Crew 836 and will include the proper method to place flags.

On Veterans Day 2018, approximately 82 Scouts plus parents/Scouters from our District and others nearby participated in this patriotic activity. Scout service hours (3 hours) will be available. Each participating Scout earns a unique patch and rocker. Cemetery Staff will supply flags, drinks and the pizza lunch. For more information, please contact:

Russell Pittman at 703-573-1679 or ruspittman@gmail.com



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George Mason District Cub Scout Twilight Camp

June 17-21, Izaak Walton Park, Centreville, Virginia



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Beneath the Sea

Twilight Camp 2019



- **Save the date:** June 17 - 21, Izaak Walton League, Centreville, 5-9 pm.
- **Visit** www.ncacbsa.org/program/cub-scouts/day-camp/ for more information.
- **When registering**, avoid missing the Early bird deadline, **midnight, April 28th.**
- **Remember** -- A camp walker is required for every five (5) scouts
- **Questions?** Contact District Exec, Sam McGrath (Sam.McGrath@scouting.org); Camp Director, Julia Farr (farr.scouts@gmail.com) or Program Director, Deb Schenaker (dschenak02@gmail.com)



CAMP STAFF

Camp Director: Julia Farr
 Program Director: Deb Schenaker
 District Exec: Sam McGrath
 Archery Range: Michelle Aten
 and Kste Schenaker
 BB Range: Brian Summers
 Fishing Range: TBD
 Nature Crafts: Roy DeLauder
 STEM Crafts: Jim Ashe



[GM Twilight Camp Info](#)

Contact District Exec, Sam McGrath (Sam.McGrath@scouting.org); Camp Director, Julia Farr (farr.scouts@gmail.com) or Program Director, Deb Schenaker (dschenak02@gmail.com)

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Calendar of Events

05/09/19 – GM District Court of Honor Roundtable/OA Chapter Meetings (6:30pm),
Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA

05/10/19 – 05/12/19 – [George Mason OA Ordeal Registration Link](#), Camp Snyder

05/14/19 - GM Commissioner's Meeting (7:30pm), Thoreau MS (B-113), Vienna, VA

05/17/19 - 05/19/19 George Mason Spring Camporee, Flying Circus, Bealeton, VA

05/17/19 - 05/19/19 [Order of the Arrow Section Conclave](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

05/17-19/19 [Francis Scott Key District BALOO & IOLS](#), Frederick, MD

05/27/19 - [Flags In](#), National Memorial Park, Falls Church, VA

06/01/19 – OA Lodge Leadership Development Conference (LLDC) TBD

06/11/19 - GM Commissioner's Meeting (7:30pm), Thoreau MS (B-113), Vienna, VA

06/13/19 - Roundtable/OA Chapter Meetings (7:30pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA

06/17-21/19 [GM Twilight Camp Info](#) , Izaak Walton Park, Centreville, VA

07/09/19 - GM Commissioner's Meeting (7:30pm), Thoreau MS (B-113), Vienna, VA

08/13/19 - GM Commissioner's Meeting (7:30pm), Thoreau MS (B-113), Vienna, VA

08/08/19 - Roundtable Meetings (7:30pm), TBD, VA

08/24/19 – 08/26/19 [NCAC Powder Horn](#), Camp St. Charles, Newberg, MD

09/10/19 - GM Commissioner's Meeting (7:30pm), Thoreau MS (B-113), Vienna, VA

09/12/19 - Roundtable/OA Chapter Meetings (7:30pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA

09/20/19 – 09/22/19 - OA Fall Fellowship, Goshen Scout Reservation, Goshen, VA

09/28/19, 10/12-13/19 – [BCOLS Fall 2019 Virginia Course](#), Alexandria & Markham, VA

10/08/19 - GM Commissioner's Meeting (7:30pm), Thoreau MS (B-113), Vienna, VA

10/10/19 - Roundtable/OA Chapter Meetings (7:30pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA

10/26/19 - NCAC Pow Wow, Annandale HS, Annandale, VA



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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=KOUCBoamgs0>
- How to downloads and print Unit Charters:
<https://files.constantcontact.com/0778a6dc201/ee304af2-9c84-4143-a42d-c1798715ca01.pdf>



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We had a lot of fun at the NCAC College of Commissioner Science!

Julia Mae-Shen Farr Reporting





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This is a photo report of the fun had at the March 9 NCAC Commissioner College –
Julia Mae-Shen Farr



Sat March 9, 2019 (NCAC Commissioner College) - with Council Commissioner [Rick Rogers](#) and over 200 attendees, truly honored and grateful to our National Commissioner [Ellie Morrison](#) for not only giving an inspirational keynote speech, but also serving on faculty and leading two sessions. We thank Ellie for coming to NCAC and being a wonderful living example of “a servant’s heart.”





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Dr. Kenneth King**



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George Mason April Roundtable – Julia Mae-Shen Farr

Thur April 11, 2019, at the monthly George Mason District Roundtable Meeting with former District Commissioner Patrick Berney ... Congratulations and thank you to ADC Kurt Johnson for his dedicated service to the district, shooting sports, and Flags-In program, and best wishes to Kurt and his wife as they prepare to relocate to their retirement home out West. Congratulations to incoming Roundtable Commissioner Russell Pittman and new District Commissioner Hector Uranga (outgoing Roundtable Commissioner) for receiving their 2018 arrowhead honors.





Amangamek-Wipit 470 Spring Fellowship

April 12-14 – C Serfass reporting

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2019 Journey to Excellence

As part of your unit's ongoing program planning, you should take into account the topics found in the yearly Journey to Excellence forms.

We have added the links to the PDF form that is filled out and a workbook which will show your scores as you update the XLS.

2019 Scorecards – English

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

2019 Tracking Workbooks

- [Pack Spreadsheet](#) 
- [Troop Spreadsheet](#) 
- [Crew Spreadsheet](#) 
- [Ship Spreadsheet](#) 
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Course Schedule

Spring 2019

N6-82-19-1

May 3 - 5 & May 31 – June 2

Camp William B. Snyder, Haymarket, VA

Course Director: **Mike Haas**

Fall 2019

(Sunday Friendly)

N6-82-19-2

September 5 - 7 & October 3 – 5

Camp William B. Snyder, Haymarket, VA

Course Director: **Ken Barrett**

WOOD BADGE

2019

Participation Commitment:

All participants are required to arrive on time Friday (or Thursday for Sunday Friendly Courses) mornings and remain in camp during both 3-day sessions. They must participate in all course activities, events and lessons, camping overnight, until each session's closing. In addition to the two weekend sessions, there are two intersession patrol meetings that must be attended, too. Following the practical experience, each participant commits to complete the application phase over the following 18 months.

Course Costs:

Total cost for the **course** is **only \$300** and includes training materials, Wood Badge recognition items, food, and camping fees. Pre-registration is required, preferably at least 30 days prior to the start of the course. Participants will be accepted based upon the date the application is received. Courses have been filling up quickly to their maximum; so pre-register early.

Course Uniform:

For the course, Scouters will need a complete field uniform for the program or position in which they are registered. This should include shirt, pants, or shorts with the appropriate socks and belt. Information on other clothing and equipment needs will be provided to each registered participant prior to the course.



Advanced Leadership Training

**For all Adult Leaders in
Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venturing and
Sea Scout Programs**

**District or Council
Leadership positions, or Scouting
Professionals**

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Who May Attend Wood Badge?

Wood Badge is designed to meet the advanced leadership needs of all Scouters, particularly Cub Leaders, Scoutmasters and Assistants, Varsity Team Leaders, Venturing Crew Advisors, Committee Chairs and other unit, district, council, and professional adults in leadership positions.

How do I qualify?

It's simple! To qualify, you must:

1. Be a **registered** member of the Boy Scouts of America, and
2. Have completed all the **basic training** courses for your Scouting position – this includes New Leader Essentials and the appropriate Leader Specific Training for all unit, district or council level leader positions (Older versions of leader training courses are acceptable too.), and
3. Have completed the **outdoor skills** program if there is one appropriate for your Scouting position (Introduction to Outdoor Leadership for Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, Varsity Coaches and Assistants), and
4. Be capable of functioning safely in an **outdoor camping environment**, and
5. Have successfully completed a Sections A, B, and C of the **Annual BSA Health and Medical Record**, signed by a physician, prior to the start of the course, and
6. Have the **Scouting commitment** to complete both the Wood Badge practical experience and application phase in the specified time.



"Back to Gilwell, happy land"

Wood Badge: A Two-Step Process...

Practical Experience:

Wood Badge is a two-step process, beginning with six days of practical experiences, consisting of three days focused primarily on indoor experience followed by another three days of outdoor experience. Those participating are exposed to leadership and team-building skills as they apply primarily to adults; but the training parallels the same skills and terminology taught by the National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT). Through living in a Scouting atmosphere for an extended period of time, Wood Badge Scouters develop a deeper understanding of the Scouting program, its leadership skills and its methods. They learn that when these skills are applied, along with BSA values, that they can have a profound influence on the lives of the youths in our communities.

To demonstrate an understanding of the leadership skills taught at the course, each participant writes their vision of their future in scouting outlining how they will apply the leadership lessons learned in their specific role in Scouting after the practical experience. The steps to achieve their vision are called a **ticket**.

Application Phase:

The outdoor experience is followed by a period of up to **eighteen months** during which the Scouter applies the skills learned during the practical experience in his or her Scouting position – at the unit, district, or council level. Through this period, each Scouter is assigned a counselor who acts as a resource, evaluator, and Scouting mentor to assist the participant in putting into action those points discussed during the course. This is demonstrated by the process known as **working your ticket**.

Once the ticket is completed to the mutual satisfaction of the participant and the counselor, the Wood Badge Award is presented.

What others have said:

- "Wood Badge was intense; but it changed my life."
- "This is truly one of the hidden treasures in Scouting!"
- "I should have done this years ago. What a difference I could have made in the lives of so many boys."
- "If you haven't already, I encourage you to sign up now for the next Wood Badge course."
- "I'm not easily inspired these days. This course moved me."

Presented by the National Capital Area Council



What Takes Place?

An overall inspirational experience that helps provide Scouting with the leadership it needs now.

Our course incorporates the traditions of over 80 years of Wood Badge, while adding the management and leadership training necessary to become a successful leader. Wood Badge is more than a classroom; it's entertaining, fun games, hands-on projects, team building, and inspirational events. You will come away with an appreciation of Scouting's heritage, as well as a vision of the role you will play in its future, and the impact you will make on the youth in your own unit, the district and our council. Participation in this course will provide skills to help you achieve success in other aspects of your life... like home, or in your career! The course is a 2-weekend, fun-filled *practical training* period where the Scouter lives as a member of a team progressing through Scouting, and learning the skills of leadership. The application phase is completed at home, by implementing the skills you just learned in accomplishing a series of written goals focused on each person's real life role in Scouting.

As a result of attending Wood Badge, participants will be able to:

- View Scouting globally, as a family of interrelated values-based programs that provide age-appropriate activities for youth;
- Recognize the leadership concepts utilized in corporate America and leading government organizations that are relevant to our values-based movement;
- Apply the skills learned from their participation as a member of a successful working team;
- Revitalize their commitment by sharing in an overall inspirational experience that helps provide Scouting with the leadership it needs to accomplish its mission; and
- Begin to contribute their own legacy to our continuing history in Scouting.

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Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills - IOLS

IOLS is one of two training courses needed for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters to qualify as trained leaders. The other required course is Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training (SPST). Adults do not need to have completed SPST in order to take IOLS, and completing IOLS satisfies a prerequisite for attending the top training for Scout leaders, Wood Badge. Lastly, IOLS is a great training opportunity for Venturing Advisors, 2nd Year Webelos Leaders, Troop Committee members and others who desire to improve their ability to help teach basic outdoor skills.

At IOLS, participants will learn about first aid, camp set-up, cooking, woods tools, knots and lashing, campfire programs, map & compass skills, hiking & packing, leaf identification, leave-no-trace, how the youth led troop and the patrol method work in the outdoor program – necessary outdoor leadership skills in a Scout troop. The goal is that participants will know how to show your Scouts outdoor skills needed to fulfill rank requirements through First Class.

BALOO stands for Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation

BALOO is the introductory training Cub Scout leaders should complete before taking Cub Scouts on an overnight camping trip. Recent updates to this two-part course make the content more impactful, useful and convenient. The new BALOO combines the previous BALOO and a course called Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders, or OWL.

As of Feb. 28, 2018, OWL is no more. The OWL training code — C33 — has been retired. The training code for the new, hybrid BALOO is C32.

Who should take BALOO?

The BSA requires that you have at least one BALOO-trained adult on every Cub Scout den or pack overnight outdoor event. That include pack camping and Webelos den overnights. A BALOO-trained leader should be at any overnights regardless of whether it is a pack, district or council event.

Having at least one BALOO-trained adult will make your Cub Scouts' camping experience as awesome as it can be.

Why should I take BALOO?

Leaders who complete BALOO training are better prepared to plan pack den or pack overnight events. You'll learn how to make camping activities and outings fun. You'll discover how to keep your Cub Scouts safe and entertained. And you'll learn how to plan an event that's rooted firmly in Cub Scouting's principles.

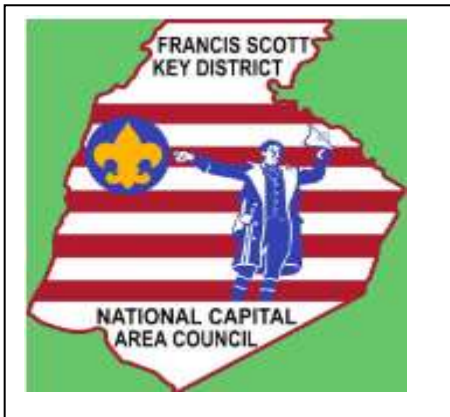
Successful experiences in the outdoors make Cub Scouts — and their parents — more likely to keep coming back.



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Francis Scott Key District will offer BALOO and IOLS

May 17-19, 2019

More detail and registration is found here:

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-iols2019>





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Colonial District Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)

This spring training course will be a combined IOLS and Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)

WHO: Cub Scouters, WEBELOS Leaders, Arrow of Light Leaders, Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, Crew Advisors, Associate Crew Advisors who need to complete their program-specific training requirements, as well as those other adult volunteers who want to help with the outdoor program activities and basic advancement skills.

WHAT: Instruction designed to hone outdoor skills, following a mix of classroom and experiential formats using the Den and Patrol methods focusing on safety & risk, unit structure, event planning, camping, Scout craft skills, Outdoor Ethics, and outdoor cooking. Partially fulfills the training requirements for Cub Scouters, WEBELOS Leaders, Arrow of Light Leaders, Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Venture Crew Advisor, and Assistant Venture Crew Advisor positions.

WHEN: Classroom Session – Wednesday, May 15
7:30pm - 10:30pm; Heritage Presbyterian Church
8503 Fort Hunt Rd, Alexandria, VA 22308

Weekend Session – starts at 5:00 pm, Saturday, May 18 and runs through 5:00 pm, Sunday, May 19 at Gunston Hall, Lorton VA

Course Prerequisites: *To complete the IOLS/BALOO training, there are some prerequisites that are necessary before the classroom session on May 15. Those requirements can be found here online.*

Bring to the classroom session: your favorite compass and your wear Field Uniform ("Class-A") if you have one. The Overnight packing list will be provided during the Classroom Session

COURSE FEE: The fee for the course registration is \$10.00 to cover the venue rental and program costs. Participants must bring \$20.00 in cash (or a blank check) to cover the food cost. The actual cost shall be based on the final purchase costs and the number of course participants.

Click the **REGISTER** button above

Questions may be directed to the Colonial District Training Chair, Dominick Caridi at DSCScouting@aol.com

Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-25515>



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George Mason Training Team will come to you and provide Training!

Contact Roy DeLauder eaglescout.roy@cox.net for scheduling

Mon April 1, 2019 ... **Congratulations** to these dedicated troop leaders from four different troops for completing S24 SM/ASM Position-Specific Training in two Monday evening sessions. Thank you to my co-trainers from the George Mason District Training Team - Michael Schenaker and Mark Serfass.





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National Commissioner's Minute

"Ensuring a great Scouting experience" has been my mantra as your national commissioner. So many good things have been happening across the country that make these great Scouting experiences a reality. Thank you for all you have been doing.

Every day there is a new opportunity for kids to have a great experience. More boys and girls all over the country are participating in Scouting and growing and learning as a result. I've excited to see the new opportunities for kids. See Scouts, Venturing, STEM, girls in packs and troops—the list goes on.

And let them see our opportunity to serve. Today more than ever we need commissioners actively serving their units, making sure that kids are getting that great Scouting experience we all want them to have.

All of us have had a great Scouting experience—that is the reason we are commissioners now. We want to be sure today's youth have those same experiences.

So take a moment. Think back. What are some of your great Scouting memories?

Choose one.

Savor the memory for a moment.

What was it about that experience that made it so wonderful?

Make sure the units you serve are providing those same things—strong, connected leaders of character who are building competence and confidence. That's what makes Scouting great. That's what we're going for.



Elise Munson
National Commissioner
emunson@scouting.org

Just a quick note to let you know that [the Winter 2019 Edition of The Commissioner Is now available on scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org/commissioners).

Scouting is all about the units. And in this issue, the National Commissioner Service Team focuses on how commissioners can help sustain those units—from identifying and recruiting great commissioners and developing commissioners' skills to improving communication with unit leadership and delivering and documenting effective roundtables.

Also, in this issue:

The National Commissioner Service Team welcomes two new members to focus on starting and sustaining units and on programs.

Starting and Sustaining Units Chair Sue Simmons outlines the different ways unit and district commissioners can provide support to units.

Commissioner Technology Chair Rick Hillenbrand shares how technology can be used to help sustain units—from the perspective of both a unit commissioner and an administrative commissioner.

Resources Chair Darlene Sprague answers some great questions from the field.



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BRAND NEW OA WIPIT Website – Check it Out!

Wipit470.org

The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's national honor society. Since its founding in 1915, the Order of the Arrow has recognized campers – Scouts and Scouters – who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. The Order has three purposes:

- Promoting responsible outdoor adventure
- Developing leaders
- Crystallizing the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

Scouts from the National Capital Area Council who are inducted into the Order of the Arrow become members of Amangamek-Wipit Lodge #470, an organization offering outdoor adventure and service opportunities. Amangamek-Wipit, which is part of the Northeast Region and Section NE-6A, serves almost 4,300 Arrowmen from the Council's chapters.

It's time to renew your Lodge Membership!

To be a member of Amangamek-Wipit Lodge and the Order of the Arrow, you must be a registered Scout or Scouter and pay lodge dues of \$16 annually. Membership ensures your invitation to all chapter/lodge events and includes a subscription to the quarterly *Lodge Shark's Tooth* newsletter, which will be imprinted with your OA ID number and BSA ID number.

Your 2019 dues can be paid online at <https://dues.wipit470.org>

Membership Transfers and Membership Reactivation: [Membership Info](#)

Membership questions can be emailed to: membership@wipit470.org



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The George Mason OA Chapter Supported the NCAC Commissioner College

Sat March 9, 2019, at the 2019 NCAC Commissioner College ... Very grateful for the support of arrowmen from VA Central Area, especially George Mason OA Chapter for conducting the opening flag ceremony, and for all their hard work and cheerful service to set up, clean up, and help in the kitchen with Eagle Scout Chef George Costigan III to prepare breakfast for 70 and lunch for over 200 registered attendees.

(L-R) VA Central Area Chief Joseph L, Lodge Adviser Don Durbin, Lodge Health & Safety Chair Chris S, Former Lodge Chief Nate Dudley, Lodge Health & Safety Adviser Tim Farr. (Not pictured : VA Central Area Adviser Chris Marston and Lodge Training Adviser John Merchant). Wonderful having former OA Lodge Adviser [Gary Carroll](#) attending as the staff advisor to the National Commissioner Service Team.





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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 are listed below:

- [Parktakes](#) - Various MBs
- [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 only - just the applicant's initials and signature),
- [Background Check Authorization](#) (Page 15),
- [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:

Rus Pittman at (571) 354-7378, gm.mb.dean@hotmail.com



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2019 OFFERINGS

BACK COUNTRY OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS - BCOLS

DON'T BE THIS GUY



GET BCOLS TRAINED!

This course was developed by a group of Scouters in 1993; it has been continually updated to meet current techniques and technology. It is aimed at all adults working with older youth regardless of program (Boy Scouting, Venturing, or Exploring). **This training IS NOT recommended for Cub Scout leaders or people without camping experience.** All participants are strongly encouraged to complete Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, as well as the position-specific training for their program area (Venturing or, Boy Scout) prior to attending this course. All participants must be able to meet current physical requirements of the BSA Annual Health & Medical Record.

The target audience is adult leaders planning High Adventure treks at backcountry venues not supported by BSA infrastructure; however, units planning to attend High Adventure bases supported by BSA will find this course useful, inasmuch as unit shakedown will, most likely, take place in venues not supported by BSA infrastructure. If you are participating in an NCAC-sponsored High Adventure Trek, you must also take the course offered by the NCAC High Adventure Committee.

Youth participants (16 and up) will be admitted on an individual basis and requires the nomination by the unit leader. Youth must have completed unit leadership training (Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops or Crews, etc.). National Youth Leadership Training is strongly recommended.

FALL 2019 – VIRGINIA – BOTH SESSIONS ARE REQUIRED:

Classroom: Sat. 9/28 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Heritage Presbyterian Church

8503 Fort Hunt Road

Alexandria, VA 22308

Overnight: Sat. 10/12, 7:30 AM thru Sun. 10/13, 1:30 PM

Camp Big Mac

12647 Moss Hollow Road

Markham, VA 22643



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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Working With Older Youth ● Leadership Skills ● Team Development ● Leave No Trace ● Water Treatment ●
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stove Maintenance ● Risk Management ● Equipment Maintenance ● Crew Equipment Needs & Selection ●
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Personal Equipment Needs & Selection ● Terrain Awareness & Land Navigation ● Menu Planning & Clean-up ●
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hygiene & Health ● Resources ● On The Trail Tips ● Wilderness First Aid Overview ● HA Planning

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

BCOLS (cont.)

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

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

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/training/back-country-leadership-skills/>

Class size limited to 40. Adults receive preference. Fee is \$50.00

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



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2019 Aquatics Programs



Safe Swim Defense (SSD) and Safety Afloat (SA) Training



What: BSA Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat training is required for any BSA unit conducting swimming or boating activities.

Who: Adult leaders supervising a swimming/boating activity must have completed Safe Swim Defense/Safety Afloat training within the previous two years.

Where: SSD and SA training is available online at my.scouting.org. NCAC also offers this training at Pow Wow and University of Scouting. The in-person training must be presented by qualified trainers. You can contact the NCAC Aquatics Committee to have the training at your District Roundtable.

When: University of Scouting—Feb 23 2019
Pow Wow – Fall 2019

Pre camp swim classification tests

What: This is an opportunity for your unit to have your annual BSA swim classification check done under the supervision of NCAC-approved aquatics personnel.

Who: Any NCAC unit (Pack, Troops and Crews).

Up to 20 tests per 30 minute session

Where: Camp Snyder pool, Haymarket VA

When: May 19. 30 min blocks starting at 1pm, last session starting at 4pm

Cost: \$3 per participant
Registration deadline: May 13



BSA Aquatics Supervision Training

Swimming and Water Rescue Training

What: This is the hands-on in-water training that is recommended in Safe Swim Defense guidelines for anyone who supervises Scout swimming activities. This course certifies leaders to conduct BSA swim classification tests and gives leaders the confidence in their water rescue capabilities needed to safely conduct swimming activities. This course replaced BSA Lifeguard as the training for unit leaders supervising unit swimming activities. This training is available at Camp Snyder and at Goshen Scout Reservation camp waterfronts during 2019 summer camp season.

Who: Older youth (min. 15 years old) and adult leaders.

Cost: \$30 + \$30 for the required textbook: BSA's Aquatics Supervision

Where/When: June 1 2019, 9am-5pm Camp William B. Snyder. Registration deadline: May 27

August 10 2019, 9am-5pm Camp William B. Snyder. Registration deadline: Aug 5

Paddle Craft Safety Training

What: This the hands-on training that is recommended in Safety Afloat guidelines for anyone conducting Scout boating activities. Two versions of the course are offered: The Basic course covers flat water introductory boating skills and basic trip planning. The River course includes skills and knowledge development that are required for conducting trips on moving water. The Basic course is a prerequisite for the moving water course.

Who: Older youth (min. 15 years old) and adult leaders.

These courses are required for any NCAC Scouters who are leading James River Canoe Treks out of the Lenhok'sin High Adventure Camp.

Where/When:

Basic sessions: May 4 2019, 9am-5pm Camp William B. Snyder. Registration deadline: April 29

September 21 2019, 9am-5pm Camp William B. Snyder. Registration deadline: Sept 16

Cost: \$30 + \$30 for the required textbook: BSA's Aquatics Supervision

River sessions:

May 5 2019, 9am-5pm Potomac River. Registration deadline: April 29

September 22 2019, 9am-5pm Potomac River. Registration deadline: Sept 16

Cost: \$50

BSA Aquatics Awards.

Find the requirements at: www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/aquatics/

These awards are available for any Scouts BSA-aged youth or adult.

To work on any of these awards outside of Summer Camp, contact:


Board Sailing BSA. Mr. Bob Brandel 571-220-2178 rbrandel@gmail.com

Mile Swim BSA. Mr. Chuck Frizzelle 703-439-0514 frizzelle04@yahoo.com

Snorkeling BSA, Scuba BSA – Mr. Mike Meenehan 703-400-2176 mmmeenehan@cox.net

BSA Standup Paddleboarding, Kayaking BSA—Mr. Chris Stec 828-329-3404 cstec@americancanoe.org





Canoeing Merit Badge Counselor Training

This training is held as an add-on component to the in-water Paddle Craft Safety Basic sessions. See www.ncacbsa.org/aquatics for more information and to register

Register for any of these programs at www.ncacbsa.org/aquatics



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Want to help with aquatics for youth in our area?

Consider joining our NCAC Aquatics Committee

We meet 4 times per year:
Mar 7 2019 Bethesda MD
Jun 9 2019 Haymarket VA
Sep 5 2019 Bethesda MD
Dec 5 2019 Fairfax VA



BSA & American Red Cross Lifeguard Training

What: BSA Lifeguard is professional level training that meets the requirements of government agencies for professional lifeguards at regulated swimming activities. The course includes American Red Cross Lifeguarding certification in addition to BSA Lifeguard certification. Those who want to work the waterfront at BSA summer camp need this training.

Who: The program is open to all registered adults and older youth (minimum age 15). Strong swimming skills are required. The course includes 7 1/2 hours of online pre-work that must be completed before the first class session on May 18.

How: This course includes the Red Cross blended-learning Lifeguarding course. This requires participants to complete 7 1/2 hours of online training at their convenience before the May 18 session. The online training allows us to minimize the classroom lecture time.

When/Where: April 28; 1pm-3pm – pre requisite swim test and course orientation at local pool
May 18, 19, 25; 9am-5pm – course dates at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA.

You must attend all sessions to complete the course!

Cost: \$150

Registration deadline: April 26



BSA/Red Cross Lifeguard Crossover Course

What/Who: Do you already have either BSA or Red Cross lifeguard certification and want to also earn the other certification? Then our crossover course is what you need. This abbreviated lifeguard course will test your lifeguarding skills and knowledge to ensure you have met each organization's training requirements.

When: August 10 & 11 2019 at Camp Snyder 9am – 6pm

Registration deadline: August 5 2019

Cost: \$50 + \$20 if you don't have the required gear (CPR mask, hip pack, whistle with breakaway lanyard)

Prerequisite: Valid BSA or American Red Cross lifeguard certification.

CPR/AED Pro and First Aid Training



What: This is the CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer and First Aid training that is required for BSA Lifeguard requirement #6. This training is not usually included in BSA Lifeguard courses taught at summer camp. The course uses the Red Cross blended-learning version where you complete online work before the in-person skills session. Successful completion earns 2 American Red Cross course certifications. Minimum age 15 years old. **Cost:** \$65 + \$10 for CPR mask (if you need one)

When/Where: April 13 2019, 9am-1pm, Fairfax Presbyterian Church. Registration deadline: April 8
September 14 2019, 9am-1pm, Camp William B. Snyder. Registration deadline: Sept 9

Maximum registrations: 6

Camp Snyder Aquatics Work Day—Saturday, May 4 2019
Come out and help us get Camp Snyder's pool and waterfront ready for a summer full of aquatics fun! Contact Mike mmmeenehan@cox.net



Scuba certification and Scuba Diving merit badge



What: PADI open water scuba certification and the BSA Scuba Diving merit badge.

Who: For any Scouts BSA-aged youth or adult leader.

Where: Camp Snyder & local quarry

When: Aug 4 1-3pm; Aug 17 & 18 9am-5pm, Aug 24 & 25 9am-1pm; **Cost:** \$600 (includes all equipment); Aug 25 Scuba diving merit badge session only - \$5

Registration deadline: July 29. Required forms are available on the registration site

Scuba BSA

What: This is an introductory/try-it scuba experience.

Who: Any Scouts BSA-aged youth or adult

Maximum 8 participants per session

Where: Camp Snyder pool

When: May 25. 1.5 hour sessions at 1, 2:30, and 4pm

Cost: \$25 (includes all equipment)

Registration deadline: May 20 Required medical release form is available from the registration page



Aquatics Merit Badge Completion Day

Did you end up with partial aquatics merit badges (swimming or lifesaving) at camp this summer? Then come to Camp Snyder on Saturday August 17 to complete those requirements. We will have trained BSA aquatics instructors there to work with you on your remaining requirements. Registration deadline is August 12. Cost is \$10 per person.



Labor Day Weekend
Lake Phoenix, VA

Register for any of these programs at www.ncacbsa.org/aquatics For more information contact Mike Meenehan 703-400-2176 mmmeenehan@cox.net

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NCAC Powder Horn 2019

High Adventure Skills Resources Management Course

August 24 – 26, Need to attend all three days - Camp St. Charles, Newberg, MD

What is Powder Horn? Powder Horn is a resource course designed to introduce Scouting's adult leaders to exciting program possibilities using a variety of resources for their unit. It helps leaders to provide a robust outdoor program that meets the health and safety requirements as well as the rules and regulations of the BSA as they apply to outdoor programs. The goal for participants is to leave the Powder Horn course with a list of ideas to help their program, along with contacts and resources needed to implement them. It is important to understand that Powder Horn is not a personal development course or a team building experience. It is not a certification course. Its purpose is to educate the youth and adult Scouting leaders about specific high-adventure skills, to connect them to resources to deliver those skills, and to get them excited about delivering those skills in an exciting, challenging way to youth.

Who can attend Powder Horn?

All registered adult leaders are welcome. All participants must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. Adults must have completed Leader Specific Training for their registered position. All youth applications will be placed on a wait list until all adult applications are processed. Youth participants (14 and up) will be admitted on an individual basis and requires the completion of the Powder Horn Youth Application Addendum which includes the nomination by the unit leader. Youth must have completed their unit's version of leadership training (Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops or Crews, etc.). National Youth Leadership Training is recommended.

What will we do? Powder Horn is organized around the BSA's High Adventure elements. Topics may include:

Archery	Emergency Preparedness	Rifle - Pistol	COPE Challenge Course
Astronomy	Fly Fishing	Sailing	Ecology
Canoe	GPS - Geocaching	Scuba	Scuba
Caving	Hunting	Search and Rescue	Youth Development
Communications	Kayaking	Stem	Winter Sports
Conservation	Leadership Lessons on Film	Wilderness Survival	Mountain Biking

What is the Course Size? The course is limited to 40 participants.

- Adult registrations will be accepted on a first come-first served basis to fill the 40 participant positions and, when those are filled, adult applicants will be placed on a waiting list in case of cancellation.
- We are not able to accept youth registration on a first come-first served basis. All youth will be placed on a wait-list and asked to complete the Powder Horn Youth Application Addendum via email. The addendum will be used to evaluate all youth registrations. Youth will be notified of the status of their application by June 7, 2019. Thank you for your consideration and understanding as we need to service all members of the Council.

How Do I Register? Registration opens Friday, February 1, 2019 and closes on June 3, 2019. The fee is **\$300.00**. Fees will only be refunded if you cancel before July 1, 2019 **AND** there is someone on the waiting list willing to take your place. Register at <http://www.ncacbsa.org/powder-horn> or <http://www.ncacbsa.org/training/powder-horn> or go to the NCAC website, click on the training tab and then click on Powder Horn. You will need to register with your BSA Identification Number.

NCAC Powder Horn Coordinator: Dominick Caridi, DscScouting@aol.com // 703-625-4196



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For complete Application information visit <http://www.summitbsa.org/jobs/>

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.



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Are you a Cub Adult Leader with two years of Tenure and completed the following?

- Complete at least two years of tenure as a registered adult leader in a Cub Scout pack – **Any Adult Position**.
- Complete [basic training](#) for any Cub Scout leader position.
- Complete [This Is Scouting](#) training.
- Attend a pow wow or university of Scouting (or equivalent), or attend at least four roundtables (or equivalent) during each year of the tenure used for this award.
- Participate in an annual pack planning meeting in each year.
- Serve as an adult leader in a pack that achieves at least the Bronze level of [Journey to Excellence](#) in each year.
- Give primary leadership in meeting at least one pack [Journey to Excellence](#) objective in each year.
- Participate in at least one additional supplemental or advanced training event at the council, area, region, or national level during the two years – Pow Wow Oct 26, 2019, University of Scouting Feb 23, 2019, BALOO, Wood Badge

Then fill this out: [Cub Scout PDF](#) and email to: eaglescout.roy@cox.net

Are you a Boy Scout Leader with two years of Tenure and completed the following?

- Complete at least two years of tenure as a registered adult leader in a Troop – **Any Adult Position**.
- Complete [basic training](#) for any Boy Scout leader position.
- Complete [This Is Scouting](#) training.
- Attend a university of Scouting (or equivalent), or attend at least four roundtables (or equivalent) during each year of the tenure used for this award.
- Participate in an annual troop planning meeting in each year.
- Serve as an adult leader in a troop that achieves at least the Bronze level of [Journey to Excellence](#) in each year. The Quality Unit Award was acceptable if the tenure used was prior to 2011.
- Give primary leadership in meeting at least one troop [Journey to Excellence](#) objective in each year.
- Participate in at least one additional supplemental or advanced training event at the council, area, region, or national level during the two years – University of Scouting Feb 23, 2019, BALOO, Wood Badge, BCOLS, Powder Horn

Then fill this out: [Boy Scout PDF](#) and email to: eaglescout.roy@cox.net



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George Mason Order of The Arrow – 2019 Spring Initiation

[George Mason OA Ordeal Registration Link](#)

George Mason Troops will elect their OA candidates for 2019 between November 2018 and April 1, 2019. Once a youth becomes an elected candidate, they need to participate in a weekend member Initiation which includes the Ordeal.

In Spring 2019 the George Mason/Patriot combined Chapter Initiation will be May 10-12 2019 at Camp Snyder. George Mason OA will send postal letters to each elected candidate providing information about the Initiation. Online registration will become available closer to the Initiation weekend.

In Fall 2019, the Area Initiation will be Oct 4-6 2019 at Camp Snyder. Colonial, Patriot, George Mason, Old Dominion and Chain Bridge OA Chapters will come together to hold the Virginia Central Area initiation.

The George Mason Chapter sends out a monthly newsletter with more OA news. Look for your newsletter.

Here are the OA 2019 Initiation Weekend (Ordeal/Brotherhood) dates:

- **May 10-12, 2019 Spring Ordeal at Snyder, Haymarket, VA**
- Oct 4-6, 2019 Fall Area Ordeal at Snyder, Haymarket, VA

2019 Lodge Events

- May 17-19 2019 Section Conclave – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- Sept 20-22 2019 Fall Fellowship – Goshen, VA

Ordeal Members:

Unit Leaders: Do you have Arrowmen, youth or adults, that have been Ordeal Members for 10 months or more?

If so, please highly encourage them to attend the May 10-12 Ordeal to help with the Initiation Weekend and take their Brotherhood Saturday May 11

[George Mason OA Ordeal Registration Link](#)



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NYLT

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) equips young people with leadership skills to help them succeed in their Scouting program and in life. NYLT brings together Scouts from all over the council to learn and practice leadership techniques in a risk free, Scout-friendly environment. The Scouts learn and practice leadership skills and styles together.

6 DAYS OF FUN & ADVENTURE
TEAMWORK • GAMES • FOOD
CHALLENGES • CAMPING • LEARNING

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?
 NYLT is for Scouts who are likely to take on leadership positions in their Troop, Crew, Ship or home unit.

REQUIREMENTS

- 14 years or older (13 with permission)
- First Class Rank
- Scoutmaster approval
- Completed ILST*
- BSA Med Form: Parts A, B & C

NYLT is an *intense* course for *mature* Scouts who want to become *better* leaders. Scouts must be *respectful* of each other and their actions must be consistent with the *Scout Oath and Law*.

* Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST), Crews (ILSC), or Ships (ILSS)

COURSE DATES

- ☉ 19-21 January & 16-18 February
Camp William B. Snyder
(Must complete both weekends)
- ☉ 16-21 June 2019
Cheltenham, MD
- ☉ 23-28 June 2019
Cheltenham, MD
- ☉ 28 July-2 August 2019
Camp William B. Snyder
- ☉ 4-9 August 2019
Camp William B. Snyder

REGISTRATION AND MORE INFORMATION:
www.myNYLT.org

"It is only when you know a boy's environment that you can know what influences to bring to bear." *B.P.*



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Leave No Trace Trainer Course – BSA Outdoor Ethics



What is the purpose of this class? The Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing, and Sea Scout programs all include outdoor stewardship, care for the environment, and Leave No Trace as part of their programs. This course is offered to train adults and youth aged 14+ to serve their units and districts as Leave No Trace Trainers and as Outdoor Ethics Guides. Every Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing, and Sea Scout unit should have *at least* one Leave No Trace/Outdoor Ethics Trainer. We recommend that Boy Scouts complete this course before serving in the troop Outdoor Ethics Guide position.

Who should attend? Venturers, Sea Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Boy Scouts aged 14+; adult Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity, Venturing, and Sea Scout leaders; and District and Council leaders and trainers.

What will I learn? This course is designed to enhance your understanding of Leave No Trace practices and outdoor ethics, and to increase your level of expertise and confidence in teaching Leave No Trace skills. This class is both active and highly interactive. You will be introduced to concepts and methods that will advance your knowledge of Leave No Trace issues in both developed and high adventure environments, expand your repertoire of low-impact skills, and increase your effectiveness in teaching these important skills to others.

On completion of this course, participants will be registered as Leave No Trace Trainers with the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics and with the BSA. Students will receive Leave No Trace teaching materials, a certificate of course completion, a Leave No Trace Trainer lapel pin, and a BSA Leave No Trace Trainer card.

This course is instructed by nationally designated Leave No Trace Master Educators and Trainers.



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2019 Program Year Course Offerings

<p>LNT Trainer Course Location: Germantown MD Spring 2019: April 5 (5pm) to 7 (12noon) Fall 2019: September 20 (5pm) to 22 (12noon) Cost: \$50, non-refundable, which includes fees and materials. Meals <i>are not</i> included. Contact: Paul Schimke at paul@schimke.org or 301-906-0069</p>	<p>LNT Trainer Course Location: Northern VA Spring 2019: March 30 (8:30am) to 31 (12 noon) at Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA Fall 2019: October 19 (8:30am) to 20 (12 noon) at Sky Meadows State Park (backpacking format) Cost: \$50, non-refundable, which includes fees and materials. Meals <i>are not</i> included. Contact: Victor Bieniek at vbieniek@gmail.com or 703-855-8428 (cell)</p>
<p>LNT Trainer Course Location: Southern MD June 1, 2019 (8:30am) to June 2, 2019 (12noon) 2900 Camp Hedges Place, Bryans Road, MD 20616 Cost: \$65, meals are included. Contact: Mike Strong at stronbsart@gmail.com (301) 861-6568 (cell)</p>	<p>Leave No Trace Master Educator Course (offered every two years) May 3-5, May 16-19, 2019 Contact: Victor Bieniek at vbieniek@gmail.com</p>

[Registration for all courses is via the NCAC website.](#)



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Leave No Trace Master Educator Course



"The Boy Scouts of America has adopted the principles of Leave No Trace, which are easy to learn and apply. Every outing and activity should be conducted with Leave No Trace in mind. As young people mature, we will enjoy an increasingly beautiful environment because of the impact of their training in Leave No Trace. As members of the Boy Scouts of America, we should be good stewards of our environment through knowledgeable use of resources. ... We all must take responsibility for our decisions when we use the outdoors, and we should treat the environment with respect so future generations can enjoy the outdoors as we do today." - Teaching Leave No Trace (BSA No. 21-117)

This five-day course (split over two weekends) trains Scouts and Scouters ages 18 and up to serve as Leave No Trace Master Educators. Master Educators can conduct Leave No Trace Trainer courses (two-day) and awareness workshops (one-day or shorter).

This invaluable training is recognized and highly regarded throughout the world, especially by the outdoor industry, as well as government land management agencies. Successful graduates are certified to train others in Leave No Trace skills and ethics. The Master Educator Course provides participants with a comprehensive training in Leave No Trace skills and ethics through practical application in a field-based setting. The first weekend is a mix of classroom and outdoor instruction, introducing the course and schedule, providing in-depth information on the overall Leave No Trace program, how to conduct training courses, and the science behind the Leave No Trace principles. The second weekend is spent in the field on a short backcountry trip, learning and practicing Leave No Trace skills and techniques hands-on.

Each course is staffed with a minimum of two highly experienced outdoor professionals who are Master Educator instructors. Participants will learn Leave No Trace techniques through skits, discussions, and hands-on activities. To practice Leave No Trace teaching strategies in a supportive, educational environment, each participant will teach a short session focused on the seven Leave No Trace principles.

- Prerequisite: Leave No Trace Trainer or approval from Council Outdoor Ethics Advocate
- Instructed by: Nationally-designated Leave No Trace Master Educator Instructors
- Participants receive: Leave No Trace Master Educator card from BSA, BSA Leave No Trace Master Educator Handbook, Leave No Trace Master Educator patch and lapel pin, a certificate from the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics, and National Park Service Leave No Trace DVD courtesy of the National Park Service.

Cost \$ 290—Includes facilities fees, meals for both weekends, educational materials, and the LNT Center for Outdoor Ethics Membership fee. Attendance at both weekends is required. Campsite location, equipment list and other course details will be emailed out to all participants once registration is underway.

Register at the [NCAC website](#). Registration deadline for the course is March 31, 2019.

Contact Victor Bieniek for information at vbieniek@gmail.com or 703-855-8428 (cell)

<p>First Weekend Friday, May 3, 2019, 6pm – Sunday, May 5, 1pm TBD – Northern Virginia</p>	<p>Second Weekend Thursday, May 16, 2019, 3pm – Sunday, May 19, 2pm Location is currently TBD</p>
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Your Youth Leadership Already Took NYLT –
What Training Opportunities Exist Next?

**NATIONAL
ADVANCED YOUTH
LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience

**PHILMONT
LEADERSHIP
CHALLENGE**

**Philmont Leadership
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For Youth: NAYLE

National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience



WHAT IS NAYLE?

The National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) is the ultimate in training experiences for youth leaders, both young men and women. It is conducted for older Scouts who have the potential for being on the staff of the council youth leader training conference (NYLT) and other advanced training courses.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

NAYLE is a very special experience. You will camp in a team setting that enables participants to use their leadership skills to resolve challenging situations. The week concludes with a closing challenge for each Scout to use what they will learn in service to others.

WHAT WILL I TAKE HOME FROM NAYLE?

- The skill, ability, and motivation to be a dynamic and effective leader taught through advanced, practical applications of National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) skills.
- Innovative techniques to deliver NYLT skills to units and councils.
- Nationwide resources including new ideas and contacts that can only be gained through a program of this type.
- Personal written commitment to apply NAYLE skills back home.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO ATTEND?

- Completion of Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops or Crews (ILST or ILSC) and National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT).
- Participants must meet Philmont's backcountry physical standards as specified in the BSA Health and Medical Record (Parts A, B, and C are required).
- Be 14 years of age (or 13 years of age and completed the 8th grade) and not yet 18 (for Scouts) or 21 (for Venture Scouts.)
- Hold a unit leadership position.

Visit: PhilmontScoutRanch.org/NAYLE



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For Adults: PLC

Philmont Leadership Challenge



WHAT IS THE PHILMONT LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE?

Adults learn to internalize and practice their leadership skills in this action-packed backcountry conference. The course hones the skills taught in Wood Badge in an outdoor experiential learning environment. PLC underscores the values of Scouting, teamwork, and servant leadership.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

PLC equips you with the skills to be a true "servant leader." You will camp in a team setting where you will use your Wood Badge leadership skills to resolve exciting and challenging backcountry situations. The course will conclude with a final challenge that demonstrates the skills you will learn.

WHAT WILL I TAKE HOME FROM PLC?

- The skill, ability, and motivation to be a dynamic and effective leader taught through advanced, practical applications of Wood Badge skills.
- Innovative techniques to deliver Wood Badge skills to units and councils.
- Nationwide resources including new ideas and contacts that can only be gained through a program of this type.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO ATTEND?

- The course is open to adults who have completed Wood Badge (may still be working on ticket).
- Participants must meet Philmont's backcountry physical standards as specified in the BSA Health and Medical Record (Parts A, B, and C are required).

Visit: PhilmontScoutRanch.org/PLC



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THE PHILMONT TRAINING CENTER

Established in 1950, the Philmont Training Center serves as the national training center for volunteers and professionals in the Boy Scouts of America. The PTC began hosting NAYLE conferences in 2006 and PLC conferences in 2008. In 2013, NAYLE and PLC moved to the all new Rayado Ridge Leadership Camp.

RAYADO RIDGE LEADERSHIP CAMP

NAYLE and PLC take place at Rayado Ridge Leadership Camp. This camp is located just west of the Kit Carson Museum at Rayado. Rayado Ridge is a prime location for education in Scouting. Its infrastructure is perfect for the learning that takes place during NAYLE and PLC. Amenities include large wall tents, hot water showers, and various buildings with electricity.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

Go to PhilmontTrainingCenter.org
Click the "Register for Philmont Training Center" tab

HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Visit the Philmont Training Center (PTC) website:
PhilmontTrainingCenter.org

Send PTC an email:
TrainingCenter@PhilmontScoutRanch.org

Call the Philmont Training Center:
(575) 376-2281





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Philmont – Recovering from the Fire

On May 31, 2018 the Ute Park Fire began close to the Philmont Scout Ranch property line near Cimarroncita. Over the next few weeks, brave firefighters fought this and several other wildfires around the ranch. Before the fire was even out, people like you stepped up and asked how you could help. Philmont has been overwhelmed by the outpouring of support. To date, we have received more than \$450,000 in donations! Through service projects coordinated by the Philmont Staff Association and the Order of the Arrow more than 150 volunteers will contribute more than 7,200 hours of service to Philmont in support of recovery efforts.

What is Philmont doing to recover?

Philmont is working closely with local, state, and federal resources to help with fire recovery. The plans will involve more than \$1,000,000 in projects over the next 12 months. Philmont has identified three objectives that your donations will be used:

1. Prepare to host crews in 2019
2. Restoration work in the burn
3. Fire mitigation work to reduce the threat of wildfire in the future

Prepare to host crews in 2019

With the severity and location of the Ute Park Fire, Philmont has some work to do in order to ensure the infrastructure will be available to host crews in 2019. We must expand existing campsites, and create several new staff and trail camps.





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Members of the Philmont Conservation Staff are working across the Ranch to install 200 new campsites by this summer. Since January 85 new campsites have been installed.



Prior to 1993, Philmont had a staff camp at Santa Claus. Through the hard work of our maintenance team, the Santa Claus staff cabin was renovated and is ready to welcome crews this summer. Santa Claus will replace Harlan as the shotgun shooting camp. Since Harlan is in the burn scar, this camp will not be used.

Structures at Dean Cow were lost in the fire. The rock-climbing program that was there will be moved to the Chase Cow Camp located on the Chase Ranch. This camp features a historic cabin, beautiful rock features, and corrals. Our maintenance and conservation staff have constructed a yurt platform and will be installing campsites and a water system. Rock climbing routes will be installed as we get closer to the start of the summer season.



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The remains of the Dean Cow Cabin. Philmont lost several structures in this area, including the climbing wall and corrals.



The existing cabin at Chase Cow camp sits in a meadow flanked by ridges and rock features. This historic cabin will be supplemented by a yurt, which will be set up in early June.

Philmont is very thankful for all our neighbors. If it wasn't for them, Philmont crews would not enjoy some amazing hiking opportunities that connect, and enhance, portions of our treks. The Express UU Bar ranch has graciously allowed Philmont to create a new staff camp at Garcia Cow Camp. This camp is near Philmont's southern border



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and will be a living history camp where staff will tell the story of Ernest Thompson Seton, the first Chief Scout of the Boy Scouts of America.

While the commissary and trading post at Ute Gulch sustained minimal damage, the land around the camp was burnt severely, and will not be safe to use this year. The commissary and trading post will be relocated to Cimarroncito.



The fire burned up to the Ute Gulch Cabin, but the building survived with minimal damage.

Restoration work in the burn

The Philmont Conservation Staff and members of the Ranching team are working hard on recovery efforts in the burn. They have several strategies to combat erosion. These plans include reseeding, contour felling, wattle installation, mastication, and the installation of sediment ponds. Work has been slow due to weather, but will be ongoing over the next few months and years. There are safety concerns while working in the burn area, including falling trees and mud/rock slides during rain events. Philmont has been working very closely with local, state, and federal resources to produce a plan that will ensure the long-term success of efforts in the burn. One agency that Philmont is working with is the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) which is helping Philmont administer a grant that provides 75% of the funding while Philmont matches 25%. Philmont is using donations to



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fund it's \$150,000 commitment, which will be matched with \$450,000 in funds from an NRCS grant to provide \$600,000 worth of fire restoration and recovery work.

The photos below show some of the techniques Philmont is using to help restore the burn scar.



Members of the Philmont Recovery Corps work on contour felling. This process uses trees to build a series of contours on a hillside. The logs help catch flowing sediment, creating an area where grass can be planted, take root, and eventually spread. These beds of grass will spread up and down the hillside helping it to stabilize.



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Members of the Philmont Recovery Corps move a log into place for a new contour.



Thanks to an anonymous donor Philmont is the proud owner of a Masticator. This tool is being used for a couple of purposes. In the burn scar, as pictured above, the Masticator helps mulch the burned trees. This layer of mulch helps hold the soil in place and retains moisture to promote growth of new grasses. A much larger masticator will be contracted and will continue more of this work in the burn scar. The donated Masticator is also being used across the rest of the Ranch to produce a similar effect as the timber stand improvement crews by removing vegetation, providing more spacing between trees, and improving wildlife habitat. This is described in more detail below.

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Runoff from the burn scar has filled in Philmont's irrigation ditches. Members of the Ranching team utilize a track hoe to reopen the ditch. Funds raised from the fire recovery have allowed Philmont to rent this track hoe prior to purchasing an appropriately sized one for the long-term recovery of the Ranch.

Fire Mitigation Work

The Ute Park Fire was a high severity fire. Most of it was a Crown Fire, meaning the fire spread from tree top to tree top. This type of fire behavior typically burns at a higher intensity, and usually results the loss of vegetation and can sterilize the soil. The loss of vegetation in combination with steep slopes and highly erodible soil increased the overall impacts that the fire had. Recovery from these types of fires can take decades.

Over the last 110 years, forests across the Western United States have not been allowed to burn. Human involvement in the prevention of fires and modifying the landscape, has altered the natural fire regimes. As result forests have become unnaturally dense and large amounts of fuel have been allowed to accumulate. As a result, catastrophic fires are becoming more and more common across the West. Philmont's goal is to help restore the forest to their natural cycles and historic forest structure through forestry management. This involves reducing stand densities, removing ladder fuels, and creating openings in the forest canopy. The outcome from these forest management practices will result in restoring the form and function of our ecosystems and making them more resilient to fire, insects, and changing climate.



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Treated Forest near Cimarroncito



Untreated Forest near Webster Park

The positive effects of timber stand improvement can be seen here. Where the forest was treated, the fire transitioned to a surface fire. Surface fires remove duff, which in turn increases the amount of grasses, flowers, and other herbaceous species. In the untreated forest, the crown fire kills the trees, and severely impact the soil which makes it more susceptible to erosion.



Philmont has purchased a portable sawmill and is utilizing the trees we are thinning from the forest to create lumber we can use to help rebuild latrines and other structures burnt in the fire.

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Throughout the summer staff worked along the Beaubien Road between the Lover's Leap Turnaround, Miners Park, and Crater Lake camps. The goal is to create a shaded fuel break along this important road that services much of the South Country. Shaded fuel breaks will modify fire behavior from crown fires to surface fires, by increasing the distance between trees and reducing the available fuel. Shaded fuel breaks will allow for safer evacuation routes and give better options to fire managers during a fire.



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This photo shows a stand that is currently being treated next to a stand that is untreated. Notice the increased spacing between trees and the reduced canopy intercept at the bottom of the picture.

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Members of the Philmont Staff Association PhilBreak help move logs to the edge of the road near Hunting Lodge. These logs will be trucked out of the backcountry and used to heat homes in Cimarron and surrounding community.



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Philmont has been working hard to ensure that we are able to provide a quality program to crews coming in 2019 and beyond. There is still a lot of work to do in both the burn scar and the rest of the Ranch in order to ensure the forest can thrive and Philmont can protect the Waite Phillips Legacy. Your donations are helping us to achieve these objectives. We want to thank you for your support. We appreciate this time to educate you as we continue to be good stewards of your donations. We still have much to do and will continue to provide wilderness and learning adventures that last a lifetime. We thank you once again for your past and ongoing support.

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