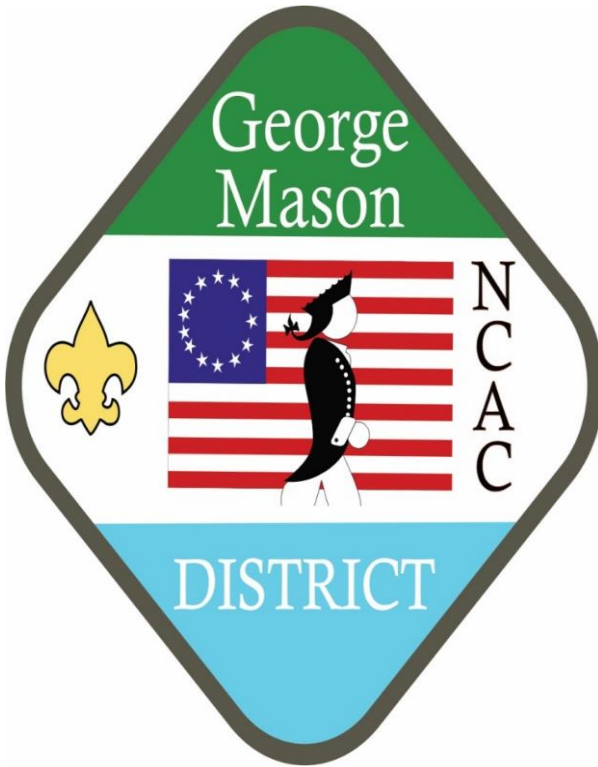




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Welcome to this edition of the George Mason District Press. We e-mail this out bi-monthly to the BSA registered leaders in George Mason District; unit leaders and merit badge counselors – those who have their current YPT.

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. 3/9/2023 –
Thoreau Middle School and Virtual: Roundtable
Meeting at 7:30 pm

USEFUL LINKS:

[NCAC Council Web site](#)

[National BSA](#)

[GMD Web Site](#)

[GMD Upcoming Events](#)

[GMD Roundtable \(PW: GMDRT\)](#)

[GMD Training](#)

[National Order of the Arrow](#)

[wipit470.org](#)

[Pay OA Dues](#)



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Calendar of Events – Links included if available

March 2023:

03/01/2023 – Units without new charters posted become dropped units and members lose access to records in my.scouting.org and Scoutbook – members and units are no longer part of BSA Units without new 2023 Charters posted become dropped and loose BSA insurance coverage and advancement recognition stop

03/03-04/2023 BALOO class Stafford (Aquia District) <https://scoutingevent.com/082-65620>

03/04/2023 – GM Merit Badge Day, Fairfax Presbyterian Church, Fairfax, VA - [MBD](#)

03/04/2023 – [Scout Night – Wizards vs. Toronto Raptors](#), 5pm, Capital One Arena

03/04/2023 & 04/22-23/2023 – BCOLS Training – <https://scoutingevent.com/082-64984>
see flyer below

03/05/2023 – [Scout Day – XFL DC Defenders vs St. Louis Battlehawks](#), 1pm, Audi Field

03/09/2023 – Roundtable, 7:30pm, Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA

03/11-12/2023 Commissioner College In-person March 11/online March 12
<https://scoutingevent.com/082-58351>

03/12/2023 – [STEM Trek](#), Washington, DC

03/14/2023 – Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm, Zoom

03/17/2023 – [Fluid Dynamics & Sky Diving](#) (iFly), Gaithersburg, MD

03/18/2023 – [Kids Trout Fishing Derby](#), Herndon, VA



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March 2023 (cont.):

03/25/2023 – [Family Fishing Rodeo](#), Vienna, VA

03/25/2023 – GMD Pinewood Derby, Fairfax Presbyterian Church, Fairfax, VA

03/29/2023 – District Committee, 7:30pm, Zoom

03/31-04/2/2023 & 04/22-23/2023 Wood Badge Spring 2023 Course [NCAC Wood Badge](#)

03/31/2023 – 04/02/2023 – OA Spring Fellowship, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

April 2023:

04/11/2023 – Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm, Zoom

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

04/14-16/2023 – Spring OA Fellowship – "May the Forest be with You!" Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA.

04/15-16/2023 – BALOO Training – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA.

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-PWDBALOOApr2023>

04/22/2023 – [Girls STEM/STEAM Conference](#), Bowie, MD

04/26/2023 – GM District Committee, 7:30pm, Zoom

04/28-30/2023 - Tri-Chapter (George Mason, Old Dominion, Patriot) Ordeal – April 28-30, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA.

04/30/23 – [Scout Day – Nationals vs Pittsburg Pirates](#), 1:35pm, Nationals Park



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May 2023:

05/5-7/2023 - George Mason Spring Camporee – Theme is Canoeing. Location Antietam, MD. <https://scoutingevent.com/082-66660>

05/05-07/2023 & 06/03-04/2023 Wood Badge Summer 2023 Course [NCAC Wood Badge](#)

05/06/2023 – [IWLA Picnic/Fishing for Children/Adults w/ Disabilities](#)(10am), Centerville, VA

05/06-13/2023 – GMD Hike-O-Ree

05/13/2023 – 05/14/2023 – [Lifeguard Training](#), Brookfield Swim Club, Chantilly, VA

05/13/2023 – [Techstravaganza 2023](#), Alexandria, VA

05/13/2023 – **Jamboree on the Trail (JOTT)**

05/19-21/2023 – 2023 OA Section Conclave, Camp Rodney, MD

05/20/2023 – D.C. United Scout Night <https://fevo.me/boyscoutsdcu>

05/20/2023 – 05/21/2023 – [Lifeguard Training](#), Brookfield Swim Club, Chantilly, VA

05/20/2023 – [Paddle Craft Safety](#) (Still Water), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

05/21/2023 – [Paddle Craft Safety](#) (Moving Water), Riley's Lock, MD

05/29/2023 - **Flags In Memorial Day**, National Memorial Park, Falls Church, VA

05/31/2023 - Unit election season for Order of the Arrow closes



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June 2023:

06/04/2023 – [Pre-Camp Swim Tests](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

06/08/2023 – Program Launch, Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA

06/18-23/2023 – National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) Course 23-2, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA WWW.myNYLT.org

06/22-25/2023 Cub Scout Resident Weekend Camp, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA.

Details below

06/25-30/2023 – National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) Course 23-3, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA WWW.myNYLT.org

06/26-30/2023 Cub Scout Day Camp, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA. www.gotosnyder.org

06/29-07/02/2023 Cub Scout Resident Weekend Camp, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA. www.gotosnyder.org

July 2023:

07/02-08/2023 – Lenhok'sin High Adventure, Goshen Scout Reservation, Goshen, Va [Lenhok'sin 2023](#)

07/06-09/2023 Cub Scout Resident Weekend Camp, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA. www.gotosnyder.org

07/10-14/2023 Cub Scout Day Camp, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA. www.gotosnyder.org

07/13-16/2023 Cub Scout Resident Weekend Camp, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA. www.gotosnyder.org

07/16-22/2023 Scouts BSA Camp, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA. www.gotosnyder.org



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07/19-28/2023 – BSA 2023 National Jamboree, The Summit Bechtel Reserve, WV,
<https://www.facebook.com/NatJamboree23/>

07/23-28/2023 – National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) Course 23-4, Camp Snyder,
Haymarket, VA WWW.myNYLT.org

07/23-28/2023 – National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) Course 23-5, Camp Snyder,
Haymarket, VA WWW.myNYLT.org

August 2023:

08/12/2023 – 08/13/2023 – [SCUBA Pool Work](#)

08/17-20/2023 – [Powder Horn](#), Camp St Charles, Newberg MD

September 2023:

09/08-10/2023 & 10/07-08/2023 Wood Badge Fall 2023 Course [NCAC Wood Badge](#)

09/08-10/2023 - OA Fall Fellowship, Camp Goshen, Goshen, VA

09/23/2023 & 10/21-22/2023 – BCOLS Training – see flyer below

09/23/2023 – [Scouts Night – Nationals vs Atlanta Braves](#), 1:05pm, Nationals Park

09/23/2023 – [Paddle Craft Safety](#) (Still Water), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

09/24/2023 – [Paddle Craft Safety](#) (Moving Water), Riley's Lock, MD

October 2023:

10/27-29/2023 - NCAC HIKEOREE – Save the Date

November 2023:

10/30/2023 – All Units submit Journey to Excellence forms to their Unit Commissioners for 2023



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Chair's Chat

We are more than halfway through winter, and it is 70 degrees out there. Yesterday I saw planters with tulips and daffodils. It makes me think of spring. This is a busy time in Scouting. Pinewood Derbies, Blue and Gold Dinners, Troop Courts of Honor, District Court of Honor, hikes, campouts, camporees and more.

These are all essential and important parts of the Scouting program. But at this time of year, don't forget about the most important part of Scouting, **SCOUTS**. Now is the time to be thinking about Spring Recruiting. While we tend to think of Fall recruiting as a big and maybe the only deal, Scouts can join at any time of year. Now is an opportunity to bring new Scouts into your Pack or Troop. Some girls and boys may think they missed the boat when they could not get to your Fall join night. Let them know they can get on board now. You have lots of activities going on to invite them to. You don't need to have another join Scouts night. Scouting is a family affair. Reach out to the families you already have for new members. Have each family in your unit invite 1 new family who is not already in Scouts to visit.

Why recruit Cub Scouts in the Spring?

- You get them to join before they overload with fall activities.
- You fill out all your dens with new members.
- You start them off with easy Summertime Pack activities.
- You have a couple of months to recruit new den leaders from the new families.
- You have time to get new leaders trained before the dens start meeting.



Troops, spring is your big time of year to secure the AOL Scouts who are crossing over. Make sure you keep in touch with your local Packs so you don't lose any Scouts in the transition. Those 5th grade Scouts are growing and the Scouts BSA program grows with them. Make sure they know that its not Cub Scouts anymore.

I know as Cubmasters and Scoutmasters you are busy helping put on the program. You need help. That is why every unit should have a **New Member Coordinator/Membership/Marketing Chair** or Team devoted to unit promotion, new membership and on boarding new families. While many Cubmasters end up performing this role, many hands make the work light and, ideally, someone from the committee or your designated New Member Coordinator/Membership/Marketing Chair should be focusing on this. Cubmasters and Scoutmasters have their own, distinct duties associated with their role.

Hey, its spring. Let's get out there and have fun and share the values of Scouting. I'll see you on the trail.

Respectfully submitted,

John Kilduff

George Mason District Chair - 732-610-4284



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District Executive's Chat



Meet Elizabeth "Liz" Kohler the new District Executive for George Mason. She graduated from Villanova University in 2019 with a Bachelors of the Arts with a focus in psychology and counseling. Since graduating she worked her way up to being an Assistant Store Manager at Kendra Scott.

In her free time she enjoys being creative with different art media, fishing, spending time with her family, and going to Caps Games! Her parents were stationed here in 2002 and Liz spent majority of her time in Virginia with a few years spent in California.

Liz is very enthusiastic to learn more about scouting and how she can better serve her community and the BSA.

Contact info:

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[\(301\)214-9147](tel:(301)214-9147)



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George Mason District Merit Badge Day

March 4th, 2023

Fairfax Presbyterian Church

10723 Main St, Fairfax, VA 22030

Registration Open Dec 19th: [GM Merit Badge Day](#)

Merit Badges being offered:

- American Heritage,
- Citizenship of the Community,
- Citizenship of the Nation,
- Citizenship of the World,
- Communications,
- Disabilities Awareness,
- Emergency Preparedness,
- Engineering,
- Family Life,
- Fire Safety,
- Genealogy,
- Geology,
- Journalism,
- Law,
- Personal Management.

All Prework and Prerequisites are attached to the merit badge when they register on the website Corsizio.

Registration:

<https://site.corsizio.com/a/5bf2f8e8e6dfc6f1ca7cbd64>



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Local NCAC Leadership Training: [GMD Training](#)

Scoutmaster Position Specific Training(S24)

The course will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The course will provide Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters with the basic information and tools they need to lead successful Boy Scout troops.

This session will be held at Heritage Presbyterian Church at **no cost** and is limited to 12 participants.

- [03/25/23 – Alexandria, VA](#)
- [04/29/23 – Alexandria, VA](#)
- [05/20/23 – Alexandria, VA](#)

Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS; S11)

The Sully District Training Committee is sponsoring Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) Training on March 25-26 2023 for Sully Scouters at the Northern Virginia Lions Youth Camp, 1526 Lions Lane, Boyce, VA 22620. This course is required training for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters. It is also encouraged for anyone who will be participating on campouts regularly. The training is designed to help all adult leaders regardless of experience level to feel comfortable performing and supervising these skills with Scouts.

Please complete the attached Participant Questionnaire and send it BEFORE March 17, 2023, to Chris Smith at: smithcansee@aol.com.

Class size is limited. Be sure to register as soon as possible.

- [03/25/23 – 03/26/23 – Boyce, VA](#)

STEM Events

- 03/12/2023 – [STEM Trek](#), Washington, DC
- 03/17/2023 – [Fluid Dynamics & Sky Diving](#) (iFly), Gaithersburg, MD
- 04/22/2023 – [Girls STEM/STEAM Conference](#), Bowie, MD
- 05/13/2023 – [Techstravaganza 2023](#), Alexandria, VA



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SCOUT NIGHT

D.C. UNITED

The first 150 Scouts will receive an exclusive patch and get to go on the field for a group photo after the game!

CHEER ON THE BLACK-AND-RED!

ON SCOUT NIGHT

MAY 20TH, 2023

The first group to buy 20 or more tickets will be able to have 20 people in the team tunnel when DC United takes the field for warmups!

Those who want to buy tickets can do so at <https://fevo.me/boyscoutsdcu>



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Wood Badge

By taking Wood Badge, Scouters will acquire valuable tools such as listening, communicating, conflict management, project planning and leading change. Participants will better learn to understand and appreciate diversity and differences in our society. They will learn skills that will make them better Scout leaders.



Living the Values

Growing

Connecting

Guiding

Empowering

Wood Badge was begun by Baden Powell in 1919 as a way to ensure Scouters were properly trained. Since then Wood Badge has been held worldwide, providing advanced leadership training to thousands of Scout leaders.

Wood Badge builds upon the best traditions and experiences of the Boy Scouts of America and also draws from a wide range of courses within and beyond the bounds of Scouting to present the latest in leadership theory and team development.

Wood Badge is designed to meet the advanced leadership needs of all Scouters.

Cost is only
\$300
Scholarships available

All Courses at Camp William B. Snyder

Spring 2023

12-82-23-1
31 March - 2 April
& 22-23 April

Course Director: Maria Cooper

Summer 2023

12-82-23-2
5-7 May & 3-4 June

Course Director: Bobby Tran

Fall 2023

12-82-23-3
8-10 Sept & 7-8 Oct

Course Director: Jai Evans



REGISTRATION AND MORE INFORMATION:

www.ncacbsa.org/woodbadge



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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



REGISTRATION AND MORE INFORMATION:
www.myNYLT.org

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

REQUIREMENTS

- 13 years or older
- First Class Rank
- Unit Leader approval
- Completed Intro. to Leadership Skills*
- 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

- 23-1 Jan 13-16 & Jan 28-29
Must complete both weekends
- 23-2 June 18-23
- 23-3 June 25 to 30
- 23-4 July 23-28
- 23-5 July 23-28

Concurrent courses.
All courses held at Camp William B. Snyder.



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Wood Badge is the Boy Scouts of America's leadership training designed to meet the advanced leadership needs of Scouters in all aspects of the BSA. It is a fun, energetic, and inspiring course guaranteed to infuse your unit with fun and meaning – all designed to fulfill the mission of the BSA, and ensure our youth is getting everything they are promised from the program.

Spring 2023 - March 31- April 2 / April 22- 23
Course Director: Maria Cooper

Summer 2023 - May 5 - 7 / June 3 - 4
Course Director: Bobby Tran

Fall 2023 - September 8-10 / October 7-8
Course Director: Jai Evans

Powderhorn is a resource course designed to introduce Scouting's leaders to the exciting high-adventure program possibilities for their unit. The course supports the mission of strengthening units so they can achieve the mission of the Boy Scouts of America. The ultimate goal is for the participants to leave the course with a list of ideas, contacts, and resources needed to implement a more exciting and robust program.

08/17-20 (Friday – Sunday)
Camp St Charles, 15375 Stella Maris Dr, Newberg, MD 20664
Course Director: Paul McDonald

For registration links and additional information, please visit:
<https://www.ncacbsa.org/training>



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National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is an exciting six- day in-camp program designed for youth to learn leadership skills that will help them succeed in Scouting and in life!

Course 23-2 (06-18-23-2023)
Course Director: Justin Day

Course 23-3 (06-25-30-2023)
Course Director: Carrin Painter

Course 23-4 (07-23-28-2023)
Course Director: Lee Ackiss
Cooper

Course 23-5 (07-23-28-2023)
Course Director; Christopher

Back Country Outdoor Leadership Skills (BCOLS) provides adults with an understanding of the skills necessary to implement a basic backcountry program. While this course uses backpacking as the training vehicle, the skills are applicable to treks focused on specialized skills such as rock climbing, caving, white water, mountain biking or winter camping. The training is conducted in two parts: one indoor classroom session followed by a weekend outdoor, overnight session.

Spring 2023 - 03/03/2023 & 04/15-16, 2023
Fall 2023 - 09/23/2023 & 10/21-22. 2023

For registration links and additional information, please visit:
<https://www.ncacbsa.org/training>



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BALOO TRAINING for NEW CUB SCOUT LEADERS OR PARENT VOLUNTEERS

April 15-16, 2023, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-PWDBALOOApr2023>

(Registration Opens 01/16/22 at 12:01am)

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) Camping is an essential part of Scouting, and BALOO is an essential part of Cub Scout camping. In fact, BALOO trained leadership is required for a Pack or Webelos den camp out. BALOO is an overnight experience filled with practical information for Scouters to lead fun, meaningful, and safe camping experiences for the BSA's youngest campers. Training is conversational with a few demonstrations, show-and-tells, and a handful of hands-on work. It is geared to Cub Scouting. An optional visit to a local camping store outlet will be available prior to the sessions to participants that have zero experience camping. Experienced Scouters teach the topics you need for a great program

Topics Include:

- GPS & Navigation
- Gear Selection
- First Aid
- Knife Safety
- Cooking & Sanitation
- Meal Planning
- Outdoor Ethics
- Nature and Hiking
- Stove, Lanterns, Fires, Knots
- Program Planning
- Large Group Games

Costs: TBD

Prerequisites: Current YPT

Equipment: A list of camping equipment will be provided to registrants

Schedule: TBD

Questions: jholdener@mitre.org



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2023 Journey to Excellence – NEW INFO from BSA

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

Journey to Excellence is the Boy Scouts of America program to help Packs, Troops, Crews, Ships and Posts to plan, monitor and evaluate their performance and their ability to serve youth. There are specific criteria for the unit to plan and accomplish. These standards are reviewed each year and revised standards are published.

The 2022/2023 Journey to Excellence Standards are now available.

Here are the major changes in the JTE scorecards for 2022.

1. The standards are written as activities that the unit will do. This is to emphasize that JTE is primarily a planning tool.
2. The Cub Scout scorecard has many changed standards. This is because of changes in the Cub Scout program.
3. For standard #10, Gold now includes recruiting a new leader. We have found that the best units continually recruit parents and other adults who have never been involved in Scouting.

There is no requirement, no expectation and, in fact, we might discourage a unit from believing that they should achieve Gold in all JTE criteria. A great unit is balanced in the service that it provides to youth. There is no shame and no problem if a unit achieves Silver or Bronze. That unit is serving youth. We regard the various colors as meaning:

Bronze – Effective
Silver – Excellent
Gold – Exceptional

Please share with us your thoughts about JTE and any suggestions that you have for improvement. Please sent them to jte@scouting.org

National Assessment and Evaluation Committee
Boy Scouts of America

[JTE Unit Scorecards](#) (PDF) links:

- [Pack Scorecard \(2023\)](#)
- [Troop Scorecard\(2022\)](#)
- [Crew Scorecard \(2022\)](#)
- [Ship Scorecard \(2022\)](#)
- [Post Scorecard \(2022\)](#)



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Merit Badge Program



The Scouting BSA is a movement dedicated to supplementing and enlarging the education of youth. As a vital part of the BSA's advancement plan, the merit badge program is one of Scouting's basic character-building tools and plays a key role in the fulfillment of this educational commitment. There are over 100 different merit badges in the program. Upcoming events will be listed below:

- [Online Merit Badge Courses](#) - Watch video, fill out workbook, contact Counselor
- [Parktakes](#) (select "Scouts" from the Category of Activity)
- [MeritBadge.Info](#) - Various MB Days throughout the country
- [Fly Fishing Merit Badge Program](#), Northern Virginia
- [Merit Badges Scouts can complete at Home](#)

Current Merit Badge Counselors and Guidelines:

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

To become a Merit Badge Counselor:

You can apply online [here](#) (note, please ensure you have a current YPT before filling out application). When you are done with the application, send the MB Dean your list of MBs using the [Merit Badge Counselor Information Sheet](#).

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

Margee Egan at margee.egan@gmail.com



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2023 HIKEOREE SAVE THE DATE

October 27 - 29, 2023



"THE PURPOSE OF LIFE, AFTER ALL,
IS TO LIVE IT, TO TASTE EXPERIENCE
TO THE UTMOST, TO REACH OUT
EAGERLY AND WITHOUT FEAR FOR
NEWER AND RICHER EXPERIENCE."



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George Mason Chapter Order of the Arrow (OA)

The George Mason Chapter of the O/A is back to meeting in Person on the 2nd Thursday of the month at Thoreau Middle School from 7:30-8:30. (Same time/location as GM Roundtable.)

Spring Fellowship, April 14-16 at Camp Snyder. Our theme this year is "May the Forest be with You"!

Save the date – Tri-Chapter (George Mason, Old Dominion, Patriot) Ordeal – April 28-30, Camp Snyder. In addition to needing Elangomats, George Mason will be handling the Cook Crew duties. We need volunteers to help. Please contact Mrs. Neuse – O/A Chapter Advisor at georgemasonchapter@wipit470.org. Sign ups for the ordeal will be available soon!

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

Amangamek-Wipit Lodge – 2023 Annual Dues

To attend any OA event or wear your sash and lodge flap, you must be a current dues-paying member of our lodge! For 2023, annual dues will be \$14 until March 31, 2023 when they increase to \$16 on April 1, 2022 (no fooling!). Payment may be made by credit card or e-check.

You will have an opportunity to make a contribution to help support our lodge activities and operations. Become a Lodge Contributor by making a \$100 contribution and receive our special Lodge Contributor patch and the satisfaction of knowing that you've dramatically helped further our mission of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.

If you are transferring from another lodge, please visit the Membership Dues and Transfers page on the lodge website <https://scoutingevent.com/082-MembershipTransfer> and complete the [Membership Transfer Form](#) to pay your dues.

[Pay OA Dues](#)

Lodge Website: [Wipit470.org](https://wipit470.org)



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Reporting Service Hours

NCAC Wipit 470 has provided a self-reporting online solution for any Wipit OA member, youth and adult, for service hours one performs. You can report hours as many times during the year as one wishes. These hours help support the Wipit Golden Tooth Service Award.

OA Service Hour Reporting - Online form for reporting all O/A service hours performed at the Troop/Crew/Ship level (all service hours worked for the Lodge or at Ordeals are recorded by event staff). This will help with tracking hours for Golden Tooth and other related awards. Units can choose to use the [spreadsheet](#) as an alternate way of submitting their data.



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Amangamek-Wipit Lodge – 2023 Calendar

January 2023		
7	Lodge Banquet	U of MD
16	<i>MLK Holiday</i>	
21	LEAD Conference	Towson, MD
February 2023		
5	LEC	MSSC
12	<i>Super Bowl</i>	
25	University of Scouting	Hayfield HS
March 2023		
5	LO&A	MSSC
23	<i>Ramadan Begins</i>	
11&12	<i>Commissioner's College</i>	Sat in person- Sun Virtual Classes
April 2023		
9	<i>Easter</i>	
14-16	Spring Fellowship	CWBS
16	LEC at Fellowship	CWBS
May 2023		
7	LO&A	MSSC
19 - 21	Section Conclave	
June 2023		
3	LLDC	TBD
3	LEC/Induction of new Officers at LLDC	
25	Goshen Week 1 Bus Loading	Fairfax County Govt Ctr
18 Jun - 1 Jul	GOAT	Goshen
July 2023		
2 & 8	Goshen Week 2 Bus Loading	Fairfax County Govt Ctr
9 & 15	Goshen Week 3 Bus Loading	Fairfax County Govt Ctr
16 & 22	Goshen Week 4 Bus Loading	Fairfax County Govt Ctr
23 & 29	Goshen Week 5 Bus Loading	Fairfax County Govt Ctr



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30	Goshen Week 6 Bus Loading	Fairfax County Govt Ctr
August 2023		
5	Goshen Week 6 Bus Loading Return	Fairfax County Govt Ctr
4-6	Vigil 1	Goshen S.R.
16 - 18	Lodge Sabbath-friendly Ordeal	CWBS
20	LEC Pool Party	CWBS
September 2023		
8-10	Fall Fellowship	CWBS
9	LO&A at Fellowship	GSR
15 - 17	<i>Rosh Hashanah</i>	
24-25	<i>Yom Kippur</i>	
October 2023		
1	LEC	MSSC
November 2023		
1	Unit Election Season Opens	
5	LO&A	Virtual
23	<i>Thanksgiving</i>	
TBD	Vigil (2)	TBD
December 2023		
1-2	2023 Trade-O-Ree	CWBS
3	LEC	MSSC
3	Chapter Budgets and PMP packages due	MSSC



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2023 Aquatics Programs

<https://ncacbsa.org/Aquatics-Committee>



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



What: BSA Safe Swim Defense (SSD) and Safety Afloat (SA) 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 within the previous two years.
Where: SSD and SA training is available online at <https://my.scouting.org>. The in-person training must be presented by a qualified instructor.
Cost: Free!

Pre-Camp Swim Classification Tests



What: This is an opportunity for your unit to have your annual BSA Swim Classification Check done under supervision of NCAC-approved aquatics personnel.
Who: Any NCAC unit (Pack, Troop, and Crew)
Where: Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
When: June 4 – One-hour blocks starting at 9am. Last session is 4pm. Registration deadline is June 1st.
Cost: \$3 per participant.

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: Adult leaders
Where: Still Water – Camp Snyder; Moving Water at Riley's Lock
When:

- Session 1: May 20 (Still Water), May 21 (Moving Water)
- Session 2: Sept 23 (Still Water), Sept 24 (Moving Water)

Cost: \$30/class day



Lifeguard Training

What: BSA Lifeguard Training is professional level training that meets the requirements of government agencies for professional lifeguards at regulated swimming activities. Lifeguard certification qualifies one for many summer opportunities. This class is being conducted by Campaign Pay It Forward (<https://campaignpayitforward.com/booking>, select BSA Lifeguarding from the pull-down menu)
Who: The program is open to all registered adults and older youth (minimum age 15). Strong swimming skills are required. The course includes online pre-work that must be completed before the first session.
Where: Brookfield Swim Club, Chantilly, VA
When: Session 1: 05/13-14/2023; Session 2: 05/20-21/2023
Cost: \$200 (listed as \$250/ask for 20% scout discount)

Scuba Certification and Merit Badge

What: PADI Open Water Scuba certification and the BSA SCUBA Diving Merit Badge
Who: Youth (12+), Parent or Adult leaders
Where: Pool (TBD), Open Water (Rappahannock Quarry)
When: Aug 12/13 (Pool) and Aug 19/20 (Open Water)
Cost: TBD
Note: Prior to the first pool session on August 12, all students must have completed the PADI online training. Link will be provided upon registration. Please leave at least two weeks to complete online training. It's not difficult, it'll be fun to take, but there's quite a bit of material to go through.



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Michael's Woodshop News



Spring 2023

Upcoming Events



2023 Woodwork Merit Badge Sessions (monthly): Michael's Woodshop offers "[Classroom Sessions](#)" focused on safety and other non-tool requirements and "[Shop Time Sessions](#)" for Scouts to work on project requirements.



STEM Nova Activities: Michael's Woodshop can support the woodworking project requirement of the Townes Supernova Award and we are also happy to arrange shop tours to support NOVA Swing! [Learn More...](#)

Spring Family Camping (April & May): A stop in Michael's Woodshop is just one of many enjoyable family activities available during the Spring Family Camping weekends. [Learn More...](#)



Baloo the Builder & Webelos Build It Workshops: Two popular workshops designed to help youth complete these electives. For more details, see the [Baloo the Builder](#) and [Webelos Build It](#) workshop descriptions.

Plan Now for Summer Camp at Camp William B. Snyder



A Summer Camp Mystery: Day Camp & Resident Weekends (June & July dates): Enjoy all the summer camp fun and activities at Camp Snyder, including a visit to Michael's Woodshop! [Learn More...](#)



Scouts BSA Specialty Week, July 16-22: Woodwork Merit Badge is just one of many merit badge opportunities being offered during Camp Snyder's third Scouts BSA summer camp program. [Learn More...](#)



[Upcoming Events and Shop Calendar](#)



View our [Activity Slideshows](#)



Click here to see [Shop Use Measures](#)



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1,873! Recent Activities in Michael's Woodshop

2022 was another great year for Michael's Woodshop, with 1,873 youth attending sessions in the shop! Please click on the Shop Use Measures link above to see how the shop is being used.



Our 5th Annual Pinewood Derby Days season was a huge success with 619 cars built! Click on the Activity Slideshows link above to see the fun.



Michael's Woodshop has hosted its first two Eagle Scout Projects of 2023 (with 3 more on the calendar). See [Eagle Project Information](#) to learn how to reserve the shop for your project.

Volunteer in Michael's Woodshop

Michael's Woodshop continues to grow in popularity and offers great programs for Scouts of all ages. We are always looking for new volunteers. Learn how you can [Join the Michael's Woodshop Team](#).

To learn more about upcoming events, planning an event or reserving the wood shop, please visit the [Michael's Woodshop web page](#) or email us at MichaelsWoodshop.CWBS@gmail.com