## November Roundtable Minutes

## (Items Changed since Read-Ahead are in Red)

* **Council Update and General Announcements**
* **Roundtable Commissioner (Cubs)** – Many thanks to Steve Banowit for serving as the RT Commissioner (Cubs) for several years. Steve will be stepping down. Please welcome Allen Mohaber as our new RT Commissioner (Cubs)!
* **Financial Aid for Renewals** – Financial Aid is still available for 2024. No decision yet about the amount of aid available for 2025. If parents/registered adults need financial aid, please refer them to [Liz](mailto:elizabeth.kohler@scouting.org).
* **Annual Charter Agreements** – These are due. There are two forms:
  + [Annual Charter Agreement](https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/BSA-Annual-Charter-Agreement-Charter-Orgs_2024-2025.pdf)
  + [Catholic Organizations Annual Charter Agreement](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/TLu6W838xAXdEqviYMWmd9dS)
* **Scouts Turning 18** –
  + Youth turning 18, that want to continue with scouting, need to fill out a paper Adult Application, Background Check form and YPT Certificate. The forms should be turned in to the District Executive no later than the person’s birthday. Be sure to indicate the scout’s BSA ID on the paper form and they should use that BSA ID for their my.scouting.org account. This will maintain the Scouts BSA ID into their adult position.
  + If the scout’s account is not due to expire that month, then they can convert to an Adult Scouter without paying the $65 fee until their registration is due for renewal.
  + The scout can participate in Troop activities while the form is being processed (up to 30 days).
  + Note, if the scout has an authorized extension to complete their Eagle rank, they MUST register as a Unit Participant. Any other adult position will lock their youth record and prevent adding additional information.
* **Registration Renewal** - Many parents and registered Adults are indicating that they have not yet received their 60-day renewal notice from National. While in some cases this could be due to a message being in the SPAM/Junk folder or due to a bad email address, we have also been notified that the volume of emails to be sent is delaying the process. Parents and registered adult can renew even without the email by going to:
* [https://my.scouting.org](https://click-1518147.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=311467&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1706598&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fmy.scouting.org&cf=14346&v=db4768066a8e984d58393ede91cf3107c00895f74524bcaa3f77d014aa086510)
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Individuals with positions of only MB Counselor or District Committee can register using the same menu above. If you have any questions, please email [Rus Pittman](mailto:ruspittman@gmail.com).

* **National BSA Annual Fees (Council Fees announced on or about July 1) (**[**one-pager**](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/JCNvMkscBLGW5QFF5Dutym6K)**)**
* Effective May 1, 2024, BSA implemented the following national membership fees which were approved by the National Executive Committee:
* $85 for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouting participants ($5 increase)
* $65 for all adult volunteers ($5 increase)
* $0 one-time joining fee for new program participants in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouting ($25 decrease from 2023)
* $30 for Scoutreach (No change)
* $25 for Merit Badge Counselors (New Fee applies only for Merit Badge Counselors not already registered as leaders – No change)
* $50 for Exploring participants Youth & Adult (No change)
* $100 for a unit charter/affiliation fee (No change)
* $15 for Scout Life magazine (No change)
* **NCAC Virtual Roundtable (11/19/24 @ 7:30pm)** – Join the [Zoom](https://ncacbsa-org.zoom.us/j/82931160176); Meeting ID 829 3116 0176
* **Peace Light** – Due to the conflict in the Middle East, the Peace Light will not be brought out of the grotto this year.
* **OA Lodge Banquet** (01/08/25) – [Registration](http://www.wipit470.org/banquet) is open now.
* **Philmont 2025 & 2026 Training Sessions** – The NCAC’s High Adventure Committee (HAC) puts on a series of four training sessions for Philmont advisors and crew leaders.  The first of these for 2025 will be held via Zoom from 1:00 to 4:30 PM on Sunday, Nov. 17, 2024 (Sessions 2 and 3 will be held January 5 and March 23, 2025, also via Zoom).  A final session on April 5 will be outdoors, with hands-on demonstrations of some of the most relevant skills that Philmont requires.
* <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84839355446?pwd=SSxmtrqjB1eKlbOEzaSuKbZPUUX2Ia.1>   
  Meeting ID: 848 3935 5446  
  Passcode: 111256
* **District Alignment Changes** in [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org/) – still being worked. Changes are being Beta tested. Expect updates soon.
* **District Web Site Change –** National template has been delayed. No date for changes indicated. We have been told web sites are periodically down (502 and 505 errors) due to a Denial of Service Attack. Vendor is working on this.
* **Aquatics Committee –** <https://www.ncacbsa.org/aquatics-committee/>
* No more events this year.

**Safety Moment**

* Units are being encouraged to share a Safety Moment before campouts, committee meetings or during adult training.
* Here’s a breakdown of the different forms’ safety moments can take:
* Scouting Safely Resources: Utilize the extensive library of ready-to-use safety moments on [Scouting Safely](https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/), covering a myriad of topics. These are regularly updated and expanded by BSA volunteers and professional staff.
* On-the-Spot Safety Moments: Scouts and Scouters can create ad-hoc safety moments tailored to specific situations or activities. These “just in time” reminders can precede an activity, providing concise information or notifying participants of safety essentials like fire extinguisher locations and exits.
* Localized Safety Moments: These can align with local procedures or conditions, offering reminders during pre-activity assessments. Camp leaders may plan a series of Safety Moments for each day, reinforcing important safety topics during camper orientation.
* External Resources Caution: While other organizations and companies may share safety moments online, exercise caution. Ensure that these align with Scouting values and adhere to BSA safety guidelines.
* Link to the web page:[**https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/**](https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/)

**Big Rock**

* **BSA Insurance**
* *Comprehensive General Liability Insurance.* This type of policy responds to allegations or claims from a third party that they suffered personal injury or property damage due to negligent action.  
  Coverage is limited to official Scouting activities ([note list of prohibited scouting activities](https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss07/)), and those activities must be consistent with the values, Charter and Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, operation manuals, and applicable literature of the Boy Scouts of America. Local councils, chartered organizations, and registered volunteers are provided with primary coverage. Scouting youth (age 17 and younger) are not insured under this policy. The insurance provided to unregistered volunteers through the general liability insurance program is excess over any other insurance the volunteer might have to his or her benefit.
* *Accident and Sickness.* This insurance provides medical coverage to Scouting participants on an excess basis for injuries or fatalities that arise out of an official Scouting activity.  
  For example, if a youth falls during a hike and breaks a wrist, the parent’s health coverage may pay for the ER visit minus a $500 deductible; this insurance can reimburse the $500.
* *Automobile Liability Insurance.* Coverage is provided above the vehicle owner’s insurance plus any automobile liability insurance provided by a local council. Vehicles MUST be covered at the minimum amount required by the state for automobile liability. It is recommended that coverage limits are at least $100,000 combined single limit.
  + Vehicles carrying 10 or more passengers should have at least $1,000,000 in coverage.
  + Note: The use of 15-passenger vans manufactured before 2005 is prohibited.
* *Coverage for Non-Owned Boats.* General liability insurance coverage on an excess basis, after other applicable insurance is exhausted, is available for boat owners above their liability coverage limits. It is recommended that boats under 26 feet have at least $300,000 and boats 26 feet or over have at least $500,000.
* More information - <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss10/>
* Certificate of Liability Insurance – To get a new certificate, please fill out a Request for [Certificate of Liability Insurance](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=307907&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1695904&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ncacbsa.org%2Faquia%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2Fsites%2F20%2F2021%2F02%2FREQUEST-FOR-CERTIFICATE-OF-LIABILITY-INSURANCE-COUNCIL-filable-1.pdf&cf=14346&v=a9ad0f61a8cb339ce5cee48ea9eb9bb5f6167ff3e2fe814baf31b6e46533086f) and return to the [email listed](mailto:insrequest@ncacbsa.org) on the form (with a cc: to the [DE](mailto:elizabeth.kohler@scouting.org) and [Rus](mailto:ruspittman@gmail.com)). You’ll receive a certificate of insurance back within two weeks. If the group/vendor requesting the COLI needs some special language, this needs to be put in writing and submitted with the request. This will add time to the turn-around. If the event is out of the NCAC boundaries, then NCAC processor will forward the request to National. This increases the turn-around time to about four weeks. **BSA Camps outside the NCAC area often require a COLI.**
* Local councils can issue certificates of insurance for organizations requesting to be an additional insured.
* If the event or activity has special requirements, the certificate of insurance must be issued by the Risk Management Team in the BSA’s national service center. Work with the local council for the certificate of insurance.
* Many times, there are contracts or facility use agreements for the activity or event. These papers should be reviewed by the local council. Always allow time for reviewing, possibly revising, and issuing certificates of insurance.
* Anytime contracts or facility use agreements require a signature, keep in mind that only the local council Scout executive, or his or her designee, can sign documents binding the local council.
* If there is an incident that needs to be reported, use the Incident Reporting Web Site - <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/incident-report/> call the District Executive. The Deputy Scout Executive (Lee M) will follow-up, if appropriate.
* **Individual Renewals and Unit Recharter**
* **Registration Renewal** - Many parents and registered Adults are indicating that they have not yet received their 60-day renewal notice from National. While in some cases this could be due to a message being in the SPAM/Junk folder or due to a bad email address, we have also been notified that the volume of emails to be sent is delaying the process. Parents and registered adult can renew even without the email by going to:
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* **Registration Renewal for Executive Officers** - Executive Officers need to be renewed just like the rest of the unit’s membership; however, since Executive Officers DO NOT PAY a fee, their renewal will be handled by our Council Registrar.  See this [memo](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/3UYzgAk8t8b7ddNYfaLVyjUW) for submission instructions. The EO's renewal can also be done online similar to other registered adults.
* **$100 Annual Unit Fee for Recharter** – *Internet Advancement is no longer used for Unit Renewal.* Renewal is completed online by the COR, using my.scouting.org (login, Menu, Organizational Manager, Unit Renewal). The user guide is [here](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/59JgmRUvD9AcWPKMKHXGL8Zf). Note, the recharter will error if there are individuals without current YPTs. Your COR can remove them by checking the “Opt Out” next to their name in the Roster. May take overnight to process. If doesn’t work, send Rus their name and BSA ID.
* **The Annual Charter Agreements** - The ACAs are due before the end of year (sooner is better). The current hard copy form is located here: [https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/BSA-Annual-Charter-Agreement-Charter-Orgs\_2024-2025.pdf](https://click-1518147.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=30354341&msgid=311467&act=85C6&c=1518147&pid=1706598&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.scouting.org%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2024%2F04%2FBSA-Annual-Charter-Agreement-Charter-Orgs_2024-2025.pdf&cf=14346&v=0e4ae2f6b0ca3a0502aaa768fa5cd1c16a3ba808cd8fa291a7653b5cff37c0e7). Units with a Catholic Chartering Organization should use the [Catholic version of the ACA](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/TLu6W838xAXdEqviYMWmd9dS). Dates at bottom of page should be 3/1/2024 – 3/1/2025.

**Wolf Trap District Program**

* **Current WTD Calendar**
* 11/01/24 – OA Election Season Opens
* 12/06/24 – 12/07/24 – OA Trade-o-ree, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
* 12/08/24 – NYLT Summer 2025 Registration opens at 12noon.
* 12/12/24 – Roundtable (7:30pm), Thoreau MS
* 01/04/25 – [OA Lodge Banquet](http://www.wipit470.org/banquet), College Park, MD
* 02/08/25 – [Virtual Life to Eagle Seminar](https://scoutingevent.com/082-91472) (1pm)
* 02/22/25 – [University of Scouting](https://www.ncacbsa.org/the-university-of-scouting/), Hayfield Secondary School, Alexandria, VA
* 03/08/25 – WTD Merit Badge Day, Fairfax Presbyterian Church, Fairfax, VA
* 03/08/25 – 03/09/25 – Commissioner College
* 03/22/24 – DCOH Award Nominations due
* 03/28/25 – 03/30/25 – [Joint Lodge Ordeal](https://wipit470.org/ordeal.html), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
* 04/10/25 – District Court of Honor, Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA
* 04/25/25 – 04/27/25 – 2025 OA Spring Fellowship
* 05/03/25 – [*19th NCAC Scout Orienteering Meet*](https://scoutingevent.com/082-2024ScoutOrienteering), PWD, Triangle, VA
* 05/XX/25 – 05/XX/25 – WTD Spring Camporee
* 05/XX/25 – 05/XX/25 – WTD Hike-O-Ree
* 05/10/25 - [Jamboree on the Trail (JOTT)](https://jamboreeonthetrail.org/)
* 05/26/25 – Memorial Day Flags In, National Memorial Park, Falls Church
* 05/08/25 – Program Launch, Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA
* 05/31/25 – OA Election Season Closes
* **STEM**
  + [Akela Chess Classic](https://scoutingevent.com/082-90064)
  + Cub Scout Tournament – 02/01/2025 at MSSC
  + Scouts BSA Tournament – 02/15/2025 at MSSC
  + [Burke Lake District NOVA Nights (Last Friday of Month)](https://scoutingevent.com/082-89072) – 11/19/2024 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
  + STEM Speaker Series – [Geology Night](https://scoutingevent.com/082-90804) – 12/11/2024
* NCAC STEM contact is Bruce Donlin ([bruce.donlin@scouting.org](mailto:bruce.donlin@scouting.org); 240-395-0601)
* Ancient Earth: Birth of the Sky (on PBS) - [link](https://us.engagingnetworks.app/page/email/click/10004/2037650?email=j2mObVAw6OCBePIN6tZ3hlESkN1MQhKC&campid=xocb452w9CaZkArzVWMSmA==)
* Anytime – [DC STEM Trek](https://www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/DC-STEM-Trek-2.pdf)- Showcases 24 government agencies, private organizations and monuments related to the tenets upon which STEM is based. Two hikes - 10.57 miles, or 4.75 miles
* **Fall Camporee Report Out**
  + Joint Burke Lake/Wolf Trap District Camporee at Camp Rock Enon generally went well
  + Over 400 participants and raised approximately $5000
  + Some issues with traffic, weather and instructor cancellation.
  + Patches should arrive soon and will be provided to your unit.
  + Please provide any needed feedback to [Liz Kohler](mailto:elizabeth.kohler@scouting.org)
* **Scouting for Food Report Out**
  + Most units have completed their tag distribution and food pickup. The dates for the event were flexible and some units shifted them up a week and at least one unit moved it back a week.
  + **Virtual Collection (money donations) are still possible**
  + The links to the virtual collections went live on October 1st.
  + Be sure to share your district's link on this page:
  + <https://yougivegoods.com/ncac-scoutingforfood2024>
  + Flyer is posted on Basecamp with QR code to main site
  + Note instructions for proper donation district/unit credit – remind them WTD/your unit.
  + **Data Capture**
  + Unit’s fill out at: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/scouting-for-food-unit-data/>
  + District: Wolf Trap District
  + Number of Scouts and Other Youth Participants (siblings, friends, etc.)
  + Number of Adult Participants
  + Pounds of Food Collected
  + Food pantry delivered to
  + For your Scouts: Express the weight in fun terms, for example: Vehicles, animals, dinosaurs
  + **Flags In Report Out**
* Thanks to the National Memorial Park (our sponsor) and all who participated in Flags In on 11/10/24 for Veterans Day.
* We had between 250 -275 Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Sea Scouts, Girl Scouts and family members attending.
* Approximately 2,100 flags were put on Veteran’s graves.
* Thanks to Joshua (Troop 345) for being our Bugler again this year.
  + **Life to Eagle Virtual Seminar (02/08/25)**
  + The Wolf Trap (Virtual) [Life to Eagle Seminar](https://scoutingevent.com/082-91472) will take place on Saturday, February 8, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.. We expect to finish by 4:30 p.m.
  + You must register by midnight on Thursday, February 6, 2025 so we know how many attendees we need to prepare for and so you can receive the link and supporting materials.
  + The Seminar is focused on Life Scouts or advanced Star Scouts who want to pursue the Eagle Rank. It also is useful for Eagle advisers, coaches or unit leaders who haven't attended a seminar in the last two years. Parents of Scouts working on the Eagle Rank or other adults interested in Scouting can also benefit from attending the seminar.
  + Unit Leaders, if they haven’t attended in a few years, are encouraged to attend.
  + Any questions contact Matt Burns at 703-938-9550 or at [gm.advancement @gmail.com](mailto:gm.advancement%20@gmail.com)
* **District Court of Honor/District Adult Volunteer Recognition**
* Each year the Wolf Trap District offers the opportunity to recognize adult volunteers that make significant contributions to our youth and units.  The next opportunity will come at the 2025 District Court of Honor in April 2025 (specific date, format and location TBD).
* Please return the completed nominations to [gm.advancement@gmail.com](mailto:gm.advancement@gmail.com) by NLT March 22, 2025.
  + Each Unit Commissioner can nominate one adult per unit for the Unit Commissioner's Unit Scouter Award.  Unit Key Three are encouraged to coordinate with their Unit Commissioner on this award.[**Commissioner’s Unit Scouter Award**](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/bPzhTt52hmkv8vAK1LZCLcMV)
* Units also have the opportunity to nominate up to 8 adult volunteers for the Unit Appreciation Award.[**Unit Appreciation Award**](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/SkJYr3TTXvTwzgkAvUEwKdMH)
* In both cases, awards are given in recognition for significant service at the unit level.  While an adult volunteer may have given service at the district, council, territory or national level, the award is focused on unit service.  There are other awards available to recognize service at the district level and above.
* Last year, several individuals indicated that they would like to have changes made to the ceremony. We are seeking volunteers to assist with this effort. Please contact Matt Burns.
* If you have questions about the award or the nomination process, please reach out to [gm.advancement@gmail.com](mailto:gm.advancement@gmail.com) or your unit commissioner.
* **Scholarships (Deadlines fast approaching)**
* BSA Scholarship page - <https://www.scouting.org/awards/scholarships/>
* American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year – Deadline is March 1 2025 – Apply to local Legion Post. Open to Scouts in units sponsored by an American Legion Post or who have a parent or grandparent that is a member of the Legion. Applications at: [American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year Scholarship | The American Legion](https://www.legion.org/get-involved/scholarships/american-legion-eagle-scout-of-the-year-scholarship)
* Sons of American Revolution – Deadline ASAP [Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest – National Society Sons of the American Revolution](https://www.sar.org/arthur-m-berdena-king-eagle-scout-contest/)[)](about:blank)
* National Eagle Scout Association – Deadline January 31, 2025 [Scholarships - The National Eagle Scout Association](https://nesa.org/scholarships/)
* Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams Award
  + Recognizes a noteworthy Eagle Scout Service Project.
  + Deadline is January 15, 2025
  + The Scout or a registered Scouting America volunteer can make a nomination. [2025 Adams Award Application](https://nesa.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/2025-Adams-National-Eagle-Scout-Service-Project-Nomination-Form-FILLABLE.pdf)
  + Scout must sign application to document their “consent.”
  + Also needs an electronic copy of the project workbook.
  + Some nominations include video.
  + Winners can receive:
  + $300 at the Territory level.
  + $3,500 for National winner.
* **Merit Badges**
* The online Merit Badge Counselor [registration](https://my.scouting.org/VES/OnlineReg/1.0.0/?tu=UF-MB-082gm23).
* New Merit Badge Counselors must complete online merit badge counselor training, in addition to YPT. Be sure the counselor uses his/her legal name – no nicknames.
* Merit Badge Counselors, or the unit Dean/Leader, also need to scan and send Margee the Merit Badge application form listing the badges the counselor is applying to teach and providing a justification of his/her qualifications.
* Youth Protection Training is the essential first step. Don’t hit “send” on the application without it!
* Contact Margee if you have questions at [GM.MB.Dean@hotmail.com](mailto:GM.MB.Dean@hotmail.com).
* ***Did you know***:
* The National Council does not limit the number of Merit Badges a youth may earn from one counselor, though a **unit leader is permitted to do so**, as long as the same limit applies to all Scouts in the unit. Ideally, Scouts should work with a variety of adults. (GTA 7.0.0.3)
* Partial Merit Badges have no expiration except for the Scout’s 18th birthday. (GTA 7.0.3.3)
* Due to the BSA policies related to Youth Protection and two-deep leadership, a merit badge counselor must have another adult present during all merit badge counseling sessions. However, the parent or legal guardian of the Scout may serve as the second adult. **This parent or legal guardian does not have to be a registered leader**.
* If the requirements for a merit badge differ between the merit badge pamphlet and the current edition of Scouts BSA Requirements, the requirements in the Scouts BSA Requirements book supersede all others.
* **Merit Badge Opportunities (**[**https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/merit-badges/**](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/merit-badges/)**):**
* 11/17/24 – [EPrep Scout Day at FFX County Emergency Ops Ctr](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/scout-day-tickets-1022694004297?aff=oddtdtcreator) – Only tour; does not provide MB training requirements
* 12/15/24 – [EPrep Scout Day at FFX County Emergency Ops Ctr](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/scout-day-tickets-1022694004297?aff=oddtdtcreator) – Only tour; does not provide MB training requirements
* 03/08/25 – Wolf Trap District MB Day, Fairfax Presbyterian Church, Fairfax, VA
* Group – [Fly Fishing](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/jCNqtVKMyVHYi6EVFYGEeCdY)
* Group - [Aviation](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/XPhbDcYTs13gsSHEaAPwRaNQ)
* **Training (**[**https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/training**](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/training)**)**
* **Cub Scout:**
* ***Cub Leader Position Specific (C40)***
* [**Available on-line (117 min)**](https://my.scouting.org/)
* [**12/07/24 – Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-clstsy25)
* [**01/11/25 – Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-clstsy25)
* [**02/01/25 – Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-clstsy25)
* [**03/08/25 – Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-clstsy25)
* [**04/05/25 – Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-clstsy25)
* [**05/03/25 – Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-clstsy25)
* **Cub Scout Den Leader Specific (C42)**
* [**Available on-line (125 min**](https://my.scouting.org/)**)**
* [**12/07/24 – Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-clstsy25)
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* ***Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO;C32) – BALOO consists of two sessions, an online portion (***[**https://my.scouting.org**](https://my.scouting.org/)**, Menu, My Training, Cub Scouts, Catalog, search on BALOO) that takes 35 minutes and a hands-on overnight session.  The overnight sessions are listed below.**
* [**11/16/24 – 11/17/24 – Lorton, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-baloosy25)**(Contact Dominick dscscouting@aol.com for permission to register)**
* [**03/29/25 – 03/30/25 – TBD, VA**](https://www.sac-bsa.org/outdoortraining)**(**[**Request**](https://www.sac-bsa.org/SupportDesk?element_1=2)**permission to attend)**
* [**06/14/25 – 06/15/25 – Lorton, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-baloosy25)**(Contact Dominick dscscouting@aol.com for permission to register)**
* **Scout:**
* ***Scoutmaster Position Specific Training(S24)***
* [**Available on-line**](https://my.scouting.org/)**(192 min)**
* [**12/07/24 – Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-sstsy25)
* [**01/11/25 – Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-sstsy25)
* [**02/01/25 – Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-sstsy25)
* [**03/08/25 – Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-sstsy25)
* [**04/05/25 – Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-sstsy25)
* [**05/03/25 – Alexandria, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-sstsy25)
* ***Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS; S11)***
* [**11/16/24 – 11/17/24 – Lorton, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-iolssy25)**(Contact Dominick dscscouting@aol.com for permission to register)**
* [**06/14/25 – 06/15/25 – Lorton, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-iolssy25)**(Contact Dominick dscscouting@aol.com for permission to register)**

* **Miscellaneous:**
* **BSA Leave No Trace Level 1 Instructor (formerly Trainer) & Skills Course**
* 3/24/25 online & 3/30/25 in person. Adults take the Level 1 course; scouts take the Skills course. [Register to attend](https://gle.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cfd17c82d0480e208690c4ffb&id=f6ff500f9a&e=58240eb8b3)
* **Outdoor Ethics Orientation & Outdoor Ethics Guide courses**
* Save the date for 2 courses in DC
* Sat 2/15/24 at St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church (OE Orientation at 10-11:30, OE Guide at 12-2). Stay tuned for the registration link
* ***Scouterhorn Operations Training***
* [**11/16/24 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-Scouterhorn_Operations_Training_2024)
* ***University of Scouting***
* **02/22/2025, Alexandria, VA  (2024 Course Materials available on**[**Basecamp**](https://3.basecamp.com/3958009/buckets/25194874/vaults/4402534141)**)**
* ***Wilderness First Aid/CPR/AED (N02)***
* [**11/23/24 – 11/24/24 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-87650)
* [**12/14/24 – 12/15/24 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-87650)
* ***Wood Badge (A90)***
* Spring: 4/4-6/25 & 5/3-4/25
* Fall: 09/12-14/25 & 10/4-5/25
* **Youth Protection Training (YPT)**
* [**Online**](https://www.ncacbsa.org/youth-protection-program/)**(72 minutes)**
* **GM High Adventure /**
* Members of the High Adventure Committee are available to assist units in planning and training for their upcoming high adventure trips – Contact [Brian Heath](mailto:brian@bkheath.com) for more information
* Important notes for this month
  + Registration for BSA’s high adventure bases – https://www.scouting.org/outdooradventures/open4adventure/
    - 2025 National High Adventure Base Reservations
      * Registration for 2025 for all high adventure bases are now open
      * OPIC: 25% off remaining slots for this winter!!
      * PHILMONT
        + Registration is mostly full – Only a few crew start dates still available
        + Philmont is continuing to accept provisional attendance and will attempt to match them with crews willing to take them
      * SUMMIT, NORTHERN TIER, & SEA BASE still have availability
    - 2026 National High Adventure Base Reservations
      * NORTHERN TIER: Reservations open Jan 15, 2025
      * SEA BASE: Reservations open Jan 15, 2025
      * SUMMIT: Reservations open Jan 15, 2025
      * PHILMONT: Lottery closed on Oct. 16, 2024
* 2025 NCAC-Organized High Adventure Trips
  + Philmont – HAC is working with 1 crew – Slots may be available on this crew – Contact me for more information
  + Lenhok’sin – Gathering interest for forming a crew – Contact me if you’re interested
* High Adventure Preparation Training
  + Philmont Crew Training
    - Virtual Sessions - November 17, 2024; January 5, March 23, 2025
    - In-Person Session - April 5, 2025
  + Philmont Adult Advisor Practice Hikes – March 8 & 16, 2025
  + Northern Tier Training – In-Person - April 5, 2025; Online – April 19, 2025
  + BCOLS Spring 2025 – Virtual Session - March 1; In-Person Session - April 26-27
  + Wilderness First Aid – [Multiple dates at Camp Snyder](https://www.gotosnyder.org/year-round-events/outdoor-preparedness-initiative/)
* National High Adventure Base Quick Links
  + Philmont: <https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/register/>
  + Northern Tier:<https://www.ntier.org/provisional-scout-connections/>
  + Sea Base: <https://www.bsaseabase.org/scouts/scout-connections/>
  + Summit: <https://www.summitbsa.org/registration/scoutconnections/>
* Other High Adventure Bases
  + Adirondack High Adventure Area: <https://senecawaterways.org/massawepie-adirondack-treks/>
  + Maine High Adventure Area: <https://www.mainehighadventure.org/>
  + Montana Outdoor High Adventure Base: <https://montanabsa.org/camps/high-adventure/>
* Other useful links for high adventure information and opportunities
  + NCAC High Adventure website - <https://www.ncacbsa.org/high-adventure/>
  + List of units with available slots in their upcoming high adventure trips - <https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/xWpkdrKHKAA9pCzwmHMNdbWb>
* **Shooting Sports**
* Requests for Shooting Events – Lead Time!
* Notice needed for SSC: 50+ scouts - 6mos; Less than 50 scouts - 3mos
* Shooting on private land:
* Requirements
* Permissions/protocols
* Shooting Sports [web page](https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/shooting-sports/)
* Shooting Sports Instructor Classes:
  + [Rifle/Shotgun](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/merit-badges/rifle-shotgun-training/)
* Contact for finishing Shooting Sports MB Partials [brian.summers@verizon.net](mailto:brian.summers@verizon.net)
* **Order of the Arrow** 
  + OA Representatives – Please join us at the monthly OA meetings on the 2nd Thursday of the month, Thoreau Middle School, Vienna VA. Meetings start at 7:30pm.
  + OA Election Season – This opened on 10/01/24. Unit leaders were notified by email. Please keep track of this email as it contains information needed to use LodgeMaster!
* Ordeal
  + Spring Ordeal is 03/28/25 – 03/30/25 at Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
  + Area Ordeal will be in May 2025
  + Ceremonies Team – Training at the monthly OA meetings. All are welcome!
  + 2024 Dues can be paid online: <https://wipit470.org/dues.html>
* **Roundtable - Minutes and slides -** Available on the [WTD web site](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/roundtable/) (District Resources, Roundtable). Password is “GMDRT”
  + - **Next Roundtable** – December 12, 2024, at Thoreau Middle School, Vienna, VA and on Zoom.