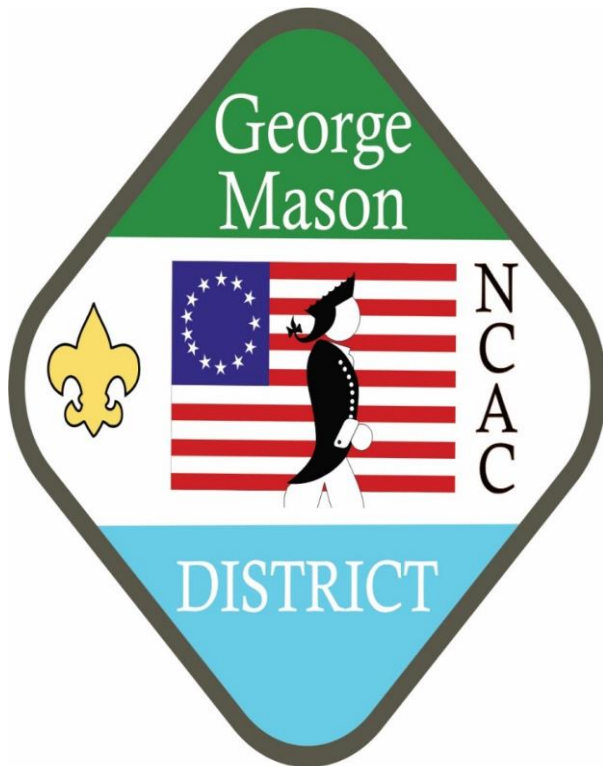




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Welcome to this edition of the George Mason District Press. We e-mail this out bi-monthly to the BSA registered leaders in George Mason District; unit leaders and merit badge counselors – those who have their current YPT.

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 7:30 PM March 14, 2019 George Mason Round Table held at Thoreau Middle School, Vienna, VA

Also, Save the Date – May 17 – 18 2019

Spring 2019 George Mason Spring Camporee

USEFUL LINKS:

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Calendar of Events

- 03/02/19 & 4/27-28/19 – [BCOLS Course](#), Port Republic & Prince Frederick, MD
- 03/03/19 & 05/31/19 - [Wood Badge](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 03/08/19 - OA NLS/DYLC, Alpine Scout Camp, NJ
- 03/09/19 - [Carpe Adventure Trek](#) (20 or 40km Hike), Mount Vernon, VA
- 03/09/19 - [College of Commissioner Service](#), Annandale, VA
- 03/09/19 – GM Pinewood Derby Part II, Fairfax, VA – see page 7
- 03/12/19 – GM Commissioner’s Meeting (7:30pm), Thoreau MS (B-113), Vienna, VA
- 03/14/19 - Roundtable/OA Chapter Meetings (7:30pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA
- 03/16/19 - [Den Chief Training](#), Herndon, VA
- 03/16/19 - [Scoutmaster Position Specific Training](#), Gaithersburg, MD
- 03/16/19 - [Commissioner Basic/Roundtable Commissioner Training](#), Gaithersburg, MD
- 03/16/19 - [Life To Eagle Seminar](#), Christ Lutheran Church, 3810 Meredith Dr, Fairfax, VA.
- 03/23/19 - [NCAC Orienteering Meet](#), Huntingtown, MD
- 03/27/19 - District Committee (7:15pm), Thoreau MS (B-113), Vienna, VA
- 03/29/19 - Elks Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner
- 03/29-30/19 - [Patriot District Spring 2019 IOLS-BALOO Training](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 03/30/19 - [Leave No Trace Trainer Course](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 04/04/19 – NCAC Roundtable Commissioner Quarterly Meeting (7:30pm),
Marriott Scout Service Center, Bethesda, MD
- 04/05/19 - [Leave No Trace Trainer Course](#), Germantown, MD
- 04/09/19 - GM Commissioner’s Meeting (7:30pm), Thoreau MS (B-113), Vienna, VA
- 04/11/19 - Roundtable/OA Chapter Meetings (7:30pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA



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- 05/14/19 - GM Commissioner's Meeting (7:30pm), Thoreau MS (B-113), Vienna, VA
- 05/09/19 – GM District Court of Honor Roundtable/OA Chapter Meetings (7:30pm),
Thoreau MS, 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
- 07/11/19 - Roundtable/OA Chapter Meetings (7:30pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA
- 08/13/19 - GM Commissioner's Meeting (7:30pm), Thoreau MS (B-113), Vienna, VA
- 08/08/19 - Roundtable/OA Chapter Meetings (7:30pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, 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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 **COLLEGE OF COMMISSIONER SCIENCE**
SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019
HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL, ANNANDALE, VIRGINIA

Keynote Speaker is Ellie Morrison, BSA National Commissioner

Open to anyone interested in advanced training,
networking and fellowship, and information on the
latest Scouting developments

More information is available
at myNCAC.org

[Online registration is available now.](http://myNCAC.org)



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NCAC Commissioner College



Saturday, March 9, 2019

[Online registration is available now.](#)

Saturday, March 9, 2019 is the 2019 National Capital Area Council **College of Commissioner Service** at Holy Spirit School in **Annandale, Virginia**.

Our College of Commissioner Service is a fun-filled day **open to everyone** interested in training, networking and fellowship, and information on the latest Scouting developments. Whether you are a **veteran commissioner** with years of experience, a **brand-new commissioner** about to start your new role, or a **parent interested in learning more about Scouting**—this event has plenty to offer everyone.

This annual event is modeled after a traditional college with opportunities to earn a Bachelor's, Master's, or Doctorate "degree"; to engage in Continuing Education; to complete Unit Commissioner Basic Training; or to just come hear from our keynote lunch speaker **BSA National Commissioner Ellie Morrison**.

In addition to being our keynote lunch speaker, Ellie Morrison will be presenting a course on **Servant Leadership**, BSC 109 – The Essential Element: A Servant's Heart.

And for the first time, we will be offering the new **Masters in Roundtable** curriculum as well as the newly updated **Bachelors in Roundtable** curriculum with courses presented by instructors from the **BSA National Commissioner Service Task Force**.

You can expect a fantastic day packed full of solid learning experiences along with many great opportunities to share ideas, network, and enjoy Scouting fellowship.

[Online registration is available now.](#) We look forward to seeing you at Commissioner College on **March 9th!**

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GEORGE MASON DISTRICT PINEWOOD DERBY CHAMPIONSHIP (Part II)

Who: Each Pack may provide one Pack winner or representative per rank i.e. one Lion, one Tiger, one Wolf, one Bear, one Webelos, and one Arrow of Light Cub Scout to the District Pinewood Derby. The Cub Scout must be present and compete in his respective group. | Registration will be at the door.

When: Saturday, March 9, 2019. The races will be held as follows:

<u>Grade level</u>	<u>Check-in time</u>	<u>Estimated Race time (no earlier than)</u>
K (Lions)	10:00-10:30 am	10:30 am
1 st (Tigers)	10:30-11:00 am	11:00 am
2 nd (Wolves)	11:00-11:30 am	11:30 am
3 rd (Bears)	11:30-12:00 pm	12:00 pm
4 th (Webelos)	12:00-12:30 pm	12:30 pm
5 th (AOL)	12:30-1:00 pm	1:00 pm
All comers race	prior to 1:00 pm	1:30 pm

Where: Fairfax Presbyterian Church, 10723 Main St, Fairfax, VA 22030 (The Church is not visible from the street. Presbyterian Way is their driveway between a bank and a medical facility across the street from a construction site.)

Cost: There is no cost for this event (most had already paid for the first one.)

RULES: All participants, by registering, agree to be bound by the official rules. Please review the rules, as they may be different from those used by your Pack. Email Roy De Lauder at eaglescout.roy@cox.net if you need a copy emailed to you.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION: Awards will be given to the first, second and third place finishers in each level.

ALL COMERS EVENT: A continuing feature this year will be the "All Comers" event for parents or guardians of registered Cub Scouts. Cars built by other members of a Cub Scout's family may register subject to availability of space in the 24-car ladder. In this event, only size and weight limits apply (no motors or accelerators please). In the interest of time, only 24 entries will be permitted for this event.

Email Roy De Lauder at eaglescout.roy@cox.net with questions



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George Mason District Spring Camporee



Flying Circus in Bealeton VA May 17-19

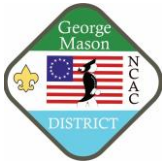
Join us for a weekend of Scout Skills and Merit Badges with a special emphasis on the Aviation Merit Badge! Webelos will have opportunities to practice Scout Skills.

We will need your troop's help with:

- Opening Ceremony
- Scout Skills
- Campfire
- Closing Ceremony

and Recruiting Merit Badge Counselors

The Camporee Committee will need tentative counts soon.



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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**

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.

WOOD BADGE

2019



Advanced Leadership Training

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

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

Go to: www.ncacbsa.org/woodbadge

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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?



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BALOO (cont.)

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.

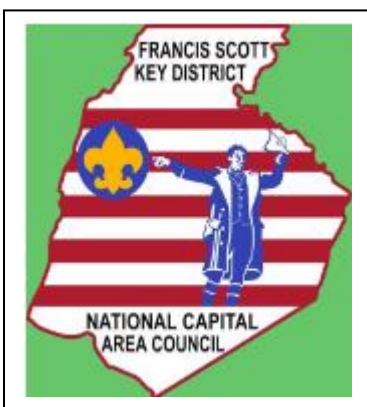
Having at least one BALOO-trained adult will make your Cub Scouts' camping experience as awesome as it can be.

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.



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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The Patriot District is pleased to offer the Spring 2019 session of Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) and Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO).

All attendees will arrive on Friday evening after work. IOLS will wrap up around 4pm on Saturday and BALOO will wrap up around 6pm.

- The cost to attend either BALOO or IOLS: \$25 Date: Friday March 29 - Saturday March 30
- Arrival: 7pm Friday night Departure: IOLS will depart around 4pm/BALOO will depart around 6pm
- Location: Camp Snyder (6100 Antioch Rd, Haymarket, VA 20169)

To Register for Patriot District IOLS/BALOO: [Patriot Spring 2019 IOLS-BALOO](#)



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Thursday, 9 May 2019

Following Program Launch and Roundtable

8:00 p.m. (approximately)

Thoreau Middle School

Cedar St. Vienna

Recognize those who support your unit:

- Scout units – Boy Led but Adult Fed. Thank the adults that “feed” your unit.
- Unit retention increases when engaged leaders are recognized.
- District offers two opportunities to recognize active adult volunteers.

Two District awards for Unit Leaders

- **Unit Scouter Award** – Outstanding service at unit level.
Normally one per unit.
Unit Commissioner must approve unit’s nomination.
After approval by Unit Commissioner, send to gm.adultrecognition@gmail.com.
Deadline is 15 April 2019.
- **Unit Appreciation Award** – For service benefiting the unit.
Criteria is broad. Could be long and distinguished service or noteworthy job on a single event.
Unit not limited on number of awards, but service should be noteworthy.
Send nominations to gm.adultrecognition@gmail.com.
Deadline is 15 April 2019.
- For both awards, include the recipient’s e-mail address.
- Strongly encourage the recipients to attend the District Court of Honor. Your recognition will mean more if they are there to hear the applause!



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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 those 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'm excited to see the new opportunities for kids: Sea Scouts, Venturing, STEM, girls in packs and troops—the list goes on.

And so does 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—caring, connected leaders of character who are building competence and confidence. That's what makes Scouting great. That's what we're going for.



Ellie Morrison
National Commissioner
emorrison@scouting.org

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

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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George Mason District Cub Scout Twilight Camp June 17-21, Izaak Walton Park, Centreville, Virginia

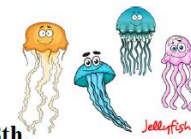


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Beneath the Sea

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

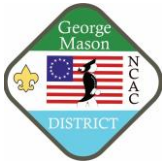
Camp Director: Julia Farr
 Program Director: Deb Schenaker
 District Exec: Sam McGrath
 Archery Range: Michelle Aten
 and Kate Schenaker
 BB Range: Brian Summers
 Fishing Range: TBD
 Nature Crafts: Roy DeLauder
 STEM Crafts: Jim Ashe



[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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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. Take advantage of a \$2 discount if you pay by March 31, 2019. 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](#)



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Order of the Arrow Youth membership qualifications as of Feb 1 2019:

To become eligible for election, a Scout must be registered with the Boy Scouts of America and have the approval of his unit leader **prior** to the election. The unit leader must certify their Scout spirit (i.e., his adherence to the Scout Oath and Law and active participation in unit activities). The unit leader must also certify that the nominee meets all specified requirements at the time of the annual election.

All members of, or candidates for membership in, the Order of the Arrow who are under 21 years of age shall be considered youth members or candidates for youth membership, subject to the following requirements:

- Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Have experienced 15 nights of camping while registered with a troop, crew, or ship within the two years immediately prior to the election. The 15 nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of at least five consecutive nights of overnight camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. Only five nights of the long-term camp may be credited toward the 15-night camping requirement; the balance of the camping (10 nights) must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps of, at most, three nights each. Ship nights may be counted as camping for Sea Scouts.
- At the time of their election, youth must be under the age of 21, hold the Scouts BSA First Class rank, the Venturing Discovery Award, or the Sea Scout Ordinary rank or higher, and following approval by the Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor or Sea Scout Skipper, be elected by the youth members of their unit.

The Chapter highly encourages elections are held in January and February. Please let the Chapter Advisor know if you have any questions: mserfass@cox.net

OA PDF Election Forms

need to be filled out and certified by the Unit Leader prior to the election:

If you have 8 or less candidates use: [Lodge Youth Election 8 Form Revision 07-20151](#)

If you have 20 or less candidates use: [Lodge Youth Election 20 Form Revision 07-20151](#)



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Order of the Arrow - Adult leaders in units

Each year, upon holding a troop or team election for youth candidates that result in at least one youth candidate being elected, the unit committee may nominate adults to the chapter adult selection committee. **The number of adults nominated can be no more than one-third of the number of youth candidates elected, rounded up where the number of youth candidates is not a multiple of three. In addition to the one-third limit, as long as he or she has served as unit leader (i.e. Scoutmaster or Coach not Assistant Scoutmaster or Assistant Coach), as long as he or she has served as unit leader for at least the previous twelve months (i.e. immediately prior to the unit election).** Recommendations of the chapter adult selection committee will be forwarded to the lodge adult selection committee for approval. Candidates must fulfill the following conditions in order to be considered for approval:

- Selection of the adult is based on the ability to perform the necessary functions to help the Order fulfill its purpose, and not for recognition of service, including current or prior achievement and positions.
- The individual will be an asset to the Order because of **demonstrated abilities that fulfill the purpose of the Order.**
- The camping requirements set forth for youth members are fulfilled.
- The adult leader's membership will provide a positive example for the growth and development of the youth members of the lodge.

The unit committee is encouraged to determine if they will be nominating an adult for membership in the Order **prior** to the unit election. If an adult will be nominated, the unit committee should download and complete the **Adult Recommendation form** (includes fields to allow users to fill out the document via computer; form is savable to the local hard drive), so it can be submitted to the elections team as soon as possible following a successful election of youth candidates from the unit. The adult being nominated must be a registered member of the unit and the name listed on the form should match the name that is registered with the Boy Scouts of America on the unit roster (field sheet).

Adult OA Nomination form:

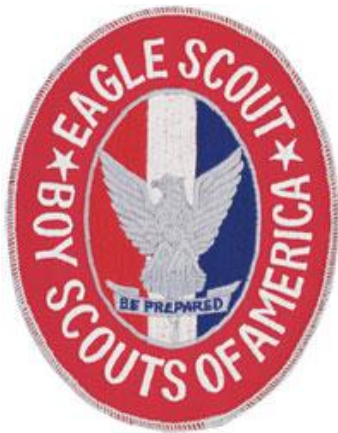
<https://wipit470.org/unit-elections.html>



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GEORGE MASON DISTRICT'S

LIFE TO EAGLE SEMINAR

Saturday, 16 March 2019

1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church, 3810 Meredith Drive,
Fairfax, VA. Check-in starts at 12:30 p.m.

Topics Include:

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

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

HIGHLIGHT: Panel discussion featuring recent Eagle Scouts

Who should attend:

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

Registration applications must be received by Monday, 11 March 2019

Fees (\$3 per person) will be collected at check-in. Registrations are requested to ensure adequate handouts and refreshments. Mail or E-mail registrations to:

Mr. Jim Miller, 4405 San Marcos Dr., Fairfax, Va. 22030
703-273-6101 **E-mail: miljwpa@aol.com**

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

Location of church: Meredith Dr. intersects Lee Highway (Route 29) west of Paul VI High School. There is a Mobile service station on the northwest corner of the intersection. The church is located behind the service station.

In case of inclement weather, we will follow Fairfax County schools.



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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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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
- 01/06/19 - [NCAC Jewish Committee on Scouting Merit Badge Fair](#), Rockville, MD
- 03/02/19 - [GMD Merit Badge Day](#), Fairfax, VA
- 03/09/19 - [CAT-40 Adventure Trek](#), Mount Vernon, VA
- 04/13/19 - [DC Merit Badge University](#), Catholic University, Washington, DC
- 04/27/19 - [Chain Bridge Merit Badge Afloat](#), Alexandria, VA

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.

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.)

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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.)

Part 3 — *While not required, we strongly suggest participation* in the Hike-o-ree which will allow BCOLS trained leaders to apply the BCOLS training with their youth at a real-world event. (Part 3 is the ENABLE part of EDGE.)

SPRING 2019 -- MARYLAND	FALL 2019 -- VIRGINIA
<p>Classroom: Sat. 3/2 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM</p> <p>Scientist Cliffs Community Center 3500 Alder Road Port Republic, MD</p> <p>Overnite: Sat. 04/27, 7:30 AM thru Sun. 04/28, 1:30 PM</p> <p>American Chestnut Land Trust 676 Double Oak Rd Prince Frederick, MD 20678</p> <p>https://scoutingevent.com/082-24575</p>	<p>Classroom: Sat. 9/28 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM</p> <p>Heritage Presbyterian Church 8503 Fort Hunt Road Alexandria, VA 22308</p> <p>Overnite: Sat. 10/12, 7:30 AM thru Sun. 10/13, 1:30 PM</p> <p>Camp Big Mac 12647 Moss Hollow Road Markham, VA 22643</p>

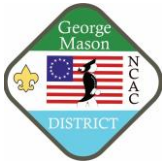
Register via the NCAC web-site — BCOLS can be found on the Training menu

<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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NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL

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

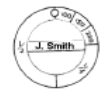
What: This is an opportunity for your unit to have your annual BSA swim classification check done under the supervision of NCAC-approved aquatics personnel.

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





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

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



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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SBR NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2019 SEASONAL STAFF!!

The Summit Bechtel Reserve (SBR) is currently seeking seasonal staff to operate and support its 2019 summer programs. Positions are varied and include overall camp support in addition to specializations within each of our three main operational areas:

The Paul R. Christen National High Adventure Base:

The James C. Justice National Scout Camp:

The John D. Tickle National Training & Leadership Center

BE A PART OF SOMETHING BIG – WE NEED YOUR HELP TO GIVE OUR CAMPERS THE BEST SUMMER EXPERIENCE OF THEIR LIVES!

BENEFITS

- Staff salaries start at \$1,150/month and go up from there, depending on qualifications and responsibility. A small number of experienced top-level managers can make as much as \$1,850/month
- Room (Tent) & Board provided
- Professional Certification Training,
- Professional Discounts on hundreds of brands,
- New River Gorge backyard playground with world famous rafting, rock climbing, mountain biking, & hiking,
- One of "America's Coolest Small Towns" within minutes of the Site; another within an hour's drive,
- Develop life skills through leading, guiding and caring for participants,
- Create friendships to last a lifetime!

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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 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 and 2020 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
- May 1-3, 2020 Spring Ordeal at Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- Oct 2-4, 2020 Fall Area Ordeal at Snyder, Haymarket, VA

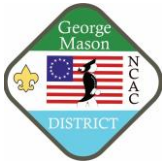
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- Jan 5 2019 Lodge Banquet – University Maryland, Maryland
- Apr 12-14 2019 Spring Fellowship – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- May 17-19 2019 Section Conclave – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- Sept 20-22 2019 Fall Fellowship – Goshen, VA

2020

- Jan 4 2020 Lodge Banquet – University Maryland, Maryland
- Apr 2020 Spring Fellowship – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- May 2020 Section Conclave
- Sept 2019 Fall Fellowship – Goshen, VA

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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.



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

6 DAYS OF FUN & ADVENTURE

TEAMWORK • GAMES • FOOD

CHALLENGES • CAMPING • LEARNING



REGISTRATION AND MORE INFORMATION:
www.myNYLT.org

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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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Save the Date – May 17 – 18 2019

Spring 2019 George Mason Spring Camporee

Come and join us for the George Mason Spring Camporee

At the Flying Circus in Bealeton, Va.

A weekend of Merit Badges and Scout Skills.

Scout Program will be working on Aviation Merit Badges.

Webelos will be working on Scout Skills.

We will need troops to run the following:

Opening Ceremony, Scout Skills, campfire and Closing Ceremony.

The Camporee Committee needs a tentative count of those attending.

We will need Merit Badge Councilors and troops to work on

Developing a Scout Skill Program for the Webelos

The Committee will be contacting each troop.

Are you and your unit ready for 2019 summer camp?

Check out what NCAC Summer Camp has to offer:

[NCAC Goshen Reservation Information](#)

What is a Lenhok'sin?



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A Goshen Scout Reservation Camp



**LENHOK'SIN HIGH
ADVENTURE**

SUMMER 2019

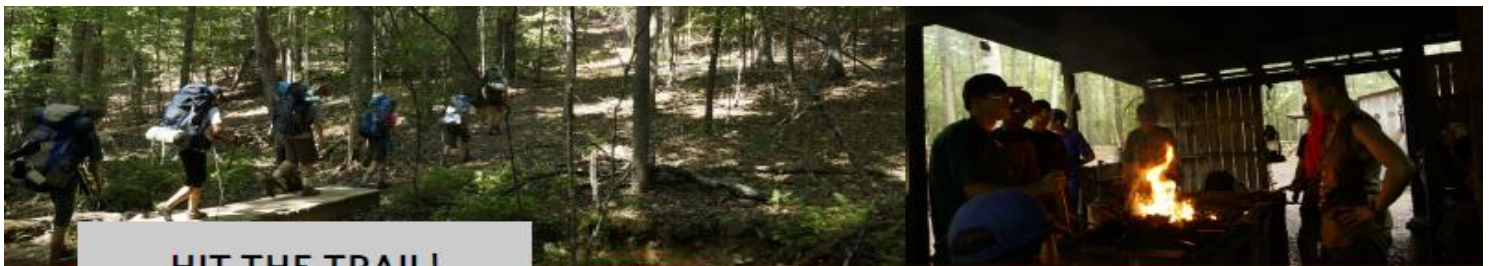
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HIT THE TRAIL!

Lenhok'sin High Adventure is a trek camp in the Blue Ridge Mountains near Goshen, VA. We offer two types of high adventure opportunities—river canoeing and backpacking with adventure activities.

WHO CAN GO?

Youth participants must be 13 years of age by September 1, 2019.

CAMP COST

Fees are \$415 per youth and \$265 per adult, due by 5/17/19.

Save \$40 per person if you pay by 4/12/19. Also, two adults per unit are free!

2019 SUMMER SCHEDULE

Week 1: June 23 - June 29

Week 2: June 30 - July 6

Week 3: July 7 - July 14

Week 4: July 14 - July 21

Week 5: July 22 - July 28

LENHOK'SIN TRAIL TREK

Choose from a selection of outposts and scenic views to create your very own trek. Spend four nights on the trail and have a chance to earn awards, including the challenging Moore Five Peaks Award.

JAMES RIVER CANOE TREK

Looking for something with more water? Paddle 61 miles of the historic Upper James River while you experience Class I and II rapids and the infamous Balcony Falls.



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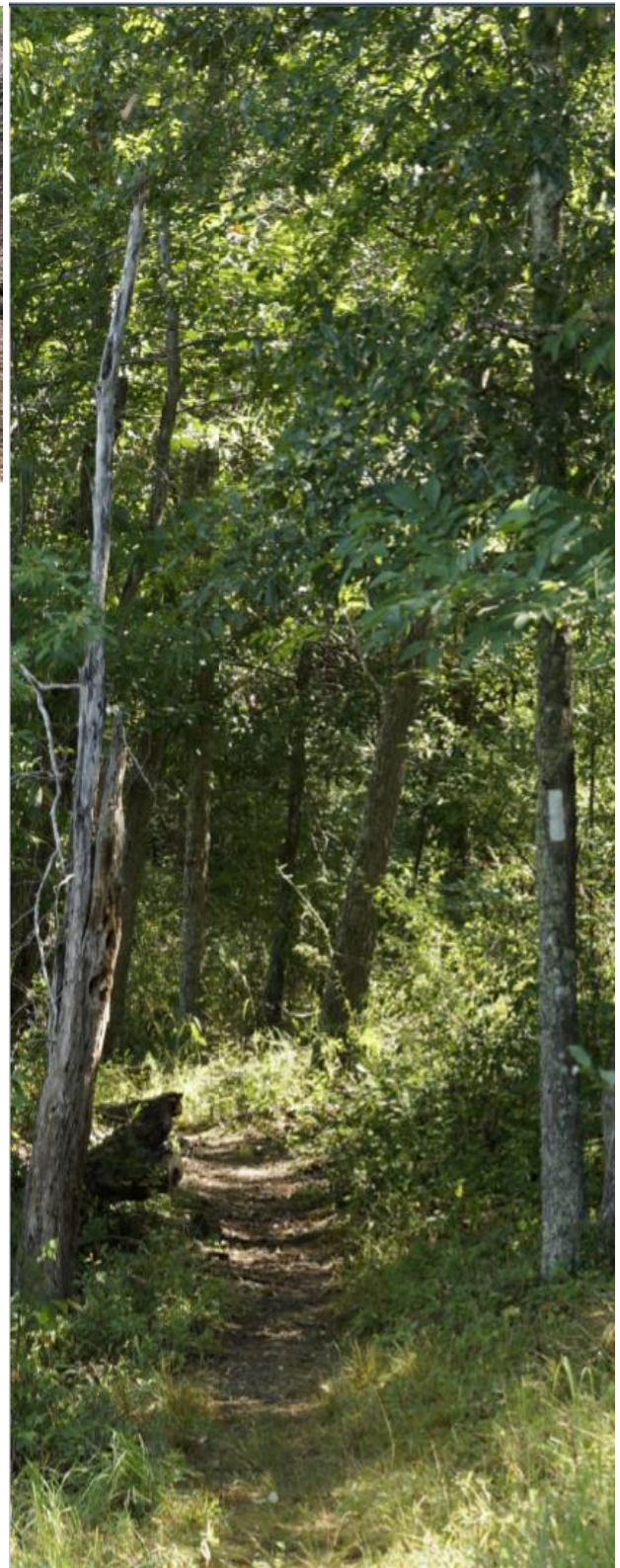
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LENHOK'SIN TRAIL OUTPOSTS

Take on adventure, travel through time, and experience the wilderness and more with all we have to offer.

Take to the water with kayaks and Stand-Up Paddleboards at **Paddle Sports** and go downhill on bikes and boards at **Mountain Sports**. Get vertical with **Rock Climbing** on natural faces. Soar through the sky with **COPE High Elements** at Goshen's COPE Course and go **Caving** and check out a "very cool" place underground.

Explore the past with our historical outposts. Visit the 1910s Appalachian forge at **Foxfire**, step into legend to join **Robin Hood's Merry Men**, and shoot black powder rifles and barter with the **Mountain Man**.

Can't get enough wilderness? Do one or more **Primitive** nights and see how far you can explore! Will you get to all five peaks?

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Wouldn't you like to go fishing?

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Kids Trout Fishing Derby – Herndon, Virginia

Start an annual family tradition and join us for this special day! Children age 2-15 and their families learn about fishing and experience a relaxing and successful day catching fish. All kids **MUST** be accompanied by an adult. Limited fishing poles and bait are available for use.

Trout Unlimited will help clean and store your catch. Volunteers will be on hand to teach you how to bait, cast, hook, and cook your freshly caught dinner. Please wear shoes you don't mind getting wet or muddy, no sandals. Event meets behind the Herndon Police Station on the Sugarland Run Trail. Teens and adults age 16 & up **MUST** have a valid Virginia State Fishing License to fish. Adults are not permitted to fish during kids fishing time.

Saturday, March 30, 2019

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Registration Code: 450050.60

Pre-registration price through Friday, March 29 at 4:45pm is \$8 per child.

Day of event registration is \$12, check or cash only at the event.

<https://web1.vermontsystems.com/wbwsc/vaherndonwt.wsc/splash.html>

5th Annual Fishing Rodeo – Vienna, Virginia

March 30, 2019 - Wildwood Park, Vienna, Virginia

The Vienna Family Fishing Rodeo will take place at Wolftrap Creek, located in Wildwood Park, 700 block of Follin Lane SE. The creek will be stocked with hundreds of trout. Please bring a fishing rod, bucket, plastic bag, and ice. A limited number of fishing rods will be available on site to borrow. Bait will be supplied. Catch a tagged fish to win a gift card from a local merchant.

Volunteers will provide instruction, stream education, and fish-cleaning demonstrations.

The Vienna Family Fishing Rodeo is made possible through a partnership of Northern Virginia Trout Unlimited, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, and the Vienna Department of Parks and Recreation.

Tickets: \$3 per fisher Pre-registration required - a limit of 6 tickets per household

Tickets will be available for sale at 8 am on January 28, 2019 for in-Town residents. All remaining tickets will be available starting February 4. Limit six tickets per family.

Please note: All participants over the age of 16 must possess a fishing license. You can purchase a license through the [Virginia Department of Gaming and Inland Fisheries](#).

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