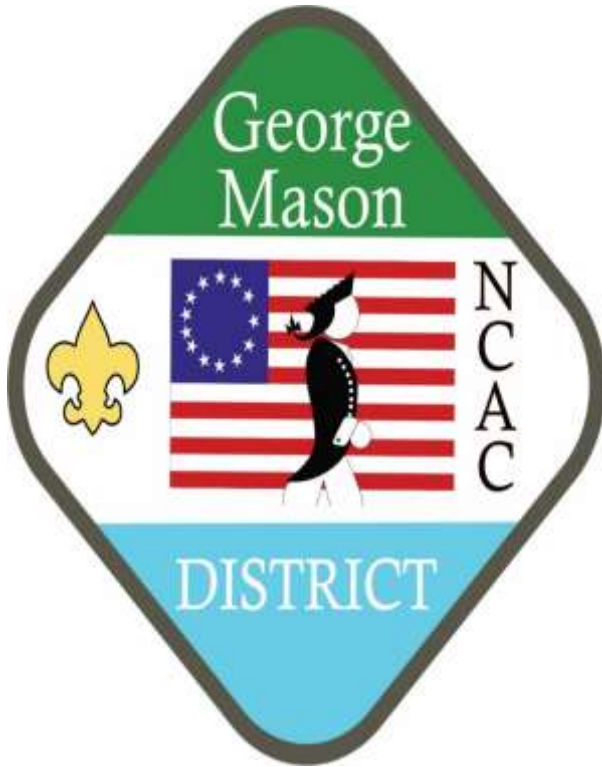




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Welcome to this edition of the George Mason District Press. We e-mail this out bi-monthly to the BSA registered leaders in George Mason District; unit leaders and merit badge counselors – those who have their current YPT.

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 08/08/2019 - Roundtable/OA Chapter Meetings (7:30pm), Falls Church Presbyterian, Falls Church, VA 7:30 PM

We are taking a break for July

SAVE the Date: October 18 – 20, 2019

George Mason District Fall Camporee – Iron Chef

USEFUL LINKS:

[NCAC Council Website](#)

[National BSA](#)

[National Order of the Arrow](#)

[wipit470.org](http://wipit470.org)



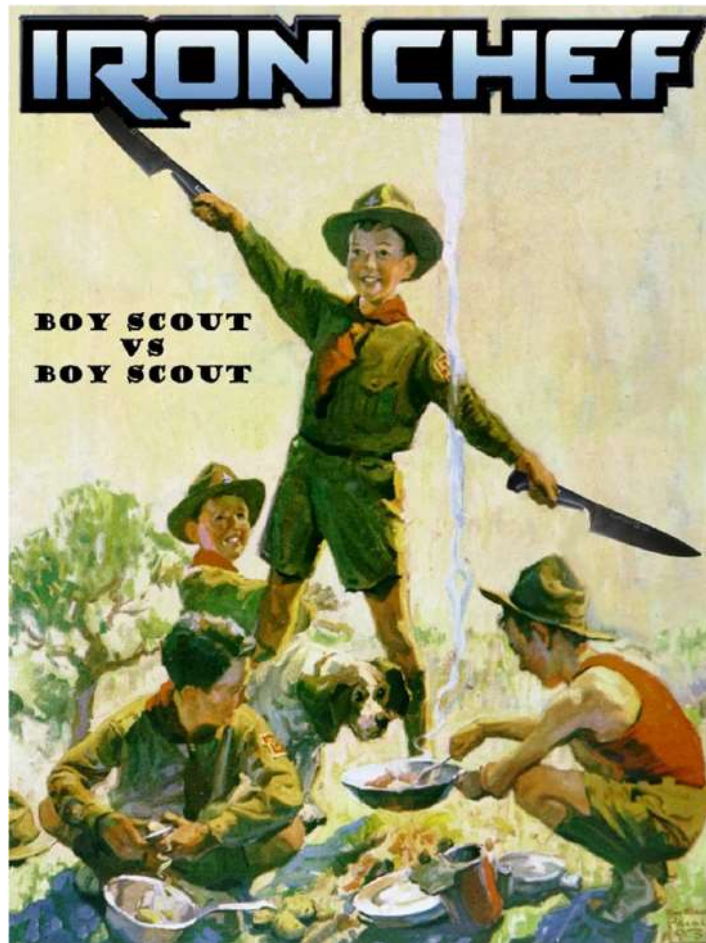
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## GEORGE MASON DISTRICT CAMPOREE



**Date: October 18 – 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Location: Front Royal, Virginia**

**SAVE THE DATE !**



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## Calendar of Events

- 07/07/19 - [Woodwork Merit Badge](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 07/09/19 - GM Commissioner's Meeting (7:30pm), Thoreau MS (B-113), Vienna, VA
- 07/20/19 - [Woodwork Merit Badge Shop Time](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 07/21/19 - [Sportrock Monthly Climbing Meetup](#), Alexandria, VA
- 07/28/19 - [Lifeguard Camp](#), Soloman, MD
- 07/28/19 - [National Youth Leadership Training \(NYLT\)](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 08/04/19 - [National Youth Leadership Training \(NYLT\)](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 08/08/19 - Roundtable/OA Chapter Meetings (7:30pm), Falls Church Presbyterian, Falls Church, VA - Join Scouting materials distributed and training given!
- 08/10/19 - [BSA/Red Cross Lifeguard Crossover Course](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 08/10/19 - [Swimming and Water Rescue](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 08/10/19 - [The Trainer's Edge](#), Potomac, MD
- 08/13/19 - GM Commissioner's Meeting (7:30pm), Thoreau MS (B-113), Vienna, VA
- 08/17/19 - [Aquatics Merit Badge Completion Day](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 08/18/19 - [Sportrock Monthly Climbing Meetup](#), Alexandria, VA
- 08/24/19 – 08/26/19 [NCAC Powder Horn](#), Camp St. Charles, Newberg, MD



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## Calendar of Events (cont.)

08/24/19 - [BALOO Training for Cub Scout Leaders](#), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

08/26/19 - FCPS First Day of School

08/30/19 - [Scuba Jam](#), Lake Phoenix, VA

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

09/14/19 – Adult Scouting Skills & Camp Snyder Fellowship Lunch, Haymarket, 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

09/28/19 - [Life To Eagle Seminar](#), Christ Lutheran Church, 3810 Meredith Dr, Fairfax, 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

10/18/19 – 10/20/19 George Mason District Fall Camporee, Front Royal, VA

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



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

Thursday, 9 May 2019

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



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On Thursday May 7, 2019  
George Mason District Court  
of Honor recognized Mary  
Neuse with the District Award  
of Merit... congratulations!



On Thursday May 7, 2019  
George Mason District Court  
of Honor recognized Brian  
Stewart with the District Award  
of Merit... congratulations!

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On Thursday May 7, 2019  
George Mason District Court  
of Honor recognizes  
Schenaker Award recipient for  
Outstanding Roundtable  
Service to **Hector Uranga** ...  
congratulations!

On Thursday May 7, 2019  
George Mason District Court  
of Honor recognizes  
Commissioner Kurt  
Johnson...Congratulations!



More Photos at George Mason Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10217412904587934&set=pcb.1021741307792264&type=3&theater>

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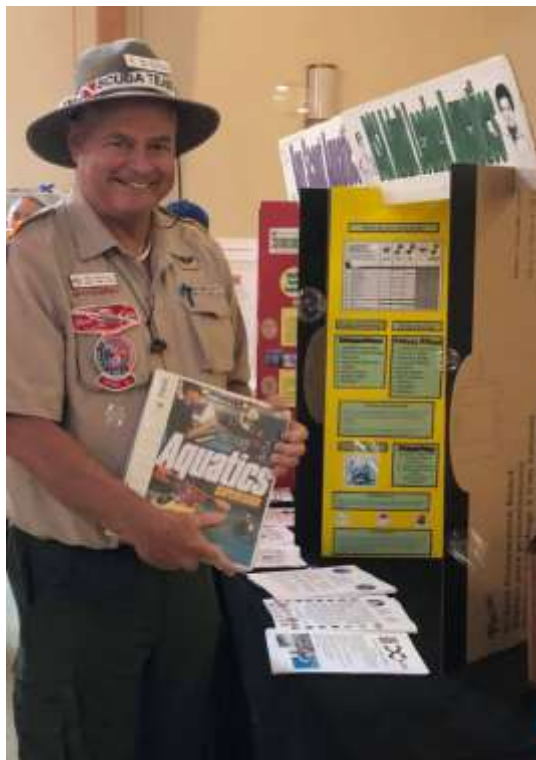
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Very grateful to all those who supported the George Mason District Program Launch, which took place prior to the District COH...Advancement Committee with [Margee Egan](#)!



Very grateful to all those who supported the George Mason District Program Launch, which took place prior to the District COH...Aquatics Committee with Mike [Michael Meenehan](#)!

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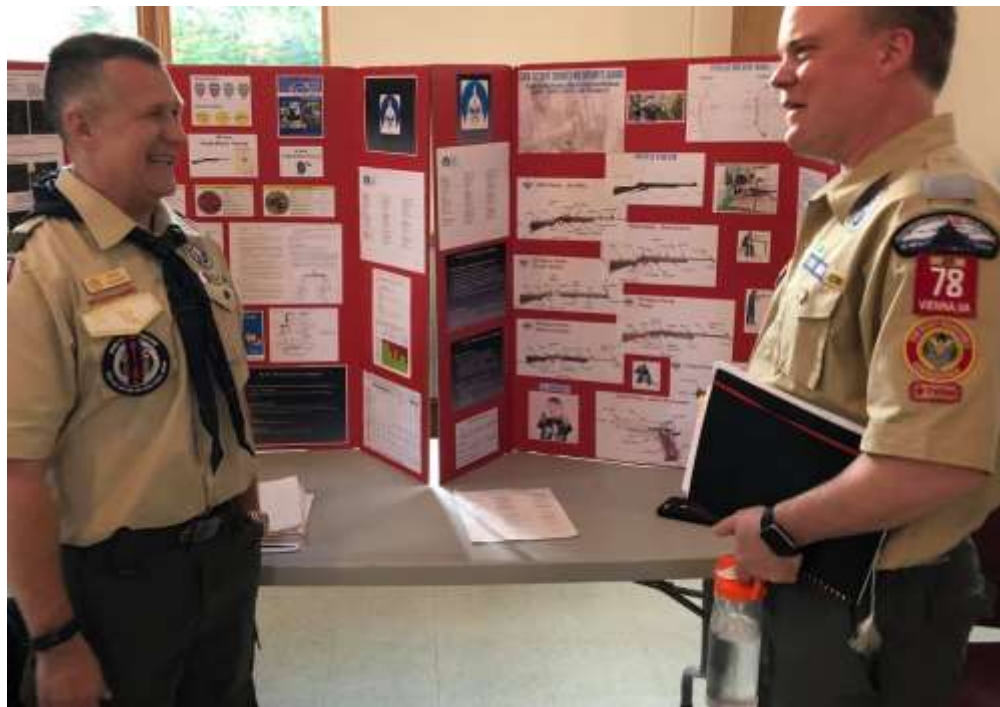




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Very grateful to all those who supported the George Mason District Program Launch, which took place prior to the District COH...Training Committee with NYLT Coordinator Cullen Bengtson and Andrew Bengtson.

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**Question: What can your unit youth do during the summer break, besides attending summer camp?**

**They can work on their Religious Emblem Program**

**and earn a medal and a knot they can wear on their uniform**

**both as a youth and as an adult!**

Here is more information that we strongly urge you to share with your units youth!

[https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-879\\_WB.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-879_WB.pdf)

## *Religious Emblems Programs*

**Available to Members of the Boy Scouts of America**

A Scout is reverent. He is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion.

To encourage members to grow stronger in their faith, religious groups have developed the following religious emblems programs. The Boy Scouts of America has approved of these programs and allows the emblems to be worn on the official uniform. The various religious groups administer the programs. Check with your local council service center or contact the religious committee to obtain the curriculum information.

Materials with a Boy Scouts of America supply number are available from your local council service center or from the BSA National Distribution Center toll-free at 800-323-0732.

S = Student material    C = Counselor material    M = Adult mentor material

<sup>1</sup>The Venturing TRUST Award is part of the Venturing awards program. This youth award is not part of the BSA religious emblems programs. For additional information, refer to the TRUST Award Handbook, available from your local council service centers or the BSA National Distribution Center.

**For additional information about religious emblems, please contact your religious organization.**

### **How Do We Get Started on These Programs?**

1. Youth members or their parents obtain the specific information for their religious emblems.
2. Parents review the program guidelines.
3. Families talk with their religious leaders or emblem counselors and show them the requirements before beginning the program.
4. The youth member completes the requirements and the family obtains the proper signatures and orders the emblem.

### **Interested in making a presentation on the religious emblems?**

Promotional resources (including a DVD and scripts) are available from the BSA ([www.scouting.org/awards/religious-awards/](http://www.scouting.org/awards/religious-awards/)) and P.R.A.Y. ([www.praypub.org](http://www.praypub.org)).



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**Anglican Catholic Church**  
 Ad te Domine, Servus Dei, The Order of St. Michael

**Armenian Church of America (Eastern Diocese)**  
 St. Gregory, Ararat

**Armenian Apostolic Church of America**  
 Saint Mesrob

**Buddhist**  
 Metta, Sangha, Bodhi

**Baha'i**  
 Unity of Mankind, Unity of Mankind, Unity of Mankind, Unity of Mankind

**Eastern Orthodox**  
 Saint George, Alpha Omega, Chi Rho, Prophet Elias

**African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.)**  
 God and Me, God and Family, God and Church, God and Life, God and Service

**Anglican Church in North America**  
 God and Me, God and Family, God and Church, God and Life, St. George Cross

**Baptist**  
 God and Me, God and Family, God and Church, God and Life, Good Shepherd

**Churches of Christ**  
 Loving Servant, Joyful Servant, Good Servant, Giving Servant, Faithful Servant

**Church of Christ, Scientist (Christian Scientist)**  
 God and Country, God and Country

**Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**  
 God and Me, God and Family, God and Church, God and Life, God and Service

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**  
 On My Honor Youth, On My Honor Adult

**Community of Christ**  
 Light of the World, Path of the Disciple, Exploring Community Together, International Youth Service

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**General Church of the New Jerusalem**  
Open Word

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**Hindu**  
Dharma  
  
Karma

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**Islamic**  
Bismillah  
  
In the Name of God  
  
Allaho Akber

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**Jain**  
Live Help Live—Stage I  
  
Live Help Live—Stage II  
  
Live Help Live—Stage III  
  
Live Help Live—Stage IV  
  
Live and Help Live—Gold  
  
Live and Help Live—Silver  
  
Live and Help Live—White

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**Meher Baba**  
Love for God  
  
Compassionate Father

**Episcopal**  
God and Me  
  
God and Family  
  
God and Church  
  
God and Life  
  
Saint George

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**Jewish**  
Maccabee  
  
Aleph  
  
Ner Tamid  
  
Etz Chaim  
  
Shofar

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**Lutheran**  
God and Me  
  
God and Family  
  
God and Church  
  
God and Life  
  
Servant of Youth  
  
Lamb

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**Moravian**  
God and Country  
  
The Order of David Zeisberger

**Nazarene**  
God and Me  
  
God and Family  
  
God and Church  
  
God and Life  
  
God and Service

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**Polish National Catholic Church**  
Love of God  
  
God and Country  
  
Bishop Thaddeus F. Zielinski

**Presbyterian Church in America**  
God and Me  
  
God and Family  
  
God and Church  
  
God and Life  
  
God and Service

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## Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



## Friends Committee on Scouting (Quakers)



## Unitarian Universalist



## Unity Churches



## Zoroastrian



## Protestant/United Church of Christ/Community Churches



## Roman Catholic/Eastern Catholic



## Salvation Army



## Sikh



## United Methodist



## United Pentecostal Church International



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

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

- How to download BSA Ids (YouTube Video):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KOUCBoamgs0>

- How to downloads and print Unit Charters:

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



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Celebrate 100 Years Of NCAC Camping!

## SAVE THE DATE!

### 2019 ADULT SCOUTING SKILLS & CAMP SNYDER FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

To provide an afternoon of Scouting skills and fun for adults through stations that include archery, trail cooking, first aid, tomahawks, STEM, rocketry, and more!

SCOUTERS AND FAMILIES JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE SCOUTING AND EXPERIENCE WHAT OUR SCOUTS ENJOY AT SUMMER CAMP!

Register today at [www.ncacbsa.org/adultscoutskills](http://www.ncacbsa.org/adultscoutskills)

Free Fellowship Lunch served at noon in the Dining Hall.  
(Registration required for planning purposes).

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2019, 11 AM to 4 PM**  
CAMP WILLIAM B. SNYDER, 6100 ANTIOCH ROAD, HAYMARKET, VA 20169  
SPONSORED BY THE ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE & NESA DC

For more info, please contact Chief Development Officer, Jenna Welle  
@ (301) 214-9113 [jenna.welle@scouting.org](mailto:jenna.welle@scouting.org)





Connect with Scouting Alumni!



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## Flags In – Sunday, November 10, 2019

### GM Scouts Honoring our Fallen Veterans

Celebrate Veterans Day by joining the George Mason District Crews, Troops, and Packs for "Flags-in" – placing American Flags on the graves of fallen veterans. *Girl Scouts are welcome.*



### Class-A Uniforms

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

Schedule: 11:30am – arrive and sign in  
12:00 noon – Pizza Delivery and flag placement training  
1:00pm – Begin flag placement  
1:00pm, 2:00pm and 3:00pm – TAPS blown (buglers needed)  
3:30pm – Probable completion of event

On Veterans Day 2018, approximately 140 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](mailto:ruspittman@gmail.com)





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## 2019 Journey to Excellence

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

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

### 2019 Scorecards – English

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

### 2019 Tracking Workbooks

- [Pack Spreadsheet](#) 
- [Troop Spreadsheet](#) 
- [Crew Spreadsheet](#) 
- [Ship Spreadsheet](#) 
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## GEORGE MASON DISTRICT'S

### LIFE TO EAGLE SEMINAR

**Saturday, 28 September 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, 23 September 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](mailto: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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## Course Schedule

### Spring 2019

N6-82-19-1

May 3 - 5 & May 31 – June 2

Camp William B. Snyder, Haymarket, VA

Course Director: **Mike Haas**

### Fall 2019

(Sunday Friendly)

N6-82-19-2

September 5 - 7 & October 3 – 5

Camp William B. Snyder, Haymarket, VA

Course Director: **Ken Barrett**

# WOOD BADGE

# 2019

### Participation Commitment:

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

### Course Costs:

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

### Course Uniform:

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



## Advanced Leadership Training

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

District or Council  
Leadership positions, or Scouting  
Professionals

Go to: [www.ncacbsa.org/woodbadge](http://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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## George Mason District Congratulates their newest Silver Beaver Recipients – Helen Webb and Mark Serfass

On Saturday May 11, 2019 George Mason District honorees (Mark Serfass and Helen Webb) received the Silver Beaver Award (highest Council-level award) at the NCAC Council Court of Honor.





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# THE COMMISSIONER

A PUBLICATION FOR COMMISSIONERS AND PROFESSIONALS



[www.scouting.org/commissioners](http://www.scouting.org/commissioners)

## National Commissioner's Minute

It has been a year since I assumed the role of your national commissioner. I am convinced more than ever that commissioners are the "glue and grease" of Scouting. In looking back over the year, it is apparent to me that you have accomplished a great deal. Since last May, you have welcomed girls into Cub Scouting and Scouts BSA. You have made more unit visits than ever before, helped establish new units, and guided leaders through changes involved in having girls join Scouting. Well done!

Family Scouting has been an adventure for all of us. What a wonderful opportunity for these girls and for the BSA. From what I can tell, everyone—boys and girls, along with their parents—is loving it. It's an exciting time for the BSA, to say the least.

This last year, recorded and counted unit visits reached an all-time high—up 2 percent with more unit visits than in 2017. Indeed, over the course of the last several years, each year you have visited more units than in the previous year. While 2 percent may not seem like much, it occurred in a year when, for the first time, a detailed assessment was required in order to count any visits for a particular unit. I'm confident that those detailed assessments led to Unit Service Plans, our best method for impacting a unit. I'm looking forward to seeing more units medaling in 2019 than have ever medaled before. Thank you for all you are doing to ensure unit success.

Your Commissioner Service Team has been busy too. This month you'll meet Craig Martin who will link Explorers with commissioner service. Look for the article introducing him.

The commissioner cabinet will see changes this month as well. We are saying thank you to Kandra Dickerson (Central Region), Ken King (Northeast Region), and Bill Talley (Southern Region) for their service. All three have served with distinction and taught me so much about their regions. I'd like to take a moment to tell you about some of their successes.

I've decided that Kandra Dickerson knows everyone in the Central Region, and everyone loves her. I had the privilege of team teaching with her once this winter and getting to watch firsthand how she responds to each individual, each need. Kandra has been a wonderful regional commissioner and I thank her for her service.

Ken King, Northeast regional commissioner, will be recognized with the Silver Buffalo at the National Annual Meeting for his service to youth. Part of that service has been through Scouting, and commissioner service in particular. On Ken's monthly calls,



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National Commissioner  
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you usually find him listening to the area commissioners and inviting guests who bring additional information to the group. Ken is a "hands-on" Scouter with his great-nephew's pack. He has represented the Northeast Region well and his service has made a difference. I'm grateful for his service.

Bill Talley has led commissioner service for the Southern Region these last three years. He has a big region and has covered it well, encouraging commissioners to succeed. Bill identifies leaders, gives them opportunities, and lets them run with their ideas. Bill has provided great service to the Southern Region.

Mike Weber, Linda Baker, and Gail Plucker will step into these roles, respectively, as regional commissioner. Look for the articles introducing them in this newsletter.

This is a great time in the Scouting year. It is a time to look back on accomplishments and look forward to what lies ahead. It is a time for celebrations, a time for setting goals. The summer is coming with opportunities for camping, Scout camp, the world jamboree—adventure awaits us all.

Thank you for your continued efforts to serve our youth and ensure a great Scouting experience for them.

[The Commissioner - Spring 2019](#)

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## BRAND NEW OA WIPIT Website – Check it Out!

[Wipit470.org](http://Wipit470.org)

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

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

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

### **It's time to renew your Lodge Membership!**

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

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

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

Membership questions can be emailed to: [membership@wipit470.org](mailto:membership@wipit470.org)





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## *Merit Badge Program*



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

Upcoming events are listed below:

- [Parktakes](#) - Various MBs
- [MeritBadge.Info](#) - Various MB Days throughout the country
- [Fly Fishing Merit Badge Program](#), Northern Virginia

### **Current Merit Badge Counselors and Guidelines:**

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

### **To become a Merit Badge Counselor:**

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

- [Adult Application](#) (Page 3 only - just the applicant's initials and signature),
- [Background Check Authorization](#) (Page 15),
- [Merit Badge Counselor Information Sheet](#), and
- [Current YPT Certification](#) (Login, Menu, My Dashboard, Completions).

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

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



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## 2019 OFFERINGS

### BACK COUNTRY OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS - BCOLS

**DON'T BE THIS GUY**



**GET BCOLS TRAINED!**

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

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

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

**FALL 2019 – VIRGINIA – BOTH SESSIONS ARE REQUIRED:**

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

Heritage Presbyterian Church

8503 Fort Hunt Road

Alexandria, VA 22308

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

Camp Big Mac

12647 Moss Hollow Road

Markham, VA 22643



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

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

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

### **BCOLS (cont.)**

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

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

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

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

FOR INFORMATION: DOMINICK CARIDI: [DSCSCOUTING@AOL.COM](mailto:DSCSCOUTING@AOL.COM) / 703-625-4196



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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](mailto:DscScouting@aol.com) // 703-625-4196



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

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

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

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

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## George Mason Order of The Arrow – 2019 Fall Initiation

### [George Mason OA Ordeal Registration Link](#)

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

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

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

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

Here are the OA 2019/2020 Initiation Weekend (Ordeal/Brotherhood) dates:

- Oct 4-6, 2019 Fall Area Ordeal at Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- May 1-3, 2020 Spring GM/Patriot Chapter Ordeal at Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- Oct 2-4, 2020 Fall Virginia Central Area Ordeal at Snyder, Haymarket, VA

#### 2019 Lodge Events

- Sept 20-22 2019 Fall Fellowship – Goshen, VA

#### 2020 Lodge Events

- January 4, 2020 Lodge Banquet
- April 2020 ?? Spring Fellowship
- May 15-17 2020 Conclave – Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation
- September 2020 ?? Fall Fellowship

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# NYLT

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

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

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

**REQUIREMENTS**

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

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

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

**COURSE DATES**

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

**REGISTRATION AND MORE INFORMATION:**  
[www.myNYLT.org](http://www.myNYLT.org)

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