

George Mason District Roundtable

March 11, 2021



Council Update

Big Rock - Conservation

Earning the Distinguished Conservation Service Award for Venturers and Scouts



What the Awards are About

- *The fundamental purpose of the BSA Distinguished Conservation Service Awards program is to encourage learning by the participants and to increase public awareness about natural resource conservation.*
- *Truly outstanding efforts undertaken by Scouting units, Scouts and Venturers, adult Scouters, and other individuals, corporations, and institutions*
- *BSA Distinguished Conservation Service Award Individual awards are granted by the National Council through the local Council's Conservation Committee to a member of a Scouts BSA, Sea Scout, or Venturing unit for exceptional and distinguished service to conservation and environmental improvement.*

Distinguished Conservation Service Award for Youth

- Completion of two Eagle-sized Service projects, etc.
- Recognition of truly outstanding efforts that contribute to natural resource protection and conservation
- Includes education and public awareness of natural resource conservation
- Part of Scouting's respect for the outdoors
- **Not** a one-time effort
- Not For everyone
- Effort needed, but ***only results deliver.***

Scout Requirements

Complete Two Distinguished Conservation Service Projects (One may also be an Eagle project) – each project in a separate category

ALSO:

- Be a First Class Scout.
- Earn five mandatory Merit Badges
- Earn two elective Merit Badges
- Successfully pass a board of review conducted by the NCAC Council Conservation Committee.

Conservation Merit Badges

Earn All Core Badges:

- Environmental Science
- Fish & Wildlife Management
- Forestry
- Soil & Water Conservation
- Sustainability

Earn Any Two of 16:

- Bird Study
- Energy
- Fishing
- Fly Fishing
- Gardening

Electives (continued)

- Geology
- Insect Study
- Landscape Architecture
- Mammal Study
- Nature
- Nuclear Science
- Oceanography
- Plant Science
- Pulp & Paper
- Reptile & Amphibian Study
- Weather

Projects: Conservation Categories

- Energy Conservation
- Soil & Water Conservation
- Fish & Wildlife Management
- Forestry and Range Management
- Air & Water Pollution Control
- Resource Recovery (Recycling)
- Hazardous Material Disposal & Management
- Invasive Species Control
- Pollinator Management

Additional Project Requirements

Projects must be developed under the guidance and pre-approval of

- Award Adviser
- Conservation Adviser
- Scout's Unit Leader
- Council Conservation Committee.

One project may include the Scout's Eagle Scout project

All projects must contribute to environment improvement on a long-term scale.

Applicants **must** use the BSA Distinguished Conservation Service Award Workbook to document each of the service projects.

Two Workbooks

If using the project for both Eagle Scouts and Distinguished Conservation Service Award:

- Double Counting is OK!
- Copy and Paste too!

Remember – the Distinguished Conservation Service Award Workbook

- Has a “preamble” – the why applying the scientific method
- Has a “postscript” – results, education, publicity

Distinguished Conservation Service Award & Eagle Workbook

- Similar in content – good checklists
- Use them, please!

BSA Distinguished Conservation Service Award Project Workbook

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Applicant's Full Legal Name _____

Project Name _____

Project Category _____

Project [] of 2

Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Eagle Scout candidate's full legal name _____

Please give a name to your project _____

Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook No. 512-927
October 2015

Venturer and Sea Scout Requirements

Complete Two Conservation Service Projects – each project in a separate category. One may be a project used to earn Eagle.

Instead of Badges:

- Make a tabletop display or presentation on one of your conservation projects
- Submit an article about your project to a local newspaper, radio station, your school newspaper, internet publication, or TV station.
- Lead a Cub Scout or Scouts group in carrying out an age-appropriate conservation project from one of the project categories
- Write a paper or make a presentation on a plant or wildlife species

Venturer and Sea Scout Requirements (continued)

Complete Two Conservation Service Projects – **each project in a separate category**

ALSO:

- Select an area approved by your Award Adviser that contains several species of wildlife or plants. Observe this area thoroughly in various conditions and seasons of the year
- Make a presentation on interaction between species; the reaction of various species to changes in conditions or outside influences...
- AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOUND HERE:
<https://i9peu1ikn3a16vg4e45rqi17-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/BSA-Distinguished-Conservation-Service-Awards-Program-Requirements-1.pdf>

Final Approval

Council Conservation Committee

Three Step Committee Process

- Proposal Approval by Award Adviser (just like Eagle Scout Project)
- Ongoing communication to assure project is on track
- Project Approval via a Board of Review

NCAC Guidance Forthcoming

National Award Committee is developing courses for:

- Award Advisers
- Council Conservation Committees
- Scouts/Venturers/Ships/Unit Leaders/Parents

Portions / all of the three courses will be on the
Scouting University Website

Project Focus

- Identify conservation problem
- Address/Resolve the Problem
- Project must be
 - Based on sound scientific principles
 - Address conservation problem
 - Contribute to conservation & environmental improvement
 - Long-term in scale
- Typically, does not end with physical completion
- Work to determine success – or failure – and possible re-work. **Results Count.**
- Nature is messy and unpredictable
- 17• Project must make real difference

What Makes a DCSA Project Different from Others?

Generic conservation service project:

- Organizes unit to plant a few hundred seedlings in a burned over area to help prevent soil erosion and provide habitat for wildlife
- Some educational aspect

DCSA project:

- Researches why the burned over area has not naturally regenerated
- Researches what species are common to the area
- Conducts an inventory
- Finds a good source for native plants
- Organizes a tree-planting event
- ***Obtains community assistance in planting by diligently publicizing the efforts***
- Typically returns at six-month or annual intervals to document survival and assess replanting needs

Trained Award Advisers

- Understand award requirements
- Scientific expertise nice, but not required
- Help guide the candidate through the process and point out potential problems
- Help the candidate:
 - Evaluate project ideas
 - Find a Conservation Adviser (more on this shortly)
 - Find a land owner/managing agency
 - Provide periodic feedback
 - Assist with preparation of the final application package

National Issue: Number of qualified advisers

Local Issue: More advisers than projects

Conservation Adviser

- ***Professional or qualified lay person in the project field***
- Must understand award criteria and provide meaningful assistance
- Qualifications should be reviewed by the Conservation Committee
 - Ideally before project's start
 - Lack of qualified Conservation adviser puts projects at risk of disapproval
- Works closely with candidate through project design, execution and post-project analysis

NCAC Unit Award

- This is chiefly for participation.
- Labor force for a Scout's DCSA Project
- Labor force for a project (or part of a project) organized by Unit or others
- Expectations: Ages and stages
- Accomplish as a unit project
 - 60% participation
 - Work can take place in increments



Some Sample Projects

John Foong, Powhatan

- Invasive plant removal (Japanese stiltgrass) at Frying Pan Farm Park
- 160 volunteers removed >110 bags during 5 work days
- Planting of native plants
- Public education at spring farm day, farmers' markets, art events, Fairfax County Public School's environmental fair
- Front page publicity
- TV news coverage by NBC



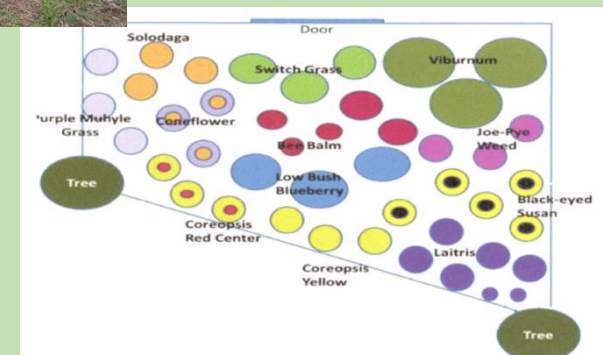
Pack 1530, Powhatan

- Provided labor force for John Foong's Project
- Helped remove 130 bags of invasive plant Japanese stiltgrass on 5 work days
- Pack leaders educated school community about the project
- Learned about invasive plants at pack meeting
- More than 60% of registered Cubs participated in removal or publicity



Andrew Brown, Old Dominion

- Pollinator Garden at Lynbrook Elementary School, Springfield VA
- Create a native plant habitat that would attract a large variety of insects and birds to otherwise barren courtyard.
- Augmented an already established Monarch Waystation located outside the courtyard
- ***Developed an educational guide for school***
- ***Conducted pre- & post-project diversity census***
- ***Also an Eagle Project***



Alan Brown, Old Dominion

- Invasive plant identification and removal
- Pre-project botanical/invasive plants survey of the area
- Reintroduction of native meadow plant species.
- Post-project survey of area. Determining the success of the removal techniques.
- Three Eagle Scout Projects and four other service projects in survey area all for invasive plant removal.
- Troop Unit Award

Before



Clearing



Cleared



Replanted

Logan Hine, Gaithersburg

- Chimney swift tower
- Provides habitat for endangered swifts
- Personally educated dozens of local citizens
- Gained support of local Audubon Society
- Recognized in several local publications
- Spurred Mason-Dixon Council to start its own conservation awards program



BRYAN ON SCOUTING



A Blog for the BSA's Adult Leaders

Eagle Scout's tennis ball recycling project is a smashing success



Scouting EPA 50th AWARD

[EPA Award \(usscouts.org\)](https://usscouts.org)



Distinguished Conservation Service Award Advisers: Start with Us, Please!

- Robert Tallent, Aquia and Occoquan
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- Sara Holtz, Powhatan
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Summary

- **The Distinguished Conservation Service Award and Unit Award are:**
 - Unique – but can be an adjunct to the unit program
 - Require dedication and perseverance
 - Over and above *typical* Eagle Project, Quartermaster or Summit Award
 - Not for everyone
 - Council Approved

Earth Day: 22 April 2021

- ***Opportunity for all Scouts and Units to participate in a Conservation activity/event.***
- ***Global event with Local support and outcomes.***
- [Earth Day 2021 | Restore Our Earth™ | EARTHDAY.ORG](#)
- [VWEA Scholarships - Virginia Water Environment Association](#)
- [Welcome to Friends of the Blue Ridge Mountains \(friendsofblueridge.org\)](#)
- [Trout Unlimited | Trout Unlimited](#)

**The Distinguished Conservation
Service Award – for the Second BSA
Century**

Questions?

More Information

• Subject	• Web Page
• Distinguished Conservation Service Award Home Page	• https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/conservation-and-environment/conservation-awards-and-recognitions/bsa-distinguished-conservation-service-award/
• Distinguished Conservation Service Award Workbook	• https://i9peu1ikn3a16vg4e45rqi17-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/BSA-Distinguished-Conservation-Service-Award-Workbook-430-815.pdf
• Distinguished Conservation Service Award Application	• https://i9peu1ikn3a16vg4e45rqi17-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/BSA-Distinguished-Conservation-Service-Award-Applicaiton-430-107a.pdf

DCSA First, Eagle Second

- Award projects can start ***once First Class is earned.***
Eagle projects require Life Scout Rank
- Every Award project will meet Eagle requirements
- Very few Eagle projects meet the Award's highly specific requirements
- Required badges for the Award ***can all serve towards Eagle rank – again, double counting is fine.***

Evaluating the Project

First and Foremost: Does it solve a conservation issue?

Actions	Objectives
Applicant Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning and execution of the project(s)• Encourages others to plan, understand, appreciate & practice sound conservation & environmental protection methods
Project Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completes a substantial conservation project in one of eight categories• Time expended• Project - innovative?• Indicates origin of the project idea

Evaluation Criteria

Actions	Objectives
Leadership & Involvement of Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gives leadership and involves others in carrying out the project• Seeks guidance from other organizations and professionals• Help others learn about natural resource conservation

Event Planning Guidelines - Update

Executive Order (3rd Amended #72, 2021)

- **All Public and Private In-Person Gatherings**
- **All public and private in-person gatherings of more than 10 individuals indoors and 25 individuals outdoors are prohibited.** A “gathering” includes, but is not limited to, parties, celebrations, or other social events, whether they occur indoors or outdoors. The presence of more than 10 individuals **indoors, or 25 individuals outdoors**, performing functions of their employment or assembled in an educational instructional setting is not a “gathering.” The presence of more than 10 individuals **indoors, or 25 individuals outdoors**, in a particular location, such as a park, or retail business is **not a “gathering” as long as individuals do not congregate.** This restriction does not apply to the gathering of Family members, as defined in **section I**, subsection D, paragraph 2 living in the same residence.

NCAC EVENT PLANNING GUIDELINES

MARCH 15-JUNE 30TH, 2021 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

RESOURCES: WWW.NCACBSA.ORG/COVID19

WWW.Scouting.org/HEALTH-AND-SAFETY/INCIDENT-REPORT

WWW.Scouting.org/CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19-FAQ

In general, most geographic areas within NCAC territory currently permit indoor gatherings of no more than 10 persons and outdoor gatherings of no more than 25 persons. As such, unit, district, and council in person activities and events should adhere to these benchmarks by using smaller cohort groups (dens/patrols/etc...). The chart below provides additional detail on activities and events for spring 2021

	UNIT	DISTRICT OR COUNCIL
HOW MANY PEOPLE MAY ATTEND?	Refer to local/state guidelines of the jurisdiction where the event is being held	Up to 10 people for indoor activities Up to 25 people for outdoor activities
HOW MAY I HOST MORE PEOPLE?	Utilize activity scheduling with one group in a location at a time	Utilize activity scheduling with one group in a location at a time
WHO MUST APPROVE?	Unit Key 3 (Unit Leader, Committee Chair, Chartered Org Rep)	For district events: district key 3 For council events: event chair and professional staff adviser
MAY WE HAVE AN OVERNIGHT COMPONENT?	Yes, with approval of your Unit Key 3	Yes, but not with multiple units interacting
REQUIRED PRE-EVENT DOCUMENTATION	N/A	Virus Risk Management Plan Checklist [available at: www.ncacbsa.org/covid19]
REQUIRED POST-EVENT DOCUMENTATION	An incident report via the BSA Riskconnect portal if there is a Covid exposure or other reportable incident [link: www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/incident-report]	

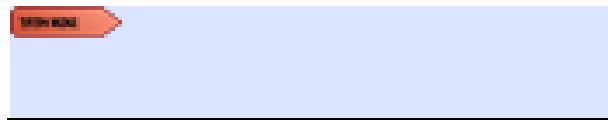
NCAC Event Virus Risk Management Plan Checklist

- Requester Name/Email/Phone: _____
- Start Date(s): _____
- End Date(s): _____
- Location (Street Address, City, County, State): _____
- Conducted within local government guidelines and restrictions for the activity location regarding group sizes, mask use and travel to/from restrictions?
 - VA – <https://www.virginia.gov/coronavirus/>
 - MD – <https://governor.maryland.gov/covid-19-pandemic-orders-and-guidance/>
 - DC – <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/phasetwo>
 - U.S. Virgin Islands – <https://www.vi.gov/covid/>
 - State-by-state – <https://www.aarp.org/politics-society/government-elections/info-2020/coronavirus-state-restrictions.html>
- Local Government Restrictions for Event Location: _____
- Total Number of Staff (Adult/Youth): _____
- Total Number of Active Participants (Adult/Youth): _____
- Number of Patrols/Dens/Cohorts of 10 or less people: _____
- Description of Event: _____

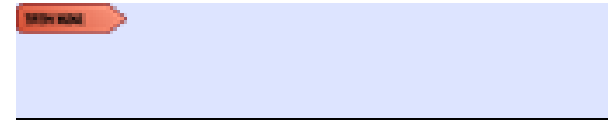
- Is temperature be taken upon check-in or in advance of the event?
Yes No
- Virus Precautions Safety Briefing for staff and participants at start of event?
Yes No
- Name of Event Dedicated on Site Virus Safety Supervisor:
- Participants masks worn always in a patrol or group setting?
Yes No
- Time gapped arrival and departure of Patrols/Dens from multiple units in a day only activity?
Yes No
- Disinfection per CDC standards of commonly touch surfaces:
 <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/summer-camps.html>
- Dining within the following guidelines
 Prepackaged, pick-up meals are preferred
 Are disposable utensils, cups and plates used by diners?
 Are any served meals and drinks will be by a masked, hand-washed, gloved kitchen staff serving masked diners with disposable plates, utensils and cups?
 Are diners masked until seated and then seated a minimum of 6 feet apart on all sides?
- Submit Incident Report for any COVID symptomatic person discovered during the event at <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/incident-report/>

Approvals

Council Events

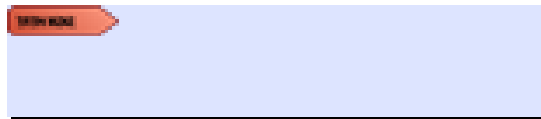


Volunteer Event Chair

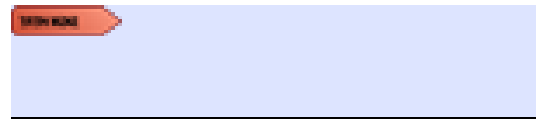


Staff Adviser

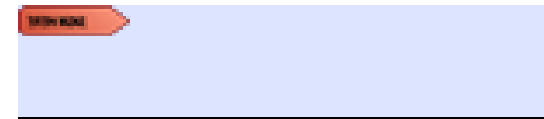
District Events



District Chair



District Commissioner



District Executive

This Document will be kept on file by Staff Adviser

George Mason Program



Matt Burns, Vice Chair Program
Teralyn Carlson, Deputy Vice Chair
George Mason District



Current 2020-2021 GM Calendar

- March 14, 2021 – Pi Day
- March 19-21, 2021 – Western Shore Virtual Camporee
- March 20, 2021 – District Pinewood Derby
- April 8, 2021 – District Court of Honor (before RT)
- April 11-24, 2021 – District Merit Badge Event
- April 30 to May 9, 2021 – District Hike-O-Ree
- May 8, 2021 – Jamboree on the Trail
- May 2021 - Memorial Day Flags In



UPDATED FROM JUNE 2020 PROGRAM LAUNCH



2021 George Mason Pinewood Derby

- **March 20, 2021**
- Drop off/pick up instructions sent to Basecamp and the parents of registered Cubs.
- Also sent out Zoom link to Basecamp POCs and parents of registered Cubs so that everyone can watch the race via Zoom.
- Cost will be \$10.00 per car – same as last year.
- No parent should attempt to bring an unregistered Cub/car on March 20.
- For questions, contact Daniel Aronowitz at aronowitz.Daniel@gmail.com.

District Court of Honor

- To recognize adults who served/are serving at the unit level.
- Two awards:
 - Unit Commissioner's Unit Scouter Award – 1 per unit
 - Unit Appreciation Award – Maximum 8 per unit.
- Please provide a sentence or two describing the individual's service.
- Submit Unit Commissioner's Unit Scouter Award to Unit Commissioner.
- Unit Appreciate Award to gm.adultrecognition@gmail.com
- **Must have all submissions by no later than March 11, 2021.**
- Will confer awards at District COH/April Roundtable on April 8 2021.



George Mason Hike-O-Ree



- GM Hike-O-Ree on weekends of May 1 and May 8 (Jamboree on the Trail (JOTT)) – 4/30 to 5/9/21.
- Registration for JOTT closes March 31, although it looks like they'll accept registrations in early April.
- Any age, any place and any appropriate grouping – just keep track of how far you hiked.
- Can combine with other unit activities.
- Challenge – District Scouts, Scouters and families hike 2,021 miles.
- Total the miles for each unit and post in the GM Hike-O-Ree Basecamp. We'll see how big a total we reach.



HUNGER IS
STILL OUT
THERE,
AND SO
ARE WE!



Scouting For Food Spring 2021 Proposal



- Completely voluntary
- Organized through Basecamp
- Same COVID-safe approach units used in November
- Food for Others has said it can accept whatever we can give
- Many other food drives ongoing as well
- Suggest March 13 and 20 but timing is not fixed.

STEM Updates

- Pi Day! Sunday, March 14 (3-14)
 - Resources were emailed out to all unit leaders on Sunday
 - Daylight Saving Time also begins this Pi Day
- STEM Speaker Series with Astronaut Charlie Duke – rescheduled to March 18, 7PM
 - Will be streamed on **NCAC STEM Facebook Live** page
- STEM Scouts Info Session – March 30, 7PM
 - Go to **NCACBSA.org/STEM** for the link
- For high school-aged Scouts interested in aerospace!
 - The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), the aerospace engineering professional society, is offering free memberships for high school students
 - Includes mentorship, webinars, access to community engagement platform, *Aerospace America* online subscription
 - Go to **aiaa.org/hs**



Civic and Related Activities of Interest to Scouts

- **Dyke Marsh Sunday Morning Bird Walks** — 8:00 a.m. on Sundays. Hikes led by experienced birders. See website.
- **Vienna Fishing Rodeo (March 20)**. Wildwood Park. Pre-Reg required with cost of \$5.00.
- **Fairfax City Fitness Challenge (3 April to 29 May)**. Register any time.
- **Fairfax City Fishing Derby (April 3)** 9:30, 10:15 and 11:00). Ashby Pond. Pre-Reg required with cost of \$5.00.
- **Great Falls Park – FREE Admission (April 17)** Kick-Off to National Park Week/National Junior Ranger Day. See website.
- **Lakeside Explorers (April 22)** — Burke Lake hosts newest nature club for youth (7 to 11 years old). Cost is \$32 per child for four weeks. See website.
- **Huntley Meadows Monday Morning Bird Walks (start May 3)** 7:00 a.m. on Mondays, rain or shine. Good activity for the summer vacation that could count for Cub Outdoor Activity Award.
- **Viva Vienna (May 29-31)** - Possible Scout Info Booth. Rotary Club sponsor? Interested units should talk with Sam McGrath, GM DE, ASAP.
- **Fairfax City Fido Fest (June 12)** activities and demonstrations. See website.
- **Fairfax City Independence Day** — Daytime parade popular with Cubs. Other daytime events and evening fireworks.

SCOUTS BSA Roundtable

2021 District Merit Badge Event



- April 11 to the 24th using Zoom. Classes meet twice a week for two weeks (four sessions).
- Each class will consist of MB Counselor, second registered adult and 15 Scouts. Corsizio registration will be available on February 22, 2021.
- Merit badges offered will include:
 - Public speaking
 - Electricity
 - Emergency Preparation
 - Citizenship in the World
 - Family Life
- Feedback to John Drisco at gmasonmeritbadgeday@gmail.com

District Camporee

- Insufficient interest in a virtual Camporee.
- District will hold its next Camporee on October 15-17, 2021.
- Location – 4H in Front Royal
- Theme - STEM
- Patches – Will be provided as part of Camporee.
- Plan to open registration in early August.



Camporee Activities

Activities will include:

- Pop Bottle Rickets
- Egg Launch
- Paper Airplane golf

..... And More



Western Shore Virtual Camporee/Cuboree

- March 19 to 21st
- All Scouts (Troop/Crew/Ship/Den) are invited to attend and register individually.
- Cost is \$5.00 for Scouts/Scouters which includes a patch.
- This is a Patrol/Crew event that includes fire building skills, knot tying, shelter building, trail cooking with a twist, and other activities
- Den Minute to Win It Cuboree!!
 - Registration is now open at: https://scoutingevent.com/082-wsd_springcamporee2021
 - Camporee Leader Guide: Available for download
 - Cuboree Guide: Available for download
 - COVID Notes: Available for download

If you have any questions please Contact Winnie Niemi oa.wscadviser@gmail.com

Future Camporees

- **Save the Dates!!!**
- George Mason Spring 2022 Camporee – April 29 – May 1, 2022
 - Theme and Site TBD
- George Mason Fall 2022 Camporee – October 21 – 23, 2022
 - Theme and Site TBD
- Please factor this into unit calendars/planning.
- Scouts are loyal – including loyalty to District activities.



GM High Adventure

(March 2021)



- **NCAC High Adventure Committee (HAC) updates and announcements:**
<https://www.ncacbsa.org/high-adventure/>
 - **2021 NCAC High Adventure vacancy information:**
email ragollhofer@acm.org
 - **Local day hikes, overnight, and multi-day treks:**
<https://3.basecamp.com/3958009/buckets/16000091/uploads/3272427444>
 - **Wilderness First Aid vendors:**
<https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/6cocPGgDnFSAy5nWMnTfPMzu>
- **For those units planning summer 2021 HA trips:**
 - **Keep up the day hikes; schedule mandatory training as soon as it becomes available; schedule mandatory physicals; keep ahead of training checklists.**
 - **Be prepared to conduct full-crew, full-weight overnight shakedown trips as COVID guidance evolves in coming weeks.**
- **Contact Joe Knecht at knechtjoe@yahoo.com if there are any issues accessing documents or you have questions regarding high adventure planning.**

Training

- **Unit Training** – For position-specific training at your unit, contact Roy De Lauder at EagleScout.Roy@cox.net or go to Training Opportunities page on GM Web Site.
- Den Chief Conference – virtual on Saturday Mar. 13. <https://scoutingevent.com/082-42799>. Registration closes at midnight on March 11 (Today!)



Wood Badge Registration NOW Open

Spring Course

Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-42945>

Weekend #1: 30 April - 2 May

Weekend #2: 5 - 6 June

Course Director: Mr. Chris Geiger

geigercj@gmail.com

Fall Course

Registration Open 1 May, 2021

Weekend #1: 10 - 12 September

Weekend #2: 9 - 10 October

Course Director: Mrs. Alexandria Keenan

ADLKeenan@gmail.com



Wood Badge could be postponed or delayed based on covid restrictions

Wood Badge is the Boy Scouts of America's ultimate leadership training designed to meet the advanced leadership needs of Scouters in all aspects of the BSA, whether unit, district, or council level – from assistant den leaders to Scoutmasters, from Cubmasters to Venturing Advisors, from committee members to commissioners. It is a fun, energetic and inspiring course guaranteed to infuse your unit with fun and meaning – all designed to fulfill the mission of the BSA, and ensure our youth is getting everything they are promised from the program.

QUESTIONS?

For information about specific courses, contact the Course Director listed above.



Shooting Sports

- Requests for Shooting Events – Lead Time!
 - 50+ scouts - 6mos
 - Less than 50 scouts - 3mos
- Shooting on private land:
 - Requirements
 - Permissions/protocols
- Shooting Sports [web page](#)
- Shooting Sports Instructor Classes:
 - [Rifle/Shotgun](#)
 - [Archery](#) (Virtual classes available)



Merit Badges

- Every merit badge counselor needs to be on the District Charter. The time for action is NOW!
- The online Merit Badge Counselor [registration](#) works for all Scouters who do not already hold another District position.
- Be sure the counselor uses his/her legal name – no nicknames.
- Merit Badge Counselors, or the unit Dean/Leader, also need to scan and send Margee the Merit Badge application form listing the badges the counselor is applying to teach and providing a justification of his/her qualifications.
- Youth Protection Training is the essential first step. Don't hit "send" on the application without it!
- Contact Margee if you have questions at GM.MB.Dean@hotmail.com.
 - [Online Merit Badge Courses](#) – Watch video, fill out workbook, contact Counselor
 - [Virtual Merit Badge Opportunities \(Nation-wide\)](#)
 - [Parktakes](#) (select "Scouts" from the Category of Activity)
 - [MeritBadge.Info](#) – Various MB Days throughout the country
 - [Fly Fishing Merit Badge Program](#), Northern Virginia
 - [Merit Badges Scouts can complete at Home](#)



Other Topics

- OA
- Other Announcements
- District Executive
- District Commissioner Minute