

# George Mason District Roundtable

April 8, 2021



# Council Update

# George Mason Program



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George Mason District



# Current 2020-2021 GM Calendar

- 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 31, 2021 - Memorial Day Flags In



# George Mason Hike-O-Ree 2021

- **Challenge** — See if George Mason District Scouts/Scouters, family & friends can, collectively, total 2,021 miles. Participating units earn a ribbon.
- **Why** — Good socially-distanced exercise one of any age can do while enjoying our wonderful outdoors. Keep youth engaged.
- **Who** — Units (Packs, Troops, Crews) organize own activity, total unit hike, den/patrol hikes or family hikes. Your choice. Follow all Scout safety requirements.
- **When** — Any hikes between 4/30 and 5/9/21 qualify. Hikes on May 8 also qualify for Jamboree on the Trail.
- **Where** — Hike anywhere and keep track of mileage. Neighborhood, school track, park (local, state, national) or other, safe place.
- **How** — Recruit a unit POC to collect mileage of unit members. After 5/9, e-mail unit number and mileage totals to Matt Burns ([burnsmj509@gmail.com](mailto:burnsmj509@gmail.com)). Matt will publish total and distribute unit ribbons.



**May 31, 2021**

**Flag placement will start at 10:00 am**

# Flags In

- **Social distancing – bring a mask.**
- **National Memorial Park, 7482 Lee Highway, Falls Church**
- **All Scouts, including Girl Scouts, are welcome.**
- **Class A Uniforms**

For more info, contact  
Russell Pittman at  
[ruspittman@gmail.com](mailto:ruspittman@gmail.com)

# 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.
- **Fairfax City Fitness Challenge (3 April to 29 May)**. Register any time.
- **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 Birdwalks (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)** – Rotary Club will be updating Vienna Town Council next week regarding plans for possible event. If it happens, it will be smaller and socially-distanced.
- **Fairfax City Fido Fest (June 12)** activities and demonstrations. See website.
- **Fairfax City Independence Day (July 3)** – Daytime parade popular with Cubs. Other daytime events and evening fireworks.



# SCOUTS BSA Roundtable

# 2021 District Merit Badge Event



- April 11 to the 24<sup>th</sup> 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 close on April 9, 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](mailto:gmasonmeritbadgeday@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.



# Training

- **Unit Training** – For position-specific training at your unit, contact Roy De Lauder at [EagleScout.Roy@cox.net](mailto:EagleScout.Roy@cox.net) or go to Training Opportunities page on GM Web Site.



# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

- Order of the Arrow
- General Announcements
- District Executive Minute
- District Commissioner Minute
- District Chair Minute
  
- *Minutes and slides available on the GMD Website (District Resources, Roundtable)*
- *Next meeting – May 13, 2021 @ 7:30pm*