**Program Launch**

June 10, 2021

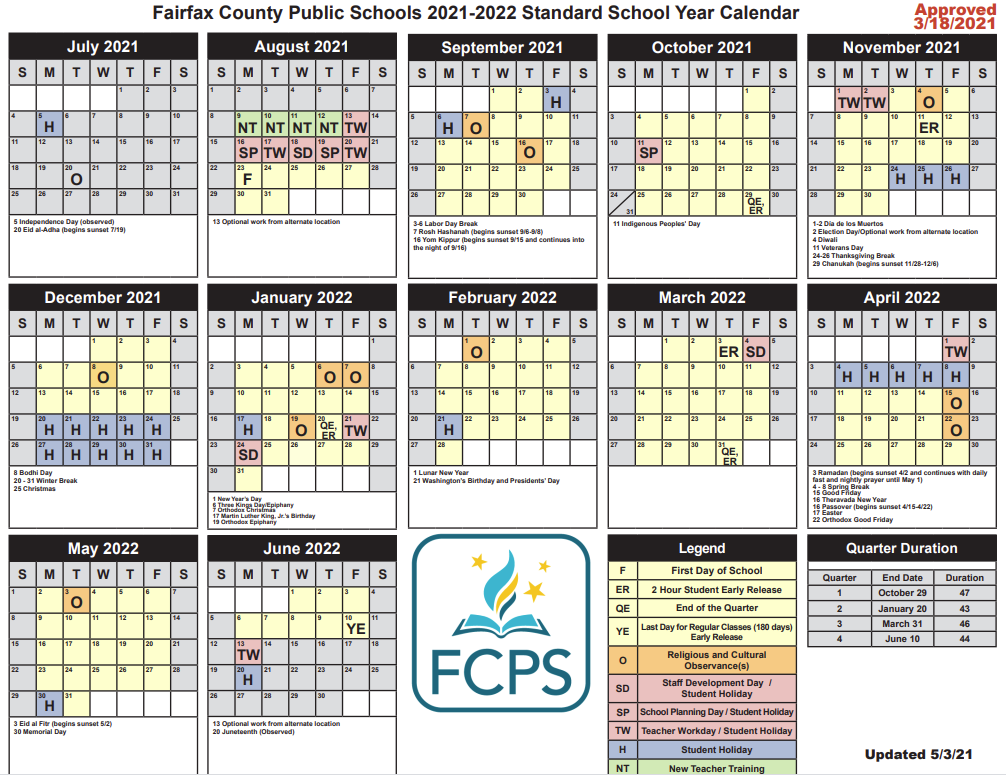
1. What is Program Launch?  Program Launch provides information and resources that can assist your Unit plan for the upcoming Scouting year.  This includes:
   * Program planning tips
   * Dates for George Mason District events/FCPS Holiday
   * Unit resources and tools
   * Camping information, and
   * District and Program contacts
2. [**Cub Scout Relaunch**](https://www.ncacbsa.org/cub-scout-relaunch/) – Web site provides:
   * Pack Relaunch Checklist
   * NCAC Membership Toolbox
   * Adopt-a-School to improve relationships
   * Financial Assistance available to Scouts in need
   * Flyers/Graphics available for your use
   * Using Social Media to Grow Your Pack - Facebook [Geofencing](https://3.basecamp.com/3958009/buckets/6713450/uploads/3858261047) can be provided
   * Membership Events – Escape the Great Indoors!
3. **Program Planning Guides** – Step-by-step guide to having a planning meeting.
   * [Annual Program Planning for Packs](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/pTWZde1SBKXniSt8oGmRWqXq)
   * [Annual Program Planning for Troops](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/8koUS8hh8nG53RfSfneGXe5p)

* + [Annual Program Planning for Crews](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/JSwytAUrCmhC4WLaWdrSRRJt)

1. **Unit Resources** – Guides and worksheets to assist with the planning effort
   * **Pack**
   * [Family Talent Survey](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/CubScoutMeetingGuide/PDF/Appendix/34362.pdf)
   * [Pack Operating Budget Planning Tool](https://i9peu1ikn3a16vg4e45rqi17-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Planning-Your-Annual-Pack-Budget-510-273.pdf)
   * [Pack Budget Worksheet](file:///C:\Users\TPH\Downloads\•%09https:\i9peu1ikn3a16vg4e45rqi17-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com\wp-content\uploads\2019\09\Pack-budget-worksheet.xls)
   * [Selecting Pack Leadership](file:///C:\Users\TPH\Downloads\•%09https:\i9peu1ikn3a16vg4e45rqi17-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com\wp-content\uploads\2019\09\510-50018-SelCubScoutLdrshp_WEB.pdf)

* **Troop**
  + [Annual Planning Guide](https://troopleader.scouting.org/annual-planning-conference/)
  + [Troop Operating Budget Worksheet](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/boyscouts/pdf/510-277_WB.pdf%20%20or%20https:/filestore.scouting.org/filestore/boyscouts/xls/510-277.org.xls)
  + [Budget Planning Tool](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/boyscouts/pdf/510-275.pdf)
  + **Crew Resources**
  + [Annual Program Planning](https://www.scouting.org/programs/venturing/crew-resources/annual-program-planning/)

1. **2021 George Mason Calendar**
   * July 12, 2021 – World of the Weird (WoW) Science Week (Virtual)
   * July 18-21, 2021 – Merit Badge Week at Camp Snyder
   * July 31, 2021 – Popcorn Orders #1
   * August 12, 2021 – Charter Renewal Planning Begins (at Roundtable)
   * August 14, 2021 – Popcorn Distribution #1
   * August 27, 2021 – Powderhorn, Newburg, MD
   * September 2021 – Join Scouting Nights
   * September 11, 2021 – Popcorn Orders #2
   * September 25, 2021 – Popcorn Distribution #2
   * September 25, 2021 – Life to Eagle Seminar (Virtual)
   * September 25, 2021 – Back Country Outdoor Leadership School (BCOLS)
   * October 1, 2021 – Charter Renewal System Opens
   * October 15-17, 2021 – Fall Camporee (STEM Theme – 4H in Front Royal)
   * October 16, 2021 – Jamboree on the Internet/ Jamboree on the Air
   * November 6. 2021 – Scouting for Food Tag Distribution
   * November 7, 2021 – Flags In, National Memorial Park, Falls Church
   * November 13, 2021 – Scouting for Food Bag Collection
   * December 2021 – Peace Light of Bethlehem
   * December 1, 2021 – Charter Renewal packages submitted to Unit Commissioner (UC)
   * December 1, 2021 – Journey to Excellence (JTE) form submitted to UC
   * February 2022 – Life to Eagle Seminar
   * February 26, 2022 – University of Scouting
   * March 2022 – District Pinewood Derby
   * March 2022 – District Merit Badge Day
   * March 2022 – Pi Day (STEM)
   * April 2022 - Eagle Recognition Dinner
   * April 14, 2022 – District Court of Honor
   * April 29, 2022 – Spring Camporee (4/29 to 5/1 – Site and Theme TBD)
   * May 2022 – 2nd Annual GM Hike-O-Ree
   * May 14, 2022 – Jamboree on the Trail
   * May 30, 2022 - Memorial Day Flags In
2. **Fairfax County Public School Holidays**
   * 07/04/21: Independence Day
   * 09/3/21-09/05/21: Labor Day
   * 11/24/21-11/26/21: Thanksgiving
   * 12/20/21-12/31/21: Winter Break
   * 01/17/22: MLK Holiday
   * 02/21/22: President’s Day
   * 04/4/22-04/8/22: Spring Break
   * 05/30/22:  Memorial Day
   * 06/20/22: Juneteenth

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1. [**FCPS Facilities**](https://www.fcps.edu/resources/community-use-school-facilities) **(Updated 06/04/2021)**
   * Starting July 01, 2021, Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Community Use of Facilities is accepting public schedules for indoor and outdoor usage of FCPS facilities and grounds.  FCPS publicly available space is very limited due to internal FCPS summer program events.  Mask and social distancing measures are still expected for all indoor usage until further notice.  Masks and social distancing measures are suggested for all non-vaccinated individuals outdoors on FCPS grounds.  Participation limits have been lifted for both outdoor and indoor usage.
   * FCPS staff are preparing facilities for the 2021-22 school year, therefore FCPS will not be able to schedule public usage from August 14 - September 6, 2021.  Getting our students back to school this fall is Fairfax County Public Schools' top priority.  The online scheduling system and Community Use offices will remain open (August 14 - September 6) to process schedule requests.  The Community Use Office will re-open public usage starting September 7, 2021, and will happily welcome back our community users!
   * Please note that all events must be submitted for scheduling consideration at least 15 business days in advance of the usage date.
2. **Other Calendars**
   * [**NCAC Council Calendar**](https://bit.ly/2TdII7Y)
   * [**Holidays and Other Dates to Consider**](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/wnD3Tf7tHNT69sk9CV4KoDoS)
   * [**BSA’s Calendar of Religious Observations**](https://www.scouting.org/resources/relationships/religious-observances/)
3. **Civic and Related Activities of Interest to Scouts**
   * 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.
   * Semper Fi Father’s Day – 5K, 10K and Kids 1 miler (14 & under).  Mason Neck State Park, Lorton, Va.
   * Dyke Marsh Sunday Morning Bird Walks – 8 a.m. on Sunday mornings – 6301 GW Memorial Parkway, Alexandria – Walks begin in the south parking lot of Belle Haven Picnic area and are led by experienced birders.
   * Vienna Volunteer Fire Department’s Firefly Chase (June 21-27) – Virtual 5K Walk/Run. Kick off the first week of summer with a fun virtual race, benefiting the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department.  This race has something for everyone -- a 5k run/walk, a kids 1-mile race, friendly team competitions, random participant drawings, a photo contest, and more!  Participants who register by the posted deadline receive a memorable Vienna Firefly Chase t-shirt and either a 5k finisher's medal or a 1-mile finisher's ribbon.
   * Fairfax City Independence Day (July 3) – Daytime parade popular with Cubs.  Other daytime events and evening fireworks.
   * Vienna Fireworks (July 4) – Yeonas Park, 1319 Ross Drive SW – Park opens at 7 p.m. Fireworks begin at dark (approximately 9:30 p.m.)
   * X-Wing Starfighter from “Star Wars” – On display now through Jan 1, 2022 at National Air and Space Museum, Udvar-Hazy Center, Dulles
   * Fairfax Station Railroad Museum – “Welcome Back” – July 11, 2021 – noon to 3 with free admission, tours and refreshments.  11200 Fairfax Station Road.
   * Fairfax City, Movies Under the Moon – July 9, August 13, and September 10 in Van Dyck Park.
   * BrickFair LEGO Expo, July 13 to August 1 (10 to 5 on Sat and 10 to 4 on Sun), Dulles Expo & Conference Center, Chantilly, VA.
   * Great American Outdoors Act Anniversary – August 4 – Great Falls National Park - Free admission so visitors can enjoy all national parks during this anniversary celebration of the Great American Outdoors Act.
   * National Park Service Birthday – August 25 – Great Falls National Park - Free admission so visitors can enjoy all national parks during this celebration of the National Park Service Birthday.
   * Vienna Town Clean Up Days – August, November, and April – A great opportunity for units of all ages to conduct a service project and for youth to earn service hours.
   * Fairfax City Labor Day Car Show – September 6 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
   * National Public Lands Day – September 25 – Great Falls National Park – Free admission so visitors can enjoy national parks during this celebration of the National Public Lands Day.
   * Falls Church Fall Community Clean Up – Date TBD – Another service project opportunity benefitting the community.
   * V3 Hike-O-Ree, October 22-24, 2021.  Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center, Front Royal, VA. Registration is limited to trail capacities of the fifteen trails. The Hike-o-ree is open to all Venturing Crews, Sea Scout Ships, and Scouts BSA Troops. Units are encouraged to form trail crews consisting of no more than twelve members, including at least two adults. Participation minimum age is 13 years old as of January 1, 2022.
   * Vienna Halloween Parade – October 27, 2021 at 7 p.m.  See website for registration.
   * Falls Church Halloween Carnival – Saturday, October 30 – For youth, 11 and under at the Community Center.
   * Veterans Day at Great Falls – November 11 - Free admission so visitors can remember our veterans by visiting a national park.
   * Falls Church – A Very Victorian Christmas – Date TBD - Visit the Cherry Hill Farmhouse to see how Christmas was celebrated in the 1860s.
   * Fairfax City Festival of Lights and Carols – December 4 from 12 to 6 p.m. in Old Town Square, 10415 North Street
4. **Journey to Excellence -** Scouting’s Journey to Excellence (JTE) is the BSA aspirational planning, performance and recognition program designed to encourage and reward success of our units, districts, and councils. It is meant to encourage excellence and continuous improvement in providing a quality program at all levels of the BSA.  Scorecard links are below:
   * [**Cub Scouts**](https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/2021-JTE-Pack-Scorecard-7-31-20.pdf)
   * [**Scouts BSA**](https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/2021-JTE-Troop-Scorecard-7-31-20.pdf)
   * [**Crews**](https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/2021-JTE-Crew-Scorecard-7-31-20.pdf)
5. **Service Projects**
   * Many Units put their proposed service projects in the Unit Calendar (in addition to the ones that come up throughout the year).
   * [**Summer of Service**](https://www.scouting.org/summerofservice/) **–** From public health drives….to caring for the environment…to assisting neighbors in need….Scouts have always been a force for positivity and goodness in our communities.  This summer, we’re stepping up again, and we need you!  With big projects or small, join us in the national Summer of Service!
   * Be sure to record the hours for your Unit in Internet Advancement
6. **Other Opportunities**
   * [**50th Anniversary EPA Award**](https://weownadventure.com/50th-anniversary-environmental-protection-agency-award/)
   * New award will recognize youth who research and learn about the subjects of human health and the environment.
   * Earn one merit badge from each category:
   * Animal Study
   * Outdoor Activity
   * Earth Sciences
   * Public Health MB and
   * Participate in an environmental/public health community service project, as part of an approved Scouting program, totaling at least six (6) hours
   * Time Period:  January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021
   * [Link](https://i9peu1ikn3a16vg4e45rqi17-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/512-09821_EPAAward.pdf) to the application
   * [**Outdoor Ethics**](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/pqa5yxq58hn4teq/AAAIpyVb-GrJpwGYs6aFH_TLa/Docs%20%26%20Files/Outdoor%20Ethics?dl=0&preview=Outdoor+Ethics-Program_Launch_2021.pdf&subfolder_nav_tracking=1)
   * [**Religious Awards**](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/pqa5yxq58hn4teq/AAAtY_vornebMLJ0Outnhf9ra/Docs%20%26%20Files/Religious%20Relationships%20Committee?dl=0&preview=2021-2022-RRC-Flyer.pdf&subfolder_nav_tracking=1)
7. **Camping**
   * [**Pack Overnighter Approve Camping Sites**](https://www.ncacbsa.org/approved-camp-sites-2/)
   * [**OA Camping Site List**](•%09https:/www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Approved-Camp-Sites.pdf)
8. **Scouting Youth Deserve a Trained Leader**
   * George Mason Training [web site](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/mainpage/training/)
   * YPT – [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org/)
   * Leader Specific Training - [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org/) & George Mason Training [web site](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/mainpage/training/)
   * BALOO/IOLS - George Mason Training [web site](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/mainpage/training/)
   * Committee Member Specific Training - [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org/)
   * [University of Scouting](https://www.bsacac.org/training/adult/university-of-scouting/) – 02/26/22 (Registration opens 01/22)
   * [Powder Horn 2021](https://scoutingevent.com/082-45834) (Newberg, MD) – 08/27/21-08/29/21
   * [Back Country Outdoor Leadership School (BCOLS)](https://scoutingevent.com/082-47562) – 09/25/21 and 10/23-10/24/21
   * [Roundtable](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/mainpage/district-resources/roundtable/) - Roundtables provide unit leaders with the skill to do and the will to do what is needed to ensure that every member of every unit has a great Scouting experience.  They build upon the foundation provided by position-specific basic training and each leader’s commitment to serving youth through Scouting.
   * Meets monthly on second Thursday at 7:30pm
   * Contact [ruspittman@gmail.com](mailto:ruspittman@gmail.com) for more information or visit the Roundtable [web site](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/mainpage/district-resources/roundtable/) (password is GMDRT)
9. **Stay Safe**
   * [Guide to Safe Scouting](https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/)
   * [Barriers to Abuse](https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/scoutings-barriers-to-abuse/)
   * [COVID-19](https://www.ncacbsa.org/covid-19/)
10. **National BSA Annual Fees ($6 increase Aug 1st)**
    * BSA has worked to keep the membership fee as low as possible. Unfortunately, operating costs have continued to rise, and COVID-19 has compounded the need to increase the fee to maintain the program.
    * To ensure we have the resources to fulfill the promise of Scouting, the updated national membership fee is:
    * $72 for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts participants
    * $45 for Exploring participants
    * $30 for council-paid memberships
    * $45 for all adult volunteers (includes cost of background check)
    * $75 for a unit charter fee
    * The one-time $25 joining fee for *new* program participants in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts is still required; however, there is no joining fee for Exploring participants, participants previously registered in any BSA program, those transferring from one program to another, council-paid memberships, or adult volunteers.
    * Note, the costs above do not include the NCAC Insurance Fee (usually a few dollars).  More information about the NCAC Insurance Fee will be coming out later in the year.
11. **District Can Support You**
    * District Committee (District Chair – John Kilduff; [johnkilduff42@gmail.com](mailto:johnkilduff42@gmail.com))
    * Purpose - To work through chartered organizations and community groups to organize and support successful units.
    * Functions
    * Membership - The membership function strives for growth through the organization of new Scouting units, through new members and adult volunteers joining existing units, and through the retention of current members.
    * Fund Development - The fund development function sees that the district provides its share of funds to the total council operating budget.
    * Program - The program function concentrates on helping Scouting units with camp promotion, special activities including community service, training adult volunteers, and youth advancement and recognition.
    * Unit service - The unit service function provides direct coaching and consultation for unit volunteers to help ensure the success of every Scouting unit.
    * Commissioners
    * OUR MISSION - As commissioners, we share the BSA’s mission: To prepare youth to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.
    * OUR VISION - Every member of the BSA has a great Scouting experience.
    * OUR OBJECTIVES
    * Supporting unit growth and retention through the journey to excellence.
    * Contacting units and capturing in commissioner tools their strengths, needs, and a unit service plan that enables continuing improvement.
    * Linking unit needs to district operating committee and other resources.
    * Supporting timely unit, district, and council charter renewals.
    * Supporting unit leaders by collecting and distributing information, enabling program training, and providing networking opportunities.
    * District Commissioner**:** Hector Uranga
    * Asst. District Commissioner**:** Pat Berney, Mark Serfass
    * Roundtable Commissioners**:**
    * Steve Banowit (Cubs)
    * Rus Pittman (Scouts)
    * Brian Summers (Scouts)
    * Unit Commissioners**:**
    * Eric Assur                                       - Christian Griggs
    * Steve Banowit                                 - Julia Lesko
    * Matt Burns                                      - Tom McMillen
    * Roy Delauder                                  - Rus Pittman
    * Jerry Driscoll                                   - Justine Podolny
    * District Executive
    * Welcome our new District Executive – Jose Calil
    * While most paperwork and questions can be addressed by your Unit Commissioner, if there is a need, Jose’s contact information is:
    * Mr. Jose Calil
    * District Executive, George Mason
    * NCAC, Marriot Scout Service Center
    * 9190 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814
    * O 301-214-9147    C 305-321-3142
    * [jose.calil@scouting.org](mailto:jose.calil@scouting.org) or [jcalil@scouting.org](mailto:jcalil@scouting.org)
    * Thanks to Tonya for covering until Jose came onboard!
    * Program Team
    * Vice Chair for Program - Matt Burns ([burnsmj509@gmail.com](mailto:burnsmj509@gmail.com))
    * Deputy Vice Chair - Teralyn Carlson
    * Activities & Civic Service
    * Chair, Pat Berney
    * Camporee – Andy Zaso
    * Flags In – Rus Pittman
    * George Mason Hike-O-Ree - TBD
    * International – Hector Uranga
    * Pinewood Derby – TBD
    * Scouting for Food – Scott Willey
    * STEM Coordinator – Andrew Meikle
    * Advancement
    * Chair, Matt Burns
    * Eagle Board – Jack Lundin
    * Eagle Dinner – TBD
    * George Mason District Court of Honor – TBD
    * Merit Badge Day – John Drisco
    * Merit Badge Dean – Margee Egan
    * Special Needs Scouts – Scott Willey
    * Camping & Outdoor Programs
    * Chair, Mike Schenaker
    * Aquatics – Julia Lesko
    * Conservation – TBD
    * COPE and Climbing – John Lesko
    * Cub Scout Day Camp – TBD
    * High Adventure – Joe Knecht
    * Health and Safety – Tim Farr
    * Outdoor Ethics/Leave No Trace – Victor Bieniek
    * Shooting Sports – Brian Summers
    * Training
    * Chair, Roy DeLauder
    * IOLS – Julia Lesko
    * NYLT – Cullen Bengtson
    * Wood Badge – Julia Lesko
    * Relationships (Pat Berney; [patberney4scouts@gmail.com](mailto:patberney4scouts@gmail.com))
    * Builds and maintains relationships with religious organizations and service organizations to:
    * Encourage youth members to join Scouting
    * Encourage organizations to charter Scout units
    * Offer opportunities for religious and service awards
12. **Program Launch Closing** [\*Journey to Excellence metric]
    * **How to have a successful planning effort**
    * Set a date for your annual planning meeting\*
    * Provide materials/links listed to those that will lead the meeting
    * Be sure to include the stakeholders
    * Cubs – include the den leaders\*
    * Scouts/Venturers – include youth-leadership\*
    * Consider inviting your Unit Commissioner and/or COR
    * Match your planned activities to your anticipated budget\*
    * Plan the appropriate number of Service Projects and Outings/Campouts/Adventures\*
    * Make it FUN!

**Roundtable**

  June 10, 2021

1. **Program / Matt B**
   * Current 2021 GM Calendar
   * September 25, 2021 – Virtual Life to Eagle Seminar
   * October 15-17, 2021 – GM District STEM Camporee
   * November 7, 2021 – Veterans Day Flags In
   * STEM
   * Check out the new GM District STEM page!
     + <https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/stem-program/>
   * World of Weird (WOW) Science Week – 12-16 July
     + STEM day camp for youth in grades K-5
     + Registration deadline is 31 May
     + [https://scoutingevent.com/082-WOWscience](about:blank)
   * District Life to Eagle Seminar (Virtual)
     + Saturday, 25 September 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
     + Registration: (Site coming soon)
     + 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 - will be done online and must be received by 23 September 2021 to get the Zoom link.
     + Any questions contact Jack Lundin at 703-938-0369.
   * Fall 2021 District 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 late July.
   * Future Camporees
   * George Mason Spring 2022 Camporee – April 29 – May 1 – Theme/Site TBD
   * George Mason Fall 2022 Camporee – October 21 – 23, 2022 – Theme/Site TBD
   * Training /Roy D
   * 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.

Leadership Training:

* Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO):
  + [06/19/21 - 06/20/21](https://scoutingevent.com/082-wsdiolsbaloo) - Huntingtown, MD
  + [06/26/21 – 06/27/21](https://scoutingevent.com/082-IOLS) – Lorton, VA
  + Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills
  + [9/25/21 (Alexandria) and 10/23 (Camp Big Mac, Markham, VA.)](https://scoutingevent.com/082-47562)  Must attend both sessions.
  + Powder Horn - [8/27/21-8/29/21](https://scoutingevent.com/082-45834) – Newberg, MD
  + Scoutmaster Position Specific Training - [09/18/21](https://scoutingevent.com/082-SPSTSept2021) – Virtual
  + Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS):
  + [06/19/21 - 06/20/21](https://scoutingevent.com/082-wsdiolsbaloo) - Huntingtown, MD
  + [06/26/21 - 06/27/21](https://scoutingevent.com/082-IOLS) – Lorton, VA
  + Wood Badge Registration (Now Open)
  + 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*](about:blank)
  + Shooting Sports /Brian S
  + Requests for Shooting Events – Lead Time! (Contact [brian.summers@verizon.net](mailto:brian.summers@verizon.net))
  + 50+ scouts - 6mos
  + Less than 50 scouts - 3mos
  + Shooting on private land?
  + Requirements need to be followed
  + Permissions/protocols to be followed
  + Shooting Sports [web page](https://www.ncacbsa.org/shooting-sports/)
  + Shooting Sports Instructor Classes:
  + [Rifle/Shotgun](https://bit.ly/3gec7Ii)
  + [Archery](https://bit.ly/3vcbtPy) (Virtual classes available)
  + COPE and Climbing
    - Don’t forget the District’s various COPE and Climbing Opportunities!
    - Where CUB Scouts learn about teamwork by playing Games with a Purpose
    - Boy and Girl Scouts learn how to lead their peers while playing these games.
    - And our more senior Scouts, Venturers, and Scouters practice and refine their skills through Challenge Outdoor Fun-Filled Family Engaged Experiences & Team Enhancing Activities (a.k.a. COFFFEE & TEA)
    - Level 1 & Level 2 training in COPE & Climbing programs need to be coordinated with COPE & Climbing committee chair: Tony Waisanen ([ncac.cope@gmail.com](mailto:ncac.cope@gmail.com))
    - Interested in obtaining a deck of COFFFEE & TEA game cards, E-mail [JohnLesko57@gmail.com](mailto:JohnLesko57@gmail.com)
  + 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](https://my.scouting.org/VES/OnlineReg/1.0.0/?tu=UF-MB-082gm23) 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.  Do not hit “send” on the application without it!
  + Contact Margee if you have questions at [GM.MB.Dean@hotmail.com](about:blank).

1. **Order of the Arrow /Mark S**

* Mark Serfass was named the OA Area Advisor for Central Virginia
* Mary Neuse named as the OA Chapter Advisor
* OA Chapter Meeting/Chapter Elections (June 17, 2021 at 7:30pm)
  + Zoom [Link](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87333594011?pwd=SGVWSFBQbFFwY2FXa3F6bHRZejY1dz09)
  + Meeting ID: 873 3359 4011
  + Passcode: 933892

1. **General Announcements/Questions**
   * Why are Rosters/Scoutbook Dropping people/holding applications?
     + Discussion about adults being dropped from roster.  Suggest reviewing their YPT expiration dates.  New system changes remove someone from the system the day after their YPT expires.  Jose Calil (DE) will be reminding adults when their YPT expiration date is approaching.
     + Some youth with electronic applications are now in the roster, but still appear in pending applications.  Need to provide specific names to the DE and he will investigate.
   * Why is COR signature required for online new adult applications?
     + This process is similar to the paper applications that required the COR’s signature.  The COR is providing the Chartering Organization’s approval for this new adult.
     + If it is inconvenient for the COR to process applications, this function can be delegated by the COR.  Using the Position Manager menu in [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org/), the COR can create a “COR Delegate” and can also change adult registrations.  The DE can assign a COR Delegate with an email from the COR.
     + Why does the BSA COVID-19 web site still indicate a 10-person limit?
     + NCAC is reviewing this now.  Expect an updated document within a week.
2. **District Executive Minute /Jose Calil**
   * Thank you for all you do and for your patience during the transition a new District Executive.
   * Please let me know of anything I can do to assist your Units.
3. **District Commissioner Minute /Hector U**
   * Thank you, Tonya, for your support of the District.
   * Thanks to all of you for spending time attending Program Launch.
   * Let’s put together a good planning session for next year.  Please include your Unit Commissioners.
4. **Minutes and Slides** – Will be available on the GMD Web Site (District Resources, Roundtable).  Password is:  GMDRT
5. **Next meeting/Program Launch** – August 12, 2021 at 7:30pm