



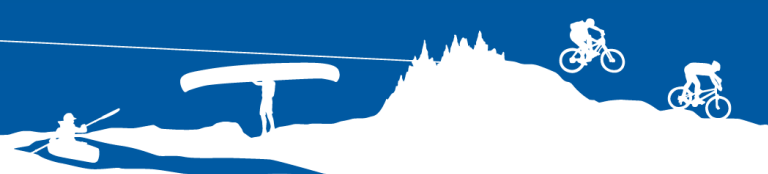
# Program Launch

June 10, 2021

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# Agenda

- **Program Launch**
  - Cub Scout Relaunch
  - Resources to assist in your Unit planning
  - District Support
- **Roundtable (Joint Cub/Scout)**
  - Program
  - Order of the Arrow
  - Other Announcements
  - District Executive
  - District Chair
  - District Commissioner's Minute

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# What is Program Launch?

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

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# Cub Scout Relaunch

[www.ncacbsa.org/cub-scout-relaunch/](http://www.ncacbsa.org/cub-scout-relaunch/)

- Pack Relaunch Checklist
- NCAC Membership Toolbox
- Adopt a School
- Financial Assistance
- Flyers and Graphics
- Using Social Media to Grow Your Pack
- Membership Events –  
Escape the Great Indoors!



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# Program Planning Guides

- **Annual Program Planning for Packs**

<https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/pTWZde1SBKXniSt8oGmRWqXq> or <https://bit.ly/3bRdkT1>

- **Annual Program Planning for Troops**

<https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/8koUS8hh8nG53RfSfneGXe5p> or <https://bit.ly/2RHHAcF>

- **Annual Program Planning for Crews**

<https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/JSwytAUrCmhC4WLaWdrSRRJt> or <https://bit.ly/3hKcGL0>

## Annual Program Planning for Packs

See many additional materials at: <https://www.ocsouting.org/programs/cubscouts/leaders/pack-committee-resources/unit-program-planning-tools/>

### Your Pack's Annual Program Plan = Satisfied Cub Scouts and Families = A Lifelong Love of Scouting!

Dear Committee Chair and Cubmaster:

Let's talk about one of the key elements of all successful packs and an indicator of a potentially successful year. Of course that would be the pack's annual program plan and planning conference. A research project done by E3 Life in Indianapolis, Indiana, showed that a common element of strong packs is they all have a good annual pack program planned a year in advance that is then shared with all families in the form of a calendar. The important result of a shared annual program calendar is that your pack will attract more families, and Cub Scouts will stay for a long time. (Just as an aside, the other two key elements of successful packs identified in that study were training and just having the right leaders to start with.)

Here is how a pack program planning conference works. A month or two before the scheduled face-to-face conference, the committee chair and Cubmaster gather the following information:

1. Key school dates.
2. Community event dates.
3. Your chartered organization's dates.
4. Personal dates that may affect your pack's activities such as the Cubmaster's anniversary cruise.
5. District and council dates.
6. Collected Family Talent Survey sheets from all parents.
7. Last year's pack annual plan (if you have one).

To maximize the efficiency of your planning, the following people should attend the conference:

1. All pack committee members.
2. All den leaders.
3. All pack/den aids and den chiefs (optional).
4. Chartered organization representative.
5. Your unit commissioner (optional).
6. Anyone else you think might be helpful, such as other parents.

Here's a quick rundown of the steps.

**Before you start the planning process:** Explain to the group the importance of annual program planning, why you are doing it, and the rules for the process during this meeting.

**Step 1:** This part is easy. Just take the dates you collected and put them into your pack's master calendar—including den meeting dates—either on a hard copy or by plugging the information into an electronic calendar on a computer.

**Step 2:** Before you begin rounding out the master calendar with things you want to do, review what the pack did last year. You might even want to write what you came up with on a flip chart or dry erase board. Ask yourself questions like, what events went well, what events didn't go so well? Did we earn the National Summerline Pack Award? The Journey to Excellence Award? How did we do with den and pack attendance? Did we participate in Cub Scout day camp or family camp? Did we sell popcorn?

Feel free to ask as many questions as you want, but don't spend too much time on this, as the key issue is planning the upcoming year. Just use this research to help guide what you might want to keep, replace, or improve.

**Step 3:** Do some brainstorming on activities your pack might want to do in addition to den and pack meetings. This could be things such as a blue and gold banquet, pinewood derby, family picnic, first-aid training, pet show, and so on. Remember the brainstorming rule, which is anybody can suggest anything without critique or criticism. Feedback and analysis come later, after all the ideas have been captured. Once you have a list of things your den and pack might want to do, start prioritizing the list. Is a particular activity something for dens or the pack as a whole? Could the activity be incorporated into a den or pack meeting? And so on.

Take a vote on which activities to include on the den and pack meeting schedule, then add the activities to your calendar.

**Step 4:** By now, the calendar should be taking shape. It should include school and community dates, holidays, some personal conflict dates, den and pack meetings, additional den and pack activities, and district and council dates. The next step is to assign the person who will be responsible for each event, as well as den responsibilities at pack meetings. This would include names, like "Bob Smith" will be the chair for the blue and gold banquet.

If you are really ambitious, you can even put in event details such as, "Bob will send invitation and assignments to each family by January 1," and "By November 1, we will get confirmation from the school we can use the cafeteria." Remember that good planning and preparation will lead to family satisfaction. Some of this might have to come after your program planning conference if you choose to wait now and to recruit chairs later. However, if you know you will be doing some activities again such as your blue and gold banquet, you might already have a commitment from "Bob" by the time the program planning conference happens.

**Step 5:** You're almost finished. The final step is to review your annual plan to ensure you have captured everything you and your families want to do in the upcoming year. Once you feel comfortable, publish or email your annual plan to each family. A reminder that not everyone has an email account, so be sure your distribution reaches all families. They will feel much more a part of your pack and be able to plan their own family calendar with the pack's calendar in hand. Sharing the annual plan with your families could be the most important step in retaining your Scouts and building tenure, so don't shortcut this one.

**Step 6:** Annual program planning is an ongoing process. Review the plan each month at your pack leaders' meeting to make sure you are still on track, to recruit chairs and other help, you participate in important meetings, or to make assignments or changes as needed.

A great pack program plan leads to a great pack and den program, which leads to Cub Scouts and their families staying and growing in Scouting.





# Pack Resources

- **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**  
<https://i9peu1ikn3a16vg4e45rqi17-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Pack-budget-worksheet.xls>
- **Selecting Pack Leadership**  
[https://i9peu1ikn3a16vg4e45rqi17-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/510-50018-SelCubScoutLdrshp\\_WEB.pdf](https://i9peu1ikn3a16vg4e45rqi17-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/510-50018-SelCubScoutLdrshp_WEB.pdf)

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# Troop Resources

- **Annual Planning Guide**

[https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/membership/zip/BSA\\_Troop\\_Annual\\_Program\\_Planning\\_Conference\\_Guide.zip](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/membership/zip/BSA_Troop_Annual_Program_Planning_Conference_Guide.zip)

- **Troop Operating Budget Worksheet**

[https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/boyscouts/pdf/510-277\\_WB.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/boyscouts/pdf/510-277_WB.pdf) or  
<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/boyscouts/xls/510-277.org.xls>

- **Budget Planning Tool**

<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/boyscouts/pdf/510-275.pdf>

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# Crew Resources

- Annual Program Planning  
<https://www.scouting.org/programs/venturing/crew-resources/annual-program-planning/>

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# Summer/Fall 2021 GM 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



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# Current Spring 2022 GM Calendar



- 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual GM Hike-O-Ree
- May 14, 2022 – Jamboree on the Trail
- May 30, 2022 - Memorial Day Flags In

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# FCPS Holidays

- 07/04/21: Independence Day
- 09/03/21-09/05/21: 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
- 04/04/22-04/08/22: Spring Break
- 05/30/22: Memorial Day
- 06/20/22: Juneteenth

Approved 3/18/2021

**Fairfax County Public Schools 2021-2022 Standard School Year Calendar**

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# FCPS Facilities (updated 6/4/21)

<https://www.fcps.edu/resources/community-use-school-facilities>

- **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.

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# Other Calendars

- **NCAC Council Calendar**

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/calendar> or <https://bit.ly/2TdII7Y>

- **Holidays and Other Dates to Consider**

<https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/wnD3Tf7tHNT69sk9CV4KoDoS> or <https://bit.ly/3vjllGS>

- **BSA's Calendar of Religious Observations**

<https://www.scouting.org/resources/relationships/religious-observances/> or <https://bit.ly/3vjc56P>

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# 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.)

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# Civic and Related Activities of Interest to Scouts – Cont.

- **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.

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# Civic and Related Activities of Interest to Scouts – Cont.

- **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.**

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# Civic and Related Activities of Interest to Scouts – Cont.

- **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

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# 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.

- **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>

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# Summer of Service



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!

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



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# Service Projects

- Many Units put their proposed service projects in the Unit Calendar (in addition to the ones that come up throughout the year.
- Be sure to record the hours for your Unit in Internet Advancement

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name <sup>1</sup>	Member ID	Age <sup>1</sup>	Last Rank Approved <sup>1</sup>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Scout A	123456789	12	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Scout B	234567891	16	Life Scout <sup>1</sup>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Scout C	345678912	12	Second Class <sup>1</sup>

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# 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary EPA 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**

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# Other Planning Opportunities

- **Outdoor Ethics**

[https://www.dropbox.com/sh/pqa5yxq58hn4teq/AAAlpyVb-GrJpwGYS6aFH\\_TLa/Docs%20%26%20Files/Outdoor%20Ethics?dl=0&preview=Outdoor+Ethics-Program\\_Launch\\_2021.pdf&subfolder\\_nav\\_tracking=1](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/pqa5yxq58hn4teq/AAAlpyVb-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](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)

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# Camping

- **Pack Overnighter Approve Camping Sites**  
<https://www.ncacbsa.org/approved-camp-sites-2/>
- **OA Camping Site List**  
<https://www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Approved-Camp-Sites.pdf>

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# Scouting Youth Deserve a Trained Leader

- **George Mason Training site**
- **YPT – [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org)**
- **Leader Specific Training - [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) & George Mason Training site**
- **BALOO/IOLS - George Mason Training site**
- **Committee Member Specific Training - [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org)**
- **University of Scouting – 02/26/22 (Registration opens 01/22)**
- **Powder Horn 2021 (Newberg, MD) – 08/27/21-08/29/21**
- **Back Country Outdoor Leadership School – 09/25/21 and 10/23-10/24/21**

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# 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 (password is GMDRT)

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# Stay Safe



## Restart Scouting Checklist

As always, the safety of our Scouts, volunteers, employees and communities is our top priority. This checklist outlines several minimum guiding protocols that adult leaders/volunteers must consider while working with local and state health departments, local councils, chartered organizations and Scouting facilities on when and how to resume meetings, service projects, camping and all other Scouting activities.

*If it is not practical to meet these minimal protocols, do not restart in-person activities.*

### S = Supervision

- Understand local and state guidance on preventing COVID-19 exposure.
- Engage your chartered organization and local council on necessary adjustments.
- Conduct the "before you gather" protocols.

### A = Assessment

- Identify participants who fall under the CDC's group of higher-risk individuals. Notify all participants about the risks of participating since COVID-19 exposure cannot be eliminated.
- Verify that the planned activity, gathering or group sizes are not prohibited by local or state orders.

### F = Fitness and Skill

- Review Annual Health and Medical Records and consider using a pre-event screening for all participants.

### E = Equipment and Environment

- Verify that handwashing, hygiene and cleaning supplies are available and used properly.
- Monitor social distancing, interactions and sharing of equipment and food among participants.
- Monitor participants for changing health conditions.
- Use the "as you gather" protocols.

## SAFE ≠ Risk-Free

As the response to the pandemic shifts to a state-focused, phased approach, the Boy Scouts of America advises local councils to consult with their local and state health departments, as well as local chartered partners, to implement appropriate protocols to help keep our members, volunteers and employees safe.

Precautions and mitigation strategies are important, but they cannot eliminate the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness when in-person activities resume.

People with COVID-19 may show no signs or symptoms of illness, but they can spread the virus. Some people may be contagious before their symptoms occur. The fact is that someone with COVID-19 may pass the required health screenings and be allowed into program activities.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. If you are in this group, please ensure you have approval from your health care provider prior to resuming in-person Scouting activities.

**Every member, volunteer and family must evaluate their unique circumstances and make an informed decision before attending in-person activities.**

**We hope this information will be helpful as you make that choice.**

For updates, please monitor <https://www.scouting.org/former/usa>

# COVID-19



## Scouting continues during the virus pandemic.

However, the Council is committed, as its top priority, to the health and safety of our youth, parents and volunteers as we engage in activities.

### Quarterly Guidance

The Council issues quarterly guidance to units, districts and the council, consistent with local government guidelines, on which types of scouting activities can be conducted indoors and outdoors in light of the virus.

The current guidance can be found [here](#).

- COVID-19 FAQ from Scouting.org
- Digital Safety and Online Scouting Activities
- COVID-19 Resources from Scouting.org
- Restart Scouting Checklist
- COVID-19 Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist

## Scouting is Safer than Ever Before

EFFECTIVE BARRIERS TO ABUSE

MILLIONS OF PARENTS TRUST THE BSA TO PROVIDE MEANINGFUL PROGRAMMING IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

RECOGNIZE RESPOND REPORT 1-844-SCOUTS1

Barriers to Abuse Together, these expert-informed barriers help keep kids safe



## GUIDE TO SAFE SCOUTING



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# National BSA Annual Fees (\$6 increase Aug 1st)

[Note, a small NCAC Insurance Fee is not listed – don't have that update]

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.

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# How District Can Support You

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# District Committee



## Purpose

- To work through chartered organizations and community groups to organize and support successful units.

## Functions

1. **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.
2. **Fund Development** - The fund development function sees that the district provides its share of funds to the total council operating budget.
3. **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.
4. **Unit service** - The unit service function provides direct coaching and consultation for unit volunteers to help ensure the success of every Scouting unit.

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# District Chair

## Contact:

**Mr. John Kilduff**

[johnkilduff42@gmail.com](mailto:johnkilduff42@gmail.com)



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# 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

1. Supporting unit growth and retention through the journey to excellence.
2. Contacting units and capturing in commissioner tools their strengths, needs, and a unit service plan that enables continuing improvement.
3. Linking unit needs to district operating committee and other resources.
4. Supporting timely unit, district, and council charter renewals.
5. Supporting unit leaders by collecting and distributing information, enabling program training, and providing networking opportunities.



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# Commissioners

- **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

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# 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!

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# Program Team

## Vice Chair for Program - Matt Burns

(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

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# Relationships

- **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

## Contact:

**Mr. Pat Berney**

[patberney4scouts@gmail.com](mailto:patberney4scouts@gmail.com)

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# Program Launch Closing

- **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!

\* Journey to Excellence Metric

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# George Mason District Roundtable

June 10, 2021

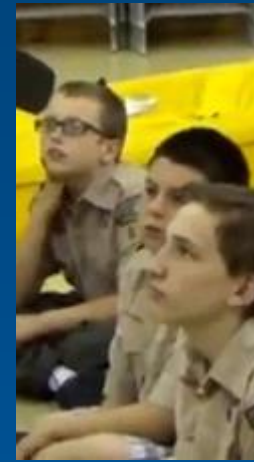
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# George Mason Program



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



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# Current 2020-2021 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**



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# 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>



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# SCOUTS BSA Roundtable

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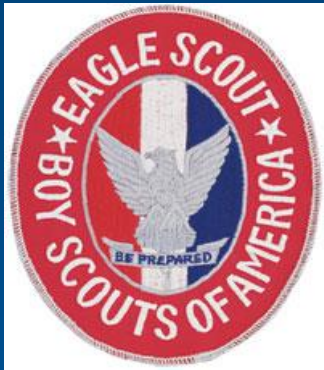
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# District Life to Eagle Seminar



- **Saturday, 25 September 2021**
- **1:00 to 4:00 p.m.**
- **Virtual**
- **Register at: (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.

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# 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 2021.





# 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 planning.**
- **Scouts are loyal – including loyalty to District activities.**



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# 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.

## **Leadership Training:**

- **Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO):**
  - 06/19/21 - 06/20/21 - Huntingtown, MD
- **Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills**
  - 9/25/21 (Alexandria) and 10/23 – Camp Big Mac, Markham, VA. (Must attend both sessions)
- **Powder Horn**
  - 8/27/21-8/29/21 – Newberg, MD
- **Scoutmaster Position Specific Training**
  - 09/18/21 – Virtual
- **Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS):**
  - 06/19/21 - 06/20/21 - Huntingtown, MD
  - 06/26/21 - 06/27/21 – Lorton, VA



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# 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](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.

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# 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**  
(<https://www.ncacbsa.org/shooting-sports/>)
- **Shooting Sports Instructor Classes:**
  - Rifle/Shotgun (<https://bit.ly/3gec7li>)
  - Archery (<https://bit.ly/3vcbtPy>)



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## COPE and Climbing Don't forget the District's various 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.  
COFFEE & 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 COFFEE & 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 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).



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# 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 – August 12, 2021 at 7:30pm*

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