

George Mason District Roundtable

September 9, 2021







Join Scouting Resources

A Cub Scout Makes the Pack Go

Join Scouting/Resources

- National Membership Kickoff [Webinar](#)
 - Tell the benefits – leadership, normal friend activities, scholarship
 - Lead with Volunteers – have the Committee Members/parents pitch Scouting
 - Get the commitment – have on-line registration and payment
- Cub Scouts – Videos at [brand center](#); sample Scout Life Magazine
- [Recruitment Kit](#) – online resources available
- Update your PIN at BeAScout.org
- Council Resources (allow two weeks) – jose.calil@scouting.org
 - Flyers, yard signs
 - Geofencing for Facebook
 - Marketing Materials (email at 5pm today)

Council Update/Charter Renewal

2022 Charter Renewal: Changing the Culture

Aug 1 to Oct 14

- Membership Inventory
- Add Members
- Annual Agreement

Oct 15 to
Oct 31

- Data Input
- Review

Nov 1

- Submit Charter

A new Charter Renewal software will be used this cycle – we expect it to be simpler and to gather signatures electronically!
Stay tuned for training sessions in mid-September

Get Ready Now!

- ✓ Designate a Charter Renewal Coordinator
 - This person will keep you on track
- ✓ Membership Inventory
 - Who is in My.Scouting.Org and who is in my local roster
- ✓ Clean the Roster
 - Add new members through online registration for faster results
- ✓ Get the Annual Charter Agreement signed
 - Get your IH to sign it now – don't wait!
- ✓ Stay close to your Unit Commissioner
 - You are not alone! - your UC will help you through the process


Big Rock

Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader
Attributed to Baden Powell?

Trained Leaders - Why?

- Trained leaders show knowledge and confidence and have a positive impact on the quality of programs, retaining youth, providing a safe environment, and a whole lot more.
- *A trained leader is better prepared to make the Scouting program all it can be!*


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my.Scouting Welcome Roy DeLauder 

you to deliver the Scouting program.

Learn how to support diverse youth, to build communities where every person feels

Click logo below to take Youth Protection in English or Spanish



Youth Protection

- “The Boy Scouts of America places the greatest importance on creating the most secure environment possible for our youth members. To maintain such an environment, the BSA developed numerous procedural and leadership selection policies and provides parents and leaders with resources for the Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, and Venturing programs.”

What Makes a Trained Leader?

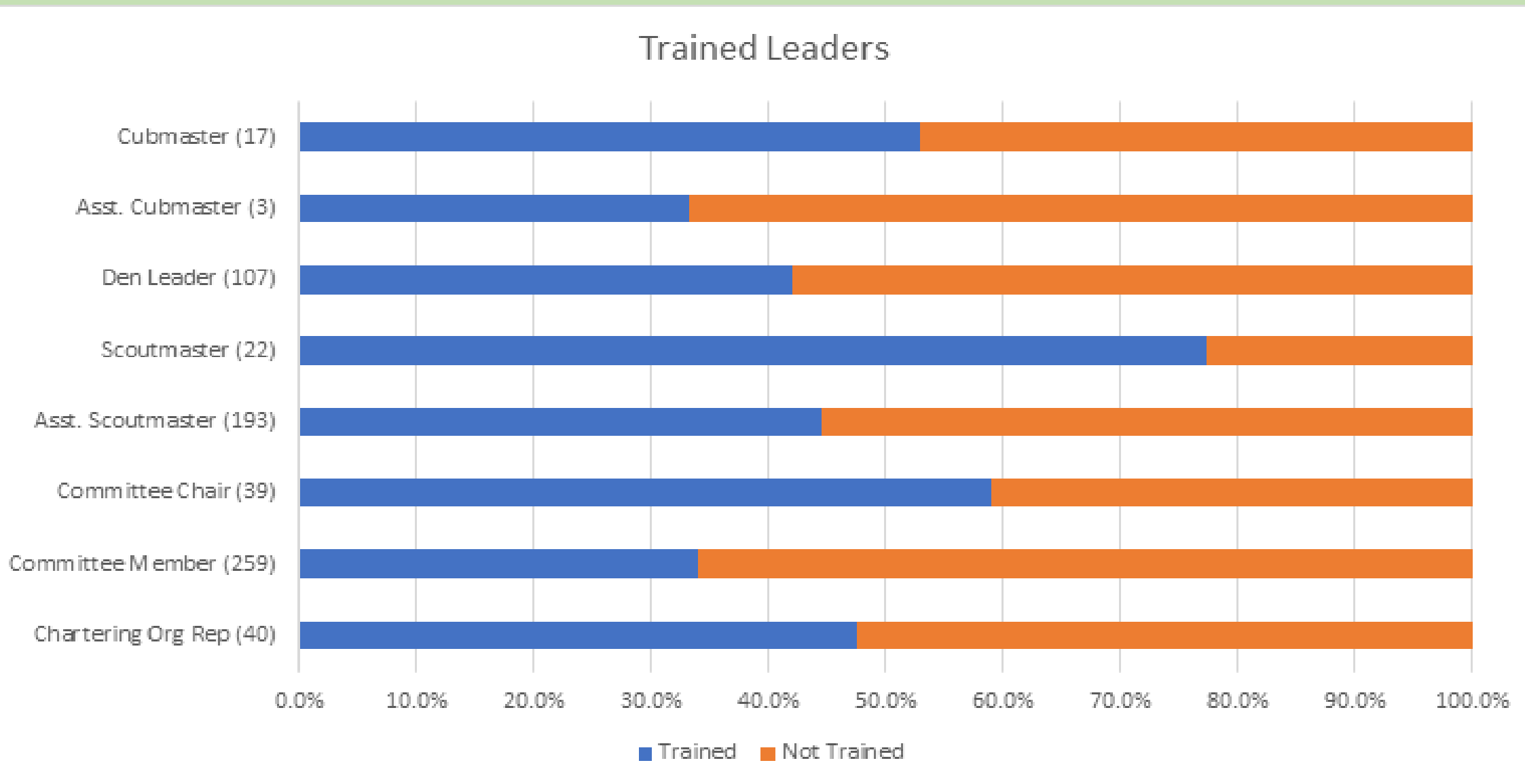
Cub Scout Leaders - considered trained when they complete Youth Protection, position-specific Cub Scout Leader training, and Hazardous Weather training.

Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters - considered trained when they have completed Youth Protection, Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific training, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS), and Hazardous Weather training.

Committee members - considered trained when they have completed Youth Protection and either Pack Committee Challenge (Cub Scouts) or Troop Committee Challenge (Scouts BSA).



Where does George Mason District stand?



Upcoming Training Opportunities

- 09/10/21 – 09/12/21 – [Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills \(IOLS\)](#), Stafford, VA
- 09/10/21 – 09/12/21 – [Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills \(IOLS\)](#), Haymarket, VA
- 09/13/21 & 09/18/21 - [Leave No Trace/Outdoor Ethics](#), Virtual/Germantown, MD
- 09/18/21 - [SM/ASM Position Specific Training](#), Bethesda, MD
- 09/18/21** - Cub Scout Leader Specific Training (CM/ACM, DL, Committee), St Mark's, Vienna, VA
- 09/20/21 – [Leave No Trace Trainer Course](#) – Outdoor Ethics, Frederick, MD
- 09/24/21 - 09/26/21 - [Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation \(BALOO\)](#), Stafford, VA
- 09/25/21 – 09/26/21 – [Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation \(BALOO\)](#), Haymarket, VA
- 09/25/21 - 09/26/21 - [Climbing Level 1 Instructor Training \(16 year old and above\)](#), Sugarloaf, Dickerson, MD
- 09/25/21 - [Back Country Outdoor Leadership School \(BCOLS\)](#), Alexandria, VA
- 09/25/21 - [Cub Scout Leader Specific Training](#) (CM/ACM, DL, Committee Members), Herndon, VA
- 10/01/21 – 10/02/21 – [Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation \(BALOO\)](#), Haymarket, VA
- 10/02/21 – [COR Training](#), Marriot Scout Center, Bethesda, MD
- 10/11/21 & 10/16/21 - [Leave No Trace/Outdoor Ethics \(Trainer Course\)](#), Haymarket, VA
- 10/16/21 – [Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation \(BALOO\)](#), Reston, VA
- 11/06/21 - 11/07/21 - [Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills \(IOLS\)](#), Haymarket, VA

Take aways

- Training can be:
 - On-line
 - In-person
 - Can be both
- Only YPT is Required – rest is optional
 - One BALOO trained is required for Cub Scout Packs to go camping.
- Roundtable – great place to find out about Training opportunities.

George Mason Program



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



Current 2021 GM Calendar

- September 25, 2021 – Life to Eagle Seminar
- October 15-17, 2021 – GM District STEM Camporee
- October 16, 2021 – Jamboree on the Internet/
Jamboree on the Air
- November 6, 2021 – Scouting for Food Tag
Distribution
- November 7, 2021 – Veterans Day Flags In
- November 13, 2021 – Scouting for Food Pick Up



Civic and Related Activities of Interest to Scouts

- 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.
- Falls Church Halloween Carnival – Saturday, October 30 – For youth, 11 and under at the Community Center.
- Falls Church – A Very Victorian Christmas – 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

Civic and Related Activities of Interest to Scouts – Cont.

- X-Wing Starfighter from “Star Wars” – On display through Jan 1, 2022 at National Air and Space Museum, Udvar-Hazy Center, Dulles
- Vienna Halloween Parade – October 27, 2021 at 7 p.m. See website for registration.
- 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.
- Veterans Day at Great Falls – November 11 - Free admission so visitors can remember our veterans by visiting a national park.

Changes to Guide to Advancement

- 2021 Guide to Advancement (GTA) supersedes the 2019 edition.
- 2021 Guide had numerous small changes from 2019 Guide.
- Only highlighting here changes that are of greatest impact.
- If anyone has questions or is uncertain about how to apply the 2021 Guide to Advancement to a specific situation, please contact Matt Burns, George Mason Advancement Chair.

Cub Scouts

- Exchanged references to Den Leader Guides with Scoutbook's Den Leader experience meeting plans and resources
 - Identified Scoutbook as the official record of the den and pack
 - Simplified the approval process
- Removed constraints on the frequency and length of den meetings
- Cubs must earn Webelos rank before starting Arrow of Light adventures.
- Cubs who are home-schooled should work on the rank that relates to their age.
 - Make sure the Cub is able to complete AOL before joining Scouts BSA

Retiring Cub Adventures

- Not part of 2021 GTA changes but a 2022 program change

Tigers:

- Family Stories
- Earning Your Stripes
- Tiger Tales
- Tiger Theater

Bears

- Beat of the Drum
- World of Sound
- Make it Move
- Robotics

Webelos and Arrow of Light

- Looking Back, Looking Forward
- Maestro
- Project Family
- Build My Hero
- Adventures in Science
- Fit it
- Movie Making

Wolf

- Collections and Hobbies
- Grow Something
- Hometown Heroes
- Motor Away

- All are part of Cub program until May 31, 2022
- Can no longer be marked as “Completed” in Scoutbook after May 31, 2022
- Pin and belt loop supplies may run low as we get into 2022

Scouts BSA

- Rank advancement
 - Virtual Scoutmaster conferences are OK but not preferred
 - NCAC now (9/8/21) authorized video-conference boards of review for Eagle.
 - Scout now have twenty-four (24) months after their 18th birthday or end of extension, whichever comes later, to have their Eagle Board of Review. 2019 Guide allowed 3 months.
 - After 24 months, Scout has to file a Belated Rank Application.
 - Must be approved by National.

Extensions and Palms

- Scouts can request extensions of time to earn Eagle, Summit and Quartermaster
 - We covered new extension request process earlier in 2021.
 - It was incorporated in the 2021 GTA
- Scouts that earn merit badges during an approved extension request can use those merit badges to qualify for Palms, even though badges were earned after their 18th birthday.

Merit Badges

- 2021 GTA recommends, but does not require, using Scoutbook's digital system and "Blue Cards" to document Scout progress.
- Electronic forms of merit badge reporting (non-Blue Card) are acceptable as long as they track partial completions
- All counselors, in all settings (virtual included) must be approved by Council as a merit badge counselor for the badge(s) being counseled. This includes Scoutmasters.
- Changes in merit badge requirements will be found first on Scouting.org.
- NCAC – specific – Merit badge counselors will need to be trained. New ones starting 11/1/21. Existing by 12/31/22.

Other Scouts BSA Changes

- Stronger language regarding no retesting.
 - Unit leaders carefully select and train those who approve advancement.
- Updated safety references for service projects
- Communicable disease now acceptable reason to hold a video-conference board of review.
- Scout Must not stage an Eagle Scout service project that primarily collects money.
- Unit leaders must not ask Scouts to provide blue cards or other proof of merit badge completion for earned badges.

Ventures

- Venturing, Discovery, Pathfinder and Summit are now ranks, not awards.
- Registration in a Scouts BSA unit no longer required for a youth that has already reached First Class to complete Scouts BSA requirements.
- “Multiple credit” section has been rewritten.
- Venturing Boards of Review now must be unanimous.
- Eagle extension rules/process also applies to Summit
- Venture Scouts now have 24 months after their 21st birthday to participate in a Summit Board of Review.

District Adult Awards

- Silver Beaver – Nominations due by October 31, 2021 for sustained superior service at the District level. Limit is at NCAC level.
- District Award of Merit – Nominations due by December 31, 2021 for sustained superior service at the District level. George Mason can award two.
- District awards committee will review nominations.
- Anyone interested in putting forward a candidate should submit the adult volunteer's name/rationale to gm.adultrecognition@gmail.com by September 30, 2021.

November 7, 2021

Flag placement will start at 10:00 am

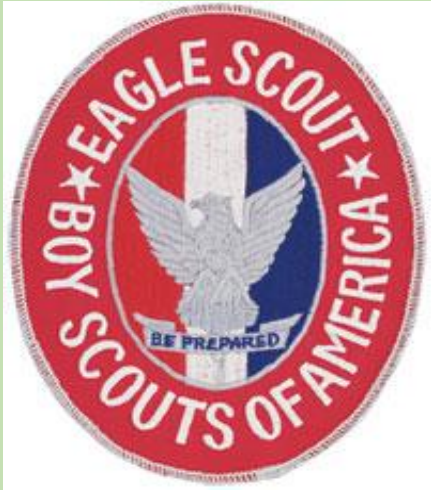
Flags In

- **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**

SCOUTS BSA Roundtable

District Life to Eagle Seminar



- Saturday, 25 September 2021
- 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- Virtual
- Register at:
<https://site.corsizio.com/c/60eefcdba647dcba68c93d8e>

Who should attend:

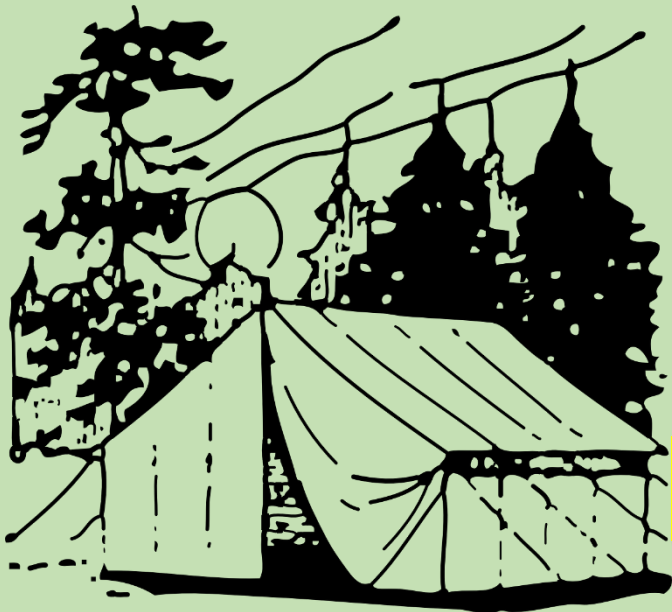
- Life Scouts or advanced Star Scouts who want to pursue the Eagle Rank
- Eagle advisors, coaches or unit leaders that haven't attended a seminar in two years
- Parents of Scouts working on Eagle or other adults interested in Scouting

Registration will be done online and must be received by 23 September 2020 to get the Zoom link.

Any questions contact Jack Lundin at 703-938-0369.

GEORGE MASON DISTRICT CAMPOREE

Camporee Director
Andrew Zaso
(703) 434-2907 -
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Date:

October 15 – 17, 2021

Location: 4H Camp,
Front Royal, VA.

- Online registration available now on Council website (below).
- Leader Guide available on registration site.
- Need unit volunteers to help run event.

Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-49459>

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.





- November 6 and November 13, 2021
- Scott Willey is 2021 District Coordinator

Scouting for Food

High Adventure



- Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center, Front Royal, VA. Registration is limited to trail capacities of the fifteen trails.
- Participation age is 13 years old as of January 1, 2022
- Registration on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS begins on September 1, 2021, on the BSA National Capital Area Council website:
<https://scoutingevent.com/082-50574>
- Because of the lead-time required to produce the t-shirts, the final date to provide shirt numbers and sizes (S, M, L, XL, 2XL) is October 8. **NO ADDITIONAL ORDERS CAN BE TAKEN AFTER THAT DATE.**

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)

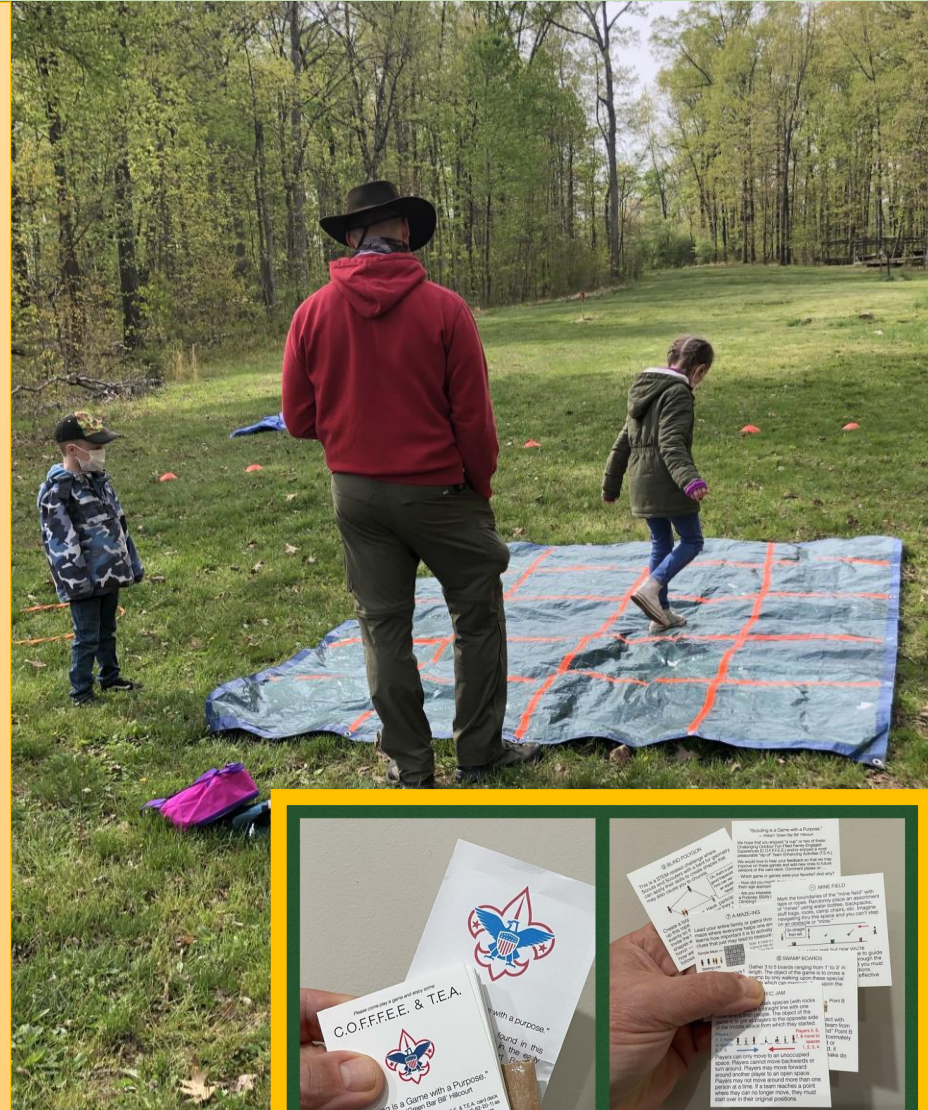




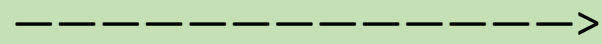
And don't forget the District's various COPE and Climbing Opportunities!

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. 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>



Interested in obtaining a deck of COFFEE & TEA game cards,
E-mail 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.
- New Merit Badge Counselors must complete online merit badge counselor training, in addition to YPT, after November 1, 2021. Existing merit badge counselors have until 12/31/22 to complete training.
- 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

- Order of the Arrow
- General Announcements
- District Executive Minute
- District Chair Minute
- District Commissioner Minute

- *Minutes and slides available on the GMD Website (District Resources, Roundtable)*
- *Next meeting – October 14, 2021 at 7:30pm*