**Roundtable**

October 14, 2021

1. **Council Update /Hector U**
   * Charter Renewal – Getting it done in a timely manner is the goal!
   * New System - There will be a new Charter Renewal system online by September 15. Training is available online. To prepare:
     + August 1 – Oct 14 – Membership inventory, add members, get annual agreement signed
     + Oct 15 – Oct 31 – Data input; Review
     + Nov 1 – Submit Charter. *Be prepared to drop people with pending paperwork. They can be added back later.*
   * 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
     + Chartering Organization Representative signature on Charter Renewal will be electronic
     + Recommend Units print/keep a copy of their submission
     + Scout Life will still be $12 and NCAC insurance will be $2
2. **Big Rock – Community Service /Brian S**

* George Mason Service Hours (from JTE)
  + Oct 2019-2020: 1,898.40
  + Oct 2020-2021: 1,524.75 Down 19% for COVID
* What makes up your Community?
  + Neighborhoods
  + Chartering Organization
  + Schools
  + Parks
  + Campgrounds
  + Camps (e.g., Snyder, Goshen)
  + *Parades*
* Cub Scout Ideas
  + Pick up litter at a park.
  + Put together a book drive for a local children’s shelter.
  + Write thank you notes to local fire and police stations.
  + Plant trees or wildflowers.
  + Perform magic tricks at a retirement center (Outside of Covid)
  + Collect old eyeglasses and donate them to an organization that recycles them.
  + Write letters to servicemen and women thanking them for their service.
  + Collect nonperishable food items. [Scouting for Food](https://scoutlife.org/about-scouts/large-width/161884/how-st-louis-scouts-collect-millions-of-food-items-for-hungry-families/).
  + Collect items like old towels, blankets, and unopened pet food to donate to animal shelters.
  + Collect items for a time capsule.
  + Write greeting cards for a local nursing home.
  + Develop and maintain a recycling program at school.
  + Collect and donate clothing and toys to the needy.
* Service Ideas
  + <https://scoutlife.org/hobbies-projects/funstuff/166463/15-community-service-projects-perfect-for-kids-and-cub-scouts/>
  + <https://cubscoutideas.com/79/community-service-involvement/>
  + <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/conservation-and-environment/youth-service/>
* Scout Service Request
  + <https://www.bsacac.org/activities/service-projects/>
* Discussion
  + OA provides service – such as support for the upcoming EXPOs at Camp Snyder
  + Chartering Organization – it is always a good time to support your Chartering Organization. They often have clean-up days, may need help on landscaping, or support for a community event.
  + Clean-up – Sweeping community bridges and boardwalks to remove the fall leaves
  + Food Pantry – They often need assistance during food donation days
  + Hypothermia Centers – Many Churches support the community when the temperature drops below a certain level. Scouts can help setup or tear down these Centers.
  + Trail Maintenance – Many local trails that need assistance. Can contact Parks and Rec, Park Service, etc.
  + Camp Snyder – The Ranger has projects available based on the age of the scouts attending.
  + Frontline workers – Can provide thank you cards, PPE, etc.
  + Coat Drives – Many organizations are gathering warm clothing for winter distribution.

1. **Jamboree on the Air/Jamboree on the Internet (JOTA/JOTI) / Hector U**
   * What: An annual event in which Scouts all over the world connect with each other, by means of amateur radio and/or the Internet, to share ideas and exchange experiences.
   * When: Starts at 00:00 h local time on 16 October and runs up to 23:59 h local time on 17 October.
   * More info: <https://www.jotajoti.info/>
   * Camp Snyder radio club and a radio at the Camporee will be connected.
2. **Program / Rus P**
   * Current 2021 GM Calendar
   * 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
   * 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.
   * 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.
   * Fairfax City Festival of Lights and Carols – December 4 from 12 to 6 p.m. in Old Town Square, 10415 North Street
   * Falls Church – A Very Victorian Christmas – Visit the Cherry Hill Farmhouse to see how Christmas was celebrated in the 1860s.
   * X-Wing Starfighter from “Star Wars” – On display through Jan 1, 2022, at National Air and Space Museum, Udvar-Hazy Center, Dulles
   * Flags In (Veterans Day – November 7, 2021; starts at 12 noon) /Rus P
   * 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)
   * Fall 2021 District Camporee – expecting about 99 participants
     + District will hold its next Camporee on October 15-17, 2021.
     + Location – 4H in Front Royal
     + Theme - STEM
   * Leader Guide available on registration site.
   * Camporee Director Andrew Zaso, (703) 434-2907 - AndrewZaso@gmail.com
   * 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
   * Scouting for Food /Scott W
   * November 6 and November 13, 2021
   * Please email the name and contact information for your Unit's Scouting for Food Coordinator to Scott Willey:  [willeysj@gmail.com](mailto:willeysj@gmail.com)
   * He will add you to the Basecamp site we are using to convey updates
   * Good news! NCAC is providing stickers, and this event should be fairly normal this year
   * Unit Commissioners will be asked if they can help distribute stickers
   * Link to the map:  [ArcGIS - George Mason Scouting for Food](https://www.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=50c04419fcc1496d8a0d072f186e592b)   Last year was weird with COVID so please check for errors
   * St Leo's Church food pantry has not confirmed yet. If for some reason they don't participate we will have to reassign drop off points. I'll let you know in Basecamp if that's the case.
   * Still need POCs for:
     + Packs - 78, 152, 656, 681, 987, 1111, 1132, 1978
     + Troops - 13, 140, 681, 895, 976, 979, 1113, 1207, 1978
     + Crews - 4, 1113
   * High Adventure /Joe K
   * NCAC High Adventure Committee (HAC) updates and announcements: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/high-adventure/>
     + 2022 National High Adventure Base slots still available
     + Updated HA Source Book (volumes I and II): <https://3.basecamp.com/3958009/buckets/16000091/vaults/2777714268>
     + Local day hikes, overnight, and multi-day treks: <https://3.basecamp.com/3958009/buckets/16000091/uploads/3272427444>
   * New BSA Adventure Planning Resource: The Adventure Plan (TAP) <https://tap.scouting.org/>
   * Contact Joe Knecht at [knechtjoe@yahoo.com](mailto:knechtjoe@yahoo.com) if you have questions regarding high adventure planning or need assistance accessing HAC documents.
   * Training /Roy D
     + **Unit Training** – For position-specific training at your unit, contact [Roy DeLauder](mailto:eaglescoutroy@cox.net) or go to the Training Opportunities page on GM Web Site.
     + **Scouts BSA Training**
     + 10/23/21 - 10/24/21 -[**IOLS**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-PWDIOLSOct2021), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
     + 10/30/21 - 10/31/21 -[**IOLS**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-51550), Lorton, VA
     + 11/06/21 - 11/07/21 - [**IOLS**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-PATRIOTFALL21IOLS), Haymarket, VA
     + 11/20/21 - [**Scoutmaster Specific Training,**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-51269) Alexandria, VA
     + 12/04/21 - [**Scoutmaster Specific Training**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-51270), Alexandria, VA
     + **Cub Scout Training:**
     + 10/16/21 - 10/17/21 - [**BALOO Training**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-powhatanbaloo2021), Reston, VA
     + 10/30/21 - 10/31/21 - [**BALOO Training**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-51550), Lorton, VA
     + 10/30/21 - [**Cub Scout Leaders Specific Training (CM, ACM, Committee and Den Leaders)**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-47852), Stafford, VA
     + 11/20/21 - [**Akela’s Trail (was POW-WOW; Virtual)**](https://scoutingevent.com/082-51296), Bethesda, MD
   * **2022 Wood Badge**
     + [Registration](https://www.ncacbsa.org/wood-badge/) is now open
     + Spring Course: Weekend #1: 29 April - 1 May; Weekend #2: 13 – 15 May

Course Director: Mr. John Howlin ([johnhowlinjr@yahoo.com](mailto:johnhowlinjr@yahoo.com))

* + - Fall Course: Weekend #1: 9 - 11 September; Weekend #2: 8 - 9 October

Course Director: Mr. Rick Rogers ([rsrogers4@gmail.com](mailto:ADLKeenan@gmail.com))

* + - **NYLT training – 2022 Schedule**
    - Winter course Registration opens October 24th at 10:00am
    - May require participants and staff to show proof of vaccination. Still being decided.
    - Questions? Email [contact@my.NYLT.org](mailto:contact@my.NYLT.org)

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* + 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.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/shooting-sports/)
  + Shooting Sports Instructor Classes:
  + [Rifle/Shotgun](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/merit-badges/rifle-shotgun-training/)
  + [Archery](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/merit-badges/archery-training/) (Virtual classes available)
  + Shooting Sports Committee will support the Camp Snyder Expos in October/November.
  + Shooting Sports classes will be coming to Camp Snyder (with the shooting portion at local clubs). More information will be available soon.
  + COPE and Climbing /John L
    - 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 Scouter’s 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 /Margee E
  + Every merit badge counselor needs to be on the District Charter. The time for action is NOW!
  + The online Merit Badge Counselor [registration](about:blank) 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 Counselor 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](about:blank).

1. **Order of the Arrow (OA) /Brian S**

* Ordeal – Held last week. Had 11 new members and two Brotherhood.
* OA Meeting In-Person – 1st Thursday of month at 7:30pm at St. Marks
* Expo events (Oct/Nov) – OA will be supporting
* Elections – Will open on November 1
* Awards – Please submit nominations by 10/31/21:
  + The Servant Leadership Award (Youth) – Those who give exemplary service to the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, and their community over an extended period of time. Each year members of the Order of the Arrow and the Scouting community will be asked to nominate youth who are at least 18 years of age, but not yet 21, who by their leadership and service, exemplify the ideals of the Order and are role models for other Arrowmen and Scouts.
  + Founder’s Award (Adult or Youth) - Recognizes Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to their lodge. The award is reserved for an Arrowman who demonstrates that he or she personifies the spirit of selfless service, as advocated by founder E. Urner Goodman and cofounder Carroll A. Edson.
* NOAC 2022 (July 25-30, 2022) [Registration](https://wipit470.org/noac.html) is open

1. **Other Announcements**

* Wilderness First Aid/CPR – T1978G is sponsoring an event on October 23 &24. Others are invited to [sign up](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4da4a92c7-cprand).
* Pinewood Derby Track Available – P1139 has a Pinewood Derby Track, still in reasonable condition, that they no longer need. Contact [Jason Dalton](mailto:Jason@veracis.net) for more information.
* District Pinewood Derby – The event is still being planned but will probably be at Fairfax Presbyterian in mid-March 2022. Contact [Pat Berney](mailto:patberney4scouts@gmail.com) for more information.

1. **District Executive Minute /Jose Calil**
   * Thank you for all you do.
   * Contact Info - As District Executive I can troubleshoot any applications or other issues for you. Please don’t call the NCAC Registrar directly as the number of calls are slowing the data input process. If you cannot reach me ([jose.calil@scouting.org](mailto:jose.calil@scouting.org); 301-214-9147), you can reach out to the District Director, Keenan Pallone ([keenan.pallone@scouting.org](mailto:keenan.pallone@scouting.org); 301-214-9124).
   * In Office – I am at the NCAC office on Mondays and Wednesdays.
2. **District Chair /John K**

* JSN – Thanks for working your JSN events. I am happy to see all the positive signs. We have added 85 scouts in the last few weeks. Please turn in your membership forms or if electronic, accept them in my.scouting.org. Having them on your roster will make Charter renewal easier.
* Popcorn – Final orders for popcorn are due on 10/23/21.
* Annual Meeting – The GMD Annual Meeting will be on November 17th at 7:30pm via Zoom. Your Chartered Organization Representatives have been invited. We will be voting on any new candidates from the Nominating Committee.
* 2022 Friends of Scouting – Will announce in the next few weeks. Please start planning for presentation dates in the first quarter 2022.

1. **District Commissioner Minute /Hector U**

* OA Ordeal – Was at Camp Snyder during the Ordeal. The camp was packed with Scouts and there were a lot of activities going on.
* Camporee – Looking forward to this weekend.
* Charter Renewal – Keep your eye on the prize – get your Unit posted. We can come back and fix any incomplete/not submitted applications later.

1. **Minutes and Slides** – Will be available on the [GMD Web Site](https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-resources/roundtable/) (District Resources, Roundtable).
2. **Next meeting** – November 11, 2021, at 7:30pm