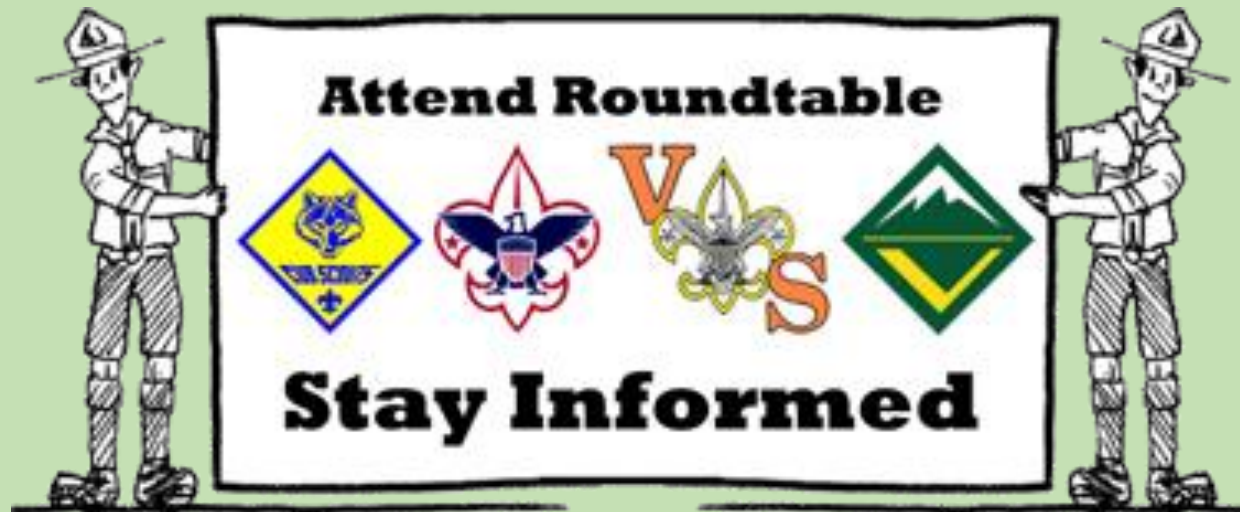


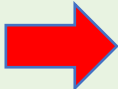
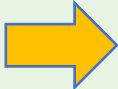


George Mason District Roundtable

December 9, 2021





Charter Renewal Status

<i>Status</i>			<i>Action</i>
Not Started	2		Log in to the system (Pack 78, Troop 13)
In Progress	15		Submit the online application
At Council	21		Turn in your ACA and payment
Posted	2		Relax and enjoy the holidays!

ACA = Annual Charter Agreement (must be signed by the Executive Officer, the COR, and Committee Chair)

Status as of 12/07/21

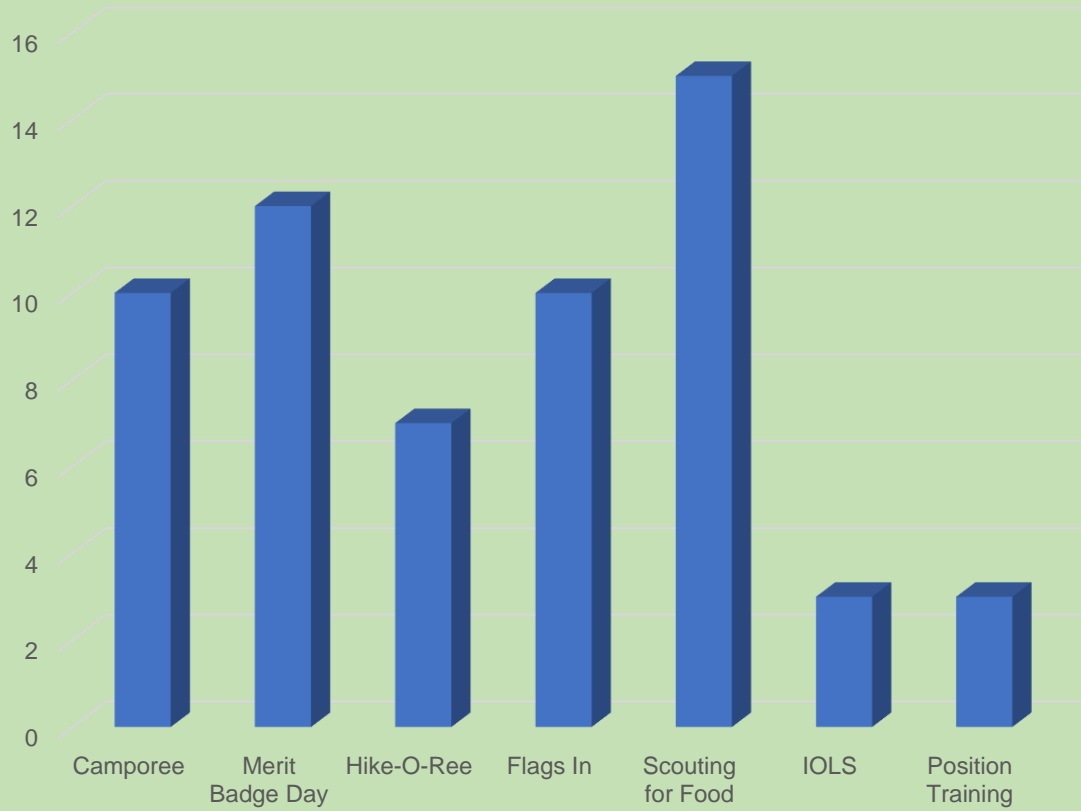
Big Rock

What Do Units Need from the District (continued)?

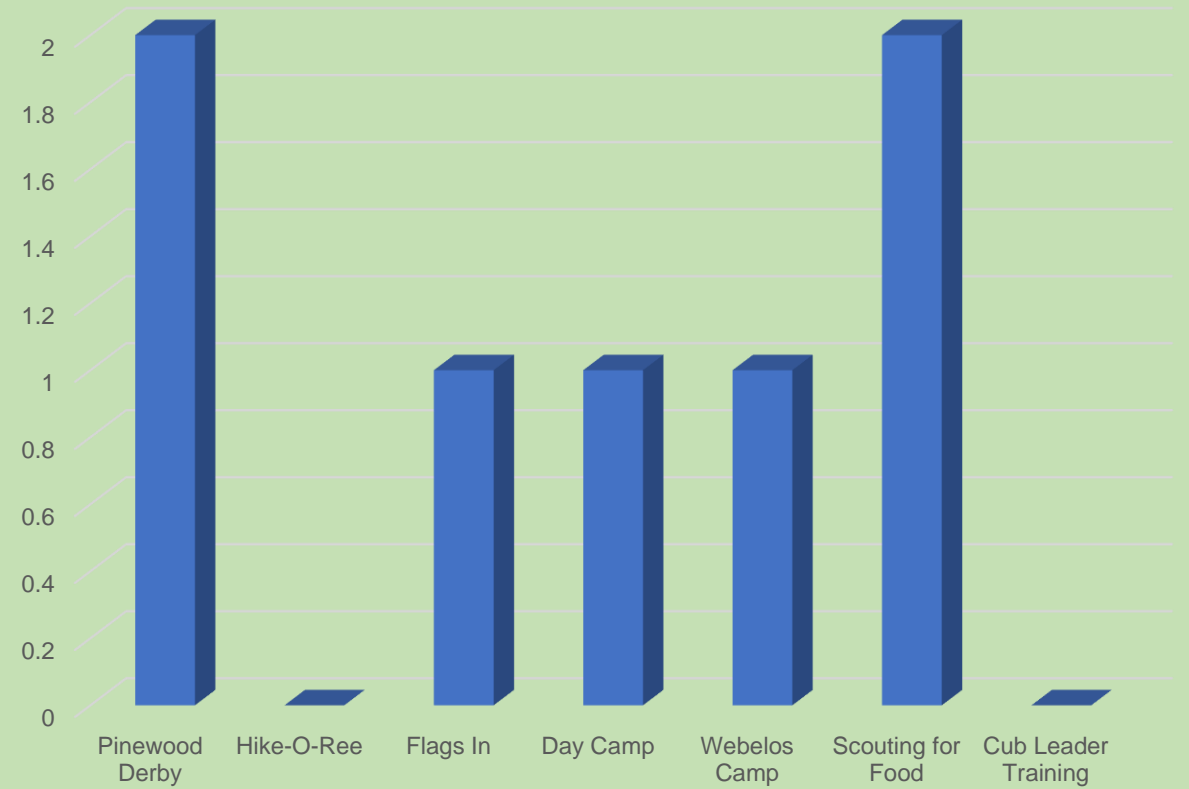
- 2 responses to Cub survey
- 15 responses to Scouts BSA survey

2022 Activities – Unit Plans to Participate?

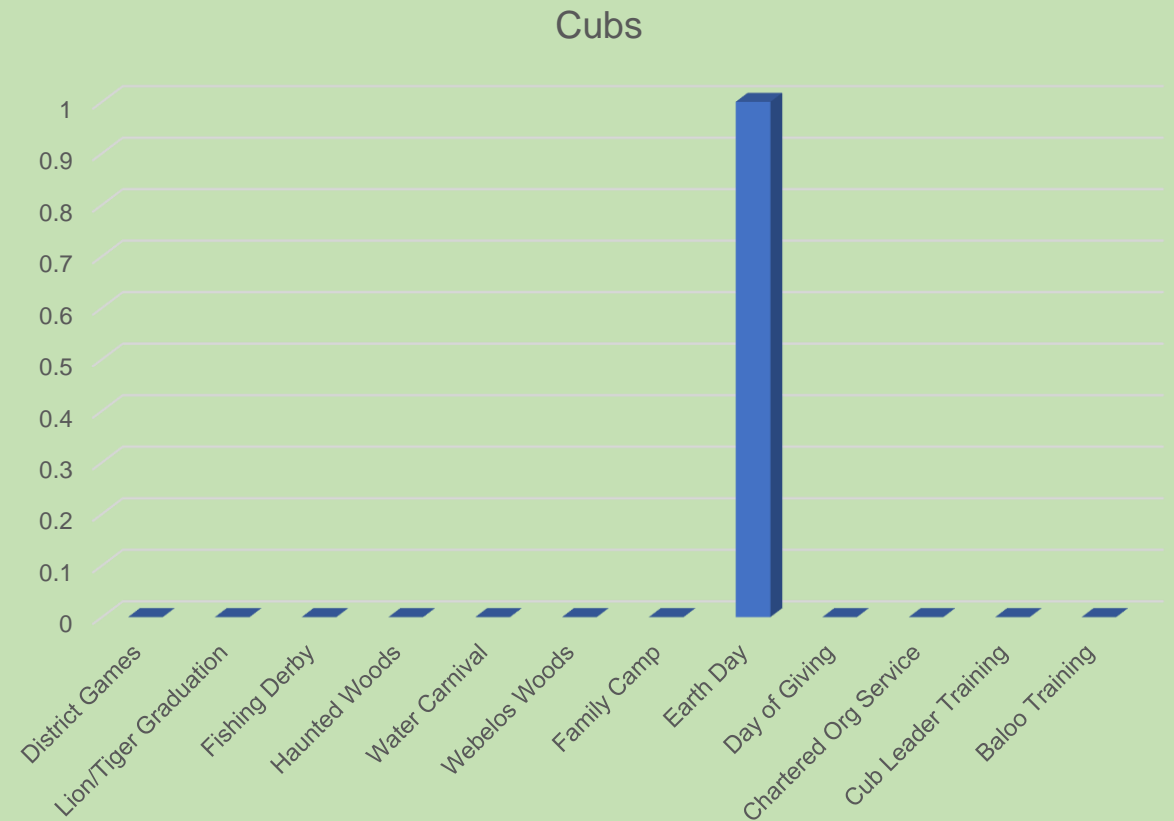
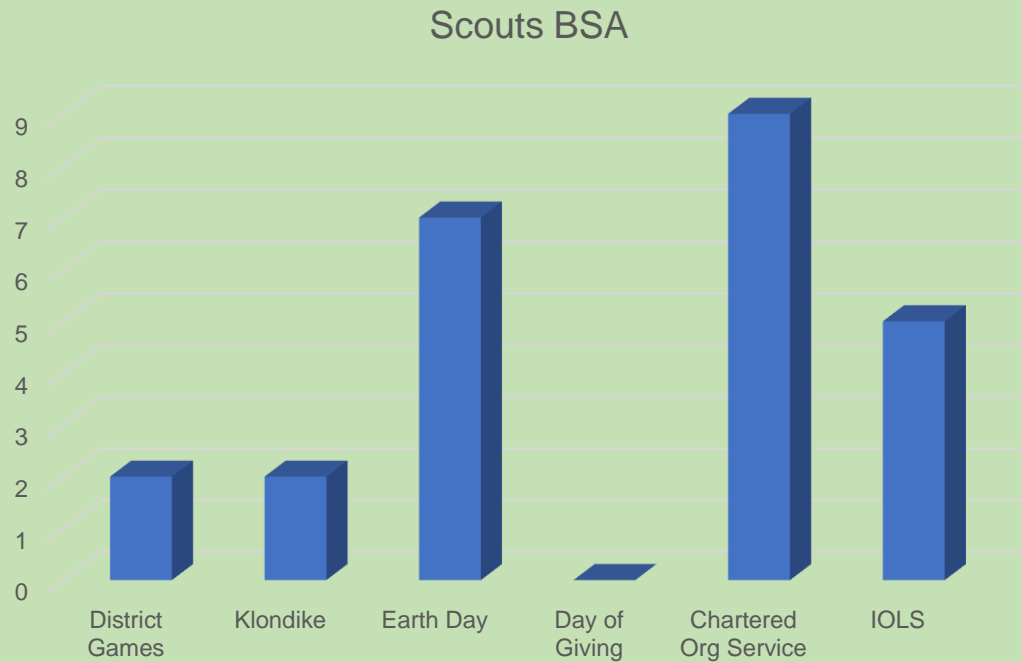
Scouts BSA



Cubs



Activities to Add to GM Program



Scouts BSA

Suggestions –

- A competition event that is Scouting focused like a mini-Olympics, where a Troop and Pack join up to make a team and compete against other such teams. I would be happy to elaborate further on this vision.
- OA Chapter lead spaghetti dinner for OA members.
- Klondike Derby can be dependent on weather.

What Changes does your unit want in GM Program?

Cubs

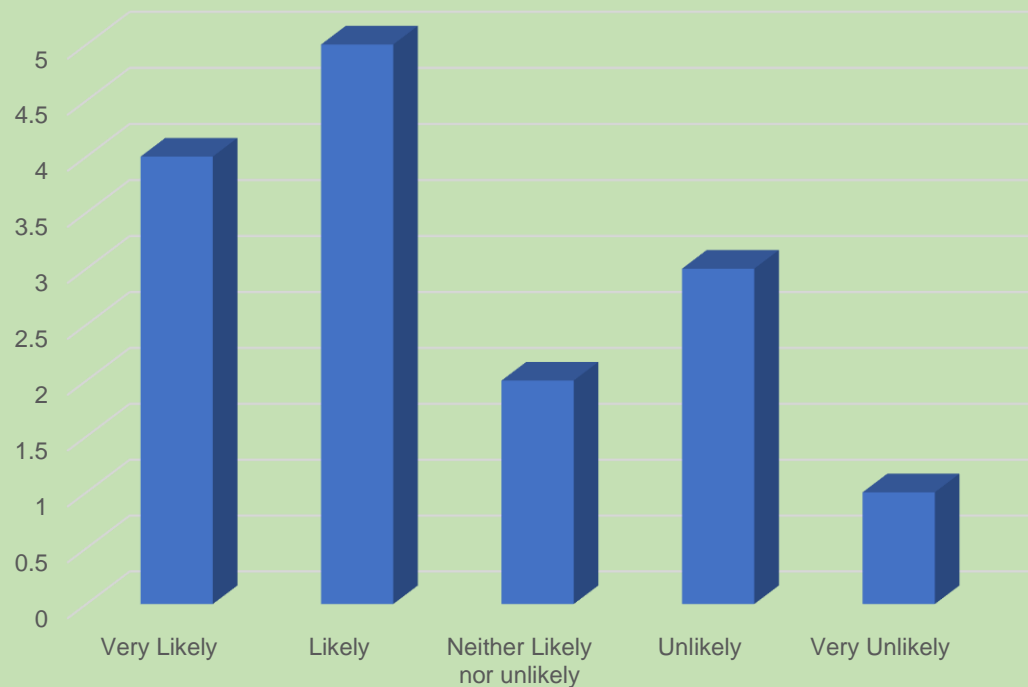
No responses

Scouts BSA

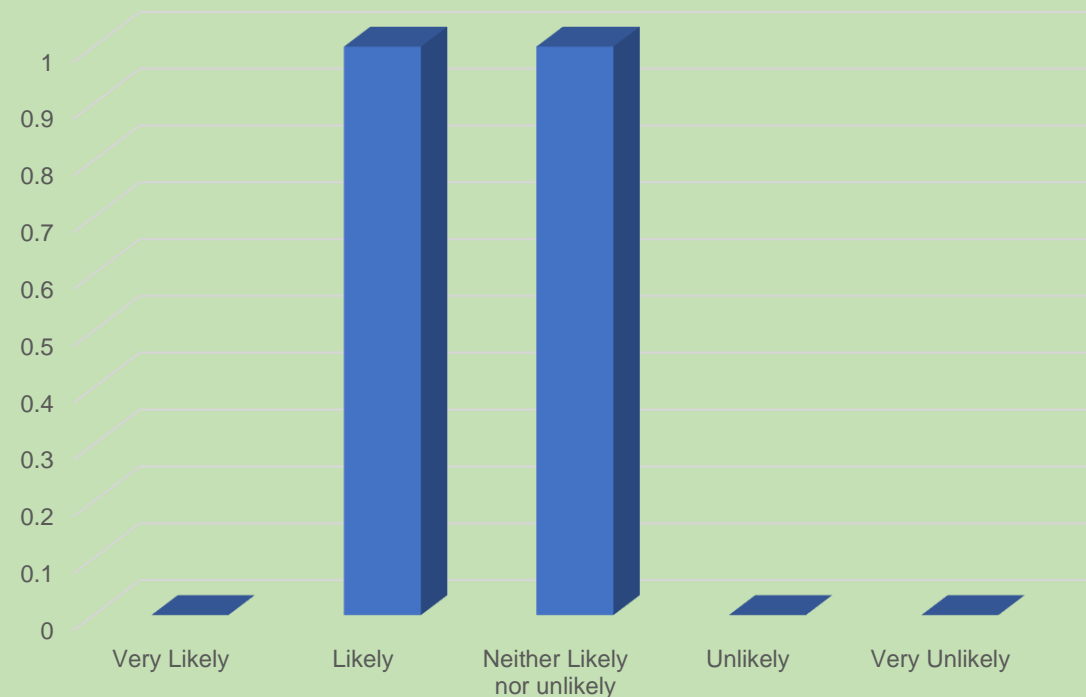
- More interaction between Scouts and Packs, perhaps through group games, campouts or some kind of joint activity, really build a relationship between the two. Unique activities and opportunities for the district, several years ago someone was able to bring a group of scouts to visit an embassy near by. I thought that was pretty amazing and educational for all who attended.
- Continue current program
- Continue Flags In
- More Scout led programs
- Can't think of anything now.
- None at this time (2)
- Start – Single point of contact for CCs and SMs for all items. Start – Single page how to Eagle with single point of contact for each Troop. Stop – Multiple e-mails per month.
- Continue District MB Day
- Continue – does not feel as if the District program needs to expand – lots of opportunities being offered and they begin to create conflicts with Unit program time.
- Execute what you plan. Several times our Troop added a GM District event to our annual plan only for it to be cancelled. As a result, I'm hesitant to add District events to our annual plan.

How Likely Is Your Unit to Supply Volunteers for District Events?

Scouts BSA



Cubs



Scouts BSA

- Troop has only 5 active scouts, small # of parents makes it unlikely troop will have volunteers to organize and execute District events.
- We run a 9 month Troop program with our volunteers. We look to district, council, and national events to give us a break during the three months..

What is Unit's Role in Supporting District?

Cubs

- No response.

Scouts BSA

- We are all in it together but when troop size is small, it's the same folks doing everything so to add on additional volunteer work would be difficult I believe we are doing our part, admittedly everyone can do more.
- We support district as we are able.
- Very limited.
- Supply volunteers to help with district events, participate in FOS, Scouting for Food, other service events.
- Participate in Scouting for Food covering our unit's assigned territory, attend district Spring and Fall caomporee when possible (sorry we missed the CY21 Fall Camporee as our Scouts chose to attend Marshall High School homecoming event.)
- By attending and supporting the District's programs.

What is Unit's Role in Supporting District (cont.)?

- Participating in District activities. (2)
- Attending local summer camp and camporees.
- Part of the team
- A unit should provide volunteers to help the District's activities.
- Supporting District w/experienced, seasoned scouters as they age out of the Unit program has been a tradition of our troop. Shortages of adult volunteers has curtailed this somewhat.
- A unit has an obligation to support as much as possible District events. The Troop I work with prioritizes attending District Camporees and where possible other District events.
- We recruit and train the scouts and adult leaders to attend District events.

Support Your Unit Needs from District?

Cubs

- Better direct line of communication
- Program support

Scouts BSA

- We are good
- Easier process for merit badge counselor approval/retention. Current process is onerous and dissuades participation.
- Information and training opportunities.
- Help with BSA system issues/rechartering, training questions, MB counselor applications/questions. Events that are harder to do at the unit level (like Merit Badge day, Flags In) and need critical mass to run.
- None over what is done now. (5)
- There is a lot of frustration managing up, weeks without return e-mails or calls, lack of clarity on process and contacts and employee turnover. Single point of contact for each troop and professional follow-up would solve most of the issues.

Support Your Unit Needs from District (Cont.)?

Scouts BSA

- Efficient, non-repetitive communications would be helpful. Constant, multiple repetitive communications dilutes attention to the communications – just stop looking at them.
- A few well planned and executed district events each year.

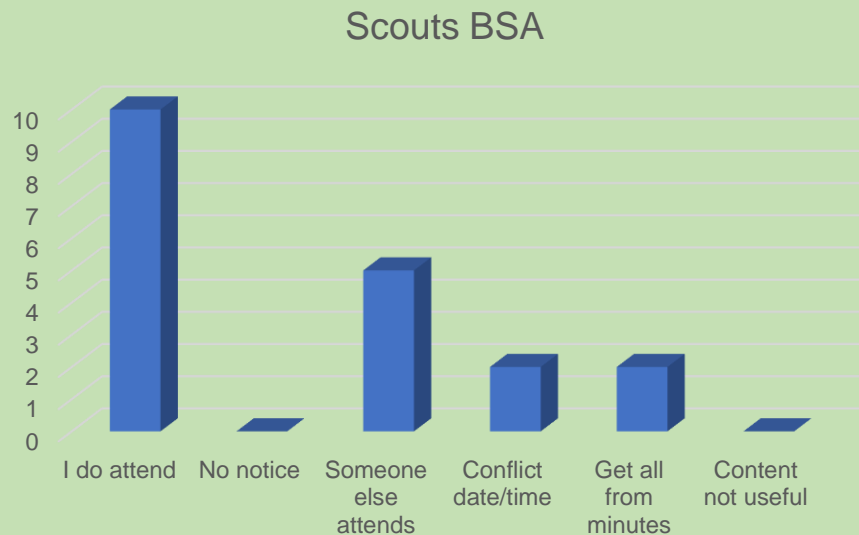
Roundtable Attendance

Scouts BSA

14 units responding have a rep attend every month and one unit never attends.

Scouts BSA

If you personally don't attend Roundtable, why not?

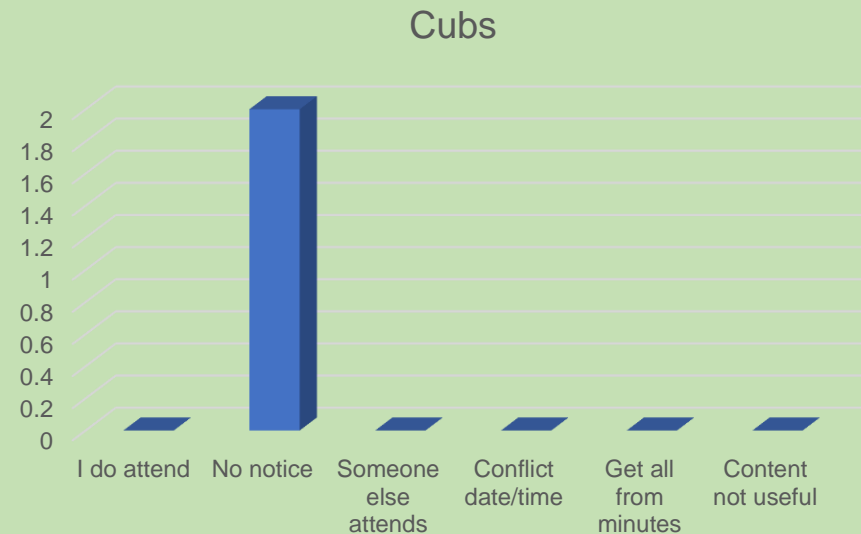


Cubs

One unit has a rep that attends each month. The other unit has someone attend occasionally.

Cubs

If you personally don't attend Roundtable, why not?



What Changes Would you Make to Roundtable?

Cubs

- No Feedback

Scouts BSA

- I'm not sure how it can be more useful besides maybe hearing from different Troops and Packs about their struggles and success stories that happened from the last roundtable. I have been going to the Roundtable for several years and unfortunately I know little about what other troops are going through and I feel a like everyone is working in their own little silo. I was once in a Pack in Hawaii and every week we would get together to fellowship and several parents were assigned to bring lunch for the entire pack, I feel the activity of breaking bread together brought the Pack closer. I feel food brings people together and helps build better relationships. Maybe we can ask the RoundTable attendees if they would be interested in doing monthly potlucks. I envision breaking up the attendees and assigning each group to a particular month to be responsible to bring a home cooked meal or snack to share (No store bought packaged meals). I'm sorry but cheese and coldcuts don't really do much for me like someone actually putting effort into cooking a small meal or snack. Ask Mark Serfas about his home made lasagna
- More detail in minutes would be helpful..
- If you could organize the Cub Scout related materials in one part and the ScoutsBSA materials in another part and put the announcements in the middle that would be helpful. The ScoutsBSA information usually is of limited interest to the Cub Scout people.
- Our CO only provides meeting space on Thursday nights. Scoutmaster listens into Roundtable stream while physically attending troop's meeting.

What Changes Would You Make to Roundtable (cont.)?

Scouts BSA

- Content at roundtable is very helpful. Cub scout topics are less relevant to troops and vice versa (not sure how you can really change that, though). If meetings could be kept to an hour, that would be ideal (although has no bearing on usefulness to the unit). Please keep zoom option as sometimes it is not feasible to attend in person. Minutes are detailed and provide lists of dates (this is a good thing) but attending is better, even if virtual.
- More sharing of ideas for activities.
- Split into two meetings on the same night. Earlier for Cub Scouts and later for Scouts BSA. Do not present material that we already have in writing, just summarize. Keep meetings to one hour each with 30 minutes afterwards for leaders to stay and ask questions.
- None (3).
- It would be nice if it were an hour long as in the past.
- I think the District does a pretty good job of supporting my unit.

International Peace Light – 12/13 @ 7:30pm - FUMMC

- The Peace Light, symbolic of the Light of Christ especially evident at Christmas, is meant to promote peace, harmony and unity among all people of the world regardless of race, ethnicity or creed. The Peace Light makes its long journey from the Grotto of the Nativity in the Town of Bethlehem, to Tel Aviv, Israel, to Vienna, Austria and finally safely across the Atlantic Ocean to New York City. Peace Light North America supporters move the Light person-to-person, lantern-to-lantern, across North America and around their local areas, actively promoting global peace.
- 2021 Peace Light will arrive in Fairfax this Saturday, and the troop will be sharing it with the Scouting community at our Court of Honor on Monday, December 13 at 7:30pm at Fairfax United Methodist Church.



George Mason Program



Matt Burns, Vice Chair Program
George Mason District



Current 2022 GM Calendar

- January 29, 2022 – Life to Eagle Seminar
- March 5, 2022 – GM Merit Badge Day
- March 14, 2022 – PI Day
- March 19, 2022 – GM Pinewood Derby
- April 14, 2022 – GM District COH
- April 29 to May 1, 2022 – GM Spring Camporee
- May 1 to May 15, 2022 – GM Hike-O-Ree
- May 14, 2022 – Jamboree on the Trail
- May 30, 2022 – Flags In





- Thanks to all units for participating in 2021 Scouting for Food.
- George Mason units collected over 50,476 pounds of food.
- Food pantries in our area are deeply appreciative. Needs are very high in 2021.
- Please remember to log the service hours contributed by youth and adult volunteers.

Scouting for Food

Pi Day! Monday, March 14, 2022

- Open to all (Cubs, Scouts BSA and Venturing Scouts)
- Pi Day gives math enthusiasts the opportunity to celebrate their love for numbers and the enigma that is the infinite pi.
- March 14 also is Albert Einstein's birthday.
- Pi is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. Amazingly, for all circles of any size, pi will always be the same.
- One can celebrate "Pi Day" with any kind of pie – pizza, apple, cherry, Boston Crème pie, etc. Let your imagination be your guide!
- Stay tuned for more "Pi Day" activities as we get closer to the big day!





2022 George Mason Pinewood Derby

- Race Day is March 19, 2022
- All Packs wanting to participate in the 2022 Pinewood Derby MUST hold their Pack Pinewood Derbies by March 10, 2022.
- One unit winner from each age bracket (Lions, Tigers, Wolves, etc.) regardless of gender.
- Pack winners must register (and pay) on Council website. \$15.00 per entry. No money collected at door on day of race. Must register by 3/17/22.
- Register at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-52774>
- Race will be held at Fairfax Presbyterian in Fairfax.
- For questions, contact Chip McCaslin at chipmccaslin@gmail.com

District Court of Honor

- To recognize adults who served/are serving at the unit level.
- Two awards:
 - Unit Commissioner's Unit Scouter Award – 1 per unit
 - Unit Appreciation Award – Maximum 8 per unit.
- Please provide a sentence or two describing the individual's service.
- Submit Unit Commissioner's Unit Scouter Award to Unit Commissioner.
- Unit Appreciate Award to gm.adultrecognition@gmail.com
- **Must have all submissions by no later than March 11, 2022.**
- Will confer awards at District COH/April Roundtable.



George Mason Hike-O-Ree



- 2nd Annual GM Hike-O-Ree on weekends of May 7 and May 14 – 5/6 to 5/15/22.
- Open to all (Cubs, Scouts BSA and Venturing Scouts), families and friends.
- Any age, any place and any appropriate grouping – just keep track of how far you hiked.
- Register on Council website (registration opening in early 2022). \$5.00 for a patch.
- Challenge – District Scouts, Scouters and families hike 2,022 miles.
- Total the miles for each unit and notify Matt Burns at Burnsmj509@gmail.com. We'll see how big a total we reach.

Civic and Related Activities of Interest to Scouts

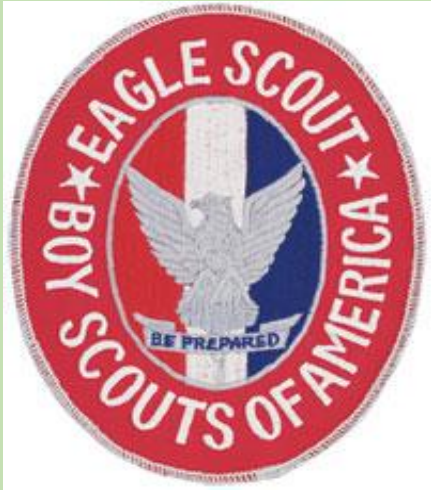
- Dyke Marsh Sunday Morning Bird Walks – 8:00 a.m. on Sundays at Dyke Marsh in Alexandria
- Huntley Meadows Monday Morning Bird Walk at 7:00 a.m. in Alexandria
- Falls Church – Holiday Craft Show – Falls Church Community Center
- Bull Run Festival of Lights – Bull Run Regional Park until 1/2/22.
- Vienna VA - Meadowlark's Winter Walk of Lights – 11/11 to 1/2/22
- Pet Photos with Santa – Mondays at Springfield Town Center until 12/20/21.

Civic and Related Activities of Interest to Scouts – Cont.

- Photos with Santa at Springfield Town Center through 12/21/21.
- X-Wing Starfighter from “Star Wars” – On display through Jan 1, 2022 at National Air and Space Museum, Udvar-Hazy Center, Dulles
- Friday Night Sky Watching at the Turner Farm Park’s Roll-Top Observatory in Great Falls, VA.
- Fairfax Chocolate Lovers Festival 2/4/22 to 2/6/22

SCOUTS BSA Roundtable

District Life to Eagle Seminar



- Saturday, 29 January 2022
- 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- Virtual
- Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-52778>

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 27 January 2022 to get the Zoom link.

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

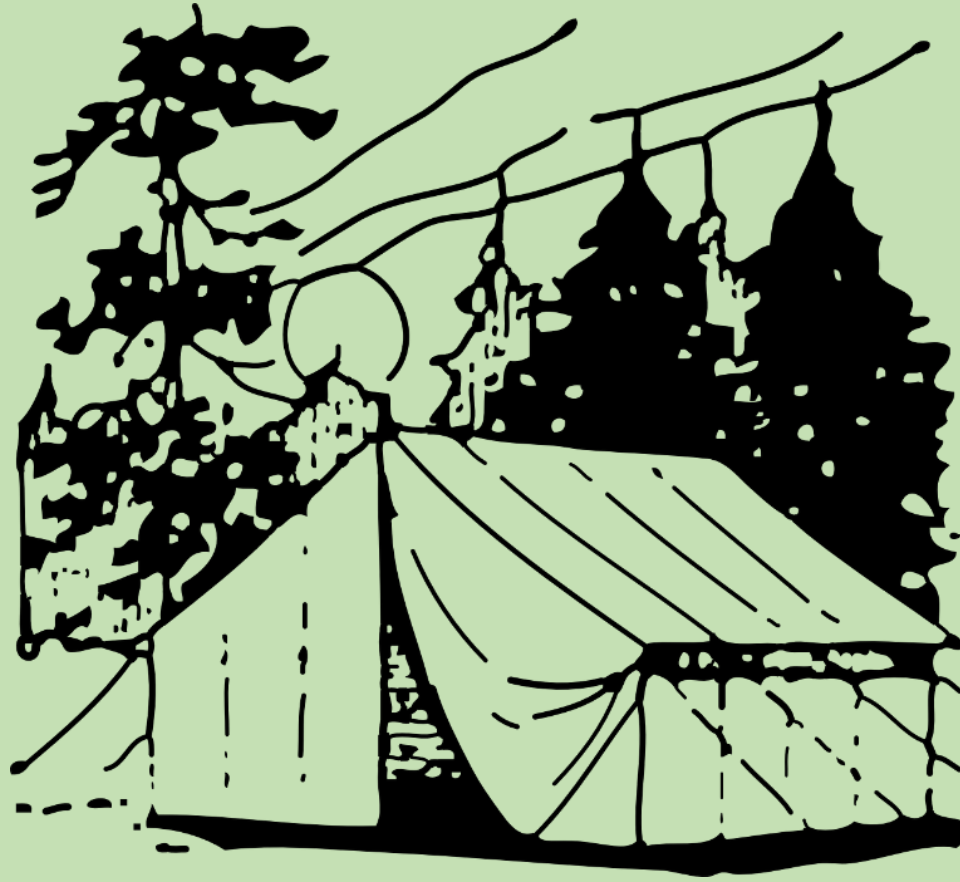
2022 District Merit Badge Event



- March 5th, 2022 at Fairfax Presbyterian Church in Fairfax.
- Registration will open on December 23, 2021
- Need Unit Merit Badge Day Coordinator names and contact details by November 30 to John Drisco at gmasonmeritbadgeday@gmail.com
- Encourage Scouts to get merit badge books by December 31. Read requirements and start tackling “pre-work” by early January 2022.
- Note: The “pre-work” is not the same as a “prerequisite.” The “pre-work” consists of tasks/activities that the Scout is advised to do in advance of the Merit Badge Day. A Scout can still participate in the Merit Badge Day class if he hasn’t completed the pre-work but failure to complete the pre-work may mean the Scout leaves the Merit Badge Day with a partial badge. A prerequisite is something that must be done in order to qualify to take the class. The only prerequisite we are aware of for the George Mason Merit Badge Day is that the Scout must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts in a participating unit.
- Feedback to John Drisco at gmasonmeritbadgeday@gmail.com

GEORGE MASON DISTRICT CAMPOREE

Camporee Director
Andrew Zaso
(703) 434-2907 -
AndrewZaso@gmail.com



Date:

April 29 – May 1, 2022

**Location and Theme:
Rock Enon Scout
Camp, Gore VA.**

- Online registration available on Council website in early 2022.
- Leader Guide will be available on registration site a few weeks ahead of event.
- Need unit volunteers to help run event.

Registration will open in early 2022

Future Camporees

- Save the Dates!!!
- George Mason Fall 2022 Camporee – October 21 - 23, 2022
 - Theme and Site TBD
- George Mason Spring 2023 Camporee – May 5-7, 2023
 - Theme and Site TBD
- Please factor this into unit calendars/planning.
- Scouts are loyal – including loyalty to District activities.



GM High Adventure

(December 2021)



- **NCAC High Adventure Committee (HAC) updates and announcements:**
<https://www.ncacbsa.org/high-adventure/>
 - **2022 National High Adventure Base slots still available; 2023 registrations begin on 12 January**
 - **2022 Lenhok'sin Canoe Trek provisional slots still available**
 - **Philmont Preparedness Seminars:**
<https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/Philmont-prep-seminars>
 - **Updated HA Source Book (volumes I and II):**
<https://3.basecamp.com/3958009/buckets/16000091/vaults/2777714268>
- **New BSA Adventure Planning Resource: The Adventure Plan (TAP)**
<https://tap.scouting.org/>
- **Contact Joe Knecht at knechtjoe@yahoo.com if you have questions regarding high adventure planning or resources.**

Training

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

Back Country Outdoor Leadership Skills – [03/05/22 Huntingtown, MD](#)

Cub Scout Leader – [01/22/22 – Herndon, VA](#)

NYLT - [01/14-17/22 & 01/21-23/22 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)

University of Scouting - [02/26/22 – Alexandria, VA](#)

Wilderness First Aid

•[12/18/21 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)

•[01/08/22 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)

•[02/12/22 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)

•[03/12/22 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)

•[04/09/22 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)

Wood Badge

•[04/29/22 – 05/01/22 & 05/13/22 – 05/15/22 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)

•[09/09/22 – 09/11/22 & 10/08/22 – 10/09/22 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)





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- Leaders develop real-world, hands-on skills to ensure our youth are getting everything they are promised from the program



Spring Course

Register at:

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/wood-badge/>

Weekend #1: April 29 – May 1

Weekend #2: May 14 – 15

Course Director: Mr. John Howlin

johnhowlinjr@yahoo.com



Fall Course

Registration Opens

April 30, 2022

Weekend #1: September 9 – 11

Weekend #2: October 8 – 9

Course Director: Mr. Rick Rogers

rsrogers4@gmail.com

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!

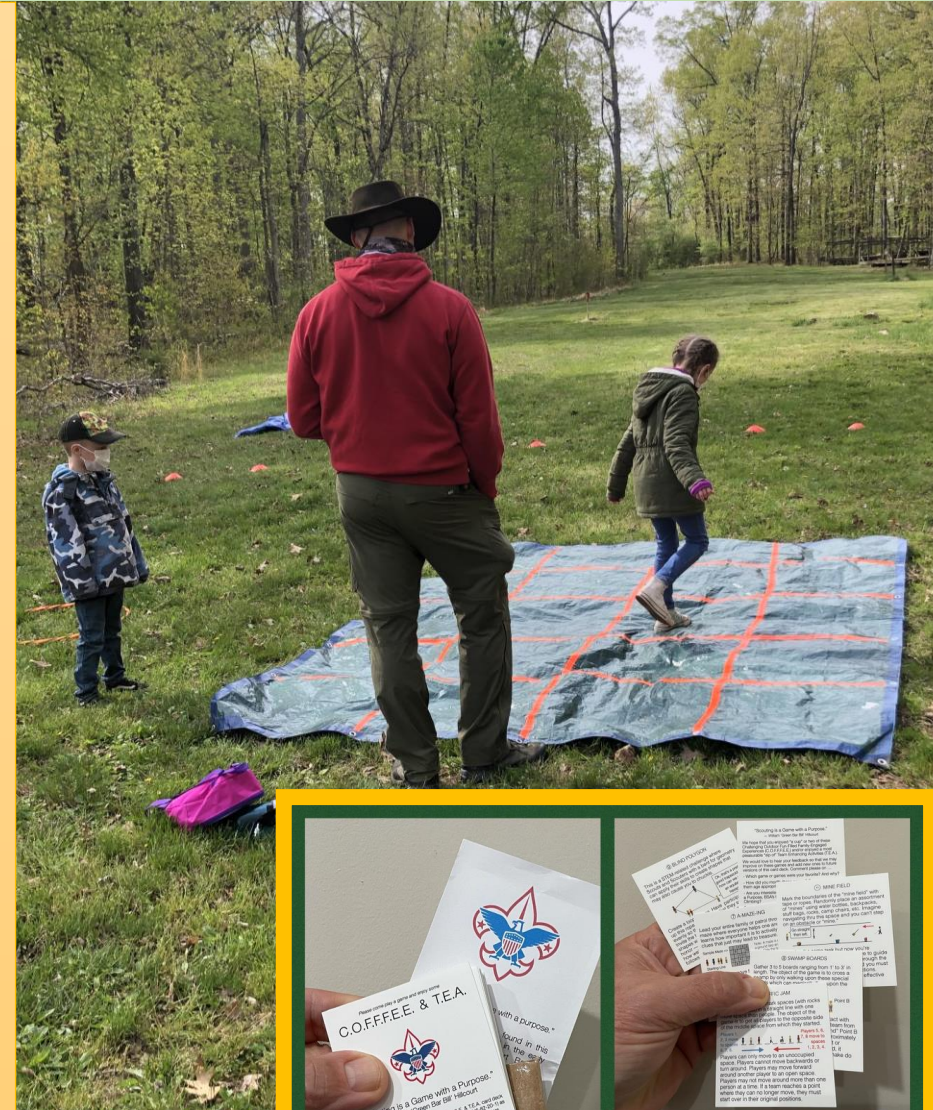
COPE Game Day – Camp Snyder from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Dec 11, 2021 (Sat.)

January 8, 2022 (Sat.)

February 13, 2022 (Sun.)

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 Counselor Information 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.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Deadlines Approaching!!!

- BSA Scholarship page - <https://www.scouting.org/awards/scholarships/>
- Sons of American Revolution – Deadline Dec 15, 2021
[Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest – National Society Sons of the American Revolution \(sar.org\)](http://www.sar.org)

For more info/questions, contact Bill Denk at thinkdenk3@msn.com.

- Campaign Pay it Forward – Deadline December 31, 2021 [Free Scholarship \(campaignpayitforward.com\)](http://campaignpayitforward.com)
- National Eagle Scout Association – Deadline January 31, 2022 [Scholarships - The National Eagle Scout Association \(nesa.org\)](http://nesa.org)



Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams Award

- Recognizes a noteworthy Eagle Scout Service Project.
- Deadline is January 21, 2022
- Anyone can make a nomination. [ADAMS-NATIONAL-EAGLE-SCOUT-SERVICE-PROJECT-OF-THE-YEAR-NOMINATION-FORM.pdf \(nesa.org\)](https://www.nesa.org/ADAMS-NATIONAL-EAGLE-SCOUT-SERVICE-PROJECT-OF-THE-YEAR-NOMINATION-FORM.pdf)
- Scout must sign application to document their “consent.”
- Also needs an electronic copy of the project workbook.
- Some nominations include video.
- Winners can receive:
 - \$500 at the Council level.
 - \$500 at the Regional (Northeast) level.
 - \$2,500 for National winner.



OA Leadership to Troops Report



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Elections and Events

Amangamek-Wipit Lodge

George Mason Chapter

Upcoming Events

- January 13th 2022 - OA Meetings in line with RT Meeting starting at Thoreau Middle School – TOARS need to attend/SPLs welcome – Election training
- January 8 2022 Lodge Banquet – University of Maryland
- April 1-3 2022 Spring Fellowship – Camp Snyder
- April 29-May 1 2022 OA Area Ordeal = Camp Snyder
- July 25-30, 2022 - NOAC 2022 -University of Tennessee
- **BREAKING** - OA December brotherhood opportunity: December 12th Old Dominion is opening up their Brotherhood to the Area.



Sister Troops

- **Sister Troops list and contact information.**
- **2-Year Rule – Scouts who were elected last year but did not attend the ordeal are still considered candidates and should **NOT** be placed on the voting ballot.**
- **Virtual camping will no longer towards required camping nights for OA eligibility effective January 1, 2022.**
- **Any virtual camping nights completed before January 1, 2022 will count towards OA eligibility this election cycle.**

<u>Sister Troops</u>		<u>Sister Troops</u>	
13	976	1113	187
152	1539	1888GT	1978GT
TBD	987GT	345	1996
349	140	918	1887
895	681	979	1143
987	1978		



SCOUTING'S NATIONAL **HONOR** SOCIETY

Other Topics

- General Announcements
- District Executive Minute
- District Chair Minute
- District Commissioner Minute

- *Minutes and slides available on the [GMD web site](#) (District Resources, Roundtable). Password is “GMDRT”*
- *Next meeting – January 13, 2022 at 7:30pm (Thoreau MS)*