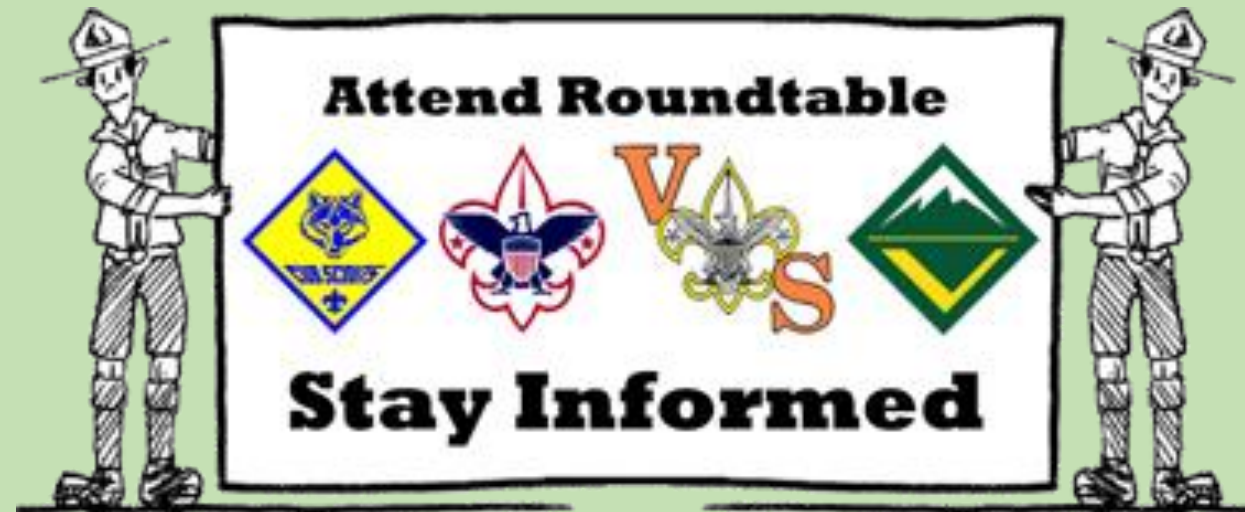


George Mason District Roundtable

January 13, 2022





Council Update

Big Rock – Open Discussion

- Cub Scout Adult Participation – How do I get parents to volunteer?
- Recharter “on-hold” – What does that mean, when will I get updates, will we lose access like last year?
- Merit Badge Counselors – Lost several last year due to the switch to the new system. How to get them reregistered? Paperwork seems to get lost when we send it in.
- Recruiting event in Spring – Does anyone else do a spring recruitment? Do you hold a special event or invite to a unit meeting? Can we use the Geofencing for recruiting during the Spring?
- System issues – I have had issues with my.scouting.org and Scoutbook and the recharter system in IA. Is there a better way than email to resolve?
- Charter Renewal – Still have some adults that haven’t turned in their paperwork (Incomplete App, CBC, or YPT). How do you get them to do this timely? We are late on Charter Renewal.
- Cub Campout – What has been your best location for a cub campout?

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



STEM

- NCAC Akela Chess Classic Tournament

- Hosted by NCAC STEM, hosted at NCAC HQ in Bethesda, MD
- 5 Feb – Cubs Tournament; 12 Feb – Scouts Tournament
- Sign up at www.ncacbsa.org/stem

- Pi Day! – March 14

- Open to all – Cubs, Scouts, and parents
- Will provide activities to do at home or in small groups
- Some specific activities tied to advancement

- Welding & Composite Materials MB Sessions

- Hosted by Building Momentum in Alexandria, VA
- 23 April and 21 May
- Sign up at www.ncacbsa.org/stem





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
- Sully Historic Site Tours – Recurring weekly on Sunday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
- Winter Waterfowl Hike – Jan 14 and Feb 11, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Riverbend Park in Great Falls, VA.
- Drawing and Learning About Animal Tracks & Signs, 1/15/22 from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM, Hidden Oaks Nature Center in Annadale
- Family Fun – Bedrock to Gardenbed – 1/15/22 from 11:00 a.m to 12:00 at Green Spring Gardens and Horticultural Center, Alexandria, VA.
- Beginning Wood Carving – 1/16/22, 2/6/22 and 2/20/22, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Colvin Run Mill in Great Falls

Civic and Related Activities of Interest to Scouts – Cont.

- Nature Explorers Virtual Club – Winter – Eight sessions from 1/17 to 3/9 at 10 a.m. on Mondays and 4 p.m. on Wednesdays, Huntley Meadows Park in Alexandria, VA.
- Wildlife Walk at Huntley Meadows – 1/17 and 2/8/22 at Huntley Meadows Park in Alexandria
- Friday Night Skywatching – The Turner Farm in Great Falls at 8:30 p.m.

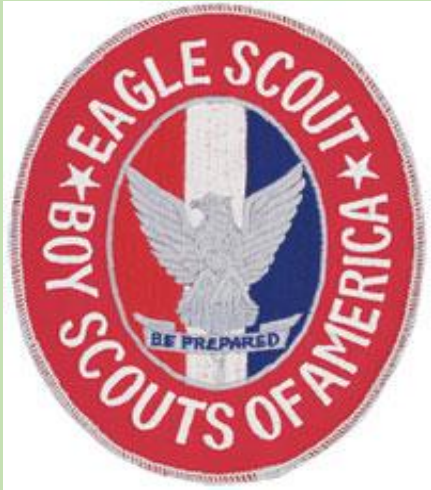
Note: Tickets may be required or there may be charges for these activities. We recommend checking the event website in advance.

SCOUTS BSA Roundtable

Advancement Topics

- BSA COVID Advancement Exceptions
 - Any requirements earned are earned – and must be counted toward advancement including after 3/1/22.
 - Examples of COVID Advancement Exceptions (see [COVID-19 FAQ | Boy Scouts of America \(scouting.org\)](#))
 - Swimming – Second and First Class requirements deferred up to Life ranks.
 - Camping – Up to three nights of virtual camping per month allowed.
 - Effective February 28, 2022, these exceptions expire. As of March 1, 2022, youth must complete all original rank and merit badge requirements as published by the BSA.
- Citizenship in Society Merit Badge – Required as of 7/1/22
- New BSA Software for Councils – Issues impacting units – Procedural Changes Coming Soon
 - Temporary delays in ESRA verification
 - Council working on new verification procedures. Expect approval soon and delegation of verification to District Eagle Representatives.
 - Units will send ONLY ESRA electronically to Bethesda after Eagle Board of Review

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.

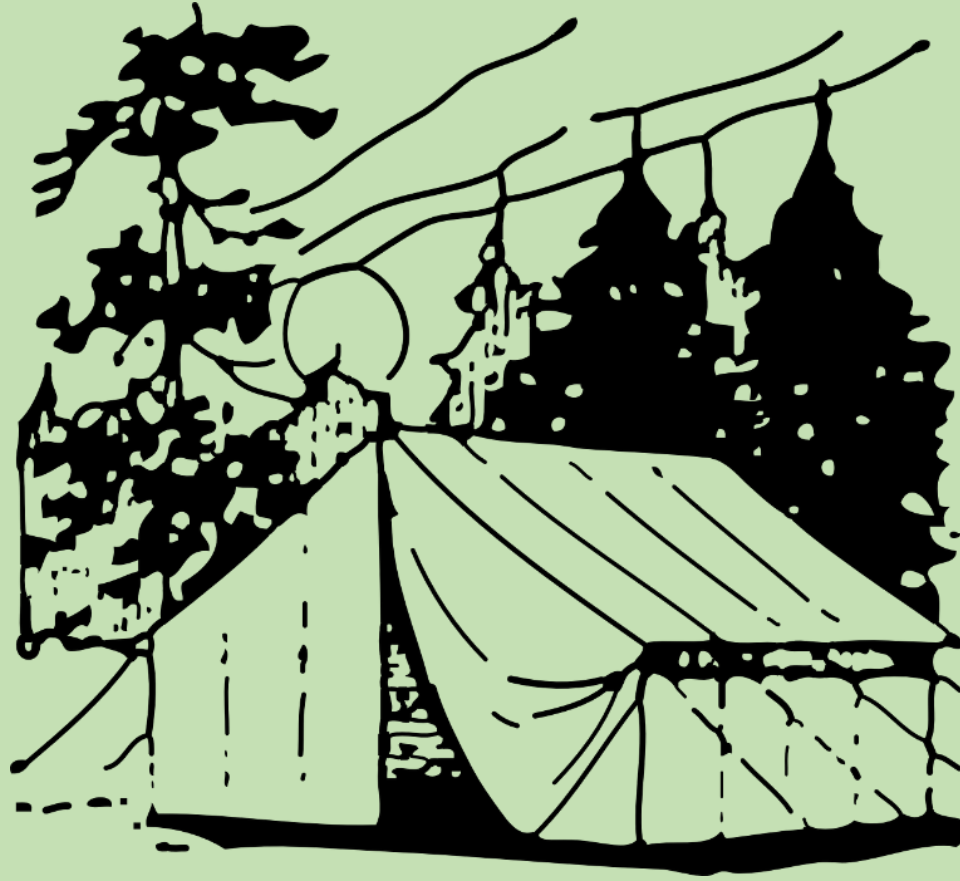
2022 District Merit Badge Event



- March 5th, 2022 at Fairfax Presbyterian Church in Fairfax.
- Registration opened on December 23, 2021
- Encourage Scouts to get merit badge books, read requirements and start tackling “pre-work” by early January 2022.
- Adults needed to help staff merit badge classes and comply with YPT requirements.
- Will need to meet NCAC, Virginia and Fairfax Presbyterian COVID protocols. Policy coming soon to unit POCs.
- Be prepared for possible changes.
- Feedback to John Drisco at gmaisonmeritbadgeday@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.**

Shooting Sports

- 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



January 2022

- **NCAC High Adventure Committee (HAC) updates and announcements:**
<https://www.ncacbsa.org/high-adventure/>
 - **2022 National High Adventure Base slots still available; 2023 registrations underway now (began 12 January). Unified registration site:**
<https://www.scouting.org/outdooradventures/open4adventure/>
 - **2022 Lenhok'sin James River Canoe Trek (provisional and unit) spaces available for the 17-23 July expedition**
 - **2022 Philmont Camperships deadline extended into January**
 - **Philmont Preparedness Seminars (virtual)**
 - **High Adventure Source Book, Volumes I and II**
 - **Wilderness First Aid vendor list updated (minimum 1 adult per crew)**
- **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](#)

IOLS/BALOO – 2/19, 2/26 in Cheltenham, MD. Campout on 3/19/22-3/20/22. <https://scoutingevent.com/082-PAXIOLSSPRING2022>

BALOO – [03/26/22 Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)

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

Wilderness First Aid

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

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

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





WOOD BADGE

- BSA's ultimate leadership training for ALL adult leaders
- Applicable to every program: Cubs, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts
- Applicable to every level: unit, district, or council level
- An exciting & inspiring course that infuses your units with fun & meaning
- 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

Invasive Species (Vine) Webinar – 1/19/22 @7:30pm



Join the tree rescuers: Learn how to spot and report trees that are being killed by invasive non-native vines. Help educate your community and save our trees. Open to all (Cubs, Scouts BSA and Venturing Scouts).

Participation in the Tree Rescuer project will meet the requirement for conservation hours and several BSA conservation awards.

- Register at - <https://bit.ly/3flslss> or [here](#).
- Other details - <https://www.facebook.com/events/347492930170297/>

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 – [scouting.org/outdoor-programs/shooting Sports](https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/shooting-sports)
- Shooting Sports Instructor Classes:
 - [Rifle/Shotgun](#)
 - [Archery](#) (Virtual classes available)



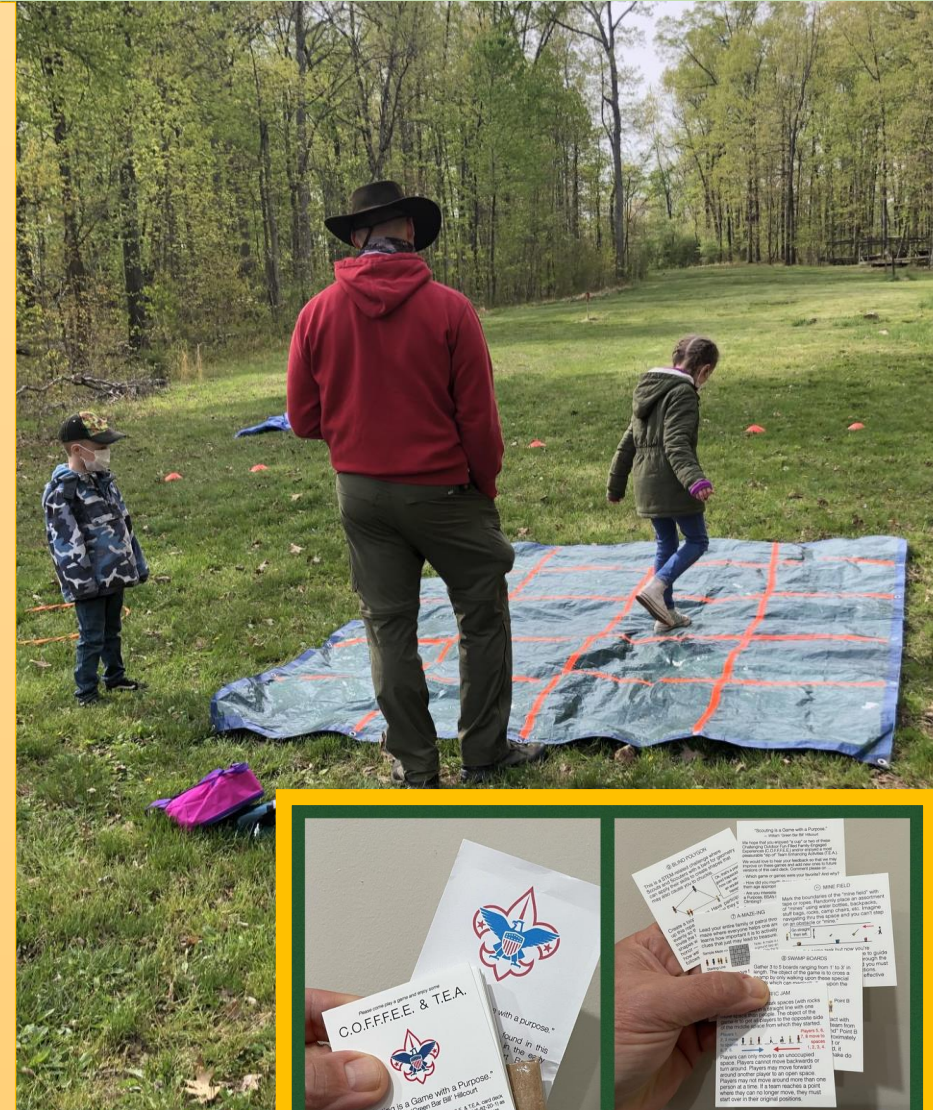


And don't forget the District's various COPE and Climbing Opportunities!

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

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.



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.



Other Topics

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

- *Minutes and slides available on the [GMD web site](#) (District Resources, Roundtable).*
- *Next meeting – February 10, 2022 at 7:30pm (Thoreau MS)*