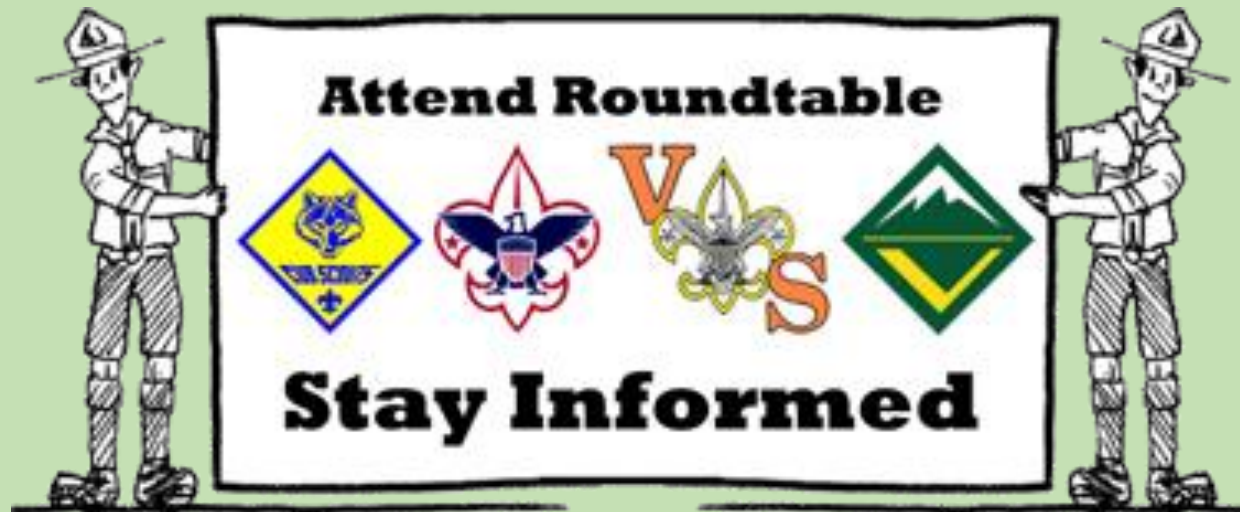


George Mason District Roundtable

February 10, 2022





The Scout Law & Oath as of 1910

(St. Paul Pioneer Press, Oct. 28, 1910)

Scout Law

A scout's honor is to be trusted. If he declares: "On my honor it is so," that settles it.

A scout is loyal. The obligation of loyalty embraces country and rulers, parents, employers, and scout masters.

A scout's duty is to be useful and to help others. He must try to do his best to do a good turn to somebody each day.

A scout is a friend to all and a brother to every other scout, no matter what social class the other belongs. He must eschew snobbery and cultivate democratic good fellowship.

A scout is courteous. He must, furthermore, take no reward for his courtesy: this means, "no tips."

Scout Law (Continued)

A scout is a friend to animals. He must not give pain to any creature unnecessarily.

A scout obeys orders. He must, too, render obedience without question: but after carrying out an order he may state reasons for objecting to it.

A scout smiles and whistles under all circumstances. The duty of cheerfulness is second only to that of obedience.

A scout is thrifty. He opens a savings bank account.

Scout Oath

"I give my word of honor that I will do my best
To do my duty to God and the country.
To help other people at all times.
To obey the Scout Law."

Council Update

- **GMD Charter Renewals (40 Units)**
 - 21 Complete
 - Check your roster; some units have added/missing members
 - Contact UC/DE if corrections needed
 - Remove
 - Add
 - 19 In Process
 - 15 On-Hold
 - 6 have follow-up needed
 - 4 Initiated (P152, T13, T187, T918)
- **How to add people during charter renewal/submitted individuals can participate**
- **Awards**
- **YPTs Expiring**
- **In-person District meetings**

Big Rock – Open Discussion

- **OA Ceremonies** - Can we get the OA Ceremonies Team for Bridging?
- **Safe Scouting** - We have a parent that wants to let their den use power tools to help with their PWD cars. How do we keep their enthusiasm while informing them about safe scouting?
- **Need skills** - Have parents that would like to participate more in scouting, but have not experience camping or scouting skills. How do you bring your parents (and adult leaders) up to speed?
- **Recognition** - How do you recognize your volunteers?
- **People Don't Get the Information** – Do we have the right channels (Newsletter, Roundtable, Minutes, Email, Basecamp)? How do you spread the information within your units.
- **Events in other Districts** – Can we participate?

George Mason Program



Matt Burns, Vice Chair Program
George Mason District



Current 2022 GM Calendar

- 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
- June 4, 2022 – NCAC Stem Expo and Pinewood Derby
- June/July 2022 – Cub Summer Camp



Cub Summer Camp

- Why?
 - It's Fun!!!
 - Prepares for Scouts BSA Camp
- Options
 - Goshen Camp Ross (Webelos) – Filling fast.
 - Camp Snyder – Day Camp for Cubs (Rising Tigers to Webelos)
 - Camp Snyder – Resident Weekend Camp for Cubs (Rising Tigers to AOL)
 - District-sponsored Day Camps – List on NCAC website under “Day Camp”



Council STEM Expo and Pinewood Derby

- June 4, 2022
- Location: TBD



22nd Annual Train Show

- Lakeridge Middle School, Lake Ridge, VA
- Lots of fun
- Opportunity to earn railroad merit badge.
- Can register for badge online.

22ND ANNUAL BOY SCOUT MODEL TRAIN SHOW AND MERIT BADGE WORKSHOP

Saturday and Sunday
March 12 and 13, 2022
10 am - 5 pm / 10 am - 4 pm

NEW LOCATION!!!
Lake Ridge Middle School
12350 Mohican Road
Lake Ridge, Virginia 22192

Adults \$10
Students/Seniors (60+) \$5
Under 5 free

www.troop964.org



For merit badge class information, email meritbadge@troop964.org

STEM

- Pi Day! – March 14
 - Try out the Sudoku puzzle
 - 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



Pi Day Sudoku

The rules are a little different from standard Sudoku, in part because the blocks are jigsaw pieces rather than 3×3 , and in part because the first 12 digits of π are used instead of the standard 1-9. Each row, each column, and each colored block ("jigsaw region") contains the first 12 digits of Pi

3 1 4 1 5 9 2 6 5 3 5 8

in some order. In particular, there are two 1s, one 2, two 3s, one 4, three 5s, one 6, no 7s one 8, and one 9.

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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.

CLIMB NCAC!

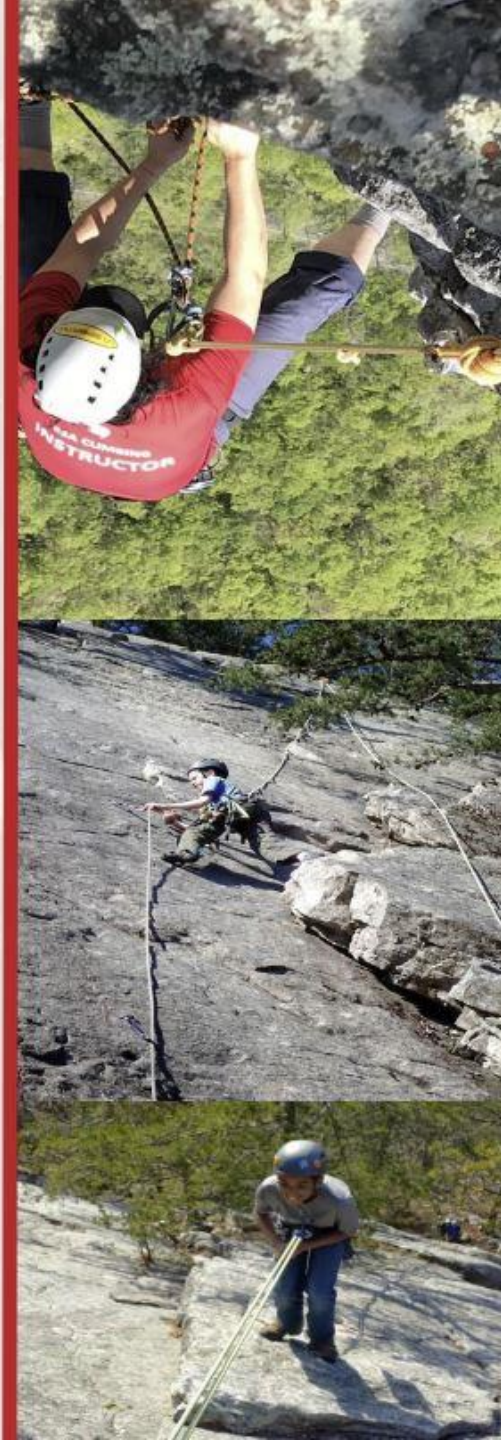
Take your Scouts climbing on nearby natural rock.

Enjoy the adventure of outdoor climbing on real rock. For \$75 per unit per day, eight participants per session can climb fully-equipped under the supervision of at least two council-trained instructors.

Leaders may schedule two sessions in a day. Roped climbing on natural rock is age-appropriate for Scouts BSA, Sea Scouts, and Venturers. Webelos may rappel.

Climb at Great Falls, Carderock, Sugarloaf Mountain, Annapolis Rock and many other local favorites. Complete requirements for the Climbing and Camping merit badges and the Ranger Mountaineering elective.

This program is available fall, winter and spring, from after Labor Day until Memorial Day. Contact the Climbing Committee at NCAC.Climbing@gmail.com for [details](#).



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 – Feb 11, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Riverbend Park in Great Falls, VA.
- Green Spring Gardens – Family Fun – Forcing Flowers – 2/12/22, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- Riverbend Park Klondike Campfire Cookout – 2/19/22, 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.
- Beginning Wood Carving – 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.

- Birding for Beginners, Huntley Meadows Park, 2/20/22 – 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.
- Mount Vernon – Free Admission on 2/21/22 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Reservations Required
- Riverbend Park Tree ID – Bark & Buds 2/26 and 2/27/22 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.
- Woodlawn Needlework Show & Sale, Woodlawn Historic Site in Alexandria. March 3 to March 31 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (except Tuesday)
- Nature Explorers Virtual Club – Winter – Twice weekly sessions until 3/9 at 10 a.m. on Mondays and 4 p.m. on Wednesdays, Huntley Meadows Park in Alexandria, VA.
- Friday Night Skywatching – The Turner Farm in Great Falls at 8:30 p.m.
- Falls Church Easter Egg Hunt – April 16, 2022 – Children 1 to 11 – Cherry Hill Park 10:00 a.m. to Noon.

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

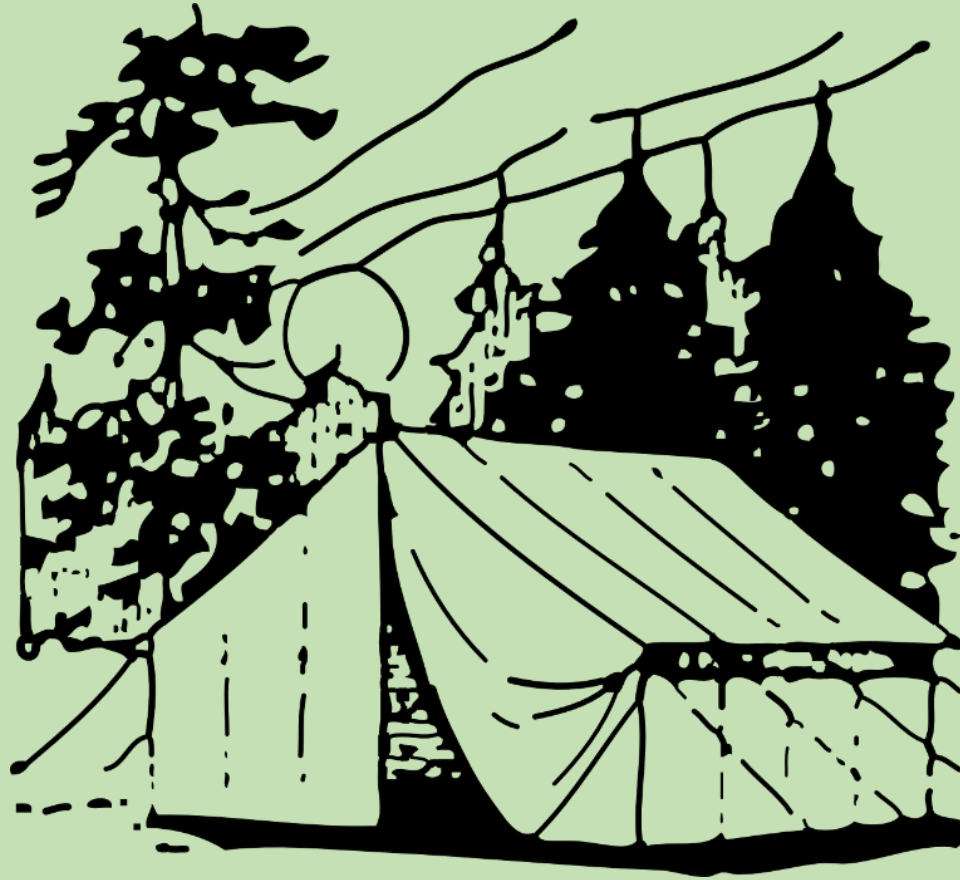
2022 District Merit Badge Event



- **Masks Required inside Fairfax Presbyterian**
- March 5th, 2022 at Fairfax Presbyterian Church in Fairfax.
- Most classes are full. Personal Management has some spots available. Check website for possible cancellations.
- Adults needed to help staff merit badge classes and comply with YPT requirements.
- Be prepared for possible changes.
- 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.**

Shooting Sports

- Number of spots limited by need to keep shooters safe!
- Online registration available on Council website in early March 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 March 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



February 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. 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**
 - **Philmont Preparedness Seminars (16 Feb: Trail food and cooking)**
 - **High Adventure Source Book, Volumes I and II (Vol. III forthcoming)**
 - **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.**

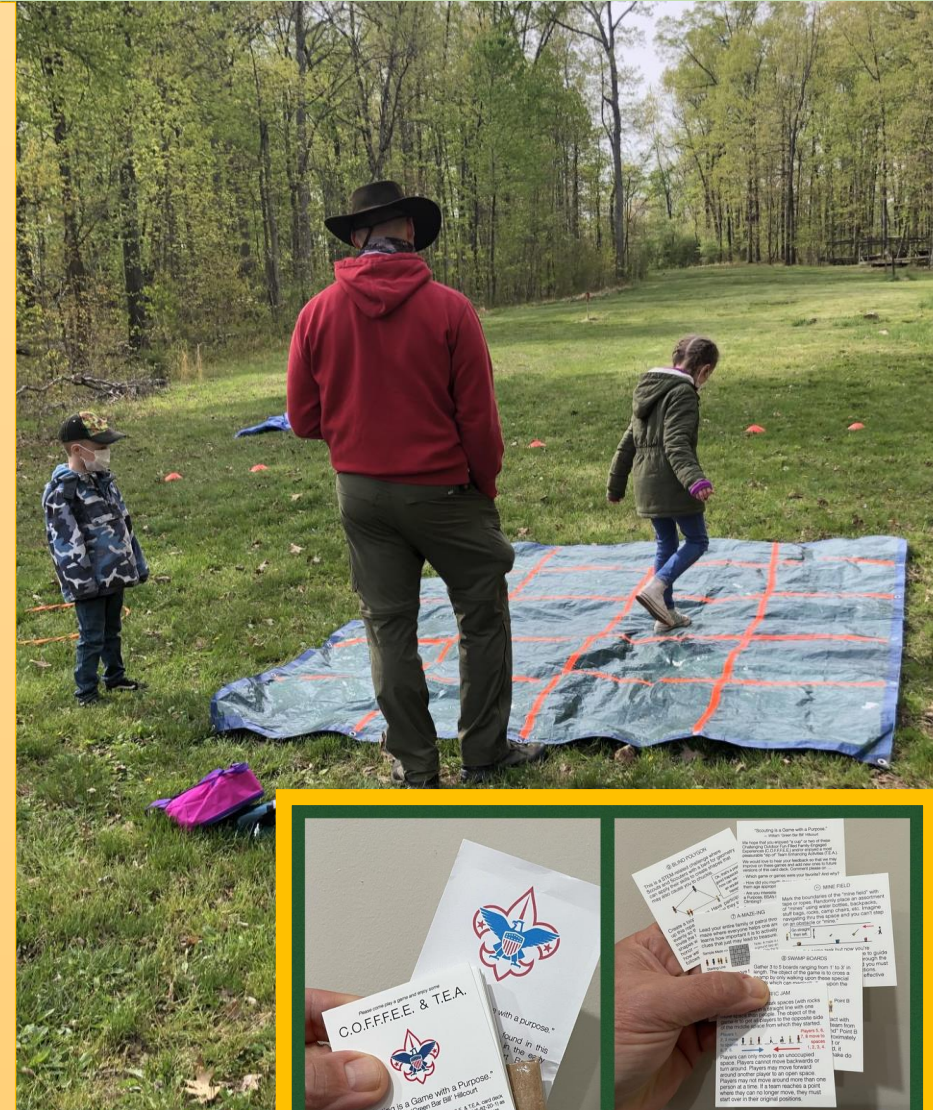


And don't forget the District's various COPE and Climbing Opportunities!

At any Family or Unit Camping Event held at Camp Synder, you'll likely find the mobile climbing wall (a.k.a. "Scouterhorn"), a Slackline, as well as Challenging Outdoor Fun-Filled Family-Engaged Experiences or Team Enhancing Activities (a.k.a. COFFFEE and TEA).

Check the Camp Synder schedule to register.

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 COFFFEE & TEA game cards, E-mail JohnLesko57@gmail.com



Training

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

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

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO;C32)

- [03/19/22 – 03/20/22 – Cheltenham, MD](#)
- [03/26/22 – 03/27/22 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)
- [04/09/22 – 04/10/22 – Huntingtown, MD](#)

Climbing Level 1 Instructor – 4/23-4/24/22 at Sugarloaf Mountain, MD. Second course, same place, 4/30-5/1/22. Contact Course director at ncac.climbing@gmail.com to register. Fee is \$40.00

Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS; S11)

- [\(02/19/22 or 02/26/22\) and \(03/19/22 – 03/20/22\) – Cheltenham, MD](#)
- [04/09/22 – 04/10/22 – Huntingtown, MD](#)

Powderhorn (P50) - [08/26/22 – 08/28/22 – Camp St. Charles, Newburg, MD](#)

Scouterhorn Training Assessment – February 19, 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Camp Snyder. Pre-requisite to be a “Climb Master.” Must first complete the on-line training and then pass hands on assessment at Camp Snyder. E-mail NCAC.COPE@gmail.com with “Scouterhorn” in the subject.

University of Scouting - [02/26/22 – Virtual](#)

Wood Badge (A90)

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



National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)



2022

NYLT

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) equips young people with leadership skills to help them succeed in their Scouting program and in life. NYLT brings together Scouts from all over the council to learn and practice leadership techniques in a risk free, Scout-friendly environment. The Scouts learn and practice leadership skills and styles together.

6 DAYS OF FUN & ADVENTURE

TEAMWORK • GAMES • FOOD

CHALLENGES • CAMPING • LEARNING

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?
NYLT is for Scouts who are likely to take on leadership positions in their Troop, Crew, Ship or team unit.

REQUIREMENTS
- 13 years or older
- First Class Rank
- Unit Leader approval
- Completed Intro. to Leadership Skills*
- BSA Med Form: Parts A, B & C

NYLT is an intensive course for mature Scouts who want to become better leaders. Scouts must be respectful of each other and their actions must be consistent with the Scout Oath and Law.

* Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST), Crews (ISC), or Ships (ISS)

REGISTRATION AND MORE INFORMATION:
www.myNYLT.org

COURSE # DATES & LOCATIONS

22-1	Jan 14-17 & Jan 21-23 Camp William B. Snyder (Must complete both weekends)
22-2	June 19-24 Camp William B. Snyder
22-3	June 26 to July 1 Cheltenham, MD
22-4	July 24-29 Camp William B. Snyder
22-5	July 24-29 Camp William B. Snyder

Give your future leaders a new set of tools!
NYLT is a 6 day course that equips young people with leadership skills to help them succeed in their Scouting program and in life.

REQUIREMENTS

- Unit Leader approval
- 13 years or older
- First Class Rank or higher
- Completed Introduction to Leadership Skills
- BSA Med Form: Parts A, B & C

Registration OPEN on March 5th at 10am

2022 Schedule

Course	Course Dates	location
22-1	Jan 14-17; Jan 21-23	Snyder
22-2	June 19-24	Snyder
22-3	June 26 to Jul 1	Cheltenham
22-4	July 24-29*	Snyder
22-5	July 24-29*	Snyder

* courses running concurrently



Questions? Email
contact@my.NYLT.org



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

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)



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.



Other Topics

- Order of the Arrow
- General Announcements
- New Roundtable Commissioner
- 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 – March 10, 2022 at 7:30pm (Thoreau MS)*