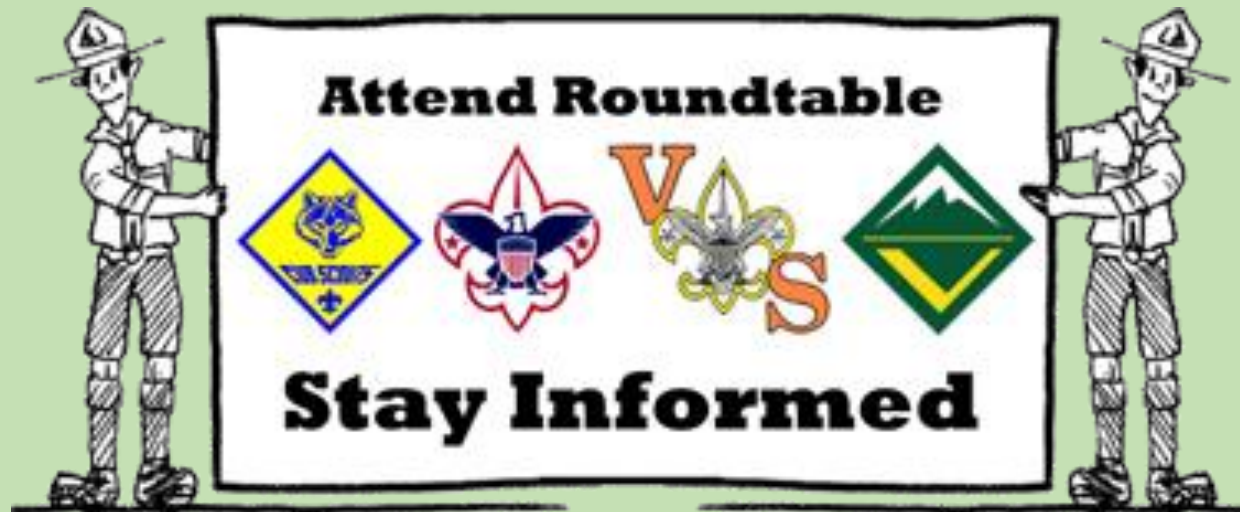


George Mason District Roundtable

March 10, 2022





Council Update

- Journey to Excellence – Continue to use [2021 Unit Scorecards](#)
- Restructuring – Estimate date to exit bankruptcy is June 2022
- Council-Wide Roundtable - 03/19/22, 7:30pm, [Zoom](#)
- District Collaboration – Day Camps, Camporee, OA, Training
- Other Fund-raising Opportunities
 - (Trial Program) First Response – First Aid Kits – 25% Unit, 25% Council
 - (Trial Program) Businesses Sponsoring MB
- College of Commissioner Service (3/12/22 – 03/13/22) – open to all adults
- MB Day – Thanks to John and all who helped. Great event!

Big Rock

How to prepare for an Outing (but not what you think)



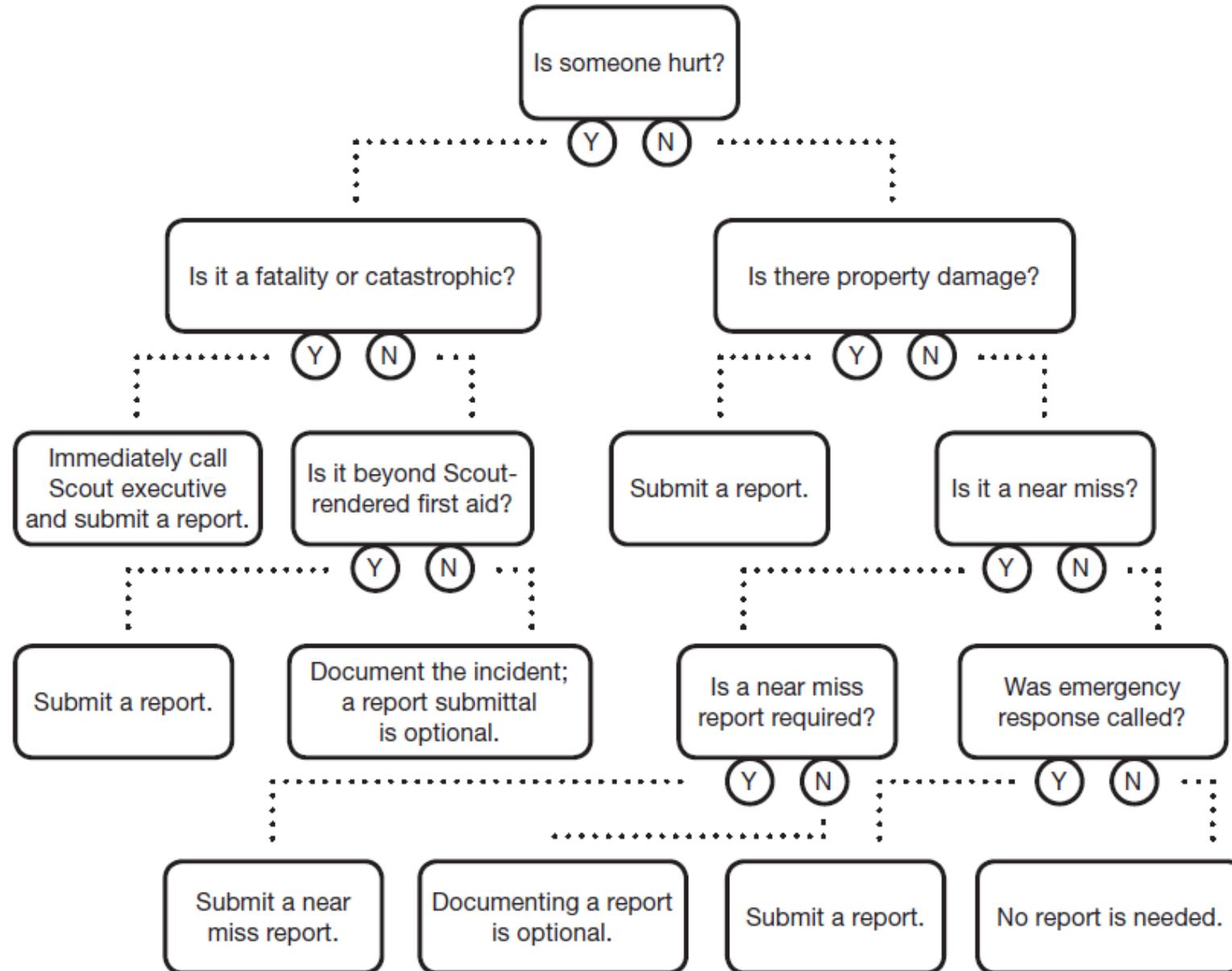
Questions to think about?

- Do your leaders or adults look beyond planning and logistics for an event?
- Do you provide a safety briefing for all activities?
- Do you remind your scouts about the 3 R's?
- How do you prepare your scout and adult leadership on reporting issues?
- Are all your scouts able to participate in the activity and if not what alternatives do you provide?
- What resources do you use for activities or events (old and new)?
- Do you conduct roses, buds and thorns?
- Do you keep a log of lessons learned?
- Do you know how to report a “near miss?”

Incident/Near Miss Reporting

Incident Reporting Tree

(Follow this chart to determine what type of incident you are or are not reporting.)



Resources

- Guide to Safe Scouting
<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/toc/>
- Reporting an Incident
<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/incident-report/>
- Shooting Sports Info and Shooting Sports Manual
<https://www.ncacbsa.org/shooting-sports/>
- Scouting Aquatics
<https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/aquatics/forms/>
- Shenandoah National Park
<https://www.nps.gov/shen/index.htm>

George Mason Program



Matt Burns, Vice Chair Program
George Mason District



Current 2022 GM Calendar

- 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 2, 2022 – Elks Youth Recognition Dinner
- 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 Ross recently added a sixth week (7/31 to 8/6)
 - 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”



Parent Meetings on Summer Camp

- How do Cub leaders feel about District hosting virtual meetings for parents to describe summer camp options?
- Two evening sessions in late March/early April?
- Unit commissioners have a slide deck describing the options. Would use same slides.
- Can we count on unit leaders to encourage attendance?



Council STEM Expo and Pinewood Derby



- June 4, 2022
- Location: Camp Snyder
- Registration: [National Capital Area Council - Council Pinewood Derby & STEM Expo \(scoutingevent.com\)](https://scoutingevent.com)
- Cost: \$30.00 – entrance to race & STEM – See registration site for race rules & details.
- Race your car in a Council Pinewood Derby Championship race and explore a wide-range of STEM stations at Camp Snyder on June 4, 2022!
- The NCAC STEM Committee (and friends!) will host a myriad of stations targeted to Cub Scouts to include underwater ROVs, robotics, chemistry and physics.
- The Championship race welcomes: winners of a NCAC District championship of the last 2.5 years (2020 - 2022). Didn't place in a district race, but want to compete in the Council Championship? Great! We have a track for you too! Select your choice of race upon registration.

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





2022 George Mason Pinewood Derby

- Race Day is March 19, 2022
- Participating units – please contribute a volunteer to staff car drop off, technical inspection, minor repairs.
- 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.
- Registration – Coming soon.
- 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
- Colvin Run Mill Tours – Everyday except Tuesday. Great Falls, VA. See Website for times and costs.
- Soar Together – Airs and Space Family Day – March 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. \$15.00 per car. Udvar-Hazy Center, Chantilly, VA. A day of activities and programs to commemorate the 100th anniversary of aircraft carriers.
- 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.
- Celebrate Pi Day – Sully Historic Site, Chantilly, VA from 3:14 pm to 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$3.14. Join with those who understand that Pi is a number that goes on forever. Also visit our 1794 kitchen and see an interpreter bake a traditional recipe over an open-hearth fire and sample a piece as you learn about this historically delicious food.
- National Cherry Blossom Festival – Around the Tidal Basin, Washington DC after March 20. Parade is April 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – See website for tickets to grandstand seating or map of standing areas along parade route.

Civic and Related Activities of Interest to Scouts – Cont.

- Blossom Kite Festival – March 26 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Washington Monument Grounds in Washington, DC – free admission. Rediscover the joy of kite flying!
- 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)
- The Ides of Bark – Grist Mill Park from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Free admission. Games, prizes, food and fun for everyone in the family – on two feet or four feet.
- Friday Night Skywatching – The Turner Farm in Great Falls at 8:30 p.m.
- Historic Egg Roll – Freeman House Museum, Vienna – April 1 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. – Free admission.
- Paddington Gets in a Jam – April 3, Hylton Performing Arts Center, Manassas.
- Rediscover Spring: Head into the woods at Frying Pan Park, Herndon, VA. on April 2 at 1:00, 1:30 and 2 p.m. – Explore the Frying Pan Park nature trails and explore stations scattered throughout the woods.
- Spring Garden Market at Historic River Farm on April 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Alexandria, Va. Celebrate the start of the new gardening season with the American Horticultural Society.
- Falls Church Easter Egg Hunt – April 16, 2022 – Children 1 to 11 – Cherry Hill Park 10:00 a.m. to Noon.
- City of Fairfax Fishing Derby – Ashby Pond Conservatory – April 16 – 9:30, 10:15 and 11:00 a.m. sessions.

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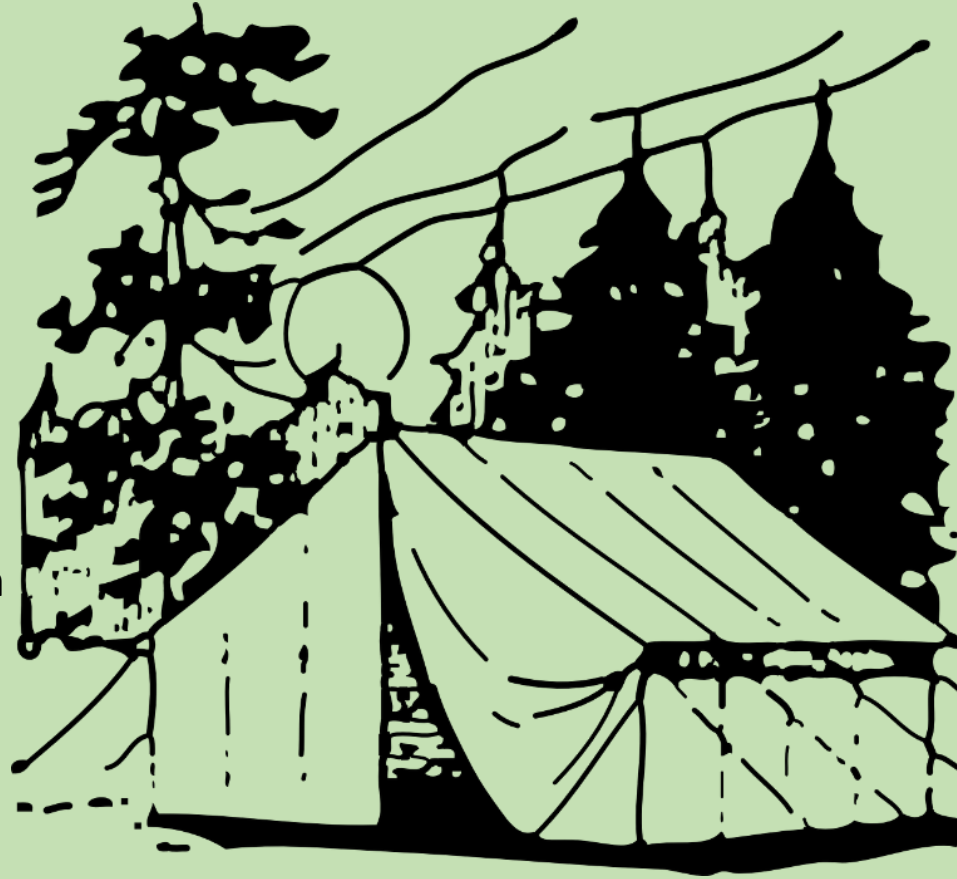
- Revolutionary War Weekend – Mount Vernon – April 30 to May 1 – 9:00 to 5:00 – Step back in time during a Revolutionary War re-enactment at Mount Vernon.
- Taste of Vienna – April 30 from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Vienna Fire Department parking lot will be lined with many local favorites showcasing the many excellent restaurants in Vienna.
- Horse Expo at Frying Pan Park – Herndon, VA. on April 30 from 11:00 to 5:00. Learn about horses and equestrian sports.
- Spring-It On – A Family Volunteer Festival – April 30 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fairfax – Your family can participate in service projects like filling 500+ snack packs for individuals in need, preparing gifts for senior citizens, making cards for first responders and more.
- McLean Day 2022, May 21 from 11:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Lewinsville Park in McLean. Admission is free. Bring the family and enjoy the fun at McLean's biggest annual festival. The Ides of Bark – Grist Mill Park from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Free admission. Games, prizes, food and fun for everyone in the family – on two feet or four feet.
- Great Falls Memorial Day Ceremony – May 30 at Great Falls Freedom Memorial, 11:00 to 12:00 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

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

- 120 Scouts BSA slots - limited by need to keep shooters safe!
- Troops can invite Webelos – Max of 20 Webelos total for camporee.
- Troops need to provide adult supervision and program for Webelos while Scouts are doing rifle, shotgun and tomahawks.
- Leader Guide will be available on registration site a few weeks ahead of event.
- Still need unit volunteers to help run event.

Registration - [George Mason Spring Camporee](#)

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.



2022 Elks Youth Recognition Dinner

- For youth that earned Eagle in 2021 (i.e. their Eagle Board of Review was held in the 2021 calendar year) and their Scoutmasters.
- Thursday, June 2, 2022
- Elks Lodge 2188, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, VA.
- Will need unit leader help in contacting Scouts and obtaining an RSVP.



GM High Adventure



March 2022

- **NCAC High Adventure Committee (HAC) updates and announcements:**
<https://www.ncacbsa.org/high-adventure/>
 - **University of Scouting HA training material available on Basecamp:**
<https://3.basecamp.com/3958009/buckets/16000091/vaults/2777714268>
 - “High Adventure 101” provides links to National Base presentations, training guidelines, Sourcebooks, and other great resources.
 - **Philmont Preparedness Seminars (16 March: Base Camp Procedures)**
<https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/philmont-prep-seminars/>
 - **Spring is prime time for summer high adventure trek training, prep hikes, and breaking in new boots and equipment.**
 - **All BSA high adventure treks require Medical forms A, B, and C – both Scouts and adults – certain programs have additional medical screening requirements. (Schedule that physical exam soon!)**
- **Contact Joe Knecht at knechtjoe@yahoo.com if you have questions regarding high adventure planning or resources.**

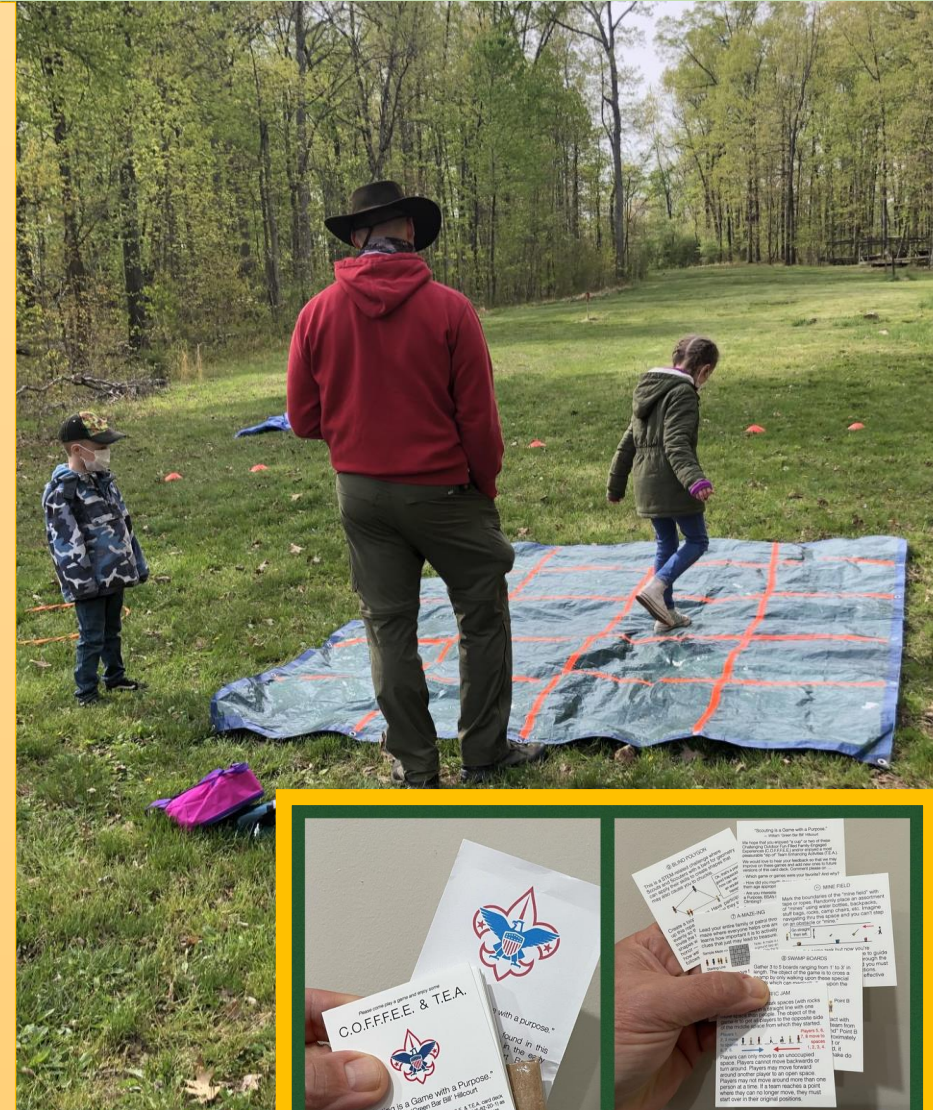


And don't forget the District's various COPE and Climbing Opportunities!

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

IOLS and Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) 4/9 – 4/10/22

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-wsdbaloo#>

IOLS – 6/4 -6/5 @ Camp Snyder <https://scoutingevent.com/082-PATRIOTSPRING22IOLS>

Climbing Level 1 Instructor – 4/23 - 4/24/22. Contact ncac.climbing@gmail.com to register.

SM Specific in-person – 4/8 @ Huntingtown, MD <https://scoutingevent.com/082-55207>

NYLT summer courses – registration now open

Cub Leader Specific Training in-person 4/9 or 5/7 or 6/4 @ Alexandria
<https://scoutingevent.com/082-56464>

Outdoor Ethics/Leave No Trace (D78) - [Introduction 3/21/22 \(Virtual\) & Fieldwork 3/26/22 \(Germantown, MD\)](#)

Powderhorn (P50) - 08/26/22 – 08/28/22 – Camp St. Charles, Newburg, MD.
<https://scoutingevent.com/082-49585>





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

- 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.
- You can register for Merit Badge Counselor training at:

[My Scouting](#)

- The online Merit Badge Counselor [registration](#) works for all Scouters who do not already hold another District position.
- 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! Completing Merit Badge Counselor training is the second critical step.
- Contact Margee if you have questions at GM.MB.Dean@hotmail.com.



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). Password is “GMDRT”*
- *Next meeting – April 14, 2022 at 7:30pm (Thoreau MS)*