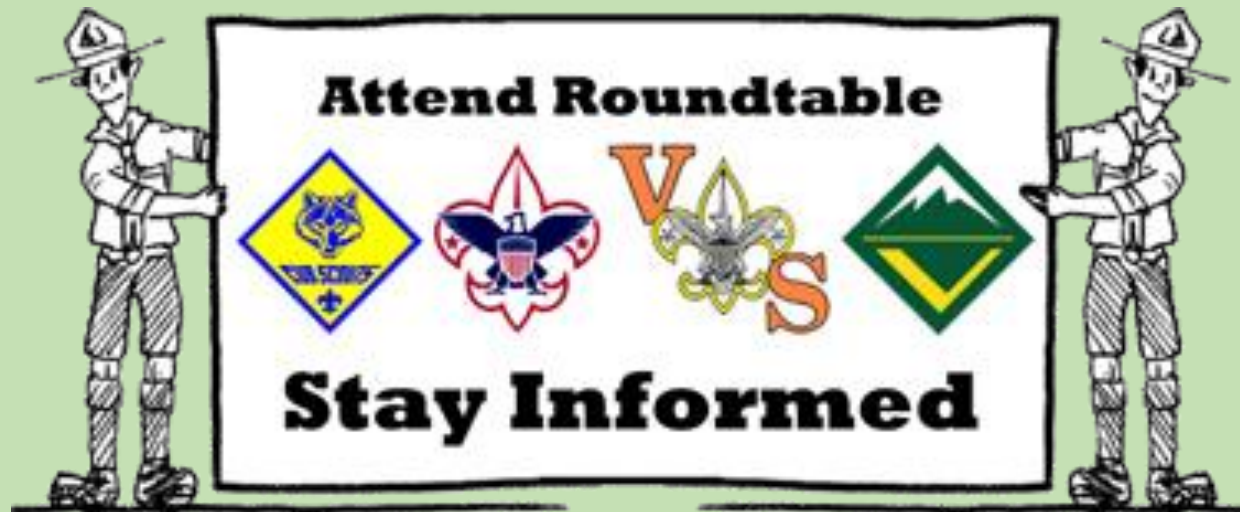


George Mason District Roundtable

August 11, 2022



Pledge



Council Update

- MSSC/Scout Store – Reopened this week (M-F 8:30am-5pm; Sat 10am-3pm)
- iContact – New mail list server. Need to whitelist/move messages in the SPAM/Junk folder that are from georgemason@ncacbsa.org.
- NCAC Insurance Fee - \$2.04/person (full year)
- Family Den Pilot – Mixed dens M/F youth. Pilot program – MOU needed to participate. <https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/uYFRgeombPuJe37tUCAPoYKK>
- Awards – NCAC continues to work backlog. Let Rus or Keenan know if you haven't received after six weeks
- Safety Moments - Opportunities to prepare for an activity, review safety measures, and report incidents correctly. Topics of this new series include incident reporting helps, safe use of medication in Scouting, weather-related safety, winter activity, and winter sports. (<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/>)

Council Update - Scoutbook

- Fixes
 - Calendar - An issue that prevented Scouts who are **not** calendar editors from seeing the unit or sub-unit calendars has been fixed.
 - Eagle Palms
 - An issue that caused the percent complete calculation for Eagle Palms to be incorrect has been fixed. Eagle Palms with incorrect percent complete need to have 1 requirement edited to correct the percent complete value.
 - An issue that prevented Eagle Palm requirement 4, Merit Badges, from being auto completed when Eagle 2022 is selected has been fixed. A script has been run to correct any Eagle Palms that should have had requirement 4 completed.
- Scoutbook Forum - <https://discussions.scouting.org/>

NCAC Aquatics Committee

- [Paddle Craft Safety](#) (Course Fee: \$30/day) – Limit 12 Scouts/Leaders
 - Still water course includes Canoe Merit Badge Councilor Certification
 - Still water course required for Moving Water course
 - [Sept 10](#) – Still Water Safety – (am – Hylton Center; pm – [Silver Lake](#))
 - [Sept 11](#) – Moving Water Safety – On the Potomac (Meet at [Riley's Lock](#))
- [Merit Badges Afloat](#) – Ship 1942's Merit Badge Afloat weekend is an opportunity for Scouts BSA scouts to earn three merit badges (Small-Boat Sailing, Weather, and Oceanography), be introduced to Sea Scouts, and learn more about the activities of Sea Scout Ship 1942. Saturday, September 10, 2022; 8:30am to 6:00pm and Sunday, September 11, 2022; 8:30am to 6:00pm at the Washington Sailing Marina.
- [SCUBA](#) (Course Fee: \$650) – PADI Certification by Age / Scouts BSA Merit Badge
 - Contact the PADI Divemaster [Andrew Blanco](#) to schedule
 - Minimum age 14 years
 - Aug 20 & 21 – Pool Session & Aug 27 & 28 – Open Water
- [Partial Merit Badge Completion Clinic](#) – 18 Scout Limit
 - Oct 3 – Tentative -TBD

Join Scouting

Join Scouting Night/Event Prep

Goal: Provide information and resources that can assist your Unit for upcoming recruitment events. This includes:

- Online Tools
- Resources Available from Council
- Planning Timelines
- Best Practices – Please share your successes!

On-Stop Shop for Membership

<https://ncacbsa.org/george-mason/>

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George Mason District

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George Mason District

Welcome

The **George Mason District** is part of the Virginia Central field service area in the National Capital Area Council. It is the home to 40 scouting units, serving over 1,500 youth in the areas of Vienna, Falls Church, Fairfax, Dunn Loring and Oakton in Fairfax County, Virginia.

On-Stop Shop for Membership

<https://ncacbsa.org/membership-resources/>



Unit Resources

Our Unit Resources page contains recruitment materials to help our unit leaders successfully advertise and conduct joining events year-round.



District Resources

Our District Resources page contains membership campaign management resources to help our districts' leadership teams strategically plan and prepare successful year-round membership recruitment plans.



STEM & Exploring Resources

STEM Scouts re-imagines creative ways to learn about science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Interact with professionals in weekly hands-on lab sessions and discover new things in a fast-paced, thought-provoking, and fun way.



New Unit Resources

Our New Unit Resources page contains resources and sales kits focused around the creation and development of new Scouting units.



Charter Organization Resources

Our Charter Organization Resources page contains useful resources focused around the relationship between the local Scouting Council and the Charter Partner.

On-Stop Shop for Membership

<https://ncacbsa.org/unit-resources/>

Program-wide Resources

These resources can be used to assist with membership recruitment for all our Scouting Programs.



NCAC Resource
Request Timeline



Facebook Geofence
Request Form



Community Pop-up
Event Outline



Financial Assistance
Request Form

Geofence Request Form

Information Needed:

- Email
- District
- Unit Number
- Unit Type (Pack, Troop)
- Name of Chartering Organization
- Is the event In-Person or On-line
 - Address of In-Person Event
 - URL (if virtual event) w/ login instructions
- Event Date/Time and description of activity
- Unit Facebook Page info (if applicable)
- Flyer (if available)

On-Stop Shop for Membership

<https://ncacbsa.org/unit-resources/>

Cub Scouts BSA

Cub Scouting is fun for the whole family. In Scouting, boys and girls start with their best right now selves and grow into their very best future selves. It's fun, hands-on learning and achievement that puts kids in the middle of the action and prepares them for today – and for life.



Online Registration
Resources



Pack Position
Descriptions



BSA Youth & Adult
Applications



Join Scout Night (JSN)
Resources



Recruitment
Flyers



Social Media
Images &
Videos



Peer-to-Peer
Cards



Social Media
Post Templates




Social Media
Calendar

JSN Resources

- Scout Talks – Videos
- JSN Logistics – Resources for various stations – Activities, Advancement, Ideals of Scouting, Calendar, Application, etc.
- New Leader Welcome Packet
- Program Information
- Unit Guides

Peer-to-Peer Cards



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On-Stop Shop for Membership

<https://ncacbsa.org/unit-resources/>

Scouts BSA

Scouts BSA is the traditional Scouting experience for youth in the fifth grade through high school. Service, community engagement, and leadership development become increasingly important parts of the program as Scouts lead their own activities and work their way toward earning Scouting's highest rank, Eagle Scout.



Online Registration
Resources



Troop Position
Descriptions



BSA Youth & Adult
Applications



Recruitment Flyers



Social Media Image
Resources



Peer-to-Peer Cards



Social Media Post
Templates



Social Media Calendar

NCAC Resources Available

Items to request/keep on-hand:

- Flyers – Please give Keenan a week's notice
- Yard Signs
- BeAScout.org Pencils
- Stickers
- Parent's Guides
- Paper Applications

Items to borrow and return:

- Roll-out recruitment banners
- Pup-up Tents



Planning Timelines (Suggested)



Three Weeks Prior:

- Requested Facebook Geofenced Advertising (date, location, time, & contact info)
- Requested PeachJar Advertisements (Flyer, Schools, additional info)

Two Weeks Prior:

- Submitted Physical Flyer Requests (Color: 10 cents per page)
- Submitted Peer-to-Peer Cards Requests
- Requested Council Recruitment Banners (While resources are available)
- Requested Council Projectors (While resources are available)
- Requested Council Pop-Up Tents (While resources are available)

One Week Prior:

- Requested Yard Signs
- Requested Parents' Guides
- Requested Paper Applications
- Requested Printed "How-To" Social Media templates
- Requested Pens/Pencils

Best Practices Some Units Use

(Please share your successes/ideas!)

- Have information they need – ideally one page
 - Meeting location, day of week/month and time
 - Background about the unit (size, history, typical events)
 - Contact information
 - Costs – BSA, NCAC insurance, Unit fees, how you raise funds
 - Other needed items – uniform, equipment, books, etc.
- Have a way to sign up immediately
 - Tablet / Computer for adults to register their youth
 - Paper forms and pens
 - A way to collect fees (Square, check, etc.)
- Have a way for Parents to volunteer/be informed of unit needs
 - Emphasize that your unit is a volunteer organization
 - Have a list of possible jobs they can volunteer to do
 - **Emphasize the need for YPT when recruiting Adults**

Make it fun!



George Mason Program



John Drisco, Vice Chair Program
Matt Burns, Deputy Vice Chair Program
George Mason District



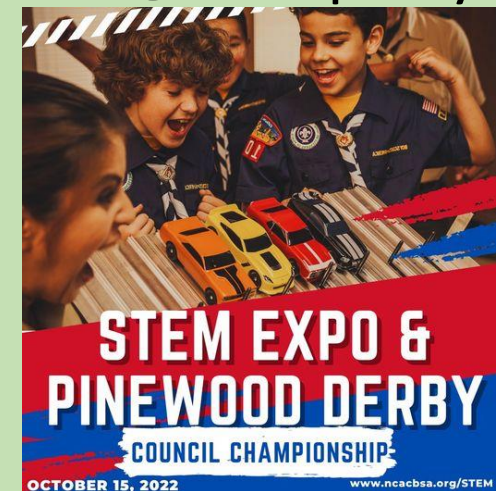
Current 2022 GM Calendar

- September 24, 2022 – Life to Eagle Seminar
- October 21-23, 2022 – Fall Camporee- Pioneering Theme
- November 5, 2022 – Scouting for Food Tag Distribution
- November 11,2022- Flags in, National Memorial Park, Falls Church
- November 12,2022 Scouting for Food Bag Collection
- December 2022- Peace Light of Bethlehem
- March 4, 2023 Merit Badge Day at Fairfax Presbyterian Church
- March 18 2023 Pinewood Derby at Fairfax Presbyterian Church
- May 5-7, 2023- Spring Camporee TBD



STEM

- Scout Day at Nationals Park – 14 August
 - Get a special patch!
 - <https://www.mlb.com/nationals/tickets/specials/scout-days>
- Explorer Post 1010 Open House – 10 & 14 September
 - High school students only
 - <http://post1010.org/>
- STEM Expo & Pinewood Derby – (Rescheduled) 15 October @ Camp Snyder
 - STEM Expo is open to all! Register by 7 October
 - <https://scoutingevent.com/082-pwd>
- Chess Tournaments
 - Cubs – 4 February 2023
 - SBSA – 11 February 2023



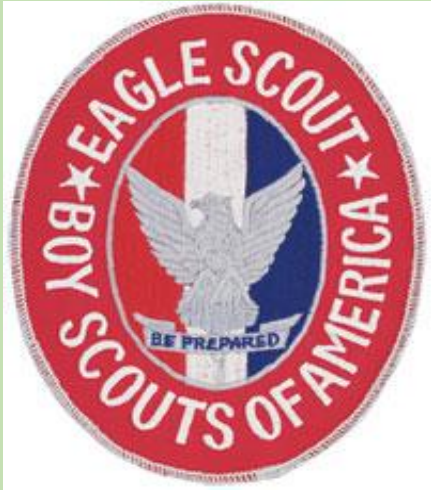
SCOUTS BSA Roundtable

Future Camporees

- Save the Dates!!!
- George Mason Fall 2022 Camporee – October 28 - 30, 2022
 - Pioneering Theme at Blue Ridge Regional Park
- 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.



District Life to Eagle Seminar



- **Saturday, 24 September 2022**
- **1:00 to 4:00 p.m.**
- **Christ Lutheran Church, 3810 Meredith Drive, Fairfax, VA. Check-in starts at 12:30 p.m.**

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 applications must be received by Thursday, 22 September 2022

Fees (\$5 per person) will be collected at registration. Registrations ensure adequate handouts and refreshments. To register go to:

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-59744>

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

Training <https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/training>

Cub Leader Position Specific (C40) - 09/24/22 - Herndon, VA

Cub Scout Den Leader Specific (C42) - 09/24/22 - Herndon, VA

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO;C32)

- 10/01/22 – 10/02/22 - Huntingtown, MD
- 10/15/22 – 10/16/22 - Reston, VA

Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS; S11)

- 10/01/22 - 10/02/22 - Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

Back Country Outdoor Leadership Skills (BCOLS)

- 09/24/22 (Alexandria, VA) & 10/22/22 - 10/23/22 (Camp Big Mac)

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT; S78)

- 01/20/23 - 01/23/23 & 01/27/23 - 01/29/23 - Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

Outdoor Ethics/Leave No Trace (D78)

- 09/18/22 - TREAD Lightly! Trainer Course, Bryans Road, MD
- 09/26/22 (Introduction), Virtual & 10/01/22 (Fieldwork), Germantown, MD
- 10/17/22 (Introduction), Virtual & 10/22/22 (Fieldwork), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

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

Mental Health First Aid <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hocode/ereg/Registration.aspx?groupID=47>

- 09/01/22 Adult (Virtual) – 9am – 3:30pm
- 09/10/22 Youth (Virtual) – 9am – 3:30pm



NYLT 2022 Program year is complete



NYLT ran 5 courses in 2022.

George Mason sent 13 Scouts to NYLT this summer and an additional 6 Scouts staffed!

Updated flyer coming soon

2020 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, Pack, or District.

REQUIREMENTS
16 years or older (17 with permission)
First Class Rank
Scoutmaster approval
Campfire 101*
BSA Merit Badge Patch A & C

NYLT is a non-competitive program for Scouts who wish to become better leaders. Scouts should be respectful of each other and their abilities. Scoutmaster approval is required for participation with the Scout Staff and Staff.
*Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troop (2020), Campfire 101, or Web 101

COURSE # DATES & LOCATIONS

20-1	Jan 18-20 & Feb 15-17 Camp Williams B. Snyder (Must complete both weekends)
20-2	June 21-26 Cheltenham, MD
20-3	June 28-July 3 Cheltenham, MD
20-4	July 26-31 Camp Williams B. Snyder
20-5	August 2-7 Camp Williams B. Snyder
20-6	August 10-15 Camp Williams B. Snyder (Sunday Friendly)

REGISTRATION AND MORE INFORMATION:
www.myNYLT.org

2023 Schedule will likely include:

- **1 winter course run over two weekends in January**
- **4 summer courses**



• Questions? Email contact@my.NYLT.org

2022 Wood Badge Registration NOW Open

Fall Course

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

Weekend #1: 9 - 11 September

Weekend #2: 8 - 9 October

Course Director: Mr. Rick Rogers

rsrogers4@gmail.com



Wood Badge could be postponed or delayed based on covid restrictions

Wood Badge is the Boy Scouts of America's ultimate leadership training designed to meet the advanced leadership needs of Scouters in all aspects of the BSA, whether unit, district, or council level – from assistant den leaders to Scoutmasters, from Cubmasters to Venturing Advisors, from committee members to commissioners. It is a fun, energetic and inspiring course guaranteed to infuse your unit with fun and meaning – all designed to fulfill the mission of the BSA, and ensure our youth is getting everything they are promised from the program.

QUESTIONS?

For information about specific courses, contact the Course Director listed above.



GM High Adventure



August 2022

- NCAC High Adventure Committee (HAC) updates and announcements: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/high-adventure/>
 - Summer 2022 lessons learned: How was your unit's high adventure experience this summer?
 - The GMD High Adventure Committee would appreciate any after-action reviews (good, bad, or in between) of your national high adventure base trek or self-supported high adventure activity. Please forward information to knechtjoe@yahoo.com
 - Lessons learned will be compiled and shared at a future date.
 - HA Sourcebook: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/high-adventure-information/>
- Contact Joe Knecht at knechtjoe@yahoo.com if you have questions regarding high adventure planning or resources.

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. 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
- 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 – September 8, 2022, at 7:30pm (Thoreau MS)*