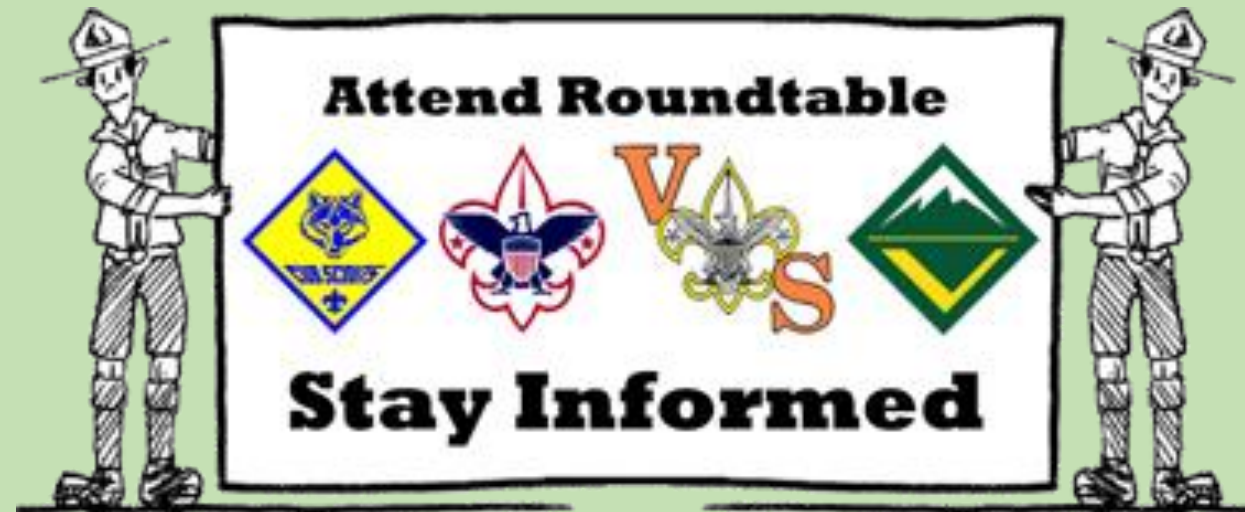


George Mason District Roundtable

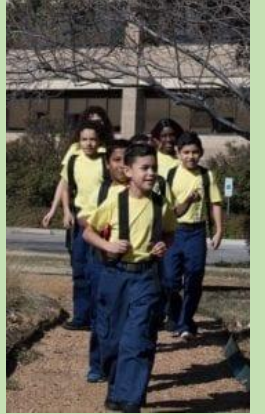
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Pledge



George Mason Program



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



Current 2022 GM Calendar

- November 11,2022 –Flags in, National Memorial Park, Falls Church
- November 12,2022 – Scouting for Food Bag Collection
- December 2022 – Peace Light of Bethlehem
- February 4, 2023 - District Life To Eagle Seminar
- March 4, 2023 – Merit Badge Day at Fairfax Presbyterian Church
- March 25, 2023 – Pinewood Derby at Fairfax Presbyterian Church
- May 5-7, 2023 – Spring Camporee TBD



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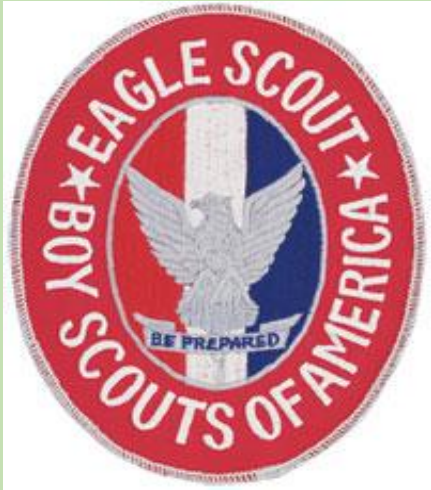
- Chess Tournaments
 - Cubs – 4 February 2023
 - SBSA – 11 February 2023
- DC STEM Trek- Showcases 24 government agencies, private organizations and monuments related to the tenets upon which STEM is based.
 - 10.57 miles
 - 4.75 miles
 - <https://www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/DC-STEM-Trek-2.pdf>

Future Camporees

- Save this Date!!!
- 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, 4 February 2023
- 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- Virtual
- Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-64518>

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 3 February 2023 to get the Zoom link.

Any questions contact Matt Burns at 703-938-9550.

2023 District Merit Badge Event



- March 4th, 2023 at Fairfax Presbyterian Church in Fairfax.
- Registration will open on **December 23rd, 2022**
- Need Unit Merit Badge Day Coordinator names and contact details by November 30 to John Drisco at gmaisonmeritbadgeday@gmail.com
- Encourage Scouts to get merit badge books by December 31. Read requirements and start tackling “pre-work” by early January 2023.
- 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 gmaisonmeritbadgeday@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. 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 application 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/>
- Elks Most Valuable Scholar – Deadline Nov 14, 2022 <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm>
- Sons of American Revolution – Deadline Dec 15, 2022 [Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest – National Society Sons of the American Revolution \(sar.org\)](https://www.sar.org)

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

- National Eagle Scout Association – Deadline January 31, 2023 [Scholarships - The National Eagle Scout Association \(nesa.org\)](https://www.nesa.org)
- American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year – Deadline is February 15, 2023 – Apply to local Legion Post. Open to Scouts in units sponsored by an American Legion Post or who have a parent or grandparent that is a member of the Legion. Applications at: <https://www.legion.org/scouting/nominate>



Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams Award

- Recognizes a noteworthy Eagle Scout Service Project.
- Deadline is January 21, 2023
- 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.



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

Akela's Trail (formerly Pow-Wow)

- 11/19/22 – Zoom <https://scoutingevent.com/082-63597>

Cub Leader Position Specific (C40) / Cub Scout Den Leader Specific (C42)

- 11/19/22 – Alexandria, VA
- 12/17/22 – Alexandria, VA

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO;C32)

- 11/12/22 – 11/13/22 – Gaithersburg, MD

Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS; S11)

- 12/03/22 – 12/04/22 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT; S78)

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

Outdoor Ethics/Leave No Trace (D78)

- 11/13/22 For Guides and their Advisors, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

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

- Two classes in November; Two Classes in December (Thursdays 9am – 3:30pm)

University of Scouting - 02/25/23 – Alexandria, VA

Wood Badge (A90)

- 03/31/23 – 04/02/23 & 04/22/23 – 04/23/23
- 05/05/23 – 05/07/23 & 06/03/23 – 06/04/23



GM High Adventure



November 2022

- **NCAC High Adventure Committee (HAC) updates and announcements:**
<https://www.ncacbsa.org/high-adventure/>
- **High Adventure Bases**
 - Northern Tier
 - Winter 2022-2023 and summer 2023 – first come/first serve
 - 2024 reservations should open January 2023
 - Philmont - Lottery open 10/1/22 – 12/1/22
 - Seabase
 - Some 2022 & 2023 availability <https://www.bsaseabase.org/scouts/register/>
 - 2024 Reservations should open January 2023
- **Training**
 - Northern Tier Classroom Training (email: BSA2XS@gmail.com)
03/04/23; 03/25/23; 04/15/23 – Holy Cross Lutheran, Herndon, VA
 - Philmont
 - 11/20/22 – Orientation for Crew Members and Parents (Zoom)
 - 01/08/23 – Advisors & Crew Leader Training
 - 03/12/23 & 03/18/23 – Philmont Advisor Hikes (email: wcdubi@gmail.com)
 - 03/25/23 – Skills Training (Zoom)
 - 04/01/23 – Skills Training (In-Person, TBD)

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)



Council Update

- **Charter Renewal** – 11 of 40 units have logged into the Charter Renewal system.
- **Fall Family Camping** (Snyder; \$35/person) – BB, Archery, Scouterhorn, Crafts, Leatherwork, Woodshop.
 - 11/18-20/2022 - <https://www.gotosnyder.org/year-round-events/cub-scout-expo/>
- **Goshen 2023 Registration is open** – <https://www.gotogoshen.org>
- **Paper Adult Applications** – Use 3-page form <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/524-501.pdf>
- **Changing IH/EO or CR** – Paper applications; but at Charter Renewal can use Internet Advancement
- **My.Scouting.org**
 1. Update Adult email/address/phone
 2. Organizational Manager
 1. COR/ COR Delegate can change positions
 2. New Position - Unit Treasurer

November 11, 2022 (Veterans Day)
Start at 12:00 noon – Pizza is available!

Flags In

- **Social distancing – bring a mask.**
- **National Memorial Park,
7482 Lee Highway, Falls Church**
- **All Scouts, including Girl Scouts,
are welcome.**
- **Class A Uniforms**

For more info, contact
Russell Pittman at
ruspittman@gmail.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 – December 8, 2022, at 7:30pm (Thoreau MS)*