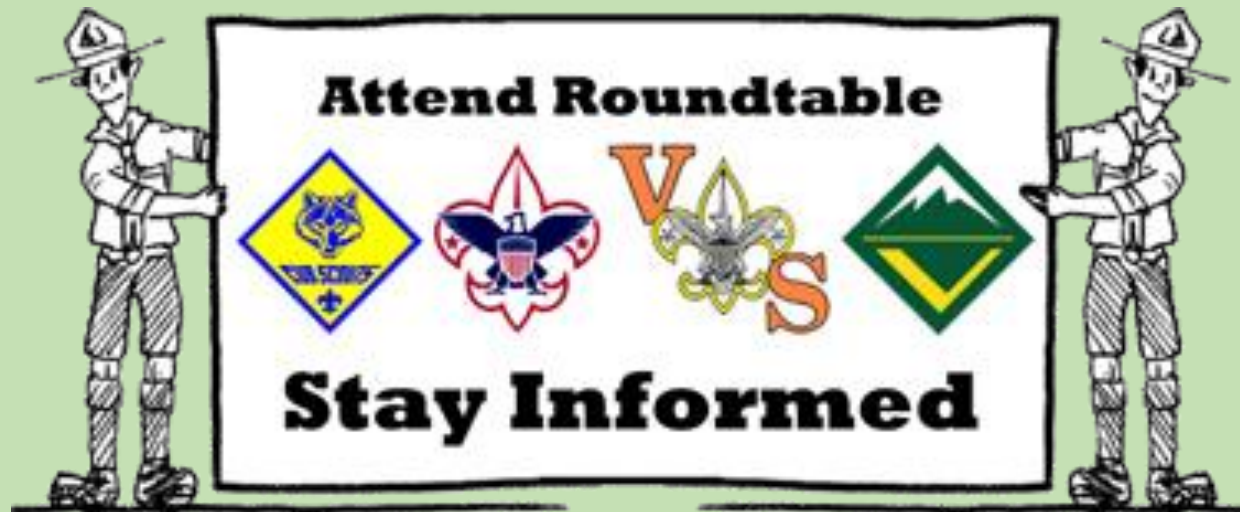


George Mason District Roundtable

December 8, 2022



Pledge



Council Update

- GMD Charter Renewal:
 - Rosters - 13 Completed; 15 Awaiting Review; 9 In Process; 3 Not Started
 - Annual Charter Agreement – Three page; [Sept 2022 version](#)
 - Journey to Excellence - <https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/unit/>
- Retirement - Craig Poland (NCAC Scout Executive). Search underway for his successor.
- NCAC Membership – 33,232 (11/30) – almost at goal 5,300 new youth
 - Retention: 79.4%
 - Diversity: 11.68% Female; 33.11% Minority
 - Market Share: 3.35% eligible youth
- Cub Camps:
 - Cub Day Camps (Snyder) - Weeks of 6/26 and 7/10
 - Cub Resident (Snyder) – Weekends of 6/22, 6/29, 7/6 and 7/13
 - Other District Day Camps – Advertising in first quarter at <https://www.ncacbsa.org/day-camp/>

International Peace Light

- The Peace Light is meant to promote peace, harmony and unity among all people of the world regardless of race, ethnicity or creed. Many churches, Scouting, and associated community organizations use the Peace Light in Advent worship services, parish tree lighting events, and other special ceremonies.
- The Peace Light from Bethlehem campaign was originally organized in 1986. Each year in late November, a child from Austria lights a lantern from the continuously burning candle in the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. The light, known as the Peace Light, stored in special explosion-proof lanterns, is then flown with a safety adviser back to Vienna, Austria, where it is shared with delegations from across Europe who distribute it with a message of Peace to their own countries for use at ecumenical services. Scouting organizations then take the light to houses of worship, hospitals, homeless shelters, nursing homes, and places of public, cultural and political importance – to anyone who appreciates the significance of the “gift”.
- ***The Peace Light Ceremony will be in person at the MSSC (Bethesda) on Saturday, December 10th at 2 pm***



Jack Lundin

- Jack Lundin's memorial service will be held at the Vienna Presbyterian Church on December 28, 2022, at 11:00 AM with a repast afterwards.
- *A Life of Giving/The Legendary Scouter Jack Lundin (by Dan Glass)*
<https://weownadventure.com/a-life-of-giving-the-legendary-scouters-jack-lundin/>



Big Rock – Shooting Sports!



Scouts BSA Shooting Sports

Why Have Shooting Sports in Scouts BSA?

- Popular program that promotes recruitment and retention.
- Opportunity to teach Shooting Sports Safety at young age



What Types of Shooting Sports Can Scouts BSA Do?

- Air Rifle/BB Rifle
 - Air rifles must shoot at 540 Feet per second (FPS) or less, .177 caliber pellets
- Rifle
 - .22 caliber rimfire only (Short, Long, LR)
With/without box magazine
No semi-autos, pump action, high-capacity or tube magazines.
 - Prone or supported bench positions recommended



What Types of Shooting Sports Can Scouts BSA Do?

- Shotgun
 - 12 Gauge or smaller
 - Ammo: Shot size 7.5, 8, 9 (typical skeet/trap shot sizes)
 - Can be any action type, semi-auto recommended
 - Straightaway trap recommended
- Muzzleloading Rifle/Shotgun
 - Must be of modern manufacture
 - Kit guns must be inspected by a gunsmith
 - **No Flint Locks**



What Types of Shooting Sports Can Scouts BSA Do?

- Archery
 - Proper sized equipment (15lb+) pull weight
 - Recurve or Compound Bows
 - Target points, **No broadheads/field points**
- Slingshots/Wrist rockets
 - Ammo must not be hard (no stones, etc.)
 - Biodegradable preferred: suggest dog food kibbles.
- Tomahawk/Knife Throwing
 - French or Blackhawk—With handles 10-18 inches long, and heads weighing 8-24 ounces



Qualified Supervision is *REQUIRED!!!*

- Rifle/Air Rifle/Muzzleloading
 - NRA Certified Rifle Instructor or BSA Shooting Sports Director **AND** NRA Certified Range Safety Officer
 - Ratio: 1 Range Officer and Instructor to 8 Scouts
 - Muzzleloading: NRA/NMLR ML Instructor; 1:1 Ratio
- Shotgun
 - NRA Certified Shotgun Instructor or BSA Shooting Sports Director **AND** NRA Certified Range Safety Officer
 - Ratio: 1 to 1 Instructor to Scout that is currently shooting
 - (1:6 Range Officer permitted with 1:1 Instructor)

Qualified Supervision is *REQUIRED!!!*

- Archery
 - USA Archery Level 1 (or higher) Instructor or BSA Shooting Sports Director
 - Ratio: 1 to 8
- Tomahawk/Knife Throwing/Slingshots/Wrist Rockets
 - NRA Instructor (any discipline) or USAA L1 Instructor (NCAC Rule)

Where Can My Troop Shoot?

- Firearms
 - BSA Council Range
 - Public/private Commercial Range, Hunt or Gun Club
 - *Pre-approved* Private land. Must be inspected by BSA-approved CRSO prior to use in ready-to-use condition
- Archery/ Tomahawk/Knife Throwing/Slingshots/Wrist Rockets
 - Anywhere that is safe, legal and can be set up per BSA guidelines
 - Guideline links available on [Scouting.org](https://www.scouting.org)

Other Information

- **Targets:** May not be human-like or shape (includes profile or “Zombie” targets)
- **Equipment:** Certified Instructor/RSO
Inspection before use
- **Advance Approval**
for Troop/District
Events by NCAC
Shooting Sports
Committee



Merit Badge Program

All Range operations for merit badge instruction and requirement completion must be under control of a currently NRA certified instructor (or USA Archery Instructor) and a currently certified NRA Range Safety Officer.

Some registered merit badge counselors in NCAC are NOT properly certified to manage the range activities and on-range shooting required for a scout to complete the merit badge.

Resources

- NCAC Shooting Sports Web Site:
<https://www.ncacbsa.org/shooting-sports/>
 - Trifold Shooting Sports pamphlet
 - “So You Want To Hold a Shooting Sports Activity”
 - NCAC Where to Shoot
 - NCAC Shooting Sports Event Request Form
 - BSA Shooting Sports Manual & Supplement
- BSA Shooting Sports Web Site:
<https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/shooting-sports/>

SAFETY!

- NCAC SSC Shooting Sports Event Request Form
- Safety Brief and Rules, NRA Rules
- Range Orientation and Safety Brief
- Equipment Orientation and Safe Usage
- Approved supervision
- Zero Tolerance

Scouts BSA Shooting Sports

Questions?



George Mason Program



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



Current 2022 GM Calendar

- December 10, 2022 – Peace Light of Bethlehem at Marriott Service Center, Saturday 2:00pm-3:30pm
- February 4, 2023 - District Life To Eagle Seminar
- March 4, 2023 – Merit Badge Day at Fairfax Presbyterian Church
- March 18, 2023 – Pinewood Derby at Fairfax Presbyterian Church
- April 13, 2023 - District COH (before April RT)
- May 5-7, 2023 – Spring Camporee Theme: Canoeing at Antietam
- May 29, 2023 – Memorial Day Flags In



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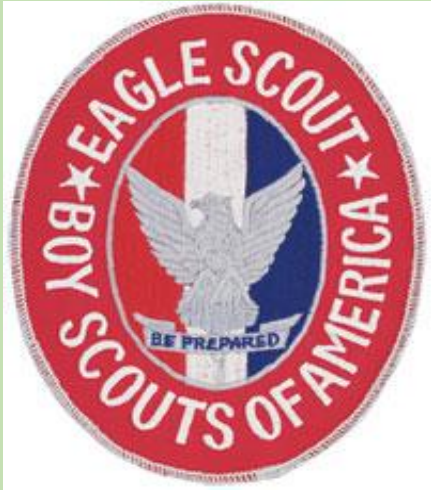
- Chess Tournaments
 - Cubs – 4 February 2023
 - SBSA – 11 February 2023
- DC STEM Trek- Showcases 24 government agencies, private organizations and monuments related to the tenets upon which STEM is based.
 - 10.57 miles
 - 4.75 miles
 - <https://www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/DC-STEM-Trek-2.pdf>

Future Camporees

- **Save this Date!!!**
- George Mason Spring 2023 Camporee
May 5-7, 2023
Theme : Canoeing at Antietam
- 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 is live now and must be registered 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**. Scouts can register for Personal Management MB now because of the pre-work needed.
- Need Unit Merit Badge Day Coordinator names and contact details by November 30 to John Drisco at gmasonmeritbadgeday@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 gmasonmeritbadgeday@gmail.com

Merit Badges being offer this year:

- American Heritage
- Citizenship of the Community
 - Citizenship of the Nation
 - Citizenship of the World
 - Communications
 - Disabilities Awareness
- Emergency Preparedness
 - Engineering
 - Family Life
 - Fire Safety
 - Genealogy
 - Geology
 - Journalism
- Personal Management

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.



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 22, 2023.**
- Will confer awards at District COH/April Roundtable.



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

Cub Leader Position Specific (C40) - 12/17/22 – Alexandria, VA

Cub Scout Den Leader Specific (C42) - 12/17/22 – Alexandria, VA

Scoutmaster Position Specific Training (S24) - 12/17/22- Alexandria, VA

Backcountry Outdoor Leadership Skills - 03/04/23 – Huntingtown, Md (opens Dec 10 2022)

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT; S78)

- 01/20/23 - 01/23/23 & 01/27/23 - 01/29/23 - Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA (Waitlist)
- 06/18/23 – 06/23/23 – Session 23-2 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA (opens 12/10/22 10am)
- 06/25/23 – 06/30/23 – Session 23-3 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 07/23/23 – 07/28/23 – Session 23-4 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 07/23/23 – 07/28/23 – Session 23-5 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

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

Wilderness First Aid (N02)

- 12/17/22 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 01/28/23 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 02/25/23 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

Wood Badge (A90)

- 03/31/23 – 04/02/23 & 04/22/23 – 04/23/23 (Registration is open now)
- 05/05/23 – 05/07/23 & 06/03/23 – 06/04/23 (Registration will open Jan 1, 2023)
- Fall Wood Badge (Registration will be open Feb 1, 2023)



SCHOLARSHIPS

Deadlines Approaching!!!

- BSA Scholarship page - <https://www.scouting.org/awards/scholarships/>
- 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.



GM High Adventure



December 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
 - 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
 - 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)



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 – January 12, 2023, at 7:30pm (Thoreau MS)*