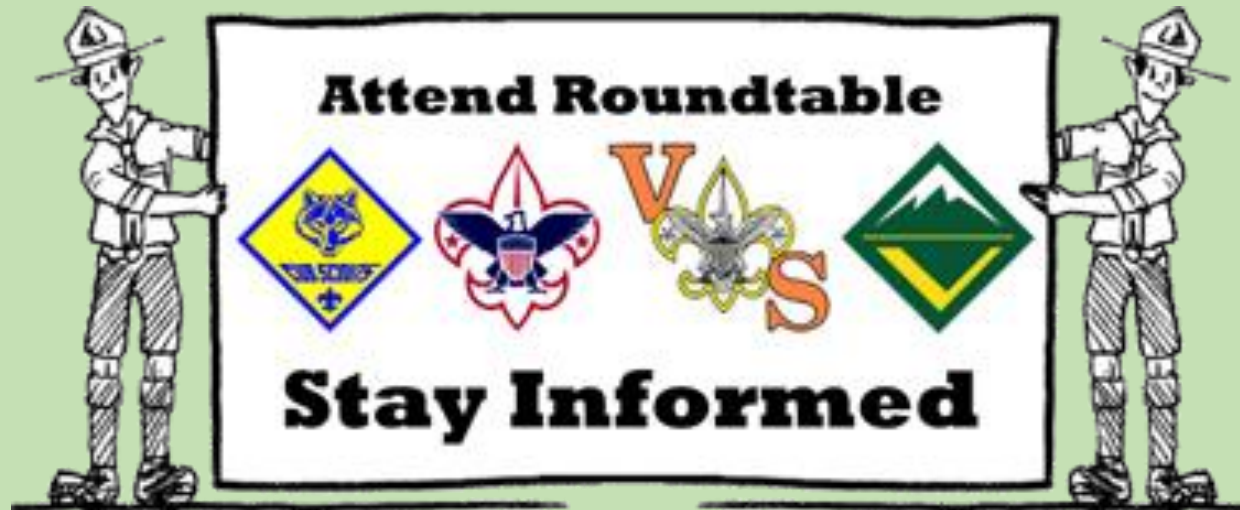


George Mason District Roundtable

April 13, 2023



Pledge



Welcome

New to Roundtable?
Please introduce yourself!

Council Update

- **Non-Unit Charter Renewal (MBC)**
 - GMD MB Counselors were processed on or about 03/11/23
 - Scoutbook – Check MBC list
- **The Safety Corner April: Campfires**
 - Online summary of the topic at: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/camp-fire-safety/> State of VA: prohibit open air fires, including campfires (but not charcoal), until after 4 pm, which applies from mid-February through the end of April: <https://dof.virginia.gov/wildland-prescribed-fire/fire-laws/4-pm-burning-law/> State of MD: Year-round law in place prohibiting most "large" open fires, but small fires like campfires are not restricted: <https://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/pages/fire/firenotes.aspx>

Aquatics Committee (<https://ncacbsa.org/aquatics>)

2023 Training Schedule

- **Pre-Camp Swim Tests (Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA)**
 - June 3rd and June 4th (9am-5pm) – hourly slots
- **Paddle Craft Safety (Still – Camp Snyder/Silver Lake; Moving – Riley’s Lock, MD)**
 - May 20 - Still Water Safety - Class Size 12
 - May 21 - Moving Water Safety - Class Size 12
 - **Aug 26 - Still Water Safety - Class Size 12**
 - **Aug 27 - Moving Water Safety - Class Size 12**
- **Canoe Paddling Instruction (Silver Lake, Camp Snyder)**
 - June 9-11
- **Scuba (Pool – TBD; Open Water – Fredericksburg, VA)**
 - Pre-class, computer-based training
 - 08/12/23 – 08/13/23 – Pool work
 - 08/19/23 – 08/20/23 – Open Water
- **Aquatics MB Completion** (only for those that are missing a few requirements from camp)
 - TBD (likely early Sept)

NCAC Jewish Committee on Scouting

- Joel Straus, Chairman (joel.straus1@gmail.com)
- Involved in Scouting 15 years (DL, ASM, SM, UC – White Oak)
- Looking for new members to join the NCAC Jewish Committee on Scouting to support Jewish Scouting. Members do not need to be Jewish, just have a desire to assist youth in reaching their potential.

Awards/Patches – Cubs

- Conservation Good Turn Award
- Crime Prevention Program
- Donor Awareness
- National Den Award
- Outdoor Activity Award
- National Summertime Pack Award
- World Conservation Award
- Optional Insignia – Interpreter Strip



Awards – Scouts BSA

- **Skills** – [Totin' Chip](#), [CyberChip](#), [Firem'n Chip](#), [Paul Bunyan Award](#)
- **Aquatics** – [Mile Swim BSA](#), [BSA Lifeguard](#), [Scuba BSA](#), [Snorkeling BSA](#), [Boardsailing BSA](#), [BSA SUP](#), [Kayaking BSA](#), [Whitewater Rafting BSA](#)
- **Citizenship** – [Recruiter Strip](#), [Interpreter Strip](#), [Lifesaving](#), [Meritorious Action and Heroism Awards](#), [Donor Awareness Award](#), [Crime Prevention Award](#), [Messengers of Peace Award](#), [Jimmy Stewart Good Citizenship Award](#), [Youth Patriotism Medallion](#),
- **Conservation** – [Distinguished Conservation Service Award](#), [World Conservation Award](#), [Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award](#), [Outdoor Ethics Action Award](#), [Conservation Good Turn Award](#), [Keep America Beautiful Hometown USA Award](#), [Resource Stewardship Scout Ranger](#),
- **High Adventure** – [High Adventure Awards](#)
- **History** – [Lewis and Clark Heritage Foundation](#), [Eisenhower Presidential Library](#), [Mount Vernon Historic Trail](#),
- **International** – [International Spirit Award](#), [Scouts of the World Award](#), [Duke of Edinburgh International Award](#)
- **Internet** – [Internet Scouting Patch](#)
- **Outdoor Activities** – [50 Miler](#), [Historic Trails Award](#), [Complete Angler Award](#), [National Medal for Outdoor Achievement](#), [H.O.S.T Hikes](#), [Gettysburg Heritage Trails Program](#), [DC STEM Trek](#),
- **Religious** – [Religious Awards](#)
- **Science Activities** – [NOVA Awards](#), [Supernova Awards](#)
- **Scouting** – [Den Chief Service Award](#), [National Honor Patrol](#)
- **Youth Recognition** – [Congressional Award Program](#)

Awards - Scouters

- **Cub**

- Cubmasters Key
- Unit Leader Award of Merit
- Den Leader Training Key
- Scouter's Training Key
- Service Stars
- Veteran Award

- **Scouts BSA**

- Scoutmasters Key
- Unit Leader Award of Merit
- Training Key
- Service Stars
- Veteran Award

- **Other**

- Founders Bar
- Interpreter Strip
- Lifesaving and Meritorious Action Award
- Messengers of Peace Award
- Special Needs Scouting Service Award
- Torch of Gold Award
- Trained Strip

George Mason Program



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



Current 2023 George Mason Calendar

- April 28-30, 2023 – Tri-Chapter Ordeal
- May 5-7, 2023 – Spring Camporee Theme: Canoeing at Antietam
- May 13, 2023 – Jamboree on the Trail
- May 13, 2023 – District Hike-O-Ree
- May 13-14, 2023 – Patriot/GMD BALOO/IOLS
- May 25, 2023 – Elks Youth Recognition Dinner for 2022 GM Eagles
- May 29, 2023 – Flags In
- June 3, 2023 – Life to Eagle Seminar (virtual)
- September 23, 2023 – Life to Eagle Seminar (in-person)



STEM

- 04/15/23 – [ASEI STEM Day](#), University of MD, College Park, MD
- 04/22/23 – [Girls STEM/STEAM Conference](#), Bowie, MD
- 04/22/23 – [GMU Chemistry Workshops](#), Fairfax, VA
- 04/23/23 – [Rockville Science Day](#), Rockville, MD
- 05/13/23 – [Techstravaganza 2023](#), Alexandria, VA
- Anytime – [DC STEM Trek](#)- Showcases 24 government agencies, private organizations and monuments related to the tenets upon which STEM is based. Two hikes - 10.57 miles, or 4.75 miles



NCAC Pinewood Derby

- When: May 20, 2023
- Where: Camp Snyder
- Cost: \$20
- Who: District 1st, 2nd, 3rd place in each den age group
- Register [here](#)

2023 George Mason Pinewood Derby

- Thanks to: Grant Book, Patrick Berney, Chip McCaslin, Mary Neuse, Rus Pittman, Trey Reyher, W. David Hanson, and the Fairfax Presbyterian Church
- Winners were:

• Lions	Maverick B.	Pack 152
• Tigers	Ryan L.	Pack 987
• Wolves	John B.	Pack 681
• Bears	Kade B.	Pack 681
• Webelos	William H.	Pack 987
• Arrow of Light	Evan M.	Pack 1139

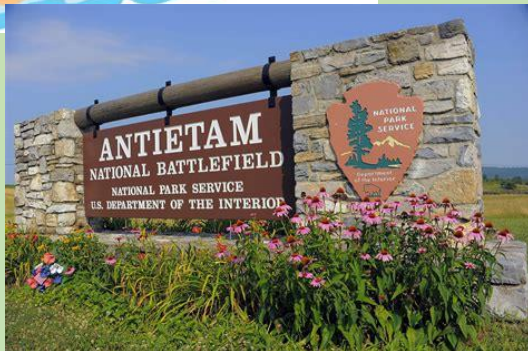
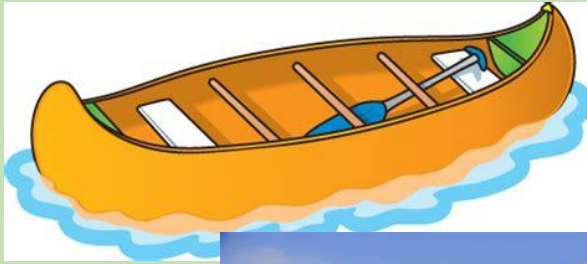
- All race results and photos at:
<https://www.ncacbsa.org/george-mason/district-pinewood-derby/>

GMD Camporees

Spring 2023:

Antietam/Rohrbach

Theme: White Canoeing &
Historic Hiking



Fall 2023:

Rock Enon

Theme: Shooting
Sports



2024

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George Mason Hike-O-Ree



- 3rd Annual GM Hike-O-Ree – Open to all (Cubs, Scouts BSA and Venturing Scouts), families and friends.
- Two options to participate:
 1. Hike with the District on Saturday, May 20
 2. Hike at ANY time between May 12 and May 21.
- Participants in both options will receive patches.
- Any age, any place and any appropriate grouping – just keep track of how far you hiked.
- Challenge – District Scouts, Scouters and families hike 2,023 miles.
- Total the miles for each unit and notify Matt Burns at Burnsmj509@gmail.com. We'll see how big a total we reach.

District Hike on May 20 – Option 1

- Hike around Lake Mercer – gentle 4.3 miles.
- Limited to first 99 registrants
- Starting from South Run Recreation Center NLT 9:00 a.m. and finishing by 11:30 a.m.
- YPT in effect – Every unit must have two registered, YPT current adults on hike.
- Participating units must supply a third adult to help staff event.
- Units must use the buddy system and account for all participants at start and end of hike – stay together!
- Scouts working on Second Class can hike an additional piece of the trail to complete a five-mile hike.
- Cost is \$5.00 per person.
- Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-67922>

Unit or Personal Hiking During 2 Weeks – Option 2

- For individuals or units that have a conflict and can't attend the District Hike on Saturday, May 20
- Hike at ANY time during the May 12 to May 21 time period.
- Hiking can be done with a unit, with family or with friends.
- Hiking can be done anywhere – national/state park, local park, neighborhood, etc.
- There is no upper or lower limit on distance.
- Remember to report results to burnsmj509@gmail.com.
- Register to receive a patch. Cost is \$5.00 per patch.
- Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-68269>

Jamboree on the Trail

- May 13, 2023
- An international event
- The only requirement is to get out and hike.
- Inaugural hike was in 1998.
- Scouts of all ages can hike.
- Register by March 31 to be certain of getting patches by May 13.
- Register at:
<https://jamboreeonthetrail.org/registration/>





2023 Elks Youth Recognition Dinner

- For youth that earned Eagle in 2022 (i.e. their Eagle Board of Review was held in the 2022 calendar year) and their Scoutmasters.
- Thursday, May 25, 2023
- Elks Lodge 2188, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, VA.
- Will need unit leader help in contacting Scouts and obtaining an RSVP.
- Scoutmaster are invited at no cost to them.

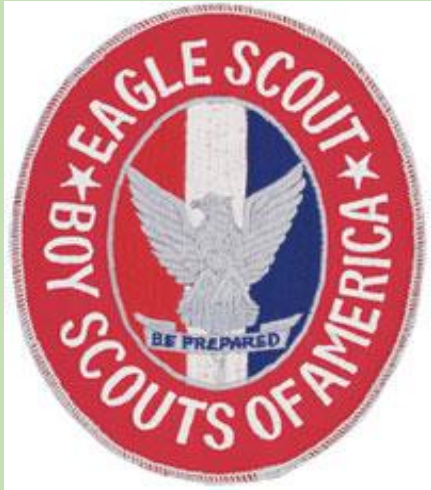
May 29, 2022 (Memorial Day Monday)
Start at 10:00am – Pizza is available!

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

District Life to Eagle Seminar – June 3



- Saturday, 3 June 2023
- 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- Virtual
- Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-70700>

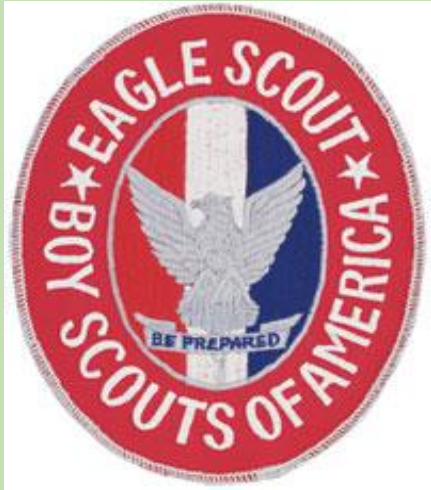
Who should attend:

- 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 1 June 2023 to get the Zoom link.

Any questions contact Matt Burns at 703-938-9550 or at gm.advancement@gmail.com.

District Life to Eagle Seminar – September 23



- Saturday, 3 June 2023
- 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- In Person at St. James Catholic Church in Falls Church
- Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-70702>

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 21 September 2023.

Any questions contact Matt Burns at 703-938-9550 or at gm.advancement@gmail.com

Merit Badges

- 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. 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.

Did you know:

- The National Council does not limit the number of merit badges a youth may earn from one counselor, though a **unit leader is permitted to do so**, as long as the same limit applies to all Scouts in the unit. Ideally, Scouts should work with a variety of adults. (GTA 7.0.0.3)
- Partial Merit Badges have no expiration except the Scout's 18th birthday. (GTA 7.0.3.3)
- Due to the BSA policies related to Youth Protection and two-deep leadership, a merit badge counselor must have another adult present during all merit badge counseling sessions. However, the parent or legal guardian of the Scout may serve as the second adult. **This parent or legal guardian does not have to be a registered leader.**
- If the requirements for a merit badge differ between the merit badge pamphlet and the current edition of Scouts BSA Requirements, the requirements in the Scouts BSA Requirements book supersede all others.

Merit Badge Opportunities:

- [04/22/23 – 04/23/23 – MB University at CUA, DC](#)
- [04/22/23 – OD Merit Badge Jamboree, Annandale, VA](#)
- [04/29/23 – Fingerprinting and Traffic Safety MB, Montgomery Village, MD](#)
- [04/29/23 – 04/30/23 - Merit Badge Afloat, Ship 1942, Alexandria, VA](#)
- [05/13/23 – Welding, Alexandria, VA](#)
- [07/16/23 – 07/22/23 - Camp Snyder Specialty Week, Haymarket, VA](#)



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

Cub Leader Position Specific (C40)

- [04/29/23 – Alexandria, VA](#)
- [05/06/23 – Herndon, VA](#)
- [05/20/23 – Alexandria, VA](#)
- [06/10/23 – Alexandria, VA](#)

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO;C32)

- [04/15/23 – 04/16/23 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)
- [04/15/23 – 04/16/23 – Spotsylvania Courthouse, VA](#)
- [04/29/23 – 04/30/23 – Gaithersburg, MD](#)
- [05/12/23 – 05/13/23 – Huntingtown, MD](#)
- [05/13/23 – 05/14/23 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)
- [05/20/23 – 05/21/23 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)
- [06/17/23 – 06/18/23 – Lorton, VA](#)

Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills

- [04/29/23 – 04/30/23 – Gaithersburg, MD](#)
- [05/12/23 – 05/13/23 – Huntingtown, MD](#)
- [05/12/23 – 05/13/23 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)
- [05/13/23 – 05/14/23 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)
- [06/17/23 – 06/18/23 – Lorton, VA](#)

Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills (BCOLS) – [09/23/23 \(Heritage Pres Church, Alexandria, VA\)](#) & [10/21/23 -10/22/23 \(Camp Big Mac, Markham, VA\)](#)

Powder Horn – [08/17/23 – 08/20/23 – Camp St. Charles, Newberg, MD](#)

Wilderness First Aid (N02)

- [05/05/23 – 05/07/23 & 06/03/23 – 06/04/23](#)
- [09/08/23 – 09/10/23 & 10/07/23 - 10/08/23](#)

Cub Scout Den Leader Specific (C42)

- [04/29/23 – Alexandria, VA](#)
- [05/06/23 – Herndon, VA](#)
- [05/20/23 – Alexandria, VA](#)
- [06/10/23 – Alexandria, VA](#)

Scoutmaster Position Specific Training (S24)

- [04/29/23 – Alexandria, VA](#)
- [05/20/23 – Alexandria, VA](#)
- [06/10/23 – Alexandria, VA](#)

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT; S78)

- [06/18/23 – 06/23/23 – Session 23-2 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)
- [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](#)

Wood Badge (A90) - <https://www.ncacbsa.org/wood-badge/>

- [05/05/23 – 05/07/23 & 06/03/23 – 06/04/23](#)
- [09/08/23 - 09/10/23 & 10/07/23 – 10/08/23](#)



Leave No Trace/Outdoor Ethics

- **BSA Leave No Trace Trainer Course - Outdoor Ethics**
 - [10/16/23 \(Zoom\) & 10/21/23](#) – Haymarket, VA
- **Outdoor Ethics Orientation Courses (Scouts and Cubs)**
 - [06/10/23](#) – Brandywine, MD
 - [09/09/23](#) – Brandywine, MD
 - [12/03/23](#) – Brandywine, MD
- **Outdoor Ethics Newsletter**
 - Sign up [here](#).

GM High Adventure



April 2023

- NCAC High Adventure Committee (HAC) [updates and announcements](#)
- High Adventure Crew Trek Availability
 - [Northern Tier](#)
 - Limited crew slots still open for Summer 2023 / 2024 reservations open
 - [Philmont](#)
 - 2023 a few Crew slots are available / 2024 Lottery is over - Most Crew slots are full
 - [Sea base](#)
 - Some 2023 availability / 2024 Reservations open
 - [Summit](#)
 - Limited 2023 crew slots available / 2024 registration is open now
- High Adventure [Opportunities for Individuals in 2023](#)
 - NCAC has contingent crew trips to Philmont, Sea Base, Northern Tier, James River Canoeing, and Lenhok'sin
 - Several NCAC Units have space available for individuals in their crews
- Training
 - Northern Tier Classroom Training (email: BSA2XS@gmail.com)
04/22/2023 - Virtual

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](#)



Look Up – Fun with the Sky – Day or Night

- 04/04/23 - [Evening Under the Stars](#), GMU, Fairfax, VA
- 04/08/23 - [Second Saturday Sungazing](#) (11am), Chantilly, VA \$
- 04/07/23 - [Astronomical Observatory Nights](#), Rockville, MD
- 04/15/23 - [Sky Meadows - Astronomy for Everyone](#), Delaplane, VA
- 04/29/23 - [Stargazing at the Udvar-Hazy Center](#), Chantilly, VA
- 04/29/23 - [Skywatching: Telescope Fun](#), Gaithersburg, MD
- 05/02/23 - [Evening Under the Stars](#), GMU, Fairfax, VA
- 05/13/23 - [Second Sunday Sungazing](#), Chantilly, VA
- 05/15/23 - [Observe a Lunar Eclipse](#), Udvar-Hazy Center, Chantilly, VA
- 05/20/23 - [Sky Meadows - Astronomy for Everyone](#), Delaplane, VA
- 05/27/23 - [Stargaze at the Udvar-Hazy Center](#), Chantilly, VA
- 06/17/23 - [Innovations in Flight](#), Chantilly, VA
- GMU Observatory Tours/Inflatable Planetarium - [Dr. Robert Parks](#)
- Various - [Flying Circus Airshow](#), Bealeton, VA
- Various - [Rock Creek Park Planetarium](#), Washington, DC
- Various - [Northern Virginia Astronomy Club](#)
- Various - [Fairfax County Parks Astronomy Programs](#)

Other Activities (for units, Dens/Patrols, or families)

- Sundays (8am) – [Dyke Marsh Bird Walks](#), Alexandria, VA
- 04/22/23 – [National Park Week Kickoff](#) (free admission), Great Falls, VA
- 04/29/23 – [Taste of Vienna](#), Vienna, VA
- 04/29/23 – [Stargazing at the Udvar-Hazy Center](#), Chantilly, VA
- 04/30/23 – [Scout Days at National Park](#) (Nats vs Pirates), Washington, DC
- Apr – Nov – [Park Habitat Restoration Work Days](#), Vienna, VA
- 05/06/23 – [Around the World Embassy Tours](#) (10am-4:30pm), Washington, DC
- 05/06/23 – 05/07/23 – [Revolutionary War Weekend](#), Mt Vernon, VA (\$)
- **05/13/23** – [25th Annual Eagle Festival](#), Mason Neck State Park, Lorton, VA – reptile/hawk/owl/eagle
- 05/13/23 – [EU Open House Embassy Tours](#) (10am-4:30pm), Washington, DC
- 05/19/23 – 05/20/23 – [McLean Days](#), McLean, VA (\$)
- 05/20/23 – 04/016/23 – [National Cherry Blossom Festival](#), Washington, DC
- 05/27/23 – 05/30/23 – [Viva Vienna](#), Vienna, VA (\$)
- 05/29/23 – [Falls Church Memorial Day Parade](#) (1pm), Falls Church, VA
- 06/01/23 – 06/04/23 – [Herndon Festival](#), Herndon, VA (\$)
- 06/04/23 – [Clean the Bay Day](#), Various Locations
- June/July/Aug (Tues, 10am) – [Kids on the Green](#), Vienna, VA

Order of the Arrow

- 2023 Dues can be paid online: <https://wipit470.org/dues.html>
- 04/14/23 - 04/16/23 – Spring Fellowship*
- 04/28/23 – 04/30/23 – Tri-Chapter Ordeal*
- 05/05/23 – 05/07/23 – District Camporee
- 05/12/23 – 05/14/23 – Lodge Service Weekend at Goshen
- 05/19/23 – 05/21/23 – Section Conclave at Rodney Scout Res.*
- 06/18/23 – 07/01/23 – GOAT

* Registrations open online <https://wipit470.org/index.html> under “Events”

Other Topics

- 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 – May 11, 2023, at Thoreau MS at 7:30pm*