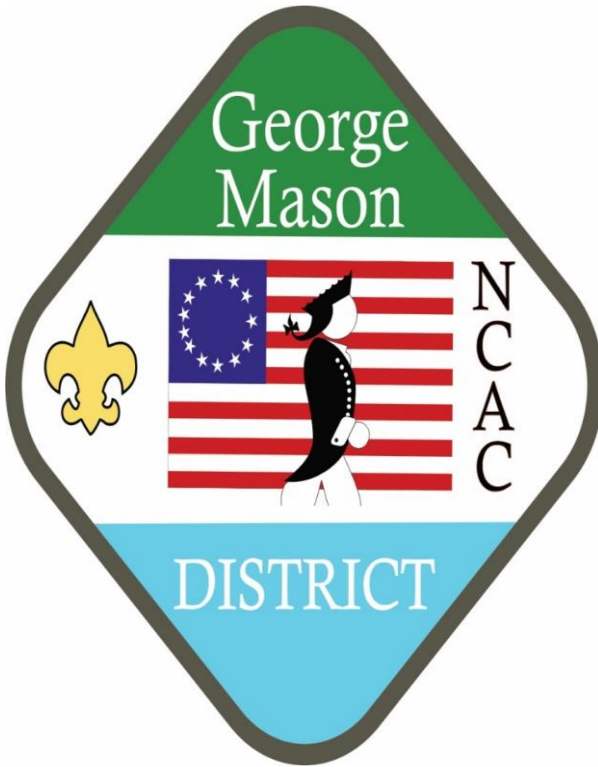




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Welcome to this edition of the George Mason District Press. We e-mail this out bi-monthly to the BSA registered leaders in George Mason District; unit leaders and merit badge counselors – those who have their current YPT.

George Mason District Leadership and its youth appreciate all of the hard work and commitment you provide to the youth of our community.

Thank you.

Please plan to attend the Thurs. 8/10/2023 –  
Roundtable Meeting at Falls Church Presbyterian  
Church (7:30 pm)

No Roundtable meeting in July.

#### USEFUL LINKS:

[NCAC Council Web site](#)

[National BSA](#)

[GMD Web Site](#)

[GMD Upcoming Events](#)

[GMD Roundtable \(PW: GMDRT\)](#)

[GMD Training](#)

[National Order of the Arrow](#)

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[Pay OA Dues](#)



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**NCAC sent the below information to all NCAC Key 3 for all Units.**

**It is important you read this NCAC announcement.**



## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

### NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL

June 30, 2023

Your National Capital Area Council (NCAC) fulfills BSA's mission, *"To prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law."*

NCAC works tirelessly to deliver a safe and high-quality Scouting program to our families in a cost-effective manner. Today it annually costs \$240.00 per youth to deliver this quality Scouting program.

In prior years, NCAC has subsidized 100% of this cost through corporate donations, major gifts, foundations, fundraising events, board donations, and our Family Friends of Scouting campaign. However, in recent years, the combination of a steady decline in participation in our Family Friends of Scouting and the volunteer and professional costs required to maintain this campaign has made it impractical to continue this model.

After an intensive 18-month strategic planning process, NCAC's volunteer Executive Board determined that our Scouts would be better served by a local Council Participation Fee that would provide consistent revenue and be more equitable to those who support our Scouts. Nationwide, we have seen many other local councils successfully transition to a similar fee, while achieving membership growth.

Beginning January 1, 2024, an annual Council Participation Fee of \$80.00 will be assessed to all youth participating in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouts programs.

- For Scouts currently registered, the Council Participation Fee will be collected as part of your unit's next annual re-registration, often referred to as "rechartering."
- Families with three (3) or more Scouts will be capped at paying three (3) Participation Fees.
- Scouts participating in more than one program will pay one (1) Participation Fee.
- **No youth will be turned away for an inability to pay the Participation Fee.** NCAC has always provided financial assistance when needed and will continue to do so.

Additional information about the Participation Fee, including a guide, one-page overview, and FAQ, is available on the NCAC website at: [NCACBSA.ORG/PARTICIPATION-FEE](https://NCACBSA.ORG/PARTICIPATION-FEE).



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## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA® NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL

Please click to view this short video message by Participation Fee Committee Chair, JP Morgan.



The Scouting movement continues to grow across the National Capital Area Council and we are thankful for your ongoing support.

Yours in Scouting,

Council President Morgan H. Sullivan  
Council Commissioner Julia Mae-Shen Lesko  
Scout Executive/CEO Mario A. Pèrez



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### Calendar of Events – Links included if available

#### July 2023:

07/02-08/2023 – Lenhok'sin High Adventure, Goshen Scout Reservation, Goshen, VA.

[Lenhok'sin 2023](#)

07/06-09/2023 Cub Scout Resident Weekend Camp, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA.

[www.gotosnyder.org](http://www.gotosnyder.org)

07/10-14/2023 Cub Scout Day Camp, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA. [www.gotosnyder.org](http://www.gotosnyder.org)

07/13-16/2023 Cub Scout Resident Weekend Camp, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA.

[www.gotosnyder.org](http://www.gotosnyder.org)

07/16/2023 – 07/22/2023 – Camp Snyder Specialty Week (Merit Badges), Haymarket, VA.

07/19-28/2023 – BSA 2023 National Jamboree, The Summit Bechtel Reserve, WV,

<https://www.facebook.com/NatJamboree23/>

07/16/2023 - Citizenship in Society Merit Badge Required Training, Fairfax, VA (see below)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4CAFA72BA5F94-citizenship1>

07/23-28/2023 – National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) Course 23-4, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA. [WWW.myNYLT.org](http://WWW.myNYLT.org)

07/23-28/2023 – National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) Course 23-5, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA. [WWW.myNYLT.org](http://WWW.myNYLT.org)



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### Calendar of Events(cont.) – Links included if available

#### August 2023:

08/10/2023 – Roundtable Meeting at Falls Church Presbyterian Church (7:30 pm), Falls Church, VA

08/16-18/2023 – Lodge Summer Ordeal, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

#### September 2023:

09/08-10/2023 & 10/07-08/2023 Wood Badge Fall 2023 Course [NCAC Wood Badge](#)

09/08-10/2023 - OA Fall Fellowship, Camp Goshen, Goshen, VA

09/09/2023 – Training For Outdoor Ethics Guides, Brandywine, MD 2:30-4:30 [Saturday 9/9/2023 at 2:30-4:30](#)

09/14/2023 – Roundtable, 7:30 PM, Thoreau MS, Vienna, Va

09/22/2023 – 2023 NCAC Golf Classic, Twin Lakes Golf Course, Clifton, VA  
<https://donations.scouting.org/#/council/082/appeal/6456>

09/23/2023 & 10/21-22/2023 – BCOLS Training – see flyer below

09/23/2023 – [Scouts Night – Nationals vs Atlanta Braves](#), 1:05pm, Nationals Park

09/23/2023 – [Life to Eagle Seminar](#), St James Catholic Church, Falls Church, VA

09/23/2023 – [Paddle Craft Safety](#) (Still Water), Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

09/24/2023 – [Paddle Craft Safety](#) (Moving Water), Riley's Lock, MD

09/28/2023 – 10/01/2023 – VA Central Ordeal, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA



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### Calendar of Events(cont.) – Links included if available

#### October 2023:

10/06/2023 – 10/09/2023 – Climb-o-ree

10/12/2023 – Roundtable, 7:30 PM, Thoreau MS, Vienna, Va

10/16/2023 & 10/21/2023 – Leave No Trace Trainer Course, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA  
<https://scoutingevent.com/082-66417>

10/20/2023 – 10/22/2023 – Fall Camporee, Camp Rock Enon, Gore, VA

10/21-22/2023 – Jamboree on the Air/Jamboree on the Internet (JOTA/JOTI)

10/27-/29/2023 – Hike-o-ree

10/27-29/2023 – Spooktacular Fall Festival at Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA  
<https://scoutingevent.com/082-70773>

10/28/2023 – Scouting for Food Distribute Notice Tags

10/30/2023 – All Units submit 2023 Journey to Excellence forms to their Unit Commissioners

#### November 2023:

11/01/2023 – 2023-2024 OA Election Season Opens

11/04/2023 – Scouting for Food Collection

11/05/2023 – Veterans Day Flags In, National Memorial Park, Falls Church, VA

11/09/2023 – Scout Expo/Roundtable, 7:00 PM, Thoreau MS, Vienna, Va

11/11/2023 – Veterans Day Flags IN, National Memorial Park, Falls Church, VA

11/25/2023 – 5K Trot & Ride at Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA  
<https://donations.scouting.org/#/council/082/appeal/6529>



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### Calendar of Events(cont.) – Links included if available

#### December 2023:

12/xx/2023 – Peace Light Distribution

12/03/2023 – Training For Outdoor Ethics Guides, Brandywine, MD 2:30-4:30 [Sunday](#)  
[12/3/2023 at 2:30-4:30](#)

12/06-07/2023 – OA Trade-O-REE, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

#### 2024:

03/09/2024 – Commissioner College

05/04/2024 – [19th NCAC Scout Orienteering Meet](#), PWD, Triangle, VA





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### Chair's Chat

"Summertime and the living is easy". "Hot time, summer in the city". "School's out for summer". However, you say it or sing it summer is here, school is out, and the heat is on. After visiting with lots of Packs and Troops this spring I know there are many great summer Scouting plans ahead. Day camp, resident camp, Philmont, Sea Base, National Jamboree and many more. This is the time for great experiences and lifetime memories Go have a great time.

When you think about all those great scouting experiences, don't you want to share them with more scouts and scout families? That is what Scouting membership is all about, sharing the fun and values. Packs, Troops and Crews will be running Join Scouting nights and open houses to sign up new members later this summer and fall but each of us plays a big part in membership as well. Many people join Scouts because someone asks them to, or they have a friend in Scouts. Be a friend and ask someone or everyone to join.

There is so much potential. Only about 1 in 40 youth is in Cub Scouts and 1 in 25 youth are in Scouts BSA. The ratio is even greater among girls and minorities. We have a huge opportunity to grow our Packs, Troops, and Crews. All we need to do is ask. Share your Scouting goals, memories and adventures and invite others to join you and your family on your Scouting adventure.

Have a great summer. Enjoy your Scout trips and family vacations. Happy trails!

Yours in Scouting,

John Kilduff – George Mason District Chair

George Mason District Chair - 732-610-4284







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**George Mason District Executive's Chat**



I'm hoping July was great for everyone and I can't wait to see everyone in August refreshed and ready to recruit and sell popcorn!

Yours in Scouting,

Liz Kohler | George Mason District Executive

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Boy Scouts of America

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# National BSA Annual Fees – Goes to BSA National (NCAC Council Participation Fees announced on June 30)

***Effective August 1, 2023, the BSA will implement the following national membership fees which were approved by the National Executive Committee:***

- \$80 for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouting participants (\$5 increase)
- \$60 for all adult volunteers (\$15 increase to provide general liability insurance and enhanced background checks)
- \$25 one-time joining fee for new program participants in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouting (Not prorated and no change in fee)
- \$30 for Scoutreach (Not prorated)
- \$25 for Merit Badge Counselors (New Fee applies only for Merit Badge Counselors not already registered as leaders)
- \$50 for Exploring participants Youth & Adult (\$5 increase)
- \$100 for a unit charter/affiliation fee (no change in fee)
- \$15 for *Scout Life* magazine

***New Annual Membership Fee Process Announced – BSA Will No Longer Prorate Fees for New Members beginning August 1, 2023***

- Beginning August 1, 2023, all new youth and adult members who join Scouting will be enrolled in a 12-month membership cycle and BSA will cease prorating fees. Both youth and adults will pay the full annual membership fee and will renew their membership on the anniversary date of joining Scouting. All proration of membership fees will be eliminated. Each registered member of the BSA will receive an email notification with a registration renewal link beginning 60 days before the anniversary date they joined Scouting. Unit leaders will receive a copy of the email and should stay engaged in the membership renewal process just like rechartering.
- It is important to note, existing members will renew their membership during their normal registration/recharter cycle through March 2024. Moving forward all members will renew on their anniversary date.
- Existing members' Anniversary date will be their unit recharter month.
- New members' Anniversary date will be the month they joined.
- This new process will help streamline the rechartering and membership renewal process for units and councils. *Additional information on this membership renewal process will be forthcoming in the very near future.*

**These are funds that go directly to NSA National – NONE of these fees go to NCAC.**



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### Unit Key-3 Training needed for Re-charter

Scout units whose Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Venturing Crew Advisor, Committee Chairman, Chartering Organization Representative, or New Member Coordinator are not fully "Trained" will NOT be allowed to re-charter at the end of 2023.

To be fully Trained for Committee Chairman, Chartering Organization Representative, and New Member Coordinator requires current Youth Protection Training (YPT) and completion of specific on-line courses found at My.Scouting.org. (YPT expires after 2 years. The other on-line training for these jobs does not expire.)

To be fully Trained for Cubmaster:

- Requires current Youth Protection Training (YPT).
- Completion of Cubmaster specific training course available on-line at My.Scouting.org. (This course is also available in-person at various places and on various dates around the Council.) This course does not expire.
- Completion of the Hazardous Weather Course. This course is only available on-line at My.Scouting.org. It expires after 2 years.

To be fully Trained for Scoutmaster:

- Requires current Youth Protection Training (YPT).
- Completion of Scoutmaster specific training course available on-line at My.Scouting.org. (This course is also available in-person at various places and on various dates around the Council.) This course does not expire.
- Completion of the Hazardous Weather Course. This course is only available on-line at My.Scouting.org. It expires after 2 years.
- Completion of Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS). This course is an in-person class only. It requires an overnight camping experience. It is available at various places and on dates around the Council. It May be available at some summer camps. It does not expire.



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### Unit Key-3 Training needed for Re-charter (cont.)

To be fully Trained for **Venturing Crew Advisor**:

- Requires current Youth Protection Training (YPT).
- Completion of Venturing Crew Advisor specific training course available on-line at My.Scouting.org. (This course is also occasionally available in-person at various places and on various dates around the Council.) This course does not expire.
- Completion of the Hazardous Weather Course. This course is only available on-line at My.Scouting.org. It expires after 2 years.

Don't wait until the last minute to schedule your training, get started on it today! On-line courses are at your convenience.

It wouldn't hurt to get your Assistant Scoutmasters and Assistant Cubmasters trained, as they will be required to be trained in 2024.

Please contact me if I can be of assistance.

YIS,

*Key De Lauder*

Training Chairman, George Mason District

NCAC



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# District Life to Eagle Seminar – September 23



- **Saturday, 23 September 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](mailto:gm.advancement@gmail.com).



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### New Festival Event!



Come one, come all to the NCAC Spooktacular festival! Fun for all ages and open to the public. The perfect chance to invite friends and family to a Scout event! Zombie run, haunted hay rides, archery, and STEM, plus craft, food and drink vendors!

**Friday night is adults 21+ only**

Only 13 units will get to camp at Camp Snyder during the Spooktacular. Decorate your site to be a Halloween delight of a fright on the haunted trail! Campers get discounted admission to the Spooktacular and discounted bounce tickets.

Saturday will start with a zombie run.

All day Events include: Haunted hay rides (spookier after dark for older kids), Unlimited bounce village (wrist bands required at additional cost), food and drink vendors, archery, STEM station, craft vendors, and so much more!

Units wishing to camp, bring your decorations and get read to haunt camp Snyder. each registered unit will be given a site to decorate for the haunted trail as well as discounted admission to the festival.





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# Training

Local NCAC Leadership Training: [GMD Training](#)

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### Cub Scout:

- ***Cub Leader Position Specific (C40)***
  - **Available on-line (117 min)**
- ***Cub Scout Den Leader Specific (C42)***
  - **Available on-line (125 min)**
- ***Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO;C32) – BALOO consists of two sessions, an online portion (<https://my.scouting.org>, Menu, My Training, Cub Scouts, Catalog, search on BALOO) that takes 35 minutes and a hands-on overnight session. The overnight sessions are listed below.***
  - **06/17/2023 – 06/18/2023 – Lorton, VA**

### Scout:

- ***Scoutmaster Position Specific Training(S24)***
  - **Available on-line (192 min)**
- ***Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS; S11)***
  - Goshen Summer Camp will offer IOLS – Check with the Camp Director
- ***Back Country Outdoor Leadership Skills (BCOLS)***
  - **09/23/2023 (Alexandria, VA) & 10/21/2023-10/22/2023 (Markham, VA)**

### ***Chartering Organization Representative (CR; D72)***

- **Available on-line (48 min)**

### District:

- ***Commissioners***





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- [Available on-line \(305 min\)](#)

### Miscellaneous:

#### *Climbing Level 1 Instructor Training*

- [09/16/2023 – 09/17/2023 – Sugarloaf Mountain, Urbana, MD](#)
- [09/23/2023 – 09/24/2023 – Great Falls Park, McLean, VA](#)

#### *Community Emergency Response Training*

- Fairfax County [CERT](#) training – take your Emergency Prep to the next level by attending the CERT – Contact: [Jeffrey Katz](#) (Volunteer Liaison, 703-246-3926)

#### *Den Chief Training (C31)*

- [Available on-line](#)

#### *Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Scouting*

- [Available on-line \(30 min\)](#)

#### *First Aid/CPR/AED*

- [Campaign Pay It Forward](#) (30% discount – use code "Scouts")
- [American Red Cross](#) – Blended Courses (2.5 hr online, 1.75 hr classroom)
- [Stop the Bleed](#)– *How to stop bleeding in a severely injured person*
- [Until Help Arrives](#)
- *(See Wilderness First Aid)*

#### *Life-to-Eagle Seminar*

- [09/23/2023 – Life to Eagle Seminar](#)

#### *Mental Health First Aid – Understand mental illnesses, seek timely intervention, and save lives*

- [Various](#)

#### *National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT; S78)*

- [07/23/2023 – 07/28/2023 – Session 23-4 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA](#)



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- **07/23/2023 – 07/28/2023 – Session 23-5 – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA**  
***Outdoor Ethics/Leave No Trace (D78)***

- **09/09/2023 – Brandywine, MD**
- **12/03/2023 – Brandywine, MD**
- **Outdoor Ethics Newsletter**

### **Powder Horn (P50)**

- **08/17/2023 – 08/20/2023 – Newburg, MD**

### ***Science Technology Engineering & Mathematics (STEM)/NOVA***

- **Scouting at Home – STEM**
- **NOVA Awards to do at home**
- **STEM in Scouting – Online Activities**
- **STEM Scouts – YouTube Channel**
- **STEM Scouts – Facebook Channel**
- **NASA STEM**
- **Scout Life – Science Fun!**

### ***University of Scouting***

- **02/24/2024 (2023 Course Materials available on [Basecamp](#))**

### ***Wood Badge (A90)***

- **09/08/2023 – 09/10/2023 & 10/07/2023-10/08/2023**

### **Youth Protection Training (YPT)**

- **Online (72 minutes)**

**Local NCAC Leadership Training: [GMD Training](#)**

**STEM Events**

**Merit Badge Opportunities**

- **[07/16/2023 – 07/22/2023 – Camp Snyder Specialty Week, Haymarket, VA](#)**
- **[09/09/2023 – Americanism MB Workshop, Fredericksburg, VA](#)**



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The **Citizenship in Society MB** requires that Counselors attend a NCAC approved course before becoming an MBC for this MB.

The George Mason District is offering a Citizenship in Society MB class. This class is for those who want to become an MBC for this MB. Those who are already an MBC for this MB who wish to share their experiences may also attend. This class is being opened up to the other Districts.

- WHEN: Sunday, July 16, 2023 4 pm to 6 pm.
- WHERE: American Legion Post 177, 3939 Oak St., Fairfax, VA 22030
- REGISTER: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4CAFA72BA5F94-citizenship1>
- The class size is limited to 30.
- There is no charge to attend.
- The class is in-person only.

Questions - contact Margee Egan ([GM.MB.Dean@hotmail.com](mailto:GM.MB.Dean@hotmail.com)) or Roy De Lauder ([eaglescout.roy@cox.net](mailto:eaglescout.roy@cox.net))



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### **Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills (BCOLS)**

Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills (BCOLS) is an optional course offered to adult leaders who have completed the required training in their Scouting program. This course assists Scouters working with youth in the backcountry by providing the skills necessary to conduct a safe and risk-managed high adventure program in venues outside those supported by BSA infrastructure. It has been continuously designed to address new and emerging issues, techniques, and gear.

#### **BCOLS has three key goals:**

Provide adult leaders with an understanding of safety and risk management issues in the back country environment. Expose adult leaders to interpersonal, small group dynamics, and leadership models consistent with National syllabi and curricula.

Familiarize adult leaders with the planning processes, skills, and equipment necessary to a successful back country adventure.

#### **BCOLS consists of two parts:**

One day-long classroom session

Working Together — covers needs and characteristics of the age group; discusses group dynamics and the interpersonal skills needed to build and maintain a high-performance team.

Trek Planning and Preparation — covers the detailed preparation and planning that is necessary to a successful Trek and includes risk management, Leave No Trace principles, and discussion and displays of the personal and crew equipment used for Trekking, as well as other Trek tools.

Two-day weekend outdoor session provides a mix of skill presentations and hands-on practice. Activities include Leave No Trace camping skills, problem solving through initiative games, the use of bear bags/canisters, equipment maintenance, stove maintenance, water treatment, menu planning and trail cooking (and clean-up), terrain awareness, health and safety and personal hygiene issues, hands-on land navigation, and trail meditations.

#### **Requirements for attending BCOLS:**

Be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America and age 18 or older.

Have completed the basic position-specific training courses for their Scouting role.

Be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment. All participants are required to complete the Annual Health and Medical Record. Parts A, B, and C are required which includes a physical.

#### **Both Session Must be Attended to get credit for the Course.**

**Class Room Session: Saturday September 23, 2023 at Heritage Presbyterian Church 8503 Fort Hunt Road Alexandria, VA 22308**

**Weekend Session : Saturday October 21 thru Sunday October 22, 2023 at Camp Big Mac 12647 Moss Hollow Road Markham, VA 22643**

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-70527>

### **QUESTIONS?**

**For information about specific courses, contact Course Coordinator, Shawn Carroll at [Shawn.carroll@yahoo.com](mailto:Shawn.carroll@yahoo.com) .**



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### **Powder Horn 2023**

17 - 20 August 2023

Camp St Charles

15375 Stella Maris Dr

Newberg, MD 20664

Like the powder horn used as a vessel to carry gunpowder in the days long gone, in Scouting, Powder Horn is the vessel to sustain the spirit of the outdoors in our youth today. Along with the spirit of the outdoors, you will also gather knowledge to share, motivate and direct youth. Powder Horn will give you the necessary skills to oversee a high adventure program. It will also help you identify local resources for your group's program.

### **PRE-REQUISITES:**

- Must be a registered adult or youth member of the Boy Scouts of America, within the Scouts BSA, Venturing, or Sea Scout Program.
- Youth must be 14 years of age (or have joined a Venturing crew if 13 years of age and completed eighth grade).
- Youth must have completed the unit's version of leadership training (Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops, Ships, or Crews, etc.) and National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is highly recommended for youth participants.
- All adult participants must be fully trained for their program and position, to include a valid Youth Protection Training certificate which covers the course dates.
- All participants must complete the Hazardous Weather training, Safety Afloat and Safe Swim Defense, Climb on Safely online, and Drive Safely through My.Scouting.org prior to the course.
- Meet the physical requirements contained in the Annual Health and Medical Record physical in a back-country environment (Forms A, B, and C).

Course Coordinator: Chris Cooper, [christopher@cooper3000.com](mailto:christopher@cooper3000.com)

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-65171>



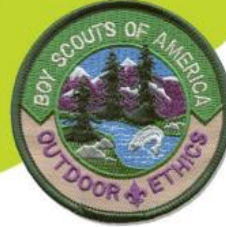
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## Leave No Trace Trainer Courses

### 2023



#### March course in Maryland:



3/20, 7pm-8pm online  
3/25, 9am-7pm @ Germantown MD  
<https://scoutingevent.com/082-66414>



#### October course in Virginia:



10/16, 7pm-8pm online  
10/21, 9am-7pm @ Haymarket VA  
<https://scoutingevent.com/082-66417>

### What is the purpose of this class?

- Trains youth and adults how to teach Leave No Trace in their units
- Every Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scout unit should have *at least one individual fully trained* in Leave No Trace

### Who should take this course?

- Scouts BSA, Venturers, and Sea Scouts aged 14+
- Adult Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scout leaders
- District and Council leaders and trainers

### What will I learn?

- Concepts and methods that will advance your Leave No Trace knowledge!
- An expanded repertoire of low-impact skills for your unit to utilize!
- The level of expertise and confidence to teach these skills to others!

**On completion of this course, participants will be registered as Leave No Trace Trainers with Leave No Trace and BSA**

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-66417>





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**TRAINING FOR  
OUTDOOR  
ETHICS  
GUIDES**

**SATURDAY 6/10/23  
SATURDAY 9/9/23  
SUNDAY 12/3/23  
@ 2:30-4:30  
BRANDYWINE, MD**

**#ADVENTUREON**

We all know about the Outdoor Ethics Guide position and have seen the Handbook, but how do you operationalize this position of responsibility to have the greatest positive impact in your unit?

Join Outdoor Ethics Guides and adult advisors for an in-person session to learn best practices, meet other Outdoor Ethics Guides and adult advisors, share experiences, discuss ways to overcome challenges, and create a network of Outdoor Ethics Guides across NCAC.

This session is open to current and future Outdoor Ethics Guides and their adult advisors. Ideally scouts and their advisors will attend together but attendance of both is not a requirement to attend.

**Register**

[Saturday 9/9/2023 at 2:30-4:30](#)

[Sunday 12/3/2023 at 2:30-4:30](#)





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## Wood Badge

By taking Wood Badge, Scouters will acquire valuable tools such as listening, communicating, conflict management, project planning and leading change. Participants will better learn to understand and appreciate diversity and differences in our society. They will learn skills that will make them better Scout leaders.



**Living the Values**

**Growing**

**Connecting**

**Guiding**

**Empowering**

Wood Badge was begun by Baden Powell in 1919 as a way to ensure Scouters were properly trained. Since then Wood Badge has been held worldwide, providing advanced leadership training to thousands of Scout leaders.

Wood Badge builds upon the best traditions and experiences of the Boy Scouts of America and also draws from a wide range of courses within and beyond the bounds of Scouting to present the latest in leadership theory and team development.

Wood Badge is designed to meet the advanced leadership needs of all Scouters.

Cost is only  
**\$300**  
Scholarships available

All Courses at Camp William B. Snyder

### Spring 2023

12-82-23-1  
31 March - 2 April  
& 22-23 April

Course Director: Maria Cooper

### Summer 2023

12-82-23-2  
5-7 May & 3-4 June

Course Director: Bobby Tran

### Fall 2023

12-82-23-3  
8-10 Sept & 7-8 Oct

Course Director: Jai Evans



REGISTRATION AND MORE INFORMATION:

**[www.ncacbsa.org/woodbadge](http://www.ncacbsa.org/woodbadge)**





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2023

## 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, Crew, Ship or home unit.

### REQUIREMENTS

- 13 years or older
- First Class Rank
- Unit Leader approval
- Completed Intro. to Leadership Skills\*
- BSA Med Form: Parts A, B & C

NYLT is an *intense course* for *mature Scouts* who want to become *better leaders*. Scouts must be *respectful* of each other and their actions must be consistent with the *Scout Oath and Law*.

\* Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST), Crews (ILSC), or Ships (ILSS)

### COURSE # DATES

23-1 Jan 13-16 & Jan 28-29

Must complete both weekends

23-2 June 18-23

23-3 June 25 to 30

23-4 July 23-28

23-5 July 23-28

Concurrent courses.  
All courses held at Camp William B. Snyder.

REGISTRATION AND MORE INFORMATION:

# www.myNYLT.org





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## Camp Snyder Turkey Trot & Ride

### November 25, 2023

Located at Camp Snyder on 6100 Antioch Road, Haymarket, VA 20169

5K starts at 9 a.m., and bike ride starts at 1 p.m.

#### Sponsorships:

**\$1,000 - Premier Sponsorship (limited 3 sponsors)** - Large company logo on either the front or back of the race shirt, or logo on the drawstring bag

**\$750 - Sleeve/Sock Sponsorship (limited 3 sponsors)** - Company logo on either side of the sleeve or company logo on the race socks

**\$500 - Race & Ride Sponsorship (limited 6 sponsors)** - Medium company logo on either the front or back of the race shirt below the large logo

**\$150 - Vendor Sponsorship (limited 12 sponsors)** - Booth spot at the social gathering area to advertise company or product

All sponsors will receive two optional spots to fill for biking and racing. Please write a note for which sponsorship you are purchasing.

#### Tickets

- \$35 - 5K entry fee
- \$35 - Bike Ride entry fee

Please write a note for the number of tickets you are purchasing or if a portion of payment is an extra donation.

<https://donations.scouting.org/#/council/082/appeal/6529>





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**Wood Badge** is the Boy Scouts of America's leadership training designed to meet the advanced leadership needs of Scouters in all aspects of the BSA. 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.

Spring 2023 - March 31- April 2 / April 22- 23  
Course Director: Maria Cooper

Summer 2023 - May 5 - 7 / June 3 - 4  
Course Director: Bobby Tran

Fall 2023 - September 8-10 / October 7-8  
Course Director: Jai Evans

**Powderhorn** is a resource course designed to introduce Scouting's leaders to the exciting high-adventure program possibilities for their unit. The course supports the mission of strengthening units so they can achieve the mission of the Boy Scouts of America. The ultimate goal is for the participants to leave the course with a list of ideas, contacts, and resources needed to implement a more exciting and robust program.

08/17-20 (Friday – Sunday)  
Camp St Charles, 15375 Stella Maris Dr, Newberg, MD 20664  
Course Director: Paul McDonald

**For registration links and additional information, please visit:**  
**<https://www.ncacbsa.org/training>**





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**National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)** is an exciting six- day in-camp program designed for youth to learn leadership skills that will help them succeed in Scouting and in life!

Course 23-2 (06-18-23-2023)  
Course Director: Justin Day

Course 23-3 (06-25-30-2023)  
Course Director: Carrin Painter

Course 23-4 (07-23-28-2023)  
Course Director: Lee Ackiss  
Cooper

Course 23-5 (07-23-28-2023)  
Course Director; Christopher

**Back Country Outdoor Leadership Skills (BCOLS)** provides adults with an understanding of the skills necessary to implement a basic backcountry program. While this course uses backpacking as the training vehicle, the skills are applicable to treks focused on specialized skills such as rock climbing, caving, white water, mountain biking or winter camping. The training is conducted in two parts: one indoor classroom session followed by a weekend outdoor, overnight session.

Spring 2023 - 03/03/2023 & 04/15-16, 2023  
Fall 2023 - 09/23/2023 & 10/21-22. 2023

**For registration links and additional information, please visit:**  
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## 2023 Journey to Excellence – NEW INFO from BSA

<https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/>

*Journey to Excellence* is the Boy Scouts of America program to help Packs, Troops, Crews, Ships and Posts to plan, monitor and evaluate their performance and their ability to serve youth. There are specific criteria for the unit to plan and accomplish. These standards are reviewed each year and revised standards are published.

The 2023 Journey to Excellence Standards are now available.

Here are the major changes in the JTE scorecards for 2022.

1. The standards are written as activities that the unit will do. This is to emphasize that JTE is primarily a planning tool.
2. The Cub Scout scorecard has many changed standards. This is because of changes in the Cub Scout program.
3. For standard #10, Gold now includes recruiting a new leader. We have found that the best units continually recruit parents and other adults who have never been involved in Scouting.

There is no requirement, no expectation and, in fact, we might discourage a unit from believing that they should achieve Gold in all JTE criteria. A great unit is balanced in the service that it provides to youth. There is no shame and no problem if a unit achieves Silver or Bronze. That unit is serving youth. We regard the various colors as meaning:

Bronze – Effective  
Silver – Excellent  
Gold – Exceptional

Please share with us your thoughts about JTE and any suggestions that you have for improvement. Please sent them to [jte@scouting.org](mailto:jte@scouting.org)

National Assessment and Evaluation Committee  
Boy Scouts of America

### [2023 JTE Unit Scorecards \(PDF\) links:](#)

- [Pack Scorecard \(2023\)](#)
- [Troop Scorecard \(2023\)](#)



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### *Merit Badge Program*



The Scouting BSA is a movement dedicated to supplementing and enlarging the education of youth. As a vital part of the BSA's advancement plan, the merit badge program is one of Scouting's basic character-building tools and plays a key role in the fulfillment of this educational commitment. There are over 100 different merit badges in the program. Upcoming events will be listed below:

- [Online Merit Badge Courses](#) - Watch video, fill out workbook, contact Counselor
- [Parktakes](#) (select "Scouts" from the Category of Activity)
- [MeritBadge.Info](#) - Various MB Days throughout the country
- [Fly Fishing Merit Badge Program](#), Northern Virginia
- [Merit Badges Scouts can complete at Home](#)

#### **Current Merit Badge Counselors and Guidelines:**

***The current roster of merit badge counselors is provided periodically to the Scoutmaster of each troop.*** If a scout needs information about a specific merit badge, the scout can contact their troop leadership or the George Mason Merit Badge Dean (**note emails should include two adults - no one-on-one contact for electronic media.**)

#### **To become a Merit Badge Counselor:**

You can apply online [here](#) (note, please ensure you have a current YPT before filling out application). When you are done with the application, send the MB Dean your list of MBs using the [Merit Badge Counselor Information Sheet](#).

Any questions or concerns please contact the District's Merit Badge Dean:

Margee Egan at [margee.egan@gmail.com](mailto:margee.egan@gmail.com)





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# 2023 HIKEOREE SAVE THE DATE

October 27 - 29, 2023



"THE PURPOSE OF LIFE, AFTER ALL,  
IS TO LIVE IT, TO TASTE EXPERIENCE  
TO THE UTMOST, TO REACH OUT  
EAGERLY AND WITHOUT FEAR FOR  
NEWER AND RICHER EXPERIENCE."





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## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA® ORDER OF THE ARROW

For over 100 years, the Order of the Arrow (OA) has recognized Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. This recognition provides encouragement for others to live these ideals as well. Arrowmen are known for maintaining camping traditions and spirit, promoting year-round and long-term resident camping, and providing cheerful service to others. OA service, activities, adventures, and training for youth and adults are models of quality leadership development and programming that enrich and help to extend Scouting to America's youth.

### [The Mission and Purpose of the Order of the Arrow](#) (Click for more info)

The Order of the Arrow was founded in 1915 to serve a useful purpose: to cause the Scout Oath and Law to spring into action in all parts of the nation. To this day, the Order is dedicated to this high purpose.

### [History of the Order](#) (Click for more info)

The Order of the Arrow has a rich history spanning 100 years, from its beginnings at a Boy Scout summer camp to its present role as a part of the Scouting program.

### [Organization & Structure](#) (Click for more info)

The Order of the Arrow has over 150,000 members nationwide. Although the Order of the Arrow is *a thing of the spirit*, there are several layers of organization, each with its own role.

### [Membership Requirements and the Inductions Process](#) (Click for more info)

Learn about the requirements to become an Arrowman, the induction process, and the levels of memberships within the Order.

### [Leadership](#) (Click for more info)

The Order of the Arrow is led by youth leadership (national chief, national vice chief), the national Order of the Arrow chairman, the OA director and the OA associate direction. In addition, the national Order of the Arrow committee provides direction for the yearly program.

Local NCAC OA Lodge site: <https://wipit470.org/index.html>



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### George Mason Chapter Order of the Arrow (OA)

The George Mason Chapter of the O/A meets in person on the 2nd Thursday of the month at Thoreau Middle School from 7:30-8:30. (Same time/location as GM Roundtable.)

George Mason Chapter will be helping to unload the Goshen Buses on July 8, 2023 @ 9:30AM. Please come out and show your Cheerful Service to our District!

Ordeals:

- Lodge Summer Ordeal August 16- 18, 2023 – This Ordeal is GREAT for those Scouts who have a lot of Fall commitments!
- Fall Fellowship, September 8-10, 2023 at Goshen Scout Reservation.
- VA Central Ordeal – September 28 - October 1, 2023 Camp Snyder. Ordeal registration page is here: <https://wipit470.org/ordeal.html>

2023-2024 OA Election

11/01/2023 – 05/31/2024 – Unit election season for Order of the Arrow

**Plan Unit campouts to allow your youth to meet election camping requirements now!**

**Lodge Website: [Wipit470.org](https://wipit470.org)**



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### Amangamek-Wipit Lodge – 2023 Calendar

<b>July 2023</b>		
2 & 8	Goshen Week 2 Bus Loading	Fairfax County Govt Ctr
9 & 15	Goshen Week 3 Bus Loading	Fairfax County Govt Ctr
16 & 22	Goshen Week 4 Bus Loading	Fairfax County Govt Ctr
23 & 29	Goshen Week 5 Bus Loading	Fairfax County Govt Ctr
30	Goshen Week 6 Bus Loading	Fairfax County Govt Ctr
<b>August 2023</b>		
5	Goshen Week 6 Bus Loading Return	Fairfax County Govt Ctr
4-6	Vigil 1	Goshen S.R. (GSR)
16 - 18	Lodge Sabbath-friendly Ordeal	Camp William B. Snyder (CWBS)
20	LEC Pool Party	CWBS
<b>September 2023</b>		
8-10	Fall Fellowship	CWBS
9	LO&A at Fellowship	GSR
15 - 17	<i>Rosh Hashanah</i>	
24-25	<i>Yom Kippur</i>	
<b>October 2023</b>		
1	LEC	Marriott Scout Service Center (MSSC)
<b>November 2023</b>		
1	Unit Election Season Opens	
5	LO&A	Virtual
23	<i>Thanksgiving</i>	
TBD	Vigil (2)	TBD
<b>December 2023</b>		
1-2	2023 Trade-O-Ree	CWBS
3	LEC	MSSC
3	Chapter Budgets and PMP packages due	MSSC



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## Reporting Service Hours

NCAC Wipit 470 has provided a self-reporting online solution for any Wipit OA member, youth and adult, for service hours one performs. You can report hours as many times during the year as one wishes. These hours help support the Wipit Golden Tooth Service Award.

**OA Service Hour Reporting** - Online form for reporting all O/A service hours performed at the Troop/Crew/Ship level (all service hours worked for the Lodge or at Ordeals are recorded by event staff). This will help with tracking hours for Golden Tooth and other related awards. Units can choose to use the [spreadsheet](#) as an alternate way of submitting their data.

### Amangamek-Wipit Lodge – 2023 Annual Dues

To attend any OA event or wear your sash and lodge flap, you must be a current dues-paying member of our lodge! For 2023, annual dues will be \$14 until March 31, 2023 when they increase to \$16 on April 1, 2022 (no fooling!). Payment may be made by credit card or e-check.

You will have an opportunity to make a contribution to help support our lodge activities and operations. Become a Lodge Contributor by making a \$100 contribution and receive our special Lodge Contributor patch and the satisfaction of knowing that you've dramatically helped further our mission of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.

If you are transferring from another lodge, please visit the Membership Dues and Transfers page on the lodge website <https://scoutingevent.com/082-MembershipTransfer> and complete the [Membership Transfer Form](#) to pay your dues.

[Pay OA Dues](#)





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NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL

## 2023 Aquatics Programs

<https://ncacbsa.org/Aquatics-Committee>



### Safe Swim Defense (SSD) and Safety Afloat (SA)



**What:** BSA Safe Swim Defense (SSD) and Safety Afloat (SA) training is required for any BSA unit conducting swimming or boating activities.  
**Who:** Adult leaders supervising a swimming/boating activity must have completed Safe Swim Defense/Safety Afloat within the previous two years.  
**Where:** SSD and SA training is available online at <https://my.scouting.org>. The in-person training must be presented by a qualified instructor.  
**Cost:** Free!

### Pre-Camp Swim Classification Tests



**What:** This is an opportunity for your unit to have your annual BSA Swim Classification Check done under supervision of NCAC-approved aquatics personnel.  
**Who:** Any NCAC unit (Pack, Troop, and Crew)  
**Where:** Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA  
**When:** June 3 & 4 – One-hour blocks starting at 9am. Last session is 4pm. Registration deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup>.  
**Cost:** \$3 per participant.

### Paddle Craft Safety Training

**What:** This the hands-on training that is recommended in Safety Afloat guidelines for anyone conducting Scout boating activities. Two versions of the course are offered: The Basic course covers flat water introductory boating skills and basic trip planning. The river course includes skills and knowledge development that are required for conducting trips on moving water. The Basic course is a prerequisite for the moving water course.  
**Who:** Adult leaders  
**Where:** Still Water – Camp Snyder, Moving Water at Riley's Lock  
**When:**

- Session 1: May 20 (Still Water), May 21 (Moving Water)
- Session 2: Aug 26 (Still Water), Aug 27 (Moving Water)

**Cost:** \$30/class day



### Lifeguard Training

**What:** BSA Lifeguard Training is professional level training that meets the requirements of government agencies for professional lifeguards at regulated swimming activities. Lifeguard certification qualifies one for many summer opportunities. This class is being conducted by Campaign Pay It Forward (<https://campaignpayitforward.com/booking>, select BSA Lifeguarding from the pull-down menu)  
**Who:** The program is open to all registered adults and older youth (minimum age 15). Strong swimming skills are required. The course includes online pre-work that must be completed before the first session.  
**Where:** Brookfield Swim Club, Chantilly, VA  
**When:** Session 1: 05/13-14/2023; Session 2: 05/20-21/2023  
**Cost:** \$200 (listed as \$250/ask for 20% scout discount)

### ScubaJam Virginia

**What:** Social Gathering Among Divers  
**Who:** Scouts BSA (11-17 years), Venture (14-21 years)  
**Where:** Lake Phoenix Scuba Park, Rawlings, VA  
**When:** Labor Day Weekend  
**Cost:** Check Web Site (\$132.50 – \$227.50)  
**Note:** This is a private organization event and not sponsored by BSA. Registration and waivers must be in by August 15<sup>th</sup>.  
<https://lakephoenixva.com/scubajam/> or <https://facebook.com/ScubaJamVirginia>

Find the requirements at:  
<https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/aquatics/>

These awards are available for any Scouts BSA-aged youth or adult. To work on any of these awards outside of Summer Camp, contact:

Charles Hochstein ([charles.hochstein@usps.gov](mailto:charles.hochstein@usps.gov))



Boardsailing BSA



Kayaking BSA



BSA Lifeguard



Mile Swim BSA



Scuba BSA



Snorkeling BSA



BSA Stand Up Paddleboarding



Whitewater Rafting Award



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### **Sully District Golf Classic 2023**

**National Capital Area Council Golf Classic**

**Date: September 22nd, 2023**

**Time: 9:00AM**

**Location:**

**Twin Lakes Golf Course**

**6201 Union Mill Road, Clifton, VA 20124**

**<https://donations.scouting.org/#/council/082/appeal/6456>**