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 7:30 PM January 10, 2019 George Mason Round Table held at Thoreau Middle School, Vienna, VA

February 9, 2019  GM Cub Scout Pinewood Derby, Fairfax Presbyterian Church, Fairfax, VA

Also, Save the Date – May 17 – 18 2019

Spring 2019 George Mason Spring Camporee

USEFUL LINKS:

NCAC Council Website  National BSA  National Order of the Arrow

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Calendar of Events (cont.)

03/02/19 - Commissioner Basic Training/Roundtable Training, Gaithersburg, MD
03/02/19 - GMD Merit Badge Day, Fairfax Presbyterian Church, Fairfax, VA
03/03/19 & 05/31/19 - Wood Badge, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
03/08/19 - OA NLS/DYLC, Alpine Scout Camp, NJ
03/09/19 - Carpe Adventure Trek (20 or 40km Hike), Mount Vernon, VA
03/09/19 - College of Commissioner Service, Annandale, VA
03/12/19 - Commissioner’s Meeting (7:30pm), Thoreau MS (B-113), Vienna, VA
03/14/19 - Roundtable/OA Chapter Meetings (7:30pm), Thoreau MS, Vienna, VA
03/16/19 - Den Chief Training, Herndon, VA
03/16/19 - Scoutmaster Position Specific Training, Gaithersburg, MD
03/16/19 - Commissioner Basic/Roundtable Commissioner Training, Gaithersburg, MD
03/16/19 - Life To Eagle Seminar, Christ Lutheran Church, 3810 Meredith Dr, Fairfax, VA.
03/23/19 - NCAC Orienteering Meet, Huntingtown, MD
03/27/19 - District Committee (7:15pm), Thoreau MS (B-113), Vienna, VA
03/29/19 - Elks Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner
03/30/19 - Leave No Trace Trainer Course, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
04/05/19 - Leave No Trace Trainer Course, Germantown, MD
04/12/19 - 04/14/19 - OA Spring Fellowship, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
04/13/19 - DC Merit Badge University, Catholic University, Washington, DC
05/17/19 - 05/19/19 George Mason Spring Camporee, Flying Circus, Bealeton, VA
05/17/19 - 05/19/19 Order of the Arrow Section Conclave, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
05/27/19 - Flags In, National Memorial Park, Falls Church, VA
10/26/19 - NCAC Pow Wow, Annandale HS, Annandale, VA

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February 9, 2019 starting at 2:00 PM

GEORGE MASON DISTRICT
PINEWOOD DERBY
CHAMPIONSHIP

Who: Each Pack may provide one Pack winner or representative per rank i.e. one Lion, one Tiger, one Wolf, one Bear, one Webelos, and one Arrow of Light Cub Scout to the District Pinewood Derby. The Cub Scout must be present and compete in his respective group. Registration will be at the door.

When: Saturday, February 9, 2019. The races will be held as follows:

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Where: Fairfax Presbyterian Church, 10723 Main St, Fairfax, VA 22030 (The Church is not visible from the street. Presbyterian Way is their driveway between a bank and a medical facility across the street from a construction site.)

Cost: An $8.00 fee per boy is payable at the door. Please make checks payable to the Boy Scouts of America. Packs may pay for all of their boys in one check.

RULES: All participants, by registering, agree to be bound by the official rules. Please review the rules, as they may be different from those used by your Pack. Email Roy De Lauder at eaglescout.roy@cox.net if you need a copy emailed to you.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION: Each participating Scout will receive recognition for his entry in the derby. Awards will be given to the first, second and third place finishers in each level.

ALL COMERS EVENT: A continuing feature this year will be the “All Comers” event for parents or guardians of registered Cub Scouts. Cars built by other members of a Cub Scout’s family may register subject to availability of space in the 24-car ladder. In this event, only size and weight limits apply (no motors or accelerators please). In the interest of time, only 24 entries will be permitted for this event.

Roy De Lauder can be contacted at eaglescout.roy@cox.net

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University of Scouting 2019

February 23, 2019, 7:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Hayfield Secondary School
7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA

Tuition $40.00

Online registration will open in early January and close midnight Sunday, February 17, 2019. After that, the tuition goes up to $60.00

Five specific program areas to choose from:
1. Cub Scout College
2. Scouts, BSA College
3. College of Adventure
4. College of Effective Programs
5. College of District Operations

Approximately 160 different classes offered throughout the day!

Coursework leads to Bachelors, Masters and Doctrate recognition. Enjoy a Scouting museum and vendor displays along the midway.

You don’t want to miss this training event. Save the date now.

Last year more than 900 scouters attended!!! More information available at http://www.ncacbsa.org/uos

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Online registration is available now.
NCAC Commissioner College

Saturday, March 9, 2019

Online registration is available now.

Saturday, March 9, 2019 is the 2019 National Capital Area Council College of Commissioner Service at Holy Spirit School in Annandale, Virginia.

Our College of Commissioner Service is a fun-filled day open to everyone interested in training, networking and fellowship, and information on the latest Scouting developments. Whether you are a veteran commissioner with years of experience, a brand-new commissioner about to start your new role, or a parent interested in learning more about Scouting—this event has plenty to offer everyone.

This annual event is modeled after a traditional college with opportunities to earn a Bachelor’s, Master’s, or Doctorate “degree”; to engage in Continuing Education; to complete Unit Commissioner Basic Training; or to just come hear from our keynote lunch speaker BSA National Commissioner Ellie Morrison.

In addition to being our keynote lunch speaker, Ellie Morrison will be presenting a course on Servant Leadership, BSC 109 – The Essential Element: A Servant’s Heart.

And for the first time, we will be offering the new Masters in Roundtable curriculum as well as the newly updated Bachelors in Roundtable curriculum with courses presented by instructors from the BSA National Commissioner Service Task Force.

You can expect a fantastic day packed full of solid learning experiences along with many great opportunities to share ideas, network, and enjoy Scouting fellowship.

Online registration is available now. We look forward to seeing you at Commissioner College on March 9th!

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GEORGE MASON DISTRICT’S
MERIT BADGE DAY

Saturday, 2 March 2019 - 9:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Fairfax Presbyterian Church, 10723 Main Street, Fairfax, VA.
Check-in starts at 8:30 a.m.

NO WALK-INS

All Scouts must register with their unit in advance and must belong to a participating unit

If you aren’t sure if your unit is participating, please speak with your unit leader
(either Scoutmaster or Crew Advisor)

Registered Scouts must:

• Be prepared to have some fun and learn!
• Show up and check-in before the opening ceremony at 09:00 a.m.
• Sign-up for no more than one Eagle Scout-required badge and register for an elective badge.
• Do the assigned pre-work if the Scout plans to complete the merit badge(s) at the Merit Badge Day event. Partial will be provided to all Scouts who don’t complete all requirements.
• Arrange with your unit’s Merit Badge Day Coordinator for a blue card signed by your unit leader (scoutmaster or Crew Advisor) BEFORE the Merit Badge Day event. Scouts must have a signed blue card to participate in the badge.
• Bring a sack lunch, including a drink. We will not have food available

Merit Badges that we plan to offer this year:

- American Cultures
- Chess
- Emergency Prep
- Genealogy
- Music
- Traffic Safety
- Cit. in the Community
- Crime Prevention
- Engineering
- Geology
- Personal Management
- Collections
- Journalism
- Photography
- Cit. in the Nation
- Cit. in the World
- Electricity
- First Aid
- Law
- Fire Safety
- Public Speaking

In case of inclement weather, we will follow Fairfax County schools.

**Names of unit contacts, potential merit badge counselors and questions to

John Drisco (GMasonmeritbadgeday@gmail.com)

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Course Schedule

Spring 2019
N6-82-19-1
May 3 - 5 & May 31 – June 2
Camp William B. Snyder, Haymarket, VA
Course Director: Mike Haas

Fall 2019
(Sunday Friendly)
N6-82-19-2
September 5 - 7 & October 3 – 5
Camp William B. Snyder, Haymarket, VA
Course Director: Ken Barrett

Participation Commitment:
All participants are required to arrive on time Friday (or Thursday for Sunday Friendly Courses) mornings and remain in camp during both 3-day sessions. They must participate in all course activities, events and lessons, camping overnight, until each session’s closing. In addition to the two weekend sessions, there are two intersession patrol meetings that must be attended, too. Following the practical experience, each participant commits to complete the application phase over the following 18 months.

Course Costs:
Total cost for the course is only $300 and includes training materials, Wood Badge recognition items, food, and camping fees. Pre-registration is required, preferably at least 30 days prior to the start of the course. Participants will be accepted based upon the date the application is received. Courses have been filling up quickly to their maximum; so pre-register early.

Course Uniform:
For the course, Scouters will need a complete field uniform for the program or position in which they are registered. This should include shirt, pants, or shorts with the appropriate socks and belt. Information on other clothing and equipment needs will be provided to each registered participant prior to the course.

Advanced Leadership Training

For all Adult Leaders in
Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venturing and
Sea Scout Programs

District or Council
Leadership positions, or Scouting Professionals

Go to: www.ncacbsa.org/woodbadge

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Wood Badge: A Two-Step Process...

Practical Experience:

Wood Badge is a two-step process, beginning with six days of practical experiences, consisting of three days focused primarily on indoor experience followed by another three days of outdoor experience. Those participating are exposed to leadership and team-building skills as they apply primarily to adults; but the training parallels the same skills and terminology taught by the National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT). Through living in a Scouting atmosphere for an extended period of time, Wood Badge Scouters develop a deeper understanding of the Scouting program, its leadership skills and its methods. They learn that when these skills are applied, along with BSA values, that they can have a profound influence on the lives of the youth in our communities.

To demonstrate an understanding of the leadership skills taught at the course, each participant writes their vision of their future in Scouting outlining how they will apply the leadership lessons learned in their specific role in Scouting after the practical experience. The steps to achieve their vision are called a ticket.

Application Phase:

The outdoor experience is followed by a period of up to eighteen months during which the Scout applies the skills learned during the practical experience in his or her Scouting position—at the unit, district, or council level. Through this period, each Scout is assigned a counselor who acts as a resource, evaluator, and Scouting mentor to assist the participant in putting into action those points discussed during the course. This is demonstrated by the process known as working your ticket.

Once the ticket is completed to the mutual satisfaction of the participant and the counselor, the Wood Badge Award is presented.

What others have said:

"Wood Badge was intense, but it changed my life."
"This is truly one of the hidden treasures in Scouting!"
"I should have done this years ago. What a difference I could have made in the lives of so many boys."
"If you haven’t already, I encourage you to sign up now for the next Wood Badge course."
"I’m not easily inspired these days. This course moved me."

Who May Attend Wood Badge?

Wood Badge is designed to meet the advanced leadership needs of all Scouters, particularly Cub Leaders, Scoutmasters and Assistants, Varsity Team leaders, Venturing Crew Advisors, Committee Chairs and other unit, district, council, and professional adults in leadership positions.

How do I qualify?

It’s simple! To qualify, you must:
1. Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America, and
2. Have completed all the basic training courses for your Scouting position — this includes New Leader Essentials and the appropriate Leader Specific Training for all unit, district or council level leader positions (Older versions of leader training courses are acceptable too), and
3. Have completed the outdoor skills program if there is one appropriate for your Scouting position (Introduction to Outdoor Leadership for Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, Varsity Coaches and Assistants), and
4. Be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor camping environment, and
5. Have successfully completed a Sections A, B, and C of the Annual BSA Health and Medical Record, signed by a physician, prior to the start of the course, and
6. Have the Scouting commitment to complete both the Wood Badge practical experience and application phase in the specified time.

"Back to Gilwell, happy land"
Order of the Arrow

The Order of the Arrow is Scouting’s national honor society. Since its founding in 1915, the Order of the Arrow has recognized campers – Scouts and Scouters – who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. The Order has three purposes:

• Promoting responsible outdoor adventure
• Developing leaders
• Crystallizing the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

Scouts from the National Capital Area Council who are inducted into the Order of the Arrow become members of Amangamek-Wipit Lodge #470, an organization offering outdoor adventure and service opportunities. Amangamek-Wipit, which is part of the Northeast Region and Section NE-6A, serves almost 4,300 Arrowmen from the Council’s chapters.

It’s time to renew your Lodge Membership!

To be a member of Amangamek-Wipit Lodge and the Order of the Arrow, you must be a registered Scout or Scouter and pay lodge dues of $16 annually. Take advantage of a $2 discount if you pay by March 31, 2019. Membership ensures your invitation to all chapter/lodge events and includes a subscription to the quarterly Lodge Shark’s Tooth newsletter, which will be imprinted with your OA ID number and BSA ID number.


Membership Transfers and Membership Reactivation: [Membership Info](#)
Order of the Arrow Youth membership qualifications as of Feb 1 2019:

To become eligible for election, a Scout must be registered with the Boy Scouts of America and have the approval of his unit leader prior to the election. The unit leader must certify their Scout spirit (i.e., his adherence to the Scout Oath and Law and active participation in unit activities). The unit leader must also certify that the nominee meets all specified requirements at the time of the annual election.

All members of, or candidates for membership in, the Order of the Arrow who are under 21 years of age shall be considered youth members or candidates for youth membership, subject to the following requirements:

- Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Have experienced 15 nights of camping while registered with a troop, crew, or ship within the two years immediately prior to the election. The 15 nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of at least five consecutive nights of overnight camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. Only five nights of the long-term camp may be credited toward the 15-night camping requirement; the balance of the camping (10 nights) must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps of, at most, three nights each. Ship nights may be counted as camping for Sea Scouts.
- At the time of their election, youth must be under the age of 21, hold the Scouts BSA First Class rank, the Venturing Discovery Award, or the Sea Scout Ordinary rank or higher, and following approval by the Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor or Sea Scout Skipper, be elected by the youth members of their unit.

The Chapter highly encourages elections are held in January and February. Please let the Chapter Advisor know if you have any questions: mserfass@cox.net

OA PDF Election Forms

need to be filled out and certified by the Unit Leader prior to the election:

If you have 8 or less candidates use: Lodge_Youth_Election__8_Form_Revision_07-20151

If you have 20 or less candidates use: Lodge_Youth_Election_20_Form_Revision_07-20151
Order of the Arrow - Adult leaders in units

Each year, upon holding a troop or team election for youth candidates that result in at least one youth candidate being elected, the unit committee may nominate adults to the chapter adult selection committee. The number of adults nominated can be no more than one-third of the number of youth candidates elected, rounded up where the number of youth candidates is not a multiple of three. In addition to the one-third limit, as long as he or she has served as unit leader (i.e. Scoutmaster or Coach not Assistant Scoutmaster or Assistant Coach), as long as he or she has served as unit leader for at least the previous twelve months (i.e. immediately prior to the unit election). Recommendations of the chapter adult selection committee will be forwarded to the lodge adult selection committee for approval. Candidates must fulfill the following conditions in order to be considered for approval:

- Selection of the adult is based on the ability to perform the necessary functions to help the Order fulfill its purpose, and not for recognition of service, including current or prior achievement and positions.
- The individual will be an asset to the Order because of demonstrated abilities that fulfill the purpose of the Order.
- The camping requirements set forth for youth members are fulfilled.
- The adult leader’s membership will provide a positive example for the growth and development of the youth members of the lodge.

The unit committee is encouraged to determine if they will be nominating an adult for membership in the Order prior to the unit election. If an adult will be nominated, the unit committee should download and complete the Adult Recommendation form (includes fields to allow users to fill out the document via computer; form is savable to the local hard drive), so it can be submitted to the elections team as soon as possible following a successful election of youth candidates from the unit. The adult being nominated must be a registered member of the unit and the name listed on the form should match the name that is registered with the Boy Scouts of America on the unit roster (field sheet).

Adult OA Nomination form:

Boy Scout Troop 1887 & “1888”

Invites all Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts (boys and girls) To “Introduction to Scouting”

COME JOIN US AT OUR ANNUAL INTRO TO SCOUTING ACTIVITY!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019 - From 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 177
3939 OAK ST, FAIRFAX (Behind Paul VI High School)

Families with girls interested in Family Scouting come join our new Troop “1888”!

Program will include instruction on wood tools, fire building, cooking, first aid, tents & site selection, field sanitation, water purification, and backpacking.

“Intro to Scouting” for all who are interested in the transition to Boy Scouts and a general overview of the Boy Scout program and Troop 1887. Information on Family Scouting and our new Girls Troop will also be available.

Outdoor activities are planned – weather permitting – so please dress appropriately. Snacks and hot drinks will be provided.

➢ For additional information contact Claudia Dwass at claudia-russ@cox.net
➢ For information on Troop 1888 Family Scouting (girls) contact Barbara Hamill at 2manybierhanzls@gmail.com

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GEORGE MASON DISTRICT'S
LIFE TO EAGLE SEMINAR
Saturday, 16 March 2019
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Christ Lutheran Church, 3810 Meredith Drive,
Fairfax, VA. Check-in starts at 12:30 p.m.

Topics Include:

Service project selection/approval
Details of the on-line Project Workbook
Scouts with special needs
Eagle Scout Rank application
Eagle Board of Review
Eagle Court of Honor

HIGHLIGHT: Panel discussion featuring recent Eagle Scouts

Who should attend:

• Life Scouts or advanced Star Scouts who want to pursue the Eagle Rank
• Eagle advisors, coaches or unit leaders that haven’t attended a seminar in two years
• Parents of Scouts working on Eagle or other adults interested in Scouting

Registration applications must be received by Monday, 11 March 2019
Fees ($3 per person) will be collected at check-in. Registrations are requested to ensure adequate
handouts and refreshments. Mail or E-mail registrations to:

Mr. Jim Miller, 4405 San Marcos Dr., Fairfax, Va. 22030
703-273-6101 E-mail: miljwpa@aol.com

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

Location of church: Meredith Dr. intersects Lee Highway (Route 29) west of Paul VI High
School. There is a Mobile service station on the northwest corner of the intersection. The
church is located behind the service station.

In case of inclement weather, we will follow Fairfax County schools.

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Flags In – Memorial Day (May 27, 2019)

GM Scouts honoring the men and women who died while in the military service

Celebrate Memorial Day by joining the George Mason District Crews, Troops, and Packs for “Flags-in” – placing American Flags on the graves of veterans. This is a Fairfax County Public Schools student holiday.

**Class-A Uniforms**

The Scouts will gather in the Chapel at:
The National Memorial Park, 7482 Lee Highway, Falls Church, VA 22042
on Monday, May 27, 2019

- 8:30am – Arrival and sign-in
- 9:05am – Opening ceremony and training*
- 9:30am – Begin flag placement
- 10am, 11am, 12 noon: Taps Blown (Buglers needed)
- 11:45am – Pizza Lunch

*Training will be provided by Crew 836 and will include the proper method to place flags.

On Veterans Day 2018, approximately 82 Scouts plus parents/Scouters from our District and others nearby participated in this patriotic activity. Scout service hours (3 hours) will be available. Each participating Scout earns a unique patch and rocker. Cemetery Staff will supply flags, drinks and the pizza lunch. For more information, please contact:

Russell Pittman at 703-573-1679 or ruspittman@gmail.com

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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 are listed below:

- Parktakes - Various MBs
- MeritBadge.Info - Various MB Days throughout the country
- Fly Fishing Merit Badge Program, Northern Virginia
- 01/06/19 - NCAC Jewish Committee on Scouting Merit Badge Fair, Rockville, MD
- 03/02/19 - GMD Merit Badge Day, Fairfax, VA
- 03/09/19 - CAT-40 Adventure Trek, Mount Vernon, VA
- 04/13/19 - DC Merit Badge University, Catholic University, Washington, DC
- 04/27/19 - Chain Bridge Merit Badge Afloat, Alexandria, VA

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 will need to submit the following information to the Merit Badge Dean:

- Adult Application (Page 3 only - just the applicant's initials and signature),
- Background Check Authorization (Page 15),
- Merit Badge Counselor Information Sheet, and
- Current YPT Certification (Login, Menu, My Dashboard, Completions).

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

Rus Pittman at (571) 354-7378, gm.mb.dean@hotmail.com
Do you know what type of boats these are?

**Fiberglass**  
Length: 15’ 10”  
Beam: 43”  
Weight: 87 lbs.  
Capacity: 775 lbs.

**Aluminum**  
Length: 17’  
Beam: 44”  
Weight: 113 lbs.  
Capacity: 1000 lbs.
Did you guess Rowboat Correctly?

From the November 6 2018 BSA National Aquatics Subcommittee Newsletter:


Rowboat Review at the Aquatics Workshop
Measured by the number earned, Swimming merit badge was the second most popular merit badge in both 2011 and 2017. Over that same period, Canoeing merit badge slipped in popularity from number 19 to number 22. However, Rowing merit badge dropped in ranking from 42nd to 61st.

Rowing has long been a lost art with respect to practical transportation, and there are likely multiple reasons the merit badge has dropped in popularity. Nevertheless, Scout age youth suitably introduced to the sport enjoy it and gain coordination and boat sense useful in other endeavors. The decline in popularity is perhaps tied more to opportunity and promotion rather than interest.

Many Rowing merit badges are earned at Scout BSA resident camps, but quality rowing programs at BSA camps are in decline. Canoeing merit badge is currently offered at approximately 98% of camps, whereas rowing is offered at 78%. Even though over three quarters of camps still offer the merit badge, many do so with clunky boats in poor repair. That in turn is not as much a maintenance issue as a lack of affordable, suitable boats to replace fleets that are often decades old.

Prior to the recent Aquatics Workshop, members of the BSA Aquatics Subcommittee conducted an online review of several boats that might be suitable for BSA camps. Criteria include price, durability, ease of maintenance, capacity, rowing positions, and expected handling characteristics. Early on, sliding seat models, including rigs for canoes and SUPs, were moved down the list due to price and maintenance. Nine fixed seat craft were reviewed in detail. The two most promising were purchased and tested during the workshop.

The chosen craft are marketed as square stern canoes but are actually designed for use with small outboards. They are more streamlined than traditional camp rowboats but are very similar in design to high-end rowing wherries. They both handle well and have sufficient beam to accommodate single and tandem rowing positions without outriggers. The fiberglass boat retails for ~ $800. The aluminum boat retails for ~ $1500. Additional details will be provided in a forthcoming communication.
SBR NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2019 SEASONAL STAFF!!

The Summit Bechtel Reserve (SBR) is currently seeking seasonal staff to operate and support its 2019 summer programs. Positions are varied and include overall camp support in addition to specializations within each of our three main operational areas:

**The Paul B. Christen National High Adventure Base:**
**The James C. Justice National Scout Camp:**
**The John D. Tickle National Training & Leadership Center**

BE A PART OF SOMETHING BIG – WE NEED YOUR HELP TO GIVE OUR CAMPERS THE BEST SUMMER EXPERIENCE OF THEIR LIVES!

**BENEFITS**

- Staff salaries start at $1,150/month and go up from there, depending on qualifications and responsibility. A small number of experienced top-level managers can make as much as $1,850/month
- Room (Tent) & Board provided
- Professional Certification Training,
- Professional Discounts on hundreds of brands,
- New River Gorge backyard playground with world famous rafting, rock climbing, mountain biking, & hiking,
- One of “America’s Coolest Small Towns” within minutes of the Site; another within an hour’s drive,
- Develop life skills through leading, guiding and caring for participants,
- Create friendships to last a lifetime!

For complete Application information visit [http://www.summitbsa.org/jobs/](http://www.summitbsa.org/jobs/)

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January 20-26, 2019

Leading and Strengthening New Troops

This conference, is intended for Scouters providing leadership to new troops and current troop leaders who want to learn the keys to establishing a successful and sustainable unit. Available resources will be explored, and an emphasis will be placed on developing a program for the critical beginnings of a new troop. Scouters will learn best practices related to program planning, recruiting youth and adult leadership, along with troop administration. Current Cub Pack leaders, especially Webelos den leaders, won’t want to miss this opportunity. This conference will give you the opportunity to interact in person with other new leaders from all around the country. Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, Committee Members, including New Member Coordinators, or anyone planning to organize a new troop, will find this to be an invaluable experience.

Conference on Education for Advancement Administrators (CEAA)

This conference targets council and district volunteers and professionals who have some background in advancement and want to take their game to a new level! Participants will receive lots of updates and chances to share with others, but of significance is that they will review and participate in the update or completion of advancement education tools that are used by units, districts, or councils across the country. Conferees will view and discuss various existing advancement materials and make recommendations for tools that should be developed for the future. Participants will begin some of those tools during this conference. This is your opportunity to be on the cutting edge of materials development and advance your education by learning through doing!


For more information: [http://www.bsaseabase.org/ConferenceCenter.aspx](http://www.bsaseabase.org/ConferenceCenter.aspx)

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Processing Training Awards, Unit Leader Key Awards, and other awards

Trained leaders have the knowledge and self-confidence to provide young people with a quality program. There are two important parts of BSA’s Leadership Training Recognition plan: to honor demonstrated performance and tenure of trained leaders in all areas of the Scouting program involving units and to encourage others to become trained.

Trained leaders may apply for the knot appropriate to their program level by filling out the Progress Record for that award. The application should be put in the awards box at Roundtable or given to your Unit Commissioner to be reviewed by the district training committee for approval. You do not need to get a district signature before dropping off the form. The forms will be signed after a review is completed. All forms ask if training has been completed. We do review the training records. You can review your training records at www.my.scouting.org

If your training records are not updated, please complete the following excel spreadsheet:
http://tinyurl.com/NCACBSATraining

and submit it to our Training Records, Roy DeLauder at eaglescout.roy@cox.net. Usually one reason why training records are not showing up is because the individual has not linked their BSA Member Number to their my.scouting.org account. It is important that this is done so that we can show that our leaders are actually trained. Another error is not obtaining all the signatures required at the unit level. If the form asks for both the unit leader and the committee chairs signatures, then we need both signatures.

Use the current forms (links to current forms are listed below).

TRAINING AWARD FORMS

Below is a listing of the award forms that should be used and the link to the current document.

Unit Leader Award of Merit Nomination Form (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, or Advisor). Don’t forget to include the statement by the unit committee chair on behalf of the unit committee attesting to the nominee’s performance as unit leader. For Scoutmaster nominations, also attach a statement by the troop’s senior patrol leader. For crew Advisor nominations, also attach a statement by the crew president.
http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-003_WB.pdf

Den Leader Training Award — Adults that serve as Cub Scout Den Leaders may earn this knot by completing the required tenure, training, and performance for the award.
Progress Record (Tiger, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos den leader) http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-052_WB.pdf

Scouter’s Training Award — Adults that serve as Leaders in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturing may earn this knot by completing the position-appropriate required tenure, training, and performance for the award.

Scouter’s Training Award for Cub Scouting — Progress Record
http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-057_WB.pdf

Scouter’s Training Award for Boy Scouting — Progress Record
http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-058_WB.pdf

Venturing Training Award — Progress Record
http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-060_WB.pdf

District Committee Scouter’s Training Award — Progress Record
http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/districtcommitteescoutingawd.pdf

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Scouter’s Key Award—Adults that serve as Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, District Committee members, and Venturing Advisors may earn this knot by completing the required tenure, training, and performance for the award.

Cubmaster’s Key Progress Record
http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-053_WB.pdf
Scoutmaster’s Key Progress Record
http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-054_WB.pdf
Advisor’s Key Progress Record
http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-WB.pdf
District Committee Key Progress Record
http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/districtcommitteekey.pdf
Scouting Forms
http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Media/forms.aspx
National Summertime Pack Award

COMMISSIONER AWARD FORMS
Below is a listing of the award forms that should be used and the link to the current document. These are managed by the District Commissioner staff.

The Arrowhead Honor recognizes proficiency in contemporary tools and techniques commissioners use to provide effective unit service.

ELIGIBILITY: ALL COMMISSIONERS

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Are you a Cub Adult Leader with two years of Tenure and completed the following?

- Complete at least two years of tenure as a registered adult leader in a Cub Scout pack – **Any Adult Position**.
- Complete basic training for any Cub Scout leader position.
- Complete This Is Scouting training.
- Attend a pow wow or university of Scouting (or equivalent), or attend at least four roundtables (or equivalent) during each year of the tenure used for this award.
- Participate in an annual pack planning meeting in each year.
- Serve as an adult leader in a pack that achieves at least the Bronze level of Journey to Excellence in each year.
- Give primary leadership in meeting at least one pack Journey to Excellence objective in each year.
- Participate in at least one additional supplemental or advanced training event at the council, area, region, or national level during the two years – Pow Wow Oct 26, 2019, University of Scouting Feb 23, 2019, BALOO, Wood Badge

Then fill this out: **Cub Scout PDF** and email to: **eaglescout.roy@cox.net**

Are you a Boy Scout Leader with two years of Tenure and completed the following?

- Complete at least two years of tenure as a registered adult leader in a Troop – **Any Adult Position**.
- Complete basic training for any Boy Scout leader position.
- Complete This Is Scouting training.
- Attend a university of Scouting (or equivalent), or attend at least four roundtables (or equivalent) during each year of the tenure used for this award.
- Participate in an annual troop planning meeting in each year.
- Serve as an adult leader in a troop that achieves at least the Bronze level of Journey to Excellence in each year.
  The Quality Unit Award was acceptable if the tenure used was prior to 2011.
- Give primary leadership in meeting at least one troop Journey to Excellence objective in each year.
- Participate in at least one additional supplemental or advanced training event at the council, area, region, or national level during the two years – University of Scouting Feb 23, 2019, BALOO, Wood Badge, BCOLS, Powder Horn

Then fill this out: **Boy Scout PDF** and email to: **eaglescout.roy@cox.net**
George Mason Order of The Arrow – 2019 Spring Initiation

George Mason Troops will elect their OA candidates for 2019 between November 2018 and April 1, 2019. Once a youth becomes an elected candidate, they need to participate in a weekend member Initiation which includes the Ordeal.

In Spring 2019 the George Mason/Patriot combined Chapter Initiation will be May 10-12 2019 at Camp Snyder. George Mason OA will send postal letters to each elected candidate providing information about the Initiation. Online registration will become available closer to the Initiation weekend.

In Fall 2019, the Area Initiation will be Oct 4-6 2019 at Camp Snyder. Colonial, Patriot, George Mason, Old Dominion and Chain Bridge OA Chapters will come together to hold the Virginia Central Area initiation.

The George Mason Chapter sends out a monthly newsletter with more OA news. Look for your newsletter.

Here are the OA 2019 and 2020 Initiation Weekend (Ordeal/Brotherhood) dates:

- May 10-12, 2019 Spring Ordeal at Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- Oct 4-6, 2019 Fall Area Ordeal at Snyder, Haymarket, VA

- May 1-3, 2020 Spring Ordeal at Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- Oct 2-4, 2020 Fall Area Ordeal at Snyder, Haymarket, VA

2019

- Jan 5 2019 Lodge Banquet – University Maryland, Maryland
- Apr 12-14 2019 Spring Fellowship – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- May 17-19 2019 Section Conclave – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- Sept 20-22 2019 Fall Fellowship – Goshen, VA

2020

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The Next NYLT will be: Jan 19-21 & Feb 16-18 2019 At Camp Snyder

What is NYLT and why Should I promote this within my Unit? Look for 2019 candidates!

NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training) is the National Capital Area Council’s presentation of the National Youth Leadership Training. The objective of our NYLT program is to equip our 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 the leadership techniques in a risk free, scout friendly environment. The Scouts learn and practice leadership skills and styles together.

The course is presented primarily using a Boy Scout model as the vehicle which allows all attendees to see how leadership skills fit into the scouting program. These leadership skills are applicable to all scouting programs.

Why have NYLT?

While it remains the responsibility of the unit leaders to train the youth leaders, this course is designed to supplement the adult leaders’ role in the training process. NYLT skills build on the fundamental leadership skills presented in the unit basic leadership training in their home unit. This training has six specific objectives:

• To give participants the confidence and knowledge to run their unit.
• To give participants the most contemporary, successful, and useful leadership tools available and allow them to “experiment” with them to help them better relate these skills to their unit responsibilities.
• To give participants the opportunity to share ideas and experiences with Scouts from other scouting programs.
• To create an atmosphere where Scouts will experience Scouting at its best.
• To enhance the relationship between the participant and their adult leaders.
• To have fun!

NYLT Eligibility Requirements In order to attend the course each participant must certify that they have or will have by the beginning of the NYLT course to meet the following qualifications to attend NYLT:

• Attained First Class Rank if in Boy Scouts
• Completed Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops, Crews, or Ships (ILST, ILSC, or ILSS) or Exploring Leadership Training.
• At least 14 years of age by the course start date (or 13 years of age with the Course Director’s approval) All participants 13 years of age must contact the Course Director before registering online.
• Youth 12 years of age and younger will not be able to attend
• Home Unit Leader approval. NYLT is an intense and challenging hands-on course that parallels Wood Badge training for adults. It is essential that youth participants be physically, emotionally, and mentally prepared to handle the demands of this advanced training. In order for youth participants to get the maximum benefit from this unique experience, home unit leaders must only endorse those participants who exhibit emotional maturity, a positive attitude, proficiency in basic camping skills, and ambition to serve in leadership roles.
• Have a current BSA health and medical record. Parts A,B & C are required.

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Calling all NYLT Trained Scouts

We’re recruiting enthusiastic, reliable, dedicated Scouts to join NYLT’s 2019 staff.

To be considered, Scouts should fill out the application available at www.myNYLT.org

Decisions will be emailed in February 2019 for Summer courses, earlier for Winter.

New this year: mobile online applications!!
Leave No Trace Trainer Course – BSA Outdoor Ethics

What is the purpose of this class? The Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing, and Sea Scout programs all include outdoor stewardship, care for the environment, and Leave No Trace as part of their programs. This course is offered to train adults and youth aged 14+ to serve their units and districts as Leave No Trace Trainers and as Outdoor Ethics Guides. Every Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing, and Sea Scout unit should have at least one Leave No Trace/Outdoor Ethics Trainer. We recommend that Boy Scouts complete this course before serving in the troop Outdoor Ethics Guide position.

Who should attend? Venturers, Sea Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Boy Scouts aged 14+; adult Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity, Venturing, and Sea Scout leaders; and District and Council leaders and trainers.

What will I learn? This course is designed to enhance your understanding of Leave No Trace practices and outdoor ethics, and to increase your level of expertise and confidence in teaching Leave No Trace skills. This class is both active and highly interactive. You will be introduced to concepts and methods that will advance your knowledge of Leave No Trace issues in both developed and high adventure environments, expand your repertoire of low-impact skills, and increase your effectiveness in teaching these important skills to others.

On completion of this course, participants will be registered as Leave No Trace Trainers with the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics and with the BSA. Students will receive Leave No Trace teaching materials, a certificate of course completion, a Leave No Trace Trainer lapel pin, and a BSA Leave No Trace Trainer card.

This course is instructed by nationally designated Leave No Trace Master Educators and Trainers.
2019 Program Year Course Offerings

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Registration for all courses is via the NCAC website.

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Leave No Trace
Master Educator Course

"The Boy Scouts of America has adopted the principles of Leave No Trace, which are easy to learn and apply. Every outing and activity should be conducted with Leave No Trace in mind. As young people mature, we will enjoy an increasingly beautiful environment because of the impact of their training in Leave No Trace. As members of the Boy Scouts of America, we should be good stewards of our environment through knowledgeable use of resources. ... We all must take responsibility for our decisions when we use the outdoors, and we should treat the environment with respect so future generations can enjoy the outdoors as we do today." - Teaching Leave No Trace (BSA No. 21-117)

This five-day course (split over two weekends) trains Scouts and Scouters ages 18 and up to serve as Leave No Trace Master Educators. Master Educators can conduct Leave No Trace Trainer courses (two-day) and awareness workshops (one-day or shorter).

This invaluable training is recognized and highly regarded throughout the world, especially by the outdoor industry, as well as government land management agencies. Successful graduates are certified to train others in Leave No Trace skills and ethics. The Master Educator Course provides participants with a comprehensive training in Leave No Trace skills and ethics through practical application in a field-based setting. The first weekend is a mix of classroom and outdoor instruction, introducing the course and schedule, providing in-depth information on the overall Leave No Trace program, how to conduct training courses, and the science behind the Leave No Trace principles. The second weekend is spent in the field on a short backcountry trip, learning and practicing Leave No Trace skills and techniques hands-on.

Each course is staffed with a minimum of two highly experienced outdoor professionals who are Master Educator instructors. Participants will learn Leave No Trace techniques through skits, discussions, and hands-on activities. To practice Leave No Trace teaching strategies in a supportive, educational environment, each participant will teach a short session focused on the seven Leave No Trace principles.

- Prerequisite: Leave No Trace Trainer or approval from Council Outdoor Ethics Advocate
- Instructed by: Nationally-designated Leave No Trace Master Educator Instructors
- Participants receive: Leave No Trace Master Educator card from BSA, BSA Leave No Trace Master Educator Handbook, Leave No Trace Master Educator patch and lapel pin, a certificate from the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics, and National Park Service Leave No Trace DVD courtesy of the National Park Service.

Cost $290—Includes facilities fees, meals for both weekends, educational materials, and the LNT Center for Outdoor Ethics Membership fee. **Attendance at both weekends is required**. Campsite location, equipment list and other course details will be emailed out to all participants once registration is underway.

Register at the [NCAC website](http://www.ncac.org). Registration deadline for the course is March 31, 2019.

Contact Victor Bieniek for information at vbieniek@gmail.com or 703-855-8428 (cell)

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Save the Date – May 17 – 18 2019

Spring 2019 George Mason Spring Camporee

Come and join us for the George Mason Spring Camporee

At the Flying Circus in Bealeton, Va.

A weekend of Merit Badges and Scout Skills.

Scout Program will be working on Aviation Merit Badges.

Webelos will be working on Scout Skills.

We will need troops to run the following:

Opening Ceremony, Scout Skills, campfire and Closing Ceremony.

The Camporee Committee needs a tentative count of those attending.

We will need Merit Badge Councilors and troops to work on

Developing a Scout Skill Program for the Webelos

The Committee will be contacting each troop.

Are you and your unit ready for 2019 summer camp?

Check out what NCAC Summer Camp has to offer:

[NCAC Goshen Reservation Information]

What is a Lenhok’sin?

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HIT THE TRAIL!

Lenhok’sin High Adventure is a trek camp in the Blue Ridge Mountains near Goshen, VA. We offer two types of high adventure opportunities—river canoeing and backpacking with adventure activities.

WHO CAN GO?

Youth participants must be 13 years of age by September 1, 2019.

CAMP COST

Fees are $415 per youth and $265 per adult, due by 5/17/19.

Save $40 per person if you pay by 4/12/19. Also, two adults per unit are free.

2019 SUMMER SCHEDULE

Week 1: June 23 - June 29
Week 2: June 30 - July 6
Week 3: July 7 - July 14
Week 4: July 14 - July 21
Week 5: July 22 - July 28

LENHOK’SIN TRAIL TREK

Choose from a selection of outposts and scenic views to create your very own trek. Spend four nights on the trail and have a chance to earn awards, including the challenging Moore Five Peaks Award.

JAMES RIVER CANOE TREK

Looking for something with more water? Paddle 61 miles of the historic Upper James River while you experience Class I and II rapids and the infamous Balcony Falls.
LENHOK'SIN TRAIL OUTPOSTS

Take on adventure, travel through time, and experience the wilderness and more with all we have to offer.

Take to the water with kayaks and Stand-Up Paddleboards at Paddle Sports and go downhill on bikes and boards at Mountain Sports. Get vertical with Rock Climbing on natural faces. Soar through the sky with COPE High Elements at Goshen’s COPE Course and go Caving and check out a “very cool” place underground.

Explore the past with our historical outposts. Visit the 1910s Appalachian forge at Foxfire, step into legend to join Robin Hood’s Merry Men, and shoot black powder rifles and barter with the Mountain Man.

Can’t get enough wilderness? Do one or more Primitive nights and see how far you can explore! Will you get to all five peaks?

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**Philmont Scout Ranch**

When you think of Philmont, you think of your youth, and a few adults, going a trek of a life time. That is true. But Philmont offer a lot more, especially for adults and for family members – check out the Family Programs.

The Philmont Training Center (PTC) is the national volunteer training center for the Boy Scouts of America. Since 1950, the PTC has provided a unique environment for training volunteers, creating leaders, and hosting family friendly experiences and adventures. Each year, more than 6,000 Scouters and their families attend the PTC.

Every conference at the PTC features tools, techniques, audiovisuals, discussions, idea sharing, and activities led by a faculty of experienced Scouters. All registered Scouters are invited to attend training center courses; council approval is not required.

The Philmont Scout Ranch Family Adventure is designed to meet the needs of families and build bonds through exciting and interactive Philmont programs! The program will operate in an open enrollment format where you and your family will have the chance to choose activities that appeal to you. Families will meet for two program sessions daily: Morning and Afternoon. Additionally, there will be day-long activities such as hiking to Inspiration Point and rock climbing in the backcountry. A parent must accompany their family on all participated program.

Join us for a full week or half a week and get ready for fun and adventure! Fees include tent housing, meals, and program. For an additional fee, you may choose to secure roofed-housing.

Please consult the High Adventure website for the process to secure your venture dates.
Attending Conferences
A schedule and details for attending a conference at the PTC, from check-in to check-out.

Family Programs
The Philmont Training Center offers family programs for boys, girls, and spouses while their Scout leader is in a summer conference.

Philmont Family Adventure
Philmont Family Adventure Week is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to experience the Philmont Scout Ranch like never before! Open to all registered members of the BSA and their families, you will have a chance to participate in all of the incredible activities offered at Philmont and make memories with your family that will last a lifetime.

NAYLE (National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience)
The National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience is the ultimate training experience for young leaders. It is conducted for older youths who have the potential for being on the staff of the council junior leader training or youth leader training conference. The NAYLE program takes place at Rayado Ridge, a backcountry camp dedicated to leadership development.

PLC (Philmont Leadership Challenge)
Adults learn to internalize and practice their leadership skills in this action-packed backcountry conference. The conference honed the skills taught in Wood Badge in an outdoor experiential learning environment. PLC underscores the values of Scouting and teamwork and promotes the concepts of servant leadership.

Training Center Facilities
Learn more about the accommodations and facilities available to you at the PTC.

Help Promote The Training Center!
Request free promotional brochures and banners—perfect for Roundtables, Universities of Scouting, Troop Meetings, or any other Scouting opportunities. You'll also find information on becoming a Philmont Ambassador and earning the Master's Track Square Knot award.

Contact the Philmont Training Center
Feel free to contact us with any questions.

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Philmont: WEEK 1: June 9-15

- Building a Strong Outdoor Program
- District Operations 2 (By Invitation Only)
- Learning to Serve Scouts With Special Needs
- National Scouting Historian Summit
- Recruiting and Engaging Commissioners
- Second Century Service
- Starting, Sustaining and Growing Units
- Strengthening Council Unit Service
- Strengthening District Unit Service
- Strengthening Unit Service

WEEK 2: June 16-22

- I Am a New Council Training Chair. Now What?
- I Am a New District Training Chair. Now What?
- Membership Growth Conference
- Methodist Scouting Conference
- Scouting in the Catholic Church
- Strengthening Leadership Teams
- Leading New Troops
- National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE)
- Vision 2020: A New Philmont Opportunity for Latter-Day Saint Families

WEEK 3: June 23-29

- Philmont Family Adventure

WEEK 4: June 30-July 6

- Philmont Family Adventure
- Philmont Leadership Challenge (PLC)

WEEK 5: July 7-13

- National Program Planning Conference (By Invitation Only)
- National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE)

WEEK 6: July 14-20

- Advanced District Administration (Professional Scouters)
- Advancement Issues and Solutions
- Exciting Troop Meetings and Outdoor Programs
- Leadership Development Series
- Leading New Troops

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"Trust should be the basis for all our moral training." B.P.

- National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE)

WEEK 7: July 21-27
- Ambassador I (By Invitation Only)
- Ambassador II (By Invitation Only)
- Finding Your Way
- Games with a Purpose
- Mechanics of Advancement
- Scout Troop Advancement
- Social Media: Up Your Game and Build a Better Scouting Experience
- Training for Trainers: Fundamentals, EDGE, and More!
- Venturing Shooting Sports Spectacular
- National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE)

WEEK 8: July 28 - August 3
- Philmont Family Adventure
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WEEK 9: August 4-10
- Philmont Family Adventure
- National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE)

WEEK 10: August 11-17
- Available for council retreats or committee meetings. Reservations: (575) 376-2281

WEEK 11: September 15-21
- CAI Director (Certified Angling Instructor - Course Director Training)
- Camp Cooking in Action
- Certified Angler Interpreter
- Climbing Director
- Conservation USA and Hornaday Advisor Training
- Properties Course: The Business of Camping
- Shooting Sports
- Wilderness First Aid
- Philmont Leadership Challenge

WEEK 12: September 24-29
- National Outdoor Conference

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Small Fry and Nursery | 2-23 months boys and girls
2.5 year old boys and girls
The smallest participants at PTC spend their time at our Small Fry Center. Our Nursery participants will be cared for each day by our Program Counselors and Small Fry Director. They will receive bottles, snacks, diaper changes, and naps as needed or as specified by the parent. They will also participate in play indoors and outdoors as well as crafts at the Small Fry Center.
Ages 2-5 will go to the Craft Center, ride ponies, visit other animals at our Pony Barn, and spend lots of time playing outdoors. They will also have the opportunity to take an afternoon nap, participate in various Philmont-inspired activities that are developmentally appropriate, and enjoy healthy snacks throughout the week.

Bandits | 6-7 year old boys and girls
The Bandit program offers a fun-filled Philmont experience for 6-7 year olds. From riding ponies, crafting at the craft center, a half-day hike in the backcountry of Philmont, shooting sports, and learning about Philmont, this is sure to be a week they will not forget!

Ropers | 8-10 year old girls
The Ropers program is full of outdoor fun and learning more about all that nature has to offer. They will participate in an all day hike, shooting sports, STEM activities, and Philmont’s rich history. They will also visit the Craft Center to create a memorable craft project and ride ponies at the Pony Barn.

Deputies | 8-9 year old boys
Our Cub Scout aged boys will experience the outdoors of Philmont through an all-day hike in the beautiful backcountry where they will learn more about the flora and fauna of the area as well as the principles of Leave No Trace. They will also get to visit the Craft Center, our shooting sports range, and our various museums to learn about the history of the area and Philmont.

Sidewinders | 10 year old boys
Ten year old boys have a week full of games and activities that teach them new skills and knowledge about the outdoors. They will roam and explore the backcountry on an all day hike and spend the night with a parent on an overnight at a Backcountry Camp. They will also visit the shooting sports range, create a craft project at the Craft Center, and participate in various STEM activities that will excite their interest in outdoor conservation.

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The Mustang program gives girls a look at what Philmont has to offer. From an overnighter in the backcountry to horseback riding at Cattle Headquarters, these girls will get a true sense of adventure during their week at Philmont. They will also get to shoot at the shooting range, learn about our history at the museums, and get creative at the Craft Center. It is sure to be a week that they will not forget.

Mustangs | 11-13 year old girls

Trailblazers will experience Philmont through horseback riding at Cattle Headquarters, an all-day hike, an overnighter at one of Philmont’s backcountry camps, and shooting at the Shooting Sports Complex. They will also have the opportunity to create a leather belt at the Craft Center, learn new outdoor cooking skills and fun camp songs. A vast majority of their time is spent outdoors, learning about Philmont and all that nature has to offer.

Trailblazers | 11-13 year old boys

The Broncos program provides young adults the unique opportunity to choose what they would like to do during their time at Philmont Scout Ranch. They will choose from a variety of activities that include horseback riding, COPE (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience), crafting at the Craft Center, hiking in the backcountry, visiting various Philmont Backcountry Camps, touring our museums and Villa Philmonte, shooting sports and more! This program has something for everyone and guarantees a fun week for teens.

Broncos | 14-21 year olds

Mountain Men and Women treks are backpacking expeditions that provide the opportunity to experience the rugged challenges of Philmont’s backcountry programs. Mountain Trek crews hike approximately 25-40 miles and stay at several staff camps, each offering a variety of exciting programs from mountain biking and rock climbing to gold panning and homesteading. Groups with fewer than 10 participants are combined to form a co-ed Venture crew. Each crew is guided by two experienced Rangers.

Mountain Trek | 14-21 year olds

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Silverados | Adults not attending a conference
Silverados are offered a wide range of exciting activities throughout the week, including museum visits, day hikes, a pottery-making demonstration, Villa tours, COPE (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience) Course, horse rides, whitewater rafting, shooting sports and trips to nearby resort towns. After the Monday morning meeting, the Silverados are given a breakdown of each of these activities. They then can sign up for the activities they would like to participate in during their week at Philmont.

Evening Activities at PTC
Enjoy time with your family each evening! Activities include cobbler nights, crafts, game nights, candlelight museum tours, stargazing, opening and closing campfires, movie night, and everyone’s favorite - Western Night, complete with buffalo barbeque dinner!

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About Florida Sea Base

The Florida National High Adventure Sea Base is a unique Scouting program that offers aquatics programs found nowhere else. Whether your interests lie in sailing, scuba diving, rustic camping on an undeveloped barrier island, fishing or a combination of all, this is the place for your Troop, Team, Crew, Sea Ship or Explorer Post. The Sea Base serves around 13,000 participants annually.

The Sea Base began in the early 1970's as a local program in the Florida Keys called the Florida Gateway to High Adventure under the guidance of Sam Wampler, a professional Scouter from the South Florida Council. It offered primarily sailing programs using local marinas and chartered boats sailing to the Bahamas and back. As the idea caught on and grew, it joined the high adventure offerings of the National Council of the BSA along with Philmont Scout Ranch and the Northern Tier High Adventure Base. In 1979 the Sea Base acquired a permanent facility on Lower Matecumbe Key and when this opened for Scouts in 1980 it was renamed the Florida National High Adventure Sea Base. As the popularity of this program grew, scuba diving was added and in 1984 the BSA received the gift of Big Munson Island from Homer Formsby. This undeveloped island offered tremendous program potential as an outpost for primitive camping, Robinson Crusoe style. During this time period the sailing program concentrated on sailing around the fabulous Florida Keys. New sailing programs were started that originated and ended in Marsh Harbour in the beautiful Abaco Islands of the Bahamas.

Sea Base programs continued to excite the imagination of Scouts and Scouters and as attendance grew the need for a second facility was obvious. Thanks to the generosity of J. Porter Brinton of Greenwich, CT, the Brinton Environmental Center opened in 2001 making the Sea Base even better. The Sea Base has continued to add and upgrade facilities and programs to meet the needs of Scouts.

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Sea Base now operates 15 different adventures out of four locations: two in the Florida Keys, one in the US Virgin Islands, and one in Marsh Harbour, Bahamas. Coral Reef Sailing, Sea Exploring Adventure, STEM Eco-Adventure, Scuba Adventure, Scuba Certification, and Live Aboard Scuba Adventure operate in the Florida Keys at Mile Marker 73.8 at Sea Base on Lower Matecumbe Key located 75 miles south of Miami (Lower Matecumbe Key - [MAP](#)). Out Island Adventure, Keys Adventure and Florida Fishing programs operate in the Florida Keys on Summerland Key at Mile Marker 23.8 at the Brinton Environmental Center located 125 miles south of Miami (Summerland Key - [MAP](#)). (Key West, the southernmost point in the Keys, Florida and the continental United States, is located at Mile Marker zero.) Bahamas Adventures and Bahamas Tall Ship Adventures operate out of the Bahamas Sea Base in Marsh Harbour, Abaco, Bahamas, located about 100 miles east of Fort Lauderdale. Sea Base St. Thomas Adventures operate out of St. John, USVI. (For mailing and physical address, visit the [contact page](#).)

Scouting's most complete aquatic facility offers a variety of water activities from scuba diving to sailing "Tall Ships". All of our participants have the opportunity to swim, snorkel, and fish among the most beautiful coral reefs in the northern hemisphere.

[Florida Sea Base Promo Video](http://www.bsaseabase.org/About.aspx)

Please consult the High Adventure website for the process to secure your venture dates.

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