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CALENDAR of EVENTS

2018

NOVEMBER

8	GM November Round Table & OA Chapter Meeting - 7:30 Thoreau Middle School, Vienna
11	Flags In – 11:30 Falls Church

DECEMBER

1	NCAC Trainer's EDGE
8-9	Bull Run District IOLS , Camp Snyder
13	GM December Round Table & OA Chapter Meeting - 7:30 Thoreau Middle School, Vienna

2019

January

5	OA Lodge Banquet, Univ of MD
10	GM January Round Table & OA Chapter Meeting - 7:30 Thoreau Middle School, Vienna

February

14	GM February Round Table & OA Chapter Meeting - 7:30 Thoreau Middle School, Vienna
23	University of Scouting

March

2	GM Merit Badge Day
9	College of Commissioner Science
14	GM March Round Table & OA Chapter Meeting - 7:30 Thoreau Middle School, Vienna
16	Life to Eagle Seminar, Fairfax

November 8 – George Mason Round Table – Thoreau Middle School, Vienna, VA

Save the Date – May 17 – 18 2019

Spring 2019 George Mason Spring Camporee

USEFUL LINKS:

National BSA Website | NCAC Council Website | The Scouter Digest Aug-Oct 2018

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COME! SEE! CONQUER!

GREEKS VERSUS ROMANS

FALL CAMPOREE

When: October 12-14, 2018

Where: Camp Highroad, 21164 Steptoe Hill Rd, Middleburg, VA 20117

Who had fun: EVERYONE FROM GEORGE MASON HAD FUN!!! JUST LOOK AND SEE.

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Great Flickr of Camporee photos at https://flic.kr/s/aHskGfEExc

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Introduction To Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS) December 8-9, 2018

Camp WB Snyder - Participant Cost: $45 (incudes campsite fees and all meals)

Working as patrols, this hands-on course provides adult leaders the practical outdoor skills they need to lead Scouts in the out-of-doors. Upon completion, leaders should feel comfortable teaching Scouts the basic skills required to obtain the First Class rank.

Along with Scoutmaster Specifics this course is required of all direct contact leaders registered in Boy Scout Troops and Varsity Scout Teams, in order to be considered "trained".

This course starts on Saturday morning and ends on Sunday early afternoon and participants are expected to participate during the entire course schedule. On option is available to come out on Friday evening and camp out an extra night, but this is only optional at no additional cost, please let the course director know by email if you are planning to camp Friday evening.

Agenda:

Friday, Dec. 7 (anytime after 5:00 PM) Optional:

- Optional to camp overnight at Camp Snyder - Bring your own dinner, Breakfast will be free
- Registration and check-in Campsite Selection and setup

Saturday, Dec. 8 (8:00 AM Check In)

Registration and check-in, Opening Ceremony, Ropes, Outdoor Ethics, Campsite Selection and setup, Trail lunch, Animal & Plant Identification, Woods Tools, Fire Site Preparation and Building Campfire program, Cooking (includes preparing dinner), Campfire program, Cracker barrel

Sunday, Dec. 9 (1:30 PM Departure)

Cooking (includes preparing breakfast), Interfaith worship, Flag ceremony, Finding Your Way, Cooking (includes preparing lunch), Packing and Hiking Techniques, Closing ceremony

https://scoutingevent.com/082-IOLSFall18

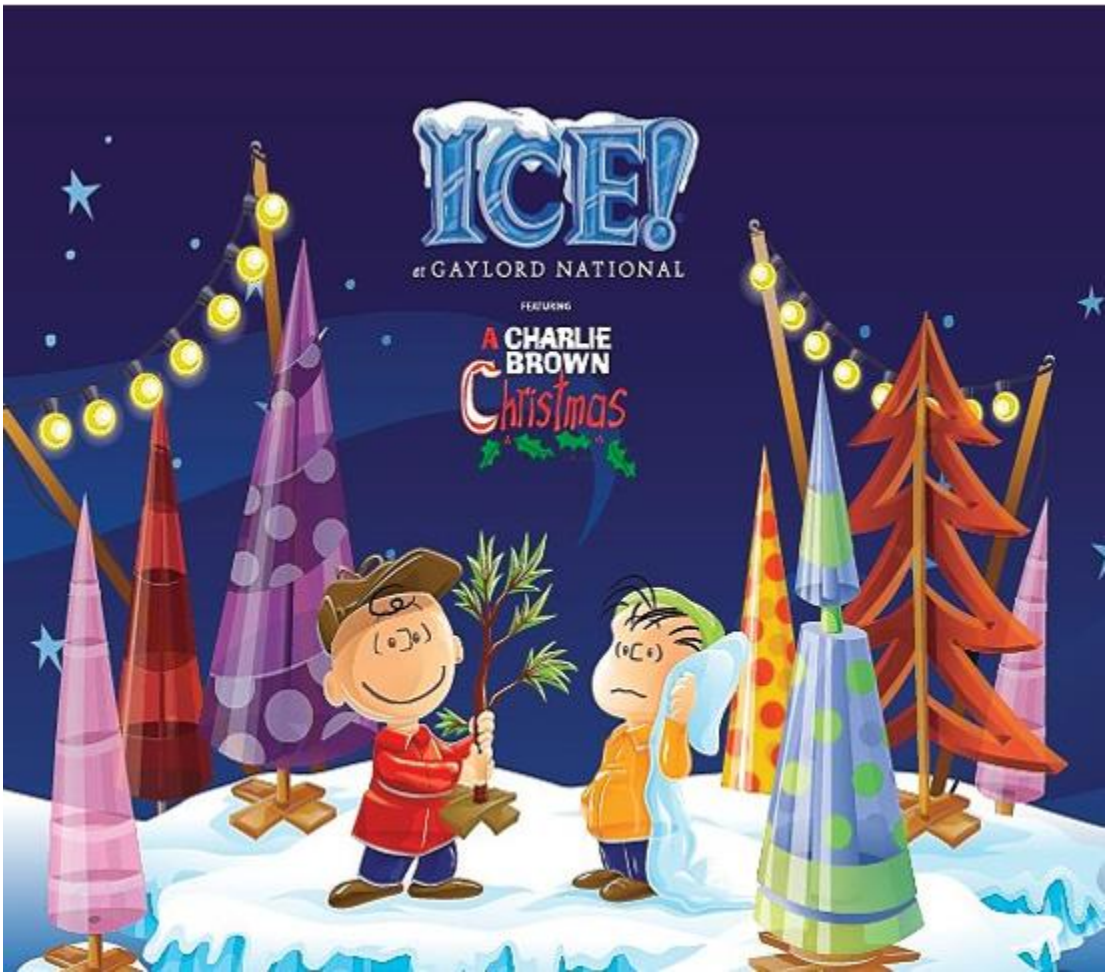
Scout Nights at ICE!

Nov 18 & 25, December 2-7 2018

ICE!—the Gaylord National's signature holiday attraction—is back with a new theme! Experience favorite scenes from *A Charlie Brown Christmas* brought to life in this walk-through winter wonderland carved from more than two million pounds of ice.

Save $8 on Scout Days ICE! tickets with Promo Code SCOUT18, and wear your uniform and receive a free ICE! Patch.

Get Tickets



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JANUARY 25 TO 27, 2019

(SUNDAY-FRIENDLY, TOO!)

HARPERS FERRY KOA, WV

20+ CHALLENGE STATIONS

- SCOUT SKILLS (UP TO FIRST CLASS)
- LEADERSHIP
- SCOUT SPIRIT
- FUN!

PATROL-LEVEL EVENT

400+ SCOUTS

100+ VOLUNTEERS

OA ACTIVITIES

TROOPS AND CREWS

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NCAC-ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENING SOON

$43 PER PARTICIANT
(TENTING OR CABINS)

$17 PER CABIN SPACE PER PERSON
(OPTIONAL; REGISTER OFF-LINE)

ALL MEALS INCLUDED!

SUNDAY-FRIENDLY

PATCHES, YETI MUGS (NEW!), AND

KLONDIKE BARS!

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, 24 September 2018

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.

FYI Some Council / NE Region / National Training Dates:

2018

Scouting for Food – Nov 3 &10

NE Area 6 Fall Training Workshop – Nov 10

OA NLS/DYLC - Nov 9-11 @Camp Alpine, NJ

Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS) – Bull Run District, Camp Snyder – Dec 8-9

2019

OA Lodge Banquet - Jan 5, 2019 @ University of Maryland, MD

Winter NYLT - Jan 19-21 (pt.1) and Feb 16-18 2019 (pt.2) @ Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

U of S - Feb 23, 2019 @Hayfield Secondary.

GM Merit Badge Day, March 2, 2019 8:30 to 4:00 @ Fairfax Presbyterian Church, Fairfax, VA.

OA NLS/DYLC - March 8-10, 2019 @Camp Alpine, NJ

CCS - March 9, 2019 @ VA Central

NE Area 6 Spring Training Workshop will likely be March 16, 2019

OA Spring Fellowship - April 12-14 2019 @ Camp Snyder, Haymarket,, VA

OA Lodge Leadership Development Conference - June 1, 2019 @ TBD

World Scout Jamboree - July 22-Aug 2, 2019 @Summit Bechtel Reserve, WV

NCAC Pow Wow - Oct 26, 2019 @ Annandale HS, Annandale, VA

NE Area 6 Fall Training Workshop will likely be Nov 9, 2019.

The following are Leader Training opportunities with web links:

2018 Leader Training

11/10/18 - NRA Basic Range Safety Officer Course, Mt. Airy, MD

12/01/18 - Scoutmaster Position - Specific Training (S24), Gaithersburg, MD

12/01/18 - Family Scouting/Cub Scout Den Leader Specific Training , Gaithersburg, MD

12/01/18 - The Trainers EDGE, Potomac, MD

Scouting for Food – Nov 3 & 10, 2018

Scouting for Food is an annual food collection orchestrated by Scouts from National Capital Area Council. Local Scouts distribute plastic bags to homes across the region and return to pick up the bags, now filled with food, one week later. Collected food is distributed to needy families throughout the communities of the Council.

Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, Venturing crews and Sea Scout ships throughout the Council will be distributing Scouting for Food donation bags in local neighborhoods. They return to collect those bags one week later.

Not sure what you should donate? According to our friends at Capital Area Food Bank, some of the most highly needed items are:

- Non-perishable food items
- Canned protein (tuna, salmon, chicken, peanut butter)
- Soups & stews (beef stew, chili, meat-based soups)
- 100% fruit juices (all sizes)
- Grains (pasta, whole grain pasta, rice, brown rice, boxed macaroni & cheese)
- Cereals (multi grain, low sugar such as cheerios, cornflakes, raisin bran, grape nuts, oatmeal)
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruits
- Condiments
- Hygiene products (diapers, toilet paper, tissues, soap, toothpaste

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!

Use this link to register: http://ScoutingU.kintera.org/FSB2019

For more information: http://www.bsaseabase.org/ConferenceCenter.aspx

Camp Snyder Volunteer Service Days

Camp Snyder Volunteer Service Days - 2018

"Fun With All The Fixin'"

If you have an hour or two to spare, come on out for some of the most satisfying fun a Scouter can have. If you know someone who is handy, bring 'em with you. But heck, if you have two bad knees, or one arm in a sling and the other with an IV in it, and all you can do is sit in the shade and offer moral support, well, we can also use some good conversation, and someone to say, "You missed a spot!"

And yes, we have service projects for Scouts! Just call Dan Kurtenbach at 703-802-0613 or email him at danielkurtenbach@hotmail.com with your unit number, how many youth and adults will be doing the service project, and good contact information (including a mobile phone number for an adult who will be there for the project). We can also arrange for unit projects on some other weekends, including Saturdays.

In addition to regular monthly Camp Snyder Service Days, we will be holding short-notice "Maintenance Raids" on a Friday or Saturday to attack specific projects such as tent platforms. Join our mailing list by contacting danielkurtenbach@hotmail.com and be on the lookout for email notices about Maintenance Raids!

2018 Service Days at Camp William B. Snyder: November 18 & December 16 2018

Flags In – Sunday, November 11, 2018

GM Scouts Honoring our Fallen Veterans - Class-A Uniforms

Celebrate Veterans Day by joining the George Mason District Crews, Troops, and Packs for "Flags-in" – placing American Flags on the graves of fallen veterans. *Girl Scouts are welcome.*

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

Schedule: 11:30am – arrive and sign in; 12:00 noon – Pizza Delivery and flag placement training
1:00pm – Begin flag placement
1:00pm, 2:00pm and 3:00pm – TAPS blown (buglers needed); 3:30pm – Probable completion of event

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

On Veterans Day 2017, approximately 140 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 or Kurt Johnson at 703-849-8967 or kurt_johnson@verizon.net

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/districtcommscouterstrainingawd.pdf

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/districtcommittekey.pdf
Scouting Forms
http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Media/forms.aspx
National Summertime Pack Award
http://www.scouting.org/filestore/CubScoutMeetingGuide/PDF/33748_WB.pdf

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
Click here for Unit Commissioner.
Click here for Assistant Roundtable Commissioner.
Click here for Roundtable Commissioner.
Click here for Assistant District Commissioner.

The Commissioner's Key encourages and recognizes continuing training, performance, and tenure by commissioners.
ELIGIBILITY: ALL COMMISSIONERS
Click here for requirements and progress records.

The Doctorate of Commissioner Science Knot Award recognizes completion of a standardized training program including a thesis or project, the awarding of the Doctorate of Commissioner Science from a College of Commissioner Science, and the achievement of performance objectives to improve unit service.
ELIGIBILITY: ALL COMMISSIONERS
Click here for requirements and progress record.

The Commissioner Award of Excellence in Unit Service is awarded to a commissioner who provides exemplary unit service, focusing on unit performance as measured in Journey to Excellence and through the use of the current Boy Scouts of America Unit Service Plan and Commissioner Tools.
ELIGIBILITY: ALL COMMISSIONERS PROVIDING DIRECT SERVICE TO UNITS
Click here for requirements and progress record.

The Distinguished Commissioner Service Award is the highest recognition that can be given to a commissioner who has consistently engaged in distinguished and exceptional commissioner service resulting in significant, positive impact to youth, units, and a district and/or council.
CLASSIFICATION: **NOMINATION**
ELIGIBILITY: **ALL COMMISSIONERS**
Click here **for requirements.**
Click here **for nomination form.**

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

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- Jan 4 2020 Lodge Banquet – University Maryland, Maryland
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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 w**ith 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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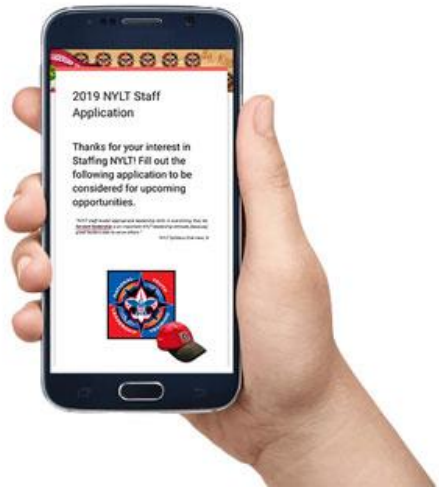
Calling all NYLT Trained Scouts

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!!

NCAC University of Scouting (UoS)

23 FEBRUARY 2019

Hayfield Secondary School

7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA

Register Now

Registration opens 2 January 2019

Purpose of University of Scouting

University of Scouting is a supplemental training opportunity for all adult Scout leaders. It is the only time during the year where you can find, all in one place, the widest variety of training opportunities in all program areas (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing, Sea Scouting, Varsity Scouts, District Operations, and Council). Whether you are new to the program or a veteran of many years, the University provides interesting courses in Cubbing, Scouting, and Adventure and leadership training for Venturing, Varsity, and Sea Scouting; Electives courses applicable across the Scouting programs, and District operations courses. For 2019 we will be offering over 150 classes in five colleges – truly something for everyone.

- The College of Cub Scouting provides a wide variety of courses from pack administration to planning for an outdoor program.
- The College of Boy Scouting provides an exciting variety of troop, patrol and outdoor planning supplemental courses to help manage the challenges of a great troop experience.
- The College of Adventure Scouting is an interesting combination of courses for those who are wish to learn more about Scouting's "senior" level programs and the challenges of an active high adventure experience.

- The College of Elective Programs offers many “general studies courses” that cut across all the programs. Just about everything from diversity and special needs to using technology can be found in the Elective Programs.
- The College of District Operations provides training to district committee members and Scouters with an interest in district operations. While no degree is conferred, those who take the required three courses are awarded the District Scouter Training Certificate and “Trained” patch

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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

LNT Trainer Course Location: Germantown MD Spring 2019: April 5 (5pm) to 7 (12noon) Fall 2019: September 20 (5pm) to 22 (12noon) Cost: $50, non-refundable, which includes fees and materials. Meals *are not* included. Contact: Paul Schimke at paul@schimke.org or 301-906-0069	**LNT Trainer Course Location: Northern VA** Spring 2019: March 30 (8:30am) to 31 (12 noon) at Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA Fall 2019: October 19 (8:30am) to 20 (12 noon) at Sky Meadows State Park (backpacking format) Cost: $50, non-refundable, which includes fees and materials. Meals *are not* included. Contact: Victor Bieniek at vbieniek@gmail.com or 703-855-8428 (cell)
LNT Trainer Course Location: Southern MD June 1, 2019 (8:30am) to June 2, 2019 (12noon) 2900 Camp Hedges Place, Bryans Road, MD 20616 Cost: $65, meals are included. Contact: Mike Strong at stronbsart@gmail.com (301) 861-6568 (cell)	**Leave No Trace Master Educator Course** (offered every two years) **May 3-5, May 16-19, 2019** Contact: Victor Bieniek at vbieniek@gmail.com

Registration for all courses is via the NCAC website.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
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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. Registration deadline for the course is March 31, 2019.

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

First Weekend	Second Weekend
Friday, May 3, 2019, 6pm – Sunday, May 5, 1pm TBD – Northern Virginia	Thursday, May 16, 2019, 3pm – Sunday, May 19, 2pm Location is currently TBD

"The more responsibility the Scoutmaster gives his patrol leaders, the more they will respond." *B.P.*

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 a elective badge.
- Do the assigned pre-work if the Scout plans to complete the merit badge(s) at the Merit Badge Day event. Partials 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 offered last year (will be updated from your input):

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

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

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.