“” “The bell ringing for church, we went thither immediately, and with hearts full of gratitude, returned sincere thanks to God for the mercies we had received. Were I a Roman Catholic, perhaps I should on this occasion vow to build a chapel to some saint; but as I am not, if I were to vow at all, it should be to build a light-house.””

= from a letter to his wife, after Benjamin Franklin survived a shipwreck off the English coast =

**The White Oak District Scout Round Table News**

*Where the Scouts’ Leaders Meet!*

***Round Table*** *… Mark your calendars :*

WHEN: Second Wednesday, commencing 7:30pm

 WHERE: USUALLY The Peoples Community Baptist Church, 31 Norwood Rd. Silver Spring MD

 about 1/4 mile WEST of New Hampshire Ave***.***

**THIS February MONTH ONLY we move to:::**

**The Sandy Spring Friends Meeting Community House**

**The address is 17801 Meeting House Rd.  Sandy Spring MD.**

Directions: On MD Rt108, in downtown Sandy Spring,

**From Georgia Ave. (Rt97)** go east on Rt108, pass Sherwood Elementary, pass Norwood Rd.  Next right turn(at the light), onto Meeting House Rd.

**From New Hampshire Ave. (Rt650**), go west on Rt108, see Urban BBQ on the north (right side),  turn next left at the light (south) on Meeting House Rd.,

\*\* drive down less than 1/4 mile. **Single lane road !** Community House is the big white frame house on the left.  The big brick building you see further down the road is the historic (1817) Meeting House (tours available afterward).

After all, **"the work is done by whoever shows up”**

***Go to***  copy and paste to your brwzr… <https://www.ncacbsa.org/white-oak/>

*“Favorite” mark this one now!* Updating and corrections ongoing!

AND on FACEBOOK!!

<https://www.facebook.com/WhiteOakDistrict/?fref=ts&ref=br_tf>

\* \* SEE (newly updated) Program Launch Calendar for alotta details. <https://www.ncacbsa.org/white-oak/wp-content/uploads/sites/9/2015/10/2017-18-Program-Launch-Packet-White-Oak-District.pdf>

 ***Happy New Scout Year ! Now, Go Take A Hike !***

**\* \* \* 14 February**  ? Vet’s Day ? Valentine’s Day? Are they considerations? **NEW SCOUTBOOK internet advancement thingy .**

**“Surprise Presenters….”**

**\*\*\* 14 March TBA**

**Getting Personal** . I wish I had the time to write all that is on my mind, but SWMBO wants the basement cleaned out for future renovations and we have other things happening (death in family, illnesses, events to plan and skipper, etc. etc.), so here is some of it:

I held off on sending this out because we had a lot of stuff to announce from the District Committee Meeting. Any willing Scouter can attend, see the WOD website…

**ACHTUNG !!** So, another RT coming up.

 **PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE IN VENUE**. Our gracious host, the People’s Community Baptist Church has said they need the place for their Ash Wednesday celebrations, and we will respect that. We will meet this month only, at the **Sandy Spring Friends Meeting Community House** (see above for details), same 7:30pm time, same date.

(drum roll please) I have an assistant RTCommish. Phil Priety and I had a good conversation, and the forthcoming RT years looks better than ever. Look for our topic schedule, “subject to adjustment”, in future issues.

Remember that Mobile Climbing Wall? **The Scouterhorn**? It promises to be back in action this spring and summer, but we need folks to staff it. Fun, challenge, recruit new Scouts, visibility, hey. Look for the training dates, TBA soon.

“ Why should I take any Training? We’ve been doing it this way OK for xquvnz years….”

Look below for many training opportunities. Why take **ANY** training? Aren’t I a good Scouter? Didn’t I earn Eagle umpteen years ago? Well, let’s see…

* It is required by the BSA . \* I *Might* learn something new. Maybe… \*Have things changed *that* much?? \*I could share my experience with others (yeah, it’s not a one way street). \*It’s another excuse to go camping/get out of my spouse’s hair/drink coffee/donuts with other Scouty adults/ earn a badge/ add to my curriculum vitae/ add to my promotional stuff at work (yep, some Scout training is “managerial training”)/ enjoy time with like-minded adults (not camping with kids? What a concept). Ummmm… I’ll have to think about all that.

**See you on the trail….**

Not enough Scouting? Need another Activity? Different styles? Dueling editors?

Check out the other District eNews:

**Potomac:** <https://www.ncacbsa.org/potomac/newsletter/>

**Seneca:** Seneca.NewsFlash@ncacbsa.org and ask to be connected !

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Remember: These missives go out to Adult Scouters, for the most part. Please forward as appropriate to your Scouts and **Other Interested Folks** (You know who they are…)

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**< > < > < >** Black History Month … **Governor’s Office on Volunteerism**

 **Seeks Community Leaders Worthy of Awards ..**

In celebration of Black History Month, nominations are currently being accepted by the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism for the inaugural *Black History Month Community Leaders Awards*. This program recognizes Maryland-based, African American-founded organizations that provide volunteer service to improve Maryland communities for all.

Look to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YZ287VP>

for information and to nominate someone

The deadline to submit a nomination is **Wednesday, February 7 at midnight**. Selected recipients will be invited to the *Black History Month Community Leaders Awards* ceremony in late February.

 **< < < < <** Where To Take Your Cub Pack Camping? **Pack 434 would**

**like your suggestions. It seems their usual site is unavailable this year…** Where does YOUR pack go? Contact **Autumn Richards :** autumn.richards@gmail.com

**Mean time,** check out the NCAC OA Campsite guide

 <https://www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Where-to-Go-Camping-Guide-.pdf>

and the Maryland DNR Camp guide : <http://dnr.maryland.gov/Publiclands/Pages/campinginfo.aspx>

 **< > < > < CPR/AED/FA Training? Show Your Interest:**

If you are interested in taking CPR /AED/FA in the future, please contact Tejas Patel at tejas.patel@scouting.org to be placed on the list. We need a minimum number for the class to be held. Thank you for your interest and continued support to Scouting.
YiS,
Tejas Patel

 **>> >> >> >> White Oak Merit Badge**

Where: ST BERNADETTES RC CHURCH, 70 UNIVERSITY BLVD EAST, SILVER SPRING, MD 20901

When: MONDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2018 Register: 8am, sessions begin 9am

How and Why and What (see below! )

Log onto : [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0A4BA9AB2BA5FC1-white5](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0A4BA9AB2BA5FC1-white5)

SESSION 1 – 9 AM – NOON SESSION 2 - 1 PM – 4 PM

LUNCH\* 12 TO 1 PM 4PM CLEANUP – SHUT DOWN

**MERIT BADGES OFFERED**

BADGE MORNING (9 to 12) AFTERNOON (1 to 4)

FIRE SAFETY YES YES

PLUMBING YES NO

CITIZENSHIP/WORLD YES YES

MUSIC YES NO

CHESS YES YES

PETS YES YES

CITIZENSHIP/COMMUNITY YES YES

SIGNS CODES AND SIGNALS NO YES

SUSTAINABILITY YES YES

BUGLING YES YES

Each session will be an independent session, no all day sessions.

Registration will take place through Signup Genius

Class sizes are limited, and have been set by the Merit badge Counselors.

A signed “Blue card” is required to take a session.

**ALERT**: A scout may not be able to complete a badge in the time allotted and will have to follow up with the merit badge counselor. If the scout has any expectation of completing a badge he must at least have completed the prerequisites identified by the counselors. Merit badge work sheets can be used by the scouts as a work tool but will not be accepted by the counselors as work completed. Each requirement for each badge has an Action Verb associated with it and that verb directs how the requirements are to be completed. ie: discuss, visit, prepare.

**LUNCH**

A Pizza Lunch will be available consisting of 2 SLICES, A SOFT DRINK, BAG OF CHIPS AND CONDIMENTS FOR $5.00

***PREQUISITES Come With These Things Done !!***

!! Read the Merit Badge Pamphlet!!!

**BADGE**

**Bugling** – Bring Bugle, bring composition for #2b, bring note from SM for #6.

**Citizenship in the World**, re4quirements 3 4b,c, and 7.

**Sustainability**, Requirement 1, this badge will require additional work after MBD.

**Fire Safety**, Requirements 1b, 2, 4a, 4b, 6a, 6c, 12

**Citizenship in the Community**, this badge will require additional work after MBD.

**Signs Signals and Codes**, Read the MB pamphlet

**Music**, bring your instrument.

**Pets** Requirement 1,2.

**Plumbing**, requirements 1b,2aq,2b.

**Chess,** Read the MB phamphlet.

THIS IS A CLASS “A” EVENT

EACH SCOUT MUST BRING THE NECESSARY SIGNED Blue Card(s) for the badges.

TO SIGN UP – LOG ONTO SIGNUP GENIUS AT [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0A4BA9AB2BA5FC1-white5](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0A4BA9AB2BA5FC1-white5)

Select the sessions you want and indicate if you will be buying lunch.

In the event that a session is full you can place your name on a waiting list by sending your contact information and merit badge needed to

 Whiteoakadv@aol.com

Questions or concerns, please call John Wnek at 301-728-2858.

**> > > > > Mental Health First Aid**

 **What:** Training in First Aid for Emotional emergencies

 **When:** Saturday 27 January 2018 8am to 4:30pm

 **Where:** : Grace United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

 **Who:** Intended for adults who deal with adolescent s , or older teens.

 **How Do & How Much:** Contact Walter Skaja <walter\_skaja@verizon.net>

**What is Mental Health First Aid? See the attachment…**

 **> > > > Leave No Trace ? Is that possible?** We think so…

 **What:** Leave No Trace Train the Trainer Course

 **When and Where and How and Who:**

13-15 April Isaac Walton, Germantown, MD.

 <https://scoutingevent.com/082-LNTTR>
 Paul Schimke, paul@schimke.org c: 301.906.0069

21-22 April Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA.

 <https://scoutingevent.com/082-16172>
 Victor Bieniek, vbieniek@gmail.com, c: 703.855.8428

 19-20 May Bryans Road, (Accokeek)MD.

 [https://scoutingevent.com/082-SouthMD](https://scoutingevent.com/082-SouthMD%20) Mike Strong, stronbsart@gmail.com C: 301.861.6568

**Why and Who:** This course will train adults and youth aged 14+ to serve their units

and districts as **Leave No Trace Trainers** and **Outdoor Ethics Trainers.** The Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venture and Sea Scout all have stewardship and care of the environment as part of their program.

This course will enhance your understanding of **Leave No Trace** practices and **outdoor ethics**, increase your knowledge, give you the techniques and confidence in teaching these skills. This is not a “Classroom” course. Taught out doors, in active and highly interactive activities ,you will be introduced to concepts and methods that will advance your knowledge of Leave No Trace issues in both front and back country environments, expand your repertoire of low-impact skills, and increase your effectiveness in teaching these important skills to others. And you might have fun doing it.

 Every Unit should have a trained Scout LNT instructor. Should it be you?

Some Scout could become **YOUR** Scout Troop Instructor!

 \*\*\* The Next Classes will be scheduled in September. \*\*\*

 **Paul Schimke,** Leave No Trace Master Educator,

Maryland Leave No Trace State Advocate, Leopold Education Project Facilitator,

 Tread Trainer, NCAC Outdoor Ethics Committee, C: 301 906 0069

 > > > > > Speaking Of Training…

 Powder Horn: **High Adventure Planning, Managing, Doing…**

 **What:** Powder Horn:: Adult and Older Scout Training for High Adventure Trips

 **Where:** Camp St. Charles, 15375 Stella Maris Dr. Newberg MD 20664

 **When:** 24 – 26 August 2018

 **Who:** Any adult Scouter type person and Scouts over 14 years old

who are tired of the same old same old camping trips.

**Why:** You were never limited to going only to Philmont.

**How Much & How Do:** Check the website:

 <https://www.ncacbsa.org/training/powder-horn>

 < > < > < And the Famous **Wood Badge**

 **What:** Wood Badge, *the* leader training

 **Where:** Camp Snyder (to start with), your home town,

and various other sites “depending”..

 **When:** Two choices, to start with (the whole thing takes awhile):

 Spring course: **April 26 – 28 & May 31 – June 2 (Sunday friendly)**

Fall Course: **September 7 - 9 & October 12 – 14**

**Who & Why:** Any Adult Scouter (Cub, Boy, Venture, Sea, Explorer) who wants to learn

the latest in Scout theory and application, recharge your Scout batteries, and enjoy it at the same time. Group dynamics. Management. Bugling (sometimes). It is good if you have a few years experience to build on and compare to.

 **How Much & How Do**: Yes, it sounds expensive**.** Woodbadge is accepted as academic

credit by many colleges. Scholarship help is available.

Go to <https://www.ncacbsa.org/training/wood-badge/> to start.

**< > < > < > University of Scouting = 24 FEBRUARY 2018**

**Hayfield Secondary School 7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA**

**Everything Scouty for the discerning** **Scouter =**

 TRULY SOMETHING FOR EVERY SCOUT PERSON . . . Cub, Boy, Venturerer, Explorer

**Check out the course catalog = =**  [www.ncacbsa.org/uos](http://www.ncacbsa.org/uos%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank).

 << >> << >> << >> Training? What’s That?

 **More specifics about the who, what & Why**:

 <https://www.ncacbsa.org/> click on Training

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/white-oak/> scroll down the left side…

 as a last resort, “google is your friend”. If it’s a required Scouter course, you may take it in any District, not only White Oak (no matter our reputation!) Some courses will be listed, but not yet scheduled. Be patient, we are all volunteers…

 < < < < < Pine Wood Derby Season ? Yep…

 At least let the Cub HOLD the car occasionally, eh? Ideas:

 \*\* Set the rules, the Race Divisions, and hold to them.

Scout, Siblings, Adult, Unlimited, ? Up to your Pack …

 \*\* “A Scout is Trustworthy” Who really built the car, mostly?

 \*\*” A Scout is Friendly, Courteous, Kind…” You mean adults, too?? Yep.

 how do you settle disputes? Settle the standards?

 Think about these before you have to….

\*\* Handtools? Powertools? Workshops? Layout the Pit, track, etc. Practice the day

 before the event so things go smoothly.

 \*\* Lots of Youtube about PWD tips, cheats, records, but ALWAYS keep in mind,

**“It’s for the CUBS…” not for the trophies**

 **DISTRICT PWD WILL BE SCHEDULED for April?**

<http://www.smdscouts.com/scouts/forms/clients/Pinewood%20Derby%20Templates.pdf>

**> > > > Klondike Derby ! Camp Cold !**

 **What:** World Famous Klondike Derby !

 **Where:** Little Bennett State Park

 **When:** 26- 28 January, 2018

 **Why:** You have to ask ??

 **Who:** Every Scout/Venturer

 **How Do and How Much: WOW !! SOLD OUT !!**

 **Your Webelos can visit on Saturday and watch,**

 **but Troop sites are GONE !**!

 > > > > > Know A Eagle Scout Candidate?

 The **Sgt. Jack Hettchen Detachment of the Marine Corps League** **#1428** of

Twinbrook MD would like to present a “Good Citizenship” certificate to him at his Court of Honor. Michael D. Harting, Chaplain , tells us: “We find it an honor and privilege to recognize America’s future leaders for earning the Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout Award. “

 Should you like to have your Eagle receive this recognition, please contact

 Michael D. Hartig, kejhart@verizon.net

 We hope to have Scouter Hartig at our next Roundtable to talk about their organization and award.

 **> > > > BSA High Adventure, Close to Home , The Summit….**

 **River running, Rock rambling, Trail trekking, consider the possibilities….**

http://www.summitbsa.org/programs/national-high-adventure-base/high-adventure-registration/

> > > > Eagle Scout Scholarship Awards Up to $10,000.

 <https://sar.org/education/youth-contests-awards/arthur-m-berdena-king-eagle-scout-award> Worth a look . . . .

 > > > > Medical Field Scholarships :

**Nurse, Doctor, Phys Rehab, you name it .. The money is available . .**

Montgomery Medical Center Woman’s BoardMedStarMontgomery.org/Scholarship

**\* \* \* \* \* \* \* SCOUTER WANT ADDS:**

**\*\*\* Miscellaneous Scout Gear** : Troop 440 reports they have much surplus gear of various sorts to donate to a worthy Scout Unit.

 Contact the Scoutmaster: Carolyn Hoskinson ( carolyn.hoskinson@gmail.com )

 **\*\*\* Basketball hoop on steel pole** Help me take it down, it’s yours. Regulation height, it can be levered down to 5 feet high . Call James Lehman for info.

\*\*\***Flag Poles:** Several, used for CSDC, Camporees, etc. If you like, can include ropes, pulleys, clips for flags. Natural logs, 20’ long, poplar, maple, cherry, Contact James the RTC (see below)

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| Richard gokansas@comcast.netHide  |
| To  | lehmaj lehmaj@verizon.net |
| Cc  |   |
| Bcc  |   |
| Slideshow  |

You ever get the feeling there’s something MORE? Something that YOU could do, something that NEEDS to be done? Tired of the same old same old? Need a change ? A fresh, wider view point? Well, maybe here’s the chance….

**\* \* \* \* District Scouters Wanted: \* \* \* \***

**“”WHY DOESN’T SOMEBODY….”** Well, aren’t you somebody?

 You will never hear ANY WOD Scouter say “no thank you, we have enough help…”

Requirements:

1) Must want to help our Scouts hike, camp, learn, **be Scouts**.

 2) Must enjoy helping other folks gain from **YOUR** experience and knowledge.

 3) Must be willing to “put yourself out” to the Scout Units of Montgomery County .

 4) Must understand that “No Scouter is an island”.

We progress by helping each other.

**Positions available**: \*\*Order of the Arrow Advisor (speak to Dennis soon !) , \*\*Assistant Cub Scout RoundTable staff (Jeff Cohen), \*\*Assistant Boy Scout RoundTable Staff (James L.) , \*\*Camp VChair, \*\*Venture Scout RoundTabler, \*\*Explorer Scout Affairs VChair, \*\*Outdoor Ethics/LNT Coordinator,,,,
“”Special Event Organizer”” (you name it !) , District Commissioner ? ,

 **Speak to ANYONE on the list below**. You’ll be glad you did !

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To have names added or deducted from our email list OR to suggest/donate/forward stuff of interest to Scouters, Write to James Lehman, Jr., Esq. below….

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**\*>\*> The Helpful Scouters of the White Oak District <\*<\***

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 **Everything About the Scout Year** (the E.A.S.Y.) Chair: *Oh, so very vacant*