“”A little learning may be a dangerous thing, but a lot of learning may turn out to be even worse. I have tried to know absolutely nothing about a great many things, and, if I do say so myself, have succeeded fairly well. And to my avoidance of the responsibilities which go with knowledge I lay my good digestion today. I am never upset when I find that I know nothing about some given subject, because I am never surprised.””

=Robert Benchley =

**White Oak District Scout Round Table News**

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

WHEN: Second Wednesday, commencing 7:00pm for GATHERING, *Official* Stuff at 7:30pm.

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

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

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

**WHO** will show up from **YOUR** Pack? **YOUR** Troop? **YOUR** Crew?

***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>

**Where Can We Hike, Camp? Where are the GOOD places? Who’s been there, done that?**

**We have ! ! The OA Outdoor Guide . . .**

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

\* \* 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 Continuing Scouting Year !**

**Next Up:**

**13 February :: A Scout is Reverent…**

**Is that your Scout, ? Duty to God, discussion of awards, requirements,**

**Scout Sabbath ?**

**13 March : : Outdoor Ethics, Leave (little or) No Trace**

**Getting Personal** **Phew**…. Back from the Merit Badge College. Always fun and frustrating, too. Bugling MB. Why is it that some Scouts attend having NEVER made a noise , much less know how to play a tune, on their bugle/trumpet/cornet? “prerequisite? What’s that?”. And yet some come ready for a concert? Oh well. It’s fun for me none the less. And this was a new place for me, a HUGE affair, HUNDREDS of Scouts,( I only had ten) took over the WHOLE of Elkton High School. Immense coordination and planning inherent.

LOOK below for MANY opportunities. Guiding, trekking, boating, Scout training, snow shoveling….

Oh, **LAST CALL::::** ***If your Unit Is Not Fully Rechartered by February 1,*** **YOU MAY EXPECT TO NOT BE ABLE TO REGISTER SCOUTS, NOT RECEIVE BOYS LIFE, NOT AWARD ANY RANKS,,, NOT WEBELOS< NOT WOLF< NOT EAGLE. Comprende? Verstehe? Comprendre? Pahneemaht?**

**See you on the (snowy ) trail.**

**> > > > > We Need Some Philmont Scouts !**

**Troop 759 has some open spots in their Philmont Trek. They are EAGER to offer these spots to other Scouts ! Venturers ! Trek includes experienced Venture Crew leaders, eager Scouts. Details:**

**What** : Philmont Trek

**Where:** Philmont Scout Reservation, of course, New Mexico.

**When:** 18 June thru 30 June , #618-141

**Who:** Scouts, meet usual Philmont Requirements.

**How Do & How Much:** Need to pay $100 deposit ASAP ! total cost $970. In two more

installments , or all at once…PLUS transportation (TBD)…

**CONTACT ::** **STEVE EPPELEY**  ASAP ! !

[UMDHIDTA](mailto:UMDHIDTA)[@hotmail.com](mailto:UMDHIDTA@hotmail.com) 301 .774. 0830

<< >> << >> International Scouting Day At The Mexican Embassy ! !

Muy Chévere ! Scouts are invited to set foot in Mexico for half a day, learn about the nation, its culture, and its scouting program at the ***Mexican Cultural Institute*** Whether you are getting ready for the World Jamboree, or you are just interested in Mexico, do not miss this event ! **AND** it is an incredibly fun and interesting way to meet requirements for **Citizenship in the World Merit Badge** orthe **International Spirit Award.**

**What:** International Scouting Day  
**When:** February 2, 2019 from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm  
**Where:** Mexican Cultural Institute 2829 16th St., NW, Wash. DC

**By Who:** International Committee of the National Capital Area Council

and the Mexican Cultural Institute which is part of the Mexican Embassy.

**For Who:** Any Scout and Scouter escorting.   
**How Do & How Much:** $10 per participant , sign up is limited. Do it SOON !

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-25073-59795>

> > > > Journey : Life To Eagle Conference

Yes, there have been changes… Discuss the Scout’s needs and requirements

on the trail to Eagle . This is where you can have your questions answered.

**What:** Life To Eagle Conference

**When:** Sunday 10 February 2019, 1p to 4p

**Where:** Medstar Montgomery Med Center, 18101 Prince Phillip Dr. Olney MD

(look for the signs in the lobby as to what room)

**For Who:** The prospective Scout Eagle candidate and their parent

and Scout Leaders.

**Why:** Because the nuances have changed.

**How Much & How Do:** Free, bring your notebook, wear your uniform,

register by email: [WhiteOakAdv@aol.com](mailto:WhiteOakAdv@aol.com) with Scout name(s), Troop number, space MAY be limited.

**Questions? :** John Wnek, WOD Advancement VChair,

301-607-8770 or 301-728-2858. [Jwnek1007@aol.com](mailto:Jwnek1007@aol.com)

> > > > > History In The Parks is Looking For Volunteers:

Do you like History? People? The Outdoors? Hiking? We have a opportunity you need to consider ! Adults and Teens ! Gain knowledge, confidence, share your enthusiasm and gain smiling faces. Many sites around the county need help in the presentation of their history. You don’t get this stuff in school !

**What:** Volunteer Recruitment Fair

**Where:** Olney Community Library, 3500 Olney/Laytonsville Rd.

**When:** Saturday, 19 January, 10:30a to 1:30p.

**Why:** Talk to folks about the many opportunities in our county. Yes,

you can do this. Teenagers: SSL hours qualified.

**Where again:** possible sites: \*\*Kingsley Schoolhouse, \*\*Josiah Henson Park,

\*\*Oakley Cabin,\*\* Woodlawn Manor Cultural Park, \*\* Woodlawn Museum, \*\*The Underground RailRoad Experience Trail, \*\* the Ag. History Farm Park.

**How Do & How Much:** FREE, open house thing, talk to folks,

come when you can, schedule training, get a cool hat…

No Harm In talking to folks….

**Info? Contact**  Shirl Spicer, TEL: 301-650-4384 | FAX: 301-650-4379

[www.montgomeryparks.org/activities/history-in-the-parks/](http://www.montgomeryparks.org/activities/history-in-the-parks/)

<< >> << >> Messing About In Boats

If you will cast your mind back a few months, we had a visit from the U S Coast Guard about boat safety, Jean and Gordon Riel . They are still very willing to come and speak to YOUR Scout Unit. Here is their info:

Jean Riel, CGA Public Education Officer for CGA Flotilla 24-01.Maryland Boating Safely Course and Training  Contact:  [jeanpitt3@aol.com](mailto:jeanpitt3@aol.com)

**AND . . . Info about Sea Scouts** (wanna form a Ship ?)

**Bruce Johnson,**District Sea Scout Liaison,

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<< >> << >> << A Scout Is Helpful

**Your Pack/Troop/Crew can lend a hand.**

**Many possibilities for the**

**“MLK Day Of Service” 21 January 2019 and later . . .**

**This is the Main Page:** <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteercenter/volunteers/MLK.html>

**This is for Olney area:**

<https://montgomerycountymd.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=388784>

**This is for “Silver Spring” and elsewhere:** <https://montgomerycountymd.galaxydigital.com/need/>

>> << >> << Blood Drive In Cooperation with MLK Day of Service:

If you are old enough (18 and up, 16 with Parent permission) consider a blood donation. Might take an hour, max, if things are not busy. Easy, worthwhile…

**What:** Red Cross Blood Drive

**When:** Monday 21 January 2019, 10am to 2pm.

**Where:** Shaare Tefila Congregation, 16620 Georgia Ave. Olney MD

**Why:** Because it could save YOUR life, or someone you know.

**How Much & How Do:** No bucks, maybe an hour of your time. You may just “show up”,

but they do appreciate folks making an appointment: Phone 1.800.RED.CROSS or website: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter ””Shaare Tefila Congregation””

> > > > > Klondike Derby ! Winter Camping !

**What:** Famous Klondike Derby, Potomac District.

**When:** Friday 25 thru Sunday 27 January 2019 KD will happen , snow or no…

Major Blizzard? cancelation announced by email etc…

**Where:** Little Bennett County Park, 23701 Frederick Rd. Clarksville MD

**What & Why:** A good excuse to go camping, the Patrol Skill Challenge,

bragging rights, comraderie…

**Who Do:** Scouts , **Organization is By Patrol !**

**How Do & How Much:** Scouts, READ the whole thing ! **Patrol Leaders** READ the WHOLE

Thing ! ADULTS read the WHOLE THING !

Call up <https://scoutingevent.com/082-24150>

NOTE the forms in the lower right corner…

**WOOL SOCKS** !

> > > > > > Scout Led? ABSOLUTELY !

National Youth Leadership Training :

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/training/national-youth-leadership-training/>

**This is the ultimate Scout training around. Two heavy duty weekends. Your SPLs and Troop Guides and Instructors and PLs and APLs …. any Scout aspiring to greatness should consider it. Ideas for the Troop when they return? Resume for school? Apply to life? I should hope so. Excuse for camping? Of course. Make new friends? Added plus !**

**(Hint: They need a Bugler)**

Scouter Classifieds

\*\* Still got a **Full Size Basketball outdoor pole, fiberglass backboard, hoop and net.**

Good condition. Help me pull it out of the ground (PLEASE !) , it’s yours. Call James Lehman.

\*\* Still some more **small trees and saplings** to cut down. Contact James Lehman for

availability. Flag poles, lashing practice, hiking staves, etc.

\*\*\* Firewood future: Contact James L., we may have lots of cordwood to dispose of in the near future. Either the Arborist, or you can haul it away…

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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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<https://www.ncacbsa.org/white-oak/roundtable/boy-scout-roundtable/jim-lehman-newsletter/>

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**Everything About the Scout Year** (the **EASY** Chair?): *Oh, so very vacant*