Upcoming Events (Training Events in RED)

February
15 BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) in AT District
16 Inter Troop Sports Event (Dodgeball), contact shawnyoungberg@comcast.net
21 Little Philmont LDS
24 District Committee Mtg, 7:30pm, 199 North Place, Frederick, 21701 david.place@Scouting-cmd.org
25 District Eagle Board by appointment only, contact nfeldser@comcast.net
28 University of Scouting in Alexandria, VA

March
7 Super Derby, contact derby@pack1070.org
7 First Aid Meet, contact lewcar@comcast.net
10 Roundtable (Boy Scout/Cub Scout/OA) 7:15pm at LDS Stake Center, 199 North Place, Frederick. Training at RT: CSLST, BSLST, Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Climb On Safely or Trek Safely, Training sessions made available by contacting mudrat@erols.com
12 Commissioner’s Meeting, 7:30pm 199 North Place, Frederick contact cmdcommissioner@aol.com
13 Catoctin Mountain District Film Festival, contact cpaulsmith@verizon.net
14 Commissioner College
20-22 Wood Badge Camp Snyder
21 Spring Super Training, contact mudrat@erols.com
24 District Committee Mtg, 7:30pm, 199 North Place, Frederick, 21701 david.place@Scouting-cmd.org
25 District Eagle Board by appointment only, contact nfeldser@comcast.net

April
10-12 Iron Chef Camporee
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17-19 Wood Badge Camp Snyder
24-26 OA Ordeal
28 District Committee Mtg, 7:30pm, 199 North Place, Frederick, 21701 david.place@Scouting-cmd.org
29 District Eagle Board by appointment only, contact nfeldser@comcast.net
30 Wood Badge Camp Snyder through May 2
**From the Desk of the Commish:**
By Bill Desmond, District Commissioner

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following District Units for achieving Gold, Silver or Bronze level *Journey to Excellence* (JTE) performance recognition in 2014:

**Packs:** 270 (G), 271 (G), 280 (G), 281 (B), 324 (S), 628 (G), 727 (S), 886 (G), 1055 (G), 1069 (G), 1628 (G), 1998 (G) [12 of 20]  
**Troops:** 48 (G), 168 (G), 274 (G), 324 (G), 470 (G), 628 (G), 727 (G), 799 (G), 886 (B), 1011 (G), 1070 (G), 1191 (G), 1274 (S), 1636 (G), 1998 (G) [15 of 23]  
**Teams:** 324 (G), 886 (B) [2 of 7]  
**Ships:** 37 (S), 59 (G) [100%]  
**Crews:** 270 (G), 324 (G), 758 (G), 886 (B) [4 of 11]  

The 2015 JTE criteria should be an element of consideration by units in their annual planning meetings. JTE provides important emphasis for your unit’s program year and a benchmark for evaluation on how well your unit is doing compared to other units in the District, Council and nationally. JTE also provides early warning in areas that may not be performing as expected and guidance on how units can do better. Our new Assistant District Commissioner for JTE, Paul Smith, will be promoting the benefits of the program throughout the course of the year and is available to answer questions on JTE.

One of my personal areas of emphasis is to try to convince units to report **SERVICE HOURS**. I know that most units are doing service projects, but reporting has consistently been under reported. It is so easy. There is a JTE service hour reporting site that not only tracks service hours during the year, but also establishes “JTE credit” for the activity. Do a search on “BSA service hour reporting” to get to the site. It is so easy, even I can do it.

Here’s another **SHOUT OUT** to the 11 units, which have perfect Roundtable attendance for the cycle beginning in August: Packs: 270, 628 Ship: 59 Troops: 168, 270, 274, 324, 799, 1070, 1274, 1636

If Roundtable is not meeting your needs, let us know and we will adjust the program. Better still, volunteer to become a Roundtable Commissioner or Roundtable staff member and help influence the programs offered.

Advancement by a Scout is a means for personal growth and each rank is designed to educate and expand the Scout’s horizons. Advancements are also an important metric on the quality of the program we are providing our Scouts. Troop 1191 led the District with 26 total advancements in 2014. **Way to go Troop 1191**. On the other hand, 7 of our 23 Troops had 5 or less advancements during all of 2014. **In January 2015, Troop 168, Troop 470, Troop 886 and Troop 1998 registered Scout advancements. Scoutmasters and Unit Advancement Chairs are requested during February to take a close look at every Scout’s advancement status and see what needs to be accomplished to get the lad get to the next level and beyond during 2015.**

There is still time to register for the University of Scouting on February 28. On-line registration closes on February 20 at which time tuition rises from $30 to $45. Every Scout deserves a well-trained leader.
There was a question at January Roundtable as to transition date for the new Cub Scout Program. Council advises that it is, as advertised, scheduled for June 1, 2015.

**MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR TRAINING**

**Who:** Current and prospective Merit Badge Counselors

**What:** This training (BSA Course D-76) fulfills the training requirement for merit badge counselors and provides background, processes and procedures for counseling merit badges.

**When:** Saturday, March 21, 2105 at District Super Training Day

**Time:** 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

**Where:** LDS Stake Center, 199 North Place, Frederick, MD 21701

**Prerequisite:** Merit Badge Counselors must be registered with the District. New Merit Badge Counselors must submit an adult application, together with a certificate of completion of Youth Protection Training. In addition to the above requirements, Merit Badge Counselors must submit the Merit Badge Counselor Information Form (BSA form 34405) and be approved by the District and Council.

**What to bring?** Notebook and writing instrument. Class A uniform is not required, but is encouraged.

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**Pre-registration by email is requested by March 17, 2015. Please include the following information:**

Name__________________________________________ Home Phone # (_____)____________

E-mail: __________________________________________________________________________

Home address________________________________________ City_______________State_____Zip_______

Registered BSA Position __________________ BSA ID#_____________ District _______________

***************Include “MBC Training” in the subject line of the

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT:**
Bill Desmond, Merit Badge Dean
Catoctin Mountain District
Email: CMDCommissioner@aol.com
Merit Badge Trivia – submitted by Bill Desmond, District Merit Badge Dean

First Aid and Swimming Merit Badges continue to be the most popular in recently released merit badge data. Following in the top ten are: E-Science, Citizenship in the World, Citizenship in the Nation, Camping, Communications, Citizenship in the Community, Personal Fitness and Family Life. It is no coincidence that the top ten (actually top 13) are all Eagle required merit badges. During this period, the number of Scouts receiving Cooking Merit Badge more than doubled, when this merit badge was added to the “required” list. The least sought after merit badges were: Programming, Bugling, Sustainability and American Business.

New merit badges projected for release in 2015 are: Signs, Signals and Codes, Animation, and Exploration. Also in the pipeline are: a major updating of Photography, Biometrics, Computer Aided Design, Advanced Computing and Life Skills (this is the only working title).

Merit Badge Counselors are reminded that Council periodically purges the roles of approved counselors for two primary reasons: lapsed YPT and failure to be trained. Merit Badge Counselor Orientation (BSA Course D76) will be offered at Super Training Day coming in March. If you have not yet received this training or want a refresher, please join us. See flyer on the preceding page.

In NCAC, the Catoctin Mountain District reporting code is “41.” The first person to send me an email naming the 41st most popular merit badges will earn a very nice Scouting prize. My email is: cmdcommissioner@aol.com. Please put “Merit Badge # 41” in the subject line.

Finally, BSA has begun a new electronic newsletter for Merit Badge Counselors called the Counselor’s Compass. The first edition of the newsletter and information on the subscription process can be found at: http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/Resources.aspx

KEY 3 +3 submitted by David Place, District Chairman

Did you know you can now update training records and other essential information for your unit? Did you know, besides your Key 3 you can also add the additional people to help enter and manage those records? It's called the "Key 3 +3" in the my.Scouting Tools. If you are a Key 3 in your unit (Unit Leader, Committee Chair or Charter Org. Rep.) you should already have access to these tools. And you have the authority and access to grant the Key 3 Delegates (the +3) access to the tools. If you've never done this before, there is a document to show you how right HERE. (http://www.scouting.org/filestore/idg/Security_Manager.pdf) Need more help? Contact your Unit Commissioner!
**Scouting Updates** from David Place, District Chairman

**SCOUTINGWIRE:** A new resource for all Scouters was unveiled at the national committee meetings this week: Scoutingwire (not to be confused with Scout Wire). The URL is [http://scoutingwire.org/](http://scoutingwire.org/) and you can subscribe to regular updates. This new website and newsletter is a resource for Scouting volunteers and covers a broad range of topics. The new resource will keep you up-to-date with breaking Scouting news!


**COUNSELOR’S COMPASS:** All new Newsletter for Merit Badge Counselors. You can see it by using the following link: [http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-937_Dec2014.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-937_Dec2014.pdf) and there are details in the issue on how to subscribe and have the newsletter automatically emailed to you with each edition released.

**VENTURING UPDATES:** With the release of the new program updates, there are lots of questions regarding the Venturing program. Here are a few answers to the most commonly asked queries …

**Training:** There is now training for Crew advisors and the Crew committee. Our District Training Training syllabi can be found at [www.scouting.org/training/adult](http://www.scouting.org/training/adult). (Venturing Advisor Position Specific and Crew Committee Challenge). In the new award structure, Venturers are to complete some new training courses. They can be found at [www.scouting.org/training/youth](http://www.scouting.org/training/youth). These trainings are:

- Goal Setting/Time Management (now available)
- Project Management (coming soon)
- Mentoring (now available).

**JUST OUT:** Venturers working towards the Venturing Pathfinder Award will not have to complete the Project Management Training as stated in requirement 2. Beginning June 1, 2015, the Project Management Training will be reinstated as a requirement for the Venturing Pathfinder Award. There is also a complete and recently updated FAQ available dated January 27, 2015 at [http://www.scouting.org/filestore/venturing/pdf/VenturingFAQs.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/venturing/pdf/VenturingFAQs.pdf).

**The New Cub Scout Program**

There seems to be a bit of confusion with the new Cub Scout program and when it starts. All traditional unit Cub Scouts beginning with the rank of Tiger (no longer Tiger Cub program), Wolf, Bear or Webelos starting on June 1, 2015 are to use the new materials exclusively when the new Cub Scout program year starts. Current (right now, in 4th grade) Webelos Den Leaders have the option of using the old materials for the last year of their program (2015-2016) OR switch to the new Arrow of Light program. Additionally, the ONLY program who can use the OLD program requirements past June 1st, 2015 are those Scouts in LDS units where moving to the new rank book happens on the Scout's next birthday, not on June 1. In the case of LDS, ALL Scouts must transition to the new program on or before May 31st, 2016. If you have any questions on this, please feel free to contact me. [David.Place@scouting-cmd.org](mailto:David.Place@scouting-cmd.org).

**Cub Scout Program Updates for 2015**
[https://app.box.com/s/w8ksb3rvowgl7wj32dmax1lj8hmuja0l7](https://app.box.com/s/w8ksb3rvowgl7wj32dmax1lj8hmuja0l7)
Wood Badge for the 21st Century submitted by Billy Noland

There are three course offerings in 2015:

- March 20-22 and April 17-19. Scoutmaster: Cliti Shafer
- April 30-May 2 and May 28-30 (Sunday friendly) Scoutmaster: Doug Brisson
- September 11-13 and October 10-12 Scoutmaster Jack Culver

Participants must attend both weekends. Use the link below to view the tri-fold brochure for the course. 
First Aid Meet

Saturday
March 7
5:30pm

Calvary Assembly of God
8234 Woodsboro Pike
Walkersville, MD

For Applications & Rules go to:
https://app.box.com/s/z9lielerqcm6obrk87uhcblssnrowi5m

Questions? Contact lewcar@comcast.net

All 24 patrol slots have been filled. You can register to be on standby.

In order to practice for the First Aid Meet, the scenarios from previous meets have been made available. You can access the practice scenarios by using the link below.
http://www.ncacbsa.org/members/group_content_view.asp?group=114091&id=483212
Enrich Your Scouting Winter Program by Fred Broadrup

This is the best snow sports program for your Scouts. Learn to ski and or snowboard with the Night Card Program. This card is good for use at Liberty, White Tail and Roundtop from January 2nd, 2015 until the resorts close in the spring. The card can be used every day from 4 pm until closing with unlimited use all season long.

Friends and family members, not just Scouts, can participate in this program. The unit can also use this as a fundraiser. Every 16th card is free. This fee can be written back to your unit by me for unit purposes. For applications or questions, contact me, Fred Broadrup, BSA Ship 59 (cell) 301-606-1878

CAMP AIRY 2015

We’re getting ready for camp. Are you?

When: Camper Dates - Mon 8/10 – Sat 8/15
Staff Dates - Mon 8/10 - Sun 8/16

LATEST INFORMATION AND FORMS CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.AIRYBSA.ORG

CAMP AIRY STAFF INTERVIEWS

!!! NOTE THAT THE TWO INTERVIEW DAYS ARE HELD AT DIFFERENT LOCATIONS !!!

When: Saturday, 3/7/15  9:00am-1:00pm
Where: Cavalry Assembly of God Church, 8234 Woodsboro Pike, Walkersville, MD

Sunday, 3/8/15  1:00pm-5:00pm
Where: Point of Rocks Community Center, 1635 Ballenger Creek Pike, Point of Rocks, MD

Required: Complete staff application (including Scoutmaster recommendation) and mail it to Diane Henson. Indicate your preferred session day, but you can attend either date. Come to interviews in full class A BSA uniform. Must be 14 years old by camp.

CAMP AIRY ADULT STAFF OPENINGS – We are looking for additional adult staff members to support our Scout campers for the week. Some positions are non-teaching roles. If interested, please complete the Adult Staff Application Form at airybsa.org and/or contact Kurt or Nick.

CAMP DIRECTOR 2015 – Kurt Yankaskas  MrNoise1@aol.com
PROGRAM DIRECTOR 2015 - Nick Maliszewskyj  mbdoctor@comcast.net
Race against other Packs in Catoctin Mountain District’s Super Derby!

The cost is **$60 per Pack ($40 for LDS units)**. The top **four** cars from every Pack in each of the racing divisions listed below are eligible to participate. If additional Scouts would like to participate the cost is **$5 per car**.

Super Derby will be held on **Saturday, March 8**. Registration and race times are:

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*We expect to have two registration tables open. We will be registering Tigers and Cubs first. When one of these groups finishes registration, we will begin registering Webelos.*

Super Derby will be held at **St. Timothy’s Roman Catholic Church**, 8651 Biggs Ford Road in Walkersville. Concessions will be available for purchase, proceeds to support the church’s youth.

Please register your Pack by sending payment (made out to Pack 1070) to Richard Sims, 206 Polaris Dr., Walkersville, MD 21793 by **February 20th, 2015**.

Super Derby rules and information can be found at superderby.pack1070.org

If you have questions or are interested in assisting with the event, please contact Richard Sims at derby@pack1070.org
Religious Emblems Orientation and Training

**Announcing:** An orientation and training course for counselors, mentors, lay leaders, REC’s and other adults for the *God and Country/PRAY Awards Program*, the religious emblems program used by Protestant and Christian Churches.

Training covers the *God and Country Program/PRAY Awards* series, the roles and responsibilities of program leaders and counselors, & Religious Emblem Coordinators use of the program in churches, schools, Girl Scouts, Cub and Boy Scouts, and Campfire groups. Plus overview of duties of Religious Emblems Coordinators. Participants get a thick notebook of info/resources to take home.

**Who:** Youth ministers, seminarians, lay leaders, volunteer and professional Cub and Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Campfire groups, Trail Life, parents, and religious leaders of Protestant and Christian denominations and faiths. Home School leaders. Unit & District Religious Emblems Coordinators. (Adults only.)

**When:** March 14, 2015: 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Lunch provided. **Check-in:** 9-9:20am. (Assignments to do before class)

**Where:** Groveton Baptist Church, 6511 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, Virginia.

**Directions:** From the Washington Beltway, either before or after the Wilson Bridge, take the Fort Belvoir South Exit, Route 1 South. Proceed south about two miles. The Church is on the left, pass Krispy Krême Donuts and get in left lane, church is across the highway from Target. (Use entrance A at front of church.)

**Cost:** $20.00 per participant. Make checks payable to PCOS – NCAC. *God and Country Program/PRAY* series booklets will be available for review and purchase. Please bring about 20 clear page protector sheets. (If you need morning coffee/tea please bring your own. Nothing provided until lunch.)

**Registration:** Mail the below clip-off registration form and check to arrive by **Feb 28, 2015** to: Mary Elizabeth Castles, 3417 Collard Street, Alexandria, Va. 22306-1426

For additional information contact Mary Elizabeth Castles at 703-765-0855 mecastles@yahoo.com.

(Print carefully)

| Name: ________________________________ | Phone: H________ C________ |
|_____________________________|
| Address: ____________________________________________________________ |
| ____________________________ |

Church Affiliation: __________________________________________________________

Name of Church or organization

**Scout Unit/ Organization: _______________________________**

Pack, Troop, Crew, Girl Scouts and Unit Number

| Home Email: ________________________________ | Scout District __________________________ |
|_____________________________|
| Favorite Pizza: ___Pepperoni, ___Sausage, ___Cheese, ___ Veggie |

Comments: ________________________________________________________________
"Troop 491: The Adventures of the Muddy Lions" is the story of Tristan, a boy coping with life in the inner-city projects. His mother enrolls him in Boy Scouting in an effort to keep him off the streets. But when Tristan witnesses a homicide, a local thug demands his silence. Now he must learn, with the help of his new friends, that doing the right thing isn’t always easy. Will he follow the code of the streets or the code of the Boy Scouts?

The movie’s powerful story contains messages that resonate with today’s youth. Since the release of “Troop 491,” numerous Scouting councils have planned local showings to help with membership recruitment and new-unit development in urban and inner-city areas.

Forget what the flyer says, you can place your orders for this recruitment kit to use with your Troop NOW as well as download a lot of useful information and recruitment materials! The kits are only $3 and include a special Scout edition of the DVD! See all the details at http://bsamuddylions.org/ and orders can be placed through http://bsamuddylions.org/councils/ (submitted by David Place).
The Personal Management Merit Badge flyer is available at
https://app.box.com/s/2x9gw602ck65xnxnn9zp4cnizzp2rzup

The Personal Management Merit Badge Workbook is available at
https://app.box.com/s/u4fy3vmqpx1050867omfldv4ncfasanb

The Personal Management Merit Badge Troop Registration form
https://app.box.com/s/rckdsbxq130a26rsfnk4jj1wf6av4ljq
Boy Scouts of America
National Capital Area Council
Catoctin Mountain District
Inter-unit Sports Committee
Presents

2015 Chess Tournament

When (1): Wednesday, April 1st, 2015
When (2): Doors Open 0800, Tournament begins at 0900 (expect to be completed by 4 pm)
Where: LDS Stake Center; 199 North Place, Frederick, MD 21703
How Much: $5 per scout (for tournament operating costs)
Lunch: Bring your own OR $5 for pizza and Gatorade

**** PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED. March 15, 2015 Deadline for registration ****

The venue can only support a total of 80 players; please register early!!

Individual and Troop Awards:
Trophies for top 20% Individuals per section (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc)
Trophies for top three troops (teams) represented in each section
Participation recognition for everyone (certificate)

Players will be arranged in the following sections:

Novice: New and/or some experience playing chess (5 rounds SS, G30, no delay, no notation)
Advanced: Experienced playing chess (5 rounds SS, G30+5, notation and/or clock opt)

Teams are made up of 2 or more players from the same troop playing in the same section.
It is not necessary to designate teams as players will be sorted automatically into teams
based on their troop. Points are awarded to teams based on the top 4 players on each
team, so it is in the best interest of the troop to register 4 or more players in each section
to be competitive for the troop awards.

The CMT District Inter-Unit Sports Committee is asking that each unit that registers any
scouts ALSO send ONE (1) Adult Leader OR Parent to help with scoring, judging, or simply
helping elsewhere with the Tournament. It takes your volunteer participation to make
sure the scouts have a great experience and we need your help. Thank you.

To Register and for more information contact:
Mr. Gary Waguespack
(240) 405-6232
gary.waguespack@comcast.net

**** Registration Deadline is March 15, 2015 ****

*** Mr. Waguespack is also offering the Chess Merit Badge. Please contact Mr. Waguespack for more
details and/or signing up for counseling.
Only
1200 In-Council Spaces Available!

Sign Up As Soon As Possible For The Last Of The 3 Hikes That Make Up The H.O.S.T.

May 23-25, 2015
The Inaugural Weekend Of The James E. West Hike

Sign Up At:
www.NCACbsa.org/HOST

~ Registration NOW OPEN! Only $10 per person
~ Approx. 5.5 Miles - All Near The National Mall
~ An Official OA 100th Anniversary Event
~ Earn A Special Numbered James E. West/OA Inaugural Medal
~ All 300 Other Councils & Lodges Invited To Participate
~ Working With National Indian Museum
~ 1 Service Hour & OA 100th Anniv. Award Credit Given
~ Only Approx. 50 Spaces Per District Avail. - Sign Up FAST
~ Scouts, Scouters, Friends, Family & Non-Scouts Can Register!

Register On NCAC Website Now Or For More Info Contact: HOST-bsa.info@gmail.com
**District Marketing Team- A Call for Photos**
The CMD Marketing Team is in need of any pictures from Scout Sunday services or Blue & Gold celebrations. If you have photos to share, please ensure that releases have been secured for all persons and forward them to Belinda Matlock at bmatesq@gmail.com.

**Peace Light Comes to Frederick** submitted by Belinda Matlock
For over a thousand years lamps have been continuously lit in the Grotto of the Nativity in Bethlehem Israel. Christians believe that this is the birth place of Jesus of Nazareth. For the last 29 years, a child from Upper Austria has lit two blast proof miner’s lamps from the grotto lamp. These lamps represent the message of peace that Jesus shared for all people. As they are shared, they are kept burning continuously for the entire Christmas Season. The head of security for Austrian Airlines carries the lit lanterns from Vienna, Austria to New York City, so that the light can be shared with the scouts of the United States. Over the last several years the light has been shared with people at Ground Zero, Sandy Hook Elementary School, and Columbia Mall. In addition it has been shared at countless churches of every denomination, prisons, nursing facilities and individual families. This year Scout leaders from Troop 1274, St. John the Evangelist, traveled to New York to receive the light so that it could be shared with Scouts in the Frederick area and the Archdiocese of Baltimore. With the help of the scouts in Troop 1274, a distribution ceremony held at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church which allowed Scouts and non-Scouts to receive the light and share it within their communities. The light and its message of peace will return to New York next December, and there tradition of a distribution ceremony will continue.
Venturing in Frederick County

The Venturing program is very active in Frederick County. Use the links below to access information about their many activities.

- **Forum IV**  [https://app.box.com/s/mfki800mivuygpdp393kc56ogglf87nh](https://app.box.com/s/mfki800mivuygpdp393kc56ogglf87nh)
- **FCVOA Blurb**  [https://app.box.com/s/lzfykboku52oz8kq89hih0uvc5n8i4qz](https://app.box.com/s/lzfykboku52oz8kq89hih0uvc5n8i4qz)
- **FCVOA ILSC Training flyer**  [https://app.box.com/s/2mbugq1vov1e6itithc5lfu2icgtka1n](https://app.box.com/s/2mbugq1vov1e6itithc5lfu2icgtka1n)
- **General Venturing Information**  [http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Venturing.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Venturing.aspx)

International Scouting News Submitted by Shawn Youngberg

The January issue of International Scouting News is available at [https://app.box.com/s/1dg8mgjl722j7d4k5ut6trydmzzg54fd](https://app.box.com/s/1dg8mgjl722j7d4k5ut6trydmzzg54fd)

Sea Scout Wardroom Dinner submitted by Belinda Matlock

On January 10th, 2015, the National Capital Area Council Squadron held its annual Wardroom Dinner. The Wardroom Dinner is an annual awards dinner for the 15 Sea Scouts Ships in the NCAC Squadron. This year one of Catoctin Mountain Districts own, Ordinary Scout Mercedes Matlock, Boatswain of Ship 59, was recognized as NCAC’s Outstanding Sea Scout of the Year. In 2014, Mercedes participated in the International William I Koch Cup Regatta, graduated the Seattle SEAL Course (earning the 2014 SEAL National Marlin Spike Award), was youth director of Camp Lifeguard and was on staff at Camp Airy. Other Awardees were Ship 1942 (2014 National Flag Ship) Outstanding Ship of the year; Dan O’Niel, Outstanding Skipper of the year; Henry Darron (Ship 191) Outstanding Boatswain of the year, and Ann Darron (Ship 191) Outstanding Sea Scouter of the Year. Congratulations to all of the award recipients.
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WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU WITH PRESS RELEASES FOR PRINT, TELEVISION AND RADIO MEDIUMS...

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JUST SEND US AN EMAIL AT BMATESQ@GMAIL AND TELL US YOUR MARKETING NEEDS!!!
Join us and plan to hold your competition’s feet to the fire as you compete for top chef honors!

There will be 3 meals plus a dessert to show off your patrols mad cooking skills. One meal and dessert must use some type of cast iron, but the rest is up to you. There will also be a number seminars to attend (and gain points!) to learn the skills that you need to make the best of cooking – at home, in camp and on the trail!
DE Gets Water Ballooned! Submitted by Melony Bloxsom

Apparently Mychal Tamillow, our District Executive, did not fully understand what he was getting into when he did a Friends of Scouting presentation for Pack 1069 recently. He ended up facing the firing squad water balloon popcorn prize event!

You’re a good sport, Mychal.

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**Tidbits**

- **Delaplaine Dinner Video**

- **2014 Outdoor Ethics Conference**

- **Gathering of Eagles** will be held Wednesday May 13th 6pm at Dutch’s Daughter Restaurant

- **Frederick County Dance** will be held on Friday May 15th at the LDS Stake Center from 8-10:30pm. Age 14 and older. Sponsored by the Gathering of Eagles.


- **District Swim Meet** will be held March 13 from 7-9pm at Middletown High School. For more information go to [https://app.box.com/s/y67kw9frnf3axa93870qz997v3y9ifrz](https://app.box.com/s/y67kw9frnf3axa93870qz997v3y9ifrz) or contact Mike Turell mturell@erols.com 301-371-5412

- **University of Maryland Scout Overnighter** will be on Friday, September 18th and Saturday, September 19th for our game vs. University of South Florida! Time TBD.
• **Learn Gardening from Master Gardeners** April 18 from 9-1:30pm. Offers Gardening and Plant Science Merit Badges. For full details, go to [http://extension.umd.edu/growit/montgomery-county-vegetable-gardening-classes-and-events](http://extension.umd.edu/growit/montgomery-county-vegetable-gardening-classes-and-events)

Any requirements not covered during these sessions can be completed with a Catoctin Mountain District Merit Badge counselor.

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