



# The Blue Blaze

The Catoclin Mountain District's News Source

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*The Mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.*

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## Upcoming Events (Training Events in RED)

### March

- 20-22 **Wood Badge** Camp Snyder
- 21 **Spring Super Training**, contact [mudrat@erols.com](mailto:mudrat@erols.com)
- 24 District Committee Mtg, 7:30pm, 199 North Place, Frederick, 21701  
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- 25 District Eagle Board by appointment only, contact [nfeldser@comcast.net](mailto:nfeldser@comcast.net)



### April

- 10-12 Cast Iron Chef Camporee, contact [Julie.bostian@troop270.com](mailto:Julie.bostian@troop270.com)
- 14 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](mailto:mudrat@erols.com)
- 14 Award nominations for the District Dinner are due
- 16 Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm 199 North Place, Frederick contact [cmdcommissioner@aol.com](mailto:cmdcommissioner@aol.com)
- 17-19 **Wood Badge** Camp Snyder
- 19 District Dinner, Thurmont American Legion 3pm, contact [layman274@gmail.com](mailto:layman274@gmail.com) or 301-788-7496  
**Please note: This is a change in date, time and place.**
- 24-26 OA Ordeal
- 28 District Committee Mtg, 7:30pm, 199 North Place, Frederick, 21701 [david.place@Scouting-cmd.org](mailto:david.place@Scouting-cmd.org)
- 29 District Eagle Board by appointment only, contact [nfeldser@comcast.net](mailto:nfeldser@comcast.net)
- 30 **Wood Badge** Camp Snyder through May 2

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- 13 Gathering of Eagles
- 14 Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm 199 North Place, Frederick contact [cmdcommissioner@aol.com](mailto:cmdcommissioner@aol.com)
- 15 Frederick County Dance
- 15-17 **Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)**, contact [wklohr@gmail.com](mailto:wklohr@gmail.com)
- 16 Citizenship Merit Badge Day
- 26 District Committee Mtg, 7:30pm, 199 North Place, Frederick, 21701 [david.place@Scouting-cmd.org](mailto:david.place@Scouting-cmd.org)
- 27 District Eagle Board by appointment only, contact [nfeldser@comcast.net](mailto:nfeldser@comcast.net)
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## From the Desk of the Commish:

The Boy Scouts of America celebrated the anniversary of its incorporation in Washington, DC, on February 8. BSA has been providing value based character development, citizenship training and personal fitness programs for America's youth since 1910. Seems like just the other day B-P and I were discussing the great future potential of the organization. Our mission today remains as relevant and as important as it was in 1910 – helping to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.



Our founding day anniversary this year fell on Scout Sunday, a day when many units recognize a Scout's duty to God. Let me also quickly point out that some faiths celebrate Scout Sabbath on February 14. Did you know that over 70% of scouting units nationally are sponsored by faith-based organizations? In his book *Scouting for Boys* (1908) Lord Robert S. S. Baden-Powell (B-P) said: "No man is much good unless he believes in God and obeys His laws. So every Scout should have a religion...Religion seems a very simple thing: first, love and serve God. Second, love and serve your neighbor." B-P believed that religion reinforced Scouting values and vice versa.



On Scout Sunday, I was thinking about the BSA **RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS** program. I have no data as to how many of our youth (or adults) earn religious recognition each year, but I would like to encourage greater awareness and participation in the various faith-based programs. For our Cub Scouts, most of the awards can be done in the family setting and don't take a great deal of time to earn. For Boy Scouts and Venturers, some require participation in formal, instructor led sessions. A religious emblem earned by a youth is one of only a handful of awards that can be worn into adult Scouting, as represented by a uniform square knot. Also Scouters, do you know that the Council, District and Unit Religious Emblems Coordinator is an approved BSA position with its own uniform patch?



Change is a constant in our lives. We are coming into a change of season with longer days and greater opportunities to be outdoors. In 2014, we saw major changes in our Venturing program. On June 1, exciting changes are coming to our Cub Scout program. You can hear the program details at the Cub Scout breakout session of Roundtable. 2016 will be a time of change for our Boy Scout programs. So what's that all about? First, what is not changing in Boy Scouts is the current rank structure or approach, i.e., Tenderfoot through Eagle. Also, the merit badge program will remain as is, with the exception of new technology based merit badges being unveiled. The changes involve the addition of "Scout" as a rank. Service will also be incorporated in all ranks with conservation related service projects added to the Life Scout requirements. A new emphasis on health, eating habits and physical fitness will be featured. In our outdoor activities, we will see renewed emphasis on Leave No Trace, Tread Lightly, weather safety, risk assessment and risk mitigation. Finally, Duty to God elements will be incorporated in the various rank requirements to "show Scout Spirit." These new features will be released in May 2015 with implementation beginning in January 2016.



Five new CM District Unit Commissioners completed Commissioner Basic Training in February. They are: Gary Baird, Ryan Kigin, Dave Macharsky, Mark Miller, and Mike Turner. [Note: congratulations to Unit Commissioner Dave Macharsky who was recently appointed as a Bishop in the LDS Church.] Instructors for the Commissioner Basic course were: former District Commissioner Jim Sundergill, former District Commissioner Linda Sundergill, Columbia River Gorge District Commissioner Wes Forgey, District Commissioner Bill Desmond, former Assistant Council Commissioner Carolyn Adamiak, immediate past Council Commissioner Ed Yarbrough and former Dean of the College of Commissioner Science/former Assistant Council Commissioner of Redwood Council (CA) Bill Nay. A number of our Commissioners are also heading off to Commissioner College in March to become better prepared to assist the units they serve. We are still looking for additions to our team, particularly to serve Pack/Troop/Crew 1998. Contact me for more information on serving in the CMD Commissioner's Corps. **COMMISSIONERS CARE.**

By now all units should have definite long term summer camping plans established. A tremendous amount of planning and enthusiasm has also gone into preparation of our own Flight Administration Academy (aka, Cub Scout Day Camp). This is a great opportunity for current Cub Scouts, as well as a great way to introduce new Tigers to a lifetime of Scouting fun.



Finally, I am embarrassed. I omitted Troop 270, the great Troop 270 in Thurmont, from the list of units which earned JTE distinction in 2014. Let it be known from now and for all time that Troop 270 earned JTE Gold in 2014. My apologies to Troop 270.

Yours in Commissioner Service,  
Bill Desmond  
District Commissioner

**Thought for the Day** from Bill Desmond  
“Do unto others as if you were the others”

## **Signs, Signals and Codes Merit Badge** By Bill Desmond



On February 26, 2015, BSA issued **Signs, Signals and Codes** as the 135th merit badge. Any current Merit Badge Counselor, who is willing to serve as a counselor for **Signs, Signals and Codes**, should simply send a message to Bill Desmond, District Merit Badge Dean, [CMDCommissioner@aol.com](mailto:CMDCommissioner@aol.com), indicating that this merit should be added to their currently approved list.

## Catoctin Mountain District Leader Training



**Training:** Merit Badge Counselor Training (D-76)  
**For:** Current and prospective Merit Badge Counselors  
**Date:** March 21, 2015 at District Super Training Day  
**Time:** 9:00 to 10:30 AM  
**Location:** LDS Stake Center, 199 North Place, Frederick, MD  
**Course Fee:** There is no charge for this training.  
**Registration Deadline:** March 19, 2015

In order to prepare enough materials for each session **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!**

**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, which is available on-line, [http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/pages/71\\_youth\\_protection\\_training.cfm](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/pages/71_youth_protection_training.cfm). In addition to the above requirements, Merit Badge Counselors must submit the Merit Badge Counselor Information form and be approved by the District and Council.

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

**Submit the form or content to:**

Bill Desmond, CMD Merit Badge Dean, [CMDCommissioner@aol.com](mailto:CMDCommissioner@aol.com) (please include MBC Training in the subject line)

**REGISTRATION FORM (Please Print)**

Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Position: \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ BSA Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

National Capital Area Council

Boy Scouts of America

**Catoctin Mountain District**  
**Spring 2015 Adult Leader Training Spring 2015**

**Course:** Leader Specific Training  
**For:** Any Pack, Troop, Team or Crew Leaders and MB Counselors  
 Training required for ALL Leaders, including Committee Members  
**Date:** March 21, 2015  
**Time:** Check in 08:00 - 08:30,  
 Sessions 08:30 - 12:30 or 04:30 (based on Trng); Lunch 12:15-1:00  
**Location:** Frederick LDS Stake Center  
 199 North Place, Frederick, MD 21701  
**Fee:** \$5 for training and \$5 for lunch if ordering lunch  
**Registration Deadline:** Noon 3/17/2015. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!**



The Boy Scouts of America is distinguished by their uniform, much like other groups/organizations. Leaders, adult and youth, set the example for all to follow. **Full Class A Uniform is required for participation in this event.** That includes shirt with all insignia, pants, belt, socks, and as appropriate for your Unit: neckerchief and headgear. New leaders are requested to make the commitment and purchase their uniform prior to this session.

What to bring? A bag Lunch or \$5 for lunch to be ordered during the event, Leader Handbook, pencil/pen and paper Scout Handbook (Program specific),.

To receive your "TRAINED" patch, leaders must complete all of the following courses:

- Youth Protection Training (on-line) (YPT) (Bring Proof of completion to in person training)
- Fast Start: program specific (on-line) (Bring Proof of completion to in person training)
- Leader Specific Training (Program specific, i.e. CSLST, BSLST, etc.)
- FOR SCOUTMASTERS AND ASST. TEAM COACH AND ASST. and VENTURING ADVISORS AND ASSOC.  
Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills Training (IOLST) (To be locally offered w/in 6 months)
- FOR COR's This is Scouting (on-line) (Bring Proof of completion to in person training)

To locate other Districts' offering training, check the NCAC Training web-page: <http://ncacbsa.site-ym.com/?page=Training>

A Council sponsored Trading Post will **not** be available to purchase additional resource materials.

**In addition to submitting this form as requested below, Please also contact:**

(Please include "CMT Training" in the subject line for all email contacts)

**Colby A. Child, Jr.** the CMT District Training Chair at 301-271-4111 or via email at [mudrat@erols.com](mailto:mudrat@erols.com);

**AND the specific chair listed below:**

**Alan Ashley**, the CMT Dist BS Trng Chair at 240-409-6610 or via email at [AlanAshley@cedarville.edu](mailto:AlanAshley@cedarville.edu)

**Colby A. Child, Jr.** the CMT Dist CS Training Chair at 301-271-4111 or via email at [mudrat@erols.com](mailto:mudrat@erols.com);

**John Ortiz**, the CMT Dist Varsity Trng Chair at 301-271-0699 or via email at [coyotes.den@gmail.com](mailto:coyotes.den@gmail.com)

**C. Paul Smith**, the CMT Dist Venturing Trng Chair at 301-748-2929 or via email at [cpaulsmith@verizon.net](mailto:cpaulsmith@verizon.net)

REGISTRATION FORM (Please Print)

**Training:** BSLST (SM/ASM) \_\_\_ Varsity LST \_\_\_ Venturing LST \_\_\_ Troop Committee \_\_\_ CSLST (Tiger) \_\_\_  
 CSLST (Wolf/Bear) \_\_\_ CSLST (WeBeLoS) \_\_\_ CSLST (Cubmaster) \_\_\_ CSLST (Pack Cmte) \_\_\_

Unit # & Type: \_\_\_ (P TR, TE, C) Current Ldr Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Council/District \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ Yrs in Scouting \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (H) (W) (C) \_\_\_\_\_ (H) (W) (C) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out the registration this form and return it to Alan Ashley, 212 Glade Blvd, Walkersville, MD 21793 by March 17, 2015. Please include a check payable to "BSA NCAC" with "CMT Dist Trng" and "Cost Center #252" on the memo line.

# Braeden Fitts

## Top popcorn sales in the Catoctin District

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(Article and photo provided by Braeden's parents)



Braeden Fitts is a 6yr old Tiger Cub from Pack 271 in Frederick MD. This was his first year selling popcorn, in which he over achieved! Braeden had started selling little by little at the beginning of September to relatives online and door to door for his immediate neighbors. One Sunday afternoon, with approximately two weeks to go until the end of popcorn sales for the season, Braeden and his dad had an idea to REALLY go door to door and see what kind of sales they could get for the pack. After coming up with a speech that he would state at each door and practicing it for a few days, they headed out. For eight days straight they went door to door in various communities collecting many Military donations and popcorn sales. Each evening of selling brought in more sales and more excitement. Braeden had originally set his goal to reach \$1000, not realizing he would go above and beyond that number. When it came time to turn in his orders to Popcorn Kernel Joe, Braeden was over joyed that he had managed to achieve \$2,222 in sales. He knew his Pack would be proud of him! He knew that his dad, an Eagle Scout, would be as well.

Just when he thought that popcorn sales were over and done for the year, Braeden's dad received an email stating that popcorn sales were being extended for another 3 weeks! This lit a new fire inside of him! Braeden wanted to go back out into different neighborhoods and sell some more! So, for another 11 days, Braeden and his dad continued to go door to door achieving more success and moving towards his next Goal of \$2500! Being 6 years old, opening a scholarship fund with many scouting years ahead of him, seemed like a fantastic idea!

After a few late and chilly evenings, and with candy in his pockets from families who were not only delighted to purchase popcorn, but to also get rid of Halloween left overs, Braeden not only reached his goal, but doubled it! At the end of popcorn sales on Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, Braeden had sold a grand total of \$5204!

Lets just say, this 6 year old boy has not only achieved opening his scholarship and helping his Pack, but he was top seller in the Catoctin District, won an iPad, and will be center field with 11 other top sales achievers in the Council at the Washington Nationals game on April 19<sup>th</sup>. One may ask, besides the prizes and recognition, what does a 6 year old boy take from selling popcorn door to door? "Meeting the public, good manners, confidence and fun with the purpose of helping my Pack...and candy...and my new iPad" says Braeden.



## District Dinner

The date, time and place for the District Dinner has been changed. It is now scheduled for Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> beginning at 3pm at the Thurmont American Legion. The dinner will be served at 4:30pm. The cost is \$25 per person, payable at the door. Please RSVP by April 13<sup>th</sup> to Ron Layman, [layman274@gmail.com](mailto:layman274@gmail.com) or call 301-788-7496

This year, along with the other festivities, we are inviting your unit to display items that depict something special about your year. Display tables will be set up so that you can show off your Troop's Eagle Scouts, or your Pack's special community service project poster or some such! Please send an email to [David.Place@scouting-cmd.org](mailto:David.Place@scouting-cmd.org) and let us know how much wall or table space you will need. In addition we will have a projector running a slide show of Scouting pictures, if you have special pictures of summer camp or other event to show off, please get them to us in advance of the dinner so that we can compile them into the slide show! Don't miss the best show on earth! Get your reservations for dinner in to Ron Layman ASAP!

## Second Annual Film Festival by Paul Smith



The Second Annual Film Festival was a great activity. Three videos were submitted from two Troops. The evening was enjoyable and entertaining. The popcorn was great, and the MC's jokes were more than tolerable (Editor's note: Everyone was dying to hear them.). The Scout movies were wonderful, and the families seemed to thoroughly enjoy the event. The Scouts who produced the videos really appreciated the recognition.

Thanks to all who participated in this activity.

Here is a list of the awards that were given to participants on March 13<sup>th</sup> :

Best Supporting Actor:	Thomas White ("Lost in Jokeland" - T 324)
Best Actor:	Jarom Moody ("Lost in Jokeland" - T 324)
Best Instructional Film:	Peter Johnson ("Knot Tying" - T 243)
Best Music:	Peter Johnson ("Knot Tying" - T 243)
Excellent Stop Animation:	Zack Bacorn & Gary Bohanan ("Taco Bell: Lego Movie" - T 243)
Best Editing	Troop 243 ("Taco Bell: Lego Movie")
Best Script	Troop 243 ("Taco Bell: Lego Movie")
Best Film	Troop 324 ("Lost in Jokeland")

Below is the link to the article about the Film Festival that appeared in the Frederick News Post.  
[http://www.fredericknewspost.com/news/human\\_interest/boy-scouts-win-awards-for-homemade-films/article\\_21cd2135-a114-5f17-9ce2-b609e5af9dab.html?mode=image&photo=0](http://www.fredericknewspost.com/news/human_interest/boy-scouts-win-awards-for-homemade-films/article_21cd2135-a114-5f17-9ce2-b609e5af9dab.html?mode=image&photo=0)



## Order of the Arrow Newsletter

submitted by Chris Frome  
 The Catocin Arrow, newsletter of the Catocin Mountain Chapter of the OA, is available by using the link below.

<https://app.box.com/s/go0czga8588osoxyyj4jmttv6wpi0yug>



**International Scouting News** Submitted by Shawn Youngberg  
The March issue of International Scouting News is available at  
<https://app.box.com/s/fxusrzj1mchf9xqmzirim2hr45f4dbt1>



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**THE CATOCIN MONTAIN DISTRICT OF BOY SCOUTS OF  
AMERICA HAS**

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WITH SCOUTING...**

**WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU WITH PRESS RELEASES FOR PRINT, TELEVISION  
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TELL US YOUR MARKETING NEEDS!!!**



# CATOCTIN MOUNTAIN DISTRICT

National Capital Area Council, Boy Scouts of America



## Catoctin Mountain District's 2015 Spring "Cook-o-ree" Walkersville Watershed

**Date:** Friday, April 10, 2015 through Sunday, April 12, 2015

**Cost:** \$15.00 Youth or Adult

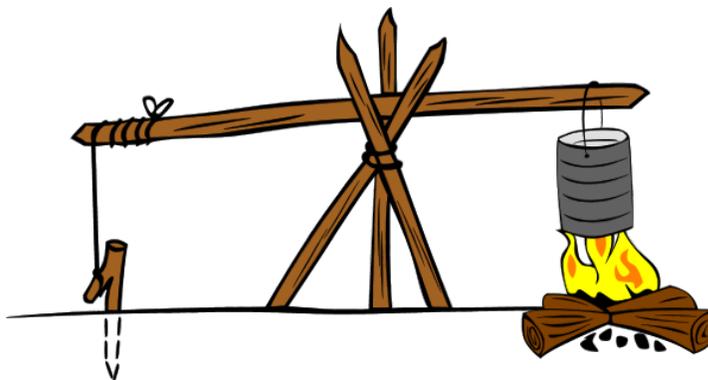
**Who:** Boy Scouts, Varsity Teams, Venturers and Sea Scouts. Webelos sponsored by and staying with a troop. **Location:** Walkersville Watershed, 9033 Chestnut Grove Road, Frederick, MD 21701

A complete **LEADER'S MANUAL** is available for download at:

<http://scouting-cmd.org/camporee>

**RESERVATIONS:** You MUST go to <http://tinyurl.com/2015camporee> and fill out the form **NO LATER THAN APRIL 3, 2015**. No reservations will be accepted after that date. You may still come to the camporee but there may not be supplies for your youth to compete with, a camporee patch or camporee "Ghost patch" to earn. If you cannot fill out the online form, you can email the bottom portion of this form to [david.place@scouting-cmd.org](mailto:david.place@scouting-cmd.org) before April 3, 2015. You will still need to bring a Patrol Registration Form for each and every patrol competing to the cook-o-ree registration table on Friday night along with your payment.

**Camporee Contact:** Julie Bostian at [julie.bostian@troop270.com](mailto:julie.bostian@troop270.com) or (301) 471-8419



## Park Clean Up Day

On Saturday, March 28 the **Monocacy National Battlefield** will have its 18th Annual Park Clean-up Day sponsored by the Civil War Trust. They are in need of and looking for volunteers to lend a helping hand. It's an opportunity to preserve Frederick's own National Battlefield. Those volunteers that participate, besides having a worthwhile experience, **will receive a free T-shirt and volunteer patch.**

Click on the link below for the flyer that has all the information regarding the Saturday event.

<https://app.box.com/s/ry8rphs2v9k53cfbapaqo3kpvz6irvcb>

We think that this volunteer experience would be a natural one for our local Boy Scout Troops. And that is why we are contacting you. If you agree, would you please distribute this flyer.

We really could use your help. Thank you.

Jim Enright, WMIA Board

Antietam National Battlefield, Monocacy National Battlefield, 301.514.3741 (cell)



**VENTURERS:** Sunday is the LAST day to sign up for the NRA Basic Pistol Course on March 21 at the Thurmont Conservation and Sportsman's Club. You can sign up [HERE](http://www.nrainstructors.org/SignupStudent.aspx?id=305274) (<http://www.nrainstructors.org/SignupStudent.aspx?id=305274>) - All Venturers (13 and graduated the 8th grade or 14+) must have this course to shoot pistols/revolvers in programs. This is the LAST class until the end of August, so if you don't have it you'll have to go elsewhere at a much higher cost or miss all of the summer shooting sports! Cost is \$40 for Scouts/Scouters and TCSC members, \$60 for non-TCSC members (includes Lunch). This course (with the extra hour at end) will qualify you for your Maryland HQL (no extra charge). This is a non-commercial course.

## Facility Usage Fee Status Update

By Belinda Matlock

Earlier in the year, the Frederick County Board of Education held hearings to determine if there would be an increase in the amount charged to Scouting units for use of school facilities. Originally, the Board proposed a \$5 fee per room for each usage. In February, the Board voted to scale back the proposed fee, and opted for a \$25 application fee per school, per season for Scouting units. If you would like more information about the vote, please visit [www.fcps.org](http://www.fcps.org).

## 55<sup>th</sup> Annual First Aid Meet

On March 7<sup>th</sup> the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual First Aid Meet was held and the Scouts of Frederick County once again showed that they know how to be prepared. To view the article that appeared in the Frederick News Post on March 8<sup>th</sup> go to [http://www.fredericknewspost.com/locations/local/frederick\\_county/first-aid-skills-on-display-at-boy-scouts-competition/article\\_a54cabb8-849f-5d61-b935-143773498b9e.html](http://www.fredericknewspost.com/locations/local/frederick_county/first-aid-skills-on-display-at-boy-scouts-competition/article_a54cabb8-849f-5d61-b935-143773498b9e.html)

The First Aid Meet will be held next year on **March 5, 2016**. Be sure to mark your calendars



# Volunteers Needed! Tree Planting



- Who:** Catoctin Creek Park, Monocacy & Catoctin Watershed Alliance, and Goodwill Industries
- Where:** Catoctin Creek Park  
2929 Sumantown Road  
Middletown, MD 21769
- What:** We will be planting native trees & shrubs along the Catoctin Creek flood plain. These trees will provide beneficial wildlife habitat and help filter harmful runoff impacting Catoctin Creek. Education about the planting will be provided by a natural resource professional.
- Dates/Times:** **Saturday, April 18, 2015**  
10 AM to 2 PM (will be onsite several hours before)  
**Wednesday, April 22, 2015**  
(Rain date: Thursday, April 23, 2015)  
8 AM to 1 PM  
**Saturday, April 25, 2015**  
10 AM to 2 PM (part of park's annual Nature Fest)
- Instructions:** Please wear old clothes, work gloves, and bring water, lunch (no food onsite), and a shovel if you can (marked with your name)

## For more information & to register contact:

Daniel Saltzberg, Chesapeake Conservation Corps, at 301-600-2325  
dsaltzberg@frederickcountymd.gov



# Appalachian Trail Training Corps (ATTC)

## Proudly Presents!

### Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS)

**WHEN:** May 15-17, 2015

Course starts Friday evening at 6pm *sharp* and ends promptly on Sunday at noon

Plan to arrive on time and stay for the whole weekend. It's packed! I will not waste your time.

All of our lives are quite busy, so please do not ask for dispensations for personal reasons.

**WHERE:** Kemptown Park  
3456 - B Kemptown Church Rd.  
Monrovia, MD 21770

**WHO:** Adult, direct contact leaders (Asst Scoutmasters) who are not yet fully TRAINED!  
Adult leaders are considered fully TRAINED when they have completed:

- Youth Protection Training (online)
- Scoutmaster / Asst-Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training (Live, and in person)
- And.... **IOLS!**

**COST:** \$25/ person payable when you arrive at the event. Cash is preferred.  
*If you withdraw*, for any reason, after May 10th, you will still be expected to pay the fees unless you can find a replacement for your slot.

**WHAT:** Before the weekend of the training, you'll be assigned to a patrol. Together, you'll plan your meals, buy your grub and work out logistics for gear. You'll choose a patrol name and a cheer. Make a flag. And get to know your new patrol mates. Just like your Scouts do.

Then when you arrive on Friday, you will become a new Scout and go through all the requirements that our Scouts must meet: Fire starting, first aid, flags, knots, knives, animals, tents, cooking, gear, and more!!

What is the best part of IOLS, you ask? Why give your valuable time??

You will begin to build a valuable web of friendships both with adult leaders, like you, who are preparing for a larger role in Scouting with their sons and with veteran staff members who are True Believers in Scouting and have already walked the road you are starting.

**SIGN UP:** Email William Lohr, ATTC Chair, at [wklohr@gmail.com](mailto:wklohr@gmail.com) by **April 30, 2015**, to register.  
**Late registration is \$35.**

## Catoctin Mountain District-BSA Hosts 2015 Pinewood Super Derby

By Belinda Matlock

“It’s not about winning or losing, it’s about having fun”, said Dominic Morales (Bear cub from Pack 1055) after winning first place in the Cubs division and first place overall with his car “Gas Monkey” in the 2015 Catoctin Mountain District Pinewood Super Derby.

The annual derby was held on March 7, 2015 at St. Timothy’s Roman Catholic Church, Walkersville, MD with 15 packs and 155 racers competing. The pinewood derby is a racing event for cub scouts who build their own cars from kits containing a block of pine, plastic wheels and axles, with the help of parents. The top 4 cars from every Pack in each of the racing divisions, Tigers, Cubs, and Webelos are eligible to participate.

Both Eric Martin and his mom Ms. Erica Martin from Pack 271 produced winning cars in their Pack derby races. Ms. Martin’s car “Red Hott” won fastest overall at the Pack parent level. This is Eric’s first Catoctin Mountain District Pinewood Derby participation and he won first place in the Tiger Cubs division with his car “BatMobile”. Kudos are also in order for various members of Pack and Troop 1070, led by Richard Sims, in planning and producing the event. Mr. Sims also wishes to personally thank Pack and Troop 1070, Msgr. Richard Murphy and St. Timothy’s Roman Catholic Church for their support.

*For photos and short videos of the event, please go to:*

[https://plus.google.com/photos/102685785101674629556/albums/6123977507468910641?authkey=CPPPsvfG5\\_ihZw](https://plus.google.com/photos/102685785101674629556/albums/6123977507468910641?authkey=CPPPsvfG5_ihZw)

*For more race results please go to: [superderby.pack1070.org](http://superderby.pack1070.org)*



Support Staff Members Kneeling from left: Eric Fong Sam, Chase Foley, Tyler Richmond, Jordan Ward, Ethan Jolles, Jacob Sepanic, and Adam Sims all with Troop 1070; Top left: Jason Sepanic, Rich Sims, Tina Sims, Pete Ireland, Dan Bertolette and Matthew Sims all with Pack 1070

Derby cars lined up, ready to race.



Eric Martin and mom Ms. Erica Martin, Pack 271 Tiger Cub; CMD 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner Tiger Cub Division “BatMobile”



Dominic Morales, Bear Cub with Pack 1055; CMD 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner Cub Division with car “Gas Monkey” and 1<sup>st</sup> Place Overall Fastest Time trophy and plaque



Derby participant Garrett Jolles, Webelos, Pack 1070

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# ADVENTURING BLURB

## FREDERICK COUNTY VOA

### MARCH 2015



## MEETINGS

### Frederick Co. VOA

3rd Tuesday, 6:30-7:15 pm

Frederick Church of the Brethren

Mar 17  
Apr 21  
May 19  
Jun 16  
Aug 18  
Sep 15

### NCAC VOA

1st Tuesday 7-9 pm  
NCAC, Bethesda

Apr 7  
May 5  
Jun 2

### Frederick Co. Venturing Forum

3rd Tuesday 7:20-8:20 pm

Frederick Church of Brethren

Apr 21  
Jun 16  
Aug 18

### District Round Table

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 7 – 9 pm  
LDS Stake and Church of the Brethren

Apr 14  
May 12  
Jun 9

## FRIENDS

All Crew officers are encouraged to join us to plan activities! Contact: Chris Platt, President:  
[chris.platt34@gmail.com](mailto:chris.platt34@gmail.com)  
(or Damon Allen, Advisor:  
[allenon-thelake@comcast.net](mailto:allenon-thelake@comcast.net))

## ACTIVITIES

### March

#### Mar. 14: BAC University of Scouting

[www.baltimorebsa.org](http://www.baltimorebsa.org)

The Baltimore Area Council will be having its annual University of Scouting! Sign up and take new classes not offered in the NCAC regarding the Venturing Program! Sign up for training you need, classes that interest you, earn a Degree in Venturing, and receive a cool University of Scouting patch! Register online via the site listed above.

#### Mar. 21: Venturing Mentoring Training

[AllenontheLake@comcast.net](mailto:AllenontheLake@comcast.net)

The FCVOA will be offering for the first time ever; Mentoring Training for Venturers!! This course is required for the Summit Award and all Venturers are strongly encouraged to attend the training. The training will take place at the Frederick LDS Stake Center (199 North Frederick Place), starting at 0800. The course is free with an optional \$5 lunch. For more information and to register, contact Damon Allen, AT Venturing Training Chair via email.

### April

#### Apr. 10-12 : Area 6 Phenomenon

[www.ne6venturing.org](http://www.ne6venturing.org)

The Area 6 VOA is hosting its annual Phenomenon at Horseshoe Scout Reservation! The cost is \$45 for tenting or \$55 for Cabins! The Spy themed event is filled with various fun, adventurous activities for all to enjoy!! Registration is NOW OPEN!! To check out the flier and register, go online to the Area 6 website listed above!!

#### Apr. 17- 19: Area 4 Summit

[president@n24avoia.org](mailto:president@n24avoia.org)

The Area 4 VOA is hosting its annual Summit at Camp Mountain Run this year!! The western themed event is jam packed with fun filled activities for all to enjoy!! The cost for the weekend is \$45 for tenting or \$55 for a cabin. A Day Pass is available for \$35! The cost includes lodging, food, event t-shirt, and patch! For more information and to register, contact Jenna Stamm, area 4 VOA President via email listed above!!



### April

#### APR. 21: Frederick Co. Venturing Forum

[AllenontheLake@comcast.net](mailto:AllenontheLake@comcast.net)

The FCVOA will be hosting its bi-monthly Venturing Forum on Tuesday 21 April at the Frederick Church of the Brethren. The Forum will begin at 7:20 which will be addressing ideas to increase membership via recruitment.

### April

#### APR. 24-26: Area 3 e Vent

[area3@neventuringbsa.org](mailto:area3@neventuringbsa.org)

The Area 3 VOA's e Vent will be a Zombie Apocalypse! The cost is \$45 for tenting or \$55 for a cabin. Various fun activities have been planned for the event in New York. Contact Jordan Dunning for more information.

## TRAINING

#### April 17-19: Project COPE Training

[Ncac.cope@gmail.com](mailto:Ncac.cope@gmail.com)

The NCAC COPE Committee will be offering a COPE Instructor training for any youth and adult with interest in staffing COPE Courses at Scout Camps. The training will take place at Camp Snyder in Haymarket, Virginia. Sign up and learn how to be a COPE Instructor, lead games and learn how to properly belay the ropes course! Learn the secrets of the trade on how to help youth enhance their leadership, communication, and decision making skills. Cost and sleeping arrangements have yet to be announced. A BSA Medical form is required for this training. For more information and to sign up, contact Tony Waisanen, NCAC



Venturing Events, go to: <https://app.box.com/s/471ho232pqc8ioeea40y9xtx76ggr4nr>  
Mentoring 2015, go to: <https://app.box.com/s/wgi5iegyirgbft6vhd5o3yhzgsmtn0j>

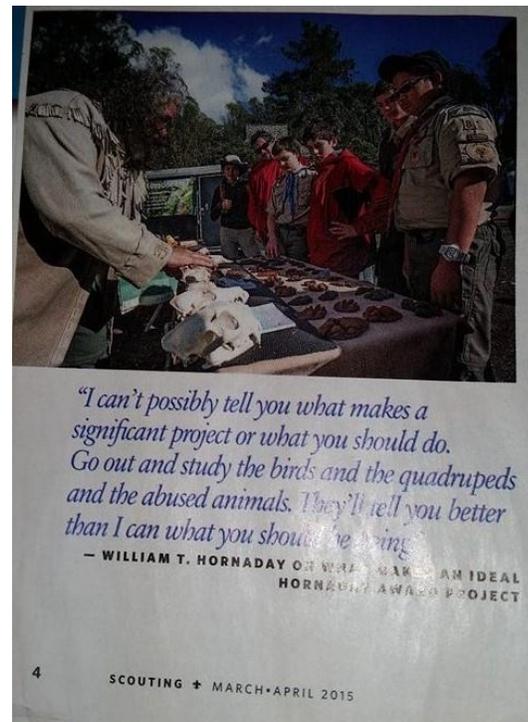
## Bill Nay in India and *Scouting Magazine*



Bill Nay, former Scouter in Frederick County, recently met with Scout leaders in India while on vacation.

He visited the National Office for the Bharat Scouts and Guides. They asked him to come back and teach a Nature class for them. He was hosted by Darshana Pawasker the Joint

Director Support Services. She coordinated the visit that included meeting with over 300 young scouts and with the Chief National Commissioner, Bhaidas Nagarale.



Bill Nay as Father Nature featured in *Scouting* magazine March/April 2015. Bill is on the far left of the photo.

## Gem, Lapidary, and Mineral Society of Montgomery County MD., Inc.

**51st Annual GLMSMC Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show  
 At the Montgomery County Fairgrounds - Maryland  
 March 21 & 22, 2015.**

Montgomery County Fairgrounds -  
 16 Chestnut Street, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877  
 Saturday 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.  
 Sunday 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Admission is \$6.00, ages 12 and older.

Admission is Free for Children (11 and under), **Free for Scouts in Uniform.**

To get full details and a \$1 off coupon please go to the club website: <http://www.glmsmc.com/show.shtml>

## Silver Beaver Class of 2015

Local Scouter Jim MacGillivray, is among the Silver Beaver honorees this year. The Silver Beaver Award is the highest award that Council can give to a Scouter for outstanding service to Scouting and the community. For full details about the Silver Beaver class and the awards dinner, go to <http://www.ncacbsa.org/news/217641/2015-Silver-Beaver-Class-Announced.htm>

## CATOCTIN MOUNTAIN DISTRICT SCOUTS HONORED AT FREDERICK HIGH SCHOOL 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION

By Belinda Matlock

The Frederick High School Francis Scott Key Chapter of the National Honor Society had its 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Induction Ceremony this past fall. The 2014 inductees included Scouts **Cullen Kennedy** and **Chase LeClair** from Troop 1998, **Mercedes Matlock** (Ship 059, Crew 1998, and Senior Girl Scout) and **Abigail Spessard** (Girl Scout Troop 81397).

The National Honor Society (NHS) is a prestigious organization which honors students who have high achievement both academically and in service to their community. According to the NHS website, "The **National Honor Society** is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. More than just an **honor** roll, NHS serves to **honor** those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character."

*If your son or daughter achieved National Honor Society this year, we would like to know about it. Send us their name, unit number and high school by email at [bmatesq@gmail.com](mailto:bmatesq@gmail.com). The Catoclin Mountain District Marketing team would also like to establish an annual National Honor Society roll-call. Please look for further details in Fall, 2015. (Full names of youth used with parental permission.)*



### Day Camp by LeMoyne Fletcher, Program Director

I would like to invite all of you to start thinking about Day Camp. Because this year's theme is "Take Flight," we will be having the Day Camp at the Frederick Municipal Airport all week!

Our new web site is [www.cmddaycamp.org](http://www.cmddaycamp.org) and it is filled with details. Registration for camp is now open and on the web site. Please select a Day Camp Coordinator for your Pack and talk up the experience to your Scouts. We are presently planning the curriculum to use the New 2015 Cub Scout rank requirements. Awarding all Scouts the STEM NOVA award is also part of what we will offer this year.

Lastly, we will also have a full scale Scout Shop, coming from Bethesda, that will be open all week for your Scouts' supply needs. If you have any questions, please contact either myself [Cubmaster@pack271.org](mailto:Cubmaster@pack271.org) or Colby Child [mudrat@erols.com](mailto:mudrat@erols.com). More information will follow.

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**To sign up for *The Blue Blaze*, go to  
<http://Scouting-cmd.org/blueblaze>**

Please encourage every one of the leaders and adults in your unit to sign up for *The Blue Blaze* so we can improve the communication of Scouting information in our District. The process is easy. Just use the link at the left, fill in the blanks and you will be on the distribution list. If you find you are not getting *The Blue Blaze* mailings even though you signed up, just go back