Upcoming Events (Training Events in RED)

May
26 District Committee Mtg, 7:30pm, 199 North Place, Frederick, 21701
david.place@scouting-cmd.org
27 District Eagle Board by appointment only, contact nfeldser@comcast.net
28-30 Wood Badge Camp Snyder

June
9 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
11 Commissioner’s Meeting, 7:30pm 199 North Place, Frederick contact cmdcommissioner@aol.com
22-26 Cub Scout Day Camp
23 District Committee Mtg, 7:30pm, 199 North Place, Frederick, 21701 david.place@scouting-cmd.org
24 District Eagle Board by appointment only, contact nfeldser@comcast.net

July
No District meetings this month—Have FUN camping
31 Popcorn orders due

Goshen Promotion
The Gathering of Eagles Committee will be giving $500 to Catoctin Mountain District and Appalachian Trail District for Goshen Promotion. Any unit that goes to Goshen Scout Camp during the Summer of 2016 will be given a chance in the lottery to win the $500 for their unit. So when you are planning for camp next summer, keep Goshen in mind. If you have questions, please contact Fred Broadrup at fbroadrup@comcast.net.
From the Desk of the Commish:

Congratulations to Damon Allen on receiving a Venturing Leadership Award at the Council Court of Honor in April. This is a well-deserved honor for Damon who has served as the voice and face of Venturing in Frederick County and beyond over the past several years. Congratulations are also in order for CMD Scouter Jim MacGillivray who received the Silver Beaver award at the Council Court of Honor. The Silver Beaver is the highest award a Council can give a Scouter for service to Council, District and Community.

Summer camping season is just around the corner. Are unit leaders fully trained and certified for summer camp? Do they have current Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Trek Safety, Weather, CPR and First Aid, etc. There is still time to get current in requisite training before camps begin, but don’t wait. Every Scout deserved a fully trained leader.

The District is still recruiting a Unit Commissioner for Pack, Troop and Crew 1998. Commissioner Service is unselfish, rewarding, fulfilling and fun. Please consider joining the Catoctin Mountain Corps of Commissioners. Contact me at CMDCommissioner@aol.com for specific duties and commitments. Sincere thanks to Patrick Daniels who recently joined our Commissioner’s Corps and will be responsible for four LDS units.

Major changes are coming to the Cub Scout program on June 1, 2015. If you have been assigned to duty on the International Space Station for the past few months and don’t know what’s happening, you can read about the changes at scouting.org/programupdates. Leader and youth resource materials are available at the Scout Shop.

Congratulations to the Order of the Arrow which turns 100 on July 16, 2015. The Brotherhood for cheerful service is one of the gems in the BSA crown. Thank you Arrowmen for your hundred years of service.

Yours in Commissioner Service,
Bill Desmond
District Commissioner
Eagle Scout Project
Genealogical Record indexing

Records from all over the world are scanned on to computers. These records don’t do any good unless someone like YOU types what each record shows so that they can become searchable online. Then, people all over the world can use those records to expand their family trees for FREE!

You are invited to participate in my virtual family reunion during the month of May! Get started at indexing.myevent.com, or join us at 199 North Place Frederick, MD, on May 29 from 6-9 P.M.

Please bring a computer with the indexing application download from familysearch.com/indexing. Some computers will be available.

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PROGRAMMING MERIT BADGE WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE

ATTENTION VIDEO GAMERS

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VIDEO GAMING CONVENTION
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With Frederick County Sheriff Chuck Jenkins

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Former Baltimore County Drug “Czar”

“Raising Drug Free Kids” is an educational seminar for parents, teen, educators and professionals focusing on education regarding drug and alcohol abuse, new street drug trends, informational resources regarding treatment and counseling, benefits of drug testing and new technology and ways to educate, prevent and treat youth regarding substance abuse.

All are Welcome

A canned or non-perishable food donation for a local food bank would be appreciated

Where:

New Life Four Square Church
5909 Jefferson Pike
Frederick, MD 21703

When:

Monday, June 8, 2015

Doors open at 6:30 PM

Program starts at 6:55 PM and will last until 8:30 PM
Launch Your Unit’s Program

Gather your dates, information, ideas and youth and get planning for a great year!!

Who does the planning you ask?

- Packs usually gather the committee, Cubmaster, den leaders, interested parents and ideas from the youth
- Troops and Teams usually gather the Scoutmaster and ASM’s, the PLC, the rest of the youth and any interested adults
- Venturing Crews gather the youth and their Crew Advisor – other interested adults may be invited, maybe not 😊

Here is what the NCAC website has to say on the matter:

- http://www.ncacbsa.org/?page=ProgramLaunch

Here are some great things to try:

Biking

- Trail Link by Rails to Trails – www.traillink.com allows you to find lots of trails by city, state or zip
- Local Shops – Wheelbase, The Bike Doctor, The Bicycle Escape

River Rafting

- Local Guides – River & Trail Outfitters, River Riders, BTI Whitewater, Ohiopyle Whitewater Excursions

Hiking

- Trail Link by Rails to Trails – www.traillink.com allows you to find lots of trails by city, state or zip
- Backpacker.com can help you find lots of accessible trails around home or the neighboring areas

For an index of all the resources available for Program Launch go to http://www.ncacbsa.org/?page=ProgramLaunch
**Scout Fair**
The Potomac District will be hosting a Scout Fair Saturday, May 23rd from 9am-5pm at the Marriott Scout Service Center. It is open to Scouts and the public and I am hoping you can help me promote the event through a newsletter or email blast to your district. We will have lots of activities and displays to showcase all Scouting has to offer. The Highlights are:

- Rain gutter Regatta
- Pinewood Derby
- STEM lab
- Ham Radio Communication
- Camping Display/Info
- Rock Climbing Wall
- Exploring, Venturing, and Sea Scouts booths

I am still looking for volunteers to help run the event so if you have anyone interested in lending a hand, please have them contact me.

Volunteers needed:
- General Set up/Tear Down
- Arts/Crafts supervision
- Color Guard
- OA information booth
- Popcorn and Camp Card Sales booth
- Floaters to do anything that comes up that I haven’t thought of.
- Red Cross check in table

The Red Cross will be on site taking blood Donations. Sign-ups are available at this link.

Hope to see you there!

**Erin Gillette | Potomac District Executive**

**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**
National Capital Area Council, O 301-214-9133, C 202-744-0439, E Erin.Gillette@Scouting.org

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**Day Camp**
The Flight Academy Administration has been hard at work preparing a memorable Day Camp for the Cubs and Webelos. This amazing adventure will take place at the Frederick Municipal Airport June 22-26. The updated version of the Parent-Leader Guide is available by using the link below.

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2016 Spring Aviation Camporee, April 1-3

Potential Program Areas.

- AOPA Simulators
- State Police Chopper
- Experimental Aviation Program
- Orientation Flights
- RC Flight
- Hot Air Balloon Tethered Flights
- Vertical Flight Center
- Presentations from Army, Navy, Marine, Coast Guard Recruiters
- Air National Guard
- C.A.P.
- Control Tower Visits
- Charting Classes.

The above program ideas have been proposed, we are open to others.

This will be a comprehensive camporee involving both districts and in total upwards of 500 Campers, Scouters and Staff.

Below are just a few of the areas where you can add your personal touch to the event.

Logistics
- Equipment (quarter master)
- Grub Master (staff will want to eat)
- Transportation
- Camp Ground Layout and set up
- Health and Sanitation,
- Patch design-ordering
- Putting together the passports/patrol team cards
- Creating and coordinating programs with Airport businesses.
- Finding and planning program items such as hot air balloons, RC Flight
- Contacting and coordinating with Military Recruiters and encouraging them to attend.
- Recruiting owners and pilots for orientations flights.
- Recruiting owners and pilots to do pre trips/display and talk about their planes.
- Liaison to AOPA

As you can see this is going to be a great event, so long as we split up the different areas so everyone has a good time.

Planning starts in earnest Wednesday, May 27 at 6:30pm. Meeting is at the BPO Elks Lodge, 289 Willowdale Drive, Frederick.

Please let us know if you are attending and if you have a particular area of interest.

RSVP to 2016AviationCamporee@BSATroop1998.org
**MEETINGS**

**Frederick Co. VOA**
- 3rd Tuesday, 6:30-7:15 pm
- Frederick Church of the Brethren
  - May 19
  - Jun 16
  - Aug 18
  - Sep 15
  - Oct 20
  - Nov 17

**NCAC VOA**
- 1st Tuesday 7-9 pm
- NCAC, Bethesda
  - Jun 2
  - Jul 7
  - Aug 4

**Frederick Co. Venturing Forum**
- 3rd Tuesday 7:20-8:20 pm
- Frederick Church of the Brethren
  - Jun 16
  - Aug 18
  - Oct 20

**District Round Table**
- 2nd Tuesday 7-9 pm
- LDS Stake and Church of the Brethren
  - Jun 9
  - Aug 11
  - Sep 8

**FRIENDS**

All Crew officers are encouraged to join us to plan activities! Contact: Chris Platt, President: chrisplatt34@gmail.com (or Damon Allen, Advisor: allen. thelake@comcast.net)

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**ADVENTURING BLURB**

**FREDERICK COUNTY VOA**

**MAY 2015**

**ACTIVITIES**

**May**

**May 15: Spring Fling Dance**
- Contact: jfisher@venturist.net
- The LDS Crews and the FCVOA will be co-hosting the Spring Fling Dance on May 15 from 8-10:30 PM at the Frederick Stake Center (199 North Place). The Dance is free to all 14-18 year olds. Dance lessons will be offered during the course of the event as well as light refreshments. For more information, contact Paul Smith.

**May 19: FCVOA Elections**
- Contact: jfisher@venturist.net
- The Frederick County Venturing Officers Association will be holding its annual elections on May 19 at the Frederick Church of the Brethren starting at 7:20. This is a great opportunity for all Venturers and Sea Scouts to hold a leadership position on the District Level. This is also a great opportunity for youth to plan and carry out activities for crews and ships within the county! Contact Damon Allen, the FCVOA Advisor for more information.

**May 22-24 : Area 5 Rendezvous**
- Contact: nileventuring@carolina.rr.com
- The Area 5 Rendezvous will be a Willy Wonka Themed event!! Camp Acaheia in Blakenee, Pennsylvania will be hosting the ”wonky” event! Registration is $50 per person. The fee includes lodging, food, and all activities. Activities range from candy cane fencing, chocolate mountain climbing, candy making, 3D Printing, and much more! It’s not too late to sign up! Register now!

**May 23-25: HOST Hike**
- Contact: nileventuring@carolina.rr.com
- The NCAC will be hosting its third and final Inauguration History of Scouting Trail on Memorial Day weekend. Units can choose to hike any of the four hikes on any of the three days. The Cost is $10 per person - not including the Medals or Patches, this cost will be forthcoming. There are four different hikes available ranging from 2.5 miles to 7.2miles. All hikes traverse around Washington DC. Select the hike of your choice and more details will be provided upon registration.

**June**

**June: Venturing @ Goshen**
- Contact: carol.joung@chownet.net
- Goshen Scout Reservation has special programs available for Venturers during the summer!! In one week, youth can work on various requirements for the new Venturing Awards! In a two week stay, youth can complete nearly half of the Ranger award requirements!! Contact Gary Carroll for more information. Don’t miss out on this great opportunity!

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**TRAINING**

**June 21-26, July 12-17, and 26-31: NCAC National Youth Leadership Training (IMPEESA)**
- Contact: nileventuring@carolina.rr.com
- The National Capital Area Council will be hosting three separate National Youth Leadership Training Courses known as IMPEESA or NYLT. Each session is a week long where each participant, Scouts, Venturers, and Sea Scouts learn the necessary skills to be efficient leaders within their respective unit(s). The youth will learn about setting a Vision, establishing Goals, as well as Planning. Participants will also learn about solving problems, using the EDGE method, and making Ethical Decisions. Participants must be 13 years of age, Venturers and Sea Scouts must be under 21 years old to be able to attend the course. For more information on course fees and to register, go online to the NCAC Website.
Frederick County Venturing Officer’s Association

What is the VOA?
The Venturing Officer’s Association (VOA) is a committee made up of Venturers (youth in the Venturing Program). The youth are elected into the various positions. The VOA plans and carries out activities for Venturing Crews within the District(s) and nearby Districts.

What does the VOA do?
The VOA plans and carries out various activities for the purpose of advertising and promoting the Venturing program. The VOA assists with the growth of the Venturing program within the District(s) and Council.

Who is the VOA for?
The Venturing Officer’s Association is for all Venturing Crews and Ships within the Appalachian Trail and Catoctin Mountain Districts. All Venturers who meet the criteria are eligible to become members of the VOA.

How often does the VOA meet?
The Venturing Officer’s Association meets once a month at the Frederick Church of the Brethren and co-hosts the Frederick County Venturing Forum every other month at the same location.

Is the VOA Coed?
Since Venturing is a coed scouting program, young female Venturers who are under 21 can be elected into positions within the VOA.

What are the qualifications for the youth to join the VOA?
Venturers are eligible to run for positions within the VOA if they have;
1. Been active within their Crew.
2. Held an elected position within their Crew.
3. Youth must be under 21 at the time of the elections.

What are the positions within the VOA?
Adults;
- VOA Advisor
- VOA Associates Advisor
- Consultants
Youth;
- VOA President
- VOA Vice President Administration
- VOA Vice President Program
How long is the term of office in the VOA?
The Adults in the VOA are volunteers, therefore, the Advisors, Associate Advisors, and Consultants can have an unlimited tenure. This also holds true for the Crew Representatives for the VOA. The youth officer positions on the other hand, are elected into a one year term of office. Venturers can be re-elected into the same position only once.

Can Crews send more than one representative to the VOA?
Apart from the official Crew Representative to the VOA, Crews can send two other representatives to the VOA meetings.

Can Crew Advisors and Associate Crew Advisors participate in the VOA?
The Venturing Officer’s Association will have Advisors assigned to it, but Crew Advisors and Associate Advisors are welcome to be Mentors or Consultants to the VOA.

How can the District VOA assist Venturers?
The District Venturing Officer’s Association (DVOA) offers Venturing youth an opportunity to obtain leadership experience beyond the Crew level. The DVOA is the first step for Venturers to obtain leadership in the Council VOA (CVOA) and the Area VI VOA (A6VOA).

International Scouting News Submitted by Shawn Youngberg
The May issue of International Scouting News is available at https://app.box.com/s/awtqyxiwkbt0htmhi8541wx8esokhd83

New Adult Application Submitted by Mychal Tamillow
A new adult application was introduced in March. Any new youth in the Venturing program who are over 18 will now have to fill out an adult application and take YPT. Any 18 year old who is presently registered or rechartered in the program is grandfathered in and does not have to reregister nor take YPT at this time. At the next recharter they will be asked to take YPT.

Presently the Council has not received the new adult applications. The new applications are also available for you to download from www.scouting.org. This new application will serve as the application for adults also, not just for 18 year old youth in the Venturing program.

New Adult Application https://app.box.com/s/spnjhc1q0483y5i48l77m7gk1018584w

Venturing Application Changes https://app.box.com/s/vc652jrk40u6agh1iv8ke68rios8ktiq
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District Logo Travel Mugs
At the District Dinner each person attending received a travel mug with the District logo. The mugs are available to anyone who would like to purchase one for $10. The proceeds of the mug sales will go toward buying a defibrillator for use at the Walkersville Watershed.

If you would like to purchase a mug, contact Ron Layman at layman274@gmail.com.

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