Upcoming Events (Training Events in RED)

**June**
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

**August**
31  Popcorn orders due

SCOUTER PICNIC AT SEPTEMBER ROUNDTABLE
The annual Scouter Picnic will be held at the September 8 Roundtable at the Walkersville Watershed. Food serving will begin at 6:15 PM. Cost is $5.00 per person. Each Scouter should also bring a side dish to share. The District will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, plates, cups and utensils. This year our colleagues from the Appalachian Trail District will be joining us. Advance registration is required by email to CMDCommissioner@aol.com. Please use “Picnic” in the subject line. Registration cut off will be Saturday, September 5.
From the Desk of the Commish:

During the May 2015 Annual Meeting, Dr. Robert Gates, BSA’s National President, encouraged the Scouting family to reflect in the days and months ahead on the challenges facing BSA regarding adult leadership standards, and potential alternatives for addressing them.

BSA had hoped that the membership decisions made in 2013 would give it time to refocus on the Scouting program. However, internal challenges and urgent legal conflicts have placed the BSA in an unsustainable position. BSA faces increasing legal challenges at the federal, state, and local levels. Today, 21 states, the District of Columbia, and more than 140 cities and counties have enacted laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Impending legal action means a court could make an overly broad ruling forbidding any kind of membership standard, including our foundational belief in “duty to God.” BSA believes that the best way to avoid this possibility is for the organization to set its own course.

The BSA is considering the removal of the national adult leader restriction related to sexual orientation, while preserving the rights of our religious chartered organizations and respecting their diverse beliefs. Scouting’s members and parents will be able to select local units, chartered to organizations with similar beliefs, that best meet the needs of their families. No one in Scouting will be asked to join a unit that compromises their personal religious values and the BSA will continue to legally defend (indemnify) the rights of its religious chartered organizations.

While no decisions have been made, the National Executive Board will consider a policy that reinforces the right of religious chartered organizations to continue to select leaders consistent with their organization’s religious beliefs. A decision is expected no later than the Boy Scouts of America’s National Executive Board meeting in October.

The reason for readdressing this issue is to preserve BSA and ensure it continues to provide life-changing experiences to youth they can’t get anywhere else. It is important to note the BSA has, and will continue to have, a strict behavioral standard for its youth members and adult leaders.

If you would like to add your voice to this discussion, you may send an email to key3@Scouting.org. All emails will be read, but responses are not likely due to anticipated volume of inputs. Dr. Gates’ remarks and a video of his speech can be found on the Scouting Newsroom site.

Nine units had perfect attendance at Roundtable during the period August 2014 to June 2015. They were: Crew 270, Troops 270, 274, 324, 799, 1070 and 1636, and Packs 270 and 628. Thanks to these units for supporting Roundtable in a most perfect way.

Congratulations to C. Paul Smith who received his Wood Badge recognition at June Roundtable. Paul is a Beaver – the other white meat.

Have a great Scout outdoors summer. See you again at August Roundtable.

Yours in Commissioner Service,
Bill Desmond, District Commissioner
Fairfax 2015 / World Police & Fire Games

There is another opportunity for Scouts to participate in the Fairfax 2015 / World Police & Fire Games. On Friday, June 26 beginning at 6:00 pm, RFK Stadium will play host to the Game’s Opening Ceremonies, officially launching the Games of Heroes. We anticipate a crowd of around 30,000 participants and fans at the Opening Ceremonies.

Sign Bearers will be responsible for holding the country signs and leading each delegation into the stadium during Opening Ceremonies. We are hoping to get 30 to 40 local Boy Scouts to serve as sign bearers and several troop leaders to help manage the Scouts.

Below is the Sign Bearers’ tentative schedule and important information in regard to their roles.

**Dates and Times:**  Friday, June 26, 2015

- 3:00pm - 4:00pm  Arrival / Check-in
- 4:15pm – 4:45pm  Rehearsal
- 4:45pm – 5:15pm  Dinner
- 5:30pm  Line Up for Parade
- 6:04pm – 7:34pm  Parade of Athletes
- 9:00pm  Escorted to Lot #8 for Departure

**Parking Location:** Parking will be available in Lot 8 at RFK Stadium, 2400 East Capitol Street SE, Washington DC 20003. Parking is limited and we ask that your group arrives together, whether that is by bus or carpool. **Please email Amy Fisher at afisher@hrmgroun.net with your vehicle count by June 19th.**

Also, please print or show this email to the parking lot attendant upon your arrival. A parking placard will be given to you at this time.

**Dinner:** Box dinners will be provided by WPFG for sign bearers and their Troop leaders.

**Family Members and Guests:** Family members and guests will be able to hang out with sign bearers up to 4:00pm. Once the sign bearers and their Troop leaders enter RFK for rehearsal, family members and guests will need to enter through the general public entrance and take their seats. Feel free to stop by the First Responder Fan Fest which will be located outside the general public entrance. **The Opening Ceremonies is free; however, tickets for family members need to be ordered in advance through the WPFG website www.fairfax2015.com.** At the conclusion of the Opening Ceremonies, sign bearers will be escorted back to Lot 8 where they can meet their families and depart the stadium.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Amy Fisher at afisher@hrmgroun.net.

**District Committee Minutes**

The minutes of the April District Committee meeting are available by going to: https://app.box.com/s/pg50o33jgyur4ihheqz0zi8t2e4mhuas
2015 Guide to Safe Scouting now available — here’s what’s new

Bryon on Scouting (http://blog.Scoutingmagazine.org/2015/05/14/2015-guide-to-safe-Scouting-now-available-heres-whats-new/) has an excellent top level review of changes in new 2015 Guide to Safe Scouting (http://www.Scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34416.pdf). Instructions on how to download to smart phones can be found with a simple search and having a copy on your phone would be a good idea.

“Snowboarding and snowmobiling, BMX biking and BB guns, caving and climbing, scuba and surfing, shotguns and sailboards. Those adrenaline-filled activities have one thing in common: All are approved in Scouting, provided a young man or young woman meets age minimums.”

“There is a place in Scouting for age-appropriate events that push youth beyond their normal comfort level and stretch their abilities,” our National Key 3 wrote about the BSA’s commitment to safety. “This is appropriate when risks are identified and mitigated.”

That’s why it’s critical for every Scout leader to familiarize himself or herself with the Guide to Safe Scouting. All unit Scouters should clearly understand the following. The BSA, as it has stated clearly in any number of court cases, is not a supervisor of unit activities. It does not tell units what they can or cannot do. If the BSA did, then they would be liable for the actions of units, not just an insurer. That’s also why Tour Permits became Tour & Activity Plans. The BSA does not “Permit” or “Not Permit” things; it simply encourages unit leaders to plan things well.

Units are owned by their Charter Organization where, as part of the recharter package they have agreed to voluntarily follow BSA policies and procedures, including insuring leaders and Scouts follow BSA policies in Guide to Safe Scouting (GSS), guidance on how to minimize the risks involved in many Scouting activities. No guide can insure safety, everything we do involves some risk. What GSS does is share BSA experience with what activities involve significant risk and how some practices/procedures can reduce the risks as well as which activities involve unacceptable risk. Units that choose to conduct activities prohibited by GSS or other BSA guidance must realize that they may not be covered by the General Liability Insurance Policy (GLIP) due to exclusions.

What’s new in the 2015 Guide to Safe Scouting?

Safety Afloat: This section was updated to facilitate the new Cub Scout program. “Remember,” says Richard Bourlon, BSA health and safety director, “Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat still apply to any aquatics activity and are critical to keeping our youth safe.”

Climbing Safety: The Climbing and Rappelling and COPE Activities sections were revised and expanded.

Transportation: Additions to this chapter include transportation guidelines and tips for safe driving.

Effective September 1, 2015, the use of 15-passenger vans manufactured before 2005 will no longer be allowed in connection with Scouting programs and activities. Any 2005 or later 15-passenger vans may be used if equipped with Electronic Stability Control and seat belts for all passengers including the driver. This applies to all vehicles, regardless of ownership. The use of pre-2005 15-passenger vans could result in there being no BSA GLIP insurance coverage available in the event of an accident.
6/11/15

Dear Boy Scouts,

Our community is in great need of a few things that I thought would be a wonderful idea for a Boy Scout or Eagle Scout project. Our Auxiliary which is a non-profit organization has recently discussed the idea of getting our residents some handicap accessible picnic tables and some elevated flower beds for both our Memory Care and Assisted Living residents.

On behalf of our residents, families, staff and friends we thank you for your consideration.

Please do not hesitate to email or call me for additional information and or questions.

Sincerely,

Marianne Walsh
Director of Activities and Volunteers

240-772-9229, mwalsh@citizensSNF.com

Disability Awareness Minute at Roundtable - Request for topics of interest

Bob Walsh is soliciting for topics, regarding disability awareness, that scouters are interested in hearing at Roundtable. If there is a topic of particular interest you would like to know more about please e-mail Bob at rwalsh527@gmail.com.
5th Annual United States Attorney Youth Summit on June 26th.

On behalf of the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia, East of the River Family Support Collaborative, Collaborative Solutions for Communities, Friendship Collegiate Academy Public Charter School, District of Columbia Youth Advisory Council, Metropolitan Police Department and our various other partners, we invite you to attend our Fifth Annual United States Attorney Youth Summit which will be held on June 26, 2015, from 11:00a.m. until 3:00p.m. at Friendship Collegiate Academy Public Charter High School, located at 4095 Minnesota Avenue. N.E., Washington, D.C. This year’s summit will focus on educating our youth about understanding their rights and responsibilities when interacting with law enforcement. In light of recent events nationwide regarding the interaction between law enforcement and the communities that we serve, especially our youth, we believe it is essential that we help facilitate this dialogue.

This year’s summit will begin with a skit created by local youth and followed by several film clips that provide citizens with tips on how to interact with law enforcement during a police encounter and highlight various community and law enforcement interactions. Following the video clips, we will solicit information from the youth in attendance about their interactions with law enforcement and ask various panelists for their opinions and impressions. During this event, youth will also be encouraged to express their feelings about law enforcement, learn more, ask questions, and develop recommendations on how law enforcement can better relate to the District’s youth. In addition, the summit will include a youth informational fair where non-profit organizations provide information on youth development programs, mentoring, and educational youth activities. Please bring youth from 8 to 18 years of age. If you have any questions, please contact Melanie Howard melanie.howard@usdoj.gov (202)252-6930

Pack 271 Fundraiser

Consider choosing Trout's Towne Restaurant in Woodsboro for your next meal. Open 7a to 2p daily. Order an omelet or dessert and $1 goes to Cub Scout Pack 271 for continued programming and awards for our Scouts. The restaurant is located at 200 N 2nd St, Woodsboro, MD 21798 Fundraiser is occurring from June 8 to June 21. Enjoy!!!

International Scouting News Submitted by Shawn Youngberg

The June issue of International Scouting News is available at
https://app.box.com/s/lppkod6unmz6vajmrnm7oaq4riv1771t
BOY SCOUTS, VENTURE AND EXPLORER SCOUTS WANTED – KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL

A Verbal Wall of Remembrance Ceremony will be conducted at the Korean War Veterans Memorial on the Mall from July 25th (1200 – 2000 hours), July 26th (0800 – 2000 hours), and July 27th (0800 – 1300). The ceremony will include reading the names of 36,574 veterans killed in Korea, concluding with comments from dignitaries/heroes from the United States and the Republic of Korea, wreath presentation and playing of Taps. The event will mark the 65th Anniversary of the Armistice and 20th Anniversary of the dedication of the memorial. Volunteer Scout assistance will include meeting veterans and thanking them for their service; escorting dignitaries; passing out brochures; and providing assistance where needed. The volunteer Scout opportunities will include learning about the Korean War and the memorial’s symbolisms; meeting the Architect of Record and Construction Engineer; and perform community service for merit badge and Scout advancement requirements. The Scouts need to be mature, wear their full Scout uniform, and be able to volunteer for a 2 – 3 hour shift.

Please contact Mr. Steve Richardson, Old Dominion District ADC for questions and to sign-up at 703-913-0638 or email” ristph@aol.com. Individual Scouts, Patrols, Troops, Teams, Crews and Posts may participate.

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

Six Flags America

Coming up in August, Six Flags America and the NCAC and Baltimore Area Council are presenting an overnight campout and STEM Fun Day!

As an event: http://www.ncacbsa.org/events/event_details.asp?id=649007

As a news article: http://www.ncacbsa.org/news/235845/SIX-FLAGS---Campout--STEM-Day.htm
ScubaJam
The 6th Annual ScubaJam will be held Sept. 4-7 at Lake Phoenix, Va.
For full details, go to http://www.scubajam-vava.org/

Catoctin Mountain OA Attends Conclave submitted by Chris Frome
The Catoctin Mountain Chapter has had a great spring season. We held our joint ordeal with Appalachian Trail on April 24-26. We had 30 new ordeal candidates and 3 new brotherhood members. On May 1-17 the Chapter had 13 members attend the Northeast Region Section 6-A centennial conclave, the largest in its history with 619 total attendees. It was a fun time for all in attendance with great food, fun, fellowship, and training. This was an historic event, but we hope to have an even bigger event when it is hosted by our lodge Amangamek-Wipit next year at Goshen.

Where to Camp From Joseph Durnal
The Amangamek Wipit Lodge of the Order of the Arrow has published a Where to go Camping Guide: http://tinyurl.com/Wipit-WTGC: There are great weekender ideas starting about page 50.
**ADVENTURING BLURB**

**FREDERICK COUNTY VOA**

**SUMMER 2015**

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### MEETINGS

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

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

**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 16
- Aug 18
- Sep 8

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### ACTIVITIES

**June**

**June 16: Youth Officers Needed for FCVOA**
- AllenontheLake@comcast.net
- Rich_golling@yahoo.com

Youth Officers are needed to plan and regulate the Frederick County Venturing Officers Association. Youth need to be registered in the Venturing Program and show an interest in obtaining leadership skills by serving on the FCVOA. Positions open include: President, VP of Administration, VP of Program, VP of Communications, Secretary, and Treasurer. Contact Damon Allen or Rich Golling for more information.

**June 16: Venturing Forum**
- AllenontheLake@comcast.net
- Rich_golling@yahoo.com

The Next Frederick County Venturing Forum will take place on June 16 at the Frederick Church of the Brethren starting at 7:15 PM. Learn about what the Frederick County VOA can do for you and what you can do for the FCVOA. Also learn about summer opportunities for Venturers such as Contact Damon Allen and Rich Golling for more information.

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### TRAINING

**Summer: Camp Meade**
- www.hmcbsa.org

Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation’s Camp Meade is open to Venturers to experience a unique summer adventure! Venturers can choose from 7 different weeks for their adventure! Go online and check out the program available!

**Summer: V-Week**
- www.broadcreekbsa.org

Camp Saffran will be hosting a V-Week for all Venturers from 2-8 August! ATV Driving, Project COPE, Wilderness Survival, Leave No Trace, and Adventure Outposts are just a few of the many available programs for youth this summer! Go online and register!!

**Summer: Eagle Base**
- www.lhc-bsa.org

The Laurel Highlands Council’s Eagle Base High Adventure program is open to all Venturers throughout the summer! Participants can register as individuals or as an entire Crew. Full week and half week programs are offered! All equipment is provided. So participants only need to bring their personal belongings. Go online to check out the program!!

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### FRIENDS

All Crew officers are encouraged to join us to plan activities! Contact: Damon Allen, Advisor: allenon-theLake@comcast.net
Walkersville Scout Moves Flag to Place of Prominence
Walkersville High senior Dylan Briske made an important contribution to his school. For his Eagles Scout project, Dylan moved the WHS flag pole, previously shrouded by trees, to a prominent spot in front of the school. Dylan organized a morning flag raising ceremony with classmates, family and fellow Boy Scouts by his side.
New Tiger?
Free Book

Register: June 1st to June 30th
And get your free handbook!

Receive a free Tiger handbook for any new Tiger Cub Scout registration. Applications/BoaScout Vouchers must be turned into your local District Executive within the month of June to receive the incentive. One per scout and only available with full completed registration form signed by the parent and unit leader. Participating locations on reverse side of flyer.

For more information please go to NCACBSA.org or call 301-530-9360

National Capital Area Council

Scout Shops

Tiger Handbooks are only handed out at the following locations:

BSA National Capital Area Scout Shop
9190 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20814-3897
(301) 564-1094
(301) 564-6028 fax

Monday-Wednesday: 9 am - 5:30 pm
Thursday: 9 am - 8 pm
Friday: 9 am - 5:30 pm
Saturday: 10 am - 3 pm

BSA Northern Virginia Scout Shop
5232 Port Royal Road
Springfield, VA 22151
(703) 321-4838
(703) 321-4838 fax

Monday-Friday: 9 am - 7 pm
Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm

For more information please go to NCACBSA.org or call 301-530-9360

Tiger Rally Ribbon
June 1st – 30th

Criteria includes forming a new Tiger Den with:
• 1 new registered Tiger Den Leader
• A minimum of 5 new Tiger Cubs

Application on backside of flyer. Turn in to your District leadership or the Council Office.

For More Information:
Contact your District Membership Chair, District Executive or Sue Hart at susan.hart@scouting.org

Pack Tiger Rally Participant
National Capital Area Council

Date: ___________________ District: ___________________ Pack: ___________________

Criteria:
○ Turn in one completed adult registration for a Tiger adult Partner
○ Turn in at least 1 or more New Tiger Cub Youth registration
○ Have paperwork turned into your Unit Commissioner (or District Commissioner) between June 1st – 30th

Tiger Den Leader:

New Tiger Cub Youths:
1. ___________________
2. ___________________
3. ___________________
4. ___________________
5. ___________________

Co-leader/Unit Leader Signature:
District/Council Representative:

All Applications are due June 30th
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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.