Upcoming Events (Training Events in RED) (Recharter Turn in)

December
16  District Eagle Board by appointment only, contact nfeldser@comcast.net
19  Recharter Turn In “LAST CALL” 9-noon, LDS Stake Center, 199 North Place
    Frederick, 21701 contact cmdcommissioner@aol.com
22  District Committee Mtg, 7:30pm, 199 North Place, Frederick, 21701
28  Inter Troop Sports Bowling, contact shawnyoungberg@comcast.net
29  Bubble Soccer, contact bubblesoccer@ship37.org

January 2016
9   District Chairman’s Seminar and DC/ADC training at Marriott Scout Service Center
12  Roundtable (Boy Scout/Cub Scout/OA) 7:15pm at LDS Stake Center, 199 North Place, Frederick
    Commissioner’s Meeting, 7:30pm 199 North Place, Frederick contact cmdcommissioner@aol.com
16  Training day for all positions in Baltimore, contact http://www.baltimorebsa.org-specific-saturday-trainings/57465
18  Inter Troop Sports Table Tennis, contact shawnyoungberg@comcast.net
20  District Eagle Board by appointment only, contact nfeldser@comcast.net
22-24 Klondike Derby (Webelos Jan. 23 only), contact grenierscout@gmail.com.
26  District Committee Mtg, 7:30pm, 199 North Place, Frederick, 21701

February
7   Scout Sunday
8   Scouting Anniversary Day
9   Roundtable (Boy Scout/Cub Scout/OA) 7:15pm at LDS Stake Center, 199 North Place, Frederick
9   Training Extravaganza for all positions except Cub Scout leaders, McLean, VA see flyer page 4
9   Cub Scout Leader Training, in Alexandria, VA, contact http://www.ncacbsa.org/events/event_details.asp?id=650209&group=
11  Commissioner’s Meeting, 7:30pm 199 North Place, Frederick contact cmdcommissioner@aol.com
13  Scout Sabbath
13  Scouter Breakfast
15  Inter-Troop Sports 3 on 3 Basketball, contact shawnyoungberg@comcast.net
16  Inter-Troop Sports Chess, contact shawnyoungberg@comcast.net
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24  District Eagle Board by appointment only, contact nfeldser@comcast.net
27  University of Scouting, www.ncacbsa.org
From the Desk of the Commish:

Thank you Scouters involved at the unit and District level for your hard work and support in 2015. Your Commissioner’s Corps wishes you the best ever Scouting year in 2016. You make a difference in the lives of the youth we serve.

Happy Holidays.
Yours in Commissioner Service,
Bill Desmond, District Commissioner

PS Don’t Forget: Last Call for Recharter turn in is Saturday December 19th at the LDS Stake Center, 199 North Place, Frederick 21701.

Recording Scouting for Food Totals
So far only 8 of our 64 units have recorded their Scouting for Food efforts for a total of 10,000lbs of food. Last year we had 30,000lbs recorded. This is our chance to show what we do for the community. Please log on to http://www.ncacbsa.org/?SFF and record your hours and pounds of food collected. Near the middle of the page your will see “Click here for unit reporting form”.

Troop 628’s Trailblazer Klondike Derby

Mush! Mush! Mush! Those words conjure up visions of dog sled teams dashing through the snow along the Iditarod Trail. It is the spirit of that race that Troop 628’s Trailblazers Klondike Derby hopes to emulate January 22-24, 2016 (Webelos January 23 only) at the Walkersville Watershed.

The derby will have a number of activities to test the skill and knowledge of the participants. Are your Scouts up for a challenge?

The Derby is open to all Scout Troops and Webelos. Troops are welcome to camp on Friday and Saturday nights per the unit leaders discretion. Webelos are welcome to come for the day (8:30am to 5pm). The cost is $17.50 per registrant and will cover the event. Sled teams should consist of 8 – 10 scouts.

Further details and registration packets are available from R.J. Grenier, Troop 628 at grenierscout@gmail.com. Information will also be available at Roundtable. The Registration Deadline is January 11, 2016.

Come spend the day in the Artic exercising your skills, testing your knowledge and most of all HAVING FUN!
Training Opportunities by Alan Ashley

If you need basic training, are looking for supplemental training, or want to take a refresher, please contact Alan Ashley at AlanAshley@cedarville.edu or 240-409-6610. There are many resources available to Frederick County Scouters, both within our Council as well as in the three other Councils that border Catoctin Mountain District.

University of Scouting

University of Scouting is a wonderful enrichment opportunity for any leader. Whether you are a new leader, or seeking to increase your knowledge in any of a variety of topics, or just looking to add that extra "pizzazz" to your program . . . University of Scouting is a tremendous resource. Three events are being offered in our area this Winter:

- 2/27 NCAC --watch Blue Blaze or the NCAC website www.ncacbsa.org
- 3/12 Baltimore Area Council --held in Westminster at Carroll Community College, see http://www.baltimorebsa.org/university-of-scouting/39855
- 4/16 Mason-Dixon Council --watch Blue Blaze or the MDC website http://www.mason-dixon-bsa.org/event/1805276

Essay Contest for Boy Scouts submitted by Mark Miller

Boy Scouts age 14-19 have an opportunity to win a $2500 scholarship plus $500 for his Troop. For full details, click the following link. http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2015/10/22/2016-students-essay-contest-will-award-2500-scout-500-troop/

International Scouting News submitted by Shawn Youngberg

The December issue of International Scouting News is available at https://app.box.com/s/0cyrqs5f7deep39kuvcjw2snu6tgxzg0

Naval Academy Merit Badge Jamboree submitted by Mark Miller

Each year, the United States Naval Academy (USNA) welcomes Boy Scout troops to the USNA STEM Merit Badge Jamboree. Members of USNA’s chapter of the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) share their expertise with troops during an adventure-packed weekend January 15-16, 2016. For full details, go to http://www.usna.edu/NESA/Jamboree.php
WINTER TRAINING
EXTRAVAGANZA

Chain Bridge District – National Capital Area Council, BSA

When: Saturday, January 9, 2016 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Location: LDS Scotts Run Chapel, 1325 Scotts Run Road, McLean, VA 22102

Training Tracks

8:30 AM – 3:30 PM  Scoutmaster & Asst. Scoutmaster Specific Training (S24)
8:30 AM – 2 PM  Varsity Coach Leader Specific Training (V21) & Team Committee Challenge (WS11)
8:30 AM – 2 PM  Venturing Advisor Position-Specific Training (P21) & Crew Committee Challenge (WS12) (Note: This is one course)

Please note: This course replaces "Venturing Leader Specific Training," in-place since 2002 and no longer available. We are looking forward to having for purchase the just published Handbook for Venturers (the Venturing Youth Handbook, replaces the "Venturing Handbook"), Venturing Advisor Guidebook (replaces the "Venturing Leader Manual"), and Venturing Awards and Requirements Handbook (all new) at a price of approximately $16.00 each. Please plan to pay by cash or check and wait to write check at the class in the event something is not available.

All attendees should complete the on-line "Youth Protection Training: Venturing Version" before class at https://my scouts .scouting .org/Pages/E-learning .aspx. It is no longer taught in the classroom.

9:30 AM – 12:30 PM  LDS-Focused Chartered Organization Representative (COR) Training (D72)
9:30 AM – 11 AM  Merit Badge Counselor Training (D76)
9:30 AM – 12 noon  Eagle Advisor and Eagle Coach Training

Cost and Registration Details:

- Scoutmaster & Asst. Scoutmaster, Venturing, and Varsity Leader-Specific Training courses $5.
- Eagle Advisor and COR training are free of charge.
- Preregistration required by January 6, 2015.
- Register by email to Glen Johnson, johnson.glernen@gmail.com. Indicate which class you wish to take. You should include your BSA ID number when registering for a course. If you do not know your BSA member ID number, let Glen know. All classes are contingent on having sufficient registrations. If minimal number of registrations is not met, all preregistered people will be notified by e-mail of any cancellation.

- Brown bag lunch & snacks: Bring your own (there won’t be time to get anything on the outside).

Certificates & Trained Strips (when applicable) will be issued upon completion of each course.

Materials: Please bring your leader manual(s) with you as they will be referred to in classes.

Attire: Class A uniform (business casual may be worn for COR training).
Pathways to Peace Volunteer Opportunity for Scouts
submitted by Mark Miller

There is an opportunity for Scouts to help at the annual Pathways of Peace event taking place on the South Lawn of the White House. Pathways is an annual tradition that involves daily performances by local artist groups. Anything from big band jazz to interpretive dance. There are dozens of volunteer shifts throughout the month starting at 10:00 AM through 6:00 PM, so there is flexibility with scheduling.

Anyone wishing to participate should write to jacob_breslin@nps.gov for more information. Scouts would be helping with general visitor questions and crowd control at the annual Pathways of Peace events taking place on the South Lawn of The White House.
WEBLOS
READYMAN DAY

Sponsored by Venturing Crew 254
Sunday, January 31, 2016
1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Venturing Crew 254 is hosting a Readyman Day for our WEBLO friends. *Know, Commit, and Practice* the skills required for the READYMAN ACTIVITY PIN — a requirement for the Arrow of Light.

Stations will include the Character Courage Connection, Check, Care, and Call, What to do in “Hurry” cases, Basic Bandaging, what should be in your First Aid Kit, Compression Only CPR, and more.

**Prerequisite:** Each WEBLO needs to bring a list (name and phone number) of relatives or neighbors they would call in an emergency. The WEBLOS will use this list to create their “Help List.”

**COST:** Each participant should bring one can of food for our Community Pantry ministry.

**Location:**
Faith Baptist Church
2212 Jefferson Pike, Knoxville, MD 21758
(MD, Route 150 between Jefferson and Brunswick – Frederick County, MD.)

**Registration Required:** Den leaders – Please email the number of WEBLOS participating by January 27, 2016 **To:** crew254@faithsbc.org
Boys should be organized by Dens with Den leadership. Program limit is 60 boys. The event will be rescheduled if the Snow Emergency Plan is in effect.

**Family Welcome:** WEBLOS, Bring your family
First Aid Meet

Saturday
March 5
5:30 pm

Calvary Assembly of God
8234 Woodsboro Pike
Walkersville, MD

SCOUTERS START GETTING YOUR TROOP PREPARED NOW

Rules will be available Online & at December Roundtable
Don’t Delay – Limited to 24 Patrol Slots
REGISTRATION to START December 2015
Send Troop Patrol names to Lew Rafter: lewcar@comcast.net
GET PREPARED
For the
56th Annual
Appalachian Trail & Catoctin Mountain
Dual District
FIRST AID MEET
A Traditional Knowledge & Skills Competition
SATURDAY NIGHT
5:30pm - March 5, 2016

Calvary Assembly Activities Hall, 8234 Woodsboro Pike (Rt 194), Walkersville, MD.

SCOUTERS START GETTING YOUR PATROLS PREPARED NOW
ALL Materials & Questions Drawn from Current BSA Handbook

JUDGES ARE ALL EMERGENCY CARE RESPONDERS:
Including: Military Medics, Fire Department EMT's & Paramedics, Police, ER Nurses and Doctors

Don’t wait – The Top Competing Patrols Start Reviewing and Practicing the BSA First Aid Skills NOW……

BE PREPARED
First Aid Meet

Saturday
March 5
5:30-9:00

Calvary Assembly of God
8234 Woodsboro Pike
Walkersville, MD

JUDGES NEEDED

Emergency Medical Responders Please Apply
For more information & to advise your status, please contact
Lew Raeder (301) 639-2731 or lewrae@comcast.net
Frederick County BSA First Aid Meet Instructions

1. Only registered Boy Scouts in Class A uniform will be accepted as competitors.
2. A Troop may enter as many Patrol Teams as possible, subject to the following rules: Patrols will consist of 5 Minimum and 8 Maximum members. Registered Patrols will NOT be assigned floor positions until at least 5 members are present at Registration.
3. Competition will be between registered existing Troop patrols. Provisional Patrols (Scouts from more than one Patrol) will only be permitted with prior FAM Committee Approval. The intent is to prevent formation of a “Ringer Patrol” - If that is determined, that patrol will be disqualified. **All Eagle Scouts and Troop SPL’s will not be allowed to compete.** However, these scouts are welcome and encouraged to participate as FAM Assistants.
4. No one will be permitted to coach/converse with any competitors once competition has begun.
5. First Aid reference material of any kind is not permitted in the competition area after the start.
7. **No Cell Phone/Electronic Devices will be permitted on the competition floor.**
8. Please take the extra effort to remove all of your equipment and any trash from the building upon your departure.
9. **NO FOOD or DRINK will be Permitted in the building PLEASE!**
10. Bottled water will be sold to benefit annual FAM expenses.

The competition will be conducted as follows: **4 Basic, and 4 Advanced Problems**
1. Each of the 8 problems is divided into 2 sections and timed according to difficulty. Problems are printed out for the Patrol Leader and read prior to the announced STARTING time. Each Patrol will then determine and perform the first aid required for the problem. The assigned judge will score based upon the Patrols observed: Treatment Skills, knowledge, teamwork and overall Patrol demeanor.
2. At the announced time, the Patrol will cease victim treatment activity and begin the scored **Question/Answer segment of the Problem.** AFTER the score sheet has been submitted, Judges will provide the patrol with positive treatment feedback, but will not discuss scoring.
3. The judges will rotate to a new Patrol after each problem.

**EACH PATROL IS REQUIRED TO BRING THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT** (minimum quantities)
- 3 – Large Blankets (Splint, stretcher, floor mat)
- 12 – Triangular bandages (at least 36" long)
- 2 – 12-18 inch Padded Splints, 3 inches wide
- 2 – 24-30 inch Padded Splint, 3 inches wide
- 2 – 36 inch Padded splint, 3 inches wide
- 1 – 48 inch Padded splint, 3-4 inches wide
- 6 – 3x3 or 4x4 inch compresses (sterility not necessary)
- 9 – 3"to 6" Kling/Gauze roller bandage
- 1 – CPR Barrier Device

Note: In order to reduce waste protective type Non-Latex gloves will not be utilized for the competition. However, the Patrol is required to be knowledgeable about their necessary use and should always have them in any First Aid Kit.

The Committee reserves the right to update these instructions to better serve our Youth FAM participants.
Catoctin Mountain District
SuperDerby
March 12, 2016

Race against other Packs in Catoctin Mountain District’s Super Derby!

The cost is **$60 per Pack ($45 for LDS units)**. The top **three** 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**.

SuperDerby will be held on **Saturday, March 12**. Registration and race times are:

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SuperDerby 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**.

Super Derby rules and information can be found at [superderby.pack1070.org](http://superderby.pack1070.org)

If you have questions or are interested in assisting with the event, please contact Richard Sims at [derby@pack1070.org](mailto:derby@pack1070.org)
ADVENTURING BLURB
FREDERICK COUNTY VOA
DECEMBER 2015

MEETINGS

Frederick Co. VOA
3rd Tuesday, 7:00-8:15 pm
Frederick Church of the Brethren
Dec 15
Jan 19
Feb 16
Mar 15
Apr 19
May 17

NCAC VOA
1st Monday 7-9 pm
NCAC, Bethesda
Jan 4
Feb 1
Mar 7

Frederick Co. Venturing Forum
3rd Tuesday 7:20-8:20 pm
Frederick Church of the Brethren
Dec 15
Feb 16
Apr 19

District Round Table
2nd Tuesday 7 – 9 pm
LDS Stake and Church of the Brethren
Jan 12
Feb 9
Mar 8

ACTIVITIES

December

December: 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.

Dec. 15: County Venturing Forum
Allenonthelake@comcast.net Rich.golling@yahoo.com
The FCVOA and the Venturing Commissioners will be hosting the bi-monthly Venturing Forum at the Frederick church of the Brethren from 7:20 to 8:20 on 15 December. All Crew Advisors, Presidents and other Youth representatives are encouraged to attend. Learn about the upcoming Venturing Adventures that will take place in the coming months!

Dec. 29: Bubble Soccer Adventure!
Bubblesoccer@ship87.org
Ship 37 and the FCVOA will be co-hosting an indoor Bubble Soccer event for all Sea Scouts, Venturers, and their guests. Eighth Graders and High Schoolers are encouraged to attend too. Bubble Soccer will take place at the Frederick Indoor Sports Complex (1845 Brookfield Court) from 7:45 PM to 10:00 PM. The cost for each participant is $20 in advance or $25 at the door! For more information, contact Cameron via email listed above!

Dec. 31-Jan. 1: Crew 254 Annual Lock-In
Crew254@fourthbc.org
Crew 254 will be hosting its annual New Year’s Lock-In at Faith Baptist church in Knoxville, Maryland. Crew 254 is inviting all crews within Frederick County to celebrate the end of 2015 and the start of 2016 with them. Festivities will include partying, eating, playing games, watching movies, and socializing! For more information, contact Al Cahoj via email listed above.

FRIENDS

All Crew officers are encouraged to join us to plan activities! Contact: Damon Allen, Advisor: allenonthelake@comcast.net

January

Jan. 8-9: BAC VOA Winter Rendezvous
http://www.baltimorebsa.org Robbie.d@comcast.net
The Star Wars Themed Winter Rendezvous will be a lock-in at the Bel-Air Athletics Club! Activities will include: volleyball, swimming, Gaga Ball, Swim-jr, Capture the Flag, Basketball, and much more! The fee is $35 per person. To register, go online to the Baltimore Area Council’s site or contact Robbie via email.

Jan. 25: Venturing Ice Skating
http://www.ncaabsa.org
The Powhatan District will be hosting an Ice Skating event for Venturers on 25 January at the Reston Town Center. More information will become available shortly.

Winter Fun!
January 8-16: Venturing Getaway!!
Michael.jane@scouting.org
The Laurel Highlands Council will be hosting the Venturing Getaway Weekend at Heritage Scout Reservation on the weekend of 8-10 January. Participants will stay in the Ryan homes at the Reservation and travel to Nemacolin Woodland Ski Resort for skiing, snowboarding, and/or tubing. The $55 fee for all participants includes lodging, cracker barrels, breakfast, and dinner. The fees for ski rentals and snowboarding is a separate fee of $32. The Snow tubing fee is $16 per person for 2 hours. To register, go online: http://hlc-bsa.doubleknot.com/event/1605485 and https://www.nemacolin.com/ski-snowboard-days.
Trouble Receiving *The Blue Blaze*?
Some of you have reported that you are no longer receiving *The Blue Blaze* or that you are unable to open the links to the newsletter. Be assured that you are not being removed from the distribution list on purpose. If you find you are no longer getting mailings, go to [http://scouting-cmd.org/blueblaze](http://scouting-cmd.org/blueblaze) and just sign up again. If you have trouble opening the link to the newsletter, just email me at lindasundergill@comcast.net and I will send the newsletter to you in PDF format. Also Mark Miller, our new Webmaster is in the process of putting 2015 back issues of *The Blue Blaze* on our website at [http://www.ncacbsa.org/members/group_content_view.asp?group=114094&id=210818](http://www.ncacbsa.org/members/group_content_view.asp?group=114094&id=210818).

To sign up for *The Blue Blaze*, go to [http://Scouting-cmd.org/blueblaze](http://Scouting-cmd.org/blueblaze)

Please encourage all 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 and sign up again.

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