Upcoming Events  (Training Events in RED)  (Venturing Events in GREEN)

February
19  Frederick County VOA Meeting 7:30 PM- 8:30 PM Frederick Church of the Brethren
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

March
5  First Aid Meet, contact lewcar@comcast.net
5  Scoutmaster Specific Training in Herndon, VA, see https://scoutingevent.com/?OrgKey=BSA082&eventID=6053
5  Venturing Crew Advisor and Committee Trng.  in Herndon, VA, https://scoutingevent.com/?OrgKey=BSA082&eventID=6055
8  Roundtable (Boy Scout/Cub Scout/OA) 7:15pm at LDS Stake Center, 199 North Place, Frederick
10  Commissioner’s Meeting, 7:30pm 199 North Place, Frederick contact cmdcommissioner@aol.com
11  Filmfest, contact cpaulsmith@verizon.net
12  Super Derby, contact derby@pack1070.org
12  University of Scouting, Baltimore Area Council, see page 4
12  Unit Committee Training for Packs and Troops in Bethesda, MD, see https://scoutingevent.com/?OrgKey=BSA082&eventID=6339
12  Scouter Breakfast, contact layman274@gmail.com

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From the Desk of the Commish:

I would like to offer my personal and sincere thanks to District Executive Mychal Tamillow as he leaves employment with BSA. Mychal has been a great District Executive and a pleasure to work with and have as a colleague in Scouting. It will be difficult to replace his enthusiasm and attention to detail. I wish him well in the next chapter of his professional life.

Recharter was not easy, but it is done for most of us. Many thanks to all those units who met the District guidelines for turn in. Thanks also to the Commissioner’s Corp for processing the packages.

At the moment, 72% of District units achieved a Journey to Excellence ranking at the Bronze, Silver or Gold level. This is way above 2014 submissions and reflects well on District units in measuring themselves against the national benchmark. The JTE units are:

Packs: 48, 243, 270, 271, 274, 280, 628, 727, 1191, 1055, 1069, 1070, 1628
Ships: 37, 59
Team: 324
Crews: 48, 270, 324, 470, 758

Several major great Scouting events are coming up over the next two months. They include: the Inter-troop Basketball Tourney, the Klondike Derby, the Scouters Breakfast and the University of Scouting. I encourage your personal and unit participation at these events. Traditionally, our District has been underrepresented at the University of Scouting and that’s a shame. The University of Scouting offers hundreds of 50 minute courses over six class periods in subjects relating to Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Adventure Scouting (Teams, Crews, Ships and Posts), District Operations and several all-day stand-alone courses. The “U” will be held on February 27 at Hayfield Secondary School in Alexandria. On-line registration is available on the NCAC web page.

The new Boy Scout rank requirements took effect on January 1, 2016 with the publication of a new Scout Handbook. Some of the changes:

- “Scout” is now a rank
- “Duty to God” is emphasized at each rank
• The number of service hours for Tenderfoot through First Class has increased and three hours at Life must be conservation-related
• The number of campouts for Second and First Class has increased.
• A physical activity requirement has been added for Second and First Class
Complete details may be found at Program Updates at www.Scouting.org.

Yours in Commissioner Service,

Bill Desmond
District Commissioner

Farewell from Mychal Tamillow
As you may have heard, January 15th was my last day as a professional Boy Scout. I want to thank you all for the dedication you show to the youth of Frederick County, your persistence, and the desire to make a difference. You don't see that in many places, but I got to see it every day with you all and I really thank you for that. I felt truly welcomed into the District and you all were more than willing to share a hot meal with me, which is a great job perk I must say. It was an honor working with you, and I wish you luck as you continue to blaze a path for future generations. If you want to stay in touch, my phone number is the same, or you can email me at tamillmd@gmail.com. I guess there's nothing left to say but so long, and thanks for all the fish.

Best regards,
Mychal Tamillow

Arrow of Light Ceremonies
The Catoctin Mountain Ceremonies Team does various Arrow of Light ceremonies for Packs across the District. If your Pack would be interested in having the team perform at a meeting, you can contact the Ceremonies Chief at snicholasv@gmail.com.

International Scouting News submitted by Shawn Youngberg
The January issue of International Scouting News is available at https://app.box.com/s/ro877epl7l7vol8rxzyq4mfx4v6p89hl

Scouter Breakfast
The Scouter Breakfast has been rescheduled from February 13 to March 12. More details to follow.
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 leader’s discretion. Webelos are welcome to come for the day (8:30am to 5pm on Saturday). 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. Come spend the day in the Arctic 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:

- 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

Other upcoming opportunities:
IOLS (Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills), 4/13 and 4/22-4/24, in Gainesville, VA and Camp Snyder see https://scoutingevent.com/?OrgKey=BSA082&eventID=6342

IOLS, 10/4 and 10/14-10/16, in Gainesville, VA and Camp Snyder see https://scoutingevent.com/?OrgKey=BSA082&eventID=6347

Wood Badge, 4/29-5/1 and 6/3-6/5, at Camp Snyder see https://scoutingevent.com/?wbspring16
Eagle Projects in Catoctin Mountain Park, by John Wright
Debbie Mills, for many years has been the main contact for aspiring Eagle Scouts seeking a leadership service project at Catoctin National Park. After more than 30 years of service to the National Park Service, Debbie has retired. Debbie has long been a true friend to Scouting and she will be missed with her ready list of projects needing attention at the Park. For those needing a contact at Catoctin National Park for an Eagle or a Troop service project, please contact Ranger Peggie Gaul. Ranger Gaul is an Eagle Mom herself and currently a Girl Scout leader in Washington County. Ranger Gaul can be reached at 301-663-9388 or Peggie_Gaul@NPS.gov.
New Patch
The BSA and the National Park Service (NPS) have been partners from the beginning; through campouts, hikes, and volunteerism, millions of Scouts have experienced and supported their national parks for more than 100 years.

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service, we are excited to unveil the design for the NPS Centennial Commemorative patch. Additionally, Scouts are encouraged to explore national parks near and far through the NPS “Find Your Park” centennial program.

Ship 37 Featured in Frederick News Post
Use the link below to view the front page article in the Frederick News Post featuring Ship 37’s Change of Watch Ceremony
http://www.fredericknewspost.com/places/local/frederick_county/sea-scouts-take-the-helm-at-change-of-watch-ceremony/article_0127acf0-a47c-55de-bc08-25008281c0a0.html

District Dinner
The District Annual Awards Dinner will be held on Friday February 26th at the Mt. Pleasant Ruritan Building, 8101 Crum Rd. Walkersville, MD 21793. Doors will open at 7pm and dinner will be served at 7:30pm. The cost is $20 per person cash at the door. Please RSVP by February 22nd to Ron Layman.

Certified Angling Instructors Course by Jeff Geyer
Those of us who are BSA Nationally Certified Angling Instructors and located within NCAC are conducting a Council Certified Angling Instructor (CAI) Course May 6-8 for adult Scout leaders. I know, I know, this is Mother’s Day weekend, but the only way that the course was going to be affordable was to hold it in conjunction with Zekiah District’s OA Ordeal.

The purpose of the CAI course is to teach Scout leaders how to run a successful fishing program within their Scouting unit(s) and at camps and to provide a fishing program resource within the Districts of NCAC. It will be held at Camp Merrick in Charles County. The cost is $25 for the weekend. The cost includes a sleeping spot in a cabin, food, and course materials. Please contact me at jdgeyer@verizon.net if you have any questions or wish to enroll in the course. I will need reservations and the money for the course no later than March 15.
Sea Scout Ship 37 Dreadnoughts
Today’s Sea Scouts - Tomorrow’s Leaders
Chartered by: Trinity United Methodist Church

09 January 2016

Each January, the various Sea Scout Ships in the National Capital Area Council gather together for dinner and recognition. Together, these 16 Ships make up the NCAC Squadron under the leadership of the Squadron Commodore and Boatswain. The youth and adult leaders of these units meet throughout the year for planning and organizational purposes (similar to a District Roundtable) in a group known as the “Wardroom” which is the collective name for the officers of a vessel.

At the recent Sea Scout Wardroom Dinner of the NCAC Squadron, recognition of Outstanding Performance was given in several categories including Sea Scout of the Year, Boatswain of the Year, Ship of the Year and Wardroom Award. This year, Ship 37 was nominated and recognized with the “Wardroom Award” which is presented to “…a brand new Ship that has demonstrated achievement and progress in Sea Scouting; a Ship that shows many of the characteristics of the outstanding Ship of the Year.” The 2015 Wardroom Award was presented by Chesapeake Flotilla Commodore Steve Nichols to Ship 37 Boatswain Alex Wright.

Sea Scouts, like all of Scouting is a youth led organization. The youth of each Sea Scout Ship elect a “Boatswain” as the youth leader in charge of the Ship. This ‘youth led’ structure is also true at the upper levels of Sea Scouts where a Council or Squadron Boatswain is elected for a one year term of office. Standing Orders for the Squadron Boatswain include providing guidance and leadership to the various Ship Boatswains; promoting Sea Scouting to all Ships in the Squadron; representing Sea Scouts to the NCAC Venturing Officer Association; and also organizing and leading Squadron level Sea Scout events such as regattas and training programs.

For 2016, the NCAC Squadron has elected Peter Wright to be the NCAC Squadron Boatswain, relieving the current Squadron Boatswain, Cate Boulter in a ‘Change of Watch’ ceremony led by NCAC Squadron Commodore Doug Yeakley. As Squadron Boatswain, Peter promised to perform his duties and maintain his position for a term of one year or until properly relieved.

Sea Scout Ship 37 formed in 2014 to promote youth-led Sea Scouting in Frederick County and is proudly chartered by Trinity United Methodist Church under the Sea Scouts program of the Boy Scouts of America. Sea Scouts is open to young women and men ages 13 ½ to 21 interested in adventure, leadership and fun water & land activities. Sea Scouts: Co-ed High Adventure Scouting - In, On and Under the Water.
Boatswain Alex Wright of Sea Scout Ship 37 receives the 2015 Wardroom Award from Commodore Nichols. (Photo: F. Garcia)

Squadron Boatswain Peter Wright takes over from outgoing Squadron Boatswain Cate Boulter at the NCAC Squadron Change of Watch ceremony on 09 January 2016. (Photo: F. Garcia)
First Aid Meet

Saturday
March 5
5:30pm

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 Raeder: ltwcar@comcast.net

For First Aid Meet Instructions, go to:
https://app.box.com/s/5mu8g2mmrnoz4o7n85b8btp1acejyr00
First Aid Meet

Saturday
March 5
5:30-9:00

Judge Needed

Emergency Medical Responders Please Apply
For more information & to advise your status, please contact
Lew Raeder (301) 639-2731 or lewraer@comcast.net
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

If you have questions or are interested in assisting with the event, please contact Richard Sims at derby@pack1070.org
**MEETINGS**

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**ACTIVITIES**

**January**

**January: Youth Officers Needed for FCVOA**

AlienontheLake@comcast.net, r_golling@yahoo.com

Youth Officers are needed to plan and regulate the Frederick County Venturing Officers Association. You 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.

**Jan. 25: Venturing Ice Skating**

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

The Powhatan District will be hosting an Ice Skating event for all Venturers on 25 January at the Reston Town Center in Reston, Virginia. Go online to the NCAC website for more information and to register.

**February**

**Feb. 12-14: WINTERFEST**

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

The 42nd annual winter fest will take place in Gatlinburg, Tennessee! Various run activities will be available for youth and adults to participate in. There will be individual and team competitions and tournaments in various fields such as Law Enforcement, Fire Service, and Aquatics. Registration fees vary due to time of registration, ranging between $45 and $65. This does not include lodging. Hotel Fees are separate and vary. The Leader’s guide and all information including registration is online at the site listed above! Sign up and have an adventurous time!

**Feb. 27: NCAC University of Scouting**

[www.ncacss.org/training/university-of-scouting](http://www.ncacss.org/training/university-of-scouting)

Want to earn a degree in Adventure Science at the NCAC University of Scouting? All youth and adults involved in Venturing are encouraged to sign up for as many classes as they want regarding trainings or information that would enhance the Crew's sense of adventure. The University of Scouting will take place at the Hayfield Secondary School. The Course catalog and registration is online at the site above.

**March**

**March 12: BAC University of Scouting**

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

The Baltimore Area Council will be having its annual University of Scouting at Carroll Community College. Youth and adults can take courses in the Venturing Science, obtaining knowledge that can help the Crew and program grow. Youth who are in need of specific trainings can sign up for one of the two Youth Track Courses. The cost for UOS is $35 per adult and $25 per youth.

**Venturing Forum**

The Next Forum will be on Tuesday 16 February at the Frederick Church of the Brethren starting at 7:20. All Youth and adults are strongly encouraged to attend.

**Training**

**Venturing Training for Youth**

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

The Boy Scouts of America has various Leadership training courses for youth in the Venturing Program. These courses are designed to enable the youth to enhance, refine, and expand their leadership skills. The Youth Safety Guidelines is required for the Venturing Award. Venturers are also encouraged to take Venturing Youth Protection. Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews, Goal Setting and Time Management are required for the Discovery Award. Project Management (syllabus has yet to be released by National) is required for Pathfinder whilst Mentoring is required for the Summit Award. Venturers can also take the Kodiak challenge, attend NYLT and NAVLE! Ask questions for more information on trainings!
Swim Meet by Mike Turell

The 35th Scout Swim Meet/Scout Swim will be held on Friday, March 11th, from 7-9 pm at the Middletown High School Pool (same location as the previous 34 years). The Troop 278/Pack 278 Invitational Swim Meet has also been known at the FSK District Swim Meet, and is currently the Swim Meet for both the Appalachian Trail and Catoctin Mountain Districts. There will be time before (7:05 - 7:25) and after (8:15 - 8:45) the swim meet for Scouts to work on various aquatic requirements. The cost will be $5/Scout again this year. This helps to defray the cost of the pool/ribbons/trophies/and patches. Registrations for the 35th Annual Pack 278-Troop 278 Invitations Swim Meet must be in by Tuesday, March 1st to guarantee a patch. For more information, contact Michael Turell either by email, mturell@erols.com, or by phone, 301-371-5412, or Scott Lindsay either by email at atscouter@yahoo.com or by phone, 301-371-4594.

For more information, see the event flyer at https://app.box.com/s/i8s5v9alalnbly69wlqdxrdukz9xjqk

The "Swim Meet" is really two separate events. When Mike Turell started the swim meet 34 years ago, it was a Pack 278 event that eventually became the FSK District Swim Meet. For the past 30 years or so, it has been open to all Boy Scouts in Frederick county, but given the size limitations and that we have a "before" and "after" meet open swim, we are limited to the number of people that we can have attend. Therefore, we are limiting it to 3 people per age group for Cub Scouts and 3 people per age group for Boy Scouts. This will keep the numbers manageable and the event fun. If you have more than that for an age group, please contact either Scott or Mike, and we will see how that age group is doing numbers wise, and will try to accommodate your unit.

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Turell either by email, mturell@erols.com, or by phone, 301-371-5412, or Scott Lindsay either by email at atscouter@yahoo.com or by phone, 301-371-4594. Please get those registrations in as soon as possible. If it would be easier, we do not need the registration form on the attached flyer. You can just email either of us with a list of Scouts (By age group), ideally in an excel spreadsheet, or even just in the body of the email. Please include a contact person for your unit. Thanks,

Mike and Scott
Michael J. Turell and Scott Lindsay
Swim Meet Coordinators
2016 Frederick County Spring Aviation Camporee

Event Starts Friday April 15 and runs thru Sunday the 17th.

Over 300 Scouts from 11 to 17 years old will be attending. Those who register early enough will get a chance at a flight in a small aircraft.

Flight Simulators, Airplane Building, Mapping a Flight Plan, Building a Wing Rib Section, How Planes Fly, Performing pre-flights on Single and Multi Engine Aircraft, Vertical Flight, Control Tower Tours, Hang out with the State Police Chopper Crew, Fly Radio Controlled Planes,

More info and Registration Forms to Follow, Direct Questions or Early Registrations of your Patrols of 7-12 Boys to:

2016Camporee@BSATroop1998.org

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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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