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

March
15 Frederick County VOA Meeting 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Frederick Church of the Brethren
19 OA Call Out, contact joseph.durnal@gmail.com See page 2 for details
22 District Committee Mtg, 7:30pm, 199 North Place, Frederick, 21701, contact layman274@gmail.com
23 District Eagle Board by appointment only, contact nfeldser@comcast.net
28 Inter-Troop Sports Dodgeball, contact shawnyoungberg@comcast.net
29 Den Chief Training, contact docor@comcast.net See page 8 for details

April
2 Scouter Breakfast at Mountain Gate Restaurant, 8:00am, contact layman274@gmail.com
12 Roundtable (Boy Scout/Cub Scout/OA,AdVenturing) 7:15pm at LDS Stake Center, 199 North Place, Frederick
13 IOLS (Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills), https://scoutingevent.com/?OrgKey=BSA082&eventID=6342
14 Commissioner’s Meeting, 7:30pm 199 North Place, Frederick contact cmdcommissioner@aol.com
15-17 Spring Aviation Camporee, contact 2016camporee@bsatroop1998.org.
16 University of Scouting http://www.mason-dixon-bsa.org/event/1805276
19 FCVOA Meeting, 7:20-8:20pm at the Frederick Church of the Brethren
22-23 IOLS (Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills), https://scoutingevent.com/?OrgKey=BSA082&eventID=6342
26 District Committee Mtg, 7:30pm, 199 North Place, Frederick, 21701, contact layman274@gmail.com
27 District Eagle Board by appointment only, contact nfeldser@comcast.net
29-5/1 Area 6 VOA Venturing Phenomenon, Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation, see page 11
29-5/1 Wood Badge https://scoutingevent.com/?wbspring16
30 BALOO (Outdoor Skills Training for Cub Leaders) see page 4 for details

May
7 Bike Rodeo, contact Cubmaster@pack271.org
10 Roundtable (Boy Scout/Cub Scout/OA,AdVenturing) 7:15pm at LDS Stake Center, 199 North Place, Frederick
12 Commissioner’s Meeting, 7:30pm 199 North Place, Frederick contact cmdcommissioner@aol.com
14 Day of Service in Catoctin Mountain Park, see page 15 for details, contact jimsundergill@comcast.net
17 FCVOA Elections 7:20-7:40 at the Frederick Church of the Brethren
17 FCVOA Meeting 7:45- 8:20 at the Frederick Church of the Brethren
20-22 Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS), contact wklohr@gmail.com
21 Citizenship Merit Badge Day, contact r_golling@yahoo.com
24 District Committee Mtg, 7:30pm, 199 North Place, Frederick, 21701, contact layman274@gmail.com
25 District Eagle Board by appointment only, contact nfeldser@comcast.net
From the Desk of the Commish:

Please be generous in giving to the Friends of Scouting (FOS) Campaign. We are all bombarded every day with requests for contributions to charitable causes, schools and sports teams, however to keep Scouting viable in the National Capital Area Council, each Scouting family is asked to make an FOS contribution. The requested amount per family is $200. As they say in the TV commercials “that’s about $.60 a day.” FOS and its counterpart community campaign, the Delaplaine Distinguished Citizen Dinner, bring in needed financial support to Council from Frederick County. If you want more details on FOS, contact District Chairman Ron Layman, District Executive Jon Miller or me.

Units are reminded to complete semi-annual program planning before June and to use the Journey to Excellence scoresheets as part of this process. Summer camping plans should also be finalized by now. I am told that Goshen Scout Reservation is still accepting reservations for the summer of 2016.

In case you were not there, I announced at March Roundtable that the District is calling a meeting of the Senior Patrol Leaders (SPL) Council at the April Roundtable on April 12. Each Troop SPL, or his alternate, is asked to come and help identify a proposed theme for the Fall Camporee, which will be a joint event with Appalachian Trail District and Mason-Dixon Council. We are considering holding quarterly Roundtable night meetings of the SPL Council, if there is interest. It’s all about getting input from those we serve.

Finally, current leader training data reflect that 52% of our Scouters are not trained for their position. Over a dozen registered leaders also have expired Youth Protection Training. “Every Scout deserves a trained leader” is one of our core principles. Units are urged to check Training Manager to determine what training is needed to get us to 100%.

Yours in Commissioner Service, Bill Desmond, District Commissioner

Scouter Breakfast
The Scouter Breakfast has been rescheduled to April 2 beginning at 8:00am at the Mountain Gate Restaurant in Thurmont. Cost is $15 (cash) which includes meal and tip. Please RSVP to layman274@gmail.com if you plan to attend. Camperships will be awarded that morning.

OA Call Out March 19th submitted by Joseph M. Durnal - Chapter Adviser
The Catoctin Mountain Chapter of the Order of the Arrow will be holding a Call Out Ceremony on Saturday, March 19 at 6pm located at the watershed amphitheater. This is the opportunity for the scouts in your unit to be called out in a ceremony before they are notified by mail that they have been elected candidates. Questions? Contact joseph.durnal@gmail.com
Having Trouble with Internet Advancement? Submitted by Bill Desmond
If a unit has logged on to Internet Advancement (IA) prior to their new charter being posted, they are looking at stale data. – new Scouts not on the roster and dropped Scouts still on the roster. They need to refresh the roster. There are two ways to do that.
1. If any data (advancements, awards) has been entered for a Scout, Submit to Council.
2. If no new data has been entered, click the Start Over button located in the upper right corner of the screen.
Then logon and load the roster.
Also, if you logon and load the roster and still get the old roster, then the new charter has not been posted. Unposted December units cannot access IA.
Hope this helps.

Snap it, don’t stomp it!
The Catoctin Mountain Park Insect BioBlitz
Friday May 20 and Saturday May 21, 2016
Camp Misty Mount in Catoctin Mountain Park

In celebration of the National Park Service Centennial, Catoctin Mountain Park would like to invite everyone to take part in the Catoctin Mountain Park Insect BioBlitz, which we have entitled, Snap It, Don’t Stomp It!, on Friday May 20 and Saturday morning May 21, 2016 at Misty Mount Dining Hall. We are planning to compile an inventory of insects by having participants take pictures with their phones, of insects they find in the vicinity of Misty Mount Camp, and upload them to the iNaturalist app. Using iNaturalist will allow us to access the photos and make identifications. First three hundred participants get a Catoctin Bioblitz patch! Call or email for further information: Becky Loncosky, Biologist, Catoctin Mountain Park
Becky_Loncosky@nps.gov, 301 416 0536

If you would like to work on your Insect Study Merit Badge Workbook, you could work on a list of species/orders of insects seen and photos taken could be put in a scrapbook collection. Check with your Scout leader.

New Roundtable Breakout Session
Starting in March, a new breakout session for AdVenturing will be added to the Roundtable agenda. This replaces the current Venturing Forum held on the third Tuesday of the month. The AdVenturing breakout is designed for Scouters in Venturing and Sea Scout programs, as well as Crew and Ship youth leadership, to share experiences and discuss common issues. Damon Allen will serve as the AdVenturing Roundtable Commissioner.
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. One more is being offered in our area this Winter:

- 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

NYLT (Impessa) June 19-24, July 10-15 and July 31- August 5

NYLT (Impeesa) is the National Capital Area Council’s presentation of the National Youth Leadership Training. The objective of our NYLT program is to equip our young people with leadership skills to help them succeed in their Scouting program and in LIFE. Click on the following link for full details. https://app.box.com/s/6vq3bfrrtxhv40apxhsihpiagjfgagim

BALOO (Outdoor Skills Training for Cub Leaders) April 30, click the following link for full details https://app.box.com/s/6bca05827yukypwneyogjexjo5o5nhw0

Leave No Trace Trainer Classes, April 2016

What is the purpose of this class? The Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing, and Sea Scout programs all include outdoor stewardship, care for the environment, and Leave No Trace as part of their programs. This course is offered to train adults and youth aged 14+ to serve their units and districts as Leave No Trace Trainers and as Outdoor Ethics Trainers. Every Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing, and Sea Scout unit should have at least one Leave No Trace/Outdoor Ethics Trainer. A Boy Scout must complete this course before he can serve in the Troop Leave No Trace Trainer position.

Who should attend? Venturers, Sea Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Boy Scouts aged 14+; adult Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity, Venturing, and Sea Scout leaders; and District and Council leaders and trainers.

What will I learn? This course is designed to enhance your understanding of Leave No Trace practices and outdoor ethics, and to increase your level of expertise and confidence in teaching Leave No Trace skills.
This class is both active and highly interactive. You will be introduced to concepts and methods that will advance your knowledge of Leave No Trace issues in both developed and high adventure environments, expand your repertoire of low-impact skills, and increase your effectiveness in teaching these important skills to others.

On completion of this course, participants will be registered as Leave No Trace Trainers with the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics and with the BSA. Students will receive Leave No Trace teaching materials, a certificate of course completion, a Leave No Trace Trainer lapel pin, and a BSA Leave No Trace Trainer card.

This course is instructed by nationally designated Leave No Trace Master Educators and Trainers. Attendance for the entire duration of the training is required.

NCAC Outdoor Ethics web page: [http://www.ncacbsa.org/training/outdoor-ethics/](http://www.ncacbsa.org/training/outdoor-ethics/)

Class locations, dates, and contacts:

**Maryland Class**
Where: Izaak Walton League Rockville Chapter, Germantown MD
When: Friday April 8 (5:00 pm) through Sunday April 10, 2016 (10:00 am) (Sunday friendly may be possible for students; please contact Paul to discuss)
Class director: Paul Schimke, paul@schimke.org, 301 906 0069 (cell)
Registration page: [https://scoutingevent.com/?LNTTrainer](https://scoutingevent.com/?LNTTrainer)

**Virginia Class**
Where and when: Falls Church, Friday evening April 8, 2016 AND Sky Meadows SP, April 16 (9:00am) through April 17 (10:00am)
Class Director: Victor Bienek, vbieniek@gmail.com, 703 855 8428 (cell)
Registration page: [https://scoutingevent.com/?LNTTrainerApr2016](https://scoutingevent.com/?LNTTrainerApr2016)

Enrollment closes Sunday 3/27/2016

**Outdoor Ethics Leadership Position**
BSA is in a period of transition from the previous Scout Handbook to the Scout Handbook issued in January 2016. From 2010 until January 2016 the Outdoor Ethics leadership position was the Leave No Trace Trainer. Any Scout that began this position before January 2016 can remain in that position for the requisite 6 months to complete their Leadership position for Rank Advancement.

Any Scout that wants to begin a new leadership position after January 2016 will no longer have the option of Leave No Trace Trainer. The new Outdoor Ethics official Leadership position for Rank Advancement is Outdoor Ethics Guide, and as you note, the patches are already available.

I know all of this is a bit confusing; however, I agree with the direction BSA is taking the program. There is a new 4 hour course coming out specifically for the Outdoor Ethics Guide position. Your new Leave No Trace Trainers will be qualified to teach the course so their attendance at the LNT Trainer course is not in vain. Thus, yes they are qualified for the new position.

There continues to be a need to Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly Trainers. The change reflects the realization by BSA that the Outdoor Ethics position for the units did not need to be a fully qualified trainer. BSA also wanted to be sure the new Outdoor Ethics Guide did not focus only on Leave No
Trace. The BSA Outdoor Ethics program includes the Land Ethic, The Outdoor Code, Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly. The new 4 hour Outdoor Ethics Guide course will cover all four elements of the Outdoor Ethics program. At the recent Leave No Trace Trainer course I included an introduction to Tread Lightly and the Land Ethics. I am confident that the Scouts that attended this course will be prepared to be an Outdoor Ethics Guide.

Please contact me if you have any further questions. Click the following link for a Power Point presentation that explains the 2016 Updates to the Outdoor Ethics Program
https://app.box.com/s/wjzroic790chnj11rvx15krnkn4uxeqh

Bill Nay aka “father Nayture”
bill.nay@comcast.net, Outdoor Ethics Advocate, Redwood Empire Council

Catoctin Mountain Park Announces 2016 Youth Conservation Corps Program
The National Park Service is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the 2016 Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program at Catoctin Mountain Park. This is an exciting opportunity for high school students to spend their summer doing meaningful work in a National Park site! The YCC program is scheduled to last for eight weeks beginning on June 27, 2016 and ending on August 19, 2016.

The program is open to young men and women 15 through 18 years of age. All applicants who meet the eligibility requirements listed on the application will be considered. The position will require daily outdoor labor, working in heat, and using a variety of hand tools. The 2016 work projects include monitoring of rare plant populations, gypsy moth monitoring, exotic plant control and removal, trail maintenance and construction, and painting projects. Enrollees will be selected through a random drawing. Please note, previous enrollees may only be considered in the event that an insufficient number of new applications are received. The rate of pay will be $8.75 per hour.

Applications may be obtained from local high school guidance counselors or by contacting Becky Loncosky at Catoctin Mountain Park, 6602 Foxville Road, Thurmont, MD 21788 or at Becky_loncosky@nps.gov. Completed application forms must be mailed or emailed to Ms. Loncosky at the above address by April 15, 2016. If you have any questions concerning this program, please contact Becky Loncosky at (301)416-0536 or Becky_Loncosky@nps.gov.

Nature Fest/Service Opportunity, submitted by Jon Miller
The Frederick County Nature Council is in need of parking assistance at their upcoming Nature Fest. Nature Fest will be at Catoctin Creek Park on Saturday, April 23rd. They would particularly like help from 9 am to noon. Please contact Kathy Barylski at bj2kb@yahoo.com or Daniel Cook at 301-600-2051 for more information
Catoctin Mountain Park
2016 Spring Event Schedule

2016 Spring Community Presentations

“The History of the National Park Service”

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service, Catoctin Mountain Park is pleased to invite you to a series of presentations that will be held in the nearby, local communities. Presented by both former and current rangers of the National Park Service, these programs will highlight some of the “crown jewels” of the service, along with some of the lesser known, but equally important, park units.

March 8
7:00 p.m. at the Smithsburg, MD Public Library
Please call the Smithsburg Library to sign up, 301-824-7722.

March 21
6:00 p.m. at the Urbana Regional Library, MD
For additional information, contact Catoctin Mountain Park at 301-663-9388 or the Urbana Regional Library at 301-600-7000.

April 11
6:00 p.m. at the Thurmont Regional Library, MD
For additional information, contact Catoctin Mountain Park at 301-663-9388 or the Thurmont Regional Library at 301-600-7200.

May 16
6:30 p.m. at the Brunswick Branch Library, MD
For additional information, contact Catoctin Mountain Park at 301-663-9388 or the Brunswick Regional Library at 301-600-7250.

2016 Spring Programs in the Park

March 13, 19, 26 - Orienteering Classes
1:00 p.m. at the Catoctin Mountain Park Visitor Center.
Learn to read a map and compass; then practice those skills outdoors on the park’s orienteering course. Maps and compasses will be provided. This can be an individual, family, or small group activity. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. Call the Catoctin Mountain Park Visitor Center to sign up, 301-663-9388.

April 22 - “Find Your Story Time”
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon at the Catoctin Mountain Park Visitor Center.
Children and their families can join a park ranger and a librarian for an easy walk followed by a few stories about nature in the park. This program is geared for Preschoolers - Elementary school level. Dress appropriately. This program is courtesy of the 2016 National Park Service and Frederick County Library Partnership in celebration of the National Park Service Centennial. For additional information, contact Catoctin Mountain Park at 301-663-9388 or the Thurmont Regional Library at 301-600-7200.

April 23 - Wildflower Walk
11:00 a.m. at the Owens Creek Picnic Area, off of Foxville-Deerfield Road, Thurmont, MD.
Catoctin Mountain Park comes alive in the spring with wildflowers. See the beauty and enjoy a ranger's expert guidance. Check the park website for details, http://www.nps.gov/cato/index.htm, or call the Catoctin Mountain Park Visitor Center for details, 301-663-9388.

May 28 - September 3 Campground Programs
Every Saturday during the summer 5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. At the Owens Creek Campground Amphitheater at Catoctin Mountain Park.
Enjoy a campground program on a topic related to nature, history, or recreation. Check the park website, http://www.nps.gov/cato, or call the Catoctin Mountain Park Visitor Center for details, 301-663-9388.

Programs are offered at the national park or at other locations in conjunction with partners, such as the Frederick County Library system. There is no charge for any of the listed programs.

Catoctin Mountain Park is one of over 400 national parks administered by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. Correspondence should be addressed to: Superintendent, Catoctin Mountain Park, 6602 Foxville Road, Thurmont, MD 21788. Our website address is www.nps.gov/cato. General information can be obtained by calling the Visitor Center at (301) 663-9388.
DEN CHIEF TRAINING

Tuesday March 29th, 2016
Walkersville Middle School
5PM-MEET Gym Entry

Please join us for an evening of Den Chief Training. A Scout must be First Class or above and he should have his Scoutmaster’s approval. Please send an email to Doug O’Connor by 3-15-16 (docor@comcast.net) with “Den Chief Training” in the subject line ONLY IF you are attending. Please provide your name, rank, Troop #, phone #, email address. Training is free.

You need to come in Class A uniform and bring the Den Chief book (preferably with Scoutmaster signature in the back). A positive Scout attitude is essential.

We will go over skits, games, songs, snacks, activities, knots, tricks, resources that you will be able to use as a Den Chief. You will receive a CD with lots of good Scouting information.

You should try to contact the local Cub Scout Pack to see which Den you can work with.

Doug O’Connor
CMD Den Chief Trainer
240-372-8114
docor@comcast.net

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Day Camp
Pack and Troop Leaders,
The 2016 Catoctin Mountain District Day Camp is now open for registration! Please have your families visit www.cmddaycamp.org and select the Registration tab. Also, make sure these families communicate to your Day Camp Coordinator that they have registered. All Day Camp Coordinators should reach out to Melody Bloxsom (mabloxsom@comcast.net) to make sure all documentation is in order for the Scouts in their unit.
If you are interested in being on the staff this year, please submit an application under the Registration tab. I anticipate we will have over 250 Scouts register this year. Given the "Galactic Trek" theme (which will have a huge focus on space exploration), the STEM program is again being applied to the curriculum. Those attending will also have the opportunity to see many Star Wars characters who are being represented by groups that were extras in "The Force Awakens" film. I am confident this will be a camp to be remembered.
Please click on the link below to download the flyer for distribution to the Scouts in your unit.

Catoctin Day Camp Jedi Flyer.jpg

Yours In Scouting,

LeMoyne Fletcher
Pack 271 Cubmaster
Catoctin Mountain District
Day Camp Program Director

International Scouting News submitted by Shawn Youngberg
The March issue of International Scouting News is available at
https://app.box.com/s/zxmcgwm4gipfqvafrh4atl03ftjkj

Citizenship Merit Badge Day
Citizenship Merit Badge Day will be held on Saturday May 21, 2016 at the LDS Church, 1811 Latham Dr., Frederick, MD beginning at 7:30am. For full details including requirements and registration information, go to
https://app.box.com/s/kwkbtwk7hlq4iktq889g6vgxrd1svag
56th Annual Frederick County First Aid Meet

On March 5th 20 patrols competed in the 56th Annual Frederick County First Aid Meet. The “South Pole Party Patrol” from Troop 470 Catoctin Mountain District took the top honors.

A reporter from the Frederick News Post was on hand to cover the event. To see the article as it appeared in the Sunday paper on March 6th, go to http://www.fredericknewspost.com/terms/source/frederick_news_post_staff/boy-scouts-first-aid-meet-aims-to-make-sure-they/article_9650d064-c964-5ca5-b368-d1fefe26ec9a.html.

Congratulations to all of the Scouts that took part in this event and many thanks to all of the volunteers that worked hard to organize the meet and carry on this long tradition in Frederick County.

Children’s Festival/Service Opportunity, submitted by Rick Millward

On Saturday, April 30, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, the 27th annual Children’s Festival will be happening at Baker Park. For the fourth year, the Boy Scouts will have a bi-District booth there to promote Join Scouting. This event presents opportunities and activities for the children of Frederick County and is targeted primarily towards children of pre-school through fifth grade (Cub Scouts to beginner Boy Scouts), although older children are often there as well. The Boy Scout STEM van will be there to provide activities. Rick Millward needs some volunteers to help man the booth and talk to parents and kids about joining Scouting. This can draw in kids for both Districts. Rick needs a few dedicated, cheerful, talkative people to assist. He also wants all Scout leaders who have Scouts working on Citizenship in the Community and will (or won’t) be attending the Citizenship in the Community class on Merit Badge Day to know that there is an opportunity to provide 8 hours of service to the non-profit organization that sponsors this event, Child Care Choices, Mental Health Association of Frederick County, as per the requirement for the merit badge. You can talk with the organizer, then work 8:00 to 4:00 on that day to complete this difficult prerequisite. Please share this with your Scouts, since this is often the most difficult Citizenship in the Community requirement to complete. If you or one of your Scouts is interested in either of these opportunities, please contact Rick Millward at rjcjmill@comcast.net or at 240-675-4037.
**ADVENTURING BLURB**

**FREDERICK COUNTY VOA**

**MARCH 2016**

**MEETINGS**

**Frederick Co. VOA**
3rd Tuesday, 7:00-8:15 pm
Frederick Church of the Brethren
Mar 15
Apr 19
May 17
Jun 14
Aug 16
Sep 20

**NCAC VOA**
1st Sunday 7-9 pm
NCAC, Bethesda
Apr 3
May 1
Jun 5

**Frederick Co. Venturing Forum**
Seasonal; 3rd Tuesdays of a month 7:20-8:20 pm
Frederick Church of the Brethren
TBA
TBA
TBA

**District Round Table**
2nd Tuesday 7 - 9 pm
LDS Stake and Church of the Brethren
Mar 8
Apr 12
May 10

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**ACTIVITIES**

**March**

**March 8: Adventure Roundtable**

New for the Catoctin Mountain District!!! Adventure Roundtable is open to all youth and adults involved in the Venturing Program!!! Want to learn more about the Venturing Program? Want to learn about what adventures are available to Venturers? Then Adventure Roundtable is for you! The first Adventure Roundtable will take place on March 8th at the Frederick LDS Stake Center on 199 North Place starting around 7:20.

**March 12: BAC University of Scouting**

http://www.baltimorebca.org

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

**FCVOA Elections**

The Frederick County Venturing Officers Association is having its annual elections in May. All youth who would like to make a difference in the Venturing Program by serving on the District level in the FCVOA are welcome to attend the FCVOA meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. For more information, contact Damon Allen via email.

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**GO VENTURING!!**

**April**

**April 29-May 1:** Area 6 VOA Phenomenon

http://www.baltimorebca.org

The Area 6 VOA will be hosting the Area 6 Phenomenon at the Baltimore Area Council’s Camp Saffran!! Various activities include: Rock Climbing, Life Sized Games, Shooting Sports, a “Phenomenal Race,” Dancing, a Luau, and much, much more!! Registration is currently open and can be found on the Baltimore Area Council’s Webpage! The cost for both youth and adults tenting is $45 per person and Cabin camping is $55 per person! Don’t miss out on this great opportunity to have fun and make new friends!! Sign up today!!

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**TRAINING**

**Venturing Training for Youth**

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 (ifbbus 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 NNL and NAYLE! Ask questions for more information on Trainings!

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**Cruise to Paradise**

**Camp Saffran, BC5R 2016**

**#Phenom2k16 registration**

Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation, Camp Saffran
April 29-May 1, 2016
Tent camping: $45
Cabin camping: $55

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**FRIENDS**

All Crew Officers are encouraged to join us to plan activities! Contact: Damon Allen, Advisor: allennonthehalke@comcast.net
2016 Frederick County Spring Aviation Camporee

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

Estimate 2?$ for each Scout Attending, includes, Registration, Patch, your own plane, Movie.........

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

Youth Archery Workshop

Saturday, April 9
9:00—2:00
At Tuckahoe State Park

- Make your own bow and other archer related equipment to keep!
- Practice safe archery skills
- Open to youth ages 9-14
- Each youth must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the workshop
- Class size is limited — register by calling the park office at 410-820-1668
- Cost $20/participant; all tools, equipment, lunch, snacks and drinks will be provided.

Sponsored by:
The Traditional Bowhunters of Maryland and Tuckahoe State Park
National Capital Area Council
Frederick Area Districts

Join Scouting and Cub Scout Bike Rodeo

Saturday, May 7th from 1PM to 3PM
at
Harley-Davidson of Frederick

Join your Scout friends for a day of bike riding! Registration is open to all Tigers, Wolves, Bears, and Webelos (and elementary-age siblings). All Scouts will receive a Bike Rodeo Patch and visit stations to work on Adventure requirements for their rank (awarded by individual packs).

Bring your own bike & helmet!

Activities include:
- Flat tire changing demo & bicycle inspections by Bike Doctor of Frederick
- Helmet fittings by Safe Kids Coalition of Frederick
- Rules of safe cycling, bike registration & loss prevention
- Challenge Ride & Obstacle Course
- Discuss two different types of bicycles and their uses
- Learn and demonstrate proper hand signals
- Do a safety check on your bicycle
- Learn about bicycle-riding laws
- Learn about a famous bicycle race or famous cyclist
- Identify two jobs that use bicycles

Questions or to volunteer: Contact LeMoyne Fletcher 301-471-3206 or cubmaster@pack271.org

Registration: $5 per child; includes Rodeo Patch.
Due by May 1st

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Thirteenth Catoctin Mountain District Awards Dinner

Recipients of the District Chairman's Award for serving in various capacities on the 2015 District Committee

Ron Layman presented award plaques to Julie Bostian and Joey Romagnoli for their efforts with the two camporees.

Venture Advisor of the Year, Dave Place – Crew 270; Scoutmaster of the Year, Rick Brown - Troop 1191; Skipper of the Year, John Wright - Ship 37; not shown Cubmaster of the Year, Brian Dwyer - Pack 1055.

Damon Allen presented Venturing Leadership Awards to John Wright, Ship 37 and Rebecca Vaudreuil, Crew 48.

ADC of the year Jim Robbins, Rookie UC of the Year Mark Miller and UC of the Year John Huggins with District Commissioner Bill Desmond; not present were Rookie UC Gary Baird and UC of the Year Tom Lesser.
Bill Desmond presented certificates to Alex Wright of Ship 37 as the Outstanding Ship of the Year and to Sean Matlock of Ship 59 as the Commissioner's Ship of the Year.

Karen Kunz of Troop 1998 and Joey Romagnoli of Troop 628 receive certificates from Bill Desmond for Outstanding Troops; not present were representatives from Outstanding Troops 168 and 1011 as well as the Commissioner’s Troop of the Year Troop 324.

Stephanie Fletcher received the certificate for Pack 271 as the Commissioner’s Pack of the Year; R. J. Grenier of Pack 628 and Greg Vaudreuil of Pack 48 received certificates as Outstanding Packs; not present were representatives from Packs 270 and 1191 who were also Outstanding Packs.

The Crew of the Year was Crew 758 represented by Magaly Green; the Commissioner's Outstanding Crew was Crew 48 represented by Rebecca Vaudreuil; not present was a representative from Crew 324 which was also an Outstanding Crew.

Catoctin Mountain Peak Award honorees for 2016
Dave Place presenting Bill Desmond with the 2016 Lord Baden-Powell Award for Excellence in Service to Scouting.

Dave Place received a framed print of David Yontz’s "Francis Scott Key Monument and Chapel" to thank him for his diligent service as District Chairman for the past two years.

The highest award a District can present is the Award of Merit. This year it was presented to LeMoyne Fletcher of Pack 271 and Alan Ashley of Ship 59.
4th Annual Day of Service in Catoctin Mountain Park

The Catoctin Forest Alliance will have their 4th annual “Day of Service” at Camp Greentop in Catoctin Mountain Park on May 14th. The event will be held from 9:00 am till 3:00 pm on the 14th with check-in at Camp Greentop’s auditorium on the 9th from 8:00-9:00 am. This is a great opportunity for Scouts to come to the park, enjoy the beautiful outdoor setting, do a service project in the park and enjoy a lunch provided by CFA.

This year we will be staining cabins and eradicating invasive plant species. There is no lower age limit for participants but all will be expected to work for four to five hours that day. The work is usually such that younger children would not be able to contribute but parents can decide on an individual basis if their child will be able to help and not hinder the work effort. All youth must be supervised by adults.

To learn more about the event and to be placed on the email list for future details, contact Jim Sundergill at jimsundergill@comcast.net.

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