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

April
22-23  IOLS (Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills), [https://scoutingevent.com/?OrgKey=BSA082&eventID=6342](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  Frederick County Scouting Dance, contact fbroadrup@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](https://scoutingevent.com/?wbspring16)
30  BALOO (Outdoor Skills Training for Cub Leaders) see page 4 for details
30  Youth Leader Training with Troop 274, contact layman274@gmail.com

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
14  Training Day in Catoctin Mountain District, see page 6 for details
16  Gathering of Eagles, contact rfcole799@gmail.com
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

June
3-5  Wood Badge training, contact brnoland@comcast.net or see page 6 for more details
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19-24  IMPESSA youth leader training, see page 6 for details
27-7/1  Day Camp, contact www.cmddaycamp.org
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From the Desk of the Commish:

I want to emphasize two elements of importance in this edition: youth protection and leader training. Jeff Berger, the NCAC Deputy Scout Executive, recently reminded us that April is “Youth Protection Month,” although he quickly noted that every month is youth protection month. Jeff said: “The protection of all members of our program remains paramount. It never waivers. It never dismisses a violation as a one-time occurrence. The protection exists for our youth, our adults and our organizations.” Jeff provided the BSA protocol on youth protection, which is included in this Blue Blaze. He stressed the following points as particularly being important:

**All adult leaders and youth members have responsibility.** Everyone is responsible for acting in accordance with the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Physical violence, sexual activity, emotional abuse, spiritual abuse, unauthorized weapons, hazing, discrimination, harassment, initiation rites, bullying, cyberbullying, theft, verbal insults, drugs, alcohol, and pornography have no place in the Scouting program and may result in revocation of membership. For more information, please see the BSA’s Guide to Safe Scouting and Youth Protection resources.

**Units are responsible to enforce Youth Protection policies.** Adult leaders in Scouting units are responsible for monitoring the behavior of youth members and other leaders and interceding when necessary. If youth members misbehave, their parents should be informed and asked for assistance.

**The following incidents require an immediate report to the Scout executive:**

- Any threat or use of a weapon
- Any negative behavior associated with race, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, or disability
- Any situation where the BSA’s Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse policy or your state’s mandatory reporting of child abuse laws apply
- Any abuse of a child that meets state reporting mandates for bullying or harassment
- Any mention or threats of suicide

**If someone is at immediate risk of harm, call 911.**

The second area I would like to address is Scouter training. Over the past several years, the Catoctin Mountain District has made great strides in bringing our leaders into compliance with BSA standards of training for their position. However, we still have a long way to go. Our District training Chair Alan Ashley and his staff are working to provide leader training in May that will offer the critical few courses that will bring our District Scouters almost to full compliance. I urge you to take advantage of the upcoming training day and get R done! Remember, every Scout deserves a trained leader.

Yours in Commissioner Service,

**Bill Desmond,** District Commissioner
Scouting’s Barriers to Abuse

The BSA has adopted the following policies for the safety and well-being of its members. These policies primarily protect youth members; however, they also serve to protect adult leaders. Parents and youth using these safeguards outside the Scouting program further increase the safety of their youth. Those who serve in positions of leadership and supervision with youth outside the Scouting program will find these policies help protect youth in those situations as well.

Two-deep leadership is required on all outings. A minimum of two registered adult leaders—or one registered leader and a participating Scout’s parent or another adult—is required for all trips and outings. One of these adults must be 21 years of age or older.

Patrol Activities
There are instances, such as patrol activities, when the presence of adult leaders is not required and adult leadership may be limited to patrol leadership training and guidance. With proper training, guidance, and approval by troop leaders, the patrol can conduct day hikes and service projects.

Adult Supervision/Coed Activities
Male and female adult leaders must be present at all overnight coed Scouting trips and outings, even those for parents and children. All male and female adult leaders must be 21 years of age or older, and one must be a registered member of the BSA.

One-on-one contact between adults and youth members is prohibited. In situations requiring a personal conference, such as a Scoutmaster conference, the meeting is to be conducted with the knowledge and in view of other adults and/or youth.

The policies of two-deep leadership and no one-on-one contact between adults and youth members also apply to digital communication. Leaders may not have one-on-one private online communications or engage one-on-one in other digital activities (games, social media, etc.) with youth members. Leaders should copy a parent and another leader in digital and online communication, ensuring no one-on-one contact takes place in text, social media, or other forms of online or digital communication.

Age-appropriate and separate accommodations for adults and Scouts are required.

Tenting
No adult may share a tent with a member of the opposite sex unless that person is his or her spouse.

No youth may share a tent with an adult or a person of the opposite sex other than a family member or guardian. Assigning youth members more than two years apart in age to sleep in the same tent should be avoided unless the youth are relatives.

Shower Facilities
Whenever possible, separate shower and latrine facilities should be provided for male and female adults as well as for male and female youth. If separate facilities are not available, separate shower times should be scheduled and posted.

The buddy system should be used at all times. The buddy system is a safety measure for all Scouting activities. Buddies should know and be comfortable with each other. Buddies should be strongly encouraged to select each other, with no more than two years’ age difference and the same level of maturity. When necessary, a buddy team may consist of three Scouts. No youth should be forced into or made to feel uncomfortable in a buddy assignment.

Privacy of youth is respected. Adult leaders and youth must respect each other’s privacy, especially in situations such as changing clothes and taking showers at camp. Adults may enter changing or showering areas for youth only to the extent that health and safety requires. Adults must protect their own privacy in similar situations.
Inappropriate use of smart phones, cameras, imaging, or digital devices is prohibited. Although most Scouts and leaders use cameras and other imaging devices responsibly, it is easy to unintentionally or inadvertently invade the privacy of other individuals with such devices. The use of any device capable of recording or transmitting visual images in or near shower houses, restrooms, or other areas where privacy is expected is inappropriate.

No secret organizations. The BSA does not recognize any secret organizations as part of its program. All aspects of the Scouting program are open to observation by parents and leaders.

Youth leadership is monitored by adult leaders. Adult leaders must monitor and guide the leadership techniques used by youth leaders and ensure BSA policies are followed.

Discipline must be constructive. Discipline used in Scouting must be constructive and reflect Scouting’s values. Corporal punishment is never permitted. Disciplinary activities involving isolation, humiliation, or ridicule are prohibited. Examples of positive discipline include verbal praise and high fives.

Appropriate attire is required for all activities.

No hazing. Hazing and initiations are prohibited and may not be included as part of any Scouting activity.

No bullying. Verbal, physical, and cyberbullying are prohibited in Scouting.

Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse
All persons involved in Scouting must report to local authorities any good-faith suspicion or belief that any child is or has been physically or sexually abused, physically or emotionally neglected, exposed to any form of violence or threat, or exposed to any form of sexual exploitation including the possession, manufacture, or distribution of child pornography, online solicitation, enticement, or showing of obscene material.

The reporting duty cannot be delegated to any other person.

Immediately notify the Scout executive of this report, or of any violation of BSA’s Youth Protection policies, so he or she may take appropriate action for the safety of our Scouts, make appropriate notifications, and follow up with investigating agencies.

State-by-state mandatory reporting information: www.childwelfare.gov

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- Any mention or threats of suicide

If someone is at immediate risk of harm, call 911.
If a Scout is bullied because of race, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, or disability, and local help is not working to solve the problem, contact the BSA’s Member Care Contact Center at 972-580-2489, or send an email to youth.protection@scouting.org.

**Link to the Volunteer Incident Report Form:**

**Your Responsibility**
1. Stop the policy violation or abuse.
2. Protect the youth.
3. Separate alleged victim(s) from alleged perpetrator(s).
4. Summon needed assistance (911, EMS, additional leaders, etc.).
5. Notify parents.
6. Notify the appropriate Scouting professional.

**Chartered Organization Responsibility**
The head of the chartered organization or chartered organization representative and their committee chair must approve the registration of the unit’s adult leaders.

**Link to the Local Council Locator:**
http://www.scouting.org/LocalCouncilLocator.aspx

**Link to the Bullying Prevention Guide:**
http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/BullyingPreventionGuide.pdf
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.

Venturing Crew 254 is offering Wilderness First Aid training on 4/23 and 4/30. Wilderness and Remote First Aid is a 16-hour course that teaches you how to handle situations when help is not available. This course fulfills the first aid requirement for BSA High Adventure bases and activities as well as the Venturing Core Requirement for First Aid. Class size limited to 24.
Click here for flyer with details and registration information.

Wood Badge, 4/29-5/1 and 6/3-6/5, at Camp Snyder see https://scoutingevent.com/?wbspring16

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

May 14 Catoctin Mountain District training day
Location: LDS Stake Center, 199 North Place, Frederick
Check in: 8:30 AM
Courses: Chartered Organization Representative, Venturing leader specific (Committee and Advisor), Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster leader specific, Merit Badge Counselor
Registration contact: AlanAshley@cedarville.edu, 240-409-6610 (voice or text)

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

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

Fundraising Opportunity—Amazon Smile
We are part of the Amazon Smile program which gives us a small percentage of our members’ purchases made at Amazon when they start at smile.amazon.com. Participating in their new #StartWithaSmile campaign can help promote our involvement and the program as a whole.

Please share with your units, and share their best pictures on your District Facebook and Twitter pages!

Thanks,
Aaron Chusid | Chief Communications Officer
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
National Capital Area Council O 301-214-9111 | C 301-529-4091 Aaron.Chusid@Scouting.org
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.

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 April issue of International Scouting News is available at https://app.box.com/s/j3dd52f5vk7vxs02fq9sb4jlqwzhqb0l

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/kwkbtwk7hlq4i7tkq889g6vgxrd1svag

Fourth 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 with check-in at Camp Greentop’s auditorium 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. Each participant will receive a CFA patch.

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.
George B. Delaplaine, Jr.
“Gathering of Eagles” Invitation
The Gathering of Eagle Committee invites you to attend the third
“Gathering of Eagles” Banquet
Celebration for Eagle Scouts in Frederick County.

When: Monday, May 16, 2016
Where: Dutch’s Daughter Restaurant
581 Himes Avenue, Frederick, MD 21703
2nd Floor Banquet Room, 301-668-9574
Time: 6 - 10 p.m. Dinner Buffet served at approximately 7 p.m.
Cost: None. Donations will be solicited.
Program: Surprise Speaker
Buffet Menu: 4 entrees will be offered: Sautéed Beef Tenderloin,
Dutch’s Chicken, Atlantic Salmon and Vegetarian

Note: Please indicate your choice of entrée with your attending reply as we need that information to order your dinner selection. To accept your invitation, please respond immediately to rfcole799@gmail.com to reserve your space at the Banquet event. The response cutoff date is Wednesday, May 2, 2016

Event Concept
• A celebration of your achieving Eagle Rank with your fellow Eagles
• Only Eagles are invited -no spouses or significant others.
• If unable to attend and still wish to make a contribution to support Scouting in Frederick County, please make your check to: Gathering of Eagles of Frederick County, Inc. and send Allen Ashley, Treasurer, 212 Glade Blvd., Walkersville, MD 21793-8119
• Please bring to the Banquet any Scouting memorabilia, especially patches, which will be sold as a fund raiser for next year’s event. If requested, a tax donation letter will be provided for your donation. The sales table has been a big hit in the past, but we are getting low on material. Please consider donating and buying Scouting Material.
• You may cancel up to one week prior to the event if your plans change. Notify me at the above email to Cancel.
Frederick County Scouting Dance Invitation

**When:** Friday April 29, 2016

**Who:** Scouting youth 14-18 years old and adults 18 and up, suggest you bring a dance partner to ensure equal number of male and female dance partners

**Where:** Gymnasium at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1811 Latham, Dr.
Frederick, MD 21701 (near Ceresville off of Rt. 26)

**Time:** 8 - 10:30 pm

**Theme:** Spring Fling

**Attire:** Scout uniform or coat and tie for males and Sunday dress for females

**Cost:** None

**Sponsor:** Frederick County Gathering of Eagles, Inc.

**Host:** Frederick Maryland LDS Stake

**Support:** Frederick County Venturing Officers’ Association

To accept this invitation, please respond immediately to fbroadrup@comcast.net

Please note if you are bringing a dance partner. We are limited by Fire Code to the # of guests who can attend. First email responders, first served. The response cut-off date is Friday, April 22nd.

- A semi-formal dance for Scouts, Scouters, Gathering of Eagles Members and LDS Church members.
- Introductory dance instruction will be provided for the jitterbug, and waltz.
- All invitees are highly encouraged to participate in the group dance instruction. It will be painless.
- Modest dress and conduct standards will be observed.
- Evaluation letters will be distributed.
Proposed Scuba Trip 2017

Where: Cozumel, Mexico
When: Saturday 6/24/17 to Saturday 7/1/17
Cost: Approximately $1800 depending on airfare cost

Included
- airfare
- lodging
- meals
- boat dives and scuba rental
- rental car for group
- side trip on Island

Required: Scuba certification. Can get PADI scuba cert at Brass Anchor Dive Shop in Frederick (301-663-9363, ask for Judy)

Who: Scouts 14 years and up, Scouters, Gathering of Eagle members and civilians (non-scouts)

What Now: Email me at fbroadrup@comcast.net or call 301-228-2131 to express interest and have questions answered

Embassy Tours Submitted by Mark Miller

Passport DC 2016 is a month-long journey around the world highlighting DC's thriving international diplomatic community and its lively and varied culture, Celebrated annually in May, which is International Cultural Awareness Month in Washington, Passport DC is 31 days of programming by 70 embassies and more than 40 of DC's very best cultural institutions.

The embassy tours offer a great opportunity for Scouts to learn about diverse cultures and complete some requirements for Citizenship in the World.

Here is the URL for the Passport DC program:
http://www.culturaltourismdc.org/portal/passport-dc1

They also have a group on Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/events/1005454869486020/
Service Opportunity submitted by Ron Layman

The Col. William E. Weber Chapter 142 of the Korean War Veterans Association is conducting a memorial service on Armed Forces Day, Saturday May 21, 2016 at 1100 hours. It will be held at the Veterans II Memorial Garden located at Resthaven Memorial Gardens, 9501 Catoctin Mountain Highway (Rte. 15 North) Frederick, MD 21702.

Eight Scouts age 14 and up, in full uniform are needed to carry flags for this event. If you have Scouts that would be interested in participating, contact Ron Layman at layman274@gmail.com or call 301-788-7496.
**MEETINGS**

**Frederick Co. VOA**
- 3rd Tuesday, 7:00-8:15 pm
- Frederick Church of the Brethren
- Apr 19
- May 17
- Jun 14
- Aug 16
- Sep 20
- Oct 18

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

**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
- Apr 12
- May 10
- Jun 14

**ACTIVITIES**

**April**

**April: Youth Officers Needed for FCVOA**
Allenonthelake@comcast.net  r_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.

**May 17: Adventuring Roundtable**
Allenonthelake@comcast.net
Now for the Catoctin Mountain District!! Adventuring 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 resources are available to Venturers? Want to discover what adventures await the youth and adults involved in Venturing? Then the Adventuring Roundtable is for you!! The first Adventuring Roundtable will take place on 8 March at the Frederick LDS Stake Center on 199 North Place starting around 7:20!

**Training**

**Venturing Training for Youth**
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 (available 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 NVET and NAYLE! Ask questions for more information on Trainings!

**CONTESTS**

**Venturing Cruise to Paradise**
Camp Saffran, BCSA 2016
April 20-May 1, 2016
Camping: $45
Cabin camping: $55
FCVOA Elections: 17 May 2016!!

The Frederick County VOA will be holding its annual elections at the Frederick Church of the Brethren at 7:00 on Tuesday night at the Frederick Church of the Brethren.

Who can run for election? All Venturers and Sea Scouts in the Appalachian Trail and Catoctin Mountain Districts can run for office.

Why run for office? Want to make a difference in the Venturing Program? Need some leadership opportunities? Here is your chance!! Come make a difference and help expand the program within Frederick County!!

What positions are open? President, VP of Administration, VP of Program, VP of Communications, Secretary, and Treasurer.

How do I know I am eligible? Just be active in a Venturing Crew for at least 12 months and it is strongly encouraged that Venturers have ILSC.

For more information contact Damon Allen the FCVOA Advisor at: ALLENONTHELAKE@comcast.net

Want to know more about FCVOA? Go to: https://app.box.com/s/odfa6jqodj1fdf7ns6o8w7b44z6ci56s for answers to frequently asked questions.
Eagle Career Day 2016 Submitted by Mark Miller

Eagle Career Day offers recipients of Scouting’s top youth awards - Eagle Scout, Quartermaster, and Venturing Silver Award - up to age 21 the opportunity to be mentored by professionals in their field of interest.

The event has been called "speed dating for careers." Participants will spend 20 minutes in small groups at a table with an adult mentor discussing a career field, and then rotate to a new table and a new career. In this way Scouts have made valuable contacts within their targeted careers while receiving advice on preparing for jobs and future education.

We are pleased to announce this year’s Keynote Speaker is Dr. Michael Manyak, Distinguished Eagle Scout and author of Lizard Bites and Street Riots.

Be A Mentor!

Mentors from a variety of businesses and civic organizations are needed! Mentors from all fields are needed; if you are interested in sharing your professional experience with one of our youth leaders, please consider registering as a mentor!

For tickets select this link https://scoutingevent.com/?edc2016#
Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/events/110090596630078/

Scouter Breakfast

On April 2 about forty Scouters gathered at the Mountain Gate Restaurant in Frederick for the annual Scouter Breakfast. After breakfast NCAC Scout Executive, Les Baron, thanked everyone for their service to Scouting. He also said that the deal for NCAC to purchase the Walkersville Watershed property has been canceled because the town of Walkersville withdrew the offer to sell the property. The Scouts in Frederick County will still have access to the property for camping and Scout activities. If you wish to camp at the watershed contact Ron Layman layman274@gmail.com or call 301-788-7496.

For the past several years, Catoctin Mountain District has given scholarships to units based on attendance at Roundtable. This year $700 in scholarship money was awarded. The recipients were: Troop 274 - $200, Troop 168 - $200, Troop 1011 - $200 and Troop 324 - $100.
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 the 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
Mail to: LeMoyne Fletcher, 8205 Skipwith Drive, Frederick, MD 21702

Scout Name_________________________________________ Rank______ Pack_______

Phone:_________________________________________________

Email:_________________________________________________
Naval Academy Scout Day 2016

Dear Troop Leaders and Scouting Community Members:

The Naval Academy Athletic Association would like to extend an invitation to your troops/packs/dens to join us for “Scout Day 2016” at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis, Maryland. This year’s event will be held on Saturday, November 12th at the Navy Football vs. Tulsa home game scheduled for a 12pm kick off!

Last season’s event welcomed over 5,000 scouts (boys and girls) and family members to Annapolis, making it one of the largest football events in recent history. We have provided tours of the United States Naval Academy and weekend camping opportunities to thousands of scouts and their families. We look forward to providing these opportunities again this year. We would like your assistance in distributing information about this event to all of your troops/packs/dens.

Tickets for this event are on sale NOW! Tickets are for reserved, chair-back seats, regularly priced at $40 each! Ticket prices are as follows for Scout Day:

- Scouts (including siblings 18 and under) -$15 per ticket
- Adults (including Troop Leaders)/Family Members - $25 per ticket

→ CAMPING:
Overnight and Weekend Camping is available with two Scout Day Partners:
ELKS LODGE - elkscamporee@atlanticbb.net
CAMP LETTS - hannah.jakob@ymca-md.org

→ TOURS: Naval Academy tours are available the morning of the game for no charge, but space is LIMITED to the first 2,000 guests to purchase game tickets. Please note on your order form if you wish to participate in a tour of the Academy. If you order online, please contact Nolan Barry at 410-293-8786/barry@usna.edu with your intention to take a tour. Tours will either be midshipmen led or self-guided as we will not know the midshipmen’s availability until closer to game day. Tours start times will be between 7AM and 8AM, and will be assigned to the groups by Navy Athletics. These tours are only available for people who purchase game tickets. If you do not make it into the initial tour allotment, tours are also available through the Naval Academy Visitors Center by calling (410) 293-8687.

→ PATCHES: All scouts who purchase a game ticket will receive a commemorative Navy Football Scout Day Patch at the game. Instructions for patch pickup will be emailed out to the group closer to game day.

→ TICKETS: You may order your tickets by doing one of the following:
1) Fill out the Scout Day Order Form. You may fax the form to (410)293-8954, mail the form to the address indicated, or scan and email to barry@usna.edu.
2) Order directly online with the “SCOUTDAY” promotional code by visiting the Ticket Webpage on www.NavySports.com (Tickets Tab – Enter Promotional Code). (Troop leaders please order all tickets together online if possible).
3) Call us at 1-800-US4-NAVY.

This is an event you won’t want to miss!! If you have any questions or would like more information on this event, please contact me at (410) 293-8786 or call 1-800-US4-NAVY for ticket information.

Sincerely,
Nolan Barry
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New Lion Cub Scout Program

LION PILOT Overview

LIONS
Lions is a National pilot program of the Boy Scouts of America for Kindergarten-age boys.

Cub Scouting is a program of the Boy Scouts of America, whose mission is to help young people build character, learn citizenship, and develop personal fitness, become effective leaders and have fun in the outdoors. Cub Scouting focuses on boys in the first through fifth grades. The Lion Pilot is exploring the value of a Kindergarten-age program (Boys must be 5 years old by September 1).

OVERVIEW
Lions is a family program. A youth and his parent or caring adult partner join Scouting together. A group of six to eight boys and their adult partner meet together in a group called a Den. Dens will meet twice per month. They have fun participating in Den meetings and outings while making memories together.

PROGRAM
The Lion Pilot encourages boys to learn and explore through hands on, high energy activities. Each adult partner takes a turn at leading a den meeting or outing during the year. Most meetings and outings are approximately 45 minutes in length.

RECOGNITION
Boys are recognized for their accomplishments as they work toward the Lion badge. The Lion badge is earned by completing five adventures. Adventures are completed during the den meetings and outings. When an adventure is completed the youth receives a sticker to put in his keepsake Adventure book.

ADVENTURES
- Lion's Honor
- Fun on the Run
- Animal Kingdom
- Mountain Lion
- King of the Jungle
- I'll Do it Myself
- Pick My Path
- Gizmos and Gadgets
- On Your Mark
- Build It Up, Knock It Down
- Rumble in the Jungle
- Ready, Set, Grow

LEADERSHIP
Den meetings and outings are facilitated by a Lion Guide and participating parents. The Lion Guide is an experienced Cub Scout Leader. He or she will lead the first den meeting of the year. The Lion Guide will help each adult partner lead one of the following meetings. The den meeting plans are provided in the Lion Parent and Leader Guidebook.

Adult Partner
The adult partner participates with the Lion in fun meetings and outings. And takes turns with other adult partners to lead a Den meeting or outing.

Lion Guide
A Lion Guide is a volunteer leader who provides direct support to your Lion Den.

Cubmaster
The Cubmaster serves as the “ringmaster” for the monthly pack meeting. The pack meeting is an event where all the dens in a Cub Scout pack come together for fun activities and awards. Lion dens usually attend only two pack meetings as Lions.
Since the youth are so young, their bedtimes often occur before a pack meeting ends

UNIFORM
- The uniform for Lions is a Lion T-shirt with an optional cap. These items are available from your Council's Scout Shop for all approved Pilot Councils.
- Adults may wear the above uniform or follow the pack's uniform custom.

RESOURCES
Resources available for the National Pilot Approved Councils are:
- **Recruitment:** Build an Adventure recruitment materials, this flyer, FAQS
- **Orientation and Training:**
  1) For parents, Lion Guides, and Cubmasters
  2) Specifically for Lion Guides
- **Program Materials from Council Scout Shop:**
  1) *Lion Parent and Leader Guidebook:* 12 Den Meeting, Outing Plans & stickers
  2) *Lion Adventure Book:* Youth keepsake
  3) Completion Lion Patch—for the 5 required adventures
- Your Local Council, unit and experienced Cub Scout leaders

DEVELOPMENT
The program materials were developed under the auspices of the National Service Center of the Boy Scouts of America. The materials were based on 4 Pilot councils and their years of experiences. Then the program was modified by a development team including experts in child development and education working with the Boy Scouts of America. Collectively, this team had over seventy-five years of experience in education, including advanced preparation in child and curriculum development, and Scouting volunteers.

EVALUATION
Evaluations will be completed throughout the year. Since this is a Pilot, your participation is needed to provide feedback for program continuation or expansion. To support the pilot feedback it is important to deliver the program as designed.

CONTACT
Contact your local council to enroll you and your son in the Lion program. Enjoy!

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Spring Aviation Camporee a Huge Success
Click on the link below to see the article and photos from the Frederick News Post article.

The weekend provided beautiful weather for the camporee at the Frederick Airport where about 350 Scouts and Scouters camped for the weekend (April 15-17). The Scouts enjoyed the opportunity to have airplane rides, use flight simulators and learn about aviation and aviation safety.

Campfire Saturday evening.   Photo by Jim Sundergill

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