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

May
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
5   CPR/First Aid Training, contact jhuggins2@umbc.edu
14 Roundtable (Boy Scout/Cub Scout/OA,AdVenturing) 7:15pm at LDS Stake Center, 199 North Place, Frederick
14  FCVOA Meeting 7:45- 8:20 at the Frederick Church of the Brethren
16 Commissioner’s Meeting, 7:30pm 199 North Place, Frederick contact cmdcommissioner@aol.com
19  Popcorn Kickoff  7 p.m. at LDS Stake, 199 North Place
19-24 IMPESSA youth leader training, see page 6 for details
27-7/1 Day Camp, contact www.cmddaycamp.org
28  District Committee Mtg, 7:30pm, 199 North Place, Frederick, 21701, contact layman274@gmail.com
29  District Eagle Board by appointment only, contact nfeldser@comcast.net

July
1   Last day of Day Camp
19  Popcorn Kickoff 7 p.m. LDS Stake Center, 199 North Place, Frederick, 21701

No District meetings this month. Have fun camping.

Scout Expo
A Countywide recruiting effort is being planned for August 27, 2016. This is a great opportunity for Scouting units to show the community what they do and hopefully recruit some new Cubs, Scouts, Varsity and Venturing Scouts. Every unit is asked to take part by having an activity station (i.e. cooking, Pinewood Derby, monkey bridge). Please contact Ron Layman (layman274@gmail.com or 301-788-7496) by August 1 with your ideas and willingness to participate.
From the Desk of the Commish:

We distributed the 2015 Journey to Excellence (JTE) unit ribbons at May Roundtable and emphasized the utility of the 2016 JTE scoresheet in semi-annual program planning this spring. JTE is a great tool and not something that gets quickly completed at recharter time.

Summer camp is just around the corner. This is a capstone experience for most involved in Scouting, youth and adults. It is a time for personal growth and advancement. And, yes, it is also a lot of fun.

Looking ahead just a little, our September Roundtable is the annual picnic at the Watershed. Again this year, we have invited our friends and fellow Scouters from the Appalachian Trail District to join us.

Finally, we are getting close to the end of the Friends of Scouting campaign. Please contact DE Jon Miller to make your pledge. Many thanks.

Yours in Commissioner Service, Bill Desmond

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.

**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/6vq3bfrttxhv40apxhsihpiagjfgagim

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

**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/kwbttwk7hlq4i7tkq889g6vgxrd1svag
CPR/First Aid Training
Sun, June 5, 2016
CPR/FA training held at Frederick Country Public Safety Training Facility (Reichs Ford Rd)
COST:
$25 for regular cpr/first aid (one class or both)
$50 for professional cpr/first aid (one class or both)

Here are written directions
https://frederickcountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/279111

> 8:00- 12:00 Basic First Aid
> 12:00-1:00 Lunch – on your own
> 1:00-4:30 Adult/Child/Infant CPR
> 1:00-5:30 CPR for the Professional Rescuer (Aquatics & First Aid Staff Only)

Register with: Diane Henson diane@networkedweekend.com

Please specify which class or classes you want to attend
Instructor: Jeff Huggins jhuggin2@umbc.edu

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 Nancy Farkas mae4793@verizon.net or call 301-518-6260 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
ADVENTURING BLURB

FREDERICK COUNTY VOA

MAY 2016

MEETINGS

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

NCAC VOA
1st Sunday 7-9 pm
NCAC, Bethesda
May 1
Sep 4
Oct 2

Frederick Co. Venturing Forum
Seasonal: 3rd Tuesdays of each 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
May 10
Jun 14
Aug 9

ACTIVITIES

May

May: Youth Officers Needed for FCVOA
Allenonthelake@comcast.net
R. Golledg@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 Golledg for more information.

May 14: Ad-VENTURING Roundtable
Allenonthelake@comcast.net
New for the Catoctin Mountain District!!! Ad-VENTURING 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 Ad-VENTURING Roundtable is for you! Ad-VENTURING Roundtable will begin at the breakout session around 7:20 PM at the Frederick LDS Stake Center

May

May: Youth Wanted for Council VOA
http://www.ncacva.org
Eugene Holtt, new Council VOA President, is searching for youth who would be interested in serving as an officer or an activity chair on the Council Venturing Officers Association. This is an opportunity to serve on the Council level and plan adventurous activities for Venturers to take part in. This is also an opportunity to help plan next year’s Phenomenon!!! For more information, contact Ben Hazekamp at: CVOA.Advisor@ncacva.org

FCVOA Opportunities
Allenonthelake@comcast.net
If the youth of any Venturing Crew misses out on the opportunity to attend the FCVOA Elections either running for office or electing their peers into office, there are opportunities for youth to take part in this unique group! Youth from various crews can attend the FCVOA meetings and help plan activities for all in Frederick County. Contact Damon Allen for more information.

GO VENTURING!!

June

June 3: CVOA BBQ & Field Day
http://www.ncacva.org/cvoa
Our Council’s Venturing Officers Association will be hosting a BBQ and Field Day on Friday June 3 at the Greenbelt National Park, Greenbelt, Maryland. The BBQ will include burgers and hotdogs as well as beverages. Various fun activities and games have been planned for crews and their guests to participate in! All crews and their families are invited to attend!! The cost per person is $10. All registration is done online on the site listed above!! Don’t miss the fun!!

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 (syllabus has yet to be released by National) is required for Pathfinder and Mentoring is required for the Summit Award. Venturers can also take the Kodiak challenge, attend NYLT and NAYLE! Ask questions for more information on Trainings!

NCAC Venturing Newsletter
http://us13.campaign-archive1.com/?u=3a9a3827b62368dc08046fec2&id=1cab4a33b7&e=b57eca25f1
Camp Airy BSA
Thurmont, MD
August 15 to 20, 2016
First Year Program, Aquatics
Over 50 merit badges
Music Theme
Register by June 1st
Class choices due June roundtable

Monday—arrive at scheduled time between 5 and 7 pm
    — opening campfire
Tuesday—classes start
    — den chief training
    — safe swim defense training
Wednesday—OA DAY and Ice Cream Social
    — Discover SCUBA
Thursday—Disaster Drill
Friday—Closing Campfire
Saturday—Classes end at 4 pm
    — Home for dinner

Forms and details at www.airybsa.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.

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
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.
Thank You Note from Eagle Scout

Dear Catoctin Mountain District,
Thank you very much from the bottom of my heart for the $100 scholarship for receiving my Boy Scout Eagle award. Receiving this check meant a sign of friendship, compassion, and trust from the Catoctin Mountain District. The check will be used for my second year of college at Frederick Community College. There are no words to compare my gratitude to the district for all the fun activities I participated in and their support for Troop 799.
Sincerely,
Kevin Jaramillo-Jimenez

Catoctin Mountain Unit Leaders & Kernels!
Are you and your unit committee looking for an opportunity for your Scouts to fund their entire 2016-2017 program year? We have just the thing – POPCORN! Please click here to fill out and submit your unit’s confirmation for the 2016-2017 sales. By submitting a confirmation now it helps us to plan a better sale for you and our volunteers.

Special shout-outs to the 10 units (as of 5/16) in Catoctin Mountain that have already committed to selling popcorn this year:
- Pack 274  Pack 168
- Pack 628  Troop 270
- Pack 1055  Troop 727
- Pack 1070  Troop 1011

Again, to fill out and submit your unit’s confirmation for the 2016-2017 sales, please click here.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me: jonathan.miller@scouting.org, or District Kernel Nancy Farkas: nancy.m.farkas@gmail.com

Thank you, Jon Miller | Catoctin Mountain District Executive

2016 Fall Popcorn Sale Regional Kickoff Dates

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9190 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814 |
| Thurs, June 16 | 7:00 pm | Virginia Central Joel | First Baptist Church of Alexandria  
2932 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302 |
| Tues, July 12 | 7:00 pm | VA South Drew        | Gainesville United Methodist Church  
13710 Milestone Ct. Gainesville, VA 20155 |
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- Popcorn Kernels can attend any kick-off; however, units are encouraged to attend a kick-off in their Service Area or District.
- The units Popcorn Kernel must attend in order to receive credit for the bonus commission.
- You need to RSVP and register through our website to attend a kick-off.

[www.ncacbsa.org/popcorn](http://www.ncacbsa.org/popcorn)

**Why Sell Trail’s End Popcorn?**

Click on the link below to see what Popcorn sales can do for your unit.

[https://app.box.com/s/p4f93etlveqvqmi7kbln3112q6aqbmf2m](https://app.box.com/s/p4f93etlveqvqmi7kbln3112q6aqbmf2m)

### NCAC Trails End Popcorn - 2016 Key Dates

**August Order**
- Units Orders Due: August 5 due by midnight
- Council Order Date: August 9 due by 4:00 PM EST
- Moyer Delivery: August 16
- Other Sites: August 18
- Moyer Deliveries: Aug. 16-19
- Distribution Day: August 20

**September Order**
- Units Orders Due: September 2 due by midnight
- Council Order Date: September 6 due by 4:00 PM EST
- Moyer Delivery: September 13
- Other Sites: September 15
- Moyer Deliveries: Sep. 13-16
- Distribution Day: September 17
### October Order
- Units Orders Due: September 30 due by midnight
- Council Order Date: October 4 due by 4:00 PM EST
- Moyer Delivery: October 11
- Other Sites: October 13
- Moyer Deliveries: Oct. 11-14
- Distribution Day: October 15

### November Order
- Units Orders Due: November 4 due by midnight
- Council Order Date: November 8 due by 4:00 PM EST
- Moyer Delivery: November 15
- Other Sites: November 17
- Moyer Deliveries: Nov. 15-18
- Distribution Day: November 19

### Other Items
- Returns Due: October 24-29
- Payments Due: December 9
- Prize Orders Due: December 9
- Scholarship Forms: December 9

### Applications

**REMEMDER TO ALL PARENTS & UNIT LEADERS!**
Summer Camp and Day Camp are coming up fast - Please make sure you complete and submit all new youth & adult applications. Any applications can be scanned and submitted to District Executive Jon Miller: [jonathan.miller@scouting.org](mailto:jonathan.miller@scouting.org), are by other arrangement: 301.214.9168

### Need Application Forms?


Youth Applications, click [https://app.box.com/s/f2bwbc41lwj142vd65rs7xahnmlxt96w](https://app.box.com/s/f2bwbc41lwj142vd65rs7xahnmlxt96w)
Need Unit ID Numbers for Advancement and JTE Recording?
If you need your special ID number for doing advancement or for recording service hours on the JTE site, contact the District Executive, Jon Miller at jonathan.miller@scouting.org.

Trouble Receiving The Blue Blaze?
Some of you have reported that you are no longer receiving The Blue Blaze or that you are unable to open the links to the newsletter. The Mail Chimp system will drop addresses if it is unable to deliver mail (mail boxes that are full or bad addresses, etc.). If you find you are no longer getting mailings, go to http://scouting-cmd.org/blueblaze and just sign up again. If you have trouble opening the link to the newsletter, just email me at lindasundergill@comcast.net and I will send the newsletter to you in PDF format. Also Mark Miller, our new webmaster has put back issues of The Blue Blaze on our website at http://www.ncacbsa.org/members/group_content_view.asp?group=114094&id=210818. Please encourage all the leaders in your unit to sign up for the newsletter. It is a good way to keep in touch with what is going on in our District.

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