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

June
19-24 **IMPESSA** youth leader training, see page 2 for details
27-7/1 Day Camp, contact [www.cmddaycamp.org](http://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.

August
9 Roundtable (Boy Scout/Cub Scout/OA.AdVenturing) 7:15pm at LDS Stake Center, 199 North Place, Frederick
11 Commissioner’s Meeting, 7:30pm 199 North Place, Frederick contact cmdcommissioner@aol.com
23 District Committee Mtg, 7:30pm, 199 North Place, Frederick, 21701, contact layman274@gmail.com
24 District Eagle Board by appointment only, contact nfeldser@comcast.net
27 Scouting Expo at Camp Greentop, contact layman274@gmail.com

Scout Expo
A Countywide recruiting effort is being planned for August 27, 2016 at Camp Greentop in Catoctin Mountain Park in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of the National Park system. 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.

Bikes for the World: Eagle Scout Service Projects
Bikes for the World is a simple, people-centered project that puts unwanted American bicycles to productive use in societies where they are badly needed and highly-valued. Each delivered bike helps a low-income individual access employment, school, health care, and other vital services. If you have Life Scouts in your unit who are looking for an Eagle project, visit the link below and learn more about this program [http://www.bikesfortheworld.org/organize/scouts](http://www.bikesfortheworld.org/organize/scouts).
From the Desk of the Commish:

A few thoughts to carry you through summer long term camping and other unit summer activities:

- Practice youth protection guidelines
- Keep the “Guide to Safe Scouting” handy
- Get your leaders trained for their new positions, including First Aid/CPR
- Look up JTE performance benchmarks
- Start planning for SFF in November
- Recharter season is approaching
- FOS isn’t over until it’s over
- Camp Airy is still an option
- Maintain youth advancements
- Recruit new members, recruit more new members
- And finally, have FUN.

Yours in Commissioner Service, Bill Desmond, District 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.

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/6vq3bfrrtxhv40apxhsihipjfgagim

IOLS, 10/4 and 10/14-10/16, in Gainesville, VA and Camp Snyder see

https://scoutingevent.com/?OrgKey=BSA082&eventID=6347

Fall Camporee

The Fall Camporee will be held October 7-9, 2016 at Ft. Ritchie. It will be sponsored by Catoctin Mountain District, Appalachian Trail District and Washington County District. About 800 Scouts and leaders are expected to attend. There will be 30 stations for Scouts and units are needed to man the stations. If your unit would like to help out, please contact Don Yetter, Fall Camporee Chair by July 5 at 717-433-8608 or donald.yetter@gmail.com
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

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

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
New Tiger? Free Book

Register:
June 1st to June 30th
And get your free handbook!

Receive a free tiger handbook for any new Tiger Cub Scout registration. Applications/BeAScout Vouchers must be turned into your local District Executive within the month of June to receive the incentive. One per scout and only available with full/completed registration form signed by the parent and unit leader. National Capital Area Council will mail new Tiger a voucher good for a new Tiger Handbook. Participating locations on reverse side of flyer.
National Capital Area Council

Scout Shops

Tiger Handbooks are only available at the following locations:

BSA National Capital Area Scout Shop
9190 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20814-3897
(301) 564-1091
(301) 564-6028 fax

Monday-Wednesday: 9 am - 5:30 pm
Thursday: 9 am - 8 pm
Friday: 9 am - 5:30 pm
Saturday: 10 am - 3 pm

BSA Northern Virginia Scout Shop
5232 Port Royal Road
Springfield, VA 22151
(703) 321-4836
(703) 321-4838 fax

Monday-Friday: 9 am - 7 pm
Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm

www.NCACBSA.org
Order your JSN flyers now from our DE Jon Miller. You can reach Jon at jonathan.miller@scouting.org, Office 301-214-9168 or Cell 248-417-0862.

JSN FLYER ORDER REQUEST FORM

Please allow 7 days for printing

District: __________________________ District Executive: __________________

County: __________________________

Pack: ______ Person submitting request: __________________________

Phone: __________________________ Today’s Date: __________________

Date Fliers Needed: ______________ Quantity Needed: ______________

Drop off location/arrangements: ______________________________________

______________________________________________________________

The following information will be printed on the flyer:

-School: __________________________

-Date: __________________________ Time: __________________________

-Contact (name, phone, email): ____________________________________

The District Executive’s name and number will also be listed on all fliers.

District Executive Phone: __________________________

Question or comments please contact your district membership chair or your district executive.
Camp Airy

The Camp Airy, BSA Camp Director and Program Director would like to announce that Patrick S. has been appointed to be SPL and Evan D. and PJ H. are ASPL’s. This team will lead Camp Airy, BSA in a great year of camp. They have just finished training the Camp Airy Staff and are looking forward to an exciting week of camp!

We do still have some camper slots available. If you have any Scouts that would like to attend camp and have not already registered, please contact Diane Henson at diane@networkedweekend.com.

Class selections are due to Diane Henson as soon as possible. Members of the Chess merit badge are invited to join in on Thursday’s chess match and be chess pieces! This is a camp wide favorite activity sure to be lots of fun!!

Our theme at camp this year is MUSIC!! We are looking into live music during free period. If you know of any bands that would be willing to give us some time Tuesday thru Friday, please contact me, Becky Stalnaker. Everyone is asked to bring their instruments to camp and share their skill!

With our music theme, we are asking each Troop to bring a banner/flag to hang at camp. Use your imagination as to what music means for your scouts – a concert poster, roadie poster, the instruments your Troop plays, the favorite music genre of the Troop, the marching band, anything to do with music. These banners should be no larger than a pillow case and will need to hang from a rope going thru a pocket on the top.

Our next Theme Development meeting is July 6th at 7 pm at Roy Rogers on Rt 26. Plans are coming together for an awesome week of camp. We are looking forward to seeing you in just 9 short weeks!

Yours in Scouting,
Becky Stalnaker, Head Commissioner
Camp Airy BSA, Thurmont, MD
commissioner.CampAiryBSAmd@gmail.com
https://www.facebook.com/campairybsa/?fref=nf

International Scouting News submitted by Shawn Youngberg

The June issue of International Scouting News is available at https://app.box.com/s/31yc2o9aqhzf6yna99877tko6k88ouhl
SCOUTS HOLD 35th ANNUAL SWIM MEET
By Mike Turrell

On Friday, March 11th, over 60 Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts from all over Frederick County competed in the 35th Annual Pack 278-Troop 278 Invitational Swim Meet. Scouts from Cub Packs 277, 278, 285, 369, 476, 628, and 792, and from Boy Scout Troops 217, 268, 277, 278, 324, 470, 476, 1011, 1023, and 1066, splashed and swam in the Middletown High School pool. Competition consisted of races in Freestyle, Breaststroke, and Backstroke. Everyone earned at least one ribbon and winners in each group received a trophy.

In addition to the swim meet, the Scouts were able to have nearly 40 minutes of “free swim” as well have an opportunity to complete a number of aquatic scouting requirements. A fun time was had by all. As with most Scouting events, this could not have been accomplished without the help of many adults. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped sign in all of the Scouts (Colby Child and John Manley), served as judges (Todd Matejovich, Bill Turner, Liz Matejovich, Mary Mills, Damon Simms (as a Cub Scout, Damon swam in the first invitational swim meet), and Jim Vlassopoulos), and who worked on the starting line (Scott Lindsay). Michael Turell, an Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 278, has helped organize this swim meet every year since 1982.

Overall age group winners of the Pack 278-Troop 278 Invitational Swim Meet this year were:
AVDENTURING BLURB

FREDERICK COUNTY VOA

SUMMER 2016

MEETINGS

**Frederick Co. VOA**
3rd Tuesday, 7:00-8:15 pm
Frederick Church of the Brethren
Jun 14
Aug 16
Sep 20
Oct 18
Nov 8
Dec 13

**NCAC VOA**
1st Sunday 7-9 pm
NCAC, Bethesda
Sep 4
Oct 2
Nov 6

**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
Jun 14
Aug 9
Sep 13

ACTIVITIES

**Summer**

**Summer: Congratulations to the New FCVOA Officers!!**

*Allensonthelake@comcast.net*

The elections for the FCVOA were held last month at the Frederick Church of the Brethren. The results as follows: Alex D. of Crew 1998 will serve as the President. Emma A. of Crew 796 will be the VP of Administration. And Julia G. of Crew 796 will fill the position of VP of Program. The three officers are looking forward to bringing exciting and adventurous activities to all crews in the county this year! If any youth are interested in joining the FCVOA contact Damon Allen via email.

**Summer: Ad-VENTURING Roundtable**

*Allensonthelake@comcast.net*

Ad-VENTURING Roundtable will not take place during the summer months. All crews are encouraged to plan to attend Roundtable on Tuesday September 13 at the Frederick LDS Stake Center. Come and share your stories from your adventures over the summer!

**Summer: Venturing Fest 2016**

*www.summitksa.org/VenturingFest*

Want to take part of a six day adventure at the Summit? From July 31 to August 5, the Summit will be hosting its first ever Venturing Fest!! Venturing Fest is open to all who want to experience the wonders of High Adventure! Activities include: rock climbing, skateboarding, BMX biking, water sports, shooting sports, zip lines, challenge courses, and much, much more! For more information, go online to the Summit’s website!

**Summer: V-Week 2016**

*www.baltimoreksa.org*

Want to attend a different adventure but closer to home? You don’t have to look far. The Baltimore Area Council will be hosting its annual V-Week at Camp Saffran from 31 July to 6 August! Activities will include: ATV driving, shooting sports, water sports, hiking, climbing, COPE, and much, much more!! Participants can attend as a crew or as individuals. The cost for Venturers is $385 and for adults, the cost is: $135. For more information, email to cventzel@baltimoreksa.org.

GO VENTURING!!

RANGER AWARD

Want to Earn the Ranger Award?

*Allensonthelake@comcast.net*

What does it mean to be a Venturing Ranger? Once a youth earns the prestigious Ranger Award, that youth is an “Expert” in the outdoors! The Outdoor skills that the youth work on include eight different Core Requirements, which all must be completed. The Core Requirements include: First Aid, Emergency Preparedness, Leave No Trace, Land Navigation, Wilderness Survival, Communications, Cooking, and Conservation. Four of the eighteen electives must be completed ranging from First Aid to Backpacking, Shooting Sports, Water Sports, and much more! Any youth in Venturing interested in becoming a Ranger, contact Damon Allen for advice on how to get started.
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 271
- Pack 274
- Pack 628
- Pack 1055
- Pack 1070
- Pack 1998
- Pack 168
- Troop 270
- Troop 727
- 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

2016 Fall Popcorn Sale Regional Kickoff Dates

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<td>Thurs, Aug 25</td>
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<td>Mountain West</td>
<td>Peggy</td>
<td>Savior’s Lutheran Church&lt;br&gt;5 Waxpool Road Ashburn, VA 20148</td>
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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
**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/p4f93etlvevqmi7kbln3112g6aqbm2m

**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 EDT
- 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 EDT
- 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 EDT
- 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 EDT
- 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
SAVE THE DATE!

GOSHEN SCOUT RESERVATION 50TH ANNIVERSARY
COUNCIL CAMPOREE, MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND 2017

The National Capital Area Council will be hosting a Camporee to celebrate the opening of the Goshen Scout Reservation in 1967 and for its 50 years of memory building scouting experiences!

- The Camporee will be council-wide event held on Memorial Day Weekend, May 26 – 29, 2017.
- We are asking all council districts to put their energy into this event and substitute it for their 2017 spring camporees.
- Please mark your district and unit calendars for this Camporee!

The Camporee will be using all of the resources of the Goshen Scout Reservation plus much, much more! The Camporee will be an ideal event for Cubs and their families, Scouts, Venturers and Alumni.

- The traditional waterfront, shooting sports, COPE and climbing courses will be included
- There will a special Arena Show not to miss!
- Fun-filled evening campfires
- Traditional and unique competitive scouting skills events, with awards
- Alumni recognition honoring key contributors to the Goshen experience

Unit, Alumni and Cub family registration for the Goshen@50 Camporee will open in September, 2016. This will be a memorable event! SAVE THE DATE on your calendars and stay tuned for updates: Memorial Day Weekend, May 26 – 29, 2017.
The National Capital Scout Shop
is coming to
Frederick County!

Visit our trading posts at our districts’ day camps!

**June 27th – July 1st**
*Frederick Municipal Airport*
296 Buckheimer Road, Frederick, Maryland
8:00–9:30am, 11:30am–1:00pm, and 3:00–4:30pm

**July 25th – 29th**
*Frederick County 4-H Camp & Activities Center*
3702 Basford Road, Frederick, Maryland
Monday through Thursday: 8:00–10:00am, 11:30am–1:30pm, and 3:00–5:00pm. *Friday: 8:00am–2:30 pm*

Check out our selection of BSA merchandise:
Uniforms, T-shirts, Camping Gear, Literature and MORE!
On-demand orders will be filled to the best of our ability.

*All four major credit cards welcomed*

**Looking for something specific?**

E-mail: [jennifer.ourand@scouting.org](mailto:jennifer.ourand@scouting.org)

With the subject line: “Frederick Pre-Order” 10 days before the first day of camp, and we will bring the merchandise up for Monday!

We look forward to seeing you there!
Applications

REMINDER 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, are by other arrangement: 301.214.9168

Need Application Forms?
Adult Applications, click https://app.box.com/s/kktte67cxmsl83hm6qdas9hbbdiwme3
Youth Applications, click https://app.box.com/s/f2bwbc41lwj142vd65rs7xahnmlx96w

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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