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

July
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

September
9-11 Woodbadge weekend #1
10  Scoutmaster and Asst. SM Training in Walkersville, contact alanashley@cedarville.edu (See page 3 for other training opportunities)
13  Roundtable (Boy Scout/Cub Scout/OA,AdVenturing Picnic at Walkersville Watershed, 6pm, $5 and bring a dish to share, contact cmdcommissioner@aol.com
15  Commissioner’s Meeting, 7:30pm 199 North Place, Frederick contact cmdcommissioner@aol.com
16  OA Lodge Fellowship
27  District Committee Mtg, 7:30pm, 199 North Place, Frederick, 21701, contact layman274@gmail.com
28  District Eagle Board by appointment only, contact nfeldser@comcast.net
30  Webelos Mountain at Walkersville Watershed

Save the Date: Saturday February 18 for University of Scouting
This is a one day training event for Scouters from all areas of Scouting.

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, Boy Scouts, 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:

I hope everyone is enjoying this summer of Scouting. Cub Scout Day Camp was a galactic success thanks to the hard work and planning of so many Scouters.

The Nominating Committee for the Delaplaine Good Scout Award has selected Col. George E. Lewis, Jr, DVM, US Army (ret), as the 2016 recipient. Dr. Lewis lives in Lander, Maryland, and has been involved in Frederick County conservation and preservation efforts, to include the rehabilitation of the Catoctin Aqueduct, local Rotary Club programs, and in the Sons of the American Revolution. He is a quiet, humble leader and community volunteer. The Award Dinner is likely to be in mid-September. Scouters wishing to help on the dinner should contact District Chairman Ron Layman or me. We have lots of positions, some big and some not so big, to fill.

Yours in Commissioner Service,

Bill Desmond
District Commissioner

News Flash

Roger Chatell, currently serving as Field Director, Mountain West Service Area, will transfer to New Birth of Freedom Council in Pennsylvania effective August 1. His last day in NCAC will be July 19. Peggy Durbin, the District Director of Goose Creek District, has been named as Roger's replacement.

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 of the Mason Dixon Council. 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 Julia Bostian at bjbostian@aol.com.

International Scouting News submitted by Shawn Youngberg

The July issue of International Scouting News is available at https://app.box.com/s/glnzp3lcw57xbj1debwrxyih4xthn31m
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 Scouts, both within our Council as well as in the three other Councils that border Catoctin Mountain District.

8/13/2016 BALOO, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM in Elkridge, MD, $15, register at http://www.baltimorebsa.org/event/1796176

8/20/2016 The Trainer's EDGE, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM in Potomac, MD, $15 includes continental breakfast and lunch, register at http://www.ncacbsa.org/training/the-trainers-edge/, carpooling contact is AlanAshley@cedarville.edu or 240-409-6610

9/10/2016 Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Specific, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM at Heritage Farm Park in Walkersville, registration contact is AlanAshley@cedarville.edu or 240-409-6610

9/17/2016 Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Specific, 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM in Gaithersburg, MD, $10, register at https://scoutingevent.com/?OrgKey=BSA082&eventID=7507

9/23/2016 - 9/24/2016, Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders, Friday 5:00 PM - Saturday 8:00 PM somewhere in Baltimore Area Council, $35, see http://www.baltimorebsa.org/event/1796180

10/22/2016 BALOO, 8:00 AM - 4:45 PM at Broad Creek Scout Reservation in Baltimore Area Council, $15, see http://www.baltimorebsa.org/event/1770208

Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills in the surrounding area (costs and scheduling formats vary):

Outdoor experience 9/23/2016 Friday 5:00 PM - 9/24/2016 Saturday 8:00 PM somewhere in Baltimore Area Council
http://www.baltimorebsa.org/event/1796179

Classroom/planning session 9/26/2016 Monday night 7:00 PM-8:00 PM in Springfield, VA Outdoor experience 9/30/2016 Friday 7:00 PM - 10/01/2016 Saturday 8:00 PM
See https://scoutingevent.com/?oddf16iols

Classroom/planning session 10/04/2016 Tuesday night 7:00 PM-9:00 PM in Gainesville, VA Outdoor experience 10/14/2016 Friday 5:00 PM - 10/16/2016 Sunday 11:00 AM
See https://scoutingevent.com/?OrgKey=BSA082&eventID=6347
Catoctin Mountain District Day Camp - Jedi Scout Academy

The Catoctin Mountain District just finished a fantastic week of Day Camp at The Frederick Municipal Airport. This year's theme of "Expedition: Galactic Trek" allowed 163 Cub Scouts to continue their adventures in aviation and build upon last year's theme of "Take Flight." Taking advantage of this year's Star Wars excitement, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association graciously allowed the "Jedi Scout Academy" to hold training at their facility. The Jedi Scouts cycled through eight different stations to learn: three different shooting sports; aviation, Lego robotics, space sciences, and rank advancement at five Supernova stations. Each station was run by a Jedi Master and assisted by numerous Jedi Knights.

STEM played a huge role in the curriculum and R2D2 was there to help guide each Scout by showing them what was possible in a STEM field after they completed their training. Chewy and Rey visited various areas of camp to keep the momentum going. Of course, Darth Vader and Darth Maul had to make periodic visits just to distract the Jedi Scouts from doing too much studying.

As the Jedi Scouts progressed through their daily adventures, each of the 8 Jedi Orders (dens) competed against the other for top marks granted to them by each station Jedi Master. A group of Webelos in Order 6 was confident they had the competition wrapped up until on the final day, Order 1, the only group of Tigers, captured 5 additional awards from the 8 Jedi Masters.

At the conclusion of the Jedi Scout Academy, every Scout completed both levels of their rank specific shooting sports in Archery, BBs, and Sling Shots. The Wolves, Bears, and Webelos ranks completed their Nova 123 Go Award, and are well on their way to each earning either the Alvarez or Townes Supernova Medals. The Tigers are also well ahead with all the adventure items they were able to complete during some of their first experiences as Scouts.

Yours in Scouting,

LeMoyne Fletcher
Catoctin Mountain District
Day Camp Program Director

Below is a link to Day Camp article in AOPA Newsletter


Kudos to all of the Day Camp Staff for a wonderful and fun filled event.

On the next 2 pages, see a collage of photos from Day Camp
Need Application Forms?

Adult Applications, click [https://app.box.com/s/kktte67cxmsl83hm6qdas9hbldiwiwme3](https://app.box.com/s/kktte67cxmsl83hm6qdas9hbldiwiwme3)

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](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](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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