



The Monthly News Source of the Francis Scott Key District, BSA

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

September

- 20 FCVOA meeting, 7:15pm, Frederick Church of the Brethren (FCB), allenonthelake@comcast.net
- 24 Webelos Campout for all FSK Arrow of Light Cubs and their adults, eric.ashbaugh@gmail.com
- 27 District Committee Mtg, 7:30pm, Trinity UM Church, 703 W. Patrick St. 21701, maliszewskyj@gmail.com
- 28 District Eagle Board 7-9pm Evangelical Lutheran. Church, 35 E. Church St. 2170, nfeldser@comcast.net
- 30-10/2 Webelos Mountain at Walkersville Watershed, alexduan@outlook.com

October

- 7 Mountain West OA Fall Ordeal and FSK Camporee at Camp Manidokan
- 11 Roundtable (Boy Scout/Cub Scout/OA,AdVenturing) 7:15pm FCB, 201 Fairview Ave. 21701, fskcommissioner@aol.com
- 11 **Recharter Training** at Roundtable, fskcommissioner@aol.com
- 13 Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm LDS Stake Ctr. 199 North Place, 21701, fskcommissioner@aol.com
- 15 Venturing After Dark, alexduan@outlook.com
- 18 **Recharter Training**, location to be determined, fskcommissioner@aol.com
- 18 FCVOA meeting, 7:15pm, Frederick Church of the Brethren, allenonthelake@comcast.net
- 18 **Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) Part 1**, Heritage Farm Park farmhouse (Walkersville)
- 21-22 **IOLS Part 2** at the Walkersville Watershed, contact AlanAshley@cedarville.edu or 240-409-6610
- 25 District Committee Mtg, 7:30pm, Trinity UM Church, 703 W. Patrick St. 21701, maliszewskyj@gmail.com
- 26 District Eagle Board 7-9pm Evangelical Lutheran. Church, 35 E. Church St. 2170, nfeldser@comcast.net
- 29 V3Hike-O-REE
- 29-30 IOLS (Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills), bsajeep@gmail.com
- 31 Inter-Troop Shooting Sports Event, shawnyoungberg@comcast.net

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- 10 Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm LDS Stake Ctr. 199 North Place, 21701, fskcommissioner@aol.com
- 10 PRAY Kickoff and Youth Rally, contact AlanAshley@cedarville.edu
- 11-13 Baltimore Area Council Fall Rendezvous
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- 19 POW WOW
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From the Desk of the Commish:

We have been very busy at the District level trying to organize our programs and activities under the new Francis Scott Key District. So many activities ahead including: Join Scouting Nights, Fall Camporee, Webelos Woods and Webelos Mountain, OA programs, FCVOA programs, and my favorite program activity Scouting for Food.



HELP WANTED - the District is in need of 10 to 12 persons willing to be trained and serve as Unit Commissioners. The pay is low, but the satisfaction is high. Contact me at FSKCommissioner@aol.com, if you would like to hear more about the job. The Unit Commissioner position is perfect for an Eagle Scout, no longer involved in

Scouting, for any other adult with a Scouting background at any level, and moms and dads of former Scouts who would like to re-engage with the program. We have vacant positions all over Frederick County and can probably match individuals to units close to home. We are also seeking an Assistant District Commissioner for Exploring, who will serve 3 Posts and the Roundtable Commissioner.

District Chairman Nick Maliszewskyj at our first FSK Committee Meeting in August spoke about membership and challenged each unit to recruit 5 new Scouts this fall. Membership is just as important as programs and deserves your priority attention.

Looking ahead, units should be planning for recharter activities starting on November 1 and reviewing their progress on Journey to Excellence scorekeeping which get turned in with recharter material.

Deputy District Commissioner Melissa Udbinac and I are at your service. If you are in a unit currently without a Unit Commissioner, please let us know how we can help you.

Yours in Commissioner Service,

Bill Desmond
District Commissioner

September Recharter Tips

- Ensure leader YPT is current through 2017
- Verify accuracy of Key 3 information in "Member Manager"
- Designate a unit "Registrar" for recharter coordination
- Update "Membership Inventory"

Recharter Training

Recharter Training for unit leaders will be held at Roundtable on **October 11**. This will be high level training covering timelines, UCRS and turn in procedures. A more detailed, nuts and bolts session for unit recharter coordinators (sometimes called unit registrars or unit recharter executioners) will be held on **October 18** at a location to be determined. All leaders are welcome to attend both sessions, although advance sign up is requested for the October 18 session.



Welcome to FSK District

Twelve years ago, projecting rapid growth in the Southern part of Frederick County, the National Capital Area Council split the Francis Scott Key District into the Catoctin Mountain District to the North and the Appalachian Trail District to the South. Scouting flourished in our county for many years but even as the county experienced the expected growth in population, neither District experienced a commensurate growth in membership. And along that time we faced numerous challenges, among them changes in the BSA membership policy lifting the proscription on LGBT youth and adults, changes in FCPS policies making it more difficult to market Scouting to our target audience, and general declines in membership number each year.

This past July, informed of the implications of the Fair Labor Standards Act on BSA professionals, leaders of Appalachian Trail and Catoctin Mountain Districts met to discuss joining the two Districts after many years of working together and a few abortive attempts to merge in the past.

We have decided not to discard the 65 year legacy of the Francis Scott Key District which existed prior to the split. Even so we are a new thing. We are 85 units: Packs, Troops, Crews, and Posts. We are over 1800 youth. We are over 300 volunteer adults. We host the nation's only all-volunteer-run BSA resident camp. We have held camporees, day camps, a first aid meet, and many other "joint" events that will become our District events.

I'm hopeful that our period of adjustment to the new order will be short and that as a united Frederick County we will be able to accomplish what the two separate districts could not. On behalf of your "key 5" (Nick Maliszewskyj – District Chair, Ron Layman – Deputy District Chair, Bill Desmond – District Commissioner, Melissa Udbinac – Deputy District Commissioner, and Jon Miller – District Executive), I welcome you to the new Francis Scott Key District.

Yours In Scouting, Nick Maliszewskyj, District Chairman

In Sympathy

Cubmaster of Pack 287, Stephen Bon, passed away suddenly on Saturday evening, September 2, 2016. He was 36 years old. He leaves behind his wife Stefani, and 3 children, TJ, Samantha, and Sabrina. TJ is a Webelos 1 Scout.

Stephen had been the Cubmaster for 2 years. His family is very active in the Pack, school, church, and community. Stephen always had a smile, a kind word, an encouraging smile. He knew every kid and every parent in the Pack. He knew who would be good at what and he used their strengths to grow the Pack. He was honest, fair, and kind. He kept the Scouts in line. He showed all aspects of the Scout law in his daily life. His favorite line was "you would look good in a brown shirt!" It always worked!

Stephen will be truly missed. Pack 287 will honor his memory throughout this Scouting year. For information on how you can help the family during this time, please refer to Stephen Bon's Facebook page.



Scouting for Food

Scouting for Food (SFF) bags will be available at the October Roundtable. The SFF Chairman, Dan Christianson will be contacting units to verify distribution locations, etc. If you have questions or have not heard from Dan, you can contact him at Russiadan@hotmail.com or call 801-471-1896.

The bag distribution to homes in your neighborhood takes place November 5 and the food pick up on November 12. This is a nationwide Boy Scout Good Turn that helps the clients of our local food banks. Be sure to take part and then be sure to record your service hours.

Inter-Troop Sporting Events

October 1	Shooting Sports	Thurmont Sportsman Club
December 28	Bowling	Terrace Lanes
January 16	Basketball	LDS Stake Center
February 20	Table Tennis	LDS Stake Center
March 31	Dodge Ball	LDS Stake Center

For more information, contact Shawn Youngberg and 240-344-7733 or email shawnyoungberg@comcast.net.



Rocket Into Scouting

To make sure this year is a "BLAST", every new Scout that submits a paid application by October 31 will receive a free model rocket! This will help both their Scouting career and a lifelong love of STEM "take off". Launch Day events are being planned at multiple sites around our Council. Choose a site closest to you, or what day works best for you and your family. For more information about

Launch Days, go to: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-9194>



Camp Airy

Camp Airy is a week-long Council camp in Frederick County. It offers numerous merit badges in the beautiful setting of the Catoctin Mountains along with great food and fellowship. There is a heavy emphasis on STEM activities. This year's theme was Music and next year's theme will be Frontier. There is a great video of Camp Airy 2016 that shows a great deal of the excitement and activities of this year's camp. If you are interested in

seeing the video and having someone talk to your unit about attending Camp Airy, contact Nick Maliszewskyj at Maliszewskyj@gmail.com or call 301-514-5620.



Silver Beaver

The Silver Beaver award is the highest award given for distinguished service within the Council. If you know of someone who has made significant contributions to Scouting, please consider nominating that person for the Silver Beaver award. Nominations are due to Council via our District Executive, Jonathan Miller jonathan.miller@scouting.org by November 30. The nomination form is available at: <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/92-103.pdf>



Award of Merit

The District Award of Merit is the highest award that is given for service to the District. If you know of someone who has provided outstanding service at the District level, please consider making a nomination for the Award of Merit. Nomination forms are due by December 15 to either r_golling@yahoo.com or shawnyoungberg@comcast.net. Nomination forms are available at: <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33720.pdf>



OA Area Ordeal - October 7 - 9 at Camp Manadokin

The Fall Ordeal registration is open. The Council is pushing for online registration. So if you're coming to this event, please register online: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-MountainWestAreaFallOrdeal2016>. That being said, you will not be turned away at the door.

Friday, October 7, members can start arriving around 4:00pm. If you're an Elangomat please show up as close to 5:00pm as possible so we can train you before the candidates arrive. If possible, we would like all full weekend staff to be at the camp by around 5:30pm, this will give us an hour before the candidates will arrive. Brotherhood candidates - Please let us know at check in if you wish to do your brotherhood conversion because we do not want to miss any body.

Day Attendees, if you are just coming in for the day, please check in with registration. The same goes for Dinner Only participants, we want to mark your attendance, so our numbers add up, making our jobs to close out the budget a lot easier. Don't forget your BSA health forms part A & B - http://bsaseabase.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf

If you have any questions or concerns, call me, text me (youth please make sure another adult is added to the text message or email) [703-966-0458](tel:703-966-0458)

Yours in Scouting, Mark Maranto



Enrich Your Winter Program by Fred Broadrup

This is the best snow sports program for your Scouts. Learn to ski and or snowboard with the Night Card Program. This card is good for use at Liberty, White Tail and Roundtop from January 2, 2017 until the resorts close in the spring. The card can be used every day from 4 pm until closing with unlimited use all season long. Applications must be returned to me by 11-1-16 with the check made out to me (Fred Broadrup) for the Early Bird price.

Friends and family members, not just Scouts, can participate in this program. The unit can also use this as a fundraiser. Every 16th card is free. This fee can be written back to your unit by me for unit purposes. For applications or questions, contact me, Fred Broadrup, BSA Ship 59 (cell) 301-606-1878.

District patch design contest is underway

Since Frederick County Scouts are now united as Francis Scott Key District, we will need to have a new District patch. According to FSK District Chairman Nick Maliszewskyj there will be a contest to select the design for the new District patch. The contest will be open to any and all Scouts registered in Frederick County (adults are not eligible). Any Scout who wants to submit a design may do so by emailing it to jimsundergill@comcast.net no later than December 31, 2016. A committee will be set up to review all the designs and the winner will be announced in *The FSK Banner*. **Scout leaders; please pass this information on to your youth.**



This is the old FSK District Patch. Note the Maryland flag is upside down!

Second Chance Cub Scout Uniforms

Cub Scout Pack 1998 is in need of some gently used Cub Scout uniforms for their Cubs. If you have any uniform items that your son has outgrown and would like to help them find a new home, please contact Cubmaster Reggie Moore at rmoore1072@gmail.com.

Jamboree

There are still 100 slots left for the 2017 National Jamboree. The cost is \$1200 for 10 days and it includes bus transportation. Camperships are available. For more information, go to:

<http://www.ncacbsa.org/activitiesevents/jamboree/>



All Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Crews, Ships and non-Scouts ages 13 - 20 are invited to join the Frederick County Venturing Association for

Venturing After Dark!

On **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15TH**, 2016

From **4:45pm- 11pm** at Lawyer's Farm

(1300 Creagerstown Rd, Thurmont, MD 21788)

winterbrookfarmsmd.com

\$15 Early Bird admission price includes:

- ★ Pizza Dinner
- ★ Private bonfire
- ★ 8.2 Mile Moonlit Corn Maze

Register NOW!!

\$15 price only lasts until October 7th! After October 7th, admission goes up to \$20, and is \$25 at the door!!!

Bring cash with you for:

- ★ Hot apple cider & other homemade concessions
- ★ Pumpkin Cannons

Don't forget your flashlights, rain gear, & sturdy shoes!

Scouts are asked to dress in class B's, non-Scouts can dress in casual clothing. For all, layered and weather appropriate outdoor attire is suggested!

Email [**venturingafterdark@gmail.com**](mailto:venturingafterdark@gmail.com) for registration forms and with any questions!

See you at the maze!!!





Boy Scout Troop 1812 Webelos Campout!! **Saturday Night, September 24, 2016** **Walkersville Watershed**

Arrive by 5:00 PM on Saturday and depart by 10:00 AM on Sunday!



All Francis Scott Key District Arrow of Light Cub Scouts and their adults are invited to join Troop 1812 for a fun filled weekend of learning and exploring including:

- Orienteering and use of a compass
- Knot Tying, Fire building
- Camping
- Hiking
- Delicious Meals prepared by our own boys scouts
- *Adult meals will be prepared by Troop 1812's finest Dutch Oven chefs! The Adults!*



Why Troop 1812?

Frederick MD based Boy Scout Troop 1812 is an active troop of about 30 Scouts and adult leaders, with three mixed-age patrols. We have an experienced group of fully trained leaders that lead the scouts in campouts, service projects, and several great trips every year, including summer camp and high adventure camps. The older scouts help lead the younger scouts through our Scout-led program that gives each scout the opportunity to lead when they are ready.



Fun Troop 1812 events in 2016

- Antietam Battlefield Luminary campout
- White water rafting, Ohio PA
- Sea Base, Florida Keys
- Henson Scout Reserve Summer camp
- Torsk Submarine Sleepover in Baltimore
- Community Service Projects



If interested, please RSVP by September 20, 2016 by emailing our leadership!
(More details will be provided to include what to bring and where to meet after your RSVP)

Scoutmaster- Eric Ashbaugh. eric.ashbaugh@gmail.com

Committee Chair- Tom Krach, tomkrach@gmail.com

Check us out online at www.troopwebhost.org/Troop1812Frederick/



FSK FALL CAMPOREE 2016

Where: Camp Manidoken
1620 Harpers Ferry Rd
Knoxville, MD 21758

Please note, the road down is winding.
If you are bringing trailers, drive with caution.

When: October 7-9
Arriving Friday evening for site set up
Concluding after Scout's Own Service, mid-morning on Sunday

Cost: \$15

RSVP: Appreciated, but not required.

Contact: William Lohr, wklohr@gmail.com

Focus/Program: Friendship building between units of the former AT/CM Districts.

- Units from each District will be paired up to camp adjacent to one another.
- *Patrols must recombine Friday night, mix/match for the competition next morning*
 - An opportunity for Patrol Leaders to test their mettle with new peeps!
- Klondike-style station competition
 - First Aid scenarios like at the annual March competition. **Bring kit!**
 - Lashings: Spars and twine provided
 - Knots
 - Compass: **Bring your own**
 - Fire starting: **Bring your own tinder and methods.**
 - Physical Fitness competitions
 - ... but wait! There's more TBA!
- Dinner Cooking Competition
 - Scouts from each unit must unite! to cook together
 - SKY IS THE LIMIT! Dutch Oven encouraged!
 - Up to two main courses by Scouts can be entered.
 - Adults too must combine to produce one dessert entry
 - Teamwork is the focus!
- Service Project: **Bring loppers, hand shears, rakes**
- Climbing Wall available
- Campfire!
 - Come prepared with N E W skits. GOOGLE!!
 - The mixed patrols must enter together. IF you don't enter, you can't win.
 - Combined adult leader patrols must enter as well! Ham it up!!
- Pick-up game of Capture the Flag, Zombies, etc after dark!
- **Come prepared to have adult leaders be actively involved in working stations and/or judging cooking entries.**
- **No fire pits other than those already in existence. Raised systems allowable.**
- **Potable water provided.**
- **Prepare yourselves to improvise, adapt, overcome and we will have a great time!**



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 Francis Scott Key District.

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>

10/21-10/22, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills at the Walkersville Watershed. This is a Sunday-friendly course that will include an additional evening session on 10/18 at the Heritage Farm Park farmhouse (Walkersville), registration contact is AlanAshley@cedarville.edu or [240-409-6610](tel:240-409-6610)

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>



11/10/16, P.R.A.Y. kick-off event and Youth Rally -- P.R.A.Y. is the Religious Emblems curriculum used by many Protestant and independent Christian churches (e.g., Methodist, Baptist, AME, Lutheran, and others). In conjunction with a youth rally on Thursday evening, 11/10, at People's Baptist Church in Frederick, an information session on the P.R.A.Y. program will also be conducted for parents. Come receive complimentary samples of the curriculum and interact with an experienced Counselor who has successfully guided youth from across Frederick County in the completion of all

four of the P.R.A.Y. courses. The address of the event is 6648 Carpenter Road, Frederick. The youth rally for 7th -12th graders starts at 5:30 PM, will include games, pizza, and a message, will conclude by 8:30 PM, and is free of charge. The P.R.A.Y. kick-off for parents will occur at 5:45 PM and will last as long as there are questions to be answered. For additional details, please contact AlanAshley@cedarville.edu or [240-409-6610](tel:240-409-6610). No advanced registration is required. All are welcome.

Webelos Mountain

Sept. 30 – Oct. 2, 2106

Boy Scout Patrols

Knots

Fire Building

Camping XP

Sling Shots

Campfire



Webelos Scouts

First Aid

Fire Lighting

Patrol Method

Games

Advancement

Sign Up: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-CMwebelosmountain>



Event Chair: Alex Durnal alexduanal@outlook.com

Event Adviser: Mr. Colby Child mudrat@erols.com

Join us at the Walkersville Watershed

9032 Chestnut Grove Rd Frederick, Maryland 21701

21st George Delaplaine Distinguished Citizen Dinner By Bill Desmond

Many thanks to the following members of the George Delaplaine Logistics Committee: Bill Desmond, Ron and Dee Layman, Tom Lesser, Linda Morgan, Nick Maliszewskyj, Jon Miller, Mark Miller, Jim and Linda Sundergill and Melissa Udbanic. The recipient of the Award was Dr. George Lewis and the event chair was Michael Pugh. Thank you, as well, to the Scouts from Troop 1812, who provided the color guard, and Cub Scouts from Packs 278 and 796, who demonstrated a Pinewood Derby. Finally, there were many Scouters in attendance in uniform – they presented a great visual of the diversity of Francis Scott Key District scouting leadership.



Cubs and Scouts demonstrate the Pinewood Derby



2016 George Delaplaine Distinguished Citizen Award



2016 honoree Dr. George Lewis with previous honorees in the back ground.

Photos courtesy of Tom Lesser