The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

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

November
15 FCVOA meeting, 7:15pm, Frederick Church of the Brethren,
19 POW WOW
22 District Committee Mtg, 7:30pm, Trinity UM Church, 703 W. Patrick St. 21701, maliszewskyj@gmail.com
23 District Eagle Board 7-9pm Evan. Luth. Ch., 35 E. Church St. 21701, nfieldser@comcast.net, amc2169@yahoo.com
26 Recharter Turn in, LDS Stake 199 North Place, 21701 10-noon, fskcommissioner@aol.com
30 Silver Beaver Nominations due

December
1 Submissions for District patch are due
9 Final Popcorn payment due
13 Roundtable (Boy Scout/Cub Scout/OA/AdVenturing, Recharter Turn in) 7:15pm Frederick Church of the Brethren, 201 Fairview Ave. 21701, fskcommissioner@aol.com
15 Commissioner’s Meeting, 7:30pm LDS Stake Ctr. 199 North Place, 21701, fskcommissioner@aol.com
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28 Inter-Troop Sports Bowling, contact shawnyoungberg@comcast.net

January 2017
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10 Venturing Leadership Award nominations due
12 Commissioner’s Meeting, 7:30pm LDS Stake Ctr. 199 North Place, 21701, fskcommissioner@aol.com
16 Inter-Troop Sports Basketball, contact shawnyoungberg@comcast.net
20-22 Klondike Derby, contact grenierscout@gmail.com
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25 District Eagle Board 7-9pm Evan. Luth. Ch., 35 E. Church St. 21701, nfieldser@comcast.net, amc2169@yahoo.com

Unit of the Year Forms are Available for 2016

Use the following link to access the forms.
https://www.dropbox.com/sh/gi0j2pnq3uebeg5/AAA27080uD0RJxAtCoHjnFpa?dl=0
From the Desk of the Commish:

While it is old news, the District still needs 9 persons willing to be trained and serve as Unit Commissioners. Over 20 FSK units are still without a Unit Commissioner. Contact me at FSKCommissioner@aol.com, if you would like to hear more about the job. The pay is fabulous and the rewards are very high.

November Roundtable attendance was 68% of our units. That is pretty good. However, I would like to see more units getting the benefits of Roundtable. 100% attendance on any given night may be unrealistic, but over 90% should be achievable. I ask your help on two things: (1) for units that do participate, encourage more Scouters to come and (2) for units that don’t come to Roundtable, please give it a try.

This is also a good time to remind you of our Inlement Weather Policy for Roundtable. If the Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) are off due to weather on Roundtable Tuesday, Roundtable is cancelled. Also, if FCPS releases schools early on Roundtable Tuesday and all after school activities are cancelled, Roundtable is also cancelled.

Looking ahead, units should be finalizing recharter activities and reviewing their progress on Journey to Excellence score sheets, which get turned in with recharter material. There is a recharter turn in at the LDS Stake Center on November 26 from 10 AM to noon. Units should also be doing semi-annual program planning and making a final decision, as needed, on 2017 summer long term camping.

Cub Scout leader Pow Wow is set for November 19 at Annandale High School. This is a fun training day for Cub Scout leaders new and old and I urge your attendance.

Many thanks to those units that participated in Scouting for Food this year. In my view, this is by far the best thing we do each year as a Scouting District. Please remember to report the number of participants and pounds of food collected.

Silver Beaver nominations are due to Jon Miller by November 30, 2016 and District Award of Merit nominations are due to Rich Golling or Shawn Youngberg by December 15, 2016.

New District Committee members will be elected in the near term. Thanks to the many Scouters who said “yes” when asked to serve in a District role.

Yours in Commissioner Service,

Bill Desmond
District Commissioner
Scouting for Food

Many thanks to everyone who took part in the Scouting for Food effort. It is our most important county wide GOOD TURN. Now, don’t forget to record your effort by going to: http://www.ncacbsa.org/scouting-fr-food-reporting. Also, we can extend our good turn by bringing a canned food item to Roundtable each month at the Frederick Church of the Brethren.

Submissions for District Communications

Thanks to our webmaster, Mark Miller, submissions for Keynote (weekly newsletter) and The FSK Banner (monthly newsletter) can now be made by using the following link: http://www.ncacbsa.org/francis-scott-key/francis-scott-key-banner/fsk-banner-and-keynote-submissions/

Emergency Preparedness by Mark Miller

FSK District is working toward completing the Emergency Preparedness District Gold Level Award. We need your help. In order to achieve this prestigious award we require 50% of units in the district to complete the activities outlined here http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Media/Publications/EmergencyPreparedness/award.aspx. Scouts and scouts are encouraged to accomplish the individual awards as well.

Why is Emergency Preparedness important? Simply put, it is what scouts do. Also, it is what a good citizen should do. As part of a whole community program, emergency preparedness is every citizen’s responsibility.

If you have any questions, or need assistance in achieving the requirements, the point of contact for this activity is Mark Miller. He can be reached via email at mappingman@gmail.com, or 301-748-8626.

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 and to the community, 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
Training Opportunities
If you need basic training, are looking for supplemental training, or want to take a refresher, please contact Willian Lohr wklohr@gmail.com. Willian and his team will even come to your unit and do the training. Training is VERY important to good leadership and a quality program for the youth. If you need training, please contact William Lohr.

Troop 628’s Trailblazer Klondike Derby
Mush! Mush! Mush! Those words conjure up visions of dog sled teams dashing through the snow along the Iditarod Trail. It is the spirit of that race that Troop 628’s Trailblazers Klondike Derby hopes to emulate on January 21, 2017 at the Walkersville Watershed.

The derby will have a number of activities to test the skill and knowledge of the participants. Are your Scouts up for a challenge?

The Derby is open to all Scout Troops, Crews, and Webelos. Troops and Crews are welcome to camp on Friday and Saturday nights per the unit leader’s discretion. Webelos are welcome to come for the day only (8:30am to 5pm). The cost is $20 per registrant and will cover the event. Sled teams should consist of 8 – 10 scouts. Further details and registration packets are available from R.J. Grenier, Troop 628 at grenierscout@gmail.com. Information will also be available at Roundtable. The Registration Deadline is January 12, 2017.

Come spend the day in the Artic exercising your skills, testing your knowledge and most of all HAVING FUN!

Francis Scott Key District Logo/Patch Design Contest:
The District Key 5 is seeking submissions from Scouts for a new logo/patch. Specifications:

- multi-colored
- present a recognizable scene within the District or be readily associated with Francis Scott Key, the historical figure
- contain the words “Francis Scott Key District” and “National Capital Area Council” or “NCAC”
- contain a “fleur de lis”
- capable of being compressed and expanded in digital publications without losing clarity
- any shape (round, oval, rectangular, outline of Frederick County, etc.) is acceptable; however it must be capable of being reduced to a patch no greater than 3.5 inches wide by 4.5 inches high.
- Have a solid color border.

This competition is open to all District Scouts. The winner will receive a 2017 campership of $300 to a BSA summer residence camp. Submissions should be made to Nick Maliszewskyj, District Chairman maliszewskyj@gmail.com. The winner will be announced at December Roundtable. Deadline for submissions is December 1, 2016.
University of Maryland Scout Overnight

We are excited to be hosting another Scout overnight here at the Xfinity Center for this upcoming Men's Basketball Season. My name is Greg Wright and I will be your point of contact for the event this year.

Our Scouts overnight will be Friday December 9th with the basketball game being played at Noon on the 10th against St Peters. Tickets for anyone participating in the overnight will be $25, anyone who wants to attend the game, but not the overnight, can do so by purchasing a $20 ticket. Below is a brief itinerary for the event. More details will follow, please note this is a tentative schedule!

12/9 8PM-9PM Check in at the Xfinity Center
    9PM-Midnight: Activities, movie night
    Midnight: Lights Out, sleeping in the Pavilion located inside the Xfinity Center
12/10
    8AM-8:30: Breakfast
    8:30-11:30- Activities, Guest Speakers, Sport Merit Badge
    11:30-Noon- Cleanup
    Noon: Gametime vs St Peters

We have limited availability so it will be on a first come first serve basis. We are working on putting together an online site/promo code for purchase. I will follow-up when that is available. For anyone looking to reserve a spot, you can do so through email gwright1@g.umd.edu or calling me directly at 301-405-6510.

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.

Items of Note:

- Spring Camporee 2017 will be hosted by Council
- Fall Camporee 2017 will be STEM and NOVA award oriented
- Spring Camporee 2018 will feature shooting sports
- Day Camp 2017 will offer two camps: June 26-30 and July 31 to August 4.
- 4th Annual Film Festival will be held March 17
- First Aid Meet March 4
District Venturing Leadership Award Nominations Due:

January Roundtable: 10 January 2016

Turn in to: Damon Allen or Rich Golling

The District Venturing Leadership Award recognizes youth and adults within the Crew and District who have made a unique contribution to the Venturing program. All nomination forms are due at the January Roundtable and recipients will be recognized at the District Dinner in March. All nomination forms should be submitted with letters of recommendation and an explanation why the recipient is worthy of the award. If there are any questions or concerns feel free to contact Damon Allen at: ALLENONTHELAKE@comcast.net. The nomination form is available at https://app.box.com/s/nt7zlznll5406nig71bk8x5lb787o821.

2016 Boy Scout Rank Requirement Reminder  By Peter Bladen

Reminder for all Boy Scouts and Boy Scout leaders the Boy Scout rank requirement changes announced in 2015 must be followed by all Scouts effective January 1, 2017. The one year phase in (grandfathering) period ends on December 31, 2016. If a rank is being worked on under the old requirements and not completed (including Board of Review) by December 31, 2016 the Scout will have to complete that and future ranks meeting the new requirements. The below links are again highlighted to ensure a smooth transition.

Specific rank requirement information, as a printable insert, can be found at the following link: http://www.Scouting.org/filestore/boyScouts/pdf/524-012_BS_Requirements_Insert.pdf

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about the new requirements can be found at the following link: http://www.Scouting.org/filestore/pdf/2016BoyScoutrequirementsFAQs.pdf

Side by side (new versus old) comparison for each rank requirement can be found at the following link: http://www.Scouting.org/filestore/pdf/2016BoyScoutrequirements_8.14.2015.pdf

The 2016 Boy Scout Requirements book and 2016 Boy Scout Handbook have the new requirements. Contact Peter Bladen, FSK Advancement Chair, p-bladen@comcast.net with any questions.
15% Discount at Firehouse Subs

Tonight Our Portions Are Even More Generous

Help raise funds for BSA Troop 1998
2nd Tuesday of each month (Nov, Dec 2016/Jan-Jun 2017)

Firehouse Subs
1700 Kingfisher Drive
Frederick, Maryland 21701

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Boy Scouts of America
National Capital Area Council
Francis Scott Key District
Inter-Unit Sports Committee
Presents

The Inaugural Inter-Troop Bowling Tournament

When: Wednesday, December 28, 2016
Tournament begins at 12:00; likely completion will be 2:00p

Where: Terrace Lanes 12 W. College Terrace, Frederick, MD. 21703

How Much: $9.00 per scout gets two games and shoe rental

Lunch: Lunch available from the snack bar at Terrace Lanes or eat before

***** PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED. 12/13 Deadline for Preregistration *****

* Maximum of 12 Teams
* Registration closes when 12 teams register
* Teams made up of scouts from same troop
* One team per troop
* Teams limited to six (6) bowlers
* Two games for Tournament
* Scores averaged by bowler for both games
* Ribbons for the Top ten (10) bowlers
* Troops earn points for 2016-2017 FSK District Inter-Unit Sports Competition Trophy

To Register and for more information:
Mr Shawn Youngberg
240-344-7733
shawnyoungberg@comcast.net

Registration Deadline 12/13/2016
The 2017 Camp Card Sale is Back! SIGN-UP Now

The “Camp Card” fundraising program is back! This initiative is designed to help Scouts earn their way to Summer Camp and Day Camp. Units participating in the 2017 program will earn up to 50% commission, ($2.50) on each $5 Camp Card they sell.

Sale Schedule:
November 1st to December 15th – Sign up
February – Cards Distributed at Roundtable, Marriott Service Center or Springfield Scout Shop.
March – Mid Sale check point – settle what you have sold and order more!
May – Fully settle your account (turning in all unsold cards and payments) for full 50% commission prior to May 15th.

Accounts settled after May 15 are reduced to 40% Commission rate

This program is RISK FREE, simply return any unsold cards. Lost cards are assumed as sold and charged the $2.50 rate.

Be sure to check out our Bonus Savings Program with your unique access code to see THOUSANDS OF DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE NATIONWIDE at: www.boyscoutscampcard.com
(Your unit leader will receive a FREE 2016 Camp Card in the mail with the code)

The value of the Camp Card:
If your family shops at the vendors on the card, you can buy a card directly from your Scout and it is the same as putting money back into your child’s Scouting program. Families have bought $100 in cards and recoup them over future visits to the grocery store. More savings are realized as other vendors are visited as well.

☐ YES! Our unit wants to participate in the Camp Card Sale!
Please sign up online at: NCACBSA.org/campcard or submit this form to CampCard@NCACBSA.org

Unit Information:
Unit Type: (Please circle one)
Pack   Troop   Team   Crew   Ship   Post

Unit #: __________________________ District: __________________

# Of Active Scouts: __________ Our Gross Sale Goal is: $ __________

How many cards to start? (We recommend at least 10 per scout to start) __________

Pick up preference: (circle one) Roundtable Marriott Service Center Springfield Scout Shop

Unit Contact Information:
Name: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________
City: __________________ Zip: __________
Home Number: __________________ Work Number: __________________

Please return to: National Capital Area Council, BSA, 9190 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814 or email to CampCard@NCACBSA.org. If you have any questions, please contact your District Executive or Jenna Welle or Lisa Snip at CampCard@NCACBSA.org.
2017 CAMP CARD - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. The Camp Card is $5.00. What is the break down on where the money goes?
   A. The commission plan is 50% if closed out by May Roundtable or by May 15th. Your unit retains $2.50 per card sold. The other $2.50 per card is turned in to the council via Roundtable, mail, or visiting the service center. The council pays for the production of the cards and the securing of the coupons and has the associated risk of unsold cards.

2. One of the Scouts said he lost the cards? What do we do?
   A. Due to the production costs of the cards and securing the vendors, we need to assume that the cards are used or sold. We only collect $2.50 per card that is considered lost. Please collect the $2.50 from the family.

3. Are there any prizes or patches?
   A. Our goal is to keep this sale really simple. We want to maximize the return to the unit and the council. If desired, you can establish an incentive in your unit. The card is designed to help offset camp fees for the Scouts and that takes actual cash.

4. Can I sell in front of the stores listed on the card?
   A. The stores listed on the camp card always like new customers in addition to their existing ones. Please consider other places to sell them before approaching the stores. When you approach the store, please work with the manager and respect their answer. Many will say yes. Some may indicate that the property does not permit sales.

5. Can my family buy $100 worth and use the coupons? It seems too good to be true?
   A. Yes, as a family, you can buy the cards for your own use and use the coupons. Yes, it seems funny that you spend $100 and get more back over time, but that is how we set the price point. We wanted to make it a win-win all around. Your family can recoup the cost of the cards in a few visits to the stores listed.

6. Can another youth group sell these cards? Or only Scouts?
   A. These cards can be sold by any group that is officially chartered by the BSA or an Explorer Post. Other groups cannot sell them and we will not issue the cards to them.

7. How do we get more cards? They are selling fast.
   A. Please contact CampCard@NCACBSA.org to request more cards. You will be requested to turn in the funds associated with your initial order so you can pick up more. The reason for this is because the success of the sale comes down to available inventory and motivated sellers. If Camp Cards are locked up in someone’s trunk and turned in later, no one benefitted. Additional cards can be relayed through your district executive, mailed if needed, or picked up directly at the service center.

8. Can adults sell the cards too?
   A. Yes, please help your own Scouts by selling the cards at work, school, and your place of worship. Each friend should see the value in the $5 camp card and getting their $5 right back. Encourage them to by multiples. The cards are good all year.

9. I heard some other supermarkets like Harris-Teeter will accept the Safeway coupon. Is this true?
   A. Please check with the local store on their policy. Some retailers DO accept other retailer coupons, some do not. You can always try, but avoid making this a selling point to the consumer.

10. Can we wear uniforms to sell the Camp Card?
    A. Yes, since it is a council level money earning project, you are permitted to wear the BSA uniform. Popsicle and Camp Cards are the only council level approved money earning projects. All other projects must have approval to wear the uniform.

11. For the $2.50 that is retained as a unit commission, where does that go?
    A. It is essential that the unit committee establish how camp fees will be offset by the sale of Camp Cards. Most groups use it to lower everyone’s cost by paying a portion of fees. The front of the card indicates that the overall Scout unit benefits, not just one person. This $2.50 does not have to be used for camp but can be used for anything Scouting related.

12. Can we sell the card for a different amount?
    A. The front of the card says “Just $5”, so your customers may lose confidence in you and the product. Please do not discount the card or sell it for above the asking price. The price point has been proven in other nationwide sales to be on target with the discounts offered.
Black Lights ~ Lasers ~ Music ~ LED Lights Show

Glow Zone Party!

Join us for 3 1/2 hours of Open Jump to Party Music at the
Sky Zone Trampoline Park
under Black Lights and Lasers!!

Open only to participants 13 and over

When: Saturday, January 7th, 2017
     6 pm to 11 pm
Where: Sky Zone Trampoline Park
       15813 Gaither Drive
       Gaithersburg, MD 20877
Price: $28 per person (Covers Admission and Sky Socks)
REQUIRED: Online Waiver (no paper copy)
Found at http://www.skyzone.com/gaithersburg under “OnlineWaiver” or select drop
down bar in corner of screen
Reminders: NO outside food allowed!
            EMPTY water bottles ARE allowed ~ Refillable inside the Park
            Wear athletic, glow-in-the-dark clothing ~ Bring extra cash for snacks
            Adults ~ If you don’t want to jump, you don’t have to pay!

Send Completed Registration Forms To:
   Julia Giglio
   2217 Dixon Road
   Frederick MD, 21704

Questions? Contact Julia Giglio at fcvoaglowzone@yahoo.com

Registration DUE by December 12th, 2017 : Late Registration ~ $30

See You There!
# Glow Zone Registration Form

**District:**

**Unit Type (Crew, Troop, etc.):**

**Unit Number:**

**Unit Leader Name:**

**Phone Number:**

**Email:**

Please indicate your arrival and departure times to the nearest half hour:

**Arrival:**

**Departure:**

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**Method of Payment**

- Cash
- Yes
- No

**Check No.**

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**Please Make Checks Payable to** Venture Crew 796 **Please**

**Reminder:** Regular fee of $28 per person valid only until December 12th, cost will increase to $30 per person after December 12th. No walk-ins allowed.

**Mail Registration and Payment To:**

Julia Giglio  
2217 Dixon Road  
Frederick MD, 21704
FRANCIS SCOTT KEY DISTRICT

FIFTY SEVENTH

First Aid Meet

Saturday March 4
5:30pm

Calvary Assembly of God
8234 Woodsboro Pike
Walkersville, MD

SCOUTERS START GETTING YOUR SCOUTS PREPARED NOW

REGISTRATION to START December 2016
Applications & Rules will be available Online & at December Roundtable
Don’t’t Delay – Limited to 24 Patrol Slots