

The FSK Banner



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

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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.

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

October

- 18 **Recharter Training**, LDS Stake 199 North Place 7-9pm, fskcommissioner@aol.com
- 18 FCVOA meeting, 7:15pm, Frederick Church of the Brethren, allenonthelake@comcast.net
- 25 District Committee Mtg, 7:30pm, Trinity UM Church, 703 W. Patrick St. 21701, maliszewskyj@gmail.com
- 26 District Eagle Board 7-9pm Evan. Luth. Ch., 35 E. Church St. 21701, nfeldser@comcast.net , amc2169@yahoo.com
- 29 **V3Hike-O-REE**
- 29-30 **IOLS (Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills)** bsajeeep@gmail.com
- 31 Inter-Troop Shooting Sports Event, shawnyoungberg@comcast.net

November

- 8 Roundtable (Boy Scout/Cub Scout/OA/AdVenturing, **Recharter Turn in**) 7:15pm Frederick Church of the Brethren, 201 Fairview Ave. 21701, fskcommissioner@aol.com
- 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
- 15 **FCVOA meeting**, 7:15pm, Frederick Church of the Brethren,
- 19 **POW WOW**
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- 28 Inter-Troop Sports Bowling, contact shawnyoungberg@comcast.net

Unit of the Year Forms are Available for 2016

Use the following link to access the forms.

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/gi0j2pnq3uebeg5/AAAZ7080uD0RJxAtCoHnjinFpa?dl=0>



From the Desk of the Commish:



Did you know that Lone Scouts in the Bahamas, Brazil, Canada, Dominica, Ecuador, Honduras, and Peru and units in Jamaica, Mexico, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Panama, Peru, Cuba, Nicaragua, and Canada are now part of the National Capital Area Council? Well, this summer NCAC accepted the task to provide “direct service” to all US-based Scouts and Scouters living in North and South America. Many of these individuals are employees or families members of employees of the US Government or large US corporations with a Washington, DC, presence.

HELP WANTED - the District is in need of 11 persons willing to be trained and serve as Unit Commissioners. 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 in a variety of locations around the county and will try to match individuals to units close to home. We are also seeking an Assistant District Commissioner for Exploring, who will serve 3 Posts.



I hope that all units have their assigned areas for the Scouting for Food campaign on November 5 and 12. **PLEASE** remember to report the number of participants and amount collected. These statistics are very compelling when Scouting seeks community support for our other activities.

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

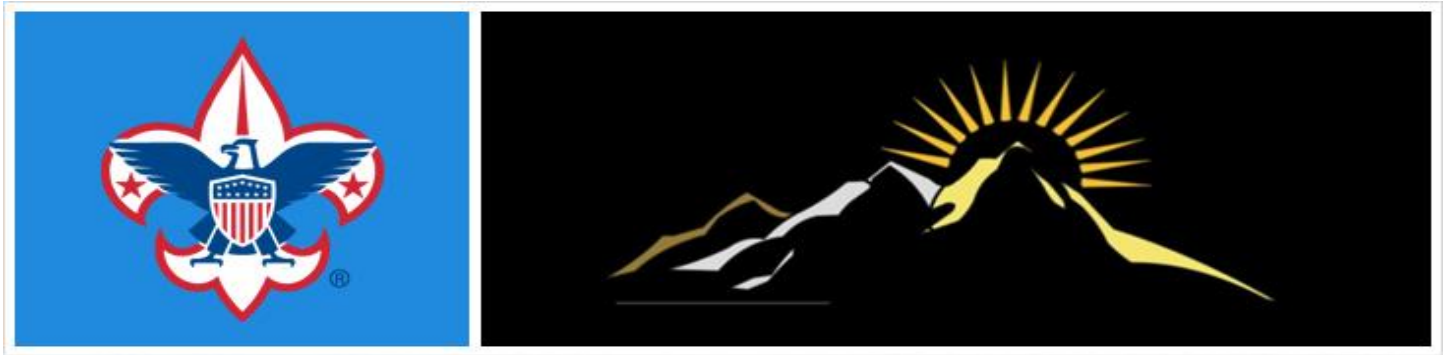
The following 22 FSK units do not have a Unit Commissioner. If you are or know of an Eagle Scout or former Scout no longer active in BSA, or a parent or grandparent of a former Scout, or someone who has an interest in providing service to our youth as a Unit Commissioner, please let our District Commissioner Bill Desmond (FSKCommissioner@aol.com) know of your or their interest.

Middletown/Brunswick – Troop 217, Crew 1210
 Woodsboro – Pack 1069, Troop 1011
 Frederick City – Troop 274, Crew 123
 Ijamsville – Pack, Troop, Crew 796
 Frederick City – Pack 792, Troop 1770
 Jefferson – Troop and Crew 1066
 New Market – Pack 1628, Troop 268
 Mount Pleasant/Libertytown – Troop 1636, Troop 1062
 Ballenger Creek Pike/Jefferson Pike – Pack 285, Troop 792
 Frederick City - Posts 153, 320, 1218



Yours in Commissioner Service,
Bill Desmond

District Commissioner



Journey to Excellence: By Bill Desmond

At the October Roundtable, I observed that not all units submitted a 2015 Journey to Excellence (JTE) form during last charter renewal. At the conclusion of Roundtable, someone asked me “What is JTE?” Great question, so let me take this opportunity to provide a short tutorial on JTE.

First, everything that you would ever care to know about JTE can be found at www.Scouting.org/JTE, including the 2016 score sheets. So, what is JTE? JTE is a proven performance measurement and recognition program for councils, districts, packs, troops, teams, crews, ships and posts. It has been in place for 4 years and replaced the former “Quality Unit” system.

JTE is a method for recognition, a framework for planning and a source of guidance. JTE brings to your unit:

1. A framework for planning for the year.
2. A method to evaluate your unit.
3. Guidance on how you might do better.
4. Specific guidelines and standards of what is considered good performance.
5. Early warning of potential problem areas.
6. Recognition for good Scouting.
7. Benchmarking to get ideas and tips from other good units.

Lest you say that this is yet another BSA bureaucratic, paper generating initiative, let me emphasize that the program was developed by volunteers like us and is designed to help, not hurt, individual units. So to repeat my Roundtable comment, please consider turning in JTE score sheets with your 2017 recharter turn in. Wouldn't you really want to know how your unit compares with high flying, successful units?



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/>

Pack/Troop/Crew/Posts FSK Popcorn Kernels



Mark your calendars for Upcoming Popcorn Dates:

- Popcorn Return Dates - **October 24-29th.**
- Last Order Date - **November 4th**
- Last Distribution Date - **November 19th**

Please Contact Liz Matejovich, our District Popcorn Kernel for any questions/comments/good ideas to share at begreen4u@ymail.com or 240-350-3249. Pop On!



Scouting for Food

If you did not get your Scouting for Food (SFF) bags at the October Roundtable, please contact jonathan.miller@Scouting.org.

The SFF Chairman, Dan Christianson has been 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. For more information about Scouting for Food and reporting of service hours and food collected, go to <http://www.ncacbsa.org/blog/2016/08/23/scouting-for-food-update/>.



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>

Francis Scott Key District Logo/Patch Design Contest:

The District Key 5 are 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 Fredrick 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.

The former District patch is provided for reference:



Deadline for submissions is December 1, 2016. Submissions should be made to Nick Maliszewskyj, District Chairman maliszewskyj@gmail.com. The winner will be announced at December Roundtable.



International Scouting News submitted by Shawn Youngberg

The October issue of International Scouting News is available at

<https://app.box.com/s/jun0jg9gcs9m6s0z4ffnv9n476lfzjg1>



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.



Training Opportunities by Alan Ashley

If you need basic training, are looking for supplemental training, or want to take a refresher, please contact Willian Lohr wklohr@gmail.com or Alan Ashley at AlanAshley@cedarville.edu (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.

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>

10/22/16 BALOO 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM at City Gates (formerly Barcroft Bible) Church, 9401 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax, VA 22031. Cost: \$20.00 per participant (*includes handouts, Cub Scout breakfast, and Foil-Meal Lunch*). Register: <https://Scoutingevent.com/082-9662>



One-day NRA Instructor Course on Oct 29.

The course will held near Myersville, MD and begin at 8am, and end about 6pm. Everything will be provided.

I can run a Pistol or a Rifle course. Are you interested in one or the other; or both? NRA mandates I have 4 people attend, or NRA will withdraw my credentials as an instructor. If you have not taken NRA Basic Instructor Training within 2 years, NRA requires it be completed prior to taking an Instructor Class. This 6 hour course can be scheduled prior to Oct 29.

For Pistol, NRA has mandated you take the online portion of Basic Pistol prior to the course. This will take about 5 hours, at your own pace and at times of your choosing. In recognition of the opportunities afforded me by BSA, there will be a significant discount for all active BSA leaders. Please contact me if you have questions, Hal Noer hnoer@xecu.net, SFS Firearms Training



Fall Camporee

"We had a good time and it's cool to be here for the first one!" That is a quote from a Scout at Cracker Barrel after the first camporee in the newly formed FSK District. Seventy one Scouts and Scouters camped out at Manidoken in the southern corner of Frederick County on the first weekend of October.

The event was a meat-n-potatoes Scout camporee. The Scouts participated in stations with standard Scouts skills, e.g. lashings, knots, and first aid. We were also fortunate to have Damon Allen lead the climbing wall that saw well over 300 climbers during the day. In spite of some slightly inclement weather, a good time was had by all. Fortunately, the rain abated in time for fine campfire program. A nice touch of quality to the weekend overall was the bugling provided by T2017. There was representation from T1812, T243, T792, T1011, T1635, and T2017. Patches and prizes will be distributed at a future Roundtable.

See you on the trail, William Lohr

Turn in to: Damon Allen or Rich Golling

<http://us8.campaign-archive1.com/?u=3e34740844b984916892b4d87&id=80f89d3501&e=4352617957>



ADVENTURING BLURB

FREDERICK COUNTY VOA

OCTOBER 2016



MEETINGS

Frederick Co. VOA

2nd Tuesday, 7:20-9:00 pm
Frederick Church of the Brethren
Nov 8
Dec 13
Jan 10
Feb 21
Mar 21

NCAC VOA

1st Sunday 7-9 pm
NCAC, Bethesda
Nov 6
Dec 3
Jan 7?

Frederick Co. Venturing Forum

Seasonal; 3rd Tuesdays of each month 7:20-8:20 pm
Frederick Church of Brethren
Nov 6
Dec 13
Jan 10

District Round Table

2nd Tuesday 7-9 pm
Church of the Brethren
Nov 8
Dec 13
Jan 10

ACTIVITIES

October

October: FCVOA Vacancies

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The Frederick County Venturing Officers Association has positions that are open for youth within the FSK District to fill. Any Venturer who is interested in serving as a leader within the FCVOA is welcomed to fill any of the posts. The vacant posts include: Vice President of Communications, Secretary, and Treasurer. Contact Damon Allen, the FCVOA Advisor for more information.

Oct. 21-23: Area 6 Connect

www.nerventuring-bsa.org/area6

The Area 6 Connect will take place at Camp Ware in the Chester County Council on the weekend of 21-23 October. Connect is open to all Venturers who are interested in obtaining knowledge and information on how to be efficient communicators within the program. Connect is also an opportunity to expand your network and to meet new people. Go online to the Northeast Region Venturing website to obtain more information and to register.

November

Nov. 6: Ad-Venturing Roundtable/Forum

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The Ad-Venturing Roundtable/Forum is Back with a twist!! The Frederick County Venturing Officers Association (FCVOA) will be present! Learn more about upcoming Venturing Events! Share your ideas on improving the program and share program ideas!

Nov. 11-13: BAC Fall Rendezvous

www.baltimorebsa.org/fallrendezvous

The Baltimore Area Council's Fall Rendezvous will be held at Camp Saffran at the Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation. The "Historical" Top-Shot Themed event will include various shooting sports opportunities. Such shooting events include: pistol, shotgun, rifle, trebuchets, and much, much more!! The costs vary between \$35 and \$50. For more information and to register, go online to the Baltimore Area Council's Website!!

Winter

Winter: FCVOA Winter Event.

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The Frederick County Venturing Officers Association (FCVOA) is currently planning a spectacular Winter Event for all Crews and teenagers to enjoy!! Stay tuned for more information on what, when, where, and what time the event is to take place!!

YAY VENTURING!!



Wilderness Survival

Want to work on Wilderness Survival?

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Wilderness Survival is one of the most challenging areas for Venturers to learn about and become proficient at. The Ranger Award allows Venturers to explore the topic, practice the skills, and to teach others what they learned. Wilderness Survival provides Venturers opportunities to learn how to build shelters, start fires with nothing, find water, and to cook what they find in the wilderness. If there are any youth interested in learning about Wilderness Survival and completing the Ranger Award Requirements, contact Damon Allen on how to get started.

FRIENDS

All Crew officers are encouraged to join us to plan activities! Contact: Damon Allen, Advisor: allenonthelake@comcast.net or Rich Golling at: r_golling@yahoo.com

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Frederick County Religious Emblems Counselor Reaches Milestone

By Alan Ashley

At the October Roundtable, FSK District presented the Rev. Dr. Kent Ramler of People's Baptist Church, Frederick, with a token of appreciation for his service to Frederick County Scouting through the P.R.A.Y. Religious Emblems program. P.R.A.Y. is the curriculum used by many Protestant and independent Christian churches and it offers courses for Cub Scouts, Webelos, Boy Scouts, and Venturers and Sea Scouts.

Pastor Ramler has conducted a total of 8 courses since 2010 through which 66 youth awards have been achieved by Scouts across Frederick County. To recognize the milestone of presenting each of the P.R.A.Y. courses, the District presented Pastor Ramler with a

framed set of appreciation certificates (see photo of Pastor Ramler (left) with Deputy District Chairman, Ron Layman). The certificates were signed by current and former District leaders LeMoyne Fletcher, Shawn Matlock, Bill Desmond, and Alan Ashley, each of whom has promoted the achievement of Religious Emblems over recent years. Dr. Ramler has been a friend to Scouting in other ways, having prayed the invocation at the Scouting Expo in Baker Park in 2010 and having hosted a Scout Sunday service in 2015.

For information about the P.R.A.Y. program, see www.PrayPub.org or contact Alan Ashley by email at AlanAshley@alumni.cedarville.edu or by cell phone at [240-409-6610](tel:240-409-6610). A special P.R.A.Y. kick-off event for 2016-2017 will occur on 11/10 at People's Baptist Church (see separate announcement).

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.



**Boy Scouts of America
National Capital Area Council
Catoctin Mountain District**



Presents



The 1st Annual Inter-Troop Shooting Sports Tournament

When: October 31, 2016
Anytime between 9a and 3p

Where: Thurmont Conservation & Sportsman's Club
11617 Hunt Club Rd.
Thurmont, Maryland 21788

Why: To have a ton of FUN!!!!

Cost: \$8 to shoot Archery, Rifle and Shotgun



Details: All Equipment will be provided
DO NOT BRING YOUR OWN FIREARMS/ARCHERY



- * Shooting could take up to 2 hours for all three ranges, depending on the number of scouts
- * Troops encouraged to arrive and shoot together as Unit
- * Scouts allowed to arrive and shoot individually
- * Two age group brackets: 10-13 and 14-17
- * Total tournament limited to **100** scouts (sign up now!!!)
- * Rifle score based on # of shots of 10 covered by a U.S quarter (\$.25)
- * Shotgun score based on number of clays hit out of 10
- * Archery score based on total points from 10 arrows
- * Awards given at November RT for individual & Unit scores

PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED: No Later Than 10/24/16

For Questions, Registration and Information, please contact:
Mr. Shawn Youngberg
Tel.: 240-344-7733 or Email: shawnyoungberg@comcast.net

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Announcing !!

Council Wide **SCOUT SWAP MEET**

**+ SCOUT UNIFORMS &
EQUIPMENT DONATION COLLECTION DAY**

Saturday 9:00 to 3:00 October 29, 2016

(Sorry NO Early Birds - Doors Open at 9:00 AM Sharp)

St. Paul's Methodist Church, All Purpose Hall, 10401 Armory Ave., Kensington, MD 20895

(Behind SAFEWAY Store on Connecticut Avenue - 5 min. North of Beltway - Free Parking on street or in Parking Lot across street.)

Boy Scout Equipment Items



A few items that are donation duplicates are being sold from the H.O.S.T.I.N.G. to purchase much needed spare parts, books and items very needed but not often donated.

Sleeping bags, Pads
Backpacks, Stoves
Tents, Mess Kits,
Uniform parts
Cooking equipment

Boy Scout Historical Items

A few items that have been deaccessioned from the Scout Archives will be available to help raise funds for Archival Supplies.

Boys' Life
Magazines
Books
Patches
Uniforms

Boy Scout Troop Items

If your Troop has a tent or something (no uniforms) you want to make available for sale to other Troops, we will have a small bit of space outside to let you sell or swap.

Tents
Chuck Box
Books
Flag Poles
Cooking equipment

Girl Scout Historical Items

A few items that have been deaccessioned from the Girl Scout Archives will be available to help raise funds for Girl Scout History.

Memorabilia
Magazines
Books
Patches
Uniforms



****NOTE - We will be accepting Uniform & Camping Equipment Donations for the H.O.S.T.I.N.G. Program ALL Day!**

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**Helping Other Scout Troops Incorporate Needed Gear,
& The History & Archives Committee, NCAC,
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