



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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December 2016

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

December

- 28 District Eagle Board 7-9pm Evan. Luth. Ch., 35 E. Church St. 21701, nfeldser@comcast.net , amc21769@yahoo.com
- 28 Inter-Troop Sports Bowling, contact shawnyoungberg@comcast.net

January 2017

- 7 OA Lodge Banquet
- 10 Roundtable (Boy Scout/Cub Scout/OA/AdVenturing 7:15pm Frederick Church of the Brethren, 201 Fairview Ave. 21701, fskcommissioner@aol.com
- 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
- 24 District Committee Mtg, 7:30pm, Trinity UM Church, 703 W. Patrick St. 21701, maliszewskyj@gmail.com
- 25 District Eagle Board 7-9pm Evan. Luth. Ch., 35 E. Church St. 21701, nfeldser@comcast.net , amc21769@yahoo.com

February

- 11 Scouter Breakfast 8:00am at Mountain Gate Restaurant, \$15, RSVP layman274@gmail.com
- 14 Roundtable (Boy Scout/Cub Scout/OA/AdVenturing 7:15pm Frederick Church of the Brethren, 201 Fairview Ave. 21701, fskcommissioner@aol.com
- 16 Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm LDS Stake Ctr. 199 North Place, 21701, fskcommissioner@aol.com
- 18 University of Scouting
- 20 Inter-Troop Sports Table Tennis, contact shawnyoungberg@comcast.net
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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
- Camp Airy dates for 2017 are Monday August 14 to Sunday August 20 Frontier theme



From the Desk of the Commish:



As I write this, 2016 recharter activities have not yet been completed. Thanks to those units which turned in material on schedule. For units still needing to turn in recharter packages or have questions, please contact me. We lost 6 units, so far, during recharter. They are: Pack 1051 (disbanded in May), Troop 799, and Crews, 123, 470, 622 and 1066. Hopefully, youth associated with these units were registered with other units.

This is a second reminder on our **Inclement 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.

Happy holidays to all. 2017 is going to be another great Scouting year in FSK District. Thanks for all you do for Scouting.

Yours in Commissioner Service,

Bill Desmond

District Commissioner
FSKCommissioner@aol.com



Scouting for Food

Many thanks to everyone who took part in the Scouting for Food effort. Over 53,000 pounds of food was turned in! That is up 75% from 2015. It is our most important county wide GOOD TURN each year. Now, don't forget to record your effort by going to: <http://www.ncacbsa.org/scouting-for-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.

New Store in Thurmont Hopes to Sell Supplies for Scouts and Campers

Use the link below to view the article in the Frederick News Post.

http://www.fredericknewspost.com/news/economy_and_business/open-for-business-thurmont-shop-offers-used-outdoor-equipment/article_9b195e3e-2a21-5f6f-b5c4-470c81a0f1cf.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share

Embracing Religious Diversity -- An Invitation to Pray

By Alan Ashley

FSK District enjoys a rich diversity of faith traditions. One practical way we can embrace our diversity is by featuring representatives of different faiths to pray according to their unique practices at District events, such as the annual District Dinner and the Scouters Breakfast. We encourage any Scout, Scouter, family member, minister, chartered organization member, or other friend of Frederick County Scouting who is willing to pray publicly at an invocation, benediction, or meal to contact our District Religious Emblems Coordinator, Alan Ashley (AlanAshley@cedarville.edu or 240-409-6610). Alan will develop a list of contacts and will coordinate a rotating schedule of participants to pray at upcoming events.

Religious Emblems--Attention All Cub Scouts! By LeMoyne Fletcher

If you have not yet completed the required Duty to God adventure for your rank this year, I would recommend taking one of the Religious Emblems Courses being offered in February. Even if you have completed this adventure, I would like to invite all Scouts interested in earning their Religious Emblems Awards to attend either the God and Me Course (Tigers - Bears) or the God and Family Course (Webelos - Arrow of Light). The courses will be held at Brook Hill United Methodist Church, 8946 Indian Springs Road, Frederick, MD 21702.

- The God and Me Course will begin at 6pm on Wednesday February 15th at Brook Hill United Methodist Church and will last approximately one hour a week for 4 weeks.
- The God and Family Course will begin at 6pm on Thursday February 8th at Brook Hill United Methodist Church and will last approximately one hour a week for 4 to 5 weeks.

Please email me at cubmaster@pack271.org as soon as possible if you are interested and I will get you signed up in the course. These two courses at Brook Hill United Methodist Church are also being made available to Girl Scouts and any other youths in the Frederick area, so don't wait to register or ask any questions you might have. We look forward to having two fantastic courses.

God and Church Course for 6th-8th grade Scouts By Alan Ashley

A God and Church course has been scheduled as noted below. Youth throughout the District are welcomed to participate, including sisters, brothers, and friends. This course is the Religious Emblems curriculum for several Protestant and independent Christian denominations (e.g., AME, Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Church of God, CMA, and many others). But the course is open to anyone in the age range who is interested in attending. For additional information on this course or to register, please contact Alan Ashley at AlanAshley@cedarville.edu or [240-409-6610](tel:240-409-6610) (voice or text).

Age range: Any youth in grades 6-8

Cost: \$0

Dates: 7 Thursday nights - 1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: People's Baptist Church, 6648 Carpenter Road, Frederick

Instructor: Pastor Kent Ramler who has done a great job with Religious Emblems over the last 6 years. The course will be well worth your time.

Awards: Patches, pin, certificate, and medal

If you have a different faith tradition, please contact Alan Ashley as noted above for assistance with locating the applicable curriculum.

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/>



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!



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. 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.



SAVE THE DATE SCOUT MEET

Join Maryland Gymnastics for the annual Scout Meet when the Terps face off against Alaska, Arizona, and BIG rival Minnesota! Admission is **FREE!**



Sat., Jan. 14 // 4:00 PM
XFINITY Center

- ✦ **MARYLAND PATCH GIVEAWAY:** All scouts (in uniform) will receive a Maryland Athletics patch!
- ✦ **PRE-MEET PARTY:** Arrive early and make posters, take photos, meet the Maryland Cheerleaders, and receive temporary tattoos to gear up for the meet in Heritage Hall.
- ✦ **POST-MEET AUTOGRAPHS:** Get autographs from the GymTerps after the meet!
- ✦ **TUMBLE TALK Q&A:** Kids (12 & under) are invited to attend a short Q&A with head coach Brett Nelligan while they receive autographs.

RSVP NOW

UMTERPS.COM // 1-800-IM-A-TERP // #FEARTHETURTLE



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

15% of proceeds to benefit
BSA Troop 1998

Present this flyer at the event to be
counted toward the fundraising efforts.



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Black Lights ~ Lasers ~ Music ~ LED Lights Show

Glow Zone Party!



*Join us for 3 ½ 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
8 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: _____

	REGISTRATION On or Before 12-12-16				LATE REGISTRATION After 12-12-16			
	# of Attendees		Cost Per Attendee	Total Cost	# of Attendees		Cost Per Attendee	Total Cost
Non-Jumpers ~ Scouts		X	\$0.00	\$0.00		X	\$0.00	\$0.00
Non-Jumpers ~ Adults		X	\$0.00	\$0.00		X	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL Non-Jumpers				\$0.00				\$0.00
Jumpers ~ Scouts		X	\$28.00	\$		X	\$30.00	\$
Jumpers ~ Adults		X	\$28.00	\$		X	\$30.00	\$
TOTAL Jumpers				\$				\$
TOTAL				\$				\$
Method of Payment	Cash	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			Cash	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	Check No.				Check No.			

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

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 Delay – Limited to 24 Patrol Slots

Boy Scouts to Relocate Museum to New Mexico

The Irving-based organization announced Monday that it'll move its national museum from its current home in Texas to the Philmont Scout Ranch, which has served as an adventure destination for generations of Troops and their families. Plans call for expanding the existing Philmont Museum and Seton Memorial Library to make room for a collection that includes more than 600,000 items and reams of historical documents and photographs. Construction is expected to start next year.

End of year Firearm Training offered by SFS

- [NRA Pistol Instructor](#) (December 27)
- [NRA Rifle Instructor](#) (December 28)
- [NRA Personal Protection in the Home Instructor](#) (December 30)

NRA requires a pretest based on the Student Handbook.

Register 7 or more days prior to course, so you can be sent the Handbook!

Pistol (Only Pistol) requires completing the NRA Online Pistol course.

IF you need Basic Instructor Training it will be offered the Monday prior- from 3 to 9 pm.

Contact Hal Noer with any questions. hnre@xecu.net, 301-639-9484

Note- Training in January and February is uncertain due to snowfall accumulation.



Goshen@50 Camporee

Come join us over **Memorial Day Weekend 2017** for a fun-filled Scouting event as we celebrate **Goshen's 50th Anniversary** in style! There will be activities starting Friday night and lasting through Monday mid-day. Activities will include shooting sports, aquatics, COPE, patrol competitions, handicrafts, an arena show, fireworks, and much more!

For full details, go to: <http://www.ncacbsa.org/goshen50/>



Merit Badge Counselors Wanted

The Alpha Phi Omega fraternity at the Catholic University of America is sponsoring a Merit Badge University April 22-23 and is in need of counselors to teach 100+ merit badges. For full details and sign up links, go to

[http://us9.campaign-
archive1.com/?u=e654a9fbffad2132e90f5329c&id=87498299ac](http://us9.campaign-archive1.com/?u=e654a9fbffad2132e90f5329c&id=87498299ac)

WANTED!!

NOMINATIONS FOR THE

D. Andrew Grafton

Exceptional Trainer Award

The purpose of the award is to recognize a Council scout leader for sustained, dedicated and highly skilled service to scouting over the years through a high commitment to Quality Adult Training. This annual award is presented by the NCAC Leadership Training Committee at the closing ceremony of the NCAC annual University of Scouting in February.

The Grafton Awards Committee (past recipients of the award) is asking your help in submitting names of a scout leader for 2017 with details on their activities and years of service. Include examples of different groups served, how they made a difference in the lives of scouts, scout leaders, community, and scouting in our council.

Please submit your nomination to the Chairman of the Grafton Award Committee by 15 January 2017:

Richard Fulper, Jr.

rfulperjr@cs.com

301-518-8481

Joe Swartz

Chairman, Council Leadership Training Committee

National Capital Area Council, BSA



FRANCIS SCOT KEY DISTRICT
NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL - BSA



WILDERNESS FIRST AID & CPR TRAINING

CPR (American Red Cross Certification – good for 2 years)

Adult, Child, and Infant - Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation includes Chest Compressions, Rescue (Mouth to Mouth) Breathing, and use of the Automated External Defibrillation (AED) device. Class size limited to 12.

Saturday, February 18, 2017 (8:30 Am to 4:00 PM) Cost \$50.00

Wilderness First Aid (American Red Cross Certification – good for 2 years)

Wilderness and Remote First Aid is a course designed to teach you how to handle situations when help is not readily available. This course fulfills the first aid requirement for BSA High Adventure bases and activities as well as the First Aid core requirement for the Venturing Ranger Award.

Class size limited to 24.

Saturday, March 4 (8:30 AM to 4:00 PM) and Sunday March 5 (1:00 PM to 4:30 PM), 2017 (Requires both days) Cost \$100.00

Prerequisites for Wilderness First Aid:

- ☐ You must have a valid CPR w/ AED Certification
CPR certification includes Chest Compressions and Rescue Breathing.
Hands Only CPR does not meet the requirement.
- ☐ Minimum 14 years of age, be physically fit enough to take this course, and have a current BSA Health Form (Part A) on file with your home unit
- ☐ Adults have appropriate Youth Protection Training (www.myscouting.org)

Courses will be held at:

Faith Baptist Church

2212 Jefferson Pike, Knoxville, MD 21758

(MD. Route 180 between Jefferson and Brunswick – Frederick County, MD.)

Class size is limited and registration is on a first request basis. Registration closes February 3, 2017 for both classes. Classes fill up quickly and you should register as early as possible.

To register: Mail attached form for each participant *with payment* to:

Faith Venturing – Crew 254
c/o Faith Baptist Church
2212 Jefferson Pike
Knoxville, MD 21758

Bring your lunch, drinks, and snacks as desired. Refrigerator available.

BSA Class B uniform or street casual. Class A uniform not advised.

No Refund for Cancellations with less than 1 week notice or for No Shows.



Francis Scot Key District BSA - CPR / WFA Training		
Student Registration		
<input type="checkbox"/> CPR Course	February 18, 2017	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> WFA Course	March 4 & 5, 2017	\$100.00
Make Checks payable to:	Faith Baptist Church-Venturing Crew 254	Total Paid
Participants Full Name:		
Street Address		
City, State, Zip Code		
E-Mail Address		
BSA Unit Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Troop <input type="checkbox"/> Crew <input type="checkbox"/> Team <input type="checkbox"/> Post <input type="checkbox"/> Ship	
BSA District	<input type="checkbox"/> Francis Scot Key District	Other
BSA Council	<input type="checkbox"/> National Capital Area Council	Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Adults must have current Youth Protection Training		

Questions – Email Alan Caho at: Crew254@faithsbc.org

BSA's 2017 Membership/Marketing Summits

Mark Your Calendars for the 2017 Membership/Marketing Summits

Families are changing and so are the ways we reach them. The 2017 Membership/Marketing Summits will showcase the latest research, best practices, and how-to strategies and tactics for reaching moms and families with invitations to join Scouting. Two spring sessions are currently being planned:

- Atlanta, Georgia: April 24-25
- Cedar Knoll, New Jersey: April 27-28

These conferences will focus on recruiting strategies, social media, digital marketing, and best practices your council can learn from and implement:

- Network with peers and experts
- Hear presentations from leading experts
- Gather the latest information and research
- See the newest tools and resources
- Learn best practices from councils across the nation

Who Should Attend

Volunteers and staff members with responsibility for membership, marketing, and social and digital media. There is no registration cost for this event. Meals during the event are provided.

Registration will go live in January

Aaron Chusid | Chief Communications Officer

Marriott Scout Service Center
9190 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20814
O 301-214-9111 | C 301-529-4091
F 240-395-0610
Aaron.Chusid@Scouting.org

Service Opportunity



Vindobona Nursing and Rehabilitation Center is looking for Scouts to create an outdoor space for residents, build picnic tables and a campfire area. They would also love to have Scouts come and interact with the residents by just talking or playing games. Any Scout or unit that needs service hours or perhaps an Eagle project, should contact Jessica Powers 301-371-7160. The Vindobona Nursing and Rehab. Center is located in Braddock Heights, MD.



**Boy Scouts of America
National Capital Area Council
Francis Scott Key District**



Presents



The Inaugural Inter-Troop Basketball Tournament

When: January 16th, 2017
08:30am check-in; 09:00am Play begins
Estimated finish at 4:30pm

Where: LDS Stake Center
199 North Place
Frederick, Maryland 21701



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

Cost: \$1 for tournament

Lunch: (1) \$5 for pizza and Gatorade® lunch; (2) bring your own; (3) don't eat lunch ☹

Details:

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| * Maximum of 26 teams | * Teams of three (3), i.e. 6 = two teams |
| * Registration closes when 26 team register | * Substitutions acceptable |
| * Two age group brackets:
10-13 and 14-17 | * Register: Team name & Player's names |
| * Max one(1) Troop team per age group | * Gatorade® available for sale at Tournament |
| * Three (3) Courts; | * Troops earn points for 2016-2017 FSK District
Inter-Unit Sports Competition Trophy |
| * Two preliminary "Seed" Games | |
| * Single elimination format | |

PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED: No Later Than 1/10/17

To Register and for more information:

Mr Shawn Youngberg

240-344-7733

shawnyoungberg@comcast.net

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