



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)

January

- 16 Inter-Troop Sports Basketball, contact shawnyoungberg@comcast.net
- 20-22 Klondike Derby, contact grenierscout@gmail.com
- 24 District Committee Mtg, 7:15pm, 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 by Feb, 6 to 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
- 18 CPR Training, see page 8
- 20 Inter-Troop Sports Table Tennis, contact shawnyoungberg@comcast.net
- 22 District Eagle Board 7-9pm Evan. Luth. Ch., 35 E. Church St. 21701, nfeldser@comcast.net , amc21769@yahoo.com
- 28 District Committee Mtg, 7:15pm, Trinity UM Church, 703 W. Patrick St. 21701, maliszewskyj@gmail.com

March

- 3-5 Wilderness First Aid, see page 9
- 4 First Aid Meet, contact leuicar@comcast.net
- 11 Commissioner College
- 11 District Dinner, Frederick Church of the Brethren, 6pm, \$20 for catered meal, RSVP layman274@gmail.com by 3/6
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- 16 Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm LDS Stake Ctr. 199 North Place, 21701, fskcommissioner@aol.com
- 17 4th Annual District Film Festival
- 22 District Eagle Board 7-9pm Evan. Luth. Ch., 35 E. Church St. 21701, nfeldser@comcast.net, amc21769@yahoo.com
- 24-26 Spring OA Fellowship
- 28 District Committee Mtg, 7:15pm, Trinity UM Church, 703 W. Patrick St. 21701, maliszewskyj@gmail.com
- 31 Inter-Troop Sports Dodgeball, contact shawnyoungberg@comcast.net

To get a printable 12 month FSK District Calendar, click [HERE](#)

Be sure to check the District calendar online at <http://www.ncacbsa.org/francis-scott-key/calendar/> . The calendars are subject to change so check the online site often.



From the Desk of the Commish:



This is the final 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.

Looking ahead, we have a great Scouter training day coming up on February 18 at the University of Scouting. Our Commissioners, and anyone else interested, are looking forward to the Commissioners College on March 11. We also have the Klondike Derby, First Aid Meet, the Super Derby, District Awards Dinner, the Scouters Breakfast, Inter-Troop sporting competitions and so many other District activities at this time of year.

On the serious side, our Friends of Scouting (FOS) Campaign is underway. Please give to FOS and encourage others to do so. Image what life would be like if NCAC folded the tents for lack of resources to carry out an effective program. Pretty grim in my view.

2016 Journey to Excellence (JTE) results are in; we had 52 Gold units, 1 Silver and 4 Bronze. Congratulations to these units. Sixteen units did not submit JTE score sheets. Please turn in 2016 Unit of the Year nominations by February Roundtable. Links to the forms have appeared in the weekly *Keynote*, previous editions of *The Banner* and are accessible on the District web page. Winners will be announced at the March District Awards Dinner.

Units should also be finalizing summer residence camp plans and scheduling a Spring Planning Meeting. Please invite your Unit Commissioner to your planning meetings.

Thanks for all you do for Scouting.

Yours in Commissioner Service,

Bill Desmond

District Commissioner

FSKCommissioner@aol.com

2016 Unit of the Year Award Nominations:

The FSK Commissioners Corps will announce the District 2016 Pack, Troop, Crew and Ship of the Year at the District Awards Dinner on March 11. These Awards are based upon self submission by the unit using the score sheets at the links below. Submission of Journey to Excellence score sheets and achieving at least a Bronze level of recognition is a pre-requisite for consideration as a Unit of the Year. Forms must be submitted no later than February Roundtable.

You can get all of the award forms at: <http://www.ncacbsa.org/francis-scott-key/forms-and-documents/>

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: [Submissions](#)

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 Arctic exercising your skills, testing your knowledge and most of all HAVING FUN!

[Station Write Ups](#) Use this link for a full description of each station at the Klondike
[Klondike Registration](#) Click for details and registration information

FSK District Leadership Awards

Please submit your nominations for the following District leadership awards which will be announced at the District Awards Dinner on March 11:

- **Ray Gladhill Scout Family of the Year Award,**
- **Patrick J O'Sullivan Cubmaster of the Year Award,**
- **Lester Holmes Scoutmaster of the Year Award,**
- **Bran Thompson Venturing Advisor of the Year Award**
- **Skipper of the Year Award.**

In addition we will be presenting certificates at the dinner to FSK "Key Leaders" from each responding unit. The **FSK Key Leader Award** will be presented to the individual (or individuals) in each unit that has (have) done the most for that unit in the past Scouting year. The leaders in each unit decide for themselves who the recipient(s) from their unit will be. The criteria for selection is determined by the unit - whoever is felt to have contributed most to the unit during the past year should be nominated with a short write-up of what they have done. The write-up will be included on the certificate which will be presented and in the dinner program, so be comprehensive but brief. Unlike the first 5 awards, everyone submitted for the Key Leadership award will receive a certificate, so units should invite their honorees to the March 11 dinner to be presented with their certificates and be included in a group photo which will run in the FSK Banner.

Nomination for all of the awards should be submitted by **February 28** to **BOTH** Rich Golling (r_golling@yahoo.com) **AND** to Jim Sundergill (jimsundergill@comcast.net).

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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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

Click [HERE](#) for First Aid Meet Instructions

Click [HERE](#) for First Aid Meet Registration

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2017

FIFTY SEVENTH



ANNIVERSARY

First Aid Meet

**Saturday
March 4
1730-2100**



**Calvary Assembly
of God
8234 Woodsboro
Pike
Walkersville, MD**

JUDGES NEEDED

For more information please contact:
Lew Raeder: (301) 639-2731 or at lewcar@comcast.net

Click [HERE](#) for the letter to prospective First Aid Meet Judges



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/>

Friends of Scouting

The 2017 Friends of Scouting season is in full-swing and off to a great start! Many thanks to those units who have already held their presentations, and to those who have scheduled presentations with Jon Miller (jonathan.miller@scouting.org) or Monica Robyns (mmrobyns@hotmail.com) for this spring.

If you haven't gotten your FOS dates to Jon or Monica, please do so at your earliest convenience. We need to schedule presenters and get your appreciation items to you ahead of time and that takes time. Our goal for 2017 for the Francis Scott Key District is \$53,000. We can make it if everyone does their part! Please let me know if you have any questions about Friends of Scouting.

Thank you for keeping Scouting strong in Frederick County!

Yours in Scouting, Monica Robyns, FOS Chair

NCAC William T. Hornaday Awards Guide by Peter Bladen

The NCAC's William T. Hornaday Awards Guide has been issued and posted on the Council Advancement webpage <http://www.ncacbsa.org/advancement/awards-and-recognition/hornaday/> at the resource link to "NCAC Guide to earning Hornaday Awards. The handbook was developed for Scouts, Venturers, Units, and Scouters within NCAC interested in the Hornaday Awards. The purpose of the guide is to provide a better understanding of requirements for each award, expected scope of projects, and process from concept to completion. ". The Hornaday awards are rarely earned but have been described as Olympic Medals bestowed by the Earth; they are Scouting's highest conservation awards. For further information contact Mr. William Lohr, NCAC Hornaday Advisor at wklohr@gmail.com.

Sea Scouts Winter Training by Mark Miller

2017 Details

- **When:** Fri-Sun, March 3-5, 2017
- **Where:** Camp Round Meadow, Catoctin Mountain Park, 14840 Manahan Road, Sabillasville, MD 21780
- **Cost:** \$55 (Full Program) \$35 (Day Program Only)
- **Course Director:** [Todd Skiles](#)

<http://www.ncacbsa.org/program/sea-scouts/winter-training/>



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 | | |
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| 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

New Boy Scout Requirements Mandatory 1-1-17 submitted by Mark Miller
<http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2017/01/03/new-boy-scout-requirements-now-mandatory-jan-1-2017/>

World Conservation Award submitted by Mark Miller

The World Conservation Award has new requirements, effective immediately. Click on the link below for details.
<http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2016/12/16/world-conservation-award-new-requirements-effective-immediately/>

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.

Upcoming Council Training Opportunities

- **Wood Badge**
[Register Here](#)
[2017 Wood Badge Brochure](#)
 Dates: April 28-30 and June 2-4 at Camp Snyder
- **National Youth Leadership Training**
[Register Here](#)
 Dates: January 14-16 and February 18-20 at Camp Snyder
- **University of Scouting**
 Date: February 18
- **BSA Outdoor Ethics**
 Visit the website for [dates and registration information](#)
- **Climbing and COPE**



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 welcome referrals for 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.

FRANCIS SCOTT KEY DISTRICT

2017 Cub Scout Day Camps

Are you strong like an ant?



Can you dance like a bee?



Are you fast like a dragonfly?



Can you jump like a grasshopper?



Join the Bug Ranks!

Exploring the insect world twice this year...
June 26th - 30th & July 31 - August 4th

****Registration opens Mid-February****

Stay Tuned...Details morphing in a chrysalis near you!



Francis Scott Key District Day Camps 2017

JOIN OUR TEAM TODAY!

Adult Staff receive a **70% DISCOUNT** for up to **2** Camp Registrations!

- NCAC is awarding each Scouter parent serving as full-time camp staff **up to 2** children's Day Camp registrations for only **\$70 each**! That's less than a 1/3 of the cost to register and up to \$320 in savings if you have 2 Cub Scout children attending.

Junior Staff receive upwards of **40+ SERVICE HOURS** or a \$75 credit towards Goshen!

- Scouts who serve full-time as camp staff will receive a **minimum of 40 Service Hours per week**. If you are at least 14 years of age, NCAC offers the choice of service hours or a \$75 credit toward Goshen Scout Reservation for the 2018 camp season!
This includes Boy Scouts, Ventures, Explorers, & Sea Scouts...Girl Scouts welcome too!

Staff needed for the following camp stations:

- Archery*
- BB Guns*
- Sling Shots*
- Swimming (July Camp ONLY)
- Sports Bugs
- S.T.E.M.
- Scout Skills
- Creation Station
- Wild About Bugs
- Health Officer
- Administration/Photographer
- Trading Post
- Tot Lot
- Den Leaders

*Junior Staff must be at least 16 years of age



Join us for one or both weeks!
Exploring the insect world twice this year...
June 26th - 30th & July 31 - August 4th

Contact: Program Director Lauren Dutrow at fskdaycamp@gmail.com to volunteer today!

2017 is here and it's time to start preparing for **CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP!**

Have you identified your Pack's 2017 Day Camp Coordinator yet? ...Now is the time!

Pack Registration opens in February. E-mail our Camp Directors TODAY to begin receiving camp communications and updates at fskdaycamp@gmail.com.

****DAY CAMP COORDINATOR TRAINING HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED!****

JOIN US AT THE FEBRUARY 14TH DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE MEETING AS WE REVIEW:

- The Pack Coordinator's role
- How to register your Pack for one or both camps...Yes, we are offering 2 this year!
- What registration changes have been made for the 2017 season from Council
- Campership and Early Bird Deadlines
- How attending families can receive a discount for up to two scout children.
- How our Directors can help promote Day Camp to your Pack families.



ALL Pack Coordinator's (or Pack Leader if unavailable) should plan to be in attendance.

LOOK FOR OUR EVENTS ON THE FSK DISTRICT FACEBOOK PAGE!

Philmont Adventures 2017 and 2018

For more information about a mountaintop experience for your Scouts, go to <http://philmontscoutranch.org/> for full details about camping programs at Philmont.



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.

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.