



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)

March

- 22 District Eagle Board 7-9pm Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg. Rd, 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

April

- 3 District Eagle Board 7-9pm, Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg. Rd nfeldser@comcast.net , amc21769@yahoo.com
- 7-9 **Venturing Phenomenon** at Camp Snyder
- 8 OA Call Out Campfire
- 10 District Eagle Board 7-9pm, Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg. Rd nfeldser@comcast.net , amc21769@yahoo.com
- 11 Roundtable (Boy Scout/Cub Scout/OA/FCVOA Huddle 7:15pm Frederick Church of the Brethren, 201 Fairview Ave. 21701, fskcommissioner@aol.com
- 13 Commissioner's Meeting, 7:15pm LDS Stake Ctr. 199 North Place, 21701, fskcommissioner@aol.com
- 18 Council Court of Honor, Silver Beaver Nick Maliszewskyj and Rick Rogers
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- 28-30 **Woodbadge** [Register Here](#) [2017 Wood Badge Brochure](#)
- 28-30 OA Spring Ordeal at Camp Greentop

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- 19-21 OA Conclave at Broadcreek
- 20 Citizenship Merit Badge Day, contact r_golling@yahoo.com
- 19-21 **Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS)**, contact wklohr@gmail.com
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- 26-29 Goshen@50 Camporee

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



From the Desk of the Commish:



Having spent a good deal of time at various Blue and Gold Banquets over the past month, the importance of trained, Cub Scout leaders is reinforced in my mind. There are two elements of the thought. First, Cub Scout leaders need to be position specific trained rather than just winging it by reading the handbook a few days before the meeting. Although the Cub Scout program continues to be tweaked from time-to-time, there is a great deal of coherence to it over the year and through the years. I encourage our Cub Scout leaders to seek out BSA training opportunities. The second element is the role our Cub Scout leaders play in ensuring that youth have a good time, advance in Scouting and stay engaged in the program through Boy Scouts. I am impressed and want to say to all those leaders I observed doing skits, songs, cheers and handing out advancements (and those I didn't see) "thank you for your service."

Another thought rattling around in my head is the need for our Troop leaders to be ready to accept new members bridging from Cub Scouts. By "ready," I mean having a plan for integrating these new members into the Troop and getting them started on the Road to Eagle. The expectation is that they will do more than sit in a corner during Scout meetings and "do knots." It may be difficult for some of our smaller Troops to have a New Scout Patrol, with a dedicated ASM and a Patrol Guide, but this is the gold standard and Troops should try to implement some semblance of this structure. The goal this year should be to lose no members who bridged from the Cub Scout program and to train these Scouts and advance them during their first year.

I am still looking for additional Scouters to fill vacant unit Commissioner positions. Want to talk about it?

Yours in Commissioner Service,

Bill Desmond
District Commissioner
FSKCommissioner@aol.com



Friends of Scouting

Big thanks to everyone who has participated in the 2017 Friends of Scouting giving campaign so far! We are almost halfway to our goal of \$53,000, but we still have a long way to go. Here are some tips to help prepare your unit for a successful FOS year:

1. Remind them ahead of time that there will be an FOS presentation so they are prepared for the "ask".
2. Show your personal support for the campaign with your words and a gift, especially if you have a volunteer presenter from the district. Your unit will pick up on your attitude and follow your lead.
3. Follow up with your unit families after the presentation at a meeting and through email to remind them to donate if they haven't done so yet.

If you have a box with supplies or any outstanding donations, please contact me at mmrobyns@hotmail.com. Thanks again for all you do to keep Scouting strong and fully funded in Frederick County!

Yours in Scouting,
Monica Robyns
FSK District FOS Chair

TIME SENSITIVE REMINDER FOR ALL PACKS By Peter Bladen

CUB Leaders, before your Arrow of Light (AOL) Den bridges into Boy Scouts you need to do one more thing for them. Please make sure you have updated in Internet Advancement each Cub Scout's AOL advancement prior to his bridging. Only Packs can input this advancement and once the boy has registered with a Troop, the Pack will not be able to access the Scout's record for this purpose nor is the Troop able to input this advancement.

Remember that a boy **MUST** either have completed 5th grade, be at least 11 years old, or earned the AOL to join Boy Scouts. If the AOL is not entered on the Scout's record by his Pack then he will not be considered a Boy Scout until he meets either the grade or age requirement and any Boy Scout ranks or merit badges earned prior to meeting that requirement will be voided. This has happened during the Eagle Scout Rank Application (ESRA) verification at Council and is clearly an issue that should have been prevented.

Through February only 13 of 30 Packs have input AOL advancements into Internet Advancement. There are 17 Packs with no AOL advancements. Bridging is happening NOW. Do not let your boys down by your inaction.

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE Cub Leaders, get your Cub Scout's AOL rank advancement input into Internet Advancement NOW. If left undone this will cause the Scout problems 5 or 6 years down the road when he tries to get his ESRA verified in preparation for his Eagle Board of Review.

Scoutmasters confirm with the bridging Scout's Pack that his AOL advancement has been updated in Internet Advancement before he registers with your Troop.

If help is need or have questions contact Mr. Peter Bladen, FSK District Advancement Chair at p-bladen@comcast.net.



Life to Eagle Seminar by Peter Bladen, FSK Advancement Chair

The District Advancement Team is presenting the Life to Eagle Seminar on March 25, 2017 from 3-5 p.m. at the LDS Stake Center at 199 North Place in Frederick, MD.

This presentation will go in detail through the process of going from Life to Eagle. It is meant for Scouts and parents pursuing the goal of Eagle Scout. Additionally, the District is strongly encouraging that Troop Committee Chairs, Unit Advancement Coordinators, Life to Eagle Coaches, Scoutmasters, and District Commissioners attend as well so that all involved in the process are clear and understand their rolls and obligations in this process.

NCAC has informed the District Staff that FSK District has the highest percentage of mistakes resulting in Eagle Scout Rank Applications being returned for correction. This presentation is the District Advancement Team's effort to correct these errors and ensure that all Scouts have a smooth process advancing from Life to Eagle.

The Advancement Team (Andrew Corl, Norm Feldser, Peter Bladen) looks forward to seeing everyone concerned at the presentation.



Visiting Troop Needs Accommodations

My name is Bernie Fingar and I am an Assistant Scout Master with Troop 90 in Rochester NY. Our Boy Scout Troop is planning a trip to DC the week of April 19th thru the 23rd.

The church we normally stay at while in DC can't accommodate us this year and we are having a hard time finding a church or other venue to house us. Do you know of any BSA, church or other facility that is outside DC that might be willing to let us stay in a recreation room, gathering room, kitchen or other area? We do not require bunks or showers. We will need bathroom facilities and a floor to accommodate cots and sleeping bags. We will probably have around 15 Scouts and 8 or 10 adults. We would pretty much only be sleeping in the facility since we will be touring DC from probably 9am till 8pm. We are hoping for something not too far from the DC metro. We will have two vehicles when we arrive, a school bus and a pickup with a 14 foot trailer for our gear.

Thank you in advance for any help you might be able to provide us. If you would like more information about our Troop, please contact me or browse our web site: www.bsa90.com
Bernie Fingar, Assistant Scout Master, Troop 90 Rochester, (585) 301-8760

Scout Planning Worksheet

At our District Committee meeting this month, our District Chairman, Nick Maliszewskyj, introduced the group to a planning tool that is useful for any kind of Scouting activity. It is a guide to help leaders cover all the details when planning an event. You can download the worksheet and guide by clicking [HERE](#).
Give it a try. It may make your planning a lot easier.

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](#)

Citizenship Merit Badge Day May 20th

For full details, go to <http://www.ncacbsa.org/francis-scott-key/2017/01/17/citizenship-merit-badge-day/>



NRA Firearms Museum Tours

The National NRA Firearms Museum has asked Scout units desiring a guided tour to call ahead first for a schedule. Unit leaders should call Katherine Hoppe to request a guided tour. She can be reached at [703.267.1620](tel:703.267.1620) or KHoppe@nrahq.org. Ms. Hoppe is the NRA go to person and can make things happen - including guided tours.

The Museum is located at 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA.



Order of the Arrow Call Out

April 8, 2017 7:00pm at the Walkersville Watershed

If your Troop held an Order of the Arrow Election this year, you should attend the chapter's call out ceremony on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Walkersville Watershed. While the Call Out is not a required part of the induction process, we hope you will have your candidates attend. Candidates will be notified of their candidacy via postal mail and electronic mail by April 9, 2017. Contact Sean Vietri, snicholasv@gmail.com & James Kelley, J_M_Kelley@yahoo.com if you need any additional information.

Order of the Arrow Chapter Ordeal - April 28 - 30, 2017 at Camp Greentop

The Francis Scott Key Chapter of the Order of the Arrow will hold its annual chapter ordeal on April 28-30, 2017 at Camp Greentop in the Catoctin Mountain National Park. Candidates will be notified that they have been elected on or about April 8, and members are encouraged to register as elangomats or for administrative and program staff. Brotherhood conversion will be offered for those eligible. Contact Joseph M. Durnal, Chapter Adviser, joseph.durnal@gmail.com for more information. YiS, Joseph M. Durnal - Chapter Adviser, Francis Scott Key

Female Adult Advisor Needed for Philmont Trip by Tom Wheatley

Urgent Need for Female Adult Advisor on 2017 NCAC Philmont Contingent P710: A female youth wants to join this contingent leaving July 10 and returning July 22, but cannot unless a female advisor is found quickly. The \$2350 cost may be negotiable. For more information, contact Brian Gannon at briangannon@outlook.com or [703-307-2267](tel:703-307-2267).

Leave No Trace Trainer Course



April 1-2 (Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA) or April 21-23, 2016 (Germantown, MD)

What is the purpose of this class? The Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing, and Sea Scout programs all include outdoor stewardship, care for the environment, and Leave No Trace as part of their programs. This course is offered to train adults and youth aged 14+ to serve their units and Districts as Leave No Trace Trainers and as Outdoor Ethics Trainers.

Every Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing, and Sea Scout unit should have at least one Leave No Trace/Outdoor Ethics Trainer. This course is strongly recommend for Scouts serving, or wishing to serve, in the Troop Outdoor Ethics Guide position. Who should attend? Venturers, Sea Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Boy Scouts aged 14+; adult Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity, Venturing, and Sea Scout leaders; and District and Council leaders and trainers.

What will I learn? This course is designed to enhance your understanding of Leave No Trace practices and outdoor ethics, and to increase your level of expertise and confidence in teaching Leave No Trace skills. This class is both active and highly interactive. You will be introduced to concepts and methods that will advance your knowledge of Leave No Trace issues in both developed and high adventure environments, expand your repertoire of low-impact skills, and increase your effectiveness in teaching these important skills to others.

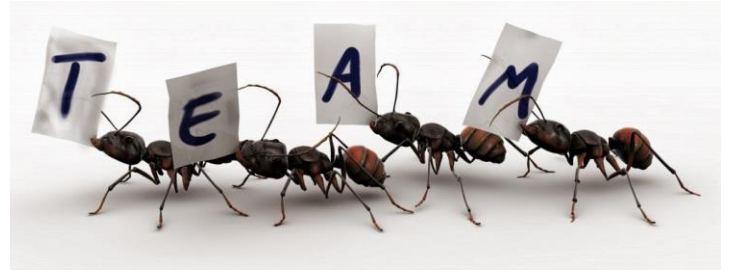
The class is being offered twice this Spring in NCAC: Germantown, MD April 21-23, 2017

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-LNTTrnr> Questions? Contact Paul Schimke, paul@schimke.org or 301 906 0069 (c)

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Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA April 1-2, 2017 <https://scoutingevent.com/082-LNTVA> Questions? Contact Victor Bieniek, vbieniek@gmail.com, 703-855-8428

STAFF NEEDED!!



WHY BECOME A STAFF MEMBER AT ONE OR BOTH CUB SCOUT DAY CAMPS?

BOY SCOUTS, VENTURERS, SEA SCOUTS & EXPLORERS: Volunteering is an excellent way to build your resume while applying **40+ service hours** per camp week towards rank advancements, school requirements, club requirements or application processes such as National Honor Society or College. Our Directors are more than happy to serve as a professional reference.

PARENTS/ADULT SCOUTERS: This is one of the few opportunities to serve Scouting in a leadership role full of FUN outdoor adventures for just a limited time. As a bonus, Council is offering full time staff members:

****up to 2 child registrations for only \$70 each**** that's 2 registrations for less than the price of 1. WOW!

Don't forget Siblings entering 1st through 6th grade are welcome to attend Day Camp this year!

AVAILABLE POSITIONS

- ARCHERY RANGE OFFICER*
- BB GUN RANGE OFFICER*
- SLING SHOT RANGE OFFICER*
- SWIMMING Station Staff (July Camp ONLY – Focusing on Safe Swim/Order of Rescue Skills)
- FISHING Station Staff (June Camp ONLY)
- SPORTS Station Staff
- S.T.E.M. Station Staff
- NATURE Station Staff
- SCOUT SKILLS Station Staff (Focusing on First Aid - Emergency "Bug-Out" Skills)
- Quartermaster
- Tot Lot Staff
- Camp Health Officer
- Administrative Staff
- Trading Post Staff

*Junior Staff must be at least 16 years of age to assist instruction on the ranges

Contact: Program Director Lauren Dutrow at fskdaycamp@gmail.com to receive more info!

FACEBOOK EVENT PAGE FOR JUNE 26TH – 30TH CAMP: [WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/EVENTS/406253179714467/](https://www.facebook.com/events/406253179714467/)



FACEBOOK EVENT PAGE FOR JULY 31ST – AUG 4TH CAMP: [WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/EVENTS/207658963032891/](https://www.facebook.com/events/207658963032891/)



Ever sailed a large boat? Do you like water? Would like to try sailing? What did you do last weekend? Come sailing with us on the Chesapeake! Ship 37 Day Sail event!

Sponsored by Sea Scout Ship 37 – Frederick, Md.

- When:** Saturday OR Sunday May 6th or 7th 2017: 0830 to ~1600.
(***this is NOT an over-night camping event.***)
- Where:** Ventnor Marina (8070 Ventnor Road; Pasadena, Md.) Approx. 1 hour from Frederick.
- Cost:** \$20 per Scout with tasty lunch provided for all participants.
- Details:** This event is open to any Scout in Frederick County including **Girl Scouts** (age 12+) and **Boy Scouts** (1st Class and age 12+). Scouts are invited to attend either day. Space is limited to 40 Scouts (20 each day): first come, first served. We expect **FULL Capacity**. Payment is required with the registration form. A waiting list will be maintained after registration is full. Refunds may be requested for cancellations received prior to April 24th, 2017- **ONLY IF YOUR SPOT IS RE-FILLED** from the waiting list. **NO REFUNDS for cancellations on or after that date.** E-mail confirmation will be sent to the Troop leader / parent, once registration has been received.
- Bring:** Rubber-soled shoes/ sneakers w/ closed toe & heel (***NO flip flops or sandals***), rain jacket/ sweatshirt, sunscreen, hat, water bottle, sunglasses. **'Be Prepared'** as this is an on-the-water event with breezy days. Wear layers of clothing – this is a rain or shine event! PFD's will be provided. Bring your Scout Spirit!
- Leaders:** Bring **current BSA Medical Form A&B** (req. for youth or on-water adult) **PLUS** signed **BSA permission slip** for each Youth attending (emailed approx. 1-week prior to event). You will need to submit a copy at event registration, so be sure to keep the original for your own records. **No Scout may participate without these completed forms on site.** We ask that at least one leader or parent from each unit stay the **during the event.**
- Sea Scouts:** ***Co-Ed High Adventure Scouting: In, On & Under the Water.*** We are a high adventure co-ed & youth led program of the BSA for ages 13 ½ to 21. We sail, boat, camp, swim, hike, have fun, explore, learn leadership & life skills, travel, meet other youth and do cool things! Do you like to do fun stuff? ***We ARE the APP for that!***
- Questions?** First read the FAQ section below. If your question is not answered there, please contact Skipper John Wright of Ship 37 at Skipper@Ship37.org Only your received payment reserves your actual sailing slot. Come sail with us in May!

Sea Scout Ship 37 Day Sail FAQ's

1. What if it rains that weekend? The event will be held rain or shine.

If weather conditions are unsafe for sailing, other activities will be done on land until weather conditions improve. *All Guide to Safe Scouting requirements will be followed.* In the unlikely event that the event is cancelled due to severe weather conditions, the payment will be refunded. A rain jacket is a must.

2. Can my Scout attend both days?

NO. This is an opportunity to introduce keel-boat sailing and boating to Scouts so we need to limit this to one day per Scout.

3. Will my Scout actually sail on a boat?

YES. Scouts will spend a great deal of time on the water on one of our bigger sailboats (29-35 feet). There will be experienced teen Sea Scouts on each boat as Instructors supervised by very experienced sailing adult leaders.

4. What will the Scouts do? The Scouts will prepare the boat for sailing, assist in the actual operation including the sails and lines, assist in steering the boat (under direct adult supervision), navigating and then docking. We try to have the Scouts do as much as is practical and safe.

5. Is there a limit to attendance as to the number of Scouts from any one Unit?

YES. A Scout may come as an individual, or a single Troop may sign up five (5) Scouts from any one Unit to attend.

6. What about non-Scout teen siblings / friends?

YES. We are introducing sailing & boating to youth. All participants must complete & submit a Medical A/B & Permission Slip.

7. Can the attending adults sail as well?

Maybe. In the past, we have had some limited space for some adults and we expect this to be true again. If needed, we can also use our powerboat to take adults on the water. However, we must offer priority to YOUTH Scouts at this event with adults on a space available basis though you are more than welcome to stay and take those great picture moments.

8. What are the overall qualifications of the adults-in-charge?

Our adult leaders have many years of sailing and Scouting experience. We are trained and experienced sailors with BSA, ASA, USPS and USCGA training, BSA Aquatics Supervisors plus American Red Cross Waterfront & Pool Lifeguard and Wilderness First Aid certifications and more. Our boats are fully inspected and insured to BSA & USCG standards.

Scout Day Sail 2017 Registration

Troop #: _____

City / Town: _____

Leader Name: _____

Position: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Scout's Name:	Age:	Parent's e-mail:	Parent's cell phone #:

of Scouts attending _____ x \$20.00 each = \$ _____ TOTAL DUE

Mail this Registration Form with payment (payable to "Ship 37" for the total number of Scouts attending) to:

Ship 37 May Day Sail Troop Event
PO Box 742

c/o Skipper John Wright
Braddock Heights, Md 21714

Francis Scott Key District Training Corps



Proudly Presents!

Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS)

WHEN: May 19-21, 2017

Course starts Friday evening at 6pm and ends Sunday afternoon at 11pm

Plan to arrive early and stay for the whole weekend. It's packed! I will not waste your time. All of our lives are quite busy, so please do not ask for dispensations for personal reasons.

WHERE: Kemptown Park
3456 - B Kemptown Church Rd.
Monrovia, MD 21770

WHO: Adult, direct contact leaders who are not yet fully TRAINED!
Adult leaders are considered fully TRAINED when they have completed:

- Youth Protection Training (online)
- Scoutmaster / Asst-Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training (Live and in-person)
- And.... **IOLS!**

COST: 25\$ / person

WHAT: Before the weekend of the training, you'll be assigned to a patrol. Together, you'll plan your meals, buy your grub, work out logistics for gear. You'll choose a patrol name and a cheer. Make a flag. And get to know your new patrol mates.

Then when you arrive on Friday, you become a new Scout and go through all the requirements that our Scouts must meet: Fire starting, first aid, flags, knots, knives, animals, tents, cooking, gear, and more!! What is the best part of IOLS?

Meeting others, like you, who are getting involved in Scouting with their sons.
Meeting instructors who have decades of Scouting experience, leadership experience, first aid experience, and more. They are all here to support you in your new role. We've trained hundreds. Come join us!

SIGN UP: Email William Lohr at wklohr@gmail.com by **April 30, 2017** to register



Camp Airy BSA

Thurmont, MD

August 14 - 19, 2017

Registration now open

JOIN US FOR A TRIP TO THE FRONTIER!

Adventurers be prepared for:

**First Year Program, Aquatics, Shooting Sports,
STEM and Over 50 merit badges**

Class choices due June Roundtable.

Monday

- Arrival between 5 and 7pm
- Opening Campfire

Tuesday

- Classes Start

Wednesday

- OA Day and Ice Cream Social

Thursday

- Disaster Drill

Friday

- Closing Campfire

Saturday

- Classes end
- Home for dinner!

STAFF INTERVIEWS WERE HELD
FEBRUARY 25TH AND 26TH

Forms and details at www.airybsa.org

Camp Airy is proud to offer modern facilities and conveniences for all campers, plus high speed internet for adult leaders. Shuttle service to cars is available for adults who travel from and to the Frederick Area.



CAMP AIRY 2017 - LEADER PLANNING GUIDE By Diane Henson

Airy Dates: August 14 – August 19, 2017

Planning for Camp Airy 2017 is well under way. We hope you have us on your unit's camping schedule for this summer and we're here to help you make that happen.

Click [HERE](#) to find "Book 1" about Camp Airy 2017 to get you started. Click [HERE](#) for a copy of the Payment Form for 2017 that you will need to attach to any Scout/unit deposits you submit to NCAC. Don't forget to mail the bottom portion to Diane Henson. **Deposits are due to NCAC May 1.**

Next month - "Book 2 – Program Offering Guide" will tell you what NEW offerings we have this year, along with the chart of all the course offerings by period, so that your Scouts can begin to plan what badges and activities they think they will enjoy the most.

If there is someone in your unit that should receive the information emails about Camp Airy, please email Diane at diane@networkedweekend.com and she will add them to the distribution list. Information can also be found on our web site airybsa.org. Cabins are set up for 14 Scouts as well as 2 single rooms for their adult leaders. Any additional adult leaders are housed in cabins in the staff area. We will help smaller units "buddy up" with other smaller units to share a cabin and share the adult coverage requirement.



Thanks for your interest in Camp Airy 2017!!!

Help feed the Camp Airy Hoards by Mike Rickman

CAMP Airy BSA Staff needs adults/parents help to feed the 350 plus campers during the Frederick Co. BSA's Camp Airy week. We provide 3 well balanced meals a day for the week and need your help.

- All cooking skill levels appreciated and training prior to and during camp week will be provided.
- Hours and days are flexible so an entire week commitment is not required.
- Join the tight knit group of dedicated adult volunteers supporting your child's Scouting experience.

Contact Mike Rickman – with any questions and interest/availability. Email rickman_m@yahoo.com or call 301-448-0688 for more details. **Let's keep Airy Scouts the best fed Scouts in America!**

Eagle Project by Justin Kunz



Dear Boy Scout Troops of Francis Scott Key District:

My name is Justin Kunz and I am a member of Boy Scout Troop 1998. I am working on my Eagle Project and could use your help. My project is to replace an entrance gate and the fencing on both sides of the gate at the Walkersville Watershed. Anyone who has been there knows how great of a place it is to camp, hike, and other fun activities! I am asking if you would be able to donate \$15 (or any amount) to help defer the cost of the gate for my project. If your Troop would be able to donate, I will be at the next roundtable meeting to collect money. Or you can mail a check to me at 2313 Farmers Court,

Adamstown, MD 21710 and make it payable to "Boy Scout Troop 1998". I appreciate any assistance you can provide. Together we will make the Walkersville Watershed a better place for all Scouts!

Yours in Scouting,

Justin Kunz *(Scout's full name used with parental permission)*



***Ever sailed a boat? Like water?
Would like to learn sailing?
Then you're invited to Ship 37's
'Merit Badges Afloat' event!***

Sponsored by Sea Scout Ship 37 – Frederick, Md.

- When:** Saturday AND Sunday September 9th & 10th 2017: 0800 to 1700.
(this is NOT an over-night camp out.)
- Where:** Final location TBD - we are working to finalize a facility convenient to Frederick.
- Cost:** \$40 per Scout with tasty lunch provided both days for all participants.
- Details:** This event is open to any Scout in Frederick County including **Girl Scouts (age 12+)** and **Boy Scouts (1st Class and age 12+).** Those attending the entire event can earn the Smallboat Sailing and Weather Merit Badges. Scouts **must attend the full time on both days!!** Please do not sign-up for this event if you can't attend the entire event. **Space is limited to 30 Scouts:** First come, first served. We expect **FULL Capacity.** Payment is required with registration form. A waiting list will be maintained after registration is full. Refunds may be requested for cancellations received prior to August 28th 2017 - **ONLY IF YOUR SPOT IS RE-FILLED** from the waiting list. **NO REFUNDS for cancellations on or after that date.** An e-mail confirmation will be sent to the Troop leader or parent, once registration has been received.
- Bring:** Rubber-soled shoes/ sneakers w/ closed toe & heel (***NO flip flops or sandals***), swimsuit & towel, rain jacket/ sweatshirt, sunscreen, hat, water bottle, sunglasses. **'Be Prepared'** as this is an on-the-water event with breezy days (*especially in the morning*). Wear layers of clothing – this is a rain or shine event! Bring your signed blue cards for both merit badges plus both MB books. Paper & pen. Scout Spirit!
- Prereqs:** Thoroughly read in advance and be completely familiar with each MB book. Be prepared to actively participate both days. Be prepared to discuss SMS #1, #3; proof of BSA Swimmer test (we do NOT test on site). Weather #6, #9 and #10, #11.
- Leaders:** Bring **current BSA Medical Form A & B PLUS** signed **permission slip** for each Scout attending (emailed approx. 1-week before the event). You will need to submit a copy at event registration, so be sure to keep the original for your own records. **No Scout may participate without these forms on file. We ask that at least one leader or parent from each unit stay the during the event** (*this duty may be divided among several adults*).
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2. Can my Scout come only one day and earn just one of the Merit Badges?

NO. Activities from each of the merit badges are covered on both days, so if a Scout attends just one day, only part of the merit badges will be completed. To best utilize all our sailboats and offer each Scout the best sailing experience, we will have some youth on the water while some are ashore competing land skills.

3. Will my Scout actually sail a boat?

YES. Scouts will spend a great deal of time on the water in one of our small sailboats. There will be a very experienced teen Sea Scout on each boat as Sailing Instructors supervised by very experienced sailing adult leaders, but the Scouts at the event will be allowed, and eventually expected, to handle their boat.

4. Is there a limit to attendance as to the number of Scouts from any one Unit?

YES. A Scout may come as an individual, or a single Troop may sign up five (5) Scouts from any one Unit to attend Merit Badges Afloat.

5. Can the adults attending sail as well?

NO. Unfortunately, we must limit this event to youth only due to the number of sailboats we own and have available for use; but you are more than welcome to stay and take those great picture moments.

6. What are the overall qualifications of the adults-in-charge?

Our adult leaders have many years of sailing and Scouting experience. They are trained Boys Scouts of America National Aquatics Supervisors plus American Red Cross Waterfront & Pool Lifeguard and Wilderness First Aid certified.

Merit Badges Afloat 2017 Registration

Troop #: _____ City / Town: _____

Leader Name: _____ Position: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Scout's Name:	Age:	Parent's e-mail:	Parent's cell phone #:

of Scouts attending _____ x \$40.00 each = \$ _____ TOTAL DUE

Mail this Registration Form with payment (payable to "Ship 37" for the total number of Scouts attending) to:

Ship 37 Merit Badges Afloat Event
PO Box 742

c/o Skipper John Wright
Braddock Heights, Md 21714

Frederick County Scouts Show Off Their First Aid Skills

The 57th Annual Frederick County First Aid Meet was held at the Calvary Assembly of God in Walkersville on March 4. There were 23 patrols competing and about 200 Scouts and Scouters in attendance. Each patrol brought their own first aid equipment and responded to each of 8 scenarios centered on activities at the Frederick Municipal Airport. Photos taken at the airport were shown on a large video screen at the meet to make the situations seem more real. There were four basic and four advanced scenarios. The situations ranged from burns, hypothermia, cuts, and fracture to head and neck injuries and carbon monoxide poisoning. The judges for the event were firefighters, policemen, EMT's, nurses and doctors—all volunteering their time to interact with the Scouts and evaluate their first aid skills.

At the end of the evening all the patrols were given a packet containing all of their score sheets, a helpful aid toward planning for next year. The top four patrols were:

- 4th place Wolverines Troop 1011
- 3rd place Duct Tape Troop 470
- 2nd place Bison Troop 1011
- 1st place Petrols Troop 277



First Place Winners—Petrols Troop 277

Pictured left to right. Back row: Glenn Rogowsky, Sean Shorten and Stefan Kenny. Front row: Hank Machen, Simon Naylor and Chase Rogowsky.

The Scoutmaster for Troop 277 is Ann Zumbach.

Congratulations to the Petrols and Troop 277.

To see the article and photos that appeared in the Frederick News Post the day after the meet, click [HERE](#).

Many thanks to Lew Raeder, Zeke Zarrella and all of the many Scouters who planned and carried out this great event. Special thanks to the Calvary Assembly of God Church for making their facility available again this year.

Scout's full names used with parental permission.

Photo by Jim Sundergill



Messenger of Peace Event

Shalom, Salam and Peace to all Scouts and Scouters

For the first time ever, Venturing Crew 114, chartered by the Islamic Center of Northern Virginia, Fairfax, Virginia, is proudly organizing an Interfaith event that will help Scouts and Scouters to understand the mutual similarity between the Abrahamic faiths and also give an opportunity to combat hunger by packaging meals for those in need.

This event is called "For Harmony We Strive." Inspired by the Messengers Of Peace mission, a global initiative designed to inspire millions of young men and women in more than 220 countries and territories to work toward peace. The initiative lets Scouts from around the world share what they've done and inspire fellow Scouts to undertake similar efforts in their own communities. The initiative is inspired by the World Scout Committee, administered by the World Scout Bureau, and driven by youth volunteers worldwide.

Among the agenda will be:

- A tour to 3 Abrahamic places of worship
- A speech with Question and Answer session by 3 religious leaders of respective houses of worship
- Packaging meals at the Stop Hunger Now warehouse.

As a special note, Rabbi Peter Hyman, the National Chair for the Messengers of Peace is planning on coming to the event. We hope to receive an overwhelming support for this effort, so please share this announcement: MoPEvent.pdf. The success of this event relies on volunteer participation and donations, so don't wait. Register and donate today by going to the link below:

<http://crew114.muslimscouting.org/2017/02/03/stop-hunger-now-registration/>

This event is organized with the support of the NCAC VOA and the partnership of the All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS), Beth Chaverim Reform Congregation, and the Christian Fellowship Church and Stop Hunger Now, all located within a ¼ mile of each other in Ashburn, Virginia. For further information, please contact: <mailto:crew114@muslimscouting.org>. You may also want to check out our Council's MOP Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/DCMessengersOfPeace>. God bless and thank you very much.

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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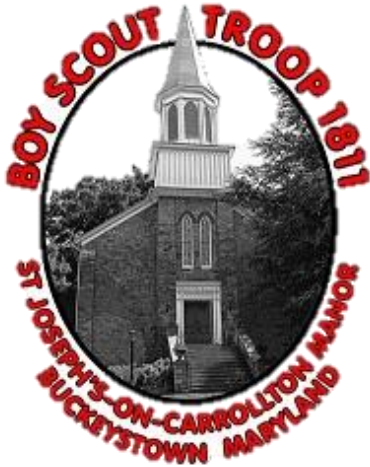
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Eagle Scout Service Project Help Needed!

Hello, my name is Colton Wilson, a Life Scout with Troop 1811, and I am currently working on my Eagle Scout service project of building 3 shelving units for the food pantry at my Troop's church!

I need help for cutting wood, and assembling & painting these shelves and any help would be greatly appreciated!

WHERE: St. Joseph's on Carrollton Manor, 5843 Manor Woods Rd, Frederick, MD 21703

WHEN: Saturday April 1st, and Saturday April 8th 8:00am

WHO: Adults (18+) are greatly needed as we will be using power tools day 1 to cut wood and day 2 to assemble the shelves, all other Scouts will help paint on day 2

WHAT TO BRING: Be prepared and dress in work clothes since we will be dealing with wood, tools, and metal screws, and wear work gloves!

THANK YOU SO MUCH IN ADVANCE; ANY HELP WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING AT w.colton00@gmail.com or (301)-922-1733!

Scouts full name used with parental permission

District Dinner was an Historic Evening

By Jim Sundergill

For the first time in fourteen years and for the 67th time overall, Francis Scott Key District had an awards dinner on March 11th. The affair combined the traditions of the old Appalachian Trail District, the old Catoclin Mountain District and the original Francis Scott Key District. The dinner was held in the Frederick Church of the Brethren like AT used to do. The meal was catered like CMD used to do. And there were Scouters and some Scouts from all over the County like the original FSK.

After a fantastic meal the evening got underway with the presentation of awards and recognitions. In addition to the normal presentations, Joe Robbins was recognized for 60 years' service to the Boy Scouts of America. The following pictures provide the highlights of the evening:

District Merger Recognition



Ron Layman presented belt buckles to Bill Desmond, Melissa Udbinac and Nick Maliszewskyj as thanks for their outstanding efforts in joining Appalachian Trail and Catoclin Mountain Districts into Francis Scott Key District

Event Chair Recognition



Ashlee Mason and Lauren Dutrow were recognized for their efforts in running the AT Day Camp program; LeMoyne Fletcher for running the CM Day Camp; and Joe Durnal for organizing the OA to run Webelos Mountain. Other event chairs were not present but were acknowledged and their certificates will be presented later.

Popcorn Awards



Liz Matejovich, District Popcorn Kernel, presented the top selling popcorn unit award to Pack 278 for selling over \$34,000 of popcorn this year.

JOE ROBBINS

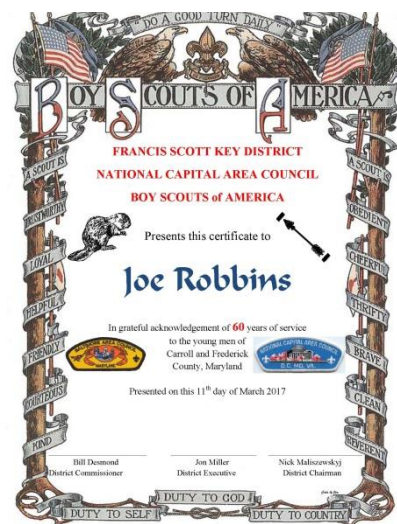
Joe was honored for 60 years' service to BSA



Bill Desmond, District Commissioner, pinned Joe's 60 year pin on him. After the pinning, Bill shook Joe's hand and said, "Sir you're a good man!"



During his service to Scouting, Joe was well known for helping over 50 Scouts get their Eagle. Here he is shown with the first Eagle he helped, Mike Hernick and the last two Kevin Jaramillo-Jimenez and Cruz Gallegos.



Joe with four of the Scoutmasters he served with in Troop 799: Mr. Clout, Mr. Covert, Mr. Jim Robbins and Mrs. Debra Ousse.



Leaders of the Year



The Cubmaster of the Year is David Newcomer; the Scoutmaster of the Year is Mike Penn; the Family of the Year is the Sundergills. Not present were Skipper of the Year Joe Charlebois and Advisor of the Year Phillip Ramsey.

Chuck Gaskin Crew of the Year



Magaly Green accepted the certificate for Crew 758 as the FSK Crew of the Year

Dannie and Lilly Stansbury Pack of the Year



The Commissioners' Pack of the Year is Pack 278. Outstanding Packs are Packs 270, 271, 274,, 476, 628, 796 and 1191.

Richard U. Comstock Troop of the Year



There were co-Troops of the Year: Troop 324 and Troop 1023; outstanding Troops were Troops 168, 470, 1011 and 2017.

Ship of the Year



The Ship of the Year is Ship 59; the outstanding Ship is Ship 37.

Carla Bartlette Scouter of the Year



This award was presented to Monica Robyns of Troop 1812.

FSK Baden-Powell Excellence in Service to Scouting Award



This award is presented by the District Chairman, the District Commissioner and the District Executive to the person who in their opinion has done most for Scouting over a number of years. This years' award was presented to Rich Golling.

Commissioners of the Year

Presented by Bill Desmond, District Commissioner



Unit Commissioner Rookie of the Year: Ashlee Mason

Unit Commissioners of the Year: Mike Turner and Linda Sundergill



Assistant District Commissioners of the Year: Jim Robbins and Jim Sundergill

District Award of Merit



The Award of Merit is the highest award that a District can bestow on a Scouter. This year the Award was presented to Joey Romagnoli, Rick Sprow, Bill Turner, Liz Matejovich, Joe Durnal and Brenda Lucas. Congratulations to all.