



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)

April

- 18 Council Court of Honor, Silver Beaver recipients Nick Maliszewskyj and Rick Rogers
- 19 District Eagle Board 7-9pm, Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg. Rd nfeldser@comcast.net , amc21769@yahoo.com
- 25 District Committee Mtg, 7:15pm, Trinity UM Church, 703 W. Patrick St. 21701, maliszewskyj@gmail.com
- 26 District Eagle Board 7-9pm, Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg. Rd nfeldser@comcast.net , amc21769@yahoo.com
- 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
- 27 Cubmudder 12-3pm, www.cubmudder.org.

June

- 1 Gathering of Eagles at Dutch's Daughter, see page 19, contact fbroadrup@comcast.net
- 2-4 **Woodbadge** Session 2
- 5 District Eagle Board, 7-9p Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg. Rd nfeldser@comcast.net , amc21769@yahoo.com
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From the Desk of the Commish:



It's almost here. Can't wait. What is it? SUMMER CAMP. This should be the pinnacle of the Scout year for our youth. Please be sure that your unit offers a camping experience every summer. Don't forget our own Camp Airy – it is a great nearby Scouting experience. Also, in April verify that your camp leaders have all the requisite training, e.g., First Aid/CPR, Safe Swim Defense, Weather Hazards, etc. Are youth and adult Annual Health and Medical Records current? The new BSA *Guide to Adventure Planning* (www.bsatap.org) lists requirements that we implicitly agree to follow; here's a few:

1. Plan your activities by and adhere to the policies contained in the *Guide to Safe Scouting*, *Age Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities* and the *Sweet Sixteen of BSA Safety*.
2. Enforce reasonable travel speeds (in accordance with national, state and local laws) and use only vehicles that are in safe mechanical condition.
3. If more than one vehicle is used to transport your group, establish rendezvous points at the start of each day and not attempt to have drivers closely follow the group vehicle in front of them.
4. Maintain high standards of personal cleanliness and orderliness and operate a clean and sanitary camp, leaving it in a better condition than it was found.
5. Do not litter or bury any trash, garbage or tin cans. All rubbish that cannot be burned will be placed in a tote-litter bag and taken to the nearest recognized trash disposal site or all the way home, if necessary.
6. Notify, in case of emergency, NCAC Scout Executive Les Baron, unit parents and the unit single point of contact.
7. Complete all the necessary training required to conduct and lead the programs and activities involving outdoor adventures.

The following units are without Unit Commissioners:

P 651, T 1811 – Carroll Manor
P 628 and T 628 – New Market
T 1066, C 1210 – Jefferson

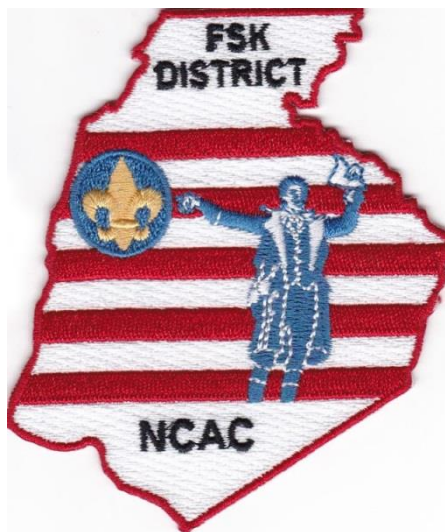
P, T, C 796 – Ijamsville
T 274, S 59 – Frederick

Please get in touch with me if you want details or a job description.

Troops - please have a plan to integrate those bridging Webelos and make them feel welcome. Remember they have gone from the top of the rank to the bottom and they are surrounded by those experienced Boy Scouts. Have a plan and work your plan. Packs - this is a good time for a Tiger and Lion hunt before school gets out. Sign up the new scouts now so they can enjoy the summertime experience.

Yours in Commissioner Service,

Bill Desmond
District Commissioner
FSKCommissioner@aol.com



Our new FSK District Patch

SECOND REMINDER FOR PACKS

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 Cub Scout 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 Cub Scout advancement.

Through March 27th only 19 of the 30 FSK District Packs have input AOL advancements into Internet Advancement. There are 11 Packs with no AOL advancements. Bridging has been happening 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 down the road when he tries to get his Eagle Scout Rank Application 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.

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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/>



Local Sea Scout Earns National Honor

Mercedes Matlock has been selected as the National Boatswain. She will be the youth representative for Sea Scouts across the US for 2017-2018. Congratulations, Mercedes on a job well done. FSK District is very proud of you. To see the article that was in Sea Scouts USA, go to:

<https://seascout.org/news/announcing-the-2017-2018-national-boatswain/>



***THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW – BEFORE, NOT
AFTER, A CRISIS***

22 APR 2017

HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL

As adult volunteer Scout leaders, it is incumbent upon us to know how to recognize and respond to the signs of mental illness. This knowledge can be the difference between life and death. We are partnering with the Fairfax County Health Department to offer a training course in Youth Mental Health First Aid to help prevent teen suicide. This same training is mandatory for every Fairfax County School teacher, administrator and staff member to complete. We have the same instructors. Coffee and snacks will be available and there will be a lunch break, but lunch is not provided. So be prepared to either bring your lunch or buy it.

8am-5pm

**National
Certification**

Cost \$30

**5121 Woodland
Way, Annandale,
VA 22003**

**Sponsored by
Patriot District**

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to Register

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703-300-4876

Congratulations to LeMoyne Fletcher for a Job Well Done!



The God and Service Award for Adults

Pack 271 celebrated many Cub Scout achievements at its Blue and Gold Banquet on April 1, 2017. Friends and family of Pack 271 were treated to a delicious dinner and a fun Star Wars theme that contributed to a delightful evening focused on youth advancement and special awards. In the midst of this Cub Scout celebration, a surprise award was jointly presented by the Pack 271 community and Brook Hill United Methodist Church to Cubmaster LeMoyne Fletcher. The *God and Service Award* is a national recognition awarded by churches and national youth agencies cooperating with Programs of Religious Activities with Youth (P.R.A.Y.). It is given to acknowledge distinguished volunteer service by adults in ministry to young people through service to the church and one or more



of the national youth agencies (for example, Boy Scouts of America). A few of the many criteria for this award are a minimum of 5 years of service to both the church and to BSA, and to encourage and assist young people in earning the P.R.A.Y. awards. For those who know LeMoyne, it was no surprise that he qualified for *The God and Service Award*. The element of surprise was that LeMoyne was unaware that he had been nominated, which is precisely how *The God and Service Award* is intended to be presented (note: One does not seek this award, the award seeks the recipient through a nomination by one's peers).

Pack 271, Brook Hill United Methodist Church, and FSK District rejoice with LeMoyne in this recognition of his service to our youth. May we all be encouraged to go the extra mile to deliver a top-shelf experience to the youth we serve!

For details about *The God and Service Award* and other adult nominations, visit <https://www.praypub.org/adult-nominations>



Left to right: Alan Ashley, LeMoyne and Pastor Wade Martin.

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 at 11am

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



Day Camp

April is here, the sun is shining, and we are only a couple weeks away from our **early bird deadline at 11:59pm on Sunday, April 23rd**. I'm sure you're all abuzz promoting Day Camp attendance and collecting registration packets to begin the online pack registration process.

If you have not distributed the Parent-Leader Guide to all families within your Pack, I recommend doing so now. This guide will aid in answering questions families on the fence may have regarding this years camp opportunities.

All camp materials, including the guides, can be found on the FSK Day Camp Coordinator Google drive link: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B3vD0gF1AG4uNk1iQVpUaFBaVKE>

On the next page are links to answer the more commonly asked questions such as 'Is Sibling Camp a separate program?', 'Where do I find the Tot Lot forms?', and 'How to enter a Campership or Popcorn Voucher Code when registering Scouts' below.

Program Updates: Thanks to the generous support of our District Scout Families...

- We are excited to announce the possibility of **American Sign Language Interpreters** participating in our Day Camp program. **To ensure we can provide this inclusive opportunity, each attending Pack must provide the total number of scouts and siblings in each rank that will require this assistance and at which camp (June or July) by the April 23rd deadline to confirm the interpreter's availability.**
- We now have a **SPANISH version of our Day Camp promotional flyer** (included below). The Spanish version of the Cub Scout Registration Packet is currently in progress and will be available later this week and the Spanish Parent-Leader Guide will be available in the next couple of weeks.

Important reminders for Lion & Tiger families:

- Current Lions ARE eligible to attend Day Camp because they will be a Tiger Scout as of the start of the new Scouting year on June 1st.
- Current Tiger Scouts will be attending Day Camp as a Wolf. Please send a reminder to your current Tiger families they will NO LONGER be subject to the Tiger Adult Partner requirement during Day Camp. This may increase attendance by reassuring families they will only be subject to the Cub Scout Den Walker requirements.

Last minute tips on helping parents say YES to Day Camp:

- Offer an online signups for Pack carpooling to all families in attendance, this will greatly increase the possibility of attendance for those with scheduling conflicts during camp drop off or pick up times.
- If a financial hardship: even though we are past the April 1st NCAC offered Campership deadline, encourage them to still apply as there may be remaining unused campership funds available.
- If a parent doesn't qualify for the campership opportunity offer Staffing as a discount option! (flyer included below) Especially if they have more than one Scout or a Scout and sibling who wishes to attend.
- Older Siblings, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts (11+ years of age), can volunteer at Day Camp and are eligible to earn community service hours.

Thank you for all you do and your continued dedication to promoting the Day Camp experience within your unit! As always feel free to contact me with any questions.

YIS,

Lauren Dutrow :)

Program Director, FSK District Cub Scout Day Camps

Follow us on Facebook:

Event page for JUNE: www.facebook.com/events/406253179714467/

Event page for JULY: www.facebook.com/events/207658963032891/



Day Camp Continued:

Answers to FAQs regarding Sibling Registrations

<http://www.ncacbsa.org/francis-scott-key/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2017/04/Answers-to-FAQs-regarding-Sibling-Registrations.pdf>

FSK Day Camp 2017 Tri fold brochure English

<http://www.ncacbsa.org/francis-scott-key/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2017/04/FSK-Day-Camp-2017-Tri-fold-brochure-English.pdf>

FSK Day Camp 2017 Tri fold brochure Spanish V2

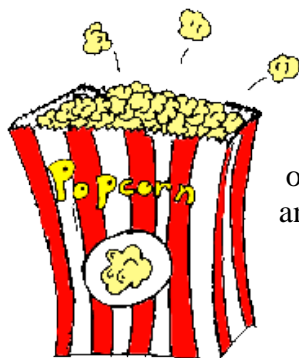
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Scouts with Campership or Popcorn Voucher Codes

<http://www.ncacbsa.org/francis-scott-key/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2017/04/Scouts-with-Campership-or-Popcorn-Voucher-Codes.pdf>

Staff Recruitment Posting 1 - Banner & KeyNote

<http://www.ncacbsa.org/francis-scott-key/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2017/04/Staff-Recruitment-Posting-1-Banner-KeyNote.pdf>



2017 Popcorn Fundraising Kick-Off May 15th!

Popcorn Fundraising is more than just raising money and having FUN! It is a wonderful opportunity to teach our Scouts (Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts) how to set a sales goal, develop and execute a sales plan, and how to practice positive customer service.

Did your Unit use Popcorn as a Fundraiser in 2016?
If yes, join us on **May 15th for our Kick-Off Event!**

If your Unit did not use Popcorn as a Fundraiser in 2016, it's a NEW YEAR!
Come join us for our **May 15th Kick-Off Event!**

If your Unit has no idea what Popcorn Fundraising is, PLEASE come check this out!
May 15th Kick-Off Event!

All interested Unit Leaders, Current Popcorn Kernels, and Potential Popcorn Kernels are Welcome!

Please don't let another year go by without using Popcorn as your Units fundraising opportunity. We can show you how others have had success and how YOU can too. Our Scouts deserve an opportunity to raise **enough funds** to pay for their summer camp or high adventure camp.

Event: FSK District Popcorn Kick-Off

Date: May 15, 2017, from 7pm to 9pm

Location: Frederick Church of the Brethren, 201 Fairview Avenue, Frederick

CAMP AIRY BSA 2017 – COME EXPLORE THE FRONTIER

Submitted by Diane Henson

Camp Dates: August 14 – 19, 2017

Initial Deposits Due to NCAC: May 1

Final Payments Due to NCAC: June 1

INFORMATION AND FORMS: WWW.AIRYBSA.ORG

NEW PROGRAMS:

In addition to our outstanding First Year Program and our already broad range of STEM, aquatics, outdoor, handicrafts, shooting sports, first aid and more merit badges, there are several new badge offerings this year.

- Exploration
- Personal Fitness
- Safety
- Sustainability
- Pioneering
- Skating

Suggested Eagle Track set of badges:

- Citizenship in the Nation
- Personal Fitness
- Sustainability
- Emergency Preparedness



The chart of available classes for each period is now available at www.airybsa.org. That's where you'll also find all the information about Camp Airy BSA 2017 and the forms you will need to register for classes and to submit payments.

YOUR TROOP COULD WIN:

Our thanks to The Gathering of Eagles who are sponsoring a raffle for Scout Troops attending Camp Airy BSA in 2017. Troops attending Camp Airy BSA with 8 or more Boy Scouts will be entered into the drawing. The drawing prizes are \$500, \$300 and \$200 for Troop use. The drawing will be held at the September FSK District Roundtable.



First Aid Meet 2018

It is not too early to start planning for the 2018 First Aid Meet. Mark the date on your calendar: **March 3, 2018.**

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!

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

Forms and details at www.airybsa.org

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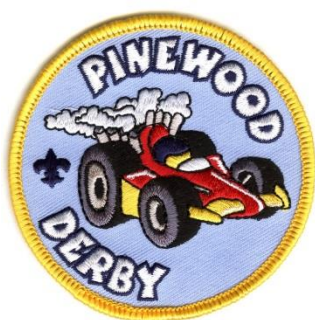
Boy Scout Ski Retreat



Lake Junaluska, in the mountains of North Carolina, is offering an overnight ski package for Boy Scouts February 9-11, 2018! During this weekend, Boy Scout Troops will earn their Snow Sport Merit Badge.

Scouts will get hands-on experience at Cataloochee Ski Area as they hit the slopes and learn about snow safety. In the evenings, workshops will be held at Lake Junaluska to complete the requirements for the Snow Sport Merit Badge. Our package includes overnight lodging, meals, skiing at Cataloochee Ski Area and workshops.

Choose Lake Junaluska for your educational winter retreat! For more information, visit www.lakejunaluska.com/boyscouts or call 800-222-4930. Boy Scouts are also welcome to plan their own ski retreats at Lake Junaluska anytime from December-March. Learn more about our discounted group ski packages by visiting www.lakejunaluska.com/ski-groups.



Pinewood Derby Track Needed

Cub Scout Pack 727, whose Charter Organization is St. Joseph's Church in Emmitsburg, is in search of obtaining a used, but in good condition, Pinewood Derby Track. We are interested in purchasing, or receiving as a donation, a track set up that will allow us to continue holding this annual event for our Pack. If you have a track you no longer use, or know a group that has one, please contact Ray Buchheister, Pack 727's Committee Chair. He can be reached by phone or text message at 301-407-7157, or by email at rbuchheister@gmail.com.

Service Opportunity

There will be a Pet Expo on April 29 at the Frederick Fair Grounds and the organizers are looking for Scouts age 13 and up to help park cars from 8:00am until 6:00pm. For more information, contact Sheila Gray at 301-514-9984.

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Third Annual Cubmudder

This FREE event is for boys and girls age 3-12 and will be held on May 27 from 12-3pm. For full details and registration go to: www.cubmudder.org.



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



***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*).
- Questions?** First read the FAQ section below. If your question is not answered there, please contact Ship 37 at MeritBadgeDay@Ship37.org . Only your received payment reserves your actual sailing slot.

Merit Badge Afloat 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 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



FCVOA Elections: 9 May 2017!!

The Frederick County VOA will be holding its annual elections at the Frederick Church of the Brethren at 7:20 on Tuesday night at the Frederick Church of the Brethren.

Who can run for election? All Venturers and Sea Scouts in the Appalachian Trail and Catocin Mountain Districts can run for office.

Why run for office? *Want to make a difference in the Venturing Program? Need some leadership opportunities?* Here is your chance!! Come make a difference and help expand the program within Frederick County!!

What positions are open? President, VP of Administration, VP of Program, VP of Communications, Secretary, and Treasurer.

How do I know I am eligible? Just be active in a Venturing Crew for at least 12 months and it is strongly encouraged that Venturers have ILSC.

**For more information contact Damon Allen the FCVOA Advisor at:
ALLENONTHELAKE@comcast.net**



Frederick County Venturing Officer's Association

What is the VOA?

The Venturing Officer's Association (VOA) is a committee made up of Venturers (youth in the Venturing Program). The youth are elected into the various positions. The VOA plans and carries out activities for Venturing Crews within the District(s) and nearby Districts.

What does the VOA do?

The VOA plans and carries out various activities for the purpose of advertising and promoting the Venturing program. The VOA assists with the growth of the Venturing program within the District(s) and Council.

Who is the VOA for?

The Venturing Officer's Association is for all Venturing Crews and Ships within the Appalachian Trail and Catoctin Mountain Districts. All Venturers who meet the criteria are eligible to become members of the VOA.

How often does the VOA meet?

The Venturing Officer's Association meets once a month at the Frederick Church of the Brethren and co-hosts the Frederick County Venturing Forum every other month at the same location.

Is the VOA Coed?

Since Venturing is a coed scouting program, young female Venturers who are under 21 can be elected into positions within the VOA.

What are the qualifications for the youth to join the VOA?

Venturers are eligible to run for positions within the VOA if they have;

1. Been active within their Crew.
2. Held an elected position within their Crew.
3. Youth must be under 21 at the time of the elections.

What are the positions within the VOA?

Adults;

- VOA Advisor
- VOA Associates Advisor
- Consultants

Youth;

- VOA President
- VOA Vice President Administration
- VOA Vice President Program



- VOA Vice President Communications
- VOA Treasurer
- VOA Secretary
- Crew Representative to the VOA (Non-Elected)

How long is the term of office in the VOA?

The Adults in the VOA are volunteers, therefore, the Advisors, Associate Advisors, and Consultants can have an unlimited tenure. This also holds true for the Crew Representatives for the VOA. The youth officer positions on the other hand, are elected into a one year term of office. Venturers can be re-elected into the same position only once.

Can Crews send more than one representative to the VOA?


Apart from the official Crew Representative to the VOA, Crews can send two other representatives to the VOA meetings.

Can Crew Advisors and Associate Crew Advisors participate in the VOA?


The Venturing Officer's Association will have Advisors assigned to it, but Crew Advisors and Associate Advisors are welcome to be Mentors or Consultants to the VOA.

How can the District VOA assist Venturers?

The District Venturing Officer's Association (DVOA) offers Venturing youth an opportunity to obtain leadership experience beyond the Crew level. The DVOA is the first step for Venturers to obtain leadership in the Council VOA (CVOA) and the Area VI VOA (A6VOA).



Tonight Our Portions Are Even More Generous





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

Firehouse Subs
1700 Kingfisher Drive
Frederick, Maryland 21701


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George B. Delaplaine, Jr. “Gathering of Eagles” Invitation

**The Gathering of Eagle Committee invites you to attend the fourth
“Gathering of Eagles” Banquet
Celebration for Eagle Scouts in Frederick County.**

When: Thursday, June 1, 2017
Where: Dutch’s Daughter Restaurant
 581 Himes Avenue, Frederick, MD 21703
 2nd Floor Banquet Room, 301-668-9574
Time: 6 - 10 p.m. Dinner Buffet served at approximately 7 p.m.
Attire: Your choice. Scouting attire always appreciated.
Cost: None. Donations will be solicited.
Program: Surprise Speaker
Buffet Menu: 4 entrees will be offered: Sautéed Beef Tenderloin,
 Dutch’s Chicken, Atlantic Salmon and Vegetarian

Note: Please indicate your choice of entrée with your attending reply as we need that information to order your dinner selection. To accept your invitation, please respond **immediately** to rcole799@gmail.com to reserve your space at the Banquet event. The response cutoff date is Wednesday, May 25, 2017

Event Concept

- A celebration of your achieving Eagle Rank with your fellow Eagles
- Only Eagles are invited -no spouses or significant others.
- If unable to attend and still wish to make a contribution to support Scouting in Frederick County, please make your check to : Gathering of Eagles of Frederick County, Inc. and send Alan Ashley, Treasurer, 212 Glade Blvd., Walkersville, MD 21793-8119
- Please bring to the Banquet any Scouting memorabilia, especially patches, which will be sold as a fund raiser for next year’s event. If requested, a tax donation letter will be provided for your donation. The sales table has been a big hit in the past, but we are getting low on material. Please consider donating and buying Scouting Material.
- You may cancel up to one week prior to the event if your plans change. Notify me at the above email to Cancel.



Frederick County Scouting Dance Invitation

When: Thursday, July 6, 2017

Who: Scouting youth 14-18 years old and adults 18 and up, suggest you bring a dance partner to ensure equal number of male and female dance partners

Where: Gymnasium at the LDS Stake Center, 199 North Place, Frederick, 21701

Time: 8 - 10:30 pm

Theme: Hawaiian Luau

Attire: Scout uniform, casual or Hawaiian

Cost: None

Sponsor: Frederick County Gathering of Eagles, Inc.

Host: Frederick Maryland LDS Stake

Support: Frederick County Venturing Officers' Association

To accept this invitation, please respond immediately to fbroadrup@comcast.net

Please note if you are bringing a dance partner. We are limited by Fire Code to the # of guests who can attend. First email responders, first served. **The response cut-off date is Thursday June 29, 2017**

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- A casual dance for Scouts, Scouters, Gathering of Eagles Members and LDS Church members.
 - Introductory dance instruction will be provided for the jitterbug, and waltz.
 - All invitees are highly encouraged to participate in the group dance instruction. It will be painless.
 - Modest dress and conduct standards will be observed.
 - Evaluation letters will be distributed.