The Monthly News Source of the Francis Scott Key District, BSA  
Re-EST. August 15, 2016

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)

July
19  District Eagle Board, 7-9pm Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg. Rd  nfeldser@comcast.net, amc21769@yahoo.com
20  Popcorn Kick Off, 7pm, 199 North Place, Frederick 21701, contact  begreen4u@yahoo.com
25  Den Chief Training, 5pm Walkersville Watershed, contact  docor@comcast.net
26  District Eagle Board, 7-9pm Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg. Rd  nfeldser@comcast.net, amc21769@yahoo.com
31-8/8 Day Camp, 4-H Camp, contact  fskdaycamp@gmail.com

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  7  District Eagle Bd., 7-9pm Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg. Rd  nfeldser@comcast.net, amc21769@yahoo.com
  8  Roundtable (Boy Scout/Cub Scout/OA/FCVHOA Huddle  7:15pm Frederick Church of the Brethren, 201 Fairview Ave. 21701,  fskcommissioner@aol.com
 10  Commissioner’s Meeting, 7:15pm LDS Stake Ctr. 199 North Place, 21701,  fskcommissioner@aol.com
14  District Eagle Board 7-9pm, Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg.Rd  nfeldser@comcast.net, amc21769@yahoo.com
14-19  Camp Airy  www.airybsa.org
16  District Eagle Board 7-9pm, Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg.Rd  nfeldser@comcast.net, amc21769@yahoo.com
22  District Committee Mtg, 7:15pm, Trinity UM Church, 703 W. Patrick St. 21701, maliszewskyj@gmail.com
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  9-10  Merit Badges Afloat, contact  meritbadgesday@ship37.org
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12  Roundtable (Boy Scout/Cub Scout/OA/FCVHOA Huddle  Picnic at Walkersville Watershed, contact  fskcommissioner@aol.com,
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From the Desk of the Commish:

I hope all of our units are enjoying the outdoors this summer. It is Scouting is all about. Now is a good time to refresh the Sweet Sixteen of BSA Safety:

1. Qualified Supervision
2. Physical Fitness
3. Buddy System
4. Safe Area
5. Equipment Selection and Maintenance
6. Personal Safety Equipment
7. Safety Procedures & Policies
8. Skill Level Limits
9. Weather Check
10. Planning
11. Communications
12. Permits & Notices
13. First Aid Resources
14. Applicable Laws
15. CPR Resource
16. Discipline

The principles are spelled out in the downloadable BSA Guide to Safe Scouting. Please be familiar with these principles and activity-specific guidance from BSA.

Roundtable starts back up on August 13 at the Church of the Brethren. The September 12 Roundtable is our annual Picnic at the Walkersville Watershed; this year’s Picnic will also include a Council Court of Honor.

Also, the George Delaplaine Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner is on September 13 at the Hood College Volpe Athletic Center. We are honoring Dr. Olivia White from the college. We will need help from Scouting units (e.g., flag detail, PinewoodD demo, simulated campsite, and safety escorts). Please let me know if you want details on these assignments.

Enjoy the balance of the summer.

Yours in Commissioner Service,

Bill Desmond
District Commissioner

Ron Layman Retires as SM of Troop 274

After serving as the Scoutmaster of Troop 274 for 34 years, Ron Layman pinned the Eagle badge on his 115th Eagle at a Court of Honor on June 17th and then passed the SM wand to his former Scout, Brian Dwyer. Ron will remain active in the Troop as an Assistant Scoutmaster and is very active as well on the District level. To see the fine article that appeared in the Frederick News Post about Ron and Troop 274, click on the link below.


International Scouting News submitted by Shawn Younberg
Click HERE for the July issue of International Scouting News.
Let Your Scouts Earn Their Own Way!

*Fundraise with Trails-End Popcorn*

Let us show you how your Pack/Troop/Crew/Ship can fundraise with

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**Sign Up For The 2017 Popcorn Sale!**

**Join Our Units in FSK That Are Already Signed Up:**


Troop 1011 * Troop 1023 * Troop 217 * Troop 270 * Troop 278 * Troop 476 * Troop 727 * Troop 796

![Popcorn Image]

Attend Our (LAST LOCAL) Popcorn Kick-Off Popcorn Meeting

July 20th @ 7:00pm

Frederick Latter-Day Saints Stake Center, 199 North Place, Frederick, MD 21701

For more information, contact Liz Matejovich, FSK District Popcorn Kernel @ 240-350-3249 or begreen4u@ymail.com

Pop On!
Re-scheduled to July 25th

DEN CHIEF TRAINING

Tuesday July 25th, 2017
Walkersville Watershed
5PM-MEET Main Pavillion

Please join us for an evening of Den Chief Training. A Scout must be First Class or above and he should have his Scoutmaster’s approval. Please send an email to Doug O’Connor by 7/15/17 (docor@comcast.net) with “Den Chief Training” in the subject line. ONLY if you are attending. Please provide your name, rank, Troop #, phone #, email address. Training is free.

You need to come in Class A uniform and bring the Den Chief book (preferably with Scoutmaster signature in the back). A positive Scout attitude is essential.

We will go over skits, games, songs, snacks, activities, knots, tricks, resources that you will be able to use as a Den Chief. You will receive a CD with lots of good Scouting information.

You should try to contact the local Cub Scout Pack to see which Den you can work with.

Doug O’Connor
Den Chief Trainer
240-372-8114
docor@comcast.net

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The National Capital Scout Shop is coming to Frederick County, MD!

Visit our trading post at the FSK District Day Camp!

**July 31st through August 4th**

Located at the Frederick County 4-H Camp & Activities Center
3702 Basford Road, Frederick, MD 21703

**STORE HOURS**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday: 8:00am to 4:30pm

Friday: 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

*All major credit cards accepted*

**Check out our selection of BSA merchandise:**

Uniforms, T-shirts, Camping Gear, Literature and MORE!

On-demand orders will be filled to the best of our ability.

**Looking for something specific?**

E-mail: Jennifer.Fernandez-Ourand@scouting.org with the subject line: “FSK Day Camp Frederick, MD Pre-Order” by July 24th

And we will bring the merchandise with us to Camp!

**We look forward to seeing you there!**
Wood Badge Fall Course Still Open!

Please join three of your fellow FSK district Scouters (Debbie Crabb, Joe Durnal, and Rick Rogers) at the Fall Wood Badge course!

Our course incorporates the traditions of over 80 years of Wood Badge, while adding the management and leadership training necessary to become a successful leader. Wood Badge is more than a classroom; it’s entertaining, fun games, hands-on projects, team building, and inspirational events. You will come away with an appreciation of Scouting’s heritage, as well as a vision of the role you will play in its future, and the impact you will make on the youth in your own unit, the district and our council. Participation in this course will provide skills to help you achieve success in other aspects of your life… like home, or in your career!

The course is held over two three day weekends, September 8-10, and October 7-9. For more information go to: https://www.ncacbsa.org/training/wood-badge/.

Firearms Training

Click links below to view fliers for courses on Personal Protection:
“NRA Inside the Home” also includes Utah Concealed Carry License Training
https://app.box.com/s/o9baalnwwvbztnklizq1fpvlg32hvi38
“NRA Outside the Home” also includes MD Wear and Carry Permit Training
https://app.box.com/s/h3atwf69e46v8he1k93yrrx7ssg04mi5l

These will lead to an upcoming Instructor Course in the above classes

As Always, e-mail for basic courses in Pistol/HQL; Rifle, RSO, and Custom Training

For details, please contact Hal Noer: hno@xecu.net

  NRA Instructor & Training Counselor
  • Pistol
  • Rifle
  • Shotgun
  • Muzzleloading Rifle
  • Personal Protection In The Home
  • Personal Protection Outside the Home
  • Advanced Defensive Pistol
  • Home Firearm Safety
  NRA Range Safety Officer
  NRA Chief Range Safety Officer
  NRA Master Chief Range Safety Officer
  MD State Police Licensed Handgun Instructor
  UTAH Concealed Carry Instructor
  BSA Certified Shooting Sports Director
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

The Gathering of Eagles is 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.
GOOD NEWS - WE STILL HAVE SPACE!!
If your Troop hasn't already registered or if your Troop is already coming and you now have a few more Scouts who are eager to participate, just let us know. We will begin making class assignments soon and classes will begin to fill. Check out our new offerings this year, including sustainability, personal fitness, pioneering, safety, skating, and exploration. Our staff is exceptionally well qualified and all of our program offerings are excellent. We have a very strong First Year Camper Program, in case your new Scouts can still benefit from this experience.

YOUR TROOP COULD WIN:
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Leave No Trace Trainer Courses – September 16-17 (Prince William Forest NP, Triangle VA) or September 29 - October 1, 2017 (IWLA, 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 Fall in NCAC. The next offerings of this class in NCAC will be in Spring, 2018. Germantown, MD September 29 - October 1, 2017 https://scoutingevent.com/082-LNTTrainerMD
Questions? Contact Paul Schimke, paul@schimke.org or 301 906 0069 (c) -- or --
Triangle, VA, September 16-17, 2017 https://scoutingevent.com/082-12399 Questions? Contact Victor Bieniek, vbieniek@gmail.com, 703-855-8428 (c)
Francis Scott Key District
Proudly presents the
2017 STEM Fall Camporee

Recruit and bring your Webelos to the Camporee
Water Wheels, Hydro Electric Power, Radio and More
When—October 13-15, 2017
Where—Walkersville Watershed

STEM Merit Badges & Awards to be offered
- Engineering
- Radio
- Electronics
- Model Design & Building
- Electricity
- Inventing

NOVA WOOSH
Don’t Delay, Register today!!!
Cost: $20pp early bird Aug 8th - Sep 15th
$25pp Sep 16th - Oct 12th
$15pp Saturday Oct 14th only

- Troops/Crews who sign up by 9/15/17 will be given their “home site” at the Watershed.
- All registrations after 9/15 will be given best available site determined by number of paid attendees.
- Leaders Guide will be published by September 15th with list of any pre-requisites
- Questions or to help with program, contact the camporee chair – Don Yetter, Donald.yetter@gmail.com; 717-433-8608
- You may register online www.scoutingevent.com/082-FSKFallCamporee
SAVE THE DATE

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

22nd George Delaplaine Distinguished Citizen Award Honoree

September 13, 2017

HOOD COLLEGE
Ronald J. Volpe Athletic Center

Benefitting Boy Scout Programs in Frederick County
Mr. Ted Luck—Event Chair

Dr. Olivia G. White
Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students
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: ______________________

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# 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
Bill Desmond to Receive Boy Scout’s Distinguished Eagle Scout Award

Photo and article by Jim Sundergill

On September 12, 2017 during the annual Francis Scott Key District picnic at the Walkersville watershed William J. “Bill” Desmond will receive one of the highest honors that can be bestowed by the Boy Scouts of America, the Distinguished Eagle Award. This award is presented jointly by the Boy Scouts and the National Eagle Scout Association to an individual who achieved Eagle Scout rank as a youth and went on to have an exemplary career in his adult life. This is only the third such award that has been earned in Frederick County. The first was presented to George Delaplaine, Jr.; the second to the late Joe Davis.

Bill’s career started with the then Atomic Energy Commission in 1967 and progressed through increasingly more responsible positions. Among his more noteworthy assignments, he served as the Chief of Physical Security with the Department of Energy; Director of the Initiatives for Proliferation Prevention Program doing work throughout the former Soviet Union; and culminating in the position of Associate Administrator and Chief of Defense Nuclear Security for the Department of Energy.

Outside of his professional career, Bill is a Eucharistic Minister for the Sick and Homebound and in the Bereavement Ministry at St. John the Evangelist Church in Frederick. He is also a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus and has served as Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator, District Deputy and State Secretary.

Of course Bill has served in various key roles in his Scouting life as well. He has been a Den Leader with Cub Scout Pack 274 sponsored by St. John’s Church and Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 274 sponsored by Trinity United Methodist Church. Bill has also served as the District Chairman of the former Catoctin Mountain District, National Capitol Area Council and is presently serving as the District Commissioner for the Francis Scott Key District of NCAC.

In both his professional career and his personal life, Bill Desmond is indeed a Distinguished Eagle Scout.

Anyone who would like to attend the picnic and awards ceremony on September 12 can do so by contacting Ron Layman at layman274@gmail.com.
Prayers

Please keep the Kundrat Family in your prayers. Their son, William Joseph Kundrat, a Marine, was among the 16 military personnel killed when their plane went down on Monday in Mississippi. To see the article and photos that appeared in the Frederick News Post on Thursday July 13, click on the link below.


William Kundrat was an Eagle Scout from Troop 799 in Frederick.