



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)

May

- 17 District Eagle Board 7-9pm, Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg Rd nfeldser@comcast.net, amc21769@yahoo.com
- 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
- 23 District Committee Mtg, 7:15pm, Trinity UM Church, 703 W. Patrick St. 21701, maliszewskyj@gmail.com
- 24 District Eagle Board 7-9pm, Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg. Rd nfeldser@comcast.net, amc21769@yahoo.com
- 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
- 10 STEM University <https://www.ncacbsa.org/blog/2016/04/20/stem-university-on-june-18/>
- 12 District Eagle Board, 7-9pm Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg. Rd nfeldser@comcast.net, amc21769@yahoo.com
- 13 Roundtable (Boy Scout/Cub Scout/OA/FCVOA Huddle 7:15pm Frederick Church of the Brethren, 201 Fairview Ave. 21701, fskcommissioner@aol.com
- 15 Commissioner's Meeting, 7:15pm LDS Stake Ctr. 199 North Place, 21701, fskcommissioner@aol.com
- 26-30 Day Camp at Woodsboro Park, contact fskdaycamp@gmail.com
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- 6 Frederick County Scouting Dance, contact fbroadrup@comcast.net
- 10 District Eagle Board, 7-9p Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg. Rd nfeldser@comcast.net, amc21769@yahoo.com
- 19 District Eagle Board, 7-9p Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg. Rd nfeldser@comcast.net, amc21769@yahoo.com
- 26 District Eagle Board, 7-9p Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg. Rd nfeldser@comcast.net, amc21769@yahoo.com
- 31-8/8 Day Camp, 4-H Camp, contact fskdaycamp@gmail.com

Have fun and be safe while camping this summer.





From the Desk of the Commish:



We welcome Lemoyne Fletcher to the ranks of the Commissioners Corps. He will be responsible for Pack 651 and Troop 1811. Also, John Huggins has assumed Unit Commissioner responsibilities for Troop 217.

We made some structural changes to Roundtable in May and added a sound system. We want to ensure that the Roundtable value is the highest for your investment in time. So, if you want to add, change, or delete any aspect of Roundtable just let me know.

This is the time of the year for unit annual program planning. BSA offers a great deal of very good information on this topic including some narrated videos. Also, don't forget to include Journey to Excellence factors into your program planning. This is also a good time for unit leaders to update their outdoor safety knowledge by taking BSA courses on Weather Hazards, Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Climb on Safely, etc.

The following units are without Unit Commissioners:

P, T, C 796 – Ijamsville

T 1066, C 1210 – Jefferson

P 628 and T 628 – New Market

T 274, S 59 – Frederick

P 1628 and T 268 – New Market

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

Yours in Commissioner Service,

Bill Desmond, District Commissioner, Email: FSKCommissioner@aol.com

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/>



Personal Fitness Merit Badge submitted by Nick Maliszewskyj

There will be a Personal Fitness Merit Badge kickoff event at SoldierFit (8420 Gashouse Pike, Suite Z, Frederick MD 21701) on May 20 at 1 pm. Personal Fitness is an individual effort and desire to be the best one can be. Scouts will start the merit badge at this event run by personal trainer Cody Koogler and will outline and pursue a 12-week physical fitness program, concluding onsite at Camp Airy BSA in mid August. Interested Scouts should contact the Camp Airy program director Nick Maliszewskyj (maliszewskyj@gmail.com).

Cub Scout Hero submitted by John Wright

Cub Scout saves mother from choking was a story picked up by Fox News recently. To see the full story, go to <http://www.foxnews.com/health/2017/05/10/cub-scout-saves-choking-mom-one-month-after-dads-tragic-death.html>

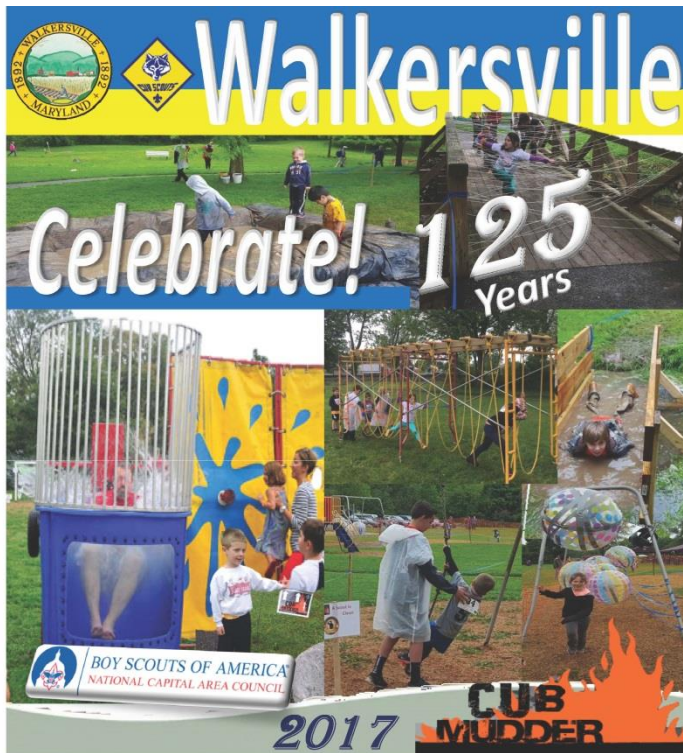
International Scouting submitted by Shawn Youngberg

The May issue of International Scouting is available at: <http://www.ncacbsa.org/francis-scott-key/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2017/05/MAY2017.doc>

Third Annual Cubmudder Submitted by Mark Jeffrey

On Saturday May 27th Walkersville Pack 1070 and Troop 1070 will sponsor the 3rd Annual Cub Mudder Event. This is a FREE Community youth obstacle course for boys and girls ages 3-13. Full details can be found at www.cubmudder.org. We welcome all Cub Scouts to participate and invite all Boy Scouts to lead this event while serving the community.

We currently have 280 participants signed up and look forward to showing the entire community what the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts can do. If you have any questions, please contact us at info@cubmudder.org



FREE YOUTH OBSTACLE COURSE

30 Obstacles winding throughout Walkersville Community Park
Dunk Tank with local celebrities-Meet Local Community groups
To Volunteer or Register Visit :



National Capital Area Council
9190 Rockville Pike - Bethesda, MD
301-530-9360 | www.BeAScout.org

www.CubMudder.org

Pizza Hut®
Fundraiser Night

Come Help Raise Funds for
2017 Cub Mudder
By Participating with Pizza Hut® in a Pizza Hut®
Fundraiser Night!

When: Wednesday May 17th
Where: Walkersville Pizza Hut
24 E Frederick St. Walkersville
What time: 11am - 10pm
Phone: (301) 898-0711

Please order from Pizza Hut® on the date and time shown
above and our organization will receive 20%* of the sales
generated! Don't forget to detach the fundraiser ticket and
bring it with you to Pizza Hut®!

Fundraiser Ticket

20% of bearer's purchase will be donated to:
Troop 1070 - Cub Mudder

Please present to server or delivery driver

*excludes alcohol, tax, and delivery charges. Coupons/discounted pizzas not valid on fundraisers. If organization sales are below \$500, the organization will receive 10% of bearer's purchase

Eagle Scout Thank You

At our District Recognition Dinner an Eagle Scout received a scholarship. Part of the requirement associated with receiving the scholarship, was that the recipient would write a thank you note that would be published for the District.

Dear Mr. Golling,

Thank you for your faith in me! I greatly appreciate the scholarship towards my college education. I have not yet decided on a school I would like to attend; however, I have narrowed down my choices to either Boston University or King's College London to pursue a biomedical engineering degree.

Once an Eagle, always an Eagle,

Evan Dann

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

Eagle Project

Please Help With
Patrick Stalnaker's
Eagle Project

Work Days

Fabrication Day
May 27, 2017 9:00-5:00
3476 Pleasant Grove Drive Ijamsville Maryland 21754

Construction and Demolition Days
June 14 (9:00- Dark) and 17 (Rain Date), 2017
Friends Meeting School
3232 Green Valley Road, Ijamsville, MD 21754

Contact me at:
(301) 471-0596
PatrickS@StalnakerSolutions.com



Tonight Our
Portions Are Even
More Generous


Help Raise Funds for
Patrick Stalnaker's Eagle Project
Wednesday May 17, 2017

5-8 PM

Roy Rogers
1990 Riverside Way
Frederick, Maryland 21701

25% of proceeds to benefit
The Eagle Project and
Friends Meeting School

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



EAGLE SCOUT RANK APPLICATION, 2017 Edition

Submitted by Peter Bladen, District Advancement Chairman

BSA National has issued the 2017 edition of the Eagle Scout Rank Application and it can be found at the following link: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/advancement/eagle-scout-information/> along with other Eagle Scout Rank documentation.

The Eagle Scout Rank Application is updated annually so Scouts (and Scouters) need to make sure they are using the most current version. This form is completed when all requirements for the rank of Eagle (except the board of review) have been completed. The NCAC Eagle Scout Procedures Guide provides detailed instructions for completing the application, having it reviewed and initialed by the District Eagle Representative, and then sent to the council service center for verification. The 2016 edition may continue to be used by those Scouts that have started the application sign-off process.

Additional questions and comments should be addressed to Mr. Peter Bladen, FSK District Advancement Chair at p-bladen@comcast.net.

ATTN: Day Camp Coordinators



We received notice from Council for immediate release: **NCAC will be extending the \$190 Early Bird Deadline until May 21st at 11:59pm. YAY!**

Some may be wondering how will this affect the next rate increase...Council will be skipping the \$210 registration rate altogether and starting May 22 at 12:00am the price will increase to the originally scheduled rate of **\$230**.

We had an amazing response in registrations for our first deadline, which is a credit to all your hard work, **THANK YOU!** It's a pleasure working with such a dedicated group of Day Camp Coordinators this year! Year after year it's been proven Scouts who attend Camp stay engaged longer in the Scouting Program than those who don't.

Let's continue this registration momentum by promoting and urging for all remaining Cubs in our District not yet engaged to attend Day Camp!

NEW Council Incentive! NCAC is offering Cubmasters and Day Camp Coordinators who register at least 50% of their Pack for Day Camp the coveted "Pack Over Achiever" Patch, see below.

SNEAK PEAK! Check out this year's Day Camp shirt and patch for our youth attendees included below.

We are still looking for additional staff at both Day Camps! This is a great discount opportunity for families to send up to 2 children at only \$70 each (per camp week) whose parent/grandparent can serve full time as a staff member. Those interested in staffing must contact fskdaycamp@gmail.com to register.

Thank you again for all your hard work and continued dedication to promoting our District Day Camps within your Unit!

YIS,
Lauren Dutrow :)
Program Director, FSK District Cub Scout Day Camps





DAY CAMP STAFF NEEDED!!

JUNE 26TH-30TH POSITIONS STILL OPEN:

- (2) ARCHERY RANGE OFFICERS
- (2) ARCHERY RANGE JR STAFF*
- (2) BB GUN RANGE OFFICERS
- (2) BB GUN RANGE JR STAFF*
- (1) SLING SHOT RANGE OFFICER
- (2) SLING SHOT JR STAFF*
- (2) SPORTS Station Adult Staff
- (1) FISHING Station JR Staff
- (3) TOT LOT Staff
- (2) Quartermasters
- ☐ Camp HEALTH OFFICER

JULY 31ST-AUG 4TH POSITIONS STILL OPEN:

- (1) SLING SHOT RANGE OFFICER
- (2) SLING SHOT JR STAFF*
- (1) ARCHERY RANGE OFFICER
- (1) BB GUN RANGE JR STAFF*
- (4) SPORTS Station Staff
- (1) NATURE Station Staff
- (3) SCOUT SKILLS Station Staff
- (3) TOT LOT Staff
- (2) Quartermasters
- Camp HEALTH OFFICER

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

BOY/GIRL SCOUTS, VENTURES, SEA SCOUTS & EXPLORERS:

Build your resume while applying **40+ service hours** per camp week towards rank advancements, school/club requirements, or application processes such as National Honor Society or College. Our Directors are happy to serve as a professional reference.

PARENTS & ADULT SCOUTERS:

Council is offering adults ****up to 2 child registrations for only \$70 each**** for the week you will be serving as a full time staff member. That's 2 registrations for less than the price of 1. WOW! Siblings entering 1st through 6th grade can attend Day Camp this year!



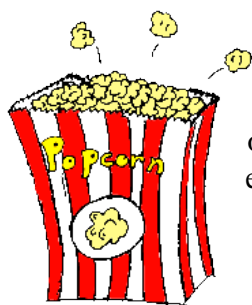
CONTACT: Program Director Lauren Dutrow at fskdaycamp@gmail.com for more details!

FACEBOOK EVENT PAGE FOR JUNE 26TH – 30TH CAMP:

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/EVENTS/406253179714467/

FACEBOOK EVENT PAGE FOR JULY 31ST – AUG 4TH CAMP: <http://www.facebook.com/events/207658963032891/>

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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

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

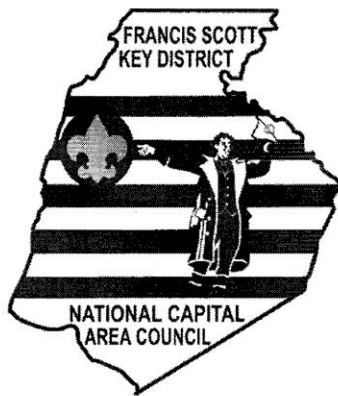
- Classes end
- Home for dinner!

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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SAVE THE DATE!

FSK 2017 Fall Camporee

October 13 – 15

Walkersville Watershed

- **NOVA MODULE: WHOOSH**
- **BADGES: ENGINEERING, INVENTING, MODEL BUILDING & DESIGN**

More info to come!

Please contact Don Yetter with questions:
717.433.8608 – OR – donald.yetter@gmail.com



Family Camp

Labor Day 2017



Come Join the Fun!
September 1st - September 4th 2017

Please visit NCACBSA.org/GoshenFC to register!

For more information about all the Goshen programs, go to:
www.GotoGoshen.org



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 to 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**

- 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.

NRA Courses submitted by Hal Noer

The NRA Basic Pistol Course is for those wishing a better understanding of pistol shooting and to develop pistol handling skills. NO online course is required for this certification and it DOES meet the MD HQL Training requirements. The NRA Basic Pistol Instructor Certification is for experienced pistol shooters who wish to become NRA Certified Instructors. In addition- the NRA Basic Pistol Instructor Certification is required to attend the June Personal Protection in the Home and Personal Protection Outside the Home INSTRUCTOR courses. Contact Hal Noer hnre@xecu.net with any Questions or to Register.

NRA Pistol Instructor Course: <http://www.ncacbsa.org/francis-scott-key/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2017/05/May-2017-NRA-Pist-Inst.pdf>

Basic Pistol and HQL Course: <http://www.ncacbsa.org/francis-scott-key/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2017/05/NRA-pistol-and-hql-5-13-2017.pdf>



***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