



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)

September

- 20 District Eagle Board 7-9pm, Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg. Rd nfeldser@comcast.net, amc21769@yahoo.com
- 21 District Inter-Troop Shooting Sports Tournament, contact shawnyoungberg@comcast.net
- 26 District Committee Mtg, 7:15pm, Trinity UM Church, 703 W. Patrick St. 21701, maliszewskyj@gmail.com
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- 12 Commissioner's Meeting, 7:15pm LDS Stake Ctr. 199 North Place, 21701, fskcommissioner@aol.com
- 13-15 STEM Fall Camporee, contact Donald.yetter@gmail.com
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- 30 Silver Beaver nominations due to jonathan.miller@scouting.org



From the Desk of the Commish:

By Bill Desmond, FSK District Commissioner



IMPORTANT NOTIVCE TO UNITS: 2017 - 2018 Unit Recharter

In the near future, each unit Key 3 leader of record will receive their unit's online recharter access code. We know that some Key 3 leaders have changed over the past year, so units are advised to check with past leadership or the Commissioners Corps, if access codes are not received by the first week in October. Our District on-line access opens on November 1. *Units are requested to turn in completed packages by December 16.* Several turn in days, in addition to the November and December Roundtables will be announced soon. The 2017 - 2018 Recharter Handbook will be posted on the District web page and is also available in electronic format from the District Commissioner --- it appears that there will not be a hard copy of the Handbook printed this year.

Recharter season is always very stressful. Advance planning and attention to detail will help minimize the stress and speed the completion and approval process.



The Francis Scott Key District would like to recognize our military active duty Scouters at the November Roundtable. Any registered Scouter currently on active duty in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or the Coast Guard will be recognized and presented a Certificate of Gratitude. Individuals or unit leaders are asked to provide the Scouter's full name, BSA unit affiliation, branch of service and a one line description of their military function to FSKCommissioner@aol.com using the word Military in the subject line.

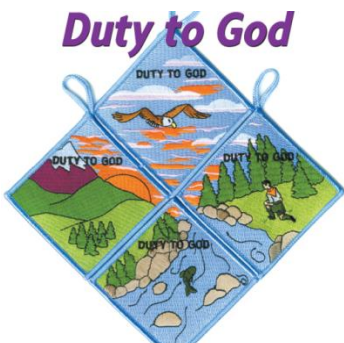


FSK District Radio Scouting - Camporee & JOTA

By Joe Durnal

The FSK District Fall STEM Camporee, October 13-15 will include an Amateur Radio component. I'm looking for a few other Amateur Radio Operators to assist in delivering a Radio Merit Badge class & radio demonstration. The following Saturday, October 21 is the Jamboree on the Air. All Scouts are invited to return to contact other Scouts.

As far as equipment goes: I should have no trouble getting HF on the air but I would like a DSTAR setup as well in case propagation isn't cooperating. I could also use a good surface for projecting slides for the merit badge class. Contact: Joseph M. Durnal - Joseph.Durnal@gmail.com. See camporee flyer on next page.



Calling all Chaplain Aides By Alan Ashley

Youth working on Religious Emblems, and other interested parties -- Fall Camporee Interfaith Worship Service

Anyone interested in helping to plan and carry out the Interfaith Worship Service on October 15 at the Fall Camporee should contact Alan Ashley at AlanAshley@cedarville.edu or 240-409-6610 (text or voice). Patches will be awarded for participating!



The 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

Intro to STEM Merit Badges & Awards

Engineering

Model Design & Building

Radio

Electricity

Archeology

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

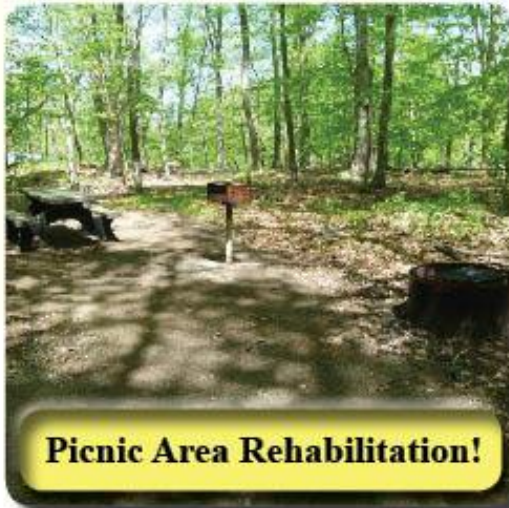
Catoctin Mountain Park

National Park Service
Department of the Interior



24th Annual National Public Lands Day Catoctin Forest Alliance Service Event

Saturday, September 30, 2017
8:30 AM - 1:00 PM



Picnic Area Rehabilitation!



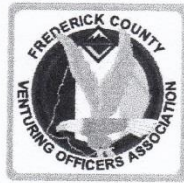
Forest Restoration!

Meeting Location: Camp Round Meadow
14840 Manahan Road, Sabillasville, MD 21780
To RSVP, please call (301) 663-9388



All training and equipment will be provided!
All volunteers will receive a **FREE** one-day pass
valid for all National Parks and federal lands!

FIND YOUR
PARK



All Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Crews, Ships and non-Scouts ages 13 - 20 are invited to join the Frederick County Venturing Association for

Venturing After Dark!

On SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2017

From 4:45pm- 11pm at Lawyer's Farm

(1300 Creagerstown Rd, Thurmont, MD 21788)

winterbrookfarmsmd.com

\$15 Early Bird admission price includes:

- ★ Pizza Dinner
- ★ Private bonfire
- ★ 8.2 Mile Moonlit Corn Maze

Register NOW!!

\$15 price only lasts until September 13th! After September 13th, admission goes up to \$20, and is \$25 at the door!!!

Bring cash with you for:

- ★ Hot apple cider & other homemade concessions
- ★ Pumpkin Cannons

Don't forget your flashlights, rain gear, & sturdy shoes!

Scouts are asked to dress in class B's, non-Scouts can dress in casual clothing. For all, layered and weather appropriate outdoor attire is suggested!

Email [**alexduanal@outlook.com**](mailto:alexduanal@outlook.com) for registration forms and with any questions!

THE NCAC CVOA & VENTURING CREW 27 PRESENT

SCOUT WARS 2017



"A LONG TIME AGO IN A SCOUT CAMP NOT SO FAR AWAY:
CAMP WILLIAM B. SNYDER
NOVEMBER 3-5, 2017
COST: \$25.00/PERSON"

FEATURING EVENTS & TRAINING SUCH AS:

DUTCH OVEN BAKE OFFS

SCAVENGER HUNTS

CAPTURE THE FLAG

STAR WARS TRIVIA

TUG-OF-WAR

TWO CRACKER BARRELS

WITH 'YODA' TEACHING:

INTRODUCTION TO LEADERSHIP SKILLS FOR CREWS

MENTORING

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

GOAL SETTING & TIME MANAGEMENT

Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/08217/VENTURINGCAMPOREE=3D20>

PARTICIPANTS PLAN AND BRING THEIR OWN MENUS & FOOD
WE ARE CAMPING IN TENTS SO BRING THEM WITH YOU!



Leave No Trace



Master Educator Course

October 20-22 & November 10-13, 2017

Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation

WHY ATTEND?

Learn in-depth about the seven principles of Leave No Trace through a field-based training experience, with a focus on bringing the message of Leave No Trace to others in Scouting.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Scouters age 18 or older who are interested in learning in-depth about the principles of Leave No Trace and their application, teaching them to others through Awareness courses, and running Leave No Trace Trainer courses in their Districts and Councils.

WHAT MASTER EDUCATORS DO:

- Conduct Leave No Trace Trainer courses and Leave No Trace and Outdoor Ethics Awareness workshops
- Lead discussions on Outdoor Ethics with local Troops, Packs, and Crews as they prepare for outings
- Train and mentor youth to serve as Outdoor Ethics Guides in their Troops
- Provide leadership on Outdoor Ethics matters to the District and Council, drawing upon a wealth of knowledge and personal experience

COURSE DETAILS:

Registration deadline: September 30
Cost: \$250 per participant
Attendance at **both** weekends is required

Pre-requisites:

- Completion of the LNT Trainer course, or equivalent prior experience
- A desire to teach LNT to others
- Preparation of a presentation on one of the LNT principles (will be assigned prior to arrival)

All participants will receive an email by October 4 with their teaching assignment, equipment list, and campsite location.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Chris Castillo
Course Director
christopher.w.castillo@gmail.com
(443) 756-9632

Don Callihan
Council Outdoor Ethics Advocate
don_ghan@hotmail.com
(410) 961-8132

Register online at www.baltimorebsa.org/lnt

Deadline to register is September 30, 2017.

FSK District Cub Scout Day Camp



We had an exciting week of Cub Scout Day Camp!
Your scout participated in many fun activities
including...Archery, BB's, Sling Shots, Swimming,
Scout Skills, Sports, Nature, and S.T.E.M.!

See you next year!

Contact Information:

Email: fskdaycamp@gmail.com

Camp Director: Dory LeCroy

Program Director: Lauren Dutrow

Join our camp Facebook page to
see all the fun from the week and
to post your pictures!



www.facebook.com/events/207658963032891/



Don't forget to take our online survey...

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K5B82X2>



2017 OFFERINGS

BACK COUNTRY OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS

DON'T BE THIS GUY



GET BCOLS TRAINED!

This course was developed by a group of Scouters in 1993; it has been continually updated to meet current techniques and technology. It is aimed at all adults working with older youth regardless of program (Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing, or Explorer). **This training IS NOT recommended for Cub Scout leaders.** All participants must have completed Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, as well as the position-specific training for their program area (Venturing or, Varsity or, Boy Scout) prior to attending this course and be able to meet current physical requirements of the BSA Annual Health & Medical Record.

The target audience is leaders planning High Adventure treks at backcountry venues not supported by BSA infrastructure; however, units planning to attend High Adventure bases supported by BSA will find this course useful, inasmuch as unit shakedown will, most likely, take place in venues not supported by BSA infrastructure. **If you are participating in an NCAC-sponsored High Adventure Trek, you must also take the course offered by the NCAC High Adventure Committee.**

Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills is offered by the Council Training Committee as an optional follow-on to the basic course, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills. Its goal is to provide adult leaders with an overview of such topics as:

• Working With Older Youth • Leadership Skills • Team Development • Leave No Trace • Water Treatment •
• Stove Maintenance • Risk Management • Equipment Maintenance • Crew Equipment Needs & Selection •
• Personal Equipment Needs & Selection • Terrain Awareness & Land Navigation • Menu Planning & Clean-up •
• Hygiene & Health • Resources • On The Trail Tips • Wilderness First Aid Overview •

Part 1 — Addresses ways to effectively work with older youth and covers the detailed preparation and planning that must be done before you go out, including risk management. Summarizes the personal and crew equipment used for lightweight camping. Plans are also made for the weekend overnight session. (Part 1 is the EXPLAIN & DEMONSTRATE part of EDGE.)

Part 2 — Participants will practice core leader skills for the outdoor program — Leave No Trace, navigation (map & compass plus GPS), terrain awareness, expedition menu planning and food preparation, stove and stove maintenance, wilderness first aid issues, expedition health and hygiene, team building. (Part 2 is the GUIDE part of EDGE.)

Part 3 — While not required, we strongly *suggest participation* in the Hike-o-ree which will allow BCOLS trained leaders to apply the BCOLS training with their youth at a real-world event. (Part 3 is the ENABLE part of EDGE.)

The 2017 Hike-o-ree is scheduled for October 28-30 at the 4-H Center in Front Royal, Virginia.

FALL 2017 -- VIRGINIA
Classroom: Sat. 9/23 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at Heritage Presbyterian Church 8503 Fort Hunt Road Alexandria, VA 22308 Overnite: Sat. 10/21, 7:30 AM thru Sun. 10/22, 1:30 PM Camp William B Snyder 6100 Antioch Road Haymarket, VA

Register via the NCAC web-site — BCOLS can be found on the Training menu

Class size limited to 48. Fee is \$45.00

FOR INFORMATION: Dominick Caridi: DscScouting@aol.com / 703-625-4196

Firearms Training by Hal Noer

Please pass on to anyone you know who would be interested in:
Firearms Training or Increased Legal Knowledge

Sept 23	NRA Shotgun Instructor (One Day)
Sept 30	NRA Basic Pistol & HQL (One Day)

Details on www.sfstraining.com

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

For details, please contact Hal Noer: hnre@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



International Scouting News submitted by Shawn Younberg

Click [HERE](#) for the September issue of *International Scouting News*.

Mercedes Matlock Earns Quartermaster Award

Mercedes Matlock of Sea Scout Ship 59 has been very busy this year. In the spring she was named the National Boatswain and represents Sea Scouts across the US for 2017-2018. Last month Mercedes earned the Quartermaster Award, the highest award in Venturing. To see the article and photos that appeared in the Frederick News Post, click on the link below.

https://www.fredericknewspost.com/news/social_issues/frederick-sea-scout-with-national-title-earns-highest-rank/article_a9dbd062-451e-5f12-8455-72e670c2b155.html

Congratulations, Mercedes.

District Award of Merit

The District Award of Merit is the highest award that Council can give for service to Scouting at the District level. If you know of Scouters who are deserving of this award, you can download the nomination form by clicking [HERE](#). The nomination forms need to be submitted to Shawn Youngberg shawnyoungberg@comcast.net or Rich Golling r_golling@yahoo.com by **December 20th**.

Silver Beaver

The Silver Beaver Award is the highest award that Council can give for service to Unit, District and Council. You can download the nomination form by clicking [HERE](#). Nominations are due by **November 30** and should be turned in to Jon Miller, District Executive jonathan.miller@scouting.org.

Sympathy

Jim Lucas' daughter, Mary Elizabeth "Beth" Lucas Spitz, died Monday September 11 at the age of 54. Please keep the Lucas family in your thoughts and prayers. If you would like to send a condolence or make a contribution toward the funeral expenses, you can address your correspondence to: Jim, Brenda & Chris Lucas, 4547 Timbery Dr., PO Box 365, Jefferson, MD 21755.

Outdoor Ethics Guide submitted by Bill Nay

The Outdoor Ethics Guide Handbook has been released and is available by clicking on the link below.

The Handbook is available here:

<http://www.scouting.org/Home/OutdoorEthicsGuide.aspx>

SUPER DERBY 2018!!! By Melissa Udbinac

FSK District is looking to recruit a new admin/registrar (read most of work done from home) for the Super Derby in March 2018 for the FSK South Derby.

You will be working with Scott Crutchley who runs and manages the actual event on race day for FSK South and Joe Scalise for FSK North. We are beginning a dialogue of how to merge the old AT/CM rules into one set for the new FSK District. All letters, forms, back dater calendars, etc. are already crafted. Just need someone to move into the position. **Please contact Melissa Udbinac (mludbinac@msn.com) after Labor Day if you are interested.**

American Legion Eagle Scout Scholarship

By Jim Sundergill



Each year the Department of Maryland for the American Legion presents their Eagle Scout of the Year award. The recipient of this award receives a \$500 scholarship from the Legion. The recipient is then automatically entered into the National American Legion competition and the winner at the National level receives a \$10,000 scholarship. Three runners up receive \$2,500 scholarships.

To be eligible the nominee must:

- Be a registered, active member of a Boy Scout Troop, Varsity Scout Team or Venturing Crew chartered to an American Legion Post, American Legion Auxiliary unit or Sons of The American Legion,

OR

- Be a registered, active member of a chartered Boy Scout Troop, Varsity Scout Team or Venturing Crew and the son or grandson of a Legionnaire, Sons of The American Legion or Auxiliary member.

AND

- Received the Eagle Scout Award.
- Be an active member of his religious institution and must have received the appropriate Boy Scout religious emblem.
- Have demonstrated practical citizenship in church, school, Scouting and community.
- Have reached his 15th birthday and be enrolled in high school at the time of selection.
- Reside in the Department (State) to which he applies.

Note: Eagle Scouts still in high school who reached their 18th birthday during the nomination year remain eligible if otherwise qualified.

The application forms and necessary supporting documentation are due to the Department by March 1, 2018.

The link for the 2018 application is: www.legion.org/publications/223495/eagle-scout-year-nomination-form .

It's not too early to start working on the application now. Don't wait till February or there may not be enough time to prepare a great application package. If there are any questions send them to jimsundergill@comcast.net.

Bill Desmond Receives Boy Scout's Distinguished Eagle Scout Award

Photo and article by Jim Sundergill



George Delaplaine presents the Distinguished Eagle award to Bill Desmond while Bill's daughter Julie Ann looks on.

The Distinguished Eagle Award, the Boy Scouts of America's highest honor for adults who earned their Eagle badge as a youth, was presented Wednesday night, September 12, to William J. "Bill" Desmond. 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. Only about four in every one hundred Scout youth earn the Eagle award and only about one in one thousand Eagles are honored with the Distinguished Eagle award. This is only the third such award that has been earned in Frederick County. The first was to George B. Delaplaine, Jr. twenty years ago; the second was presented to the late Joe Davis about ten year ago.

Mr. Delaplaine presented the award to Mr. Desmond at the Walkersville watershed during the Boy Scouts' monthly Roundtable. Mr. Desmond's daughter Julie Ann, National Capital Area Council Scout Executive Les Baron, Deputy Scout Executive Jeff Berger, Francis Scott Key District Chairman Nick Maliszewskyj and Gathering of Eagles Coordinator Fred Broadrup assisted with the presentation. There were also approximately 125 adult Scouters on hand to congratulate Bill on his well-earned award.

According to the National Eagle Scout Association, the "Distinguished Eagle Scout Award was established in 1969 to acknowledge Eagle Scouts who have received extraordinary national-level recognition, fame, or eminence within their field, and have a strong record of voluntary service to their community." Bill's career certainly met that criteria. He 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.

As far as voluntary service, 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 Catoclin 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 has indeed proven himself to be a Distinguished Eagle Scout. Now the whole Scouting community knows that as well.

22nd Annual George Delaplaine Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner

Photos by Tom Lesser



Dr. White receives the Scouting campaign hat and a Maryland scarf from George Delaplaine.

The George Delaplaine Distinguished Citizen Award is presented annually to an outstanding Frederick County citizen who has lived up to the ideals of the Scouting Oath and Law. This year's honoree was Olivia G. White Ph. D. She is the VP for Student Life and Dean of Students at Hood College. Dr. White has over 40 years of experience in higher education administration, including 25 years at Hood College. Dr. White and many of the people who spoke at the awards dinner had strong ties to Scouting.

As a child, Dr. White was taught the importance of community service and respect for others. When she and her family moved to Frederick, one of the first things they did was seek out a Cub Pack for their son because the principles of Scouting were aligned with the beliefs of their family.

Event Chairman, Ted Luck, said that he had been in Scouts and that his father was a Scout leader with the Silver Beaver Award.

Andrea Chapdelaine Ph.D, President, Hood College welcomed everyone and noted that her son is nearing the completion of his Eagle requirements.



Andrea Chapdelaine Ph.D.



Andy Nichols

Andy Nichols, adjunct instructor at Hood College, Founder, owner and director of programs for Teamlink/Shenandoah Mountain Guides and an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 1070, spoke in detail about the experience of caving in a deep dark cave. He said that people like Dr. White are the light that guides people out of the darkness and into a safe place.

Cub Scout Pack 796 set up a Pinewood Derby track and did racing demonstrations for the guests. Boy Scout Troop 1812 provided the color guard.



Cub Scout and Bill Desmond show Dr. White how to race a car.



Event Chairman, Ted Luck asked Dr. White and all the former George Delaplaine Distinguished Citizen Honorees who were present to take the stage for Dr. White's presentation.

Left to right: Ted Luck, Dr. Olivia White, George Delaplaine, Dewalt "De" Willard, Dr. Ronald Volpe and Dr. George Lewis.

Les Baron, NCAC Scout Executive, Ron Layman, Assistant FSK District Chairman and Jeff Berger, NCAC Deputy Scout Executive were on hand to honor Dr. White.



Scouts and Scouters from Troop 470

Troop 470 Scouts and leaders set up a model campsite for the guests to view.

Charlie Giglio of Troop 796 and Julia Giglio of Crew 796 gave exceptionally well received presentations during the program on the topic "What Scouting Means to Me."

It was a wonderful evening to honor an outstanding Frederick County citizen and also an opportunity for the Scouts to show all in attendance what Scouting is about.