



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) February

- 19 Inter-Troop Sports, Table Tennis, contact shawnyoungberg@comcast.net
- 21 District Eagle Board 7-9pm, Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg.Rd nfeldser@comcast.net, amc21769@yahoo.com
- 24 University of Scouting, https://www.ncacbsa.org/training/university-of-scouting/
- 27 District Committee Mtg, 7:15pm, Trinity UM Church, 703 W. Patrick St. 21701, maliszewskyj@gmail.com
- 28 District Eagle Board 7-9pm, Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg.Rd <u>nfeldser@comcast.net</u>, <u>amc21769@yahoo.com</u>

March

- First Aid Meet, contact lewcar@comcast.net. Deadline to register 2-24-18
- 3-4 Camp Airy Interviews, contact diane@networkedweekend.com
- 5 District Eagle Board 7-9pm, Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg.Rd nfeldser@comcast.net, amc21769@yahoo.com
- 10 Commissioner's College, www.ncacbsa.org/commissioners/commissioner-training/commissioner-college-3/
- 10 Super Derby, 2018 FSK SuperDerby Rules v1.0.
- 12 District Eagle Board 7-9pm, Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg.Rd nfeldser@comcast.net, amc21769@yahoo.com
- Roundtable (Boy Scout/Cub Scout/OA/FCVOA Huddle 7:15pm Frederick Church of the Brethren 201 Fairview Ave, Frederick 21701, fskcommissioner@aol.com
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April

- 2 District Eagle Board 7-9pm, Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg.Rd nfeldser@comcast.net, amc21769@yahoo.com
- Work Day at the Watershed, contact layman274@gmail.com
- 8 Day Camp Open House at the Watershed, contact Lauren Dutrow fskdaycamp@gmail.com
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- 27-28 OA Ordeal
- 28 JSN Children's Festival

From the Desk of the Commish:

We had tremendous individual attendance at February Roundtable.
However, only 57% of our units were represented. We want to make Roundtable informative and fun for everyone, not just unit leaders.
Please invite a friend and if you have suggestions on how we can improve



the presentation, let us know.

A significant number of recognitions were announced at the District Banquet on Saturday. The Commissioners Corps is responsible for the Unit of the Year Awards. The winners were:

Dannie & Lillie Stansbury Pack of the Year -- Pack 270 Richard U. Comstock Troop of the Year -- Troop 1023 Joe Davis Crew of the Year -- Crew 270 Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley Ship of the Year -- Ship 37

Congratulations to these units and the others in the completion, which were named "Commissioner Outstanding Unit" winners.

We haven't talked much about Family Scouting lately, although I have heard that several FSK Packs are interested in joining the "soft launch." A ton of information on Family Scouting can be found at www.scouting.org/familyscouting. Questions may be directed to the District Key 3.

There is a **lot** going on in the District and around the Council this spring, not the least of which is the University of Scouting on February 24. Details can be found in the weekly *Keynote* and the monthly *Banner* or by contacting your Unit Commissioner or me.

I continue to have a number of Unit Commissioner vacancies. Contact me for a position description and the commitment involved.

Yours in Commissioner Service, **BUL Desmond**District Commissioner



FSK District Super Derby 2018

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2017 Walkersville Fireman's Hall 79 W. Frederick St, Walkersville, MD 21793 Registration Deadline: March 1st



Schedule, registration link, and details in flyer. 2018 FSK SuperDerby Rules v1.0

Points of Contact:

Race: Joe Scalise – $\frac{\text{derby@pack1070.org}}{\text{derby@pack1070.org}}$ or Scott Crutchley – $\frac{\text{s.crutchley73@comcast.net}}{\text{Registration: Melissa Udbinac}}$ or Joe Scalise – $\frac{\text{derby@pack1070.org}}{\text{derby@pack1070.org}}$

FRANCIS SCOTT KEY DISTRICT





EIGHTH

First Aid Meet

Saturday

March 3



Calvary Assembly of God

8234 Woodsboro Pike

Walkersville, MD

SCOUTERS START GETTING YOUR TROOP PREPARED NOW

REGISTRATION to START December 2017

Applications & Rules will be available Online & at December Roundtable

Don't Delay – Limited to 24 Patrol Slots

For First Aid Meet Instruction, click **HERE**.

For First Aid Meet Registration information, click **HERE**.

For copies of old First Aid Meet questions to study, go to: https://www.ncacbsa.org/francis-scott-key/forms-and-documents/#FAMDocs



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



Presents



The 4th Annual Inter-Troop DODGEBALL Tournament

When:

Tuesday April 10, 2018

08:30am check-in; 09:00am Tournament

Estimated finish at 3:00pm

Where:

LDS Stake Center

199 North Place

Frederick, Maryland 21701

Why:

To have a ton of FUN!!!!!

Cost:

\$1 to play in Tournament

Bring an additional \$5 and enjoy a tournament

provided pizza and Gatorade lunch

Details: *

Two (2) Courts; four teams play concurrent

DOUBLE elimination format

* Two Age group brackets:

10-13 and 14-17

* Teams of five (5), i.e. 10 scouts equals two teams

* Substitutions acceptable

* Register team(s) (five (5) players ea.) & Team Name(s)

* Troops to provide adult support for tournament

* Gatorade® available for sale at Tournament

* Your choice to bring water bottle, lunch and/or snacks

PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED: No Later Than 4/02/18

For Questions, Registration and Information please contact:

Mr. Shawn Youngberg

Tel.: 240-344-7733 or Email: shawnyoungberg@comcast.net

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Firearms Training by Hal Noer

SFS Firearms Training is offering NRA Rifle, Pistol, and Shotgun Instructor courses in February and March. In addition, an NRA Range Safety Officer Course will be offered. These courses meet BSA guidelines for Qualified Supervision whenever Scouts handle firearms or BB guns. There is a VERY SIGNIFICANT discount for active BSA Leaders. Contact Hal Noer for further details at http://www.sfstraining.com

Baptist Scouting; Reaching, Teaching, & Ministering to Children, Youth, & Families Submitted by Alan Ashley

July 15-21, 2018 - Philmont Training Center

Offered by the Association of Baptists for Scouting, the course covers:

- How a Scouting Ministry can be a fulfillment of the Great Commission
- Why the religious emblems program is effective education and outreach
- How Baptist youth and adults compose an even higher percentage of participation in the 2017 National Scout Jamboree than in previous years
- How to start and strengthen Baptist Scouting Ministries
- How Scouting can contribute to church growth
- How Scouting reaches individuals and entire families for Christ
- How to maintain Baptist thought and conviction in the world of Scouting
- How Baptist churches actually own their units and are responsible for leadership and membership in keeping with their biblical convictions
- How to qualify for the Baptist Unit Award of Excellence
- And More!

For more information regarding this course and the amenities available to any family members that may accompany you, visit the Philmont Training Center website. For information about Baptist scholarships or about carpooling from the airport to Philmont, please contact Alan Ashley at <u>AlanAshley@cedarville.edu</u> or <u>240-409-6610</u>. Bring Your Entire Family for a Week You Will Long Remember in the "Land of Enchantment" New Mexico! http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/PTC/~/link.aspx? id=4FECC2346072432CA33B99C9A57797A5& z=z

Spring Camporee

Mountain Man Experience April 20-22, 2018

Registered Webelos, Boy Scouts, Venturers and adult leaders are invited to attend. Webelos Dens may attend on Saturday only and must be sponsored by a Troop at the Camporee. All units MUST have a minimum of two unit leaders at the camporee.



It will be a fun and challenging weekend for both Boy Scouts and Venturers to participate in the Super Patrol Challenge to win a trophy for the Troop! The challenges consist of but are not limited to .22 rifle shooting (1), cowboy action rifle and pistol demos, high powered rifle and pistol shooting (1,2,3), black-powder rifle demo, field archery, blacksmithing demo, fishing demo, fly-tying and casting contest, mountain man cooking demo and hands-on cooking station, Campsite contests include; best patrol flag (BIG points), knots and lashing contests, Dutch oven desert contest, hunting dog demo, and don't forget the Order of the Arrow campfire and call out. Come and join us for this fun and exciting weekend!

For full details, get the SPL and SM packet by clicking on the link below. http://www.ncacbsa.org/francis-scott-key/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2017/12/2018 SPRING LEADER PACKET.pdf



International Scouting News submitted by ShawnYounberg

Click **HERE** for the February issue of *International Scoutng News*.

Please Notice This



Notes from Here and There.....About This and That

- Please bring 2 non-perishable canned goods to the Roundtable each month. The Church of the Brethren does not charge us to use their facility for Roundtable. They just ask that each month we help to resupply their food pantry.
- Powderhorn Training August 21-26 and September 14-16, 2018
- OA will be hosting Webelos Woods in September 2018
- Bike Rodeo will be hosted by Pack 271, probably the first Saturday in June 2018.
- Scouter Breakfast March 24 beginning at 8am at Mountain Gate Restaurant, contact <u>layman274@gmail.com</u>
- New YPT training is now available that includes emphasis on bullying awareness and girls in Scouting.

CITIZENSHIP MERIT BADGE DAY

Saturday May 19, 2018

Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints

1811 Latham Drive, Frederick MD

Starting time 7:30 AM







Registration Details:

- **REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO 30 SCOUTS PER SESSION**. This will be strictly enforced.
- EACH UNIT SHOULD ASSIGN A SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT. Only one person from the unit will be recognized as the official point of contact.
- REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED BY E-MAIL ONLY.
- The registration **DEADLINE** is **APRIL 30, 2018**.

For registration and complete information: 2018 Citizenship Merit Badge Day Flyer

Black Lights ~ Lasers ~ Music ~ LED Lights Show



Glow Zone Party!

Join us for 3 1/2 hours of Open Jump to Party Music at the

Sky Zone Trampoline Park

Under Black Lights and Lasers!!

Open only to participants 13 and over

When: Friday, May 11th, 2018

8 pm to 11 pm

Where: Sky Zone Trampoline Park

15813 Gaither Drive Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Price: \$28 per person (Covers Admission and Sky Socks)

REQUIRED: Online Waiver (no paper copy)

Found at http://www.skyzone.com/gaithersburg under "OnlineWaiver" or select drop down bar in corner of screen

Reminders: NO outside food allowed!

EMPTY water bottles ARE allowed ~ Refillable inside the Park Wear athletic, glow-in-the-dark clothing ~ Bring extra cash for snacks

Adults ~ If you don't want to jump, you don't have to pay!

Send Completed Registration Forms To:

Julia Giglio 2217 Dixon Road Frederick MD, 21704

Questions? Contact Julia Giglio at fcvoaglowzone@yahoo.com

Registration DUE by April 30th, 2018: Late Registration ~ \$30

See You There!

For registration form, click <u>HERE</u>.



Francis Scott Key (FSK) District...

FORESTRY MERIT BADGE DAY

When: Saturday -May 12, 2018, 8:30AM TIL 3:30PM (Or Flag Closing Ceremony)

Where: Walkersville WatershedTake Rt. 26 Liberty Road to Chestnut Grove Road. Nearest landmark is the Chapel Evangelical Lutheran Church, 11109 Daysville Road, Frederick, MD 21701. The Watershed is on Chestnut Grove Road, but is practically in the back yard (graveyard actually) of the church. If you locate the church on Daysville and then turn onto Chestnut Grove Road you are practically there. The first left you can make off Chestnut Grove Road at Gate #1 will get you into the Watershed.

Registration Deadline: April 28, 2018 (First 100 Scouts registered)

The Frederick County Forestry Board developed a Forestry Merit Badge Day for area Scouts. The Merit Badge Day helps Scouts complete their Forestry Merit Badge in ONE day, while taking advantage of the unique insight and understanding of Forestry Board experts who manage Frederick County's urban and rural forest resources.

The Merit Badge Day is broken into 5 Stations to cover the Forestry Merit Badge Requirements:

- Station #1: Tree Identification (id local tree, shrub, & vine species)
- Station #2: Wood Station (growth patterns, tree damage, and wood species)
- Station #3: Ecology (conservation, habitat, economy)
- Station #4: Watershed Management
- Station #5: Forester Station (w. Maryland State Forester leading discussion)
- ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED--PREREQUISITE INFORMATION WILL BE SENT ONLY TO REGISTERED SCOUTS

What Scouts should bring:

- 1- Forestry Merit Badge Workbook (print from MeritBadge.org)
- 2- Water & Lunch!!
- 3- Sunscreen
- 4- Hat
- 5- Unit Class B uniform
- 6-Pen or pencil
- 7- Forestry MB prerequisites

REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 100 SCOUTS



Camp Airy submitted by Diane Henson

WE HOPE YOU'LL PUT US ON YOUR CAMPING CALENDAR FOR 2018!

CAMP AIRY 2018 - We're getting ready for another great week camping in the Catoctin Mountains at Camp Airy with all our FSK friends. Are you? When: Camper Dates - Mon 8/13 - Sat 8/18

Staff Dates - Mon 8/13 - Sun 8/19



CHECK OUT OUR UPDATED WEBSITE – AIRYBSA.ORG - FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION AND FORMS AND TO LIKE US ON FACEBOOK CAMP AIRY 2018 - CAMP DATES AND STAFF INTERVIEWS

CAMP AIRY 2018 STAFF EVENT DATES

(The following will be of interest to individuals who want to consider joining the exceptional staff for Camp Airy 2018. If you'll be at least 14 by camp, check us out.)

STAFF INTERVIEWS -

Staff interviews are only 3 weeks away. Do you know any Scouts age 14 by camp that would enjoy and benefit from the experience of being on Camp Airy Staff? Complete the **Junior staff application** form and get a Scoutmaster reference before interviews.

NOTE DIFFERENT LOCATION EACH DAY GET STARTED COMPLETING YOUR STAFF APPLICATION FORM NOW!!

When: Saturday, 3/3/18 9:00am-noon

Where: Cavalry Assembly of God Church, 8234 Woodsboro Pike, Walkersville, MD

(This is the same location as the FSK First Aid Meet that night)

Sunday, 3/4/18 1:00pm-4:00pm

Where: Frederick County Public Safety Training Facility

5370 Public Safety Place

For GPS, enter: 8349 Reichs Ford Road Frederick, MD 21701

(Here are written directions https://frederickcountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/279111)

Required: Complete <u>Junior staff application</u> (including Scoutmaster recommendation) and mail it to Diane Henson. Indicate your preferred session day, but you can attend either date. Come to interviews in full class A BSA uniform. Must be 14 years old by camp.

ADULT STAFF OPENINGS – We are looking for additional adult staff members to support our Scout campers for the week. Some positions are non-teaching roles. See the flyer "Airy Kitchen Staff Needed" from our Food Service Director, as an example. If interested, please complete the Adult Staff Application Form at www.airybsa.org and/or contact Kurt or Nick.

CAMP DIRECTOR 2018 – Kurt Yankaskas MrNoise1@aol.com

PROGRAM DIRECTOR 2018 - Nick Maliszewskyj <u>mbdoctor@comcast.net</u>

STAFF TRAINING – ALL STAFF

When: Sat June 9 AND Sun June 10 (both days)

Klondike Derby After Report Submitted by Jeremy Leftwich

It's no secret that Scouts are a resilient bunch. While many people tend to go into hibernation over the winter months, Scouts never miss an opportunity to hone their outdoor skills. Such was the case at Troop 628's Fifth annual Klondike Derby over the weekend of January 19-21 at the Walkersville Watershed. While it was more of a "mud-dike" as there was no snow again this year, Scouts had a little trouble keeping clean, but nonetheless they maintained a Cheerful attitude.

Keeping the event fun and safe remains the focus. Two nurses (Dee Dee Repass, and Melissa Wyatt) volunteered their time to ensure Scouts were taken care of. At the end of the day, only a few minor scrapes occurred.

Three new stations were added this year including bowling, and a snowball toss (the "snowballs" were actually foam balls), in addition to the traditional Scout skills of knot-tying, lashings, archery, building a fire and consuming mass quantities of funnel cake (aka "Tundra Cakes") courtesy of the New Market Lions Club. Nearly 40 teams comprising over 240 Scouts competed in 18 events. Most of the Troops and one Crew camped out the entire weekend. Webelos from eight Cub Scout Packs joined in the fun for the day on Saturday. While winning top spot is nice, "it's about knowing that you had the opportunity to get outdoors and try things you've never done before, and feel a sense of pride with your fellow Scouts," said Klondike Coordinator Joey Romagnoli.

The news media were there to cover the event. View the Frederick News-Post article <u>here</u>, and check out the TV coverage <u>here</u>.

Troop 628 cannot hold a successful event without the tremendous support from local Scoutmasters and leaders to help run the stations and pitch in with logistics and preparations. Many thanks to members of the FSK District committee for working with us: Linda Sundergill and Greg Williams for getting the word out. Ron Layman for participating and working through the event along with prep and facilities. Bill Desmond for Roundtable news blurbs. John Huggins for coordinating a health and safety plan, team packet list, and updates with inclement weather alerts. Thank you, all your efforts are much appreciated. Troop 628 takes great pride in hosting the Klondike Derby event for our local area Scouts.

Any questions please feel free to contact RJ Grenier: grenierscout@gmail.com.

VFW Scout of the Year

Through VFW Post 3285 Scout of the Year program members of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts who display outstanding citizenship, patriotism and love of country have the opportunity to be rewarded with college scholarships of up to \$5000. For full details, click on the link below.

http://files.constantcontact.com/0778a6dc201/a63cbf8d-d9ce-4b30-b85f-9a51d1f93c11.pdf?ver=1513194076000.



Gathering of Eagles submitted by Fred Broadrup

The 2018 Gathering of Eagles will take place on Thursday June 7th at Dutch's Daughter. Invitations to follow. Contact fbroadrup@comcast.net

Top Popcorn Selling Scouts & Units for 2017

Our District had a successful and fun popcorn selling season! Our Scouts sold \$224,576.00! We want to Thank Everyone from our Scouts, our Popcorn Kernels, as well as our Scout families that encouraged and supported our Scouts.

Please join me in congratulating these Scouts! They all earned *FREE Summer Camp* as well as earning contributions toward their *Trails-End College Scholarships*!

Our Top Selling Scouts

Wyatt S.	Troop 796	\$12,568.00
Parker S.	Pack 628	\$ 5,508.00
Zachary B.	Pack 369	\$ 4,165.00
Jacob Y.	Crew 796	\$ 3,569.00
Zain N.	Pack 796	\$ 3,505.00
Peyton M.	Troop 273	\$ 3,361.00
Ryan F.	Troop 1011	\$ 3,133.00
Cory M.	Pack 278	\$ 3,015.00

Our Top Selling Units in the FSK District for 2017

Pack 278 \$26,520.00
Pack 796 \$22,942.00
Pack 369 \$20,879.00
Troop 796 \$17,831.00
Pack 628 \$14,437.00



Thank you for Your Support! Pop On!

2018 FSK District Cub Scout Day Camps

Day Camp Coordinator Training

February 27, 2018 - 7:00pm - Trinity United Methodist Church, 703 W. Patrick Street, Frederick, MD 21701

ALL Pack Coordinator's should plan be in attendance or Pack Leader if one is not selected yet.

Join us as we discuss:

- The Pack Coordinator's role
- How to register your Pack for one or both camps!
- What registration changes have been made for the 2018 camp season by Council.
- View the NEW registration packets and receive your coordinator guide!
- Review campership and early bird discount submission deadlines.
- How attending families can send up to 2 children for less than a third of the cost of one!
- How our Directors can help promote Day Camp to your Pack families!

Contact our Program Director Lauren Dutrow **TODAY** to set up your Pack's February or March Day Camp promo visit before the first registration deadline in April at fskdaycamp@gmail.com.

See Unit Leader Guide for details.

If you are no longer a contact for your unit please respond with your unit's updated contact including: name, email address & phone number. Thank You!

Facebook Event Page for June 25th - 29th Camp: https://www.facebook.com/events/950336765128913/

Facebook Event Page for July 30th - Aug 3rd Camp: https://www.facebook.com/events/456952328052570/

Yours in Scouting,

Dory LeCroy

Camp Director, FSK District Cub Scout Day Camps

Lauren Dutrow:)

Program Director, FSK District Cub Scout Day Camps

FSK District Facebook Group Page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1693754530895971/

2018-Pack-Day-Camp-Coordiator-Identification-Posting-2.pdf

2018-FSK-District-STAFF-NEEDED-for-DAY-CAMP-posting-1.pdf



SCOUT DAY

Saturday April 7th, 2018

10:00 am - 5:00 pm



Join us on the farm and spend the day Scouting!



½ Price Admission!

\$7 Scouts & Families (Scouts must be in uniform) \$14 Regular Admission

To book your unit, contact: ashlee.gmf@gmail.com or call 301-865-9203

www.greenmeadowsevents.com

New Fun Activity for Scouts! Submitted by Rick Millward

There is a new and fun activity in town, and it supports a worthwhile charity. The proceeds go towards assisting those with autism. It's called Spinners, and it is a pinball (and other games) arcade. It's located at 919 N. East Street and, right now, they have about 20 working machines, with more being refurbished regularly. It is open Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00 to 8:00. The center operates with the goal of introducing kids to the mechanics and the art that goes into creating the machines.

For a donation, you can play the machines for as long as you want. Individually, there is a \$10 donation requested. For families, a donation of \$25 is suggested. For other larger groups, arrangements can be made with the founder and Executive Director, Joe Said. He can be reached at joe@pinball4kids.org or 765-490-1308. He is also looking for volunteers with electrical and mechanical skills to help with refurbishing many machines they have in progress. With the proper arrangements, you may be able to learn more about how the machines work, learn about electricity, and possibly work with them for 8 hours helping them in various ways in order to earn some requirements for Citizenship in the Community merit badge. You can even build your own cardboard pinball machine! So go have some fun as a unit activity, learn more about autism, and help however you can. Contact Joe to set up a visit, or just show up, say hi, and have fun!

Take Them a Meal for Shrader Family Submitted by Julie Johnson

The Schrader Family could use some community support while the husband recovers from a tricky knee surgery. The road to recovery will be a long one. The Schraders are a Scouting family from Myersville. If you would like to help them out with a meal, use the link below to sign up. https://takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=FEHW0970

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) Submitted by Eric Grissen



Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) is a fun, interactive training course. Meet other Scouters from the FSK District. Over the weekend you and your patrol members will learn many of the skills that the Scouts learn in the Tenderfoot to First Class ranks.

Course dates: May 18 – 20, 2018 Location: Walkersville Watershed More details coming in March.

Contact Eric Grissen @ iols@troop268.org

ARROW OF LIGHT ADVANCEMENT By Peter Bladen

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

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

Bridging will be happening VERY SOON do not let your boys down by your inaction.

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

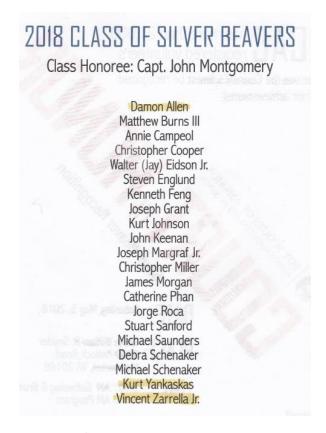
SCOUTMASTERS confirm with the bridging Scout's Pack that his AOL advancement has been updated in Internet Advancement (or Scoutbook) before he registers with your Troop.

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

FSK Silver Beaver Awardees

Our District is very proud to announce that three of our Scouters will receive the highest award that Council can give to a Scouter. The Court of Honor will be held on May 5th and the awardees are: Damon Allen, Kurt Yankaskas and Vincent Zarrella, Jr. Congratulations to three great Scouters on receiving this prestigious award.



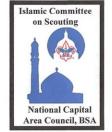




National Capital Area Council, BSA
Jewish Committee on Scouting
Islamic Committee on Scouting

Pinewood Derby

Sunday, March 4, 2018
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
The Islamic Center of Northern Virginia
4420 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax, VA 22030



The NCAC Jewish Committee on Scouting and the NCAC Islamic Committee on Scouting will hold a traditional Cub Scout Pinewood Derby. Our two committees have partnered in running this special Pinewood Derby event for several years. Scouts of ALL FAITHS are welcome.

At the event, Cub Scouts and AOL scouts with their parents will check in upon arrival to have their Pinewood Derby cars to have them weighed and to be assigned to a race. Cub Scouts and AOL scouts may come individually or as a Den or a Pack, but each Cub Scout must register in advance. Payment for a group may be made as long as the individuals in the group are listed

Register by sending an email message to Philip Sternberg, <phil.sternberg@gmail.com>, with the following information:

- Scout's name and Parent's Name and email address, Phone Number (home and cell)
- Pack Number, Den Number/Name, and District, Indicate if the scout is a Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, or AOL
 - Den or Pack Leader Point of Contact information: Name, Position, email and phone

The cost of the Pinewood Derby is \$10.00 per scout (\$5.00 for additional scouts in the same family). Scouts with financial need may request a waiver of fees. This fee pays for, supplies, a patch, and refreshments.

Payment is due at check-in. Note:

Please do not bring your own food or drinks to the Pinewood Derby; refreshments will be provided.

Questions: Contact Philip Sternberg, <phil.sternberg@gmail.com>, or 703-960-0205 (cell).

Pinewood Derby Staff: Jeffrey Cohen <jeffrey.c.cohen@verizon.net>
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8 Ideas for an Easy Webelos to Boy Scout Transition Submitted by Bill Desmond

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Troop 470 Enjoys Pizza Reward Submitted by Bill Desmond

As a thank you for setting up a model camp site at the Delaplaine Dinner last year, Troop 470 was given a tasty reward in the form of a pizza party. Thanks Scouts and Scouters from Troop 470 for showing off Scouting to the community at the Delaplaine Dinner.



Preparing an At Home Emergency Kit Submitted by Jeff Huggins

Gather these materials and keep them in a handy spot in the house:

- First-aid manual, like the "First Aid" merit badge pamphlet
- 2 2-inch gauze bandages
- Roll of 1-inch adhesive tape
- 12 3-by-3-inch sterile pads
- 12 assorted adhesive bandages
- 2 elastic bandages, 3 to 6 inches wide
- Thermometer
- Scissors
- Tweezers
- Box antiseptic wipes with benzalkonium chloride
- 2 pairs latex gloves
- Safety pins
- Calamine lotion
- Eve goggles
- Mouth-barrier device
- Small bottle antihistamines (Benadryl)
- Small bottle acetaminophen for pain and fever
- Small bottle ibuprofen for inflammation, muscle aches, pain and fever



The FSK 68th Annual Dinner was Way Cool



A Large crowd was there despite the snowy weather.



Good food, good grief; let's eat.



Recipients of the Key Leader award

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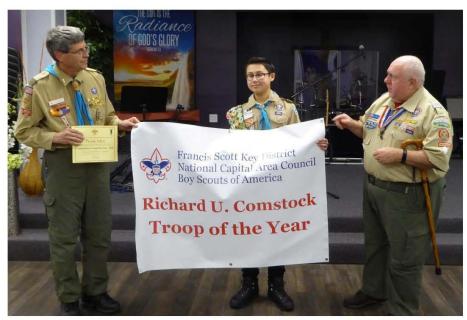
Damon Allen presented Venturing leader Awards to Alex Durnal and Christian Wolfe. An adult Venturing Leadership award will be presented later.

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

Dannie & Lillie Stansbury

Pack of the Year

The Pack of the Year award went to Pack 270 sponsored by the Thurmont American Legion.



The Troop of the Year went to Troop 1023 sponsored by Providence United Methodist Church of Monrovia.



The Ship of the Year award went to Ship 37 sponsored by Trinity United Methodist Church, Frederick.



The Cubmaster of the Year is
Denise Benoit-Turner of Pack 476
sponsored by the Middletown
Lions Club. The Scoutmaster and
Venturing Advisor of the Year
awards will be presented later.

The Carla Bartlette Award of Excellence was presented to Ed Stanfield.





This year's District Award of Merit recipients are front left to right: Monica Robyns, Lauren Dutrow. Jeff Huggins and Julie Bostian.