



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)

January 2018

- 15 Inter-Troop Sports Basketball, contact shawnyoungberg@comcast.net
- 17 District Eagle Board 7-9pm, Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg.Rd nfeldser@comcast.net, amc21769@yahoo.com
- 20 Klondike Derby, contact grenierscout@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

February

- 4 Scout Sunday
- 5 District Eagle Board 7-9pm, Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg.Rd nfeldser@comcast.net, amc21769@yahoo.com
- 9 Scout Jumuah
- 9-10 Scout Sabbath
- 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, Frederick 21701, fskcommissioner@aol.com
- 15 Commissioner's Meeting, 7:15pm LDS Stake Ctr. 199 North Place, 21701, fskcommissioner@aol.com
- 17 District Awards Banquet, 6pm Fred. Ch. of Brethren 201 Fairview Ave, 20701, r_golling@yahoo.com
- 17 CPR sponsored by Crew 254 at Faith Baptist Church near Brunswick, contact crew254@faithsbc.org.
- 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 nfeldser@comcast.net, amc21769@yahoo.com

March

- 3 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.](#)
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From the Desk of the Commish:

A reminder on the “Roundtable Inclement Weather Policy” – if FCPS cancels schools for the day or for after school activities, Roundtable is also cancelled.



Recharter season is almost over. Many thanks to the units who turned their material in on time. Thanks also to the members of the Commissioners Corps, who facilitated the turn in process.

NCAC’s University of Scouting training day for Scouters in the Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venturing and District Operations programs is set for February 24. If you have never attended U of S, try it, you’ll like it. Registration is now open on the Council web site. For our Commissioners, the Commissioner’s College will be on March 10. Non-Commissioners are also welcome to attend.

With Cub Scouts bridging into the Boy Scout Program over the next few months, Troops should be planning on how they will integrate the new Boys Scouts into Troop activities and start them on their Trail to Eagle. First impressions are lasting impressions. Some Troops will also be welcoming new adult leaders moving up with their Scouts – get them off to a good start, as well.

Yours in Commissioner Service,
Bill Desmond
District Commissioner



Super Derby

The FSK Super Derby will be held on Saturday March 10, 2018. The rules for the event are available at [2018 FSK SuperDerby Rules v1.0](#). More details to follow.

District Dinner

Our Annual District Awards Dinner will be held on February 17, 2018 beginning at 6pm. For full details and registration, go to: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-FSKDD2018>



International Scouting News submitted by Shawn Younberg

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

Awards Season

by Jim Sundergill



About this is time of year, every year since time immemorial (in this case over two years) FSK District has awarded a slew of awards. We have the Unit of the Year, the Leader of the Year and the FSK Key leader of the year. All it takes in most cases, is for someone to get off the couch and submit a write-up for whoever they are nominating for whatever position. This year is no different – get off the couch and let us know who is the outstanding person for this year.

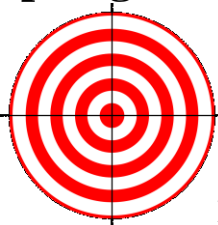


For the Unit of the Year, you had to fill out the unit of the year criteria form and submit it to Bill Desmond, our District Commissioner. I say had because the time is past for submitting the form but it's not too early to start thinking about next year.

If you are submitting a nomination for Leader of the Year (i.e., Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Skipper or Advisor of the Year), send it to Rich Golling r_golling@yahoo.com and Jim Sundergill jimsundergill@comcast.net by January 31. This is a competitive award, so *please* do not let the nominee know of your submittal. There could be a lot of disappointment if someone thinks they're getting awarded and then does not.

The Key leader award is not competitive. There is no form to fill out; you just submit a write-up of how that person was helpful to your unit. The nominee can be a registered member of your unit, a parent or even someone from the chartered organization or completely outside of Scouting. You can submit for more than one person and you can submit for a person who has been honored previously. Everyone who receives a nomination will receive a certificate and a listing in the dinner program. Whatever you write about the individual will be included in the dinner program and, to the extent possible, will be on the certificate that they receive. So be as comprehensible and succinct as possible. In this case, please invite the awardee and their family, if appropriate, to the dinner. Units often pick up the costs for the awardees and their families.) Your write-up should be submitted to jimsundergill@comcast.net no later than February 5, 2018.

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, 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

FRANCIS SCOTT KEY DISTRICT

FIFTY



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](#).



FRANCIS SCOTT KEY DISTRICT
NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL – BSA



WILDERNESS FIRST AID & CPR TRAINING

CPR (American Red Cross Certification – good for 2 years)

Adult, Child, and Infant - Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation includes Chest Compressions, Rescue (Mouth to Mouth) Breathing, and use of the Automated External Defibrillation (AED) device. Class size limited so please register early.

Saturday, February 17, 2018 - Cost \$50.00

Wilderness First Aid (American Red Cross Certification – good for 2 years)

Wilderness and Remote First Aid course is designed to teach you how to handle situations when help is not readily available. This course fulfills the first aid requirement for BSA High Adventure bases and activities as well as the Venturing Core Requirement for First Aid.

Class size limited so please register early.

**Saturday, March 17 and Sunday, March 18, 2018 - BOTH DAYS REQUIRED
- Cost \$100.00**

Prerequisites for Wilderness First Aid:

- ☐ You have a valid CPR w/ AED Certification
CPR certification includes Chest Compressions and Rescue Breathing.
Hands Only CPR does not meet the requirement.
- ☐ Minimum 14 years of age, be physically fit enough to take this course, and have a current BSA Health Form (Part A) on file with your home unit
- ☐ Adults have appropriate Youth Protection Training (www.myscouting.org)

Courses will be held at:

Faith Baptist Church

2212 Jefferson Pike, Knoxville, MD 21758

(MD. Route 180 between Jefferson and Brunswick – Frederick County, MD.)

To register: Mail attached form for each participant *with payment to:*

Faith Baptist Church – Crew 254
2212 Jefferson Pike
Knoxville, MD 21758

Courses begin at 8:30 AM on Saturdays, and 1:00 on the Sunday, both end around 4:30 PM – Bring your lunch, drinks, and snacks as desired. Refrigerator available. BSA Class B uniform or street casual. Class A uniform not advised.

No Refund for Cancellations with less than one week notice or No Shows.



FSK District BSA - CPR / WFA Training Student Registration		
<input type="checkbox"/> CPR Course	February 17, 2018	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> WFA Course	March 17 & 18, 2018	\$100.00
Make Checks payable to:	Faith Baptist – Crew 254	Total Paid
Participants Full Name:		
Street Address		
City, State, Zip Code		
E-Mail Address		
BSA Unit Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack <input type="checkbox"/> Troop <input type="checkbox"/> Crew <input type="checkbox"/> Team <input type="checkbox"/> Post <input type="checkbox"/> Ship	
BSA District	<input type="checkbox"/> Francis Scott Key District	
BSA Council	<input type="checkbox"/> National Capital Area Council	
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Adults must have current Youth Protection Training		

Questions – Email Alan Caho at: Crew254@faithsbc.org

BSA Announces Scoutbook Lite submitted by Peter Bladen, FSK Advancement Chair

The BSA announced it will release Scoutbook Lite, a new tool for inputting advancement data, in the **second quarter of 2018**. This **free** solution will replace the current Internet Advancement platform, which will then be retired. Scoutbook Lite will feature a new user interface. It will be optimized to whatever device you use: desktop, tablet or smartphone. Once Scoutbook Lite is released, the Scoutbook database will become the official record of advancement for the BSA.

Scoutbook Lite comes from the team behind Scoutbook, the BSA's advancement-tracking web app that has more than 1 million users. The Lite version of Scoutbook will incorporate key elements of the paid version. Even after Scoutbook Lite is released, the Scoutbook team will continue to work on and improve Scoutbook as the full-featured application. That means you can expect frequent exciting updates.

Scoutbook Lite: What to expect

Scoutbook Lite will offer optimized functions for almost everything found in the current Internet Advancement platform. Almost, because one feature won't be making the leap to Scoutbook Lite. The system will no longer support the CSV data file import. The BSA found that less than 10 percent of units used this feature in Internet Advancement. The team focused instead on tools that more Scouters need and want.

Are you a programmer?

As Steve Jobs used to say, there's "one more thing." Scouters experienced in the development of apps or web platforms will be excited to learn that the BSA will roll out a number of APIs (application programming interfaces). The BSA will release a selection of specific, read-only APIs to Scouting volunteers in the first half of 2018. There are no current plans to roll out APIs to third parties.

Scoutbook now automatically syncs with BSA national advancement database

The BSA's official web app has been a great tool for tracking a Scout's advancement. It makes everything — "from the first knot tied to final hours of service performed" — easier and more rewarding for Scouts and their families. An important update announced makes this tool even better. It allows all units with active Scoutbook subscriptions to sync their youth advancement with ScoutNet. You'll need to complete a one-time setup to activate the sync.

Once you complete the sync, you can approve advancement within Scoutbook and have it automatically sync with MyScouting/Akela and ScoutNet/PAS (the BSA council tools). Previously, Scouters needed to generate a .csv (comma-separated values) file from Scoutbook, log into Internet Advancement and upload that file. This was a simple but time-consuming task. Now all that happens automatically. Scoutbook and the BSA's advancement systems communicate behind the scenes to make sure each is updated with the latest info. Once you approve advancement records within Scoutbook, that info gets recorded by the BSA and your local council. This means you can print everything from Scoutbook and take that information to your local Scout Shop to purchase the advancement recognition items you need.

How to sync Scoutbook with the advancement database

To get started, you'll need to complete the one-time Scoutbook youth advancement sync. Note that this process must be performed by a currently registered key 3 member of your unit. You should complete this process **by January 31, 2018**.

Starting January 1, 2018, units with active Scoutbook subscriptions will only be able to approve advancements for Scouts who are in the advancement sync. If you have not activated your unit and/or Scouts within your unit, you will not be able to approve advancements for that Scout or Scouts.

Note that as a unit activates the sync, if there are Scouts who have not yet been registered (entered into ScoutNet or My.Scouting) the unit can unapprove those Scouts and continue the sync for the rest of the unit. Once registration is complete for the outstanding Scouts, the unit can then approve them and they will be included.

The complete steps are outlined in this handy document.

Things to know about the Scoutbook youth advancement sync

- In this first phase, **only youth advancement records** will be synced.
- Because ScoutNet only tracks completed and signed-off advancements, **only “approved” advancements will transfer from Scoutbook to ScoutNet**. Partial completions, and items only marked “completed” and not “approved” will continue to be tracked only via Scoutbook.
- When there is an approved change in an advancement in Scoutbook, it will be reflected in the council records. When the council records change, it will be reflected in Scoutbook. **The record with the most recent update date will take precedent.**
- **Advancements that require district, council or national approval** will not be uploaded from Scoutbook. Instead, they will flow from ScoutNet through to Scoutbook.
- Scout Shop staff will know that the Advancement Report from Scoutbook and the Advancement Report from Internet Advancement are both certified, and **either should be accepted**. The bottom of the Advancement Report from Scoutbook will have “Advancement Sync with BSA national database” note displayed.

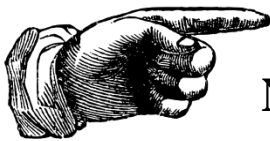
What to do if you still have questions

If you have any questions about the Scoutbook Youth Advancement Sync or if your Scouting unit has not received the sync instructions, please send an email to Scoutbooksync@gmail.com.

There is also a Scoutbook page on our District site where you can look for updates

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/francis-scott-key/scoutbook/>

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.
- Spring Camporee “Mountain Man Experience” April 20-22, 2018, david.place@troop270.com
- 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.
- Citizenship Merit Badge Day will be held on May 19, contact r_golling@yahoo.com
- Scouter Breakfast March 24 beginning at 8am at Mountain Gate Restaurant, contact layman274@gmail.com
- Our District collected 54 toys for the Toys for Tots program this. Thanks for all the donations.
- Jon Miller, our former DE has been promoted and is taking a position in Michigan where he will be close to his family. We wish him all the best and thank him for his diligent service to FSK.

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](#)

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>.

Milkweed for Monarchs
Inspiring Conservation in Scouts and Their Families

Presented by
**National Capital Area Council
& the United States National Arboretum**

Please join us on
February 17th from 11am to 12:00pm
as we celebrate our partnership & the start
of Scouting's brand new monarch butterfly
conservation program.



For more info, visit www.ncacbsa.org/monarchs.

Black Lights ~ Lasers ~ Music ~ LED Lights Show

Glow Zone Party!



Join us for 3 ½ 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!

Glow Zone Registration Form

District: _____
 Unit Type (Crew, Troop, etc.): _____ Unit Number: _____
 Unit Leader Name: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 Email: _____@_____
 Please indicate your arrival and departure times to the nearest half hour:
 Arrival: _____ Departure: _____

	REGISTRATION On or Before 4-30-18				LATE REGISTRATION After 4-30-18			
	# of Attendees		Cost Per Attendee	Total Cost	# of Attendees		Cost Per Attendee	Total Cost
Non-Jumpers ~ Scouts		X	\$0.00	\$0.00		X	\$0.00	\$0.00
Non-Jumpers ~ Adults		X	\$0.00	\$0.00		X	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL Non-Jumpers				\$0.00				\$0.00
Jumpers ~ Scouts		X	\$28.00	\$		X	\$30.00	\$
Jumpers ~ Adults		X	\$28.00	\$		X	\$30.00	\$
TOTAL Jumpers				\$				\$
TOTAL				\$				\$
Method of Payment	Cash	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			Cash	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	Check No.				Check No.			

**** Please Make Checks Payable to Venture Crew 796 ****

Reminder: Regular fee of \$28 per person valid only until April 30th, cost will increase to \$30 per person after April 30th. No walk-ins allowed.

Mail Registration and Payment To:

Julia Giglio
2217 Dixon Road
Frederick MD, 21704

FSK District Religious Emblems Program by LeMoyne Fletcher

Available to Members of the Boy Scouts of America in February 2018

A Scout is reverent. He is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion.

To encourage members to grow stronger in their faith, religious groups have developed the religious emblems programs. The Boy Scouts of America has approved of these programs and allows the emblems to be worn on the official uniform. The various religious groups administer the programs.

Brook Hill United Methodist Church in Frederick, Maryland will be offering all four of the Protestant faith Religious Emblems courses in February 2018. For more information on these courses, please select the course that corresponds with the Scout's current grade in school (using the link below). The registration deadline is **January 27, 2018**. [Francis Scott Key Religious Emblems Program.pdf](#)



Mountain West Service Area,

National Capital Area Council

The Mountain West Districts of Francis Scott Key, Powhatan, Goose Creek and Sully are offering an Information Seminar for Scouts who are interested in

participating in the 2019 World Scout Jamboree at our national high adventure base at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia.

Who:

Scouts and Venturers who will be between 14 and 17 by 22 July 2019. Parents are welcome to attend. Adult Scouters interested in serving as Jamboree support staff (JST's).

What: A multi-media presentation designed to inform those Scouts, Venturers and Scouters interested in participating in the World Jamboree. It will include briefings, a Question & Answer panel discussion with previous World Jamboree attendees, and an opportunity to register with our American BSA contingent.

When: Saturday, January 20th, 2018 from 9 AM to noon. Registration open at 8:30.

Where: LDS Chapel, 14911 Willard Road, Chantilly, Virginia 20151

Why: To encourage Scouts to participate in the World Jamboree by providing the information they need to make an informed decision about this world class opportunity.

Questions?: Contact your District International Committee Representative or Randy Young (Sully District) at rsyoung47@gmail.com.

Rules for My Sons submitted by Bill Desmond

The following comes from a recent "Ask Andy" blog:

Shortly before the winter holidays, I received a message from Christine Tunnell Coons, of the Patriots' Path Council in New Jersey, titled "Rules For My Sons." This is worth sharing, so let's pass this along to our own sons too. Here are Christine's "Rules"...

- o Never shake a man's hand sitting down.
- o There are lots of ways to enter a swimming pool. The stairs ain't one.
- o The man at the grill is the closest thing we have to a king.
- o In any negotiation, never make the first offer.
- o Act like you've been there before. Especially in the end zone.
- o Always request the late check-out option.
- o When entrusted with a secret, keep it.
- o Hold your heroes to a higher standard.
- o When you return a borrowed car be sure it has a full tank of gas.
- o Don't fill up on bread.
- o When shaking hands, grip firmly and look 'em in the eye.
- o Don't let a wishbone grow where a backbone should be.
- o If you need music on the beach, you're missing the point.
- o Carry two handkerchiefs. The one in your back pocket is for you; the one in your breast pocket is for her.
- o You marry the girl, you marry her whole family.
- o Learn from the lowly duck: Remain calm on the surface and paddle like crazy underneath.
- o Experience the serenity of traveling alone.
- o Never be afraid to ask out the best-looking girl in the room.
- o Never turn down a breath mint.
- o In a game of HORSE, sometimes a simple free throw will get 'em.
- o Thank a Veteran. And then make it up to him.
- o If you want to know what makes you unique, sit for a caricature.
- o Eat lunch with the new kid.
- o After writing that flame mail, read it carefully and then delete it.
- o Ask your mom to play (she won't "let" you win).
- o Go see it on the big screen.
- o Give credit. Take the blame.
- o Write down your dreams.
- o Always protect and defend your brother...and sister.
- o Be confident and humble at the same time.

Online Registration submitted by Ashlee Mason, District Membership Chair

If you have questions about online registration, [HERE](#) is a guidebook to help you out.



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

Family Scouting Begins in January 2018

NCAC Welcomes Girls to Cub Scouts, Bringing the Iconic Program to All Youth

WASHINGTON, DC (January 9, 2018) — National Capital Area Council, Boy Scouts of America is pleased to announce that it will be participating in the early rollout of new Cub Scout programs for girls starting January 15th of 2018.

An historic and unanimous decision by the Boy Scouts of America's volunteer-led board of directors this past October approved a plan to welcome girls into its Scouting programs starting in August of 2018. However, due to the readiness of eager new members and some Units in our region, NCAC has decided to move forward with what BSA is calling its "Early Adopters Program." The move means that starting in January 2018, girls in grades K-4 will all be able to experience the values-based, life-changing experience that is Cub Scouting. In addition, it will also bring convenience to families with busy schedules and limited free time who are looking for an activity to participate in together.

"This is an exciting time for Scouting families," says Les Baron, CEO and Scout Executive of the National Capital Area Council. "Girls have been participating with their brothers at many of our events for as long as I can remember. This policy shift will not only provide families with program options tailored to their needs, but also offer advancement opportunities to girls, and eventually young women, that were not available before."

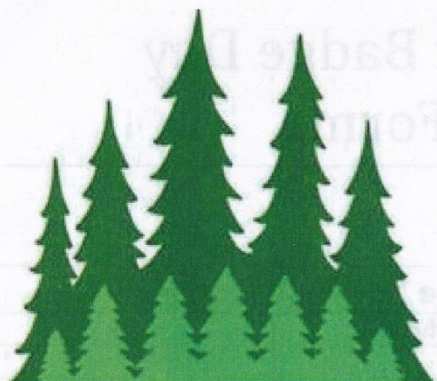
Units taking part in this "soft launch" will provide new members with an expedited plan to advance in May alongside of those children already enrolled. A program for girls ages 11 to 17 will be announced in the coming year with a full introduction in 2019, and will enable young women to work toward the coveted rank of Eagle.

"Eagle is the most recognized youth achievement in America," says Baron. "We've seen young women excel in Venturing, Explorers, and Sea Scouting, and there's no reason to doubt that they will meet the challenges in this new offering with the same enthusiasm and success as in our other programs."

For more information or to locate a participating unit in your area, please visit www.BeAScout.org.

Also learn more about Family Scouting at <https://www.ncacbsa.org/blog/2017/12/21/family-scouting-early-adopter-starts-jan-15/>





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



TROOP XXX Forestry Merit Badge Day Registration

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Address:

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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 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 –

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 [Junior staff application](#) (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 mbdoctor@comcast.net

STAFF TRAINING – ALL STAFF

When: Sat June 9 AND Sun June10 (both days)