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.

**Upcoming Events** *(Training Events in RED) (Venturing Events in GREEN)*

**March**

15  Commissioner’s Meeting, 7:15pm LDS Stake Ctr. 199 North Place, 21701, [fskcommissioner@aol.com](mailto:fskcommissioner@aol.com)
21  District Eagle Board 7-9pm, Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg.Rd [nfeldser@comcast.net](mailto:nfeldser@comcast.net), [amc21769@yahoo.com](mailto:amc21769@yahoo.com)
24  Scouter Breakfast beginning at 8am at Mountain Gate Restaurant, contact [layman274@gmail.com](mailto:layman274@gmail.com)
27  District Committee Mtg, 7:15pm, Trinity UM Church, 703 W. Patrick St. 21701, [maliszewskyj@gmail.com](mailto:maliszewskyj@gmail.com)
28  District Eagle Board 7-9pm, Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg.Rd [nfeldser@comcast.net](mailto:nfeldser@comcast.net), [amc21769@yahoo.com](mailto:amc21769@yahoo.com)

**April**

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7  Work Day at the Watershed, contact [layman274@gmail.com](mailto:layman274@gmail.com)
8  Day Camp Open House at the Watershed, contact Lauren Dutrow [fskdaycamp@gmail.com](mailto:fskdaycamp@gmail.com)
9  District Eagle Board 7-9pm, Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg.Rd [nfeldser@comcast.net](mailto:nfeldser@comcast.net), [amc21769@yahoo.com](mailto:amc21769@yahoo.com)
10 Roundtable (Boy Scout/Cub Scout/OA/FCVOA Huddle 7:15pm Frederick Church of the Brethren 201 Fairview Ave, Frederick 21701, [fskcommissioner@aol.com](mailto:fskcommissioner@aol.com)
11 Inter-Troop Sports, Dodgeball, contact [shawnyoungberg@comcast.net](mailto:shawnyoungberg@comcast.net)
12 Commissioner’s Meeting, 7:15pm LDS Stake Ctr. 199 North Place, 21701, [fskcommissioner@aol.com](mailto:fskcommissioner@aol.com)
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20-22 FSK Spring Camporee
24  District Committee Mtg, 7:15pm, Trinity UM Church, 703 W. Patrick St. 21701, [maliszewskyj@gmail.com](mailto:maliszewskyj@gmail.com)
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27-28 OA Ordeal
28  JSN Children’s Festival

**May**

7  District Eagle Board 7-9pm, Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg.Rd [nfeldser@comcast.net](mailto:nfeldser@comcast.net), [amc21769@yahoo.com](mailto:amc21769@yahoo.com)
8  Roundtable (Boy Scout/Cub Scout/OA/FCVOA Huddle and Program Launch) 7:15pm Frederick Church of the Brethren 201 Fairview Ave, Frederick 21701, [fskcommissioner@aol.com](mailto:fskcommissioner@aol.com)
10 Commissioner’s Meeting, 7:15pm LDS Stake Ctr. 199 North Place, 21701, [fskcommissioner@aol.com](mailto:fskcommissioner@aol.com)
11 Venturing Glow Zone, see page 5
12 Forestry Merit Badge, see page 6
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16 Delaplaine Distinguished Citizen Dinner
18-20 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, contact [iols@troop268.org](mailto:iols@troop268.org).
19  Citizenship Merit Badge Day, see page 5
19  Bike Rodeo
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From the Desk of the Commish:

Congratulations to the individuals and units that received recognition at the Annual District Awards Dinner in February. It continues to be a source of great pride to me the number of Scouters who have such devotion and enthusiasm for our programs.

By now, Scouters should be aware of the new YPT 2.0 requirements, specifically that all of us must take the new YPT prior to October 1, 2018 in order to maintain our registration into 2019. It applies across all Scouting programs. As the TV commercial used to say “Just do it.”

I have heard from a number of units getting ready for their annual Spring Planning Meeting. Good programs don’t just happen, they do require forethought and planning. Please consider membership recruitment as part of this planning cycle. There is a ton of great material on the planning function at www.Scouting.org.

Congratulations to Pack 270, which has registered a girls den under the Family Scouting soft launch. Way to go.

Our new District Executive Karen Kefauver has reported for duty in FSK. Come to April Roundtable to meet her.

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

Very important Youth Protection Update Overview:

Yours in Commissioner Service,

Bill Desmond
District Commissioner

Merit Badge University at Catholic University April 14 and 15
For details, click HERE.

Stem Events Submitted by Bill Desmond

MITRE Scout Engineering Day - April 14, 2018 in McLean, VA
The 7th Annual Scout Engineering Day will host 450 Boy Scouts, Venture Scouts and Girl Scouts. Last year 19 STEM courses were held based on BSA merit badges including Drafting, Robotics and Programming.

STEM University - June 9, 2018, Haymarket, VA
Youth may display Supernova projects and/or take part in hands-on activities. Adults may take training for Nova Counselor and Supernova Mentor positions.

STEM Day Camp and Resident Camp - July 23-26 and July 27-29, 2018, Camp Snyder
Open to elementary age Cub Scouts and siblings. Scouts will work on 2 Nova Awards through their exploration with hydraulics, soldering and 3D printing, while also enjoying shooting sports and aquatics.

Build a Quadcopter, July 1-7 and July 29 - August 4, 2018, Goshen Scout Reservation
Build your own drone during STEM challenges Week. Webelos are welcomed during Week 2 (July 1-7) and provisional Scouts are welcomed July 29- August 4.

More information can be found at www.ncacbsa.org/STEM
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

PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED: No Later Than 4/02/18
Life to Eagle Seminar  Submitted by Peter Bladen

The Spring Life to Eagle Seminar will be held: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 starting at 7 PM

Location:  Christ Reformed Church
12 South Church Street
Middletown

This seminar is intended for Life Scouts, Life Scout Parents, Troop Eagle Scout Coaches, and Troop leaders involved in the Eagle Scout review and approval process.

This seminar will go over the requirements and steps to be followed to successfully achieve the Eagle Scout Rank and complete the supporting paperwork. The Life Scouts and Troop Eagle Coaches are strongly encouraged to bring a copy of the current Eagle Scout Rank Application (ESRA) and the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook. These documents can be found at the following links: http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-728_WB_fillable.pdf and https://www.scouting.org/programs/boy-scouts/advancement-and-awards/eagle-scout-workbook/

These two documents are a critical part of documenting the Eagle Scout Rank achievement and if not completed correctly it will delay reaching that rank. It will be much easier to follow along with the presentation if you have these two documents. Questions can be directed to Mr. Andrew Corl, amc21769@gmail.com or Mr. Norman Feldser, nfeldser@comcast.net.

International Scouting News submitted by Shawn Younberg

Click HERE for the March issue of International Scouting 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
- Scouter Breakfast March 24 beginning at 8am at Mountain Gate Restaurant, contact layman274@gmail.com $15 per person, six $200 camperships to be given (must be present to win).
- New YPT training is now available that includes emphasis on bullying awareness and girls in Scouting. All Scouters must complete this new training by October 2018
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](#)

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](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](mailto:fcvoaglowzone@yahoo.com)

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

See You There! For registration form, click [HERE](#).
For the Forestry MB registration form, click [HERE](http://example.com).
**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](mailto:fbroadrup@comcast.net)

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**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](mailto:ashlee.gmf@gmail.com) or call 301-865-9203

[www.greenmeadowsevents.com](http://www.greenmeadowsevents.com)

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**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](mailto:iols@troop268.org)

Click [HERE](http://www.greenmeadowsevents.com) for more details.
Seabadge Submitted by Mark Miller

Seabadge is an advanced training experience for Sea Scout adult leaders, committee members and other members in Scouting at the Unit, District, Council, Area, Regional or National levels that support the Sea Scout program. The training will be held October 5-7, 2018 and registration is due by September 7. For full details and registration information, click HERE.

Hornaday Hike Submitted by Rich Golling

A special 2018 William T. Hornaday Hike will be available on Saturday, May 26th, 2018. The Hornaday Wildlife Conservation based award honors the man who was the head taxidermist at the Smithsonian, helped establish the National Zoo and was the first Director of what is now called the Bronx Zoo. He is widely credited with saving the American bison from extinction.

For full details click HERE.

55th Frederick County First Aid Meet

The 58th Frederick County First Aid Meet was held on March 3, 2018 at the Calvary Assembly Church Activities Hall in Walkersville. The First Aid Meet was started by Dr. William Roessler and Al Miller as a way to help the Boy Scouts in Frederick County hone their First Aid skills. The event is held annually and draws about 150 Boy Scouts who compete in patrols of 5-8 Scouts as they respond verbally and demonstrate the skills necessary to treat 8 different scenarios such as burns, severe bleeding, shock, fractures, head injuries, cardiac arrest, allergic reactions and animal bites. The patrols are judged by a different judge for each scenario. The judges are volunteer State and local police, paramedics, doctors, and ER nurses.

Twenty-one patrols competed this year and the top five patrols were: Tied in 4th place, Troop 1011 Wolverines, Troop 270 Cyclops, 3rd place, Troop 1023 Thunderbirds, 2nd place Troop 274 Majestic Phoenix and 1st place Troop 470 Venom.
When asked how the patrol prepared for the First Aid Meet, Assistant Scoutmaster Janice Gilsdorf replied, “The Scouts dedicated each troop meeting in February to practice first aid skills. One week we had a round robin type of event that included four stations - upper extremity treatment led by Robert Paugh; hurry cases - led by Janice Gilsdorf; environmental injuries and scene safety led by Jim Vlassopoulos; and lastly, a First Aid jeopardy quiz led by Mark Murr.

Additionally, the Scouts practiced using past scenarios; each Scout rotated as a Judge and had a chance to understand how they were being evaluated. It was interesting to see how generous or hard they were with their scores.

Lastly, Mr. Paugh and Mr. Vlassopoulos hosted a Saturday morning scenario practice which allowed the Scouts to practice in their patrols. This is beneficial because the patrol can identify their weaknesses as well as their strengths.”

Zachary Dorris, of the Venom Patrol said, “First aid is an important skill for anyone to have. I was especially glad because of this meet we were able to show up and put on a good performance as a Troop.”

Troop 470 meets Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 PM at the Clover Hill Clubhouse. For more information contact Scoutmaster@bsatroop470.org.

Next year’s First Aid Meet will be held on March 2, 2019
20th Anniversary of Venturing
To pre-order the 20th anniversary of Venturing NCAC shoulder patch, go to: https://councilstuff.com/082
This is the patch that is worn on the left sleeve at the top of the shoulder. If you would like one please go to the website and order it. Only 500 are being made.

Family Emergency Kit: If you must evacuate your home with little notice … By Jeff Huggins

- Three-day supply of water
- Nonperishable foods (including pet food) and a nonelectric can opener
- Eating utensils
- Special foods for any dietary restrictions, including baby foods
- Family first-aid kit
- Battery- or cranked-powered radio
- Flashlight
- Extra batteries (rotate these out regularly so they don’t go stale in your closet)
- Matches in waterproof container
- Blanket or sleeping bag for each family member
- Extra clothing
- Face masks for air filtering
- Soap, wipes, antibacterial gel
- Toilet paper
- Copies of important family documents in waterproof containers
- Signal whistle
- Local maps
- Cash

Educational Opportunities

- Wood Badge Training www.ncacbsa.org/training/wood-badge/
- NYLT National Youth Leadership Training https://www.ncacbsa.org/training/national-youth-leadership-training/
- IOLS (Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills), see page 7

**Woodbadge:** Advanced Adult Leadership for all Scouters in all programs.
- **NCAC:** Spring 2018: 26-28 April & 31 May to 02 June (Sunday friendly)
- **BAC**
- Spring 2018: 27-29 April & 2-4 June
- **Mason-Dixon**
- Fall 2018: 24-26 Aug & 28-30 Sept
- **Philmont**
- 12-18 August (Circle Ten Council)
- Week Long Course

**Powderhorn** (youth & adult): High Adventure Skills Resource Management Course
- **NCAC** 24-26 August
- **Camp St. Charles**
- **BAC** 17-20 May
- **Camp Broad Creek**

**SeaBadge** (adult): Advanced training experience for Sea Scouts and interested adults.
- **NE Region** 5-8 October
- **Bethany Beach, Delaware area**

**OA Youth Leadership Conference** (youth & adult):
- **Philmont** 17 – 23 June

**NAYLE** (youth only): National Advanced Leadership Experience
- **Philmont** 17-23 June; 8-14 July; 15-21 July; 22-28 July; 29 July – 4 Aug; 5-11 August
- **SEA NAYLE** – Cancelled for 2018 due to Hurricane Irma. See you in 2019!
- **Summit:** 17-23 June; 24-30 July
SEAL (youth only) See Scout Advanced Leadership Training
NE Region 22 June – 02 July Chesapeake Bay 21 – 29 July Long Island Sound
NYLT National Youth Leadership Training
NCAC 17-22 June; 24-29 June: Cheltenham, Md
29 July-03 August; 5-10 August: Camp Snyder
Philmont National Training Center:
Philmont 1-7 July Philmont Leadership Challenge
Philmont 16-22 September COPE Director Certification; Also – COPE Program Mgr.
16-22 September Philmont Leadership Challenge; WFA Instructor Cert.
16-23 September Conservation USA / Homaday Advisor Training
University of Scouting:
NCAC 24 February; Hayfield Secondary School; Alexandria, Va. See you in 2019!
BAC 40 March; Carroll Community College; Westminster, Md. See you in 2019!
Trainers Edge: Training skills with PIZZAZZ!
NCAC 21 August Location: TBD Registration: www.ncac.org-training
BAC TBD
Aquatics Training:
NCAC Paddlescraft Safety Basic 06 May or 29 Sept.
Swimming & Water Rescue 09 June or 11 August
Camp Lifeguard (offered by Ship 1942 to all NCAC Scouts) 29 July to 4 Aug.
Age 15+ (Email WThomasSallew@Gmail.com for more info.)
Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills (BCOLS) (Adults):
POW-WOW (Cub Leaders):
NCAC 27 October 2018
Prepared by: John Wright Skipper@Ship37.org FSK District Advanced Training Opps 13 March 2018
Scout Night SLEEPOVER

Benefits
- Participation in pregame parade on the field
- Recognition via our PA system & video board for groups of 15 or more
- Opportunity to save on concessions with exclusive food packages
- Watch a spectacular fireworks show after the game
- Enjoy a movie on our video board from your tent on the field

ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY 3 PM ON SATURDAY, JUNE 2ND

The first 1,000 campers to re-enter will get a Keys scout patch

Parade @ 5:30 & Game @ 6
Lynchburg Hillcats

Troop & Ticket Information
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- ADDRESS:
- CITY:
- STATE:
- ZIP:
- PHONE:
- E-MAIL:

- SCOUTS/LEADERS _______ x $6.00 = _______
- ADULTS _______ x $8.00 = _______
- YOUTH/SENIORS/MILITARY _______ x $6.00 = _______

Food Package Options
- DUGOUT DOGS _______ x $7.25 = _______
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- HOT CORNER GRILL _______ x $11.00 = _______
- POST-GAME POPCORN TUB _______ x $0.00 = _______
- POST-GAME POPCORN CUP _______ x $5.00 = _______
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Mail orders to Frederick Keys, ATTN: Scout Night, 21 Stadium Drive, Frederick, MD 21703 or fax to 301.662.0018 ATTN: Group Sales

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Bill Desmond is now Dr. Commissioner Desmond
By Jim Sundergill

On Saturday March 10, 2018 at the College of Commissioner Science in Kensington, Maryland, our very own District Commissioner Bill Desmond received his degree as a Doctor of Commissioner Science. This very difficult, prestigious and coveted award is the result of over 18 hours of courses at the College of Commissioner Science, spreading over at least three years coupled with a detailed, peer-reviewed thesis. Bill’s topic was “DISTRICT CONSOLIDATION: A REVIEW OF THE TRANSITION OF TWO DISTRICTS INTO A FUNCTIONING, UNIFIED ENTITY FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE COMMISSIONER’S CORPS.” It is a rigorous analysis of how we transitioned from Appalachian Trail District and Catoctin Mountain District into Francis Scott Key District.

Congratulations Dr. Bill.

New Doctors of Commissioner Science; from left to right Julia Mae-Shen Farr, Assistant Council Commissioner and Dean of the College of Commissioner Science; Mark Longsworth, Unit Commissioner for Powhatan District; Bill Desmond; and Bob Owen, Dean of the Doctoral program of the College of Commissioner Science.

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

WE WANT TO HELP: If you would be interested in having a member of Camp Airy Staff visit your unit to tell you all about Camp Airy BSA and answer any of your questions, please contact Becky Stalnaker at becky@stalnakersolutions.com.

INITIAL DEPOSITS DUE TO NCAC: MAY 1, FINAL PAYMENTS DUE TO NCAC: JUNE 1

CHECK OUT OUR UPDATED WEBSITE – AIRYBSA.ORG - FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION AND FORMS AND TO LIKE US ON FACEBOOK
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PROGRAM DIRECTOR 2018 - Nick Maliszewskyj mbdoctor@comcast.net