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) |
|--------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| **October**        |             |                |                |                |                               |
| 18                 | District Eagle Board 7-9pm, Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg.Rd nfeldser@comcast.net, amc21769@yahoo.com |
| 20                 | District Inter-Troop Shooting Sports Tournament, registration remains open, contact shawnyoungberg@comcast.net |
| 21                 | Popcorn Pick Up, begreen4u@ymail.com |
| 21                 | Rocket Launch, ashleemason06@gmail.com, see pg. 2 |
| 21                 | Jamboree of the Air, Walkersville Watershed, contact joseph.durnal@gmail.com, see pg. 5 |
| 24                 | District Committee Mtg, 7:15pm, Trinity UM Church, 703 W. Patrick St. 21701, maliszewskyj@gmail.com |
| 25                 | District Eagle Bd,7-9pm Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg. Rd nfeldser@comcast.net, amc21769@yahoo.com |
| 28                 | POW WOW, [https://www.ncacbsa.org/training/pow-wow/](https://www.ncacbsa.org/training/pow-wow/) |
| **November**       |             |                |                |                |                               |
| 1                  | Life to Eagle Seminar, amc21769@gmail.com, see pg. 4 |
| 1                  | Online Recharter Window Opens |
| 3                  | Last Popcorn Order Due |
| 3-5                | Scout Wars Venturing Camporee, see page 7 |
| 4                  | Scouting for Food Drop Off |
| 6                  | District Eagle Bd,7-9pm Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg. Rd nfeldser@comcast.net, amc21769@yahoo.com |
| 11                 | Scouting for Food Pick Up |
| 13                 | District Eagle Bd,7-9pm Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg. Rd nfeldser@comcast.net, amc21769@yahoo.com |
| 14                 | Roundtable (Boy Scout/Cub Scout/OA/FCVOA Huddle/Recharter Turn In 7:15pm Trinity UM Church, 703 W. Patrick St. Frederick (please note location change for this month only) 21701, fskcommissioner@aol.com |
| 15                 | District Eagle Bd,7-9pm Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg. Rd nfeldser@comcast.net, amc21769@yahoo.com |
| 16                 | Commissioner’s Meeting, 7:15pm LDS Stake Ctr. 199 North Place, 21701, fskcommissioner@aol.com |
| 22                 | Eagle Bd,7-9pm Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg. Rd nfeldser@comcast.net, amc21769@yahoo.com |
| 28                 | District Committee Mtg, 7:15pm, Trinity UM Church, 703 W. Patrick St. 21701, maliszewskyj@gmail.com |
| 30                 | Silver Beaver nominations due to jonathan.miller@scouting.org and copy to r_golling@yahoo.com |
| **December**       |             |                |                |                |                               |
| 4                  | District Eagle Board 7-9pm, Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg.Rd nfeldser@comcast.net, amc21769@yahoo.com |
| 11                 | District Eagle Board 7-9pm, Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg.Rd nfeldser@comcast.net, amc21769@yahoo.com |
| 12                 | Roundtable (Boy Scout/Cub Scout/OA/FCVOA Huddle/Recharter Turn In 7:15pm Frederick Church of the Brethren 201 Fairview Ave, Frederick 21701, fskcommissioner@aol.com |
| 14                 | Commissioner’s Meeting, 7:15pm LDS Stake Ctr. 199 North Place, 21701, fskcommissioner@aol.com |
| 19                 | District Committee Mtg, 7:15pm, Trinity UM Church, 703 W. Patrick St. 21701, maliszewskyj@gmail.com |
| 20                 | Eagle Bd,7-9pm Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg. Rd nfeldser@comcast.net, amc21769@yahoo.com |
| 27                 | Eagle Bd,7-9pm Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg. Rd nfeldser@comcast.net, amc21769@yahoo.com |
From the Desk of the Commish:

We are in the full fall Scouting cycle. There are lots of things going on: Rocket Launch for our new Cub Scouts, a great District STEM Camporee, the Scouting for Food Campaign, and Recharter (రాద్ద్దీ నిర్మాణం) season. We are also seeking members for the 2018 District Committee, as well as Scouters to serve as members of the Commissioners Corps to ensure that every FSK unit has a Unit Commissioner. Being a Unit Commissioner is really is a good job and only takes an hour a week.

Please note that the November Roundtable location will be at Trinity United Methodist Church on West Patrick Street in Frederick. We will also accept recharter packages at November Roundtable. Journey to Excellence scoresheets should be turned in with recharter material. Also, Toys-for-Tots collection boxes will be set up to receive new, unwrapped, boys or girls toys to be distributed by the Marine Corps Reserve.

The District is also soliciting nominations for the Award of Merit and for the Silver Beaver. Rich Golling heads up this effort. Also, we will unveil in the very near term the Unit of the Year Criteria for Packs, Troops, Crews and Ships. Units of the Year and runners-up will be announced at our District Awards Dinner.

Yours in Commissioner Service,
Bill Desmond
District Commissioner

3... 2... 1... LAUNCH!  By Ashlee Mason
Start your Scouting adventures off with a BLAST! Every new Scout who registers by October 31 will receive a free model rocket! The entire family and current Scouts are welcome, and additional rockets kits can be purchased online to build at the event. You’re not going to want to miss it! Head to https://scoutingevent.com/082-launchdays2017 to register.
Silver Beaver

The Boy Scouts of America, acting through the National Court of Honor, may award the Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service to youth. The Silver Beaver Award is the Council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the Council. The Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service.

The Silver Beaver nomination document is available by clicking HERE. Additional information is available HERE. The nomination form and supporting information packet for the Silver Beaver award should be placed in a sealed envelope with “Silver Beaver Nomination” on the outside and either delivered or mailed to the Marriott Scout Service Center ONLY. All Silver Beaver nominations MUST be received at the Marriott Scout Service Center no later than NOVEMBER 30 of this year.

Silver Beaver Nomination Form
National Capital Area Council, BSA
Lobby Hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM
Marriott Scout Service Center
9190 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20814-3897
301-530-9360
Please send a copy of the nomination to Rich Golling (r_golling@yahoo.com)

NOMINATION FOR THE DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT


District Award of Merit Nomination are due by December 20, 2017 and should be emailed to either Rich Golling (r_golling@yahoo.com) or Shawn Youngberg (shawnyoungberg@comcast.net) with the subject line of “District Award of Merit Nomination” or mail via USPS to:

Rich Golling
1600 Wise Road
Point of Rocks, MD 21777

UNIT LEADER AWARD OF MERIT

The nomination document URL is http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-003_WB.pdf
To make sure the District can track the nominations, send submissions to Rich Golling (r_golling@yahoo.com) vice Council or mail via USPS to:

Rich Golling
1600 Wise Road
Point of Rocks, MD 21777
**Life to Eagle Presentation** By Andrew Corl

The District Advancement Team is pleased to announce the Life to Eagle Seminar on November 1, 2017 from 7-9 p.m. at the Chapel of Christ Reformed Church, 12 South Church Street, Middletown, MD 21769. This presentation will go into detail about the process and paperwork to advance from Life to Eagle. This is a great opportunity for leaders, Scouts, and parents to find out about how this process plays out in Francis Scott Key District.

**National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)**

- Winter 2018 Course – Julia Farr  Course Director (CD)
  - Dates – January 13-15 and February 17-19
- Summer 2018 Courses –
  - 17-22 June – Mary Mayonado CD
  - 24-29 June – Kristen Chioma CD
  - 5 Aug – 10 Aug – Chris Geiger CD

**Notes from Here and There……About This and That**

- If you did not get your Scouting For Food bags at the October Roundtable, contact maliszewskyj@gmail.com
- Scouting registration dues have increased to $33 per adult or youth, plus $6 for insurance (total $39 per person per year). The Boy’s Life fee will remain $12 per year.
- October is YPT month. Before recharter make sure your YPT is good through at least April 2018.
- HOSTING (Helping Other Troops In Need of Gear) Rich Golling said the HOSTING group can help to supply equipment to units in need. For more information, contact r_golling@yahoo.com.
- There will be no Webelos Mountain this year.
- During Roundtable in November and December, FSK District will be collecting new, unwrapped toys to donate to the TOYS for TOTS program. Last year 50 toys were collected. Let’s see if we can do more this year.
- 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.
- Klondike Derby 2018 will be held January 19-21 hosted by Troop 628
- Camp Cards will be available late winter or early spring to use as a unit fundraiser.
- Camp Airy—if you would like to learn more about the exciting programs offered at Camp Airy, contact jps@stalnakersolutions.com and someone will come to your unit and give a presentation. Camp Airy is an accredited Council camp located in Thurmont, MD.

**Need Uniforms and a Derby Track**

Pack 1998 sponsored by the Elks Club in Frederick is in need of tan uniform shirts (youth large or adult small) and a Pinewood Derby track. If you can provide any of those items, please contact Cubmaster Reggie Moore rmoore1072@gmail.com 301-732-2387 or Committee Chair Laurie Arnold johnandlaurie@ymail.com 301-514-8362
Jamboree on the Air

October 21, 2017
9am to 6pm
Walkersville Watershed

Schedule:

9-12 Radio Time  
Talk to other scouts near and far

12-3 Radio Merit Badge*  
Learn about radio technology

3-6 Radio Time  
Join the world’s largest scouting event

*Requirements 2a-d, 3a-c, 5a-e, 7, 9a1-6

*Scouts who attended the camporee session the previous Saturday & come prepared with requirement 8 will complete the merit badge

Contact:
Joseph M. Durnal
Joseph.durnal@gmail.com
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/08217VENTURINGCAMPOREE=3D20](https://scoutingevent.com/08217VENTURINGCAMPOREE=3D20)

Participants plan and bring their own menus & food
We are camping in tents so bring them with you!
Enrich Your Winter Program by Fred Broadrup

This is the best snow sports program for your Scouts. Learn to ski and or snowboard with the Night Card Program. This card is good for use at Liberty, White Tail and Roundtop from January 2, 2018 until the resorts close in the spring. The card can be used every day from 4 pm until closing with unlimited use all season long. Friends and family members, not just Scouts, can participate in this program. The unit can also use this as a fundraiser. Every 16th card is free. This fee can be written back to your unit by me for unit purposes. For applications or questions, contact me, Fred Broadrup, BSA Ship 59 (cell) 301-606-1878. Applications need to be returned by 11-6-17.

International Scouting News submitted by Shawn Younberg

Click HERE for the October issue of International Scouting News.

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.

A Scout is Helpful Submitted by Hal Noer

The Huffington Post recently ran a story and video about the many volunteers who helped to evacuate 500,000 people from Manhattan Island on 9/11. The eleven minute video is narrated by Tom Hanks. It is a heartwarming story of that shows what it means to be helpful. Click HERE to see the video.

Venturing in NCAC

For more information about Venturing activities, go to: https://www.ncacbsa.org/program/venturing/
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 or home schooled 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.