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)

**April**
18  District Eagle Board 7-9pm, Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg.Rd  nfeldser@comcast.net,  amc21769@yahoo.com
20-22 FSK Spring Camporee
24  District Committee Mtg, 7:15pm, Trinity UM Church, 703 W. Patrick St. 21701,  maliszewskyj@gmail.com
25  District Eagle Board 7-9pm, Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg.Rd  nfeldser@comcast.net,  amc21769@yahoo.com
27-28 OA Ordeal
28  JSN Children’s Festival, see page 3

**May**
7   District Eagle Board 7-9pm, Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg.Rd  nfeldser@comcast.net,  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
10  Commissioner’s Meeting, 7:15pm LDS Stake Ctr. 199 North Place, 21701,  fskcommissioner@aol.com
11  **Venturing Glow Zone, see page 4**
12  Forestry Merit Badge, see page 5
14  District Eagle Board 7-9pm, Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg.Rd  nfeldser@comcast.net,  amc21769@yahoo.com
16  District Eagle Board 7-9pm, Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg.Rd  nfeldser@comcast.net,  amc21769@yahoo.com
16  Delaplaine Distinguished Citizen Dinner
18-20 **Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills**, contact  iols@troop268.org,
19   Citizenship Merit Badge Day, see page3
19   Bike Rodeo
22  District Committee Mtg, 7:15pm, Trinity UM Church, 703 W. Patrick St. 21701,  maliszewskyj@gmail.com
23  District Eagle Board 7-9pm, Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg.Rd  nfeldser@comcast.net,  amc21769@yahoo.com

**June**
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25-29 Day Camp
26  District Committee Mtg, 7:15pm, Trinity UM Church, 703 W. Patrick St. 21701,  maliszewskyj@gmail.com
27  District Eagle Board 7-9pm, Heritage House 9224 Devilbiss Brdg.Rd  nfeldser@comcast.net,  amc21769@yahoo.com
From the Desk of the Commish:

The end of March 2018 membership report for FSK District shows that we are down over 450 youth members versus this time last year. This is striking and concerning. Why is this? Have we lost our relevancy? Don’t we offer youth outstanding programs in responsible citizenship, character development, and self-reliance? Have we lost sight of the principles which make up our Scout Oath and Law? Is there something fundamentally wrong with our emphasis on being outdoors? Is Scouting too costly? My fellow Scouters, we need to get fired up. Membership is not just the job of the District Membership Chair or our District Executive. All of us involved in Scouting have a responsibility to grow our program in order to continue to offer our almost unique perspective to our registered Scouts and other young people in Frederick County. Please give some thought on how your unit can creatively increase our membership before it doesn’t matter anymore.

We are coming into the annual unit program planning season. Use the Journey to Excellence benchmarks as one of your guides to developing the 2018-2019 Scout year. BSA has a lot of very good resources on unit program planning and I urge you to take advantage of them.

Yours in Commissioner Service,

Bill Desmond
District Commissioner

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Very important Youth Protection Update Overview:

Important Notice from Council about Adult Applications

Stem Events Submitted by Bill Desmond

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

International Scouting News submitted by Shawn Younberg

Click HERE for the April issue of International Scouting News.
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](http://example.com)

Frederick Children’s Festival by Rick Millward

The Frederick Children’s Festival will be held on Saturday, April 27, from 10 - 3. Anyone (adults or Scouts) who would like to come and assist with talking to parents and children about Scouting and engaging them in fun activities would be welcome. If we have enough volunteers, maybe someone would like to set up a typical Scout camp with tent and other accessories for display.

There is also an opportunity for 2 - 4 Scouts to earn time towards their 8 hours of Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge in conjunction with the Citizenship Merit Badge Day the third weekend in May. The organization that presents the activity is the Mental Health Association of Frederick County, the Child Care Choices division. The hours would be 8 to 4 for set up and cleanup, but actual hours would have to be coordinated/verified with the Activity Coordinator.

If you are interested in these opportunities, please contact Rick Millward ASAP at (H) 301-293-3229 or (C) 240-675-4037 or at ricmill@comcast.net. He will be happy to have help and/or get you connected with the organization. For more details, go to: [http://www.visitmaryland.org/event/childrens-festival-baker-park](http://www.visitmaryland.org/event/childrens-festival-baker-park)

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)
Order of the Arrow FSK Chapter Spring Ordeal

By Joe Durnal

April 27-29, 2019 at Camp Greentop.
Registration is open at: https://scoutingevent.com/082-FrancisScottKeySpringOrdeal2018

We strongly encourage all Arrowmen to attend, the park has a lot of service projects lined up. Please consider being an Elangomat, it is the most work, but many find it a meaningful and rewarding experience to experience the Ordeal again with a better understanding of the Obligation.

Ordeal members who have been in the OA for at least 10 months and are current on lodge dues have the opportunity to convert to Brotherhood at this event by registering as an Elangomat, Amangamek-Wipit Lodge Member, or Amangamek-Wipit Lodge Member Day Attendee, so find that old OA handbook, it will tell you exactly what to do. OA dues can be paid at the following link: https://scoutingevent.com/082-2018OADues

For more information contact:
Joseph M. Durnal - OA Chapter Adviser, FSK
Joseph M. Durnal +1 (301) 471-2943

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! For registration form, click HERE.
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 Watershed...Take 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**

For the Forestry MB registration form, click [HERE](#).
Training News by Colby Child

BALOO Training:
BALOO Training being offered by Seneca District May 4-5. Please follow link provided and register so you don't miss out. FSK is NOT involved with this training, though I can provide some information. Direct contact with session leaders is advised. https://scoutingevent.com/082-17506

FSK Training Committee
FSK Training Committee is slowly forming under the new (old) Chair, Colby Child, Jr. Your patience is appreciated while this resurgence in our excellent training program is accomplished.

Our goal is to have five sectors of our District each with a Cub Scouting and a Boy Scouting Instructor. For CS and BS leader training and subject specific training, each sector will organize training on an as needed basis. Training sessions will occur at minimum once per month at the local sector level and once per month at the District level concurrent with each monthly Roundtable meeting. Venturing instruction will happen and will be organized for the county wide District, though participation at the local sector level is encouraged for the subject specific sessions.

Our Course Curriculum will offer all basic level required leader training courses IN PERSON for each Program Area (CS, BS, Ven). In addition, we hope to build a curriculum and offer specialty training courses including topics like; Backpacking, Venture Patrol, Campfire, Meeting Planning, etc.

We are actively seeking FSK Training Committee members/instructors. Please contact me at your soonest opportunity to join the team.

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
Contact Eric Grissen @ iols@troop268.org Click HERE 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.

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/
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; 24-29June: Cheltenham, Md
29July-03Aug; 5-10Aug: 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 21Aug Location: TBD Registration: www.ncac.org-training
BAC TBD

Aquatics Training:
NCAC Paddiecraft 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) 29July to 4 Aug.
Age 15+ (Email WThomasBallewGmail.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 13March2018
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
- Book today to save up to 30 percent on Box Office prices

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

Order must be placed by 3 PM on Saturday, June 2nd

Sleepover Rules
1. ALL SLEEPOVER PARTICIPANTS MUST EXIT & RE-ENTER THE STADIUM AFTER THE GAME. NO EXCEPTIONS
2. NO TENT SITES WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE BALLPARK
3. PARTICIPANTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE THE FIELD ONCE THE GATE IS OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE
4. THE USE OF BUS SPRAY ON THE FIELD IS NOT PERMITTED
5. PARTICIPANTS MUST EXIT THE STADIUM BEFORE 7 AM

Food Package Info
- Dugout Dogs
  - All Beef Hot Dogs & a Regular Soda
- Chicken Tenders
  - Chicken Tenders Fries & a Regular Soda
- Hot Corner Grill
  - Choice of a Hamburger, Cheeseburger, Chicken Sandwich, or Italian Sausage, Fries & a Regular Soda
- Post-Game Popcorn Tub
  - Extra Popcorn Tub & a Regular Soda
- Post-Game Popcorn Cup
  - Popcorn & a Regular Soda

Troop & Ticket Information
- TROOP/DEAN/PACK NAME:_________________________  CONTACT:_________________________
- 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 = _______
- Chicken Tenders _______ x $10.25 = _______
- Hot Corner Grill _______ x $11.00 = _______
- Post-Game Popcorn Tub _______ x $8.00 = _______
- Post-Game Popcorn Cup _______ x $5.00 = _______
- Mailing Fee (per order) _______ x $1.00 = _______

Total = _______

Payment Information
- PAYMENT METHOD: CASH  CHECK (PAYABLE TO FREDERICK KEYS)  VISA  MC  DISC  AMEX
- CARD NUMBER:_________________________  EXP. DATE:_________________________
- SIGNATURE:_________________________

Mailing Orders: To Frederick Keys, ATTN: Scout Night, 21 Stadium Drive, Frederick, MD 21703 OR Fax to 301.662.0018 ATTN: Group Sales

301.815.9908  |  877.8.GO.KEYS  |  (FAX) 301.662.0018  |  GCLUSTER@FREDERICKKEYS.COM
CAMP AIRY BSA 2018 – “MEET YOU AT THE MOVIES”
By Diane Henson

Camp Dates: August 13 – 18, 2018
Camp Airy in Thurmont, MD
Initial Deposits Due to NCAC: May 1
Final Payments Due to NCAC: June 1
Scout Fee $340

INFORMATION AND FORMS: WWW.AIRYBSA.ORG

NEW PROGRAMS:
In addition to our outstanding First Year Program and our already broad range of STEM, aquatics, outdoor, handicrafts, shooting sports, first aid and more merit badges, there are several new badge offerings this year.

- Game Design
- Personal Fitness
- Wood Working
- Dog Care
- Veterinary Medicine
- Cowboy Action Shooting
- Bugling

The chart of available classes for each period is now available at www.airybsa.org. That’s where you’ll also find all the information about Camp Airy BSA 2018 and the forms you will need to register for classes and to submit payments.

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.
- OA will be hosting Webelos Woods in September 2018
- **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**
- Hazardous Weather Training will soon be required for all direct contact leaders.
- YPT for youth is coming soon.
- 1 out of 5 children are affected by mental health problems. If you see something, say something. For more information, go to www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org.
Hornaday Hike Submitted by Rich Golling

A special 2018 William T. Hornaday – Colin Livingstone 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.

Thank-you from Ron and Dee
We would like to express our deep appreciation to all the adults and Scouts who made the April 7th Walkersville watershed work day a total success.

All showed the Scout spirit by taking on each and all tasks asked of them with willingness and energy. Your efforts have made the watershed a nicer place and will have enhanced the experience of all who use the watershed. Knowing we have the Scouting community behind us means a great deal.

Thank you again for all your time, energy and support.

Ron and Dee
National Capital Area Council  
Francis Scott Key District  

Scout Bike Rodeo  
Saturday, May 19th, 2018  
from 2PM to 4PM  
at  
Harley-Davidson of Frederick  

Join your Scout friends for a day of bike riding! Registration is open to all Tigers, Wolves, Bears, Webelos, Boy Scouts (and siblings). All Scouts will receive a Bike Rodeo Patch and visit stations to work on requirements for their rank (awarded by individual Packs and Troops).

Bring your own bike & helmet!

Activities include:
Bicycle inspections by Bike Doctor of Frederick
Rules of safe cycling, bike registration & loss prevention
Challenge Ride & Obstacle Course
Discuss two different types of bicycles and their uses
Learn and demonstrate proper hand signals
Do a safety check on your bicycle
Learn about bicycle-riding laws
Learn about a famous bicycle race or famous cyclist
Identify two jobs that use bicycles

**Please RSVP to: cubmaster@pack271.org **

Questions or to volunteer: Contact Marvin Hill at 301-642-8859 or cubmaster@pack271.org

Registration: $5 per child; includes Rodeo Patch. Checks should be made out to “Pack 271.” And can be turned in before the event.

Or Mail to: Marvin Hill, 2196 Tuscarora Drive, Frederick, MD 21702

Scout Name_________________________________________Rank______Pack______

Phone: __________________________________________

Email: __________________________________________
Health and Safety Corner by Jeff Huggins

Personal Emergency Service Pack

If you and your Troop are called out to serve during an emergency …

- Poncho or raincoat with hood
- Change of underwear and socks
- Small bag with toiletries
- Sleeping bag and waterproof ground cloth
- Map of area where you’re going
- 50 feet of No. 5 sash cord
- Hand ax, folding saw or pocketknife
- Water treatment equipment
- Cook kit and canteen
- Flashlight
- Battery-powered radio
- Extra batteries
- Hard hat
- Personal first-aid kit
- Matches in waterproof container
- Emergency ration
- Pencil and small notebook
- Handkerchief
- Compass and map of the area (and GPS if you have one, with extra batteries)
- Watch
- Facial tissues
- Work gloves
- Face masks for air filtering