THE BLUE BLAZE

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District Webpage: http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/view_homepage.asp?orgkey=2009

Council Website: www.boyscouts-ncac.org

Upcoming Events (Training events in red)

October

19 Putt Putt Golf Inter-Troop Sports Event, contact shawnyoungberg@comcast.net

19-21 Cooking Camporee hosted by Frederick County Venturing Officers Assoc., contact allenonthelake@comcast.net

20 **Boy Scout Leader Specific Training Parts 1-3**, contact allenonthelake@comcast.net

20 Popcorn Distribution Date

20 Fall Outdoor Expo at Camp William B. Snyder

23 District Committee Meeting, 7:30pm, 199 North Place, Frederick, 21701, fbroadrup@comcast.net

27 **Paddle Craft Safety at Camp William B. Snyder**

27 Venturing After Dark

November

2 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, contact allenonthelake@comcast.net

3 Scouting for Food bag distribution

5 Table Tennis Inter-Troop Sports Event, contact shawnyoungberg@comcast.net

9 **Back Country Outdoor Skills Part 1**, contact dscaridi@aol.com

10 Scouting for Food pick up

12 **Back Country Outdoor Skills Part 2**, contact dscaridi@aol.com

13 Roundtable (Boy Scout/Cub Scout/OA) 7:15pm at LDS Stake Center, 199 North Place, Frederick
Training at RT: Cub Den Leader Specific Training, contact smatlockScouter@gmail.com. (see page 2)

13 **Boy Scout Leader Specific Training Part 1**, contact allenonthelake@comcast.net

15 Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm Walkersville LDS Chapel

16 Unit Popcorn Orders Due

17 **POW WOW**, contact NCAC.PowWow@gmail.com

27 District Committee Meeting, 7:30pm, 199 North Place, Frederick, 21701, fbroadrup@comcast.net

30 Silver Beaver Nominations Due, contact tim.richardson@Scouting.org

December

1 Popcorn Distribution date

1 **Training Day**: **Boy Scout Leader Specific Training 1-3**, contact davidtrishyoung@mac.com; **Cub Scout Leader Specific Training**, contact smatlockScouter@gmail.com; **Varsity Coach Leader Specific Training,** contact mhalerlie@gmail.com.

8 Swimming and Water Rescue at Camp William B. Snyder

11 Roundtable (Boy Scout/Cub Scout/OA) 7:15pm at LDS Stake Center, 199 North Place, Frederick
Training at RT: Boy Scout Leader Specific Training 1-3, contact allenonthelake@comcast.net; **Cub Scout Leader Specific Training**, contact smatlockScouter@gmail.com; **Varsity Coach Leader Specific Training,** contact mhalerlie@gmail.com. **Merit Badge Counselor Training,** contact advisor@crew270.com

13 Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm Walkersville LDS Chapel

18 District Committee Meeting, 7:30pm, 199 North Place, Frederick, 21701, fbroadrup@comcast.net

19 All unit popcorn payments due

Scouting For Food

Our big county wide GOOD TURN is coming up with Scouting For Food (SFF) bag distribution into the community on November 3 and bag/food pick up on November 10. Bags and fliers will be available at the October 9th Roundtable. For details about the event and area maps, go to www.tinyurl.com/bsa-sff. The site will also provide a listing of the foods needed and the location and contact information for the county food banks. Our SFF efforts have historically provided about 60% of the food needed by the county food banks. The number of families in need is growing each year so our increased efforts on their behalf are greatly needed. For information/questions/updates please contract Robert Marsh at robert.a.marsh@verizon.net

District Award of Merit and Silver Beaver Awards

The **District Award of Merit** is the highest award that is given by Council for service at the District level. If you know of Scouters who have provided service over and above the call of duty for our District, please consider nominating them for the District Award of Merit. Your nominations must be turned in to shawnyoungberg@comcast.net 240-344-7733 by December 31. You can get a copy of the application form at http://www.boyScouts-ncac.org/openrosters/docdownload.aspx?ID=63819. The award nominations are to be done without the knowledge of the person being nominated.

The **Silver Beaver Award** is the highest award that Council can give for Scouters who do service at the Council level. If you know of Scouters deserving of this award who have shown exemplary service at the Unit, District, Council and Community level, please consider nominating them for the Silver Beaver Award. Silver Beaver nominations are to be done without the knowledge of the person being nominated and must be turned in to tim.richardson@Scouting.org by November 30th. The Silver Beaver nomination form is available at: http://www.boyScouts-ncac.org/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?orgkey=370&id=113897

Putt Putt Golf Inter-Troop Sports Event from Shawn Youngberg

The Eighth Annual Boy Scout Putt Putt Golf Tournament will be held Friday, October 19, 2012 beginning at 10:00am a the I-70 Golf Range, 8400 East Patrick St, Frederick, MD 21701. The cost is $3.00 for one game and an optional $3.00 for the driving range. Teams consist of four Scouts. Each Troop must provide an adult for each team. To register and for more information contact Shawn Youngberg, 240-344-7733 or email shawnyoungberg@comcast.net.

Cook-O-Ree October 19-21

The Cookoree, sponsored by the Frederick County Venturing Officers Association, will be held October 19-21 at the Walkersville Watershed. All the details for the camporee (scheduling, staff, activities, registration, etc) are available via the following link: http://www.boyScouts-ncac.org/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?orgkey=2007&id=114263
If you have questions about the Cookoree, please contact Rich Golling at r_golling@yahoo.com.

Second Year WEBELOS are invited to attend the Fall Cook-O-Ree on Saturday 20 October. Any Webelos Den that is interested in checking out Scouts camping and cooking (and receive a cool patch) is invited and encouraged to contact the Frederick County VOA at Frederickvoa@gmail.com As Soon As Possible.

Den Chief Training will be held at the Watershed following the Cook-O-Ree on Sunday Oct. 21 from 2-5pm. For full details, see flier on the next page.

DEN CHIEF TRAINING

Catoctin Mountain District

Sunday October 21st @ 2-5 PM

at the Pavilion in the Walkersville Watershed

off of Chestnut Grove Rd

Qualified Boy Scout Leadership Position: Scout Must Be 1st Class

What To Bring:
Class A Uniform Den Chief Handbook, Positive Scout Attitude ….Snacks provided **Cost is FREE**

Learn the skills needed to be a Den Chief: Games, Tricks, skits songs, Scout skills and Ceremonies. Learn the requirements to earn the Den Chief Service Award. Help Cub Scouts understand Scouting and help them to become Boy Scouts. Learn the Den Chief Pledge. Work with Current Den Chiefs during training. Get valuable resources to help you to earn Eagle….
If you would like to attend fill in info below and email to docor@verizon.net

SCOUT:

RANK:

TROOP:

Pack:

Phone #:

Email:
-Instructor: Doug O'Connor Current OA advisor, ASM Troop 1070

Frederick County Venturing Officer's Association Presents:

Venturing After Dark

Lawyer's Farm Thurmont, MD
3:00PM
Saturday
October 27, 2012

Corn Maze
Pumpkin Cannon
Chili Cook-Off
Pumpkin Carving Contest
Costume Contest
Socializing
Bonfire

Meet at:
Lawyer's Farm, 13003 Creagerstown Rd, Thurmont, MD 21788 for the Chili cook-off, Pumpkin carving and costume contests!!

Followed By:
Navigating the Corn Maze, Pumpkin Cannon shooting and a possible bonfire! Bring your own flashlight, graham crackers, marshmallows, and chocolate for s'mores!!

Optional Camping will be at:
The Walkersville Watershed, Chestnut Grove Road, Daysville, Maryland.

Cost: $5.00 for the FCVOA and up to $25.00 spending money for Lawyer's Farm.

WHO TO CONTACT For More Information and to Register:
Damon Allen: ALLENONTHELAKE@comcast.net
Jeromy Comer: Jeromy.Comer@gmail.com

Deadline for registration: October 20th 2012

REMINDER:
Bring your own pumpkin(s) for the carving contest and each Crew bring chili ingredients for the chili cook-off contest.

Halloween costumes are encouraged (BSA approved) and have some fun with other Venturers and Sea Scouts in the area.

2013 Journey to Excellence Scorecards Now Available Online

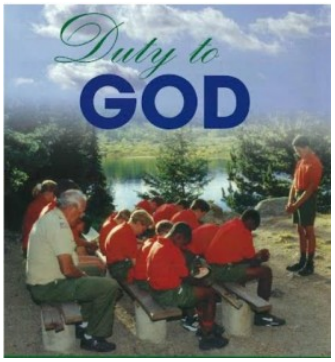
The new 2013 Journey to Excellence scorecards for Packs, Troops, Teams, Crews, Ships, Posts, Districts, and Councils are now online. Go to www.Scouting.org/jte and look for the box labeled "2013 Scorecards." Also new for this coming year is a scorecard for Explorer posts, created in conjunction with Learning for Life.

Lowe's Eagle Scout Grant Gift Cards from Council

Our Council has $100 gift cards from Lowe's available for Eagle projects. To qualify, the Eagle candidate has to have a project already approved by the District and have the ability to turn the completed Eagle Application in to Council by 12/31/12. If you know of an Eagle candidate who might qualify, please contact Steve at bsa.Scoutleader@yahoo.com

Unit Religious Emblems Coordinator Position Officially Approved

submitted by Dave Place



Since the inception of the Religious Emblems Coordinator (REC) concept, it has been recognized that, like so many other Scouting functions, there needs to be a unit-level position to correspond to the council and district. The REC team is now complete with the addition of the Unit Religious Emblems Coordinator (UREC). The UREC is now recognized as a position on the unit committee.

The Unit Religious Emblems Coordinator position was created to strengthen units by building an infrastructure that would create cohesiveness between units and district- and council-level volunteers, ultimately to better serve youth members in the realm of Duty to God.

The responsibility of the coordinator is to educate, motivate, evaluate, and facilitate the religious emblems program at the unit level. In addition to serving on the unit committee, a key function of the position is to serve as the liaison to the District Religious Emblems Coordinator. Of course there is a new patch being developed to accompany the position. Additional information regarding the position, including a complete position description, can be found by viewing the brief Religious Emblems Coordinator presentation at http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/ReligiousAwards/Coordinator.aspx

Season 5 of 'Scouting for Adventure' Premieres 10/5 submitted by Dave Place

Season 5 of "Scouting for Adventure," the *Boys' Life* magazine TV show, will kick off on the Outdoor Channel at 10 a.m. Eastern on Oct. 5. Each episode will be broadcast on Fridays at 10 a.m. Eastern, with repeats each week on Saturdays at 2 p.m. Eastern and Wednesdays at 7 a.m. Eastern. Check your local cable/satellite listings for the Outdoor Channel schedule in your area or go to http://outdoorchannel.com/Shows/ScoutingForAdventure.aspx for more details.

Fall Outdoor Expo at Camp Snyder

This event will offer hands on activities for Scouts of all ages and will take place on October 20th from 10am until 4pm. For full information, go to http://www.boyScouts-ncac.org/camp-william-b-snyder/2012-fall-outdoor-expo/31040

2012 TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The 2012 Boy Scouts of America Annual Table Tennis Tournament for the Catoctin Mountain District will be held **Monday, November 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** This is the day before Election Day and public schools will be closed. Please plan now to participate.

This Championship Tournament will be held in the two gymnasiums of the LDS Stake Center 199 North Place Frederick, MD 21701. This is an ideal facility for the games.

Trophies will be presented to the winners and runners up. Ribbons will be presented to those who place third, fourth and fifth in their age group. Participation ribbons will also be given.

An Intra-Unit Playoff period starts the week of September 16th and that playoff period can continue through Wednesday, October 31st. Arrangements for these playoff matches are to be made within each unit. Units are to report their tournament participant names to Shawn by October 31st.

Age Groups within each unit have been defined. **For Cub Scouts**: It is Webelos only, **For Boy Scouts:** it is years 11-13 and years 14-17.

Cub Scout Packs may each select one player to advance to the Tournament, the Pack winner.

Boy Scout Troops may select three players from their 11-13 year old group, a winner and two runners up, and three players from their 14-17 year old group, a winner and two runners up, to advance to the Tournament.
Winners at the Tournament will advance within the Winners Bracket. Players who are defeated in their first round will be moved to the Consolation Bracket for continued play. One loss in the Consolation Bracket results in being dropped from play. It is possible, and in fact has happened, that the winner of the Consolation Bracket could win his finals match with the winner of the Winners Bracket and thus become the Tournament Championship. Each player in the tournament will have the opportunity to play in at least two matches.

Each **game** will include eleven points and must be won by two points, i.e., 11-9 or 13-11, etc. Each **match** will consist of the best of three games, i.e., 2-1, or 2-0.
In the **Championship Match,** play is complete when one player has won three of the five games, i.e., 3-0, 3-1, or 3-2.

Questions: Contact Shawn Youngberg Phone 240-344-7733 or shawnyoungberg@comcast.net.

Pow Wow November 17, 2012

Pow Wow is a supplemental, action-packed training event for adult Cub Scout leaders, Pack Committee members, parents of Cub Scouts and just Cub Scout-interested persons. You'll spend the day learning new ideas and concepts, and having hands-on experiences that will enhance your ability to deliver and support a fun-filled, exciting program to Cub Scout boys. For full details, go to http://www.boyScouts-ncac.org/pow-wow/23556.

Training Opportunity and Important Reminder about Required Training by Colby Child

ALL direct contact leaders are required to complete all position specific training and Youth Protection before 12/31/2012.

If this obligation is not fulfilled, the leader will be dropped from the Unit Charter when it is renewed for 2013. Any leader falling into this situation will be required to complete and submit a new Adult Leader Application, submit the associated Registration Fee and pass a new background check.

Our current leaders are committed to the ideals, methods and mission of the Boy Scouts of America. They work hard to ensure that the program in which their Scouts participate is the best it can be. Completing the required training guarantees this and demonstrates the high level of commitment our leaders maintain. Please make sure **ALL** leaders from **ALL** units have the chance to fulfill their required training obligation. Time is of the essence.

Training requirements:

Cub Scout Leaders: Fully Trained = Youth Protection (YPT); CS Leader Specific Training (LST) for the specific position (Changes for Tiger)

Boy Scout Leaders: Fully Trained = YPT; BS LST for SM and ASM and Intro to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS)

Varsity Scout Leaders: Fully Trained = YPT; Varsity Coach LST and IOLS

Venturing Scout Leaders: Fully Trained = YPT for Venturing; Venturing LST and IOLS (for Crews that have an outdoor program {most do})

This is Scouting is an introduction to Scouting overall and completion is a requirement for the adult training recognition awards. It is online and its completion is strongly encouraged. ***Fast Start*** training for position specific leaders is valuable as an introduction to the position. It is online and completion is strongly encouraged. ***Troop Committee Challenge*** is the LST for Boy Scout Troop and Varsity Team Committee members. ***Pack Committee Training*** is for Cub Scout Pack Committee Members. Unit committees cannot support the unit appropriately without completing this training. Every member of the committee is strongly encouraged to complete this training.

Now there is an additional training opportunity included below. This opportunity is additional to those we present here within the Catoctin Mountain District, but may be valuable to many who cannot meet the schedule we have here. Our friends in Chain Bridge are working hard, as are we, to ensure all of our leaders have the opportunity to fulfill the required training obligation.

OCTOBER TRAINING EXTRAVAGANZA

Chain Bridge District

When: Saturday October 27, 2012 Check-in opens at 8:00 am

Location: LDS Scotts Run Church, 1325 Scott's Run Rd.; McLean, VA 22102

Program

8:30 – 9:30 Live Youth Protection Training (English) – YPT (Y01) for Cub & Boy Scout Leaders

10:00 – 11:00 Live Youth Protection Training (Spanish) – YPT (Y01) for Cub & Boy Scout Leaders

Starting after first YPT session:

Leader-Specific Training, Parallel tracks:

8:30am – 2pm Venturing Coach Leader Specific Training (P21 & Y02)

8:30am – 4pm BALOO – Cub Scout Leaders (C32)

9:30am – 3:30pm Scoutmaster (SM) & Asst. Scoutmaster (ASM) Specific Training (S24)
9:30am – 11 am Troop Committee Challenge (S10)
9:30am – 11am Merit Badge Counselor Training (D76)
12:30pm – 3pm Charter Organization Representative (COR) Training (D72)

Cost and Registration Details:
SM & ASM, Venturing, and Varsity Leader-Specific Training courses $5 – pay at door;
BALOO - $10
YPT, COR, Merit Badge Counselor, and Troop Committee Challenge are all free of charge.

Brown bag lunch: bring your own -- as there won't be time to get anything on the outside.
Certificates & Trained Strips (when applicable): will be issued upon completion of each course.
Materials: please bring your leader manual(s) with you.
Attire: Class A Uniform
Contact Information: Glen Johnson, Chain Bridge Leadership Training Chair: johnson.glenh@gmail.com

Merit Badge Counselor Training by Bill Desmond

The current schedule for Merit Badge Counselor training (course D 76) is:

December 11, 2012 Frederick LDS Stake Center, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, Dave Place, instructor

March 30, 2013 Frederick LDS Stake Center, 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM, Bill Desmond, instructor

June 12, 2013 Thurmont Ambulance Company, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, Dave Place, instructor

September 21, 2013 Frederick LDS Stake Center, 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM, Bill Desmond, instructor

December 11, 2013 Thurmont Ambulance Company, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, Dave Place, instructor

This is one-time training required for all Merit Badge Counselors. Please check forthcoming issues of the "Blue Blaze" to verify training dates, times and locations.

Merit Badge Counselor Information Form

Current Merit Badge Counselors are reminded that the Merit Badge Counselor Information Form (BSA #34405) must be updated annually and submitted to Bill Desmond, District Merit Badge Dean. The multi-page form can be found at: http://www.boyScouts-ncac.org/openrosters/docdownload.aspx?ID=34038
Renewal takes place in December of each year. Forms can be turned in at the December or January Roundtables. Counselors are also reminded that their Youth Protection Training must be current to continue in this position.

New Merit Badges Need Counselors

The District is looking for counselors for the newly issued merit badges, including: Search and Rescue; Kayaking; Welding; Robotics; Inventing; Geocaching; Scouting Heritage; and, Scuba Diving. We will also need counselors for several new merit badges to be released in the near future, including: "Programming; Game Design; Animation; and, Signs, Signals and Codes. Please let Bill Desmond know if you can be a counselor for any of these merit badges.

Spring 2013 Camporee Invitation by David Place

On behalf of the Catoctin Mountain District, Troop 270 would like to extend an invitation to all of the Boy Scouts, Venturers and Scouters of the Catoctin Mountain District to participate in the upcoming 2013 Spring Camporee which will be held at the Thurmont Conservation and Sportsman's Club on March 22-24, 2013.

The youth of Troop 270 started planning this camporee last November and we are very excited as to how it is shaping up and we think you will be too! It will be a fun and challenging weekend for both Boy Scouts and Venturers who will participate in the Super Patrol Challenge to win a custom trophy (*see photo left*) for their Troop/Crew! The challenge consists of .22 rifle shooting1, cowboy action rifle and pistol demos, high powered rifle and pistol shooting 3 (restrictions apply), black-powder rifle demo, field archery, Blacksmithing demo, fishing demo, fly-tying and casting contest, tomahawk throwing contest, falconry hunting demo, pioneer Dutch oven cooking demo and hands-on cooking station, Campsite contests include; best patrol flag (BIG points), blindfolded tent setup and flagpole raising, 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!

This camporee is limited to the first 400 registered participants. Please find the Leader's packet for this event at https://www.doubleknot.com/document/2013-spring-camporee-leaders-packet/114658 and let us know if you have any questions at all. **CALLING ALL LEADERS:** Before we can put on this camporee we need a few good volunteers to help out with stations! If this sounds like your cup of cowboy coffee, please join us for a camporee board meeting on Sunday, September 23, from 3PM until 5PM at the Thurmont Scout Building, 26 Elm St. in Thurmont. Map http://goo.gl/maps/DVcyR (Contact: advisor@crew270.com with any questions.)

European Adventure Opportunity

Mr. Bran Thompson is a former Scoutmaster and Explorer Post Advisor who led many International High Adventure educational trips to a few years back. He wants to begin the program again and wants to include 9/11 veteran's sons and daughters. For more details about the program, go to http://www.boyScouts-ncac.org/document/buletin-Scout-summer-trip-2013

$1000 Drawing

As promised the drawing for $1000 was held at the October Roundtable. Ship 59 sponsored the event as a way to promote Goshen Scout Camp attendance. The drawing was open to all units that attended Goshen this past summer. There were 7 Troops and 2 Packs that qualified for the drawing representing 81 youth that attended Goshen this summer. That was an 8% increase over last year. The lucky winner of the $1000 drawing was Troop 1636 sponsored by the Mount Pleasant Ruritan Club.

Turn in JSN Applications so New Scouts are Insured

Hopefully many of your units had very successful Join Scouting Nights. It is very important to get the new applications turned in to Tim Richardson as soon as possible so the new boys are covered by the BSA insurance as they begin to take part in unit activities. Tim is willing to come and pick up applications if necessary. Please contact him at tim.richardson@Scouting.org or call 240-529-6188.

First Aid Meet

It is not too early to start preparing for next year's Frederick County First Aid Meet. To help you with your preparation, Zeke Zarrella, has provided all the scenarios and scoring sheets from the 2012 meet for your use. You can download them at: http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=112730 . These will give you practice questions and an idea of how the scoring is done.

Learning First Aid could save your life or the life of another. So make it a priority to learn the material well and plan to take part in the **2013 First Aid Meet on March 16, 2013.**

Remember—BE PREPARED!

District Chairman's Corner by Fred Broadrup

Winter Snow sports Program: I suggest your Unit consider the Night Club Card Program. Participation will guarantee your Unit a strong planned Winter Program. As an example, the Ship 59 on-water program slows to a crawl over the winter. We use the NCC Program to get on water (granted it is frozen water) during the cold months. Your Unit can ski and/or snowboard from January 1, 2013 until the close of the season at Liberty Mountain Resort, White Tail or Roundtop at a deeply discounted price. Our Unit goes up to Liberty as a group on Friday nights, but the NCC is good every day of the season from 4 p.m. until closing. You can go up as often as you want. One member of our club went 22 times last season. The more you use the NCC, the greater the savings per visit. Your Scouts have the opportunity to earn the snow sports merit badge and either skiing or snowboarding. The NCC pricing is open not only to Scouts, but to any family member or friends. Participants must join through our club in order to qualify for the reduced prices offered through the NCC program. Complete applications by 11/4/12 for the best prices. I hope your Unit takes advantage of the winter program. Contact me at 301-228-2131 for applications or questions.

Lift Only - $179.00
Lift/Lesson - $224.00 (you can take a lesson every time you go up if you wish to do so)
Lift/Lesson/Rental - $264.00

Bahamas cruise out of Baltimore on 6/21-28/13, hosted by Ship 59: This is an excellent opportunity for a cruise ship experience with other Scouting families, especially first time cruisers. Going out of Baltimore could not be easier; no flights are involved. Just drive about 50 miles to Baltimore and the adventure begins. This is a 7 night cruise with ports of call in Port Canaveral, Florida; CoCo Cay (RCCL Private Island) and historic Nassau. At least one parent must book in the cabin with his/her Scout. To date, no families have booked the cruise. The invitation to host by Ship 59 will be withdrawn on 12/25/12 if no families have booked the cruise. You might consider giving this cruise as a holiday present to your family. Call me if you have questions about the cruise. For more details go to
http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=112705