



Trail Signs

Spotlight Event: Klondike Derby

What: The Klondike Derby is an outdoor event encompassing various Scout skill stations that stress teamwork. The Klondike Trail is approximately a half-mile path in the woods. Each team must travel this trail with their sled and equipment during the station portion of the competition. The Sled race is a one mile course over more difficult, but open, terrain.

When: Friday, January 25th - Sunday, January 27th 2012 (starting at 8:30 AM)

Where: Treeland in Middletown, MD

How Much: \$12 for adult, \$5 for youth

Click [here](#) for more information.

Eagle Scouts Win Big

Are you an Eagle Scout or Life Scout? Are you planning or currently implementing your Eagle Scout project? If so, The Bill of Rights Institute has a new competition just for you.

All you have to do is answer several questions related to your Eagle Scout project, as well as the Citizenship & Nation merit badge. Once you've done this, you'll have a chance to win \$1,000! The winner of the competition will receive the prize money as either a scholarship or as a combination of scholarship and Eagle Scout project funding. As a bonus, the winner's unit will receive \$500!

If this sounds like something you'd be interested in, apply today! The deadline is Sunday, February 10, 2013. Apply online at www.billofrightsinstitute.org/eaglescout. For questions or more information, email Brittany Byrd at bbyrd@billofrightsinstitute.org.

Spotlight Shines Bright on Local Scout

Michael Hepburn, of Troop 1812, won national honors with his recent essay entitled, "How I Can Show Patriotism in My Community." Hepburn won the Americanism Essay Contest Award for the Eastern Division - Class III of the American Legion Auxiliary, which is the highest award possible in the nation for his age group.



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Upcoming Events

12/1 8:30 AM/4:00 PM
Wilderness First Aid Course

12/8 12:00 AM
Swimming and Water Rescue

12/15
*Wreath Laying at Arlington
National Cemetery*

12/16 7:00 PM/8:30 PM
*Webelos to Scouts Transition:
Information Session*

1/25 8:30 AM
Klondike Derby

1/26
*Wreath Laying at Arlington
National Cemetery*

4/? TBD
Scouts at Children's Spring Fest

5/4 9:00 AM/12:00 PM
Scout Sweep

Training Dates

**12/1 & 12/8 8:30
PM/4:00 PM**
[Wilderness CPR](#)

In his essay, Hepburn, who attended Boy Scouts of America's National Youth Leader Training this past summer, discussed the meaning of patriotism and how one can act on it within their community.

An Assistant Senior Patrol Leader for his troop, Hepburn won a cash prize for his essay and donated half of it to Friends of Scouting (FOS). Additionally, his win garnered him attention from local media, with his story being featured in the [Frederick Gazette](#) and [The Town Courier](#).

Venturing After Dark is a Smashing Success

By: The Frederick County VOA

On Saturday, October 27th, 54 Venturers and their Advisors from two different councils attended the Frederick County Officers Association's Venturing After Dark.

The event took place at Lawyer's Farm in Thurmont, Maryland and kicked off at 3 PM.

Every crew took advantage of the flexible time schedule, which allowed youth and adults alike to experience the farm's pumpkin canon and corn maze.

There were many contests at the event, including a pumpkin carving contest, a chili cook-off contest, and a costume contest. Additionally, there was a bonfire where everyone made s'mores and told stories.

The event ended with the farm playing **The Hunger Games** for its evening theatrical entertainment. Everyone in attendance complimented the activity and enjoyed their time spent at the farm.

Venturing After Dark, once again hosted by the Frederick County VOA, is set to occur on November 2nd next year at Lawyer's Farm, so be sure to mark your calendars! You don't want to miss this fun event.

Camp's Success Highlighted by Local Media

This year's Cub Scout Summer Day Camp and Camp Airy event were huge successes and local media took notice. Both were recently featured in the Frederick News Post and the [Frederick Gazette](#).



How Can You Help Us?

- Are you an adult registered with your unit? If so, please send your email to Margie at Margie@xecu.net today.
- Got pictures from a recent event? Send them to Diane

at ddemarco2@comcast.net or Ashley at Ashleyrobinson90@gmail.com. Before sending, be sure your photos meet the following guidelines:

- Everyone in the picture is facing the camera and smiling.
- You have the names of all of the individuals in the photos provided.
- Your photo show Scouts and Leaders doing something interesting!

Click [here](#) for District Contacts.