Trail Signs

Newsletter for the Appalachian Trail District

"Always putting our best foot forward."

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Program Launch

What: Information Fair for Unit Leaders

When: September 11th, 2012 at 7:00 pm

Where: Church of the Brethren (201 Fairview Ave., Frederick, MD 21701)

There will be information on all aspects of Scouting, including fundraising, leader training, camping, merit badge work, and more.

For more information, contact Zeke Zarrella at **zekezar@comcast.net** or Robert "Hutch" Hutcheson at **hutchesonrs@verizon.net**.

Upcoming Events

9/7-9/9 & 10/6-10/8: Wood Badge

9/18: CS Den & Webelos Leaders Training

9/29: Bike Rodeo - Cub Scouts

9/28-9/30: Fall Goshen Bears

10/5-10/7: Webelos Woods (WW)

10/9: Tiger Leader & Cubmasters Training

10/13: CS Outdoor Training/BALOO

10/19-10/21: Fall Camporee - Cookoree - Boy Scouts

10/20: SM/ASM Leader Specific Training at FC

11/3 & 11/10: Scouting for Food

11/9-11/10: AT Fall Ordeal

11/13: Committee Member Training & Make-ups

11/16: Pow Wow Council Event

11/17: CPR Course

12/1 & 12/8: Wilderness First Aid Course

Popcorn Sale Key Dates Reminder

Order name	*Unit popcorn orders due*	*Chocolate products?*	*Moyer & Sons home delivery dates*	*Popcorn distribution date*
September	**Fri, Sep 7**	Yes	Wed Sep 19 to Fri, Sep 21	**Sat, Sep 22**
October	**Fri, Oct 5**	Yes	Wed Oct 17 to Fri, Oct 19	**Sat, Oct 20**
November	**Fri, Nov 16**	Yes	Wed Nov 28 to Fri, Nov 30	**Sat, Dec 1**

Contact: David Dean: atpopcorn@comcast.net

National Capital Area Council
Appalachian Trail District
FALL 2012 CUB SCOUT LEADER TRAINING

Outdoors Training

- **October 13th 7:30 AM-4:00 PM BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) Grindstone Run Park, Myersville, MD (C32)**
  - BALOO Training is a day of fun and learning which will help pack leaders plan and carry out a quality "entry-level" outdoor experience for the Cub Scouts and their families. Participants will better understand the laws of the BSA and camp programming while acquiring the skills and confidence to host a successful campout by increasing their knowledge of available resources and the use national and local council standards as guidelines.
- **October 13th 7:30 AM-4:00 PM OLSWL (Outdoor Leadership Skill for Webelos Leaders) Grindstone Run Park, Myersville, MD (C33)**
  - OLS WL presents the 'how to' in planning and conducting successful Webelos Den overnight campouts and other Webelos outdoor activities. The course provides a "hands-on" learning experience in camping and outdoor skills as done by Webelos Dens. This training provides ideas on how to present the outdoor related Webelos Activity Badges, including Outdoorsman, Geologist, Forester, Naturalist, and Readyman. Participants are provided with training and guided practice sessions topics such as camping gear selection, campsite selection, den cooking and sanitation, woods tools, fire building and safety.

Leader Position Specific Training

- **September 18th Frederick Evangelical Lutheran Church**
  - 7:00-8:00 PM Wolf/Bear Den Leader Training (C42)
  - 7:00-8:00 PM Webelos Den Leader Training (C61)
- **October 9th Frederick Church of the Brethren**
  - 6:30-7:45 PM Tiger Den Leader Training (C41)
  - 7:45-9:00 PM Cubmaster Training (C40)
- **November 13th Frederick Church of the Brethren**
  - 6:30-7:45 PM Cub Committee Member Training (C60)
  - 7:45-9:00 PM Wolf/Bear Den Leader Training (C42)
  - 7:45-9:00 PM Webelos Den Leader Training (C61)
  - 7:45-9:00 PM Tiger Den Leader Training (C41)

- Registration required, email Eric.Ashbaugh@gmail.com. Full details, directions, fees on the AT calendar.
- YPT and Leader Position Specific Training are all that are required to be considered a fully trained leader

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Scouts Set Sail on Voyage of Fun at AT Day Camp

Local Cub Scouts spent the week of July 23rd to July 27th at the AT District's pirate-themed Day Camp. The Day Camp, which was located at the Frederick 4-H center, offered Scouts the opportunity to participate in a wide assortment of activities including swimming, archery, and rocket launching.

Additionally, the boys were given the opportunity to earn a variety of activity badges.

Boy Scouts Partner with 'In the Streets'

The Boy Scouts will be manning a booth at this year's 'In the Streets', which takes place on Saturday, September 8th, from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. The booth, which will be located on the Kids' block between 4th and 5th Street, will feature several fun Scouting activities for kids such as a Scouting penny pinch and knot tying. Additionally, there will be information for parents about joining scouting.

WANT TO VOLUNTEER? Contact Rick Millward at **rjcjmill@comcast.net**. He is currently in need of two volunteers to man the booth from 1:00 - 3:00 PM and one volunteer for 11:00 AM-1:00 PM.

Adventures at Camp Airy

August may mark the start of summer winding down for most kids, but for many AT District Scouts it marked the start of Camp Airy in the beautiful, wooded, hilly slopes near Thurmont.

From August 13th – 18th the Scouts learned a variety of skills, including forestry, woodcarving, basketry, astronomy, robotics, computers, geo-caching, archery, fire safety, canoing, fly fishing, geology, railroading, swim skills, auto maintenance, geology, railroading, crime prevention and more.

Cody Evans, left and Christopher Platt, right.

At the camp's final evening on Friday, Cody Evans, 21, of Frederick, and Christopher Platt, 15, of Mt. Airy, made history by becoming the first Scouts in Maryland to be inducted into the National Youth Leadership Society. Each has also earned the Eagle Scout award. Additionally, they have participated in the National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience, which helped garner them a coveted spot in the National Youth Leadership Society.

Platt's many achievements include teaching Cub Scout leader training and being elected Crew Chief on a week-long canoing trip. Platt was also Chaplain when he attended the Lenhok'sin High Adventure Program.

Evans has an equally commendable record as a Senior Patrol Leader and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. He was also a member of the Teen Youth Council Nation Capitol Area Council. They were featured in the Aug. 18 edition of the Frederick News Post.

Campioñes de Scouting/Champions of Scouting

Mission: An elite group of bi-lingual volunteers and staff who are "on call" to help across our council to welcome new families and help existing families understand our Scouting program.

Our Campioñes (Champions):

- Are available and will travel to your Join Scouting Night, Den Meeting, Committee Meeting, New Unit Meeting, etc.
- Speak English and another language fluently
  Understand the Scouting program and will work to help your particular families
- Are registered Scouters
- Are youth protection trained
- Are trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

Does this sound like someone you know or need? Then contact Sarah Pelter (301-214-9119 or **sarah.pelter@scouting.org**) for more information!

All Champions will receive a special "Campioñes de Scouting" hat and patch. These items are only available to Champions.

*Note: Our biggest need is Spanish Speaking Champions, but we are also looking for Champions who speak other languages!

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For a more complete list, see our District "Contacts" page at **http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/appalachiantrail.**

How can YOU help US?

Are you an adult registered with your unit?

If so, please email your name and email address to **margie@xecu.net** today!

Got pictures from a recent event?

Want to see them in the newsletter? SEND THEM TO US!

Appalachian Trail Activities Photo Guidelines

Great photos are important for getting publicity for AT's activities! It's difficult to get a great photo without posing everyone, so please plan on a posed photo using these guidelines:

1. Have everyone facing the camera, smiling or a pleasant expression.
2. If possible, get Scouts and Leaders doing something interesting, while still facing the camera.
3. For the newspapers we must have everyone's name. They will not use it without everyone's name. Email photos to Diane DeMarco, **ddemarco2@comcast.net** or Ashley Robinson, **ashleyrobinson90@gmail.com.**

Each Scout's parent must sign a Talent Release Agreement form from the Boy Scouts of America. They may have signed it when registering for the event, but we just need to make sure it's been signed. For a pdf of the Talent Release Agreement, see the forms and documents tab at **http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/appalachiantrail.**