

CAMP AIRY 2011: A TRADITION OF FUN FOR SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS!

The end of August is usually a time for getting ready to head back to school, but for 180+ AT Scouts, the week of August 15-20th was another week of SCOUTING FUN!

This summer Camp Airy celebrated its 52nd year of serving Boy Scouts in the Appalachian Trail and Catoctin Mountain Districts. Originally, Camp Airy was opened as a camp for Jewish youth. Today, through a partnership between the National Capital Area Council and the Straus Foundation operating Camp Airy, this retreat in the Catoctin Mountains is the site of a week-long camping and merit badge extravaganza! Proudly, Camp Airy has provided generations of Frederick County Scouts and Scouters a week of exciting learning experiences and treasured memories.

This year 40 leaders assisted by 39 top-notch junior staff helped Frederick County Boy Scouts earn over 612 merit badges in 61 different merit badge classes! *CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCOUTERS!*

The Scouts earned merit badges in Archery, Aviation, Rocketry, Scouting heritage, First Aid, Scuba Diving, Sailing, Fishing and Shooting. The camp has a strong STEM emphasis and for the first time offered Geo-caching and Robotics alongside the already unique merit badges of Nuclear Science, Fire Safety, Chemistry and Computer.



Veterinarians, pilots, scientists, first responders and other professionals volunteered their time to share their expertise with the Scouts! Nearly one-third of all Silver Beaver recipients and over 40% of the Award of Merit recipients in Frederick County, MD have attended Camp Airy as staff and/or campers. Twelve of the staff have been trained at National Camp School. The Camp Airy staff is just another reason Scouts and Scouters return here year after year.



Nobody's interests are overlooked at Camp Airy! Adults volunteering at the camp could earn Red Cross certification in CPR and Wilderness First Aid.

While the depth and range of activities at Camp Airy is unique among Scout camps, the Scouts still had time to enjoy swimming, camp fires and time in the mess hall! The Scouts also had time to complete several camp improvement projects as a way to say "thank you" to Camp Airy and demonstrate the "Leave No Trace" principles in action.