THE BLUE BLAZE

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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.

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Upcoming Events

April

23 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Specific Training, special LDS Session, contact , allenonthelake@comcast.net.

27 District Committee Meeting, 7:30pm Church of Christ, 1305 N. Market St. Frederick. **This is the annual business meeting where the 2010-2011 District Committee member are elected. All 2009-2010District Committee members and Chartered Organization Representatives are urged to attend and vote on the slate**

28 Eagle Review

30 District Junior Leader Training, contact mudrat@erols.com.

30 Wood Badge (Fri-Sun session), contact Tallent.Robert@epa.gov

May

1 BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) and OWLS (Outdoor Webelos Leader Specific) Training Contact, cubpack570@hotmail.com.

8 IOLST (Introduction to Outdoor Leader Specific Training, contact hnre@xecu.net

11 Roundtable and Program Launch (Boy Scout/Cub Scout/Venturing/OA) 6:30pm at Utica Park off Old Frederick Road. Hot dogs and hamburgers provided please bring a dish to share.
Training at Roundtable: Safety Afloat and LNT (Leave No Trace) Training, contact mudrat@erols.com.

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

14-16 Wood Badge session 1

14-16 Goshen Bear Workend, contact carsonpat@hotmail.com

15 Merit Badge University, contact Larry.McKenna@dhs.gov

22 OWLS (Outdoor Webelos Leader Specific) training, contact hnre@xecu.net

22 District Annual Dinner, contact layman2@verizon.net

25 District Committee Meeting, 7:30pm **LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED**

26 Eagle Review

29-31 Council Centennial Camporee

June

4-6 Wood Badge II, contact talent.robert@epa.gov

8 Roundtable (Boy Scout/Cub Scout/Venturing/OA) 7:15pm **LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED**
Training at Roundtable: Tiger Den Leader Specific Training, contact cubpack570@hotmail.com
Safe Swim Defense, contact mudrat@erols.com

8 Council Annual Business Meeting and Silver Beaver Awards Ceremony

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

12 Key Scouter Workshop, training for all new District Committee members

14-18 Cub Scout Day Camp, contact bs@fred.net

18-20 NYLT (IMPESSA) Wknd#1, contact nyltncac@yahoo.com

22 District Committee Meeting, 7:30pm Church of Christ, 1305 N. Market St. Frederick

23 Eagle Review

25-27 NYLT (IMPESSA) Wknd#2, contact nyltncac@yahoo.com

District Key 3 Leadership

Tim Richardson, District Director trichardson@boyscouts-ncac.org 240-529-6188
Ed Clayson, District Chairman, eclays@fred.net 301-845-2015
Randy Johnson, District Commissioner, walkersville.Scouts@gmail.com 240-529-7363

You are welcome to take training in any District

For more information, visit http://www.boyScouts-ncac.org/openrosters/view_homepage.asp?orgkey=1934.

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Youth Training Chairman	Larry McKenna	301-447-2157	larry.mckenna@dhs.gov.
Varsity Training Chairman	Mike Haderlie	301-703-2114	mhaderlie@gmail.com.

District Dinner

Our District Annual Dinner will be held May 22nd beginning at 6:45pm at the Cozy Restaurant in Thurmont. The cost is $20 per person payable at the door. Please RSVP to Ron Layman layman2@verizon.net or 301-845-6208. The Unit of the Year awards,. Peak awards, Cubmaster of the Year, Scoutmaster of the Year and Scouting Family of the Year awards will be presented that night.

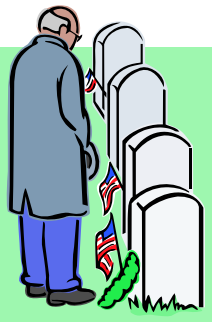
Peak Award nominations should be sent to jimsusndergill@comcast.net by May 15th

Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Family nominations should be sent to jimrobbins@comcast.net by May 15th

Unit of the Year forms should be sent to Walkersville.scouts@gmail.com by May 15th

All of the award nominations forms can be found by clicking on the link below.
http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=16936&orgkey=2009

Veterans Memorial Program and Flag Ceremony by Jim Robbins



At the joint Roundtable meeting on last Tuesday Ron Layman and I discussed a Veterans Memorial Program and Flag Presentation Ceremony at Resthaven Memorial Gardens on the 22nd of May starting at 8:00am. Flags will be placed at the graves of the Veterans with a program starting at 10:30am and ending at about noon. We would like you to contact us (layman2@verzion.net, jimrobbins@comcast.net or 301-693-9703) if you plan on attending so that we can plan on numbers of youth and adults that will be helping. We would like to know how many units will be taking part in the program so that we can put groups together to place the more than 1,500 flags on the graves of the Veterans. We would like you to bring an American Flag, your Unit Flag and as many youth as can make it. There will be light refreshments after the program.

Goshen Bus Trip

Fred Broadrup is arranging a free bus trip to Goshen Scout Camp on Monday July 12, 2010 for Scouters who have never been to Goshen or have been to Goshen some time ago and did not thoroughly enjoy the experience. There have been a lot of changes made at Goshen and this trip is an introduction to the new and improved camping experience available at Goshen. The transportation is free; there will be a tour of the camp and a lunch before heading home. You can even preselect a camp site for your Troop to camp next summer. The bus will be leaving from the Bloom store 2060 Yellow Springs Road around 0800. The goal is to get one leader from each Troop or Cub Pack (Webelos Leaders) to attend. If you would like more information, please contact Fred Broadrup at fbroadrup@comcast.net.

LET'S TALK ABOUT CUB SCOUT RECRUITMENT FOR 2010

COME JOIN US:

THURSDAY, APRIL 29TH 2010
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST
7:30 PM

- GET YOUR FALL/SPRINT JSN MATERIALS
- GET SOME NEW IDEAS FOR RECRUITMENT
- TALK WITH OTHER FREDERICK UNITS
- SHARE YOUR SUCCESSES!!!!
- *REMEMBER, WE DON'T KNOW IF WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET FLIERS IN THE SCHOOL AGAIN NEXT FALL; WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO ENSURE EVERY BOY HAS THE CHANCE TO JOIN SCOUTING!*
- *If you have questions, please contact Debbie Crabb dcrabb@fairchildcontrols.com*

GOSHEN NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Dam In Need of Repair

You may not be aware that the dam at Goshen Scout Reservation is in need of repair. It's not that the facility is unsafe for normal use….that's not the case at all. The problem is that the dam does not satisfy current Federal and State standards for "dam safety". In practical terms, this means that in a very rare and severe flooding situation, the dam might not safely pass the large amount of water that would fill up the lake.

Fortunately, the United States Congress has already approved the repair of the dam and even made Federal dollars available for its upgrade. That's the good news.…the bad news is that the Army Corps of Engineers (they're the Federal agency who's responsible for the repair work) no longer has the money available it needs to do the work because it had to be used for other more urgent projects.

You can help! The Corps needs our assistance in restoring the funds so that the repair work can get started soon. Congress should encourage the Corps to give high priority to restoring the funds. If you have a connection to elected federal or state officials in the geographic area of our council and/or simply want to help, please send an email to the Marriott Scout Service Center (MSSC) at GoshenDam@scouting.org. Sample letters to Members of Congress and Army Corps officials as well as talking points are available for your use.

Fall Camporee in Baker Park to Celebrate 100 Years of Scouting

Ron Layman and Jim Robbins are organizing a county wide camporee October 15-16. The event will be held in Baker Park and will celebrate our 100 years of Scouting in the US. The idea is to have the Troops do demonstrations or projects in the park that will show the public what Scouting is all about. This will be a good recruiting opportunity for Scouting. If you are interested in this camporee, contact Jim Robbins at jimrobbins@comcast.net or 301-693-9703 or Ron Layman layman2@verizon.net. More details to come.

Cub Scout Day Camp

Catoctin Mountain District will hold Day Camp June 14-18. For more information, contact Becky Stalnaker Becky@stalnakersolutions.com. Not only are the Cub Scouts invited to attend Day Camp, but Boy Scouts are invited to help with the event.

Joint Roundtable Held to Celebrate Scouting's 100th Anniversary

By Jim Sundergill
Photos by Rich Golling

The April Roundtable was a blast from the past in many ways. It was a joint gathering of Appalachian Trail and Catoctin Mountain Districts to celebrate the 100th birthday of the Boy Scouts. So, to start with, it was a reunion of old Scouting friends who had not seen each other for a while. For one brief evening Francis Scott Key District was back in operation again.

The evening started with a great video showing of vintage and more recent Scouting pictures. Photos from the early days of Scouting right up to present day were shown. The pictures seemed to span the entire 100 year history of BSA. The video really set the tone for the evening.

After the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomes from AT District Commissioner Tom Wheatley and CM District Commissioner Randy Johnson, the main part of the evening got underway with a visit and talk by Scouting's founder, Lieutenant-General (ret) Sir Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell. B-P talked a bit about his background, his career in the British Army and the writing of his book about scouting techniques for soldiers. Much to his surprise, the book was read by youth in England who were eager for outdoor experiences. After his retirement from the Army, B-P then re-wrote his book with a youthful audience in mind and the worldwide Scouting movement was born. The portrayal of B-P by Jeep Fortuna was outstanding and extremely realistic: from the clothing, to the mannerisms, to the accent, it was all completely believable. So much so that the portrayer even left by the back door after changing out of his B-P costume to make sure that he didn't alter the impression that he had left with the audience.

After cake and ice cream (what's a Birthday party without cake and ice cream?) Ed Stanfield and Scott Lindsay gave talks on the origin of Scouting in the US. Then the audience sang Scouting Vespers and Rich Golling led us in the Scout's Benediction. The celebratory part of the evening was followed by joint announcements and then separate breakout sessions for each District. Maybe before long we'll be able to meet together on a continued basis.

Union Pacific Railroad Unveils No. 2010 Boy Scouts of America Commemorative Locomotive

Special Locomotive Celebrates Scouting's 100-year History

Houston, Texas, March 31, 2010 – Union Pacific Railroad today unveiled the UP No. 2010 Boy Scouts of America Locomotive, created as a tribute to the organization's centennial celebration. The UP No. 2010 honors Scouting's 100-year impact on the nation and the many Scouting enthusiasts in Union Pacific's work force and communities.
"Union Pacific and the Boy Scouts of America have played leadership roles in shaping America's history. With the UP No. 2010, we are proud to celebrate 100 years of Scouting, progress and patriotism," said Robert W. Turner, Union Pacific senior vice president-Corporate Relations.

"We are deeply honored by the tribute Union Pacific has given to Scouting through the creation of the commemorative locomotive," said Bob Mazzuca, Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America. "We also owe a great deal of gratitude to our UP employee Scouting alumni base, which has spearheaded the movement to create the UP No. 2010. Their efforts mean that for years to come, the locomotive will serve as a reminder of the impact millions of Scouts have had on this country for 100 years."

A very rare honor, Union Pacific has created only **14 commemorative locomotives** in its nearly 150-year history. The Boy Scouts-themed locomotive is decorated with a series of four distinct graphics:

- The national Boy Scouts of America logo;
- The BSA's 100th Anniversary logo;
- The words "100 Years of Scouting," and,
- Ten emblems representing stages of Scouting and an 11th emblem for the 2010 National Scout Jamboree

The UP No. 2010 locomotive will celebrate the BSA's centennial as it hauls the freight that supports America across Union Pacific's 32,000-mile, 7,000-community network. Because it is one of the newest and most fuel-efficient locomotives, the UP No. 2010 likely will carry service-sensitive contents such as automotive and intermodal trains.

About Union Pacific

Union Pacific Corporation owns one of America's leading **transportation companies**. Its principal operating company, Union Pacific Railroad, links 23 states in the western two-thirds of the country. Union Pacific serves many of the fastest-growing U.S. population centers and provides Americans with a fuel-efficient, **environmentally responsible** and safe mode of freight transportation. Union Pacific's diversified business mix includes Agricultural Products, Automotive, Chemicals, Energy, Industrial Products and Intermodal. The railroad emphasizes excellent customer service and offers competitive routes from all major West Coast and Gulf Coast ports to eastern gateways. Union Pacific connects with Canada's rail systems and is the only railroad serving all six major gateways to Mexico, making it North America's premier rail franchise.

About The Boy Scouts of America

The Scouting movement is composed of 2.8 million young people between the ages of 7 and 20 and 1.1 million volunteers in more than 290 local councils throughout the United States and its territories. The Boy Scouts of America is the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training. For more information on the Boy Scouts of America, please visit **www.scouting.org**.

More information about 100 Years of Scouting can be found at **www.scouting.org/100years**

Geocaching Merit Badge submitted by Dave Place

The requirements for Geocaching Merit Badge have been released and can be found Here:
http://ww2.scouting.org/100years/100years/sitefiles/1000/YourSource/PlanningTools/Geocaching/Geocaching_MB.pdf

Heritage Merit Badges

The Heritage Merit Badges were released Effective 1 April. This is only a NINE MONTH program and ends December 31, 2010. All who have submitted MBC Apps for these are currently approved.

Below is the link to the National Page. Double Click on the Merit badge to view the requirements.
http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/historical_mb_program.aspx

SCOUTS HOLD 29th ANNUAL SWIM MEET by Mike Turell

On Friday, March 19th, over 68 Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts from all over Frederick County competed in the 29th Annual Pack 278-Troop 278 Invitational Swim Meet. Scouts from Cub Packs 278, 285, 287, 369, 476, 651, 792, and 1051 and from Boy Scout Troops 217, 270, 273, 276, 278, 470, 476, 796, 1023, 1066, and 1998 splashed and swam in the Middletown High School pool. Competition consisted of races in Freestyle, Breaststroke, and Backstroke. Everyone earned at least one ribbon and winners in each group received a trophy.

In addition to the swim meet, the Scouts were able to have nearly 40 minutes of "free swim" as well have an opportunity to complete a number of aquatic scouting requirements. A fun time was had by all. As with most Scouting events, this could not have been accomplished without the help of many adults. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped sign in all of the Scouts and wrote the many ribbons (Beth Tice, Zoe Maliszewskyj, John Tice, and Jon Manley), served as judges (Craig Davis, Paul Hinch, and Bob Cummings)), and who worked on the starting line (Bill McCormick, Scott Lindsay, and Nick Maliszewskyj). Michael Turell, an Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 278, has helped organize this swim meet every year since 1982.

Overall age group winners this year were:

Tiger Cub, Blake Smullen (Pack 278),
7-year-olds: Bryce Wilson (Pack 351)
8-year-olds: Garrett Ball (Pack 278)
9-year-olds: Max Smullen (Pack 278)
10-year-olds: John Presley (Pack 1051)
11-12-year-olds: Thomas Wells (Troop 287)
13-14-year-olds: Andrew Presley (Troop 273)
15-17-year-olds: Mike Stevenson (Troop 324)

High Adventure News submitted by Fred Carson, CMD High Adventure Chairman

2010 Philmont Opportunities: Philmont has offered crew slots to all the crews on its 2010 waiting list and there are still crew spaces available. If you have a crew that wants to go to Philmont this summer, contact Philmont directly at 575-376-2281 or camping@philmontscoutranch.org.

2011 NCAC Philmont Provisional and Unit-Crew Opportunities: NCAC is sponsoring three Philmont contingents in 2011: P628 (6/26-7/10), P705 (7/3-7/17), and P712 (7/10-7/24). After the March fax-in lottery, there are still unit-crew and provisional spaces on these contingents. A unit-crew request form is available at http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?orgkey=1988&id=73052. Individual youth may join these contingents by submitting the 2011 provisional application soon to be available on the NCAC High Adventure website at http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/highadventure. Adults wishing to be provisional advisors on these contingents should contact Rush Williamson at longportage@comcast.net or 301-424-7132. All provisional and unit crews will travel together under arrangements made by NCAC. The estimated cost is $1800 per person. For more information, contact Dave Talbott at dave.talbott@uspto.gov or 301-933-0048 or Pat Golden at pgolden@boyscouts-ncac.org or 571-276-1243.

2011 NCAC Florida Sea Base Opportunity: NCAC is sponsoring a Sea Exploring Contingent S710 leaving Washington on July 10 and returning on July 17. A Provisional Youth Application with additional information will soon be available on the NCAC High Adventure website at http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/highadventure. The estimated cost is $1500 per person. For more information, contact Dana Abrahamsen at dabrahamsen@ftc.gov or 703-280-9782 or Pat Golden at pgolden@boyscouts-ncac.org or 571-276-1243.

High Adventure Opportunities Bulletin Board: The High Adventure Committee hosts a bulletin board at http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=19308&orgkey=1988 for crews to post notices looking for scouts and Scouters to join a high adventure crew or for individuals looking for a high adventure crew to join. To post a notice, send an e-mail with the details to Dave Talbott at dave.judi.talbott@verizon.net.

New Updated High Adventure Program Summaries: For information on program opportunities, age requirements, and prices at Goshen's Lenhok'sin High Adventure, the Adirondack High Adventure Area, the Maine High Adventure Area, the Northern Tier High Adventure Bases, Philmont, and Florida Sea Base, see the 4/4/10 edition of High Adventure Program Summaries available at. https://docs.google.com/Doc?docid=0AfkyjdtDYuptZGYzaDd6dGpfMHJzY25ucmdk&hl=en. Additional information is available at the NCAC High Adventure website at http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/highadventure. Many of these programs provide provisional opportunities for youth and adults unable to participate as a unit-crew. You are welcome to contact Dave Green at dkgreenva@hotmail.com or 703-536-5189 if you need help finding a program suitable for your situation.

First aid and CPR certifications required for high adventure activities are available from NCAC, see http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=17083&orgkey=1988; the Arlington Chapter of the American Red Cross, see http://www.arlingtonredcross.org/training.html; Inova, see http://www.inova.org/; Wilderness First Aid, see http://wfa.net; and Center for Wilderness Safety, see http://wildsafe.com. Philmont requires wilderness first certifications. For more information, see http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=17109&orgkey=1988.

The following are some upcoming events and training opportunities to assist in preparing for high adventure activities:

* 4/8 – Light-weight Backpacking – 8:00 pm – Chain Bridge District Roundtable, Arlington LDS Church, 1600 N. Inglewood Street, Arlington, VA. Dr. Bob Kline will present his highly rated equipment demo from Powder Horn. Scouts and adults are welcome.

* 4/8 – Sea to See! Paddling the Mid-Atlantic – 7:00 pm – REI, Fairfax. For more information, see http://www.rei.com/event/1029/session/1275.

* 4/12, 17-18, 5/1-2 – Backpacking 101 – $75/95 – Potomac Appalachian Trail Club Headquarters and Prince William Forest Park. For more information, see

http://patc.us/volunteer/trailpatrol/Outreach/BP101.htm or contact John Bridges at TPBackpack@patc.net or 703-726-0188.

* 4/21 – Backpacking Basics – 7:30 pm – REI, Bailey's Crossroads. For more information, see http://www.rei.com/event/222/session/4254.

* 4/23-24 – EMS Club Day – Get 20% off anything in the store if you are registered with BSA. See http://www.ems.com/shop/index.jsp?categoryId=4096796&sr=1&origkw=Club%20Day.

* 5/1 – Get In Shape for Philmont Hike. For more information, contact Art Jordan at jordana3@verizon.net or 703-368-4975.

* 5/6 – NCAC High Adventure Committee Meeting – 7:30 pm – Scout Service Center, Bethesda, MD. Scouters interested in finding out about the committee's activities are welcome to attend.

* 5/22 – Get In Shape for Philmont Hike. For more information, contact Art Jordan at jordana3@verizon.net or 703-368-4975.

* 6/5 – Get In Shape for Philmont Hike. For more information, contact Art Jordan at jordana3@verizon.net or 703-368-4975.

* 6/12 – 2010 NCAC High Adventure Trek Final Meeting – 9:00 AM - Scout Service Center, Bethesda, MD.

* 6/19 – Get In Shape for Philmont Hike. For more information, contact Art Jordan at jordana3@verizon.net or 703-368-4975.

You may contact me for additional information or questions on any of the above topics.

Dave Green, CBD HAC Rep, dkgreenva@hotmail.com, 703-536-5189 [H]

Venturing Leader-Specific Training

Saturday, **May 1st**. Check-in begins at 7 am. Training begins at 7:30 and will run until 2 pm. All required ***Venturing*** courses will be covered in this training including Venturing Fast Start, Venturing Youth Protection, and Venturing Leader Specific Course. (To be fully trained as a Venturing leader, the course **This is Scouting** is required, which is available online at http://olc.scouting.org/. If the crew has an outdoor program, **Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills** is also required.) The cost is $24 and includes the Venturing Leader Manual, handouts and snacks. The cost is $8 if you already have the leader manual – please bring it. Pay at the door with cash or by check made out to ***NCAC/BSA***. The training will take place at the Community of Faith United Methodist Church, 13224 Franklin Farm Road , Herndon , VA 20171 (NE corner of Franklin Farm Rd and Fairfax County Parkway behind the two daycare facilities). To register online go to http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/registration/calendardetail.asp?ActivityKey=643941 . Questions? Contact Catherine Pressler at catherine@ediblelearning.com or cell 703-609-0151.

Every Venturer deserves a trained leader.

International Scouting News

The International Scouting newsletter is available by clicking on the following link: http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=77310

Free Informational Brochures submitted by Seth Tolson

Now that spring is officially here, I want to let you know that Zanfel Laboratories continues to offer free educational materials on poison ivy, oak, and sumac plant identification, and about prevention and treatment of the allergic reaction to these plants.

These materials include an educational brochure: http://www.zanfel.com/admin/AAFP_brochure.pdf, and a 17 X 22" Plant Identification Poster – with some great pictures of poison ivy, oak, and sumac. Both of these items are available free of charge, in any quantity. Shipping is also free. Zanfel's offer is on the BSA Website: http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/Resources/zanfel.aspx

Help your Scouts be prepared to deal with poison ivy, oak, and sumac this year – please contact me to order. You can reach the Customer Service Rep, Daniel Boelman by calling 1-800-401-4002, menu option one. Be sure to include your **name**, your **valid physical shipping address**, and **quantity** of brochures or posters you are requesting.

2010 Boy Scouts of America Centennial Silver Dollar

If you are interested in purchasing a Centennial BSA Silver Dollar go to the following link for the US Mint.

http://catalog.usmint.gov/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/ProductDisplay?acn_mc=B54563G&acn_ev=click&storeId=10001&mpe_id=10101&productId=14844&intv_id=10551&evtype=CpgnClick&langId=-1&catalogId=10001&ddkey=ClickInfo

Citizenship Merit Badge Day

This is an opportunity for your Scouts to complete several of the Citizenship MB requirements. This event takes place May 15th. If you have not already signed up, check out the details and registration information on the Appalachian Trail District website link:
http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=33216&orgkey=2007