THE BLUE BLAZE

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Upcoming Events

August

24 District Committee Meeting, 7:30pm, 199 North Place, Frederick, 21701, cpaulsmith@verizon.net
(Door opens at 6:30pm for subcommittee meetings)

25 District Eagle Review

25 **Popcorn Kickoff,** 7-9pm at LDS Church, 1811 Latham Dr. Frederick, 21701

28 Trainer's Edge at NCAC, contact allenonthelake@comcast.net.

September

10-12 Wood Badge session 1, contact tpinman@comcast.net

10 1st Popcorn order due from units

14 Roundtable (Boy Scout/Cub Scout/Venturing/OA) **6pm at Utica Park, 10200-B Old Frederick Rd. Frederick, MD 21701. This is our District Picnic. Please bring a dish to share.**
Training at Roundtable: This is Scouting (New Leader Essentials), contact mudrat@erols.com.
Boy Scout Leader Specific Training part 2, contact allenonthelake@comcast.net.

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

19 Boy Scout Law Breakfast at Camp Snyder

22 District Eagle Review

24-26 Goshen Bear Workend, contact Rob Jones ristph@aol.com

25 1st Popcorn order pickup

25 **District Training Day**:
Tiger Den Leader Specific Training, Cub Den Leader Specific Training, Webelos Den Leader Specific Training, Cubmaster Leader Specific Training, Pack Committee Leader Specific Training, contact cubpack570@hotmail.com; Troop Committee Challenge, contact allenonthelake@comcast.net; Varsity Coach Leader Specific Training, contact mhaderlie@gmail.com; Venturing Leader Specific Training, contact, mudrat@erols.com; Chartered Organization Representative Training, contact jimsundergill@comcast.net

26 Parent/Son Overnight at Camp Snyder

26 Venturing Leader Specific Training, contact ppetty1@cox.net

28 District Committee Meeting, 7:30pm, 199 North Place, Frederick, 21701, cpaulsmith@verizon.net

October

1 Junior Leader Training Weekend, contact mudrat@erols.com.

9-10 Wood Badge Session 2, contact tpinnman@comcast.net

12 Roundtable (Boy Scout/Cub Scout/Venturing/OA) **(LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED)**
Training at Roundtable: Merit Badge Counselor Training, contact mudrat@erols.com
Boy Scout Leader Specific Training Part 3, contact allenonthelake@comcast.net.

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

15 Putt Putt, contact shawnyoungberg@comcast.net

15-16 Scout Expo in Baker Park, contact dkbloxsom@comcast.net

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

26 District Committee Meeting, 7:30pm, 199 North Place, Frederick, 21701, cpaulsmith@verizon.net

27 District Eagle Review

District Key 3 Leadership
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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			
Varsity Training Chairman	Mike Haderlie	301-703-2114	mhaderlie@gmail.com.

September Roundtable

The September Roundtable will be a picnic at Utica Park 10200-B Old Frederick Rd. Frederick, MD 21701 beginning at 6pm. Please bring a dish to share. Training will be offered as listed in the calendar.

Popcorn by Melody Bloxsom, Popcorn Kernel

Popcorn season is also just around the corner. I will be sending an email out to the list I have from last year for unit kernels. If you are a Unit Leader or Committee Chair and your unit kernel has changed from last year, please, please let me know at mabloxsom@comcast.net. The last two years I have done this, unit kernels change and the new one misses out on important information, such as pickup times and locations.

Council Popcorn information for this year:

1. The Council popcorn website http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/vieworgpagelink.asp?orgkey=1989&linkkey=16722 is up and running and you will find all the information you need which includes, kick off locations, family guide, ordering assistance spreadsheets, weekly email list sign up, incentives and much more. Please make sure all your unit kernels have the web address and always check the site for updates. The Popcorn calendar is available at http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=16735&orgkey=1989

2. Usernames and Passwords for the Trail's-End system have been purged. If you try to use last year's username and password, it will not let you in. You must request a new one from the NCAC popcorn website. Anyone who still has problems logging into their account or didn't get a RSVP email back within 3 business days can call Patty at 301-214-9161 and she will gladly assist. All of the sales history is still in the Trail's-End system, only the users in each unit were cleared. For anyone that placed an early order, the pickup is Sept 21 in Clarksburg unless the order is $10K or more.

3. The Trail's-End ordering system is now up and ready for your orders. All early orders were due by August 6th with pick up at Al Moyer and Sons' and Robinson Terminal unless you have a $10,000 order. Moyer will contact all of the $10,000 home delivery people the week of August 16th to set up delivery. Please respond to Moyer when they call so we can ensure everyone gets their product.

4. Our local kick off this year is **August 25 7-9pm at the LDS Church 1811 Latham Dr, Frederick, 21701**. It will focus on the How To's of the Trail's-End system. If you have unit leaders that haven't been to a kick off in a while this would be a great time to come back. If they don't attend a kick off, they might get lost with all the new items, incentives, and information.

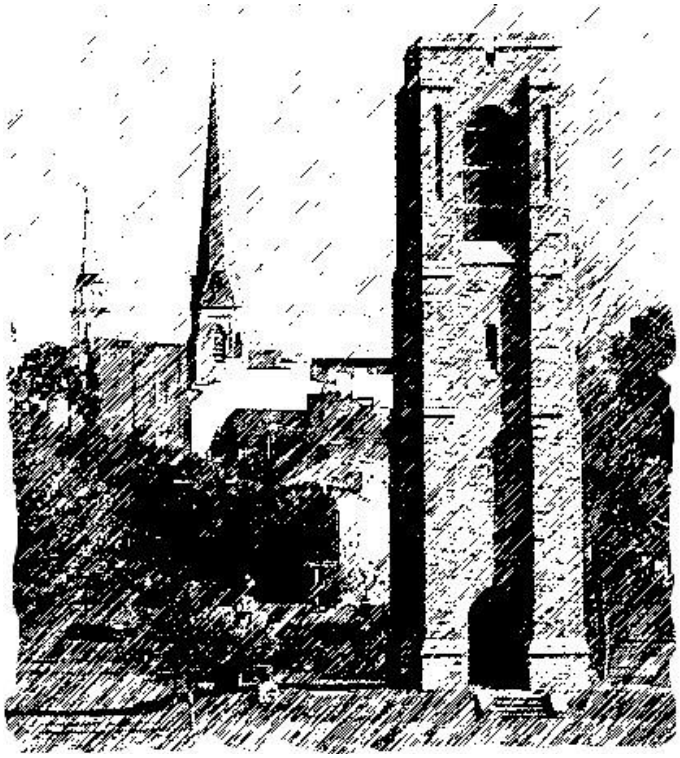
Join Scouting Night

Join Scouting Night (JSN) is an opportunity to recruit new Scouts and leaders to fill in the ranks in your units and keep the Scouting program thriving. It is suggested that you schedule your JSN September 13-17 and avoid the week of the Frederick Fair. **By holding your JSN September 13-17, you will have two weeks to get your new leaders to take Youth Protection Training online, turn in the new adult application and get to the Super Training on September 25th.**

Things to remember:

- **Appoint a JSN Coordinator** for your unit and send that person's name, phone number, email and date of the JSN to Debbie Crabb, Membership Chairman mom23scouts@aol.com or Linda Morgan, JSN Chairman LSTM@aol.com. Debbie and Linda will then keep you in the loop for updates and support information to conduct your JSN.
- **All adult applications must be turned in on the new application form**. The new form has an extra page where the person registering must sign to acknowledge and authorize a background check. The new application form can be downloaded at http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/524-501.pdf . If you have old adult application forms, throw them a way. They will not be accepted at Council.
- **All adults registering must submit proof of Youth Protection Training within the last two years**. The training is taken on line by going to: https://myscouting.scouting.org/_layouts/MyScouting/login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f_layouts%2fAuthenticate.aspx%3fSource%3d%252f&Source=%2f . Once on the MyScouting.org site, the applicant can create an account, take the Youth Protection Training and print out the certification card on completion.
- **Think outside the box when distributing JSN fliers.** Since the fliers are not distributed by the schools anymore, it is suggested that they be given out at Back to School Night, at ball games, in church and at community activities. Having the boys in uniform to help with the distribution will give extra visibility to Scouting and help with recruiting. Some local banks have electronic signs and they may consider allowing JSN advertisements to appear on the sign. If you have connections with cable TV or radio stations, you could advertise your JSN night that way as well. Be creative and think of new ways to reach the youth in your neighborhoods.
- **Remind all of your leaders about the Super Training Day September 25th**. Our Council is pushing hard to get every Scout leader trained and with good reason. If the leaders are trained, the youth will get a better program. See the calendar of the page one for all the training that will be offered on September 25th.
- **Make sure your new leaders take the preliminary online training before attending the Super Training Day.** You can access on online training at http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=16142&orgkey=1934.

If you have any questions about JSN or need support in any way, please contact Debbie Crabb, Membership Chairman mom23scouts@aol.com or Linda Morgan, JSN Chairman LSTM@aol.com.



Scouting Expo in the Park
October 15-16, 2010
Baker Park

The Expo will be a showcase of Scouting for area Scouts and for the Frederick County community. Don't miss your chance to participate in this once-in-a-lifetime event at historic Baker Park in downtown Frederick.

Bring your Pack, Troop, Team, Crew, or Ship to participate and demonstrate their Scouting skills by hosting a booth. Potential activities include:

Amateur Radio Cardboard Boat Building Water-Powered Rockets
Knot-Tying Exhibit Ring Toss Watch Tower
Obstacle Course Space Derby Raingutter Regatta Racing
Kite-Making First Aid Rope Making
Canoe/Kayak Display Zip-Line Emergency Preparedness
Water Balloon Slingshot
Floating Flag Pole
Wilderness Survival
SCUBA Gear Display High Adventure Display NCAC Camps Display
Dutch Oven Cooking Leave No Trace Trail Signs
Pinewood Derby Mousetrap Fishing Derby Wood Crafts
Bicycle Safety Clinic
Weather Station Stilt Walking
Rescue Rope Camp Gadgets
Fire Demo
Monkey Bridge Signal Tower Alka Seltzer Rockets
Small Model Rockets
Cooking Disability Awareness
Box Oven Baking
Backpacking Display or Suggest Your Own!

Celebrate 100 Years of Scouting!

The 2010 Scouting Expo in the Park is sponsored by the Appalachian Trail and Catoctin Mountain Districts of the Boy Scouts of America National Capital Area Council. For more information or to sign up your unit to host an activity, contact your District's Program Chairman –

Appalachian Trail: Zeke Zarrella zekezar@comcast.net
Catoctin Mountain: David Bloxsom dkbloxsom@comcast.net

Fall Camporee by David Bloxsom

Since we have only received feedback from two units (one AT, one CM) for participation in the Expo, we are getting a bit concerned. Please get your choices for stations in to us as soon as possible as we need to eliminate duplications. It will be First Come, First Served.

We also need units to assist with two gateways that will serve as entrances to the Expo, similar to what is done at Summer Camp and Jamboree. Below you will see a few examples of Jamboree gateways that are very elaborate. We do not need anything as expansive as these but still need quality entrances to both draw the public in and give them a sense of what we do right up front. Please try to get suggestions in to us by the end of next week.

We look forward to working with all of you. It is our intense hope that all units will participate in this once in a lifetime chance to show folks who we are!

Yours in Scouting;

David K. Bloxsom dkbloxsom@comcast.net
Vice-Chairman of Programs
Catoctin Mountain District, NCAC

Zeke Zarrella
Vince (Zeke) Zarrella zekezar@comcast.net
BSA NCAC Appalachian Trail Program Chair

Beltloopapalooza! by David Marron, CM Pack 195, Walkersville

Remember the inaugural Beltloopapalooza will be on **Saturday, October 16, 2010** at Baker Park in conjunction with the Camporee. However, instructors are still needed. October seems so far away, but trust me; it will be here before we know it!

Instructors should plan on teaching their belt loop 5 times during the day, for up to 45 minutes at a time. If an instructor can not teach all day then their belt loop sessions will be limited on the schedule--AM only or PM only.

Each Cub Scout should get a "blue card" for each belt loop he will be working on during the day, noting the skills accomplished/completed. If you are able to teach some or all of the pin requirements in the time allotted then great, we'll include those requirements on the card for each Cub Scout. Cub Scout registration will begin in September, so look for that notice.

If we don't have instructors for this event, then we can not have this event and our Cub Scouts will lose out on the experience.

I've talked to some of you already and I am compiling a list, so expect me to be speaking to most of you soon, asking you to volunteer.

There are still plenty of opportunities left so pick a belt loop and get back to me.

For more information, contact David Marron bigd4569@yahoo.com, 240-367-6900

Operation Welcome Home Maryland (OWHMD)

Below are the times and dates for August 2010. Remember the times are NOT the flight arrival time but the time for Volunteers to arrive so we can hang posters and make goodie bags. The time **CAN** change so **PLEASE CALL THE HOT LINE AT LEAST TWO HOURS BEFORE LEAVING FOR THE AIRPORT.** **HOT LINE # 410-630-1555.** Also below are some helpful hints.

There could be an UNSCHEDULED FLIGHT that may come in on any day of the week, Check HOT LINE (410-630-1555) after 9 AM on any day and keep checking a couple of times on a day for a flight. In January 2010 the schedule was for 11 Flights but there were 14 UNSCHEDULED FLIGHTS for a total of 25 flights in January 2010. There was an unscheduled flight on Sunday JULY 4, 2010 at 8AM of 173 passengers met by 18 OWHMD leaders and volunteers

DATE/TIME	TEAM LEADERS E-MAIL
1. Wednesday August 4, 2010 at 7 PM	lisa_funk@verizon.net; kenfunk@verizon.net
2. Thursday August 5, 2010 at 730 PM	woodduster@comcast.net: glo.w.smile4me@hotmail.com
3. Friday August 6, 2010 at 1 PM	marlie@verizon.net
4. Tuesday August 10, 2010 at 630 PM	baflanagan@verizon.net; edstreet@verizon.net
5. Thursday August 12, 2010 at 130 PM	lisa_funk@verizon.net; kenfunk@verizon.net

6. Saturday August 14, 2010 at 430 PM	woodduster@comcast.net: betty@sarcolumbia.com
7. Wednesday August 18, 2010 at 630 PM	claytonflowers@msn.com;
8. Friday August 20, 2010 at 5 PM	lisa_funk@verizon.net; kenfunk@verizon.net
9. Saturday August 21, 2010 at 4 PM	marlie@verizon.net
10. Tuesday August 24, 2010 at 730 PM	Navyfam6@comcast.net; claytonflowers@live.com
11. Thursday August 26, 2010 at 1 PM	captwood@erols.com; joanncavey@msn.com
12. Saturday August 28, 2010 at 545PM	baflanagan@verizon.net; glo.w.smile4me@hotmail.com

When you arrive at BWI-Marshall Airport, park in the Hourly Parking Garage, on Level 3, Section 3H. Bring your parking ticket in with you, to the International Flight Terminal / Pier E on the Lower Level. This is where we greet the Troops. The parking tickets will be collected for 30 minutes after the Volunteer arrival time stated on the Hotline (410) 630-1555 on the day of the event, and we will make a "final call" for parking tickets during the announcements. The times stated above on this schedule, are preliminary times, and could change on the day of the event.

Use the schedule above to mark your calendar now, for up coming events. If you are coming as a group, please be sure to email the Team Leaders in charge of that particular event.

Operation Welcome Home (MD) thanks you for your donations. We are an all-volunteer organization and, without your generous donations, we would not be able to provide each returning service member with a 'goody bag'.

We look forward to seeing you at BWI-Marshall Airport any flight day as we join together to welcome our service members back home to the USA.

Through June 2010: 110 Flights and 23,485 Passengers.

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NE IV 171, Owl Patrol

Centennial Celebrations

Many of the Scouts and Scouters from Catoctin Mountain District took part in the Grand Centennial Parade July 25 as well as the Centennial National Scout Jamboree at Ft. A.P. Hill, VA during July and August. It has been a wonderful celebration of the 100th year of Scouting in the US. You can get a good look at the photos and videos from the celebrations by going to the following websites:

http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=24607&orgkey=2010 On this site you can click to see news coverage around the nation, photo albums and video clips.

http://video.foxnews.com/v/4293299/100-years-of-boy-scouting/ On this site you will see our own Catoctin Mountain Eagle Scout, Cody Evans, during his interview on Fox News.

http://picasaweb.google.com/timothy.knotts/July2010Jamboree# On this site there is a very large group of photos taken at the Jamboree and a video clip of the arena show.

http://www.bsajamboree.org/ On this site you can access all the Jamboree publications, see video clips, photos and more.

District Chairman's Corner

Dear Fellow Scouters:
Like many of you I spent some time July 25th along Constitution Avenue watching the BSA Centennial Parade. It was a very impressive site. I saw the reincarnation of Clayton Moore, dressed in his blue Lone Ranger uniform and riding his horse Silver. That was a nice memory for me—I have always been a fan of the Lone Ranger and justice. The Lone Ranger show also helped me become interested in classical music. Rossini's William Tell Overture is one of the greatest overtures of all time.

There are three major Scouting issues in which we request your help:

- Please update your Youth Protection Training and help encourage all leaders to do this promptly.
- By the end of the year all leaders who have direct contact with the youth must complete their specific leader training. Please help us to complete this—otherwise the re-charter process will be a nightmare in 2011.
- We need all of our units to participate in the fall camporee at Baker Park. We need each unit to showcase at the camporee some Scouting skill or interest area. If all units participate it can help attract hundreds of youth to join Scouting and to get the benefits of this inspired program.

On behalf of the District Committee, we want to thank all of you for your many hours of service to the young men and women in our District. You are among the best people in our community.

Thank you.

C. Paul Smith