



THE BLUE BLAZE



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Upcoming Events

November

- 17 Popcorn 2nd order due from units
- 20 POW WOW
- 23 District Committee Meeting, 7:30pm, 199 North Place, Frederick, 21701, cpaulsmith@verizon.net
- 24 District Eagle Review

December

- 4 Popcorn 2nd order pick up
- 4 Boy Scout, Varsity and Venturing training in Chain Bridge District, see flier on page 7
- 14 Roundtable (Boy Scout/Cub Scout/Venturing/OA) 7:15pm at LDS Stake Center, 199 North Place, Frederick
Recharter Turn In
- 16 Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm Walkersville LDS Chapel
- 20 Popcorn final payments due
- 22 District Eagle Review
- 27 Inter-troop sports event - Bowling, contact Shawnyoungberg@comcast.net
- 28 District Committee Meeting, 7:30pm, 199 North Place, Frederick, 21701, cpaulsmith@verizon.net
- 31 Silver Beaver nominations due
- 31 District Award of Merit nominations due

January 2011

- 8 OA Banquet
- 8 Venturing Leader Specific Training, NCAC details TBA
- 11 Roundtable (Boy Scout/Cub Scout/Venturing/OA) 7:15pm at LDS Stake Center, 199 North Place, Frederick
 Training at Roundtable: Cubmaster Leader Specific Training, contact smatlockscouter@gmail.com
 Boy Scout Leader Specific Training part 2, contact allenonthelake@comcast.net.
- 13 Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm Walkersville LDS Chapel
- 17 Inter-troop sports event – Basketball, contact Shawnyoungberg@comcast.net
- 22 Commissioner's College
- 22-23 CPR/First Aid Instructor's Training at Camp Wm. B. Snyder
- 25 District Committee Meeting, 7:30pm, 199 North Place, Frederick, 21701, cpaulsmith@verizon.net
- 26 District Eagle Review

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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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Recharter turn in December 14th

All recharter packets are to be turned in at the December Roundtable on the 14th. Have your Unit Commissioner check over your packet before turning it in so any errors can be caught and corrected before the actual turn in. In case you are absolutely unable to make it to the Dec. 14 turn in, Appalachian Trail District has opened their turn in to us as well. It will be held on Dec. 18th from 2-6pm at the Roy Roger's Restaurant on Ballenger Creek Pike.

The earliest you can sign in for online recharter is December 1st. Remember all of your leaders need to have Youth Protection Training. Your charter will be rejected if that training is not documented. Have all your leaders go to www.myscouting.org and take Youth Protection training. Print out the training certificate when the training is completed and submit a copy with the recharter. Appalachian Trail District is holding a Youth Protection Training on Dec. 14th at the Frederick Church of the Brethren on W. Second St. They have kindly invited our District to participate. So if you can not take the training online, this is a good alternative. Contact: r_golling@yahoo.com.

Scouting for Food Reporting

From all preliminary reports, this year's Scouting for Food (SFF) drive was an even greater success than last year. The food that was collected is a major contribution to the food banks and is very important to the community that those food banks serve.

Reporting of the SFF collections is a little different this year. The information that is needed is:

1. Unit type and number
2. District (Catoctin Mountain)
3. Number of Scouts participating
4. Number of adults participating
5. Number of pounds OR number of bags collected

There are three ways to do the reporting.

1. Via the web: Go to <http://www.service-ncac.org/> and look for the section that says "Report your Scouting for Food collection here" (If you would like a receipt of your input, please print the "reporting" page after you enter your results. The next page gives you the NCAC overall tally in live time.)
2. Via Voicemail: Call 202-670-5373 and report the five items above.
3. Via Text Message: Send as text message to 202-670-5373 and report the five items above.

Table Tennis Tournament a Success by Dan Speace

The Catoctin Mountain District's first annual Boy Scout Table Tennis Tournament was held Monday, November 1, 2010. Seven professional table tennis tables were in use from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the LDS Church 199 North Place Frederick. Before the games began, **Michael Squires**, Manager of Joola North America LLC, with the help of Scout **J. Magee**, conducted a demonstration of playing by the rules and answered questions from Scouts and parents.

Thirty five Scouts from eight Troops competed for the **Winner's Trophies** and **Runner-up's Trophies** in each of the two age brackets, 11-13 years and 14-17 years.

The Winner's trophy for the 11-13 age bracket was won by **K. Myers of Troop #1070** while the **Runner-up trophy** went to **B. Quinn** of Troop #622.

The Winner's trophy for the 14-17 age bracket was won by **D. Quinn of Troop #622** while the **Runner-up trophy** went to **J. Quinn** also of Troop #622.

Ribbons were awarded in the 11-13 age brackets to **T. Allgaier** Troop #324 for third place, **A. Sims** Troop #1070 for fourth place and **B. Eisinger** Troop # 622 for fifth place.

Ribbons were awarded in the 14-17 age brackets to **A. Leishman** Troop #274 for third place, **M. Shiderly** Troop #1062 for fourth place and **M. Collela** Troop # 1062 for fifth place.

Umpires were stationed at each table; where their primary responsibility was to keep score and interpret the rules during play. They included **Randy Johnson**-Roundtable Commissioner, **Larry Lindner**-Committee Member Troop #274, **Fred Broadrup**-Skipper Sea Scout Ship #59 and District Camping Promotion Chair, **Ken Grenier**-Scoutmaster Troop #662, **Dr. George Waxter**-Community Volunteer, and **Michelle Spratt**-Troop 1062.

Becky Stalnaker served at the all important Registration Desk and checked in players as well as filled in Match Card data with player names and table assignments. She also kept track of match results and helped record progress on brackets.

Shawn Youngberg, Tournament Director, kept things rolling along with his timely announcements of player matches and assignments. Shawn and Dan Speace had the pleasure of announcing winners and presenting trophies. There was a high level of competition and a demonstration of table tennis skills that was fun to watch. It was clear from the many smiles seen throughout the day that Scouts and families were having fun. The level of intensity and maturity during play captured the attention of spectator's and player's and also their admiration. **These Scouts came to play!**

Colby Child, who donated the use of his newly refinished table tennis table said, "Thanks for all you guys did with this tournament. It seemed to be a success as well as a learning experience; both worthwhile results. I look forward to participating/supporting again next year."

Dan Speace said, "I watched with amazement as **B. Quinn** did his 180 degree turns to retrieve balls, then recover to send them back for winners. I also watched him perform his patented leap in the air to hit overhead smashes for winners." "He finally met his match in a well deserved winner, **K. Myers** who played a really steady, strategic game." "I watched **D. Quinn's** win over his brother **J. Quinn** in a very tight and skillful finals match in the 14 to 17 age bracket. Both were going for everything including scooping the ball up just before it hit the floor to extend the rally and eventually finish the point." **George Waxter** simply said, "It was fun." **Scout D. Medina**, Troop #4628 Historian, recorded, "November 1, 2010 had the best table tennis tournament I have ever been to. The event was five hours long. Phillip Stalnaker thought it was a great event. Patrick Stalnaker thought the event was competitive and challenging. I think that everyone who went to that event had a great time." **Fred Broadrup** said, "I thought the table tennis event was set up and conducted in Olympic-quality style."

Some thoughts on table tennis - Table tennis is a family sport. Kids who are too short, slow or skinny (These Scouts didn't fall into that category) for school varsity sports participation have the same need for competitive play as the four-year letterman. Table tennis is a sport in which size is of minor importance. It is a great eye/hand coordinator and is an excellent supplement to other sports. It is inexpensive and most of all fun. Table tennis is a sport that emphasizes individualism. Those who play are often independent, think-for-themselves kind of people. This tournament provided for plenty of room to play, better than usual lighting, more varied competition, and the recognition that achievement brings. As an athletic event and social experience, organized table tennis is hard to beat. Looking forward, next year's tournament can expand to include more Scouts for even more fun.



**Table Tennis
Inter-troop
Sports Event--
A Photo Review**
*Photos submitted by
Dan Speace*



Journey to Excellence submitted by Dave Place

Scouting's Journey to Excellence is the new program to replace the Centennial Quality Award program. It will provide recognition for Councils, Districts and Units for improving their delivery of good Scouting and/or for achieving specific measures of good performance.

A series of webinars will be held over the next few months or so for leaders at all levels of Scouting to introduce the program and help put it into use.

For district and unit leaders, the sign-up website is: <http://journey-to-excellence.kintera.org/district-unit>

All BSA leaders are welcome to participate in the webinars. However, space is limited and signing up before the meeting is required. There is no cost.

There will be webinars for district leaders and individual webinars for Pack, Troop and Crew leaders. The schedule is given when you go to the sign-up web page. Commissioners are encouraged to participate also as Commissioners will be implementing the program.

Please plan to sign up for a webinar in the area of greatest interest and value to you and encourage your Scouting friends and colleagues to do so also.

Be A Scout

Be A Scout is an online tool that allows anyone interested in Scouting, to find a unit (Pack, Troop, Team or Crew) near where they live. In order to make the program as useful as possible, it is important for units to keep their online information up to date. If you don't already have an account, go to www.myscouting.org to create an account. Be sure to write down the password, so you can access the account again. Go to the section labeled "Be A Scout" and begin to input or edit your data.

Once the data is entered, anyone moving into the area will have the information they need to contact the unit and sign up to join Scouting. Since distribution of Join Scouting Night fliers in the schools has been curtailed, the "Be A Scout" program can be very helpful as a recruiting tool.

Catoctin Mountain District Day Camp:

Hear Ye, Here Ye, Here Ye, Our Good King Arthur has decreed:

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CALENDARS;

Catoctin Mountain District DAY CAMP will be held **June 20-24, 2011.**

Previous publicity of this event indicated it was scheduled for the week of June 13th. This is NOT true.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

See you in the realm next June. Prepare your lances, swords and trusty steeds

For more information contact Colby Child,

Tel: 301-271-4111 Email: mudrat@erols.com

Training Website

To get all the latest information about training go to our district webpage at <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=16929&orgkey=2009>. You will find information about why leaders need to be trained and learn about the training continuum. There is an online calendar of training events as well as online registration.

In order to provide a quality program that will allow our youth to have the full benefit of all that Scouting has to offer, it is imperative for the leaders to be trained. A trained leader will have greater resources, provide quality leadership and program for the youth and have FUN as well.

Updating Training Records

by Colby Child, District Training Chairman
By now I have met and talked with a representative of each Unit. So I now can post this to the Web and send it out to the District across the internet. Please find the links for the Training Requirements Letter and Training Records Update Form below.

See Link below for Training Requirements Letter

<http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?orgkey=2009&id=86288>

See the link below for the Training Records Update Form

<http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?orgkey=2009&id=86287>

The Training Records Update Form is the LATEST version and should, if possible, be used in favor of other versions. If you already have provided your data or have completed forms, don't sweat recopying onto the latest version; I'll deal with the older version if used.

These documents also have been posted to the District Website under the menu item District Training (on the left side of the Web-Page) and therein on the REQUIRED Training page.

Thank you to all our leaders who are providing spectacular program to their Scouts and also working to gather, reconcile and submit their own training records. Your effort is sincerely appreciated; I thank you and your Scouts thank you.

Chain Bridge District is holding a second Fall Training Extravaganza. It is specifically scheduled due to conflicts many of the Chain Bridge LDS leaders had when the first course was offered. However, anyone is eligible to take this course and anyone who has not yet completed training should take this opportunity. Dave Carlson, an instructor at the course and Chain Bridge District Chairman is a strong leader and a good friend; he is a fellow BEAVER from WB 82-73. He will be teaching the Boy Scout Leader Specific Training.

Again, anyone who has not completed training yet should seriously consider this opportunity. Your Scouts deserve a trained leader. See the training flier below.

If you have questions about training, please contact me at *301-271-4111 or mudrat@erols.com*



DECEMBER TRAINING EXTRAVAGANZA

Chain Bridge District

When: Saturday December 4, 2010 Registration 8:00 – 8:30 (juice & donuts)

Location: *LDS Church, McLean, Virginia Stake
2034 Great Falls Road (corner of Idylwood Road)
Falls Church, VA 22043*

Program:

8:30 – 9:30 Live Youth Protection Training – YPT (Y01) for Cub Scout & Boy Scout Leaders. Free of charge. No online registration required. Just email Jay Eidson in advance at jayhoya1977@gmail.com so that we can get an accurate headcount for materials.

Parallel tracks (end times may vary):

8:30am – 2pm Venturing Leader Specific Training & YPT (P21 & Y02) - Carl Stout

8:30am – 2pm Varsity Coach Leader Specific Training (V21) - Doug Flamm

Starting after YPT:

9:30am – 3:30pm Boy Scout Leader Specific Training (S24) - Dave Carlson & Liz Konick

Cost: Leader-Specific Training Tracks are \$5 per track for training only -- cost of manuals will be added if you need a manual (usually about \$10 -- limited availability).

Online Registration for BSLST, VLST, or VCLST: On-line registration will be available on the NCAC website under Districts > Chain Bridge > District Calendar, then going to December 4, and clicking on "Training Extravaganza." Registration closes 6pm on Wednesday December 1, 2010

Brown bag lunch: bring your own -- as there won't be time to get anything on the outside.

Certificates & Trained Strips (when applicable): will be issued upon completion of each course.

Attire: Class A Uniform

Contact Information: Jay Eidson, Chain Bridge Leadership Development Chair:
jayhoya1977@gmail.com

Merit Badge Counselor Update by Bill Desmond, District Merit Badge Dean

As of the November Roundtable, only 4 of 21 Troops in the District have provided a reconciliation of the Merit Badge Counselor information provided to the units in October. Our goal is to be able to provide the youth we serve with a current, accurate listing of Merit Badge Counselors available to them. We are not close to achieving this goal and cannot do so without the support of the Troops of the District. We understand that this is a busy time of the Scout year with recharter ahead and the holidays approaching, but we urge you to help us in this effort to update District records. If there are any questions, please contact Bill Desmond, Catoctin Mountain Merit Badge Dean, at 301-662-4151 or BSPD1438@aol.com.

Wilderness First Aid and CPR Training

Appalachian Trail District has kindly invited us to take part in their Wilderness First Aid and CPR training. For a flier with full details, go to <http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=85811>. If you have questions, please use the contact information in the flier.

Friends of Scouting by Doug O'Connor, FOS Chairman

We are getting ready to begin the 2010/2011 Family Friends of Scouting Campaign. This is the council wide fund raiser which is vital to maintaining the excellent level of Scouting available through the District and the Council. Each unit (Pack, Troop, Crew, or Team) is asked to assign a FOS coordinator to facilitate the FOS presentation in their unit. Ideally this will be someone other than the Cubmaster, Scoutmaster or Crew Advisor who is willing to step up and help the Unit, District and Council move forward into the New Century of Scouting.

We will have the FOS kick off training session on November 30th at 7:30 PM at the LDS Stake Center 199 North Place in Frederick. We are asking each unit to send their FOS coordinator to the training session to pick up their materials and take part in the orientation. The session should last no longer than an hour.

Please have each unit coordinator RSVP to docor@verizon.net with their contact information (phone and email address), unit number and the approximate date when they will be having their FOS presentation for the unit. Please forward all contact info ASAP and we will see everyone on the 30th!

Thank you for all you do for Scouting

Walkersville Watershed Camping

Ron Layman, who oversees the Walkersville Watershed, announced at Roundtable that some folks are camping at the Watershed without letting him know in advance. Please contact Ron BEFORE camping at the Watershed as a courtesy and for safety. His contact information is 301-845-6208 or layman2@verizon.net.

Operation Welcome Home Maryland



Below are the Times and Dates for November 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, 173 passengers were met by 18 OWHMD Leaders and Volunteers

DATE/TIME	TEAM LEADERS E-MAIL
Tuesday November 16, 2010 at 1:30 pm	edstreet@verizon.net ; marlie@verizon.net
Friday November 19, 2010 at 4:45 pm	baflanagan@verizon.net ; woodduster@comcast.net
Sunday November 21, 2010 at 3:00 pm	joanncavey@msn.com
Tuesday November 23, 2010 at 5:45 pm	lisa_funk@verizon.net ; kenfunk@verizon.net

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 September 2010: 161 Flights and 35,613 Passengers.

 Bob Hogan, (410)-798-7006, RbrtL2001@aol.com

Annual Scouter Breakfast

Mark your calendars for the second Saturday in February 2011 and plan to attend the Annual Scouter Breakfast. It is a nice opportunity to network with other Scouters and enjoy a nice meal. The breakfast is being organized by Ron Layman. More details to follow.

Bike Rodeo was GREAT submitted by Darius Mark, Pack 271

The turnout was great, the weather was great, the location was great, and most importantly - the kids had a really good time.

I really appreciate all the help from the Pack 271 folks: Donna, Amy, Janice, Tina, Camellia at the Rodeo; the nice announcement Gary gave at the Pack meeting; and Linda spreading the word amongst other Packs/Troops in our District. Craig Pollack from the Frederick Pedalers Bicycle Club did a great job at the bike inspection station (always the busiest one). Thanks also to Brookhill United Methodist Church for making such a nice space available to us.



Photos submitted by Darius Mark

Packs & Troops that attended

Looking forward to doing this again next year.

In this shot there are roughly 25 kids lined for the bike inspection station alone.

Also pictured: Jason Judd timing the competitive Station #8 "Slow Speed Control", Janice Gilsdorf running the Bike Safety Quiz table, Michele Mark and Amy Draper checking out Alex's tricycle.



Troop 274 Celebrates Scouting Centennial with 100th and 101st Eagle Scouts

This year is the 100th anniversary of Boy Scouting in the US and it is the 63rd anniversary of Troop 274 sponsored by Trinity United Methodist Church in Frederick. Troop 274 began in 1947, the year the current Scoutmaster, Ron Layman, was born. The records are not complete for the years between 1947 and 1981. However, it is known that from 1981, when Scoutmaster Layman began his duties, to the present there have been 101 Boy Scouts from the Troop who have earned their Eagle rank (the highest rank in Scouting). Scoutmaster Layman credits the success of the Scouting program in Troop 274 in large part to his very dedicated group of Assistant Scoutmasters. “Without them the program would not be possible”, said Layman.

In the photo below J.R. Small (left) Eagle Scout 100 and C.W. Henley III (right) Eagle Scout 101 are seen with Scoutmaster Ron Layman. For his Eagle project, Small built a split rail fence around the pavilion at the Walkersville Watershed. Henley built a bridge across the creek at the watershed. Congratulations to Eagle Scouts Small and Henley, Troop 274 and their charting organization, Trinity UM Church.



Photo submitted by Ron Layman

National Eagle Scout Merit Scholarship

Scout's full name used in this article with written parental permission

Cody Wray Evans has been selected as one of eighty-four Eagle Scouts from across the country to receive a \$1000 scholarship provided by the National Eagle Scout Association. Over 5000 applications were submitted for different Eagle Scout scholarship programs. Cody's selection represents recognition of his superb record of accomplishments.

Cody plans to attend Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland majoring in a 3+2 program of Engineering and Physics. The National Eagle Scout Association, under the direction of the National Development Department Office, Boy Scouts of America, awards the scholarships based on recommendations made by regional selection committees. The national committee determines the number and size of scholarships to be granted each year to deserving Eagle Scouts.

Besides being an Eagle Scout, applicants must be a graduating high school senior or an undergraduate college student who applies no later than completion of his junior year. Additionally, each candidate must have demonstrated leadership ability in Scouting and a strong record of participation in activities outside of Scouting, and have the endorsement of a volunteer or professional Scout leader who know the applicant personally. Applications for the 2011 Eagle Scout scholarship program are available at www.nesa.org, with submission deadline of January 31, 2011.

Some Thoughts and Suggestions for Your Next Summer's Camping Experience

by Fred Broadrup, Camping Promotion Committee

By now all units have received camping packets from Council. Please read this material as it is well presented and complete. I encourage all units to attend a week long summer camp. It is the highlight for most youth in their camping experience. In fact, I suggest your group attend two long term camps.

The first camp I recommend highly is Goshen. It is a true outdoor camping experience for Webelos, Boy Scouts and crews. I encourage your group to take advantage of the patrol cooking option or the heater stack cooking option, not dining hall. Utilizing patrol cooking over the week long stay will strengthen the patrol method concept and turn it into a reality. Statistics at Goshen show units doing patrol cooking earn just as many merit badges as do units using dining hall. Goshen will credit your account for any early reservation deposit you have placed with other out-of-council camps.

The second camp I recommend is Camp Airy. It is close to home and staffed by highly qualified and motivated local scout volunteers. Airy is organized as an advancement camp. Many merit badges can be earned. You are well fed in their dining hall.

I know and appreciate the fact I am suggesting you go outside your comfort zone. Many units long-term camp close to home by returning to their "favorite" camp each year out of habit. Please consider Goshen and Airy for next summer. Both you and your Scouts deserve the opportunity to experience what Goshen and Airy have to offer.

For more information about Goshen Scout Camps, go to <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=33025&orgkey=1933> and get the latest issue of the Goshen Gazette.

Award Nominations

District Award of Merit and Silver Beaver Award nominations are due **December 31, 2010**. The Award of Merit is the highest award that can be given for service to a district. Forms for this award are available at <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?orgkey=1988&id=63819>. For more information, please contact shawnyoungberg@comcast.net or call 240-344-7733.

The Silver Beaver award is the highest award that can be given for service to a council. Nomination forms can be downloaded at <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?id=33369&orgkey=1988>. Nomination forms should be turned in to Tim Richardson by December 31. You can contact Tim at trichardson@boyscouts-ncac.org.

Troop 470 Earns Hornaday Award

by D. Moriarty, Scout and Janice Gilsdorf,
Assistant Scoutmaster

Scout's full names used only with written permission of their parents

Over the September 10, 2010 weekend Boy Scouts from Troop 470 of Frederick, Maryland spent two days working toward the highest conservation award, the William T. Hornaday Unit Award. The Hornaday Unit award is a special award given to a unit that has completed a significant conservation project in which 60% of the registered members must participate. The Hornaday awards were started in 1914 by Dr. William Hornaday director of the New York Zoological Park and founder of the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. Dr. Hornaday is well known for saving the American bison from extinction. The Hornaday Awards are given to Scouts and/or units that are dedicated to natural resource conservation and provide public educational awareness on conservation. Very few awards are given out and only a little more over a thousand have been given out in the past 95 years.

A Unit can choose one of several categories related to conservation; Energy Conservation, Soil and Water Conservation, Fish and Wildlife Management, Forestry and Range Management, Air and Water Pollution, Resource Recovery, Hazardous Material and Disposal Management, and Invasive Species Control. Once a topic is chosen the unit consults with conservation professionals to identify the best conservation practices for the proposed project, ensure the project will continue into the future, as well as, provide an educational component. Rangers Debbie Mills and Jeremy Murphy from Catoctin Mountain Park in Thurmont, Maryland advised the Troop throughout the project. Mr. Fred Broadrup, a previous recipient of the Hornaday Award, was also consulted during the project. Troop 470 will be the first Boy Scout Troop to earn the William T. Hornaday Unit award in the National Capital Area Council/Catoctin Mountain District.

Dr. Janice Gilsdorf (Assistant Scoutmaster) and Tommy Stokes (Life Scout) were the Troop project managers and chose the topic "Invasive Species Control". Tommy gained valuable experience that enabled him to improve his leadership skills, planning skills and organizational skills. For the project, the Troop went to Poplar Grove located in the Catoctin National Park to cut Japanese barberry. Japanese barberry is an invasive species that affects nitrogen levels, pH, and biological activity in the soil. It is found in most north-eastern States. Once the bushes were cut by the scouts, the adults sprayed the plants with an herbicide. Several acres were covered by the troop. Over the course of the two-day event people worked to cut barberry bushes or participate in the planning and organization of the project. In addition to 75% of Troop 470 registered members helping to control the barberry

invasion we had assistance from Troop 1998, Pack 271, and friends. All told, 90 people contributed over 400 man hours helping to control the spread of Japanese barberry in the park. In addition to the Hornaday Unit Award, several Scouts and two adults devoted additional hours to earn the Resource Stewardship Award.

Our take home message is everyone can help! Please don't plant Japanese barberry, as birds and small animals will eat and distribute the seeds. You can help by cutting down the barberry in your neighborhood. Help take out alien species and leave a natural environment!

Before pictures and during removal

Photos submitted by Janice Gilsdorf



The work crew



Troop 470 Recognized by Catoctin Mountain Park

During the Catoctin Mountain Park Volunteer Recognition Program on November 13th at Camp Greentop, Troop 470 was honored for their conservation work at the park which led to achievement of the Hornaday Award.



Photos by Jim Sundergill

Catoctin Mountain Park Superintendent shows the award certificate and special patches (Catoctin Mountain Park 100th Anniversary of Scouting patch and the Resource Stewardship patch) that were presented to each member of Troop 470 who participated in the Hornaday project.

Superintendent Poole said that Troop 470 is the first Troop to earn the Hornaday Award since 1914.

Congratulations to Troop 470 for this great accomplishment.

