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

March

19 **First Aid Meet 5:30pm, CPR Training 8-12/First Aid Training 1-4pm**

19 **District Training Day (note date change) details page 2:** Tiger Den Leader Specific Training, Cub Scout Den Leader Specific Training, Webelos Den Leader Specific Training, Cubmaster Leader Specific Training, Pack Committee Leader Specific Training, contact smatlockscouter@gmail.com.; Venture Leader Specific Training, contact webmaster@crew270.com. Varsity Leader Specific Training, contact mhaderlie@gmail.com; Troop Committee Challenge, contact allenonthelake@comcast.net; Chartered Organization Representative Training, contact jimsundergill@comcast.net

19 Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills session 1 of 2, contact dscaridi@aol.com

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

23 District Eagle Review

25-27 Wilderness First Aid Course at Camp William B. Snyder

26-27 Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills session 2 of 2, contact dscaridi@aol.com

31 Sunday Friendly Wood Badge session 2 of 2 (March 31 thru April 2)

April

8-9 Spring Camporee and OA Call Out (see pages 4 and 5)

9 Tree Planting at Old National Park Pike, contact HMontgomery@frederickcountymd.gov

12 Roundtable (Boy Scout/Cub Scout/Venturing/OA) 7:15pm at LDS Stake Center, 199 North Place, Frederick
Training at Roundtable: Boy Scout Leader Specific Training, contact allenonthelake@comcast.net.; Webelos Den Leader Specific Training, contact smatlockscouter@gmail.com; Venturing Leader Specific Training, contact webmaster@crew270.com; Troop Committee Challenge, contact allenonthelake@comcast.net. ; Trek Safely, contact mudrat@erols.com.

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

17 CPR/First Aid Course at Camp William B. Snyder

22 JLT (Junior Leader Training), contact mudrat@erols.com.

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30 BALOO (Basic adult leader outdoor orientation), contact mudrat@erols.com

May

6-7 Venturing Rendezvous

10 Roundtable (Boy Scout/Cub Scout/Venturing/OA) 7:15pm at LDS Stake Center, 199 North Place, Frederick
Training at Roundtable: Adult Leave No Trace and Safety Afloat, contact mudrat@erols.com.

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

13-15 Goshen Bear Workend

20 IOLS (Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills) training, contact allenonthelake@comcast.net.

21 District Dinner, contact Ron Layman layman2@verizon.net

21 Citizenship Merit Badge Day, contact r_golling@yahoo.com

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

25 District Eagle Review

27-30 Sea Scout Regatta

District Key 3 Leadership

Tim Richardson, District Director trichardson@boyscouts-ncac.org 240-529-6188
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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.

Super Derby 2011 submitted by John and Becky Stalnaker

Our District Super Derby will take place **March 12th at St. Timothy's Catholic Church in Walkersville.** This event is open to Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturing Scouts, adults and siblings. For all the details, including the Official Build Rules, Open Class Rules, Super Derby flier, Information packet and registration forms, go to http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=91123

Super Training Day March 19th
Get all your leaders trained!

On **March 19th** from 8am till 11:30am leaders most areas of Scouting can get training (**Cubmaster, Asst. Cubmaster, Tiger Den Leader, Cub Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader, Pack Trainer and Chartered Organization Representative)**. For more details and the registration form, go to: http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=90079 and http://www.wix.com/catoctin/flier1/details

Boy Scout Training Flier http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=92080

District Varsity Leader Specific Training 3-19-11. For full details click on link below: http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=90078

Tree Seedling Planting Event – A Service Opportunity

Volunteers needed for a tree seedling planting event at Old National Pike Park on Saturday, April 9, 2011! Frederick County's Division of Parks and Recreation is looking for volunteers to assist in planting 5 acres of seedlings at Old National Pike Park (12406 Old National Pike Mt. Airy, MD 21771) on Saturday, April 9 from 9am to 12pm. Water and a limited number of tools will be provided; volunteers are asked to bring additional tools, gloves, and snacks (if needed). This event is a good opportunity for students, Scout troops, and other community members to help enhance a local park to benefit water quality and wildlife, while also potentially earning volunteer hours, service-learning credit, and more. If you have questions, please contact Heather Montgomery at 301-600-1741 or email HMontgomery@frederickcountymd.gov .

Big Sweep – A Service Opportunity coming in April

This event will take place April 16, 2011 and coincides with Global Youth Service Day. It is an opportunity to do service to your community and raise money for your unit or other non-profit organization. To view the Big Sweep 2011 Flier, go to http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=89792

To view the Big Sweep 2011 FAQ, go to http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=89793

Den Chief Training by Doug O'Connor

Den Chief Training will take place next Monday 3-14-11 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm at the Walkersville Middle School, Room 121. Meet in the gym lobby and walk to the classroom together. Please forward your name, rank, troop number, phone # and email address to docor@verizon.net if you want to participate in training.

Please come in class A Uniform, and bring your Den Chief Handbook if you can. Please also talk to your Scoutmaster to get his approval and if you have time, get the approval from the Cubmaster of the Pack with which you wish to work. There is no cost for this training

Please call with any questions or comments. To download a copy of the Den Chief Training flier, go to http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=90421 . For more information contact, docor@verizon.net, 240-372-8114

Alumni Award Knot submitted by Dave Place

It has just come to my attention that the BSA released a brand new knot which can be earned by any adult Scouter and you may use actions after June 1, 2009 and forward to complete the requirements. The award is basically for those bringing back into scouting, Scouters that have left the program among other requirements dealing with the BSA alumni program. The form and all requirements can be found at **http://scoutleaderawards.com/awards/alumni.asp**

Cub Scout Day Camp June 20-24, 2011 submitted by Colby Child

Day Camp promises Medieval Adventure and lots of fun. Go to http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=91118 and see what all the "Hear Ye, Hear Ye" is all about. The cost for Day Camp is $160 until 4-18-11, $180 until 5-13-11 and $200 after that. However, all new, incoming Scouts pay only $160 up until the day that camp starts.

CATOCTIN MOUNTAIN DISTRICT

2011 SPRING CAMPOREE "AVIATION"

APRIL 8-10, 2011

WHO: Registered Boy Scouts, Venturing Crew Members, and adult leaders. *Limited to **200** Scouts.

WHAT: The Spring Camporee, hosted by Troop 1998, will include tours of the Frederick Municipal Airport, Maryland State Police "Trooper 3" Medivac facility, round robin learning sessions provided by the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), Landmark Aviation, Frederick Flight Center, Advanced Helicopter Concepts, and Kraemer Aviation Services. Local pilots will do Pre-Flight inspections and have static aircraft displays, a Hot Air balloon, Mid-Atlantic Soaring Association Glider/Sailplane, Academy of Model Aeronautics (Model Aircraft Display), and aircraft construction techniques will be taught by the Experimental Aircraft Association Local Chapter 524 (EAA). The completion of some of the Aviation Merit Badge requirements will be possible during the Camporee.

The Order of the Arrow campfire and call out will be held Saturday evening.

WHERE: Frederick Municipal Airport. 111 E Airport Dr, Frederick, MD 21701.

WHEN: Check-in on Friday April 8, 2011 from 4:30pm until 8pm.
Check-out on Sunday, April 10, 2011 at 1 pm.

COST: $17 per participant. **Must be received by March 25, 2011**
Fee provides participants with event patch, program supplies, porta-potties, campsites, awards and insurance.

FOOD: Troops/Crews must provide all meals.

EQUIPMENT: All personal gear and troop gear that you normally take on outings. You will NOT be able to drive your vehicles directly to your campsite. You will be required to move your personal and/or troop's equipment up to 1000 feet. Prepare for field camping.

GARBAGE: Pack it in, pack it out. Leave it better than when you came. Each unit should bring plenty of garbage bags.

LATRINES: Portable latrines will be available.

UNIFORMS: Class A Uniforms must be worn during opening ceremonies, Camporee activities, Campfire on Saturday and during religious services, awards ceremony and closing ceremony on Sunday. At all other times the unit's "activity uniform" should be worn.

CAMPFIRE: Each patrol will be asked to perform at least 1 skit/song/run-on. All such performances will be according to the Scout Law and Oath. A list of performances (sign up) will be compiled at Friday night's cracker barrel.

CONTACT: For registration questions, contact Lisa Kenny at l.kenny@comcast.net or 301-514-4243.

2011 CMD SPRING AVIATION CAMPOREE
REGISTRATION FORM

☐Troop ☐Crew

Unit # _____

POC name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Total number of participants Scouts _____ + Adults _____ = _____ x $17 = $_____

Please make checks payable to: NCAC/BSA Please note that fees are not refundable

Registrations must be received by March 25th, 2011.

Registration forms and payment should be sent to:
Spring 2011 Camporee
C/O Lisa Kenny
2035 William Franklin Dr
Frederick MD 21702

For registration questions, contact Lisa Kenny at l.kenny@comcast.net or 301-514-4243.

Scouts		
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****Each unit must send at least 2 adults to satisfy 2 deep leadership (one of whom must be 21 or older).**

Adults		
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3.	6.	9.

Merit Badge University

At the National Emergency Training Center

A service to fellow scouts provided by Venture Crew 394, Thurmont MD

Venture Crew 394 is pleased to announce that we have received permission to hold the Fifth Merit Badge University on the grounds of the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, MD.

When: Saturday, May 14, 2011; 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

To Register: Registration will open on April 1, 2011 at http://www.meritbadge.info Advance registration is required. On-site registration will not be permitted. *No registrations will be accepted until April 1st.*

Who May Attend: Any registered Boy Scout or Venturer may attend.

Opportunities: Counselors have confirmed or are considering teaching the following merit badges: Communications, Computers, Engineering, Fingerprinting, Fire Safety, First Aid, Geocaching, Golf, Personal Management, Public Health, Surveying, Traffic Safety, and Weather.

Help Wanted: We have an incredible available instructional facility at our disposal for this event. We would love to offer more opportunities to the scouts. If you can volunteer your time to teach a merit badge class, please contact us as soon as possible at meritbadgeday@comcast.net We will be happy to discuss the many options that we have available to you to accomplish your class. It is NOT necessary for a scout to be able to complete all the requirements for the merit badge during the event. In order for us to build the registration website, we must have confirmation of intent to serve as a counselor no later than Wednesday, March 23, 2011. *Note: Counselors must be BSA approved and have current Youth Protection training.*

Event Philosophy: We desire to offer the finest in instruction to as many scouts as can be accommodated, in as many different fields as possible. We ask that all counselors focus on quality instruction, in full accordance with the applicable BSA requirements. This event is not a "merit badge mill" – all badges should be earned by the scouts – we expect that the scouts will learn and retain the necessary information. In accordance with this philosophy, class size will be limited, and prerequisites will be required, for many classes. The registration site will include specific details for each class.

More Information: For additional information or to volunteer to teach a class, please contact us at meritbadgeday@comcast.net Please do NOT contact this email address to register for the event or to inquire about other details (see **To Register**, above).

Go Green When Camping submitted by Joanna Lohr

My name is Joanna Lohr and one of my personal goals is to help Scouts to GO GREEN when camping! I have been involved in Scouting for many years now. My husband, William, is the Scoutmaster of Troop 1812 and my son is an Eagle Scout.

Frederick County's recycling program offers community education and last year Annmarie Creamer, the Recycling Outreach Program Coordinator, was invited by Troop 1812 to speak at a meeting. She gave our Scouts an awesome presentation about creating less waste and recycling while camping. I encourage your troops to do the same. Annmarie's contact information is at the end of this article. From her, you will learn about green camping, recycling in the field and a whole lot more!

Here is a summary of how to camp with waste reduction in mind:

1. Prepare for the trip by minimizing the amount of potential waste you take into the field
    a. Buy items in bulk, not the ones which are individually wrapped. For example: It is better to buy a big bag of chips than several small bags.
    b. Take drinks in five gallon coolers instead of in bottles or cans. If you bring water and a few tubs of different flavored drink mixes, each scout can choose what to drink, less packaging will be used and the empty tubs of powder can be recycled!
    c. When possible, cook your meals instead of buying prepared food from the grocery store.
    d. Take transparent plastic bags to collect recyclable trash (transparent lets you see if you are collecting the right thing in the bag.)
    e. Take supplies into the field in re-usable grocery bags or in coolers, versus plastic bags.
2. During camping
    a. Post one of the transparent bags next to wherever regular trash collection is, so that it's easy to make the right choice and separate recyclable and non-recyclable trash.
    b. At the end of the trip, look through the bags for "mis-filed" items. It can also be fun to compare and see how little trash was created by different scout groups—make it a competition to see who produced the least amount of waste!
3. After camping
    a. Take recyclable waste with you. It can go to one of 11 Frederick County recycling drop-off centers (see http://www.frederickcountymd.gov/index.aspx?NID=1761 for locations). Remember to remove the trash from the clear bag when dropping it off.
    b. Or you can take the recyclables home and leave them at the curb for pick up. The recyclables have to be removed from the bag in order to be picked up (you can place them in your recycling cart or in cardboard boxes or paper bags.)

These few steps may seem like a little more work during busy camping trips, but they soon become routine and they benefit scouts on multiple levels. These same types of actions (buying less packaging, cooking meals, packing out waste) must be used for backpacking trips, so this can be the beginning of introducing Scouts to "traveling light", a useful lifelong skill for exploring the outdoors. Taking time to think about these things and take different actions may also get scouts thinking about the waste that's produced at school or at home—and that's something that benefits the whole community!

Not only Scouts from Troop 1812 enjoyed Mrs. Creamer's presentation – their parents did too. I think it is a wonderful, free opportunity provided to us and we all should take advantage of it! (For Scouts in 5th grade and

up, you can even request a hands-on program where each student actually recycles a sheet of old paper into a sheet of new paper; it's a lot of fun and helps to understand how recycling works.)
Contact information: Annmarie Creamer, Recycling Outreach Program Coordinator
Frederick County Department of Solid Waste Management
9031 Reichs Ford Road, Frederick, MD 21704, Ph: 301-600-7405
Email: ACreamer@FrederickCountyMD.gov
Joanna Lohr can be reached at: jgabryszuk@yahoo.com

Amangamek-Wipit Lodge Fellowship Registration

submitted by Sandy Crowe
When: March 18-20, 2011

Where: Camp William B. Snyder, Haymarket, VA

Cost: $25.00 per WEEKEND; $20.00 per SATURDAY ONLY

Who: ALL members of Amangamek-Wipit Lodge 470

Why: Great Fellowship, Awesome Feast, Games, Training, Ceremonies, Service Project, and election of 2011-2012 Lodge officers. Excitement that you don't want to miss!

What to bring: The Order of the Arrow is the Honor Camping Society for BSA, so we will be camping. Chapters will be grouped in designated camp sites by area. Bring your tent (chapter members are encouraged to buddy up where possible, age guidelines MUST be followed, i.e. under 18, 18 to 21, and 21 or over), sleeping bag and other camp necessities for a typical weekend camp outing.

Medical Form: All participants MUST bring their **Annual BSA Health and Medical Record**. The fully completed and signed Parts A & B are to be turned in at check-in. Registrants who do not have their forms will not be allowed to participate.

Activities:
Training sessions for all arrowmen, youth and adult during the morning on Saturday.
Ceremonies team competitions for Pre-ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil to determine which teams will represent the lodge at the NE-6A Section Conclave in June. Competitions will be held during the morning and afternoon.
Games/competitions will be held during the afternoon.
Service project for youth and adults will take place in the afternoon constructing Notice Boards in the camp sites. Election of 2011-2012 Lodge officers will be held on Saturday evening. Arrowmen interested in running for Lodge Chief, Lodge Vice Chief, Lodge Vice Chief for Administration & Communication, Lodge Vice Chief for Finance & Membership, or one of the five Lodge Area Chiefs (DC/Maryland South, MD North, VA Central, VA South, or VA West). Need to submit to the Lodge Adviser or bring with them a Candidacy Petition Form.
Register online at: http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=24617&orgkey=2002
Hope to see you there.
Sandy Crowe, OA Chapter Advisor
Catoctin Mtn Chapter

MARYLAND HUNTER SAFETY EDUCATION COURSE - 2011

March 29, 30 & April 1 6:30-9:00PM
April 2 8:00AM-12:00Noon

CATOCTIN FISH AND GAME PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
CLARK ROAD - MYERSVILLE, MD

$10.00 PER STUDENT

Questions and Early Registration
John Brognard - 301-371-4205
Don Fine - 301-371-5617

ALL MATERIALS WILL BE PROVIDED
CLASSES START PROMPTLY AT 6:30PM

Registration on March 29 starts at 6:00PM
Students must attend all classes

Directions: www.catoctinfishandgame.org

Citizenship Merit Badge Day

The Citizenship Merit Badge Day will be held May 21, 2011. This is an opportunity for your Scouts to earn Citizenship in the Community, Nation and World merit badges. For full details go to

https://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=33216&orgkey=2007

FireArms Training

SAFE ⇆ FUN ⇆ SKILL

Hal Noer hnre@xecu.net 301-639-9484

SO- Are you are interested in Firearms instruction? Firearms are only fun when used safely. And they can be a lot of fun!!

No one "can't shoot." Everyone can shoot well. Everyone can have fun. There is no magic age, size, build, sex, etc. You just need a willingness to try, and a positive attitude.

Firearms are very, very safe- when was the last time you saw a wrench jump up and hit someone? But used improperly firearms can be dangerous. We practice Having Fun Safely, and learning correct Skills we can use forever. This includes marksmanship!

March 20th a NRA Basic PISTOL Course will be offered. This is an 8-hour course in one day. The Heated Range House will be a balmy 65+ degrees while the outside is ?????

- From 8:30-5:30; WE WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY.
- Women are encouraged to attend, and welcome.
- Classes frequently have 40-50% female attendance, from 16 to 73!
- Lots of information covered- you will learn in a very relaxed setting.
- Handbooks, and lots of literature will be handed out for your use.
- Federal and State Laws, Rules, Regulations for Handguns will be covered.
- A collection of firearms, ammunition, and targets will be provided.
- Bring an open mind and a willing attitude, everything else is provided.
- Safety glasses and ear protection will be provided at the range.
- Strong emphasis on hands-on training and firearms practice.
- Hot Drinks, Hot Lunch, and Snacks will be provided.
- Every participant must fill out and have a signed Enrollment form.
- Forms will be sent to those who e-mail H. Noer at the address below.
- Classes will be held on private property near Thurmont, MD.
- An adult for youth under 16 MUST be present when we are shooting. Bring a chair and a good book!
- We will start with 22's, then move to 380, then 9mm and finally 45 cal.
- Class limited to 12 people.

Adult (18 or older)	$ 95.00
Youth (14-18)	$ 85.00
BSA Youth	$ 75.00
3rd or more from same family	$ 75.00

QUESTIONS or to REGISTER- contact Hal Noer