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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District Webpage: http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/view_homepage.asp?orgkey=2009

Upcoming Events

July

No District meetings. Have a good summer camping

August

5 Popcorn first orders due

9 Roundtable (Boy Scout/Cub Scout/OA) 7:15pm at LDS Stake Center, 199 North Place, Frederick

Training at Roundtable:

Tiger Den Leader Specific Training, contact Shawn Matlock 301-695-8687, smatlockscouter@gmail.com,

Boy Scout Leader Specific Training (1), contact Damon Allen 301-865-1540, allenonthelake@comcast.net.

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

15-20 Camp Airy

15 **Boy Scout Leader Specific Training** at Camp Airy, contact Colby Child, 301-271-4111, mudrat@erols.com.

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

24 District Eagle Review

26-28 Powder Horn Training

27 Trainer's Edge, contact Damon Allen 301-865-1540, allenonthelake@comcast.net.

September

9-11 Wood Badge 1 of 2, contact tpinnman@comcast.net

9 Popcorn 2nd order due

13 Roundtable (Boy Scout/Cub Scout/OA) 6pm Picnic at Walkersville Watershed, bring a dish to share.

Training at Roundtable: Tiger Den Leader/Cub Den Leader Specific Training, contact pack570@hotmail.com

This is Scouting, contact mudrat@erols.com

Boy Scout Leader Specific Training part 2, contact allenonthelake@comcast.net.

15 Powder Horn Training, NCAC

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

24 Goshen Bear Workend

24 Popcorn 2nd order pick up

24 **District Training Day**:

Cub Training: Tiger Den Leader Specific, Cub Den Leader Specific, Webelos Den Leader Specific, Cubmaster Leader Specific, Pack Committee Leader Specific, contact pack570@hotmail.com

Boy Scout Training: Boy Scout Leader Specific 1-3, Troop Committee Challenge, contact allenonthelake@comcast.net. Varsity Coach Leaders Specific Training, contact mhaderlie@gmail.com

Venturing Leader Specific Training, contact webmaster@crew270.com

Den Chief Training, contact docor@verizon.net

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

28 District Eagle Review

District Key 3 Leadership

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

Paul Smith, District Chairman, cpaulsmith@verizon.net, 301-748-2929

Russ Ingram, District Commissioner, ringram@xecu.net, 240-344-0516

Venturing Leader Specific Training (P21)

There are three Venturing Leader Specific Training courses (Course P21) scheduled for our District this year. This is required training for all Advisors, Associate Advisors and Committee Members of a Venturing Crew and should be taken within 90 days of accepting such a position. As of next year, the National Capital Area Council will no longer re-charter unit leaders without the required training (including Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS) for those Crews with any type of outdoor program). Cost for the VLST course is $5. Please email david.place@crew270.com to register. You will need a lunch, drinks for the day as well as a copy of the Venturing Leaders Manual.

July 30 - 0800-1600 - Thurmont Community Ambulance Services Co. (Co 30)*

September 24 - 0800-1700 - Catoctin Mountain District Super Saturday Training Day **

November 26 - 0800-1600 - Thurmont Community Ambulance Services Co. (Co 30)*

*** These dates are contingent on us having at least 3 people signed up for a given course at least a week prior to the course date.**
**** Prior registration will be required but the course will run with at least 1 participant.**

Merit Badge Counselor Training (D76)

As communicated by Bill Desmond and Dan Speace, all Merit Badge Counselor's must be trained (Course D76) and be YPT (Youth Protection Training) compliant by January 1, 2012 or they will be dropped from the District/Council rolls. There are currently 3 training courses scheduled for this year. Advanced registration is required to attend. There is no charge for this course. This is a required course for all Merit Badge Counselors before they can start counseling merit badges. Please email david.place@crew270.com to register.

August 16th - 1900-2030 - Thurmont Ambulance Co. *

September 20 - 1900-2030 - Thurmont Ambulance Co. *

November 15 - 1900-2030 - Thurmont Ambulance Co. *

*** These dates are contingent on us having at least 5 people signed up for a given course at least a week prior to the course date.**

Help Wanted

Angela Staffone from Venture Crew 394 needs your help to complete her Trust Award Project. She is currently working towards finishing this prestigious award and the project is the only requirement left to complete. Her project is removing the graffiti from some of Camp Misty Mounts cabins. The project is scheduled for **August 5th, 2011**. The meeting location is at the Visitor Center of the Catoctin Mountain Park at 9 Am. She, along with the Park Rangers of Catoctin Mountain Park, hopes that some Scouts and their families can help. If you can come, she will need you to bring close-toed shoes, clothes you don't mind getting dirty and a lunch. The project is in the middle of the woods so don't forget the bug spray. Water will be provided. If you are interested in helping her remove graffiti from these historic 80 year-old cabins, or have any questions, please contact her at her home phone: **301-663-4686** or at **astaffone@xecu.net**.

In Memoriam: Anthony F. Phelps submitted by Ross Bradley

It is with great sadness that on June 30th, 2011, we said farewell to Tony Phelps, our good friend in Scouting and former Scoutmaster of Troop 1011. By any standard, Tony was not only a superb mentor to our young Scouts, he taught our young men the true meaning of the Oath, law and promise and lived his life accordingly. As a former Officer in the Marine Corps, Tony excelled as teacher of leadership skills as well as the responsibilities of citizenship with emphasis on Honor, God and Country.

Those in our Scouting community who shared Wood Badge Training with Tony can attest to his dedication to Country and Scouting and also his skills in wilderness camping. The first group of Eagle Scouts from Troop 1011 have fond memories and life lessons they carry with them into adulthood thanks to Tony and his "lead by example" approach to Scouting. Whether on a bike, canoe, back packing or wilderness hike, Tony set the bar high and taught us all, young and old alike.

Those of us in the Frederick community of Scouting who were fortunate to have known Tony, will miss his presence but fear not, for his spirit will linger for many years to come in the hearts and minds of the Scouts he touched. What more can you ask from a Scoutmaster; the Master of Scouts.

Thank you Tony, hope to see you a little further down the trial.

Ross Bradley & Edward Clayson

Local Scout Unit Provides Color Guard for Frederick Event

submitted by Barry Thoma

The color guard for the opening ceremony of the Great Frederick Float on July 3rd was provided by Venture Crew 394. The flags presented were the United States flag, National Capital Area Council, Appalachian Trail District and Crew 394. (The Catoctin Mountain District flag could not be located in time for the ceremony.) From left to right are Cody Evans, Andrew MacPhee, Angela Staffone, M. McKenna, Cameron Thoma and Tyler Schaeberle. Venture Crew 394 is sponsored by The Trail House in downtown Frederick. Additional information on the Crew it can be found on the crew's website: www.crew394.org.

September Roundtable – a Picnic

On September 13th our Roundtable will be held at the Walkersville Watershed beginning at 6pm with a picnic. Meat will be provided so just bring a dish to share and join in for some fellowship, good food and our regular Roundtable meeting as well.

Fall Camporee

Mark your calendars for October 14-16 and plan to attend the Fall Camporee hosted by Ken Grenier and Troop 622. The theme will be Space Exploration. More information will follow.

NAYLE IS ON THE ROAD!

Some leaders may be born, but STRONG leaders are MADE! So let's get going and NAIL IT at NAYLE!

NAYLE—the BSA's premiere Leadership Training—is coming your way, so alert all your troops, crews, ships, and teams, all Scouts and Venturers, and Sea Scouts, too!

What's ""NAYLE"?

- It's the BSA's National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience, begun at Philmont and this summer *on the road* to BSA regions around the country!

What Do You Learn at NAYLE?

- Encouraging others to live lives of leadership-through-service.
- Acting as a "servant-leader" and sharing your leadership skills and group dynamics understanding to help others develop as well, in an outdoor setting.
- Intuitively using your leadership skills in all aspects of your life.
- Becoming an advocate for advanced leadership training back home in your local Council.

What Can I Expect??

- Challenging and fun group and individual activities in an outdoor setting.
- Learnings that lead to the opportunity of changing how you lead and how you live your life!

Participants were asked how much they'd recommend NAYLE to others like them and, on a 1 (low) to 5 (high) scale, they said: **4.9**!

The Modules

The six exciting NAYLE modules are designed for you to use your group leadership skills in realistic and challenging settings:

- **Challenging Events** **Wilderness First Aid** **GPS and Geocaching**
- **Search and Rescue** **Leave No Trace** **Conservation**

What Will You Take Home…?

- Growing self-awareness
  A daily assessment of strengths and limitations
- The happiness that comes from helping others succeed
- Growing creativity
- Understanding that everyone is a leader
  All group members make significant contributions to their team's success
- Knowing leadership is a way of life

- Growing self-confidence

Are *YOU* Ready?

To attend NAYLE, you will…

- Be 14 years of age by the first day of your course, but not yet 21, from Boy Scout, Varsity, & Venturing units.
- Have successfully completed National Youth Leader Training or The NYLT to NAYLE Bridge.
- Be in top physical condition: Meet the part D requirements of the BSA Annual Medical form.

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NAIL IT at NAYLE!

NAYLE Course Fee

- $355.00 per participant, includes all meals, lodging, training materials, NAYLE cap, and 2 NAYLE tee-shirts.
- Payment in full due with registration.

To Register…

- CENTRAL REGION
  - Dates: July 31-August 4, 2011
  - Camp: S-F Scout Ranch, Knob Lick, MO
  - St. Louis Area Council (www.stlbsa.org)
  - Register: www.stlbsa.org à Then click NAYLE link
  - Contact: Becky Fisk, Course Director
  - beckyfisk@hotmail.com
- NORTHEAST REGION
  - Dates: August 7-11, 2011
  - Camp: Onteora Scout Reservation, Livingston Manor, NY
  - Theodore Roosevelt Council (www.trcbsa.org)
  - Register: www.trcbsa.org/Onteora/NE-NAYLE.htm
  - Contact: John Glockner, Course Director
  - QPI@mail.com or [908] 928-1115
- WESTERN REGION-NORTH
  - Dates: July 5-9, 2011
  - Camp: Tamarancho, Fairfax, Marin County, CA
  - Marin Council (www.boyscouts-marin.org)
  - Register: www.boyscouts-marin.org à Then click NAYLE link
  - Contact: Mary Stevens, Course Director
  - leadershipBSA@gmail.com
- WESTERN REGION-SOUTH
  - Dates: August 8-12, 2011
  - Camp: Chawanakee, Shaver Lake, CA
  - Sequoia Council (www.seqbsa.org)
  - Register: www.seqbsa.org à Then click NAYLE link
  - Contact: Gerry Hester, Course Director
  - gerryhester@aol.com

GO HERE FOR APPLICATIONS: http://www.scouting.org

BSA Best Practices Web Portal submitted by Dave Place

I would like to relate to you the creation of the new BSA Best Practices Web Portal. It is in the final beta stage of testing and will go live in the coming weeks. This project was developed under the leadership of Bob Sadock, the Vice President for Marketing of the Northeast Region and his Marketing Committee with the important support of Darin Kinn of the National office.

The portal is an extremely important breakthrough and represents the new way of thinking on behalf of the BSA. In the past, "Best Practices" were handed down at Roundtables and meetings first in the form of stacks of paper and then on CD. There was no way for anyone to really say "we tried that but found a better alternative" or that "we tried it and it worked but don't forget to . . . ."

The new system will allow ordinary red jacket Scouters of every level of the program to place their best practices on this new portal for the purpose of sharing and to allowing others to comment and help not only refine the concept but also to rate it, similar to the way product websites allow consumer ratings. The portal will allow you to link to your program, put in key words to assist in searching, link to unit, Council, Area, and Regional committees, and to Journey to Excellence milestones.

Most importantly, this is open to any registered Scouter and is not a web site that is filtered. We have all shared ideas here on Scouts-L and have commented on the ideas of others. This new tool will give all of us a new forum to share our ideas with a much wider audience and it is incumbent upon those of us on Scouts-L to help get the word out and populate the site.

Look out for more information on how to begin using this aid.

As Maurice often says, "take back your program." This is a way to take back the program and to show many more rank and file Scouters how to do it right.

YiS,

Jay L. Lenrow
Vice President of Council Operations
Northeast Region Chairman of Jamboree Information Services
2010 National Jamboree Member
National Council Operations Group Member
National Religious Relationships Task Force Immediate Past Chairman
National Jewish Committee on Scouting Past President
Baltimore Area Council

I used to be a Buffalo (NE IV-123) but I'll always be an Eagle (1966) and a Distinguished Eagle (2007)
Proud son of a Life Scout and proud father of an Eagle

What you do speaks so loud that I cannot hear what you say.
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Operation Welcome Home Maryland submitted by Jim Sundergill

This is a great opportunity to show our soldiers our respect and gratitude as they return home from their assignments.

Below are the Times and Dates for July 2011. 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
Thursday July 21, 2011 at 4:45 pm woodduster@comcast.net; judie4600@comcast.net
Monday July 25, 2011 at 1:45 pm thomahawk@verizon.net; pat5161@verizon.net
Wednesday July 27, 2011 at 8:45 pm woodduster@comcast.net; p.kett@comcast.net
Thursday July 28, 2011 at 4:45 pm marlie@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'. These bags consist of a 16 oz bottle of water, snacks such as: single serving chips, cookies, granola bars, cheese & crackers, and bite size candy. We also include a hand-made "Thank You" card, and one from Operation Welcome Home.

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.

For 2009 there were: 201 Flights and 42,044 Passengers and for 2010 there were 215 flights and 45,338 Passengers. Through MAY 2011 there were 80 Flights and 18142 Passengers.

Bob Hogan
516 Bay View Point Drive, Edgewater, MD 21037, (410)-798-7006, RbrtL2001@aol.com

KNOT AWARD FEATURED FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

Each month *The Blue Blaze* will include a short article featuring one Knot Award. This is being done to help busy Adult Scout Leaders to: be reminded of, become familiar with and focus on achieving awards in the Knot Awards program. For the month of **July** the featured Knot Award is the **Den Leader Award**.

Cub Scout Den Leader Award

Tenure

Complete one year as a registered Cub Scout den leader
(Dates of service used to earn this award cannot be used to earn another key or award.)

Training

1. Complete "The New Den Leader" Fast Start training.
2. Complete basic training for Cub Scout den leaders.
3. Complete Youth Protection Training.
4. During your tenure for this award, participate in a Cub Scout leader pow wow or University of Scouting, or attend at least four roundtables.

Performance

Do **five** of the following:

1. During at least one program year, have a minimum of 50 percent of the Cub Scouts in your den earn the rank for their grade or age (Wolf or Bear).
2. At least once, reregister a minimum of 75 percent of the *eligible* members of your den as a part of pack rechartering.
3. Graduate a minimum of 60 percent of the eligible members of your den into Webelos Scouting.
4. Have an assistant den leader who meets regularly with your den.
5. Have a den chief who meets regularly with your den.
6. Take leadership in planning and conducting a den service project.
7. Conduct at least three den meetings per month, 9 months per year or follow an optional meeting plan approved by the pack.
8. Participate with your den in a Cub Scout day camp or Cub Scout resident camp experience.
9. Explore three "Character Connection" activities with your den members in one year.
10. Hold regular den meeting and den activity planning sessions with your assistant den leader.

If you or someone in your unit qualifies or will soon qualify for this Knot Award based on their performance, why not go to Http://knots.boy-scouts.net/ to download a **Progress Record application card** for this award. When you complete the card with all necessary signatures, turn it in to your **District Training Chair** at the next Roundtable meeting to receive the Knot Award that has been achieved and deserved. And, thank you for your service to the Boy Scouts of America!

Dan Speace, Advancement & Recognition Chairman, danspeace@comcast.net

Inter Troop Sports Events for the Coming Year

Shawn Youngberg has put together an exciting schedule of sports events starting in October and running through February. More details will follow but here are the dates so you can put them on your calendar and plan to attend.

Putt Putt	October 21
Table Tennis	November 4
Bowling	December 28
Basketball	January 16
Volleyball	February 20

BSA - CATOCTIN MOUNTAIN DISTRICT ANNUAL TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Friday, November 4, 2011 has been set as the date for this year's tournament. The tournament will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until completion. Please mark your calendars now and clear that date for your participation. Look for more details during the next few weeks. If you have questions, contact **Shawn Youngberg**, Inter-Troop Sporting Events Chairman at (240)344-7733, or Dan Speace at (301)694-3394.

VENTURING RT - AUGUST -

There **WILL** be a Venturing RT in August but not a traditional one. For those who don't know, Venturing is completely youth run and the Roundtables are as much for the Crew Officers (if not more) than they are for the adult leaders. The August Roundtable is for those youth leaders, the Crew officers to tell us (the Roundtable Commissioners) what they want us to present for the next 10 months. What consultants would you like to see? What program information would you like to have? What can we present to you to make your job easier? This yearly planning session is your opportunity to let us know what you want. Oh, and did I mention there would be some door prizes? August Venturing Roundtable will be held on August 9th at the Frederick LDS Stake Center (199 North Place, Frederick) 7:15-7:30 Announcements, 7:30-8:30 Planning Session.

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.