Den Chief Training Conference

Date: Saturday, September 22, 2012, 8:30 a.m. (check-in) – 3:30 p.m.

Location: Patuxent Presbyterian Church, 23421 Kingston Creek Road. Some activities and lunch will be conducted outside; *dress for the weather. Look for posted signs* upon your arrival.

Cost: $20; includes *Den Chief Handbook*, training course handout, *Trained* patch, lunch.

Contact: John Howlin, 443-532-6411, johnhowlinjr@yahoo.com, Western Shore District Cub ScoutTraining Chair.

Capacity: *Registration will be limited to the first 30 participants.*

Lunch: Lunch will be provided.

Bring: Pen and notepad. Also *Den Chief Handbook* if you own it.

Uniform: Wear your complete "Class A" uniform.

Advance Registration by September 18: Please bring your fee with you to the training. If paying by check, make it out to NCAC-BSA.

Directions: Route 4 to Kingston Creek Road. 23421 Kingston Creek Road. California, Md 20619.

What's a Den Chief: A Den Chief is an older Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, or Venturer who serves as a leadership assistant to a Cub Scout or Webelos Scout den. He is preferably a former Cub Scout, at least First Class rank, and at least 13 years old. Den Chiefs are selected by Senior Patrol Leader and Scoutmaster, Varsity Coach, or Venturing Advisor upon request by Cubmaster; approved by Cubmaster and Pack Committee for recommendation to Den Leader.

Course Description: Training is for scouts who serve as Den Chiefs; adult Cub Scout leaders (Den Leaders/Cubmasters) who use Den Chiefs in den/pack programs; and adult Boy Scout leaders who coordinate Den Chief assignments. The course instructs scouts on the Den Chief leadership position and the necessary skills to lead and befriend Cub/Webelos Scouts. The course motivates through fun, learning skills, playing games and activities that help scouts understand their role in the weekly den meetings. Some scouts who become Den Chiefs were never Cub Scouts and this course helps them understand that program

Qualifications: Although this training can be taken by Boy Scouts of any age/rank, we recommend scouts be active in their troops for at least *one year* before serving as Den Chiefs.