



# 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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Quality District 2008

## Upcoming Events

### February

- 16 Volleyball Inter-Troop Competition
- 21 University of Scouting
- 21 College of Adventure VLST/VLSC
- 24 District Committee Meeting, 7:30pm Church of Christ, 1305 N. Market St. Frederick
- 25 Eagle Review
- 28 Annual Sea Scout Wardroom Dinner

### March

- 10 Roundtable/OA 7:15pm old St. John's School, 114 E 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Frederick
- 10 Boy Scout Leader Specific Training at Roundtable, contact [allenonthelake@comcast.net](mailto:allenonthelake@comcast.net)
- 10 Cub Scout Leader Specific Training at Roundtable, contact [cubpack570@hotmail.com](mailto:cubpack570@hotmail.com)
- 10 Climb on Safely Training at Roundtable, contact [brian\\_holt@verizon.net](mailto:brian_holt@verizon.net)
- 10 Merit Badge Counselor Training at Roundtable, contact [mudrat@erols.com](mailto:mudrat@erols.com)
- 12 Commissioner's Meeting 7:30pm, LDS Chapel Walkersville
- 14 **District Training Day:**  
New Leader Essentials, 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 [cubpack570@hotmail.com](mailto:cubpack570@hotmail.com)  
Venturing Leader Specific Training, contact [brian\\_holt@verizon.net](mailto:brian_holt@verizon.net)  
Varsity Leader Specific Training, contact [mhaderlie@gmail.com](mailto:mhaderlie@gmail.com)  
Troop Committee Challenge, contact [allenonthelake@comcast.net](mailto:allenonthelake@comcast.net)  
Chartered Organization Representative Training, contact [mudrat@erols.com](mailto:mudrat@erols.com)
- 24 District Committee Meeting, 7:30pm Church of Christ, 1305 N. Market St. Frederick
- 25 Eagle Review
- 28 Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills (1), contact [dscaridi@aol.com](mailto:dscaridi@aol.com)

### April

- 4-5 Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills (2), contact [dscaridi@aol.com](mailto:dscaridi@aol.com)
- 14 Roundtable/OA 7:15pm old St. John's School, 114 E 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Frederick
- 14 Troop Committee Challenge Training at Roundtable, contact [allenonthelake@comcast.net](mailto:allenonthelake@comcast.net)
- 14 Webelos Den Leader Specific Training at Roundtable, contact [cubpack570@hotmail.com](mailto:cubpack570@hotmail.com)
- 14 Trek Safely Training at Roundtable, contact [brian\\_holt@verizon.net](mailto:brian_holt@verizon.net)
- 16 Commissioner's Meeting 7:30pm, LDS Chapel Walkersville
- 17-19 Spring Camporee, contact Paul Smith [cpaulsmith@verizon.net](mailto:cpaulsmith@verizon.net)
- 17-19 Boy Scout Leader Specific Training Parts 1-3, contact [allenonthelake@comcast.net](mailto:allenonthelake@comcast.net)
- 22 Eagle Review
- 25 OA Ordeal
- 28 District Committee Meeting, 7:30pm Church of Christ, 1305 N. Market St. Frederick

**You are welcome to take training in any District**

For more information, visit [http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/view\\_homepage.asp?orgkey=1934](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/view_homepage.asp?orgkey=1934)

### District Key 3 Leadership

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## **Congratulation to Catoctin Mountain**

Catoctin Mountain District has earned Centennial Quality District Award status due to the efforts of all of our District units, Scouts and Scouters in meeting the goals for program, finance, membership and individual unit Centennial Quality Award recognition. Thanks to the efforts of all the Districts in our National Capital Area Council, our Council has also earned Centennial Quality Council status. The Scouting program is strong in our Council and in our District as we work hard to nurture quality leaders for the future.

## **Goshen Becomes Home of the National Jamboree**

DALLAS, Feb. 11 /PRNewswire/ -- As on outgrowth of an 18-month process aimed at establishing a permanent home for its iconic event, the national Scout jamboree, the Boy Scouts of America announced today that it will enter negotiations with sites in Virginia and West Virginia to explore the vision of a National Scouting Center. The National Scouting Center will comprise three major areas of focus: the permanent home for the national Scout jamboree, a new high-adventure base, and expanded opportunities for national leadership and outdoor skills training. The vision for a National Scouting Center evolved from an intensive, highly competitive site selection process that drew 80 proposals from 28 states.

The site selection process, referred to as Project Arrow, was overseen by a committee that narrowed submissions to three outstanding finalist proposals from Virginia, West Virginia, and Arkansas. Today, after serious and thorough consideration, the BSA's National Executive Board took action to proceed with further investigation and negotiations with Virginia and West Virginia. Plans call for placement of the permanent home for the BSA's national jamboree in Goshen, Rockbridge County, Virginia, and the new high-adventure base in Fayette and Raleigh counties, West Virginia.

"This new vision of a National Scouting Center represents an incredible opportunity for the BSA, our Scouts, and the nation. In its entirety, the center will offer a new American landmark—a multipurpose, year-round destination for Scouting activities that will become the epicenter for the best that Scouting has to offer," said Jack D. Furst, chairman of the Project Arrow Committee and retired partner of the private equity firm HM Capital Partners. "It will be a dynamic place where people from all over this country and the world come together to share their common values, partake in America's best leadership programs, and challenge themselves through rigorous outdoor activities."

Furst noted that although an important step has been taken, there is still much work to be done. "We are moving from vision to reality, and there is still much process to go through."

"Serving as the home for the Boy Scouts' national Scout jamboree is a great honor for the commonwealth of Virginia," said Patrick O. Gottschalk, Virginia secretary of commerce and trade. "We are committed to this process and know that we have a tremendous amount to offer in the long term to this time-honored celebration and the organizational goals of the Boy Scouts."

Kelley Goes, cabinet secretary of the West Virginia Department of Commerce, says her state is eager to continue progress with the BSA. "We appreciate the Boy Scouts' recognition of what our land has to offer with its spectacular and diverse topography. There are opportunities to bring new adventure outlets to Scouts, and we look forward to continuing this discussion."

Experiential learning activities, such as the ones offered at BSA high-adventure bases and the national jamboree, are a core element to fulfilling the BSA's mission of serving America's youth with character-building opportunities. Both the jamboree and high-adventure bases reflect the skills and values of Scouting -- appreciation for the outdoors, physical fitness, environmental conservation, and understanding our national heritage.

Every four years, the BSA hosts a 10-day jamboree celebration that draws more than 240,000 Scouts, volunteers, vendors, and visitors. Annually, the BSA's three existing high-adventure bases, Philmont, Northern Tier, and Florida Sea Base, serve more than 50,000 youth -- with 20,000 more wait-listed. The new proposed adventure base would complement the existing three and help meet the demand for high-adventure activities with completely new programs not offered elsewhere.

Furst says the BSA extends its sincere thanks to the jamboree site finalist in Saline County, Arkansas. "We are so grateful to Governor Beebe and the officials of Arkansas for providing us such a compelling option, and showcasing their state's great leadership. Their incredible site had many outstanding elements," Furst said.

Among other criteria that were considered, potential jamboree sites were to:

- \* Have spectacular natural beauty
- \* Have water for recreational activities
- \* Be at least 5,000 acres and available for donation, long-term lease (100-plus years), or sale
- \* Be within 25 miles of an interstate or a four-lane divided highway
- \* Be within 150 miles of a commercial service airport with medium or large hub status
- \* Be in an area with adequate medical services
- \* Be accessible year-round via standard modes of transportation

The BSA partnered with McCallum Sweeney Consulting in Greenville, South Carolina, to aid in the search and evaluation process. During the more than 18-month site selection process, a three-phase, systematic review and assessment approach gave each proposal thorough consideration.



## **MEMO from Al Lambert, Scout Executive**

On Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, the Boy Scouts of America National Executive Board concluded an 18-month process and approved the selection of NCAC's Goshen Scout Reservation in Rockbridge County, VA as the permanent home for BSA's National Jamboree. We are extremely pleased and excited by this decision and the confidence the National Executive Board has placed in our Council. The next step in the selection process involves contract negotiations between BSA and NCAC's Executive Board. Past Council President Bill Hagerty has headed the volunteer team that has worked with the selection process and will spearhead the negotiations. In order to keep you more informed, the NCAC will be hosting a series of five Town Hall-style meetings throughout our region to discuss the potential for our Council and address the decision and its impact for our Districts, Troops and Scouts. A schedule of these meetings is listed below. Please RSVP your confirmation to attend at [www.boyscouts-ncac.org](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org). We are counting on you to share this information with our Scouting family and look forward to your participation.

Please note – this exciting opportunity has no impact on the 2009 summer camping season at Goshen – other than an increased interest in our camp from Scouts across the country! The 2010 Jamboree will happen at Fort AP Hill – as scheduled.

Please refer any media inquires to Don Reinhardt at the Council Office – 301-214-9117.

As more details become available, we will continue to share them with all of you.

### **TOWN HALL MEETINGS SCHEDULE**

**All meetings start at 7PM**

#### **Monday, March 16**

Falls Church Presbyterian Church  
225 E. Broad Street  
Falls Church, VA 22046

#### **Wednesday, March 18**

Ebenezer United Methodist Church  
161 Embrey Mill Road  
Stafford, VA 22554

#### **Thursday, March 19**

Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church  
610 S. Frederick Avenue  
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

#### **Monday, March 23**

Oxon Hill Lutheran Church  
3415 Brinkley Road  
Temple Hills, MD 20748

#### **Monday, March 30**

Camp Snyder Dining Hall  
6100 Antioch Road  
Haymarket, VA 20169

# Jamboree 2010

Don't miss the 2010 Jamboree. It will be a celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Scouting in the US and will be the last Jamboree to be held at Fort AP Hill, VA. Click on the link below for full details and registration information.

<http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=23554&orgkey=1988>

## Rechartering

The rechartering date for Catoctin Mountain will be changing next year from March 1<sup>st</sup> to Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. The main effect that this will have right now is that the registration and Boys Life fees for the 2009 Scout year will be for only 10 months instead of the usual 12. The 10-month registration fee is \$8.50 and the Boys Life is \$10.00. Both fees can be found on the inside of any Scout or Adult application.

What does this mean in the longer run? First of all, it brings us better in line with the Centennial Quality Unit Award (CQUA) yearly cycle. We will be able to once again consider the CQUA as part of the rechartering process instead of its current status. Those forms are due at the end of the year and this matches up perfectly with our recharter date of January 1<sup>st</sup>.

The effort put into the roster checks can be put to immediate use as the basis for recharter. Units are generally fairly stable in December since the Webelos II are neither leaving a Pack or joining a Troop at that time as opposed to their migrations in March. This should help out with the problems over the years where a Webelos was dropped out of the Pack (since they were leaving), but the receiving Troop transferred them in. The net result was that the Scout was not actually registered and not on the Scout insurance for a few months.

### Calendar for 2009 recharter

March 1<sup>st</sup>: CM recharterers are DUE! (March 7 is the turn-in at Super Derby)  
March 31<sup>st</sup>: Unit Charter expiration date; note that it takes time to validate everything.

### Calendar for 2010 Recharter

Fall 2009: Roster checks to determine current numbers and year end membership.  
Nov. RT: Pick up recharter packets; get any required applications started.  
December 1<sup>st</sup>: Internet rechartering opens for CM; recharterers can be turned in on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.  
December RT: Early recharter turn-in  
January 1<sup>st</sup>: CM recharterers are DUE!  
January 31<sup>st</sup>: Unit Charter expiration date; please don't let it happen to your unit.

As is always the case, the Commissioners stand ready to help out. We are only a phone or email away.

Yours in Scouting,  
Randy Johnson, CM District Commissioner  
(240) 529-7363  
[walkersville.scouts@gmail.com](mailto:walkersville.scouts@gmail.com)

## District Dinner

Our annual District Scouter Recognition Dinner will be held May 30<sup>th</sup>. The place is to be determined. This year as in years past, the units will be asked to nominate deserving Scout leaders in their units to receive the Peak Award, Cubmaster of the Year, Scoutmaster of the Year and Scouting Family of the Year. Application forms for all of those awards can be found on the link below.

<http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=16936&orgkey=2009>

In addition, the Commissioner's Unit of the Year Awards will be presented. The forms for the Unit of the Year Criteria are on the link above also. Units can also fill in the criteria boards that are brought to the Roundtable each month.

**The Swim Meet/Scout Swim** will be on Friday, March 20th, from 7-9 pm at the Middletown High School Pool (same location as the previous 27 years). The Troop 278/Pack 278 Invitational Swim Meet has also been known at the FSK District Swim Meet, and is currently the Swim Meet for both the Appalachian Trail and Catoctin Mountain Districts. There will be time before (7:05pm - 7:25pm) and after (8:15pm - 8:45pm) the swim meet for Scouts to work on various aquatic requirements. The cost will be \$5/Scout again this year. **We've decided to buy a patch designed just for this event for all the Scouts that attend. Registrations for the 27th Annual Pack 278-Troop 278 Invitations Swim Meet must be in by Tuesday, 10 March.** For more information, contact Michael Turell either by email, [mturell@erols.com](mailto:mturell@erols.com) or by phone, 301-371-5412. Please see that attached flyer for more information. I hope to see you there.

**28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
PACK 278-TROOP 278  
 INVITATIONAL SWIM MEET  
 (a.k.a. FSK Swim Meet, Appalachian Trails/Catoctin Mountain Swim Meet)**

**WHEN: FRIDAY, March 20th, 2009**

*WHERE: MIDDLETOWN HIGH SCHOOL POOL*

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- 7:00pm Practice/SCOUT swim**
- 7:25pm Opening ceremony**
- 7:30pm SWIM MEET**
- \*\* 8:15pm SCOUT Swim \*\***
- 8:45pm Presentation of Ribbons/Trophies**
- 8:55pm Closing ceremony**

***There will be separate competitions for each age in Freestyle, Breaststroke, and Backstroke.***

*All events will be 1 length of the pool (25 yards)*

***BOY SCOUTS EVENTS: 11-12, 13-14, and 15-17- year-olds***

**\*\* AGE as of Friday, March 20th, 2009\*\***

**DONATION (\$5.00)/SCOUT!**

**ADVANCE REGISTRATION ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED!**

**TROPHIES for each age group, RIBBONS AND FUN for everyone**

**Any Questions? Contact Michael Turell (301-371-5412)(h) or 301-619-4921(w)**

**TROOP \_\_\_\_\_ wishes to register the following Scouts for the SWIM MEET to be held on March 20th, 2009. Please note only 3 Scouts/age group this year unless you contact Michael Turell first.**

11-12-year-old Scouts	13-14-year old Scouts	15-17 year old Scouts
1. _____	1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	3. _____	3. _____

**Name & phone # for point of contact in your troop:**

Please send pre-registration to: Michael J. Turell, before March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Snail mail: Please send early so I have by **10 March**: 7217 Ridge Road, Frederick, MD 21702

Or send by e-mail: [mturell@erols.com](mailto:mturell@erols.com) Questions, Please call: (301) 371-5412.

## OA Elections

Units wishing to hold elections for Order of the Arrow need to do so by March 31<sup>st</sup> for youth members. Adult applications must be submitted by March 10<sup>th</sup>. To schedule an election, contact Shawn Youngberg at [shawnyoungberg@comcast.net](mailto:shawnyoungberg@comcast.net).

## Spring Camporee

The theme of the Spring Camporee is "America's Magnificent Geology". The participants can expect to be challenged to identify many kinds of rocks, use a compass and topographical maps for finding their way, do some hiking and enjoy a great campfire on Saturday night. This all takes place April 17-19 at the Walkersville Watershed. For more information and to sign up, please contact Paul Smith, chairman at [cpaulsmith@verizon.net](mailto:cpaulsmith@verizon.net).

## Citizenship Merit Badge Day

Mark your calendars for May 16, 2009 and encourage your Scouts to attend the Citizenship Merit Badge Day if they need any of the three Citizenship badges (Community, Nation, or World). Registration information can be found in the News & Events section on the [http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/view\\_homepage.asp?orgkey=2007](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/view_homepage.asp?orgkey=2007) . (Point of contact - Rich Golling 301-676-6805 or [r\\_golling@yahoo.com](mailto:r_golling@yahoo.com) Subj: Citizenship MB info/request)

## Wealth of Information

Visit our Council Webpage site map at <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewSitemap.asp?orgkey=370&maporglist=370,1988,1933,1989,1934,2007,2020,2002,2008,2023,2009,2015,2016,2011,2003,2010,808,496,2012,2004,2005,2021,2185,2022,2017,2013,371,2024,2025,2186,2014,1990,1222,2187,2006,2018,2019> and see what a wealth of information is there just waiting for you. Also visit our District Webpage at [http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/view\\_homepage.asp?orgkey=2009](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/view_homepage.asp?orgkey=2009). Our District Webmaster, Dave Place, has done a great job with the site. On the site you will find information about District events, the calendar, forms and documents, training information, our District newsletter, etc. The WebPages are resources to help you deliver the Scouting, program so visit the sites, explore them and use them to your benefit.

## Troop 570 in Need of Merit Badge Counselors

If you or someone in your unit would be willing to help teach merit badges to the Scouts in Troop 570, please contact Vicky Carswell at [cubpack570@hotmail.com](mailto:cubpack570@hotmail.com).

## Local Scouter Severely Injured

 by Joe Charlebois, Cubmaster Pack 799

The gentleman who fell from the scaffolding at the Banner School is one of our own. His name is John Miller, he is the father of a first year Webelos Scout. John is likely our biggest volunteer, our award chairman, and overall carpenter extraordinaire. Please keep him in your prayers and pass along the information to anyone who should know. When we last heard, he was in critical but stable condition at UM Shock Trauma in Baltimore.

## Camp Promotion Coordinator for Each Unit

Each unit is asked to appoint a Camp Promotion person and have that person get in touch with Tim Richardson at [trichardson@boyscouts-ncac.org](mailto:trichardson@boyscouts-ncac.org). Tim will come to your unit and discuss all the opportunities available for camping (Day Camp, Goshen, Camp Snyder, etc). Camping and outdoor activities are vital to keeping Scouts interested and enthusiastic about Scouting so contact Tim soon and see what opportunities await you and your Scouts.

## **2009 6th Annual Frederick County BSA First Aid Meet**

*Dear Scouts & Scouters,*

The Sixth Annual Frederick County BSA First Aid Meet will be held on March 21, 2009 at the Calvary Assembly Church Activities Hall, 8234 Woodsboro Pike (Rt. 194), in Walkersville. The doors will open at 5:30 PM for participating Patrols with the competition commencing at 6:45 PM. Please Park in the Lot on the RIGHT (North) side of the complex by the Activities Hall.

This is an honored local event that allows the Scouts to "Show their Stuff" by competing with up to 40 other Patrols in First Aid skills at Tenderfoot through First Class level (5 challenges) and Merit Badge level (5 challenges). We may include scenarios dealing with current events. Judges are area Law Enforcement, Medical, and Scouting adults graciously volunteering their time.

This Meet will be dedicated in the Honor of its original co-founder Big Al Miller, whose recent loss will not be forgotten.

**PLEASE BE PROMPT!**

***Registration is by mail utilizing the form below. Competing Patrol floor positions will be assigned in order of arrival. Please register ASAP - All Patrol registrations must be received by March 9, 2009.***

*NO EXCEPTIONS!*

***Please provide both troop number and patrol name, send in the form promptly, and call any of us if you have any questions or concerns (contact information below).***

***Enclosed is a set of rules and an equipment list. Please observe the rules strictly (This is a competition!) and register early. We are Looking Forward to seeing you on March 21!***

***Co-Chairmen: Zeke Zarrella                      Lew Raeder***

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***Troop # \_\_\_\_\_ will have \_\_\_\_\_ patrols competing in the Dual District, Frederick County First Aid Meet on March 21, 2009 at the Calvary Assembly Activities Hall in Walkersville.***

***The patrol names are:***

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ ***SM Signature*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***SM Printed Name***

\_\_\_\_\_ ***SM Contact Number/email***

*Please Email Troop Attendance Info to: Lew Raeder [lewcar@comcast.net](mailto:lewcar@comcast.net)*

*For More Information Please Contact:*

***Zeke Zarrella W (301) 874-2945, email: [zekezar@comcast.net](mailto:zekezar@comcast.net)***

***Lew Raeder (301) 831-9399***

***Linda Sundergill (301)-898-7549***

***Diane Henson (301) -631-5514***

# **GET PREPARED**

For the  
**6<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
**Appalachian Trail & Catoctin Mountain**  
**Dual District**

## **FIRST AID MEET**

*A Traditional Knowledge & Skills Competition*

**5:30pm - March 21, 2009**

*Calvary Assembly Activities Hall, 8234 Woodsboro Pike  
(Rt 194), Walkersville, MD.*

### **SCOUTERS START GETTING YOUR TROOP PREPARED NOW**

ALL Materials & Questions Drawn from Current BSA Handbook and 2007 Edition First Aid Merit Badge Book

### **JUDGES ARE ALL EMERGENCY CARE RESPONDERS:**

*Including: Military Medics, Fire Department EMT's & Paramedics,  
Police, ER Nurses and Doctors*

**Don't wait – The Top Competing Patrols Start Reviewing  
and Practicing the BSA First Aid Skills Soon.....**

# **BE PREPARED**

## Frederick County BSA First Aid Meet Instructions

1. Patrols will enter as teams of MAXIMUM 7 members each, one or more of which will serve as a victim. If a Patrol wishes to enter two teams, it may do so. Any "victim" member may be a non-scout (or Webelos Scout).
2. A Troop may enter as many Patrol Teams as it desires, subject to the following rules:
3. Only registered Boy Scouts, in Class A uniform will be allowed to compete.
4. The contest will be between only natural Patrols (regular organized Patrols) from the Troop. Provisional Patrols (Scouts from more than one Patrol) will only be permitted based on troop turn-out participation. This is to prevent picking a Patrol made up of experts from within (or without) the Troop - Hand picked teams will not be tolerated. No one above the Rank of Life will be allowed to compete, regardless of age. Troop Senior Patrol Leaders will not compete. However, these scouts (Eagles included) are encouraged to participate as Meet helpers or Patrol victims.
5. No one will be permitted to coach any competitors once competition has begun.
6. First Aid textbooks, Merit Badge books and or Handbooks are not permitted in the competition area once the Meet has begun.
7. The level of First Aid skills and knowledge is based upon: Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, First Aid Merit Badge, and other emergencies such as diabetes, insulin shock, epilepsy, possibility of drug use and abuse, and **OTHER COMMON EMERGENCIES**.
8. The problems will be related to the First Aid level as taught in the **CURRENT** ; BSA Handbook and **CURRENT** First Aid Merit Badge Book (2007 Edition) .
9. **SOFT SOLED SHOES ONLY - PLEASE!**
10. **No Participant Cell Phones will be permitted in the competition area.**

### **The Contest will be conducted as follows:**

1. Each of the 10 problems is timed according to difficulty. They are printed on paper and, at the announced STARTING time for each problem, given to each team's leader. Patrols will determine and perform the first aid required for the problem. The assigned judge will score the observed treatment and team demeanor, but will make no comments.
2. At the next announcement the Patrol will cease patient treatment activity and be prepared to answer prepared problem questions from the judge. The judge will then score their answers and may give comments to the team after the scoring is complete.
3. The judges will rotate positions after each problem. Judges will **NOT** divulge results of their scoring!

### **EACH PATROL IS REQUIRED TO BRING THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT (minimum quantities)**

- 3 – Blankets (Splint, stretcher, floor mat)
- 2 – Sturdy Poles, 6-7 feet long for an improvised stretcher
- 12 – Triangular bandages (at least neckerchief size)
- 2 – 12-18 inch Splints, 3 inches wide
- 1 – 24-30 inch Splint, 3 inches wide
- 1 – 36 inch splint, 3 inches wide
- 1 – 48 inch splint, 3-4 inches wide
- 6 – 3 x 3 inch compresses (sterility not necessary)
- 6 – 3"-4" Kling/Gauze roller bandage
- 1 – Barrier Device (for mouth to mouth)

**Note: In order to reduce waste Rubber or Latex gloves will not be required for this meet. However, the Patrol may be asked about their use and should always have them in any First Aid Kit.**

The board reserves the right to update these Instructions to better serve our Youth.

## **Catoctin Mt. High Adventure News** by John Ruppel, High Adventure Chairman

**2010 NCAC Philmont Campership Applications Due 8/15/09.** Philmont has awarded the NCAC a generous amount of Waite Philips Campership funds for the **2010 camping season**. However, the application **deadline is August 15, 2009**. This money is for deserving youth attending Philmont in 2010 with either their unit or with an NCAC contingent. The application is available on the NCAC High Adventure website at <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?orgkey=1988&id=54445>. For more information, contact Rush Williamson at [longportage@comcast.net](mailto:longportage@comcast.net) or 301-424-7132.

**High Adventure Leaders** – Mark your calendars - 3/14 – NCAC High Adventure Advisor Training – 8:00 AM – Dining Hall, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA – The training is for all adult advisors and youth **crew leaders**, including those going on NCAC sponsored treks and **Adult advisors and crew leaders attending HA bases on their own**. The training will cover such topics as first aid, backpacking equipment, map and compass, bear safety, stoves, camp set up, cooking, and water purification. There will be breakout sessions for crew leaders attending Philmont, Sea Base, Northern Tier, Adirondacks, Maine, and Lenhok'sin. For more information, contact Mike Ward at [manassan@hotmail.com](mailto:manassan@hotmail.com) or 703-875-6712.

**2009 NCAC Florida Sea Base Contingent Opportunity:** Five spaces are still available on the 2009 Sea Exploring Contingent S706 leaving Washington on July 6 and returning on July 13. A copy of the Provisional Youth Application with additional information is available on the NCAC High Adventure website at <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/highadventure> or from Jim Burris at [JFBscout@aol.com](mailto:JFBscout@aol.com) or 202-966-1685, Dana Abrahamsen at [dabrahamsen@ftc.gov](mailto:dabrahamsen@ftc.gov) or 703-280-9782, or Pat Golden at [pgolden@boyscouts-ncac.org](mailto:pgolden@boyscouts-ncac.org) or 301-214-9109.

**2010 Florida Sea Base Reservations:** Reservation requests for 2010 Sea Base Adventures are still available online at <http://www.bsaseabase.org> until midnight of 2/15/09. A lottery will be held and crews contacted when they have been accepted for a 2010 Sea Base Adventure.

**2010 NCAC Florida Sea Base Opportunity:** Provisional applications by individual youth and adult advisors are being accepted for Sea Exploring Contingent S711 leaving Washington on July 11 and returning on July 18. A copy of the Provisional Youth Application with additional information is available on the NCAC High Adventure website at <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?orgkey=1988&id=54447>. For more information, contact Dana Abrahamsen at [dabrahamsen@ftc.gov](mailto:dabrahamsen@ftc.gov) or 703-280-9782 or Pat Golden at [pgolden@boyscouts-ncac.org](mailto:pgolden@boyscouts-ncac.org) or 571-276-1243.

**2010 NCAC Philmont Provisional and Unit-Crew Opportunities:** NCAC is sponsoring three Philmont contingents in 2010: P629 (6/27-7/11), P713 (7/11-7/25), and P721 (7/19-8/2). Units may participate in a March 23-31, 2009 lottery to obtain a crew on one of these contingents. The unit-crew request form is available on the NCAC High Adventure website at <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?orgkey=1988&id=54444>. Individual youth may also join these contingents by submitting the provisional application that is available at <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?orgkey=1988&id=54446>. All provisional and unit crews will travel together under arrangements made by NCAC. The estimated cost is \$1635 per person. For more information, contact Robert Kirk at [rkirk@jojacquescpa.com](mailto:rkirk@jojacquescpa.com) or 240-676-7545 or Pat Golden at [pgolden@boyscouts-ncac.org](mailto:pgolden@boyscouts-ncac.org) or 571-276-1243.

**Northern Tier Opportunities:** Northern Tier has a new website at <http://www.ntier.org> that includes remaining availability for 2009. Reservations for 2010 will begin on April 1, 2009.

**2009 Lenhok'sin High Adventure Opportunities:** Lenhok'sin is NCAC's high adventure program at Goshen Scout Reservation. It offers a variety of less costly programs that are excellent for crews doing their first high adventure program and for more experienced crews. Beginning in 2009, there will be 4, 7, and 10-day options. For more information, see <http://www.lenhoksin.org>. Lenhok'sin is also expanding its provisional opportunities for individual youth. Scouters interested in assisting or serving as provisional advisers should contact Dave O'Leary at [daveol@earthlink.net](mailto:daveol@earthlink.net) or 301-588-2990.

**High Adventure Opportunities Bulletin Board:** The High Adventure Committee is now hosting a bulletin board at <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/highadventure> for crews to post notices looking for scouts and Scouters to join a high adventure crew or for individuals looking for a high adventure crew to join. To post a notice, send an e-mail with the details to Dave Talbott at [dave.judi.talbott@verizon.net](mailto:dave.judi.talbott@verizon.net).

## Tour Permits by Rich Golling

Local Tour Permits are required if your unit is attending an event not conducted by Council or District or your unit is attending an event outside 15 miles of your unit meeting space; or when your unit is providing transportation and/or participating in a high-risk activity that requires special certification to conduct such as swimming, boating, climbing, rappelling, flying or shooting sports. It is important that your Local Tour Permit is filed at least two weeks in advance of your trip to provide adequate time for review. If your unit is attending an event more than 500 miles from your meeting location, or is crossing an international border, a National Tour Permit is required; it must be filed at least one month prior to your trip.

### The Tour Permit has added three important requirements, for all trips beginning January 1, 2009:

- Youth Protection Training will be valid for two years from the date completed. For example, this means for a tour starting March 15, 2009, Adult Leaders must have completed Youth Protection Training after March 15, 2007. For Leaders currently completing Youth Protection Training on-line, the on-line "Trained" cards reflect a two-year expiration date.
- At least one Adult Leader must have completed "Planning and Preparing for Hazardous Weather" training. This is a new training program, only offered through the [BSA On-line Learning Center](http://olc.scouting.org/) at <http://olc.scouting.org/>. The course is well designed, has plenty of good information, and can be completed in approximately 45-60 minutes.
- Tour permits will now be required for in Council camp outings including weekend camping.

### Obtaining Tour Permits

[MyScouting](#) portal system at

[https://scoutnet.scouting.org/MyScouting/userrequest/logonpage/proxy.aspx?Method=UserLogon&PageCode=PORT\\_Logon&ReturnCompleteURI=aHR0cHM6Ly9zY291dG5ldC5zY291dGluZy5vcmcvTXITY291dGluZy93ZWJwb3J0YWwvbn3V0cHV0L3Byb3h5LmFzcHg%2FTWV0aG9kPUxyYWRQYWdlJlJlc291cmNIQ29kZT1QT1JUX0hvbWUy1weT1CU0E%3D&SessionToken=](https://scoutnet.scouting.org/MyScouting/userrequest/logonpage/proxy.aspx?Method=UserLogon&PageCode=PORT_Logon&ReturnCompleteURI=aHR0cHM6Ly9zY291dG5ldC5zY291dGluZy5vcmcvTXITY291dGluZy93ZWJwb3J0YWwvbn3V0cHV0L3Byb3h5LmFzcHg%2FTWV0aG9kPUxyYWRQYWdlJlJlc291cmNIQ29kZT1QT1JUX0hvbWUy1weT1CU0E%3D&SessionToken=) allows registered unit volunteers to complete tour permit applications and to easily submit them to the Council for approval. The tour permit can still be printed and completed on paper and submitted to Council.

### Processing Time

The turn around time for online tour permit request remains the same. Please allow two weeks for processing and return of approved Local Tour Permit and one month for the National Tour Permit. Tour Permits submitted without complete information may not be approved. Tour Permits can be faxed to (301) 564-9513, mailed, or brought to the National Capital Area Council's Marriott Service Center. Please send all correspondence to the customer service department. Sending in your tour permit on the day of departure is risky; it does not afford enough time to correct errors and may result in your trip being delayed due to an unapproved tour permit.

### Download

- **Local Tour Permit** <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34426.pdf>
- **National Tour Permit** <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/4419.pdf>
- **More About Permits From The Guide To Safe Scouting** <http://www.scouting.org/HealthandSafety/GSS/gss12.aspx>

Each of the forms should be filled in with all members who will be partaking in activities. When sending the form to Council, annotate who will be doing the driving. Remember, each year the form will need to be updated.

It is a good idea to send copies of your training cards as Council may hold up the process in looking for the information and we all know how well training records are kept.

If you would like a copy of an Excel spreadsheet for the forms, please email me ([r\\_golling@yahoo.com](mailto:r_golling@yahoo.com)) with your request (Subject: Tour permit forms) and I will be glad to forward them to you.

## Popcorn News

Voluntary recall of caramel popcorn with peanuts. Click below for details. Trail's End will exchange the popcorn. <http://www.scoutingnews.org/2009/02/04/voluntary-recall-of-95-oz-trails-end%20c2%ae-caramel-corn-with-peanuts/>.

Popcorn training will be offered at University of Scouting February 21. Click below for details and registration <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=24914&orgkey=1934>.

Congratulations to Pack 628 for having the second highest Popcorn sales in the Council --\$26,000.



## Camp Snyder-Ree Week - July 19-25



### *Aquatics Patrol*

- PADI SCUBA Certification
- BSA Lifeguard, Snorkeling & SCUBA Certification
- BSA Mile Swim Award
- Safe Swim Defense & Safety Afloat Training

#### **Requirements**

- Age 15 (Youth must have Swimming & Lifesaving Merit Badges)
- Must hold a current Certification in both CPR and First Aid.
- 2008 BSA Medical Form & PADI Physical Form
- Attend Pre Camp Meetings & Post Camp Off Site Open Water Dives

**Open to:** Males, Females & Adults

**Price:** \$600



### *Scout Skills Patrol*

- **Merit Badges:** Cooking, Camping, Orienteering, Pioneering & Wilderness Survival
- Paul Bunyan Woodsman Award

#### **Requirements**

- Boy Scouts only ages 14 through 18
- Requirements 9A & B of the Camping Merit Badge

**Price:** \$350



### *Health & Safety Patrol*

- **Merit Badges:** First Aid, Emergency Preparedness, Safety, Fire Safety & Public Health
- First Aid, CPR & Bloodborne Pathogens Certification

#### **Requirements**

- Boy Scouts only ages 14 through 18
- Pre-Requirements for each badge to be posted on

**Price:** \$350



### *Culinary Academy*

- Exploring the world of Culinary Arts, while blending in with a traditional camp setting. This program will go beyond Cooking Merit Badge, by giving you a taste of practical culinary experiences as they relate to the world we live in today from careers, knife skills, hands on cooking and so much more!!!
- Professional Instructors
- Culinary Academy Graduation Certificate

#### **Requirements**

- Age 15

**Open to:** Male & Females

**Price:** \$500



**Don't Forget:** IMPEESA/National Youth Leader Training Program is also available at Camp William B. Snyder during Snyder-ree Week

**Registration & Additional Information to be Posted by Friday, February 20**

[www.BoyScouts-NCAC.org](http://www.BoyScouts-NCAC.org)

## Camp Airy Staff Interviews by Diane Henson

Camp Airy BSA is looking for scouts who will be at least age 14 by August 17, 2009 and want to spend a week helping other Scouts learn new skills. Practice your own leadership skills, while you have fun working on our devoted volunteer staff. Pick the date that suits your schedule best -

**WHEN:** Sat, March 7 beginning at 9am  
Sun, March 8 beginning at 1pm

**WHERE:** Point of Rocks Community Center, Point of Rocks, MD

**APPLICATION:** Complete the attached Staff Application Form, including a recommendation from your Scoutmaster, and mail it to Diane Henson, 216 Norva Ave, Frederick, Md. 21701

**ARRIVE:** In your Class A BSA uniform.

**QUESTIONS:** [diane.henson@aopa.org](mailto:diane.henson@aopa.org)

## Camp Airy 2009 by Diane Henson

Camp Airy 2009 will again be held at Camp Airy in Thurmont, MD, but you'll think you're in a brand new camp. All the camper cabins are being newly rebuilt, as well as the canteen. You can still expect a wonderful selection of merit badge offerings and camp-wide activities, as well as some new surprises.

**CAMPERS ARRIVE** - Mon, Aug 17 approx. 5pm

**CAMPERS DEPART** - Sat, Aug 22 approx. 5pm

Pre-camp information booklets will be available in early March and will include all the forms you need, but mark your calendar now, so you don't miss out. This year we will be celebrating our 50th year of Camp Airy BSA and we're expecting a record attendance.

## Camp Airy 50TH Reunion by Diane Henson

This year we celebrate 50 years of Camp Airy BSA and we're working on special plans for a reunion to be held one evening during the week at camp. If you know people who have attended Camp Airy in the past and would want to attend the 50th Reunion, spread the word and provide contact information to Diane Henson, 216 Norva Ave, Frederick, Md. 21701 or [diane.henson@aopa.org](mailto:diane.henson@aopa.org), so that we can be sure they receive an invitation and information about the event, once plans are complete.

# Attention All Den Chiefs:

On March 10, 2008 there will be a Den Chief Roundtable.

It will take place at the beginning of the regular monthly Roundtable.

It will start at 7:00 pm and go till about 7:30 at old St. John's School 114 E. 2nd St. Frederick, MD 21701

Through this monthly Roundtable we will accomplish the following:

- We will discuss activities that follow the Cub Scout monthly themes
- Games you can play with your den
- Skits
- Songs
- Snacks
- And many more....

If you are a Den Chief in the Catoctin Mountain District or Appalachian Trail District, please call Patrick O'Connor at 301-845-6291 or e-mail me at: [Pro-Scout@comcast.net](mailto:Pro-Scout@comcast.net) or [docor@comcast.net](mailto:docor@comcast.net)

Please contact me and please make time to come. We need participation in order to have this Roundtable event

**Note:** This is an opportunity to get your Den Chiefs informed about the monthly themes and give them the tools to be of more help to the Pack. This is a great service that Patrick, a Life Scout, is providing for the District so please inform your Den Chiefs, have them take part and support Patrick in his efforts. He will be working on the "Jurassic Pack" theme next month. Make plans now to pick up your Den Chief and bring him to the Roundtable with you next month.

# Den Chief Training Conference



**Date:** Saturday, March 14, 2009, 8:30 a.m. (registration) – 3:30 p.m.

**Location:** 1325 Scott's Run Rd., McLean, VA 22102, LDS Church (north of Tyson's Corner). Some activities and lunch will be conducted outside; *dress for the weather*. *Look for posted signs* upon your arrival.

**Cost:** \$15 per scout; \$10 per adult. Includes *Den Chief Handbook*, training course handout in binder, *Trained* patch, lunch (\$10 if you already have the *Den Chief Handbook*).

**Contact:** Roger Claff, 703-435-4686, [reclaff@aol.com](mailto:reclaff@aol.com), NCAC VA Central/West Den Chief Training Chair.

**Capacity:** *Registration will be limited to the first 60 participants.*

**Lunch:** Lunch will be provided.

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

**Do Not Bring:** Caffeinated products (coffee, soda, etc.)

**Uniform:** Wear your complete "Class A" uniform.



**Advanced Registration by March 7:** Please contact or e-mail Roger Claff to register, or mail your application and fee to Dave Carlson, 2513 North Quebec Street, Arlington, VA 22207. Please make check payable to NCAC-BSA. If not registering by mail please bring your fee with you to the training.

**Directions:** ADC map for northern Virginia, Map 8, E7:

**I-495 (inner loop, northbound).** Exit 11. Take State Route 123 north (east) to Lewinsville Road (SR 694). Left on SR 694 about ½ mile to Scott's Run Rd. Right on Scott's Run Rd. to LDS church.

**I-495 (outerloop, southbound).** Exit 13. Left on Georgetown Pike ¼ mile to SR 686. Right (south) on SR 686 to Lewinsville Rd. (SR 694). Right on SR 694 about ½ mile to Scott's Run Rd. Right on Scott's Run Rd. to LDS church.

**Dulles Access Rd.** (east or westbound). Take exit 19 to SR 123. Take State Route 123 north (east) to Lewinsville Road (SR 694). Left on SR 694 about ½ mile to Scott's Run Rd. Right on Scott's Run Rd. to LDS church.

**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.

**Advanced Registration Required by March 7 – No Walk-Ons.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

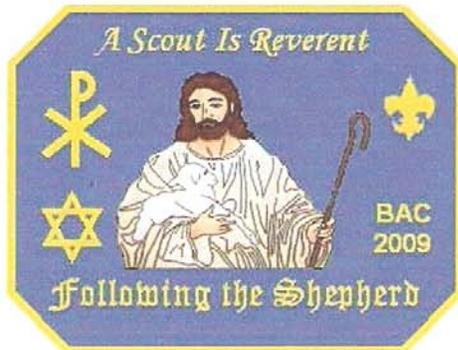
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# THE 12<sup>TH</sup> POINT -- A SCOUT IS REVERENT

## THE CATHOLIC-PROTESTANT RETREAT AND JEWISH KINUS

2009 THEME:

***FOLLOWING THE SHEPHERD***



DATES: MAY 1 - 3, 2009

DAY PROGRAM: MAY 2, 2009

LOCATION: CAMP SPENCER - BROAD CREEK MEMORIAL SCOUT RESERVATION

CHECK IN:

- BRING 2 COPIES OF UNIT ROSTER  
NOTE AGE AND RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE
- WEEKEND CHECKIN - FROM 3:00PM FRIDAY
- DAY ONLY CHECKIN - 8:30 - 9:00AM SATURDAY

***PLEASE REGISTER BY APRIL 16, 2009***

**FEEES:**

- FEES INCLUDE CAMPING FEE, INSURANCE, CRACKERBARREL, PROGRAM SUPPLIES, PATCH AND APPLICABLE MEALS AS SHOWN BELOW.
  - CAMP COOKING - SATURDAY BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER, & SUNDAY BREAKFAST
  - JEWISH CONTINGENT KOSHER MEALS - FRIDAY DINNER THRU SUNDAY BREAKFAST
  - TROOP COOKING - CRACKER BARREL ONLY -- NO CAMP MEALS PROVIDED
  - SCOUTS DAY PROGRAM - SATURDAY LUNCH
- SCOUTS & LEADERS WITH CAMP COOKING \$25
- SCOUTS & LEADERS WITH TROOP COOKING \$20
- SCOUTS & LEADERS FOR DAY PROGRAM \$12

*FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:*

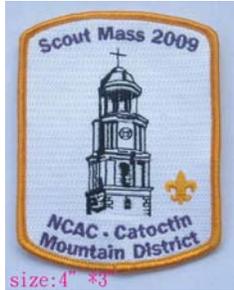
*MIKE CONLON AT 410-760-8484 -- KB3CPV@ARRL.NET*

*OR ED PIECHOWIAK AT 410-744-7689 -- PIECH.ED@VERIZON.NET*

**BAC RELIGIOUS RETREAT/KINUS 2009 REGISTRATION**

UNIT NO.	SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	DISTRICT
UNIT LEADER	TELEPHONE	E-MAIL
SCOUTS (11 TO 14) +	SCOUTS (15 TO 17) +	ADULTS =
		TOTAL # X
		WEEKEND FEE (SEE ABOVE) = \$
SCOUTS (11 TO 14) +	SCOUTS (15 TO 17) +	ADULTS =
		TOTAL # X
		\$12.00 (DAY PROGRAM) = \$
<input type="checkbox"/> TROOP COOKING <input type="checkbox"/> CAMP KITCHEN MEALS <input type="checkbox"/> KOSHER KITCHEN MEALS                    DATE REGISTERED: _____		

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: BALTIMORE AREA COUNCIL, BSA**  
**MAIL TO: V. DERUGGIERO, 346 OBERLE AVENUE, BALTIMORE, MD 21221-4704**



## Scout Mass Patches Still Available

If you attended the Scout Mass but did not get a patch, you can still get one by using the order form below. If you have questions, contact Amy Spessard at [aspez@verizon.net](mailto:aspez@verizon.net).

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Please mail this form and check payable to Amy Spessard to:

Scout Mass Patches c/o Amy Spessard  
1014 Cheryls Court Frederick, MD 21703

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Patches @ \$3.50 each \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## The theme for the 2009 National Capital Area Council Cub Scout Day Camps is ...

**"SPACE: A Cub Scout Universe"** This day camp theme is all about SPACE: rockets, asteroids planets, the sun, stars, solar systems, galaxies, universal craziness, pulsars, black holes, time travel, quasars... you get the idea!

We're looking for Adult Volunteers to fill leadership roles to make this another successful camp! You don't have to be an astronaut, a rocket scientist or even a Trekkie! Just a willingness to expand the universe of our youth is all that is necessary! The following is a short list of staff positions needed:

Camp Cubmaster  
Camp Director  
Program Directors (would like a total of three)  
Administrative Assistants  
Quartermaster  
Station Leaders

All full week staff members will receive one **FREE** youth registration for camp! Each pack **MUST** furnish one adult (Den Walker) for every five boys attending camp. This is not considered to be a "staff member".

**For more information contact:**  
**David Bloxsom - 301-845-2518 or email [thebloxsoms@hughes.net](mailto:thebloxsoms@hughes.net)**  
**CMD Camping and Outdoor Programs Chairman**

\*\*\* Don't want to be on staff? Just want to sign-up your son? Contact your Pack Day Camp Coordinator to get on your units manifest!

**Woodsboro Regional Park - June 22 - 26, 2009**

## Family Friends of Scouting Campaign

We are off to a great start this year with our Family Friends of Scouting campaign. We are making our unit presentations from January through March. Our unit coordinators and presenters are doing a fantastic job. We are at 36% of our District's goal. The actions that are making a huge difference are the efforts that are being made by the unit coordinators to prepare the leaders and parents for the presentation and the wonderful presentations being made by the presenters. It is noticeable when the parents are prepared to donate to Friends of Scouting and the results are tremendous. We are well on track to reach our goal. Great job! Keep up the momentum!

Dr. Steven D. Vaughn  
Catoctin Mountain District  
Family Friends of Scouting

## Seeking Foreign Language Speakers by Mike Haderlie

I am finishing up my Wood Badge ticket and I am gathering names and contact information for individuals who can speak another language. There are many young boys and families that know ESL (English as a Second Language) that we could include amongst our ranks as Scouts if we could communicate better. What we need are names and contact information for leaders within the District who can speak another language. There is a huge population of Spanish, Chinese, and Japanese families within the District. If there are any leaders out there or if someone knows a friend who speaks another language, we could use their information in this database. We are planning to have the list compiled and all the responses in by March 1, 2009. We will then communicate with the individuals and see if they would be interested in helping out some of our local units so that these boys may join Scouting and be able to understand via the "translator". For more information, contact Mike Haderlie, W: (301) 824-2577, C: (240) 446-1155 or [mhaderlie@gmail.com](mailto:mhaderlie@gmail.com).

## The Training Corner

Boy Scout Leader Specific Training (BSLST) Part III will be offered at the Catoctin Mountain District Roundtable on Tuesday March 10, 2009. The training will begin at 6:30 pm. Any Scout Leader that needs the training is encouraged to attend. Contact Damon Allen at: [ALLENONTHELAKE@comcast.net](mailto:ALLENONTHELAKE@comcast.net) to sign up.

Troop Committee Challenge (TCC) will be offered at the Super Saturday training on Saturday March 14, 2009. The training will be held at one of the LDS Churches in Frederick County. The training will start around 12:00 and will end around 2:00. Fliers to sign up will be available at the March Roundtable. This training is for all new Troop Committee members and it is encouraged that every troop sends their "untrained" Committee members to this training. If there are any questions, contact Damon Allen at: [ALLENONTHELAKE@comcast.net](mailto:ALLENONTHELAKE@comcast.net).

Boy Scout Leader Specific Training will be offered at the Spring Camporee and all new scout leaders are encouraged to attend this training. Fliers will be available at the March and April Roundtables. This training will take place on the Saturday of the Camporee and camping is not necessary. To sign up ahead of time and ask questions, you can contact Damon Allen at: [ALLENONTHELAKE@comcast.net](mailto:ALLENONTHELAKE@comcast.net).

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Course (IOLSC) will be offered by the Appalachian Trail District this spring and the dates will be posted soon. All Scout Leaders who are in need of this training are encouraged to take the course. More information will be posted in the next Blue Blaze.

## Corps of Discovery, Venturing Service Corps Created

Venturing Crew 394 is starting a Corps of Discovery Chapter for the Appalachian Trail and the Catoctin Mountain District's Venturing Crews. The Corps of Discovery is a service organization for Venturing Crews not too dissimilar to the Boy Scout's Order of the Arrow. The Chapter encourages youth to perform service to Crew, Community, and the Scouting program.

There will be a short presentation at the Appalachian Trail District Roundtable on March 10, 2009 at 6:30 pm. Please encourage all Crew Advisors and Presidents to attend and find out how the Corps of Discovery can help the Venturing Crews in Frederick County. For more information contact Damon Allen at: [ALLENONTHELAKE@comcast.net](mailto:ALLENONTHELAKE@comcast.net).

# Crew 394 at the Chain Bridge District Klondike Derby

By: Damon Allen, Crew 394 Associates Advisor

On Saturday February 7, 2009, six members of Crew 394 served on staff at the Chain Bridge District's Klondike Derby. Damon Allen, Cathy Evans, Cody Evans, Angela Staffone, Brandon and Jessica Talbert represented the Crew and the Catoclin Mountain District at the Klondike Derby. The Crew started the day early by carpooling from Frederick to Camp Highroads in Aldie, Virginia, arriving a little after 7:15am. Everyone then received the map of where they worked for the day. Dawson Creek was located far in the woods, only accessible by hiking down into a small valley.

At Dawson Creek, The members of Crew 394 were in charge of directing the Scouts on solving a dilemma. The Scouts had to build an "A" Frame using the proper lashings; they then had to secure their "wounded" patrol leader to the frame using a bowline and two two-half hitches. Lastly, the Scouts had to transport the patrol leader a short distance to the judges who then determined if the Scouts tied the proper knots and lashings.

The day started near freezing and as the day wore on, the weather changed to that of spring (*unseasonal for February and at a Klondike Derby too!*). The Frozen ground thawed and turned into thick muck! Many of the Crew members had never attended a Klondike Derby before and watched in awe and amazement as the scouts arrived to Dawson Creek pushing and pulling their sleds (*a sight worth seeing!*). The Scouts expressed admiration and respect for the members of Crew 394 as they advised them.



Preparing to compete in sled races at the Klondike Derby

There were many highlights of the day, the first being that several Crew members completed their Ranger requirements at the Derby. The second was that the Mayor of the Town, Doug Wojic, was so impressed by the Crew's work that he invited them to return in 2010!

The third highlight was that Dawson Creek was named "Best Town" of the Derby by the Scouts who competed!



Pull you Husky! Pull!

The fourth and final highlight of the day (*which the youth of the Crew would argue to be the first*) was that the staff of Dawson Creek served four fire roasted chickens for lunch! The Crew returned to Frederick around 4:30pm that afternoon exhausted and proud. The Crew expressed their thanks for the invitation to the Klondike Derby and the Crew is looking forward to next year's derby.