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Quality District 2008

Upcoming Events

March

21 First Aid Meet
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

April

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

May

1 Wood Badge session 1, contact tpinman@comcast.net
2 District Junior Leader Training, contact larry.mckenna@dhs.gov
2 BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation), contact cubpack570@htomail.com
2 OWLS (Outdoor Webelos Leader Skills), contact mudrat@erols.com
12 Roundtable/OA 7:15pm old St. John's School, 114 E 2nd St. Frederick
12 LNT (Leave No Trace), contact mudrat@erols.com
12 Safety Afloat, contract mudrat@erols.com
14 Commissioner's Meeting 7:30pm, LDS Chapel Walkersville
15-17 Goshen Bear Workend, contact carsonpat@hotmail.com
26 District Committee Meeting, 7:30pm Church of Christ, 1305 N. Market St. Frederick
27 Eagle Review
30 District Dinner, contact Ron Layman 301-845-6208

You are welcome to take training in any District

For more information, visit http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/view_homepage.asp?orgkey=1934

Training Staff Update: Please note that there have been some changes in the training staff. So that you can properly direct your questions about training, the chairpersons for each training area are listed below with their contact information.

Overall Training Chairman	Colby Child	301-271-4111	mudrat@erols.com
Cub Scout Training Chairman	Vickie Carswell	301-662-5123	cubpack570@hotmail.com
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Youth Training Chairman	Larry McKenna	301- 447-2157	larry.mckenna@dhs.gov
Varsity Training Chairman	Mike Haderlie	301- 703-2114	mhaderlie@gmail.com

District Key 3 Leadership

Tim Richardson, District Director trichardson@boyscouts-ncac.org 240-529-6188
Ed Clayson, District Chairman, eclays@fred.net 301-845-2015
Randy Johnson, District Commissioner, walkersville.scouts@gmail.com 240-529-7363

First Aid Meet

Registration for the First Aid Meet is now closed. The prep sheet below is included as a reminder of the rules for the meet and what you need to bring. The meet will be held March 21st with check in at 5:30pm at the Calvary Assembly Activities Hall, 8234 Woodsboro Pike (Rt 194), Walkersville, MD. See you there.

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.

Merit Badge University

Merit Badge U at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg will be held on Saturday, April 18. (This conflicts with the Camporee, but is the only date that the facility is available this spring.) Arrangements for on-line registration via the Council website are being worked out; details will be announced as soon as they are available. The event will be open to any registered Scout and is not restricted to Catoctin Mountain District or Frederick County Scouts.

District Dinner

Our annual District Scouter Recognition Dinner will be held May 30th. 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. Unit of the Year forms are due at the April RT.

Swim Meet Invitation by Mike Turell

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 as 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, 17 March.** For more information, contact Michael Turell either by email, mturell@erols.com or by phone, 301-371-5412. I hope to see your there. For a copy of the Swim Meet flier go to http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?id=56652.

Town Hall Meetings

As mentioned last month, NCAC will be hosting a series of five Town Hall-style meetings throughout our region to discuss the potential for our Council in reference to Goshen as the permanent Jamboree site 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. 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

TROOP LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

June 26 – 28, 2009

National Emergency Training Center
Emmitsburg, MD

A fun-filled weekend where youth leaders, future youth leaders, their Scoutmasters and assistants will interact with one another to develop a shared vision for their Troop, improve planning, problem solving, conflict resolution and other skills needed to effectively lead a boy-run organization. Youth will leave with the skills they need to start leading their unit as soon as they get home.

This seminar will start with the basic Troop Leadership Training (TLT) curriculum and build on that foundation. The weekend is NOT a replacement for the National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) course offered by the Council – this seminar will fill a void between the TLT and NYLT courses by giving youth leaders real tools and ideas about how they can be better leaders until they can attend the NYLT course.

Participants will camp on the NETC grounds and eat in the dining hall, so that there is more time available for active learning. Seminar activities will run 6pm – 10:30pm Friday evening, 8 AM – 8:30 PM Saturday, and 8 AM – Noon Sunday. We are working hard to limit the cost to $15 per participant, and have arranged for a discounted rate of $25/person for meals in the dining hall (includes 3 all-you-can-eat meals on Saturday, Sunday Breakfast, plus morning and afternoon breaks). Additional details will be announced as they become available. For additional information, contact Larry McKenna, lpmckenna@verizon.net, Colby Child, mudrat@erols.com, or Damon Allen, ALLENONTHELAKE@comcast.net.

***Call for Faculty*:** Graduates of the NYLT, NAYLT, or the Kodiak X courses interested in serving on the faculty for this seminar are encouraged to contact Larry McKenna as soon as possible.

An easy, proven Trail's End® fundraiser just got *even* EASIER!

This spring, encourage your Scouts to sell Trail's End online to earn their way to camp.

Selling Trail's End online is **easy**; all a Scout has to do is visit www.orderpopcorn.com to get started. And remember, every Scout who sells online returns an average of **$65.77** of profit to local Scouting!

We encourage you, as a Unit Leader, to use the commission earned in **March, April and May** to offset your Scouts' camp fees.

How does online selling work?

1. Have your Scouts visit www.orderpopcorn.com and they will be prompted to send programmable emails to friends and family.

2. Scouts can view their online sales on OrderPopcorn.com. As a Unit Leader, you can see all of your Scouts' online sales by visiting www.trails-end.com/TESales/

3. Trail's End will process all online transactions and ship the product directly to your customers. **You don't have to handle any product!**

Let Trail's End do the work for you.

Trail's End will **order and distribute** the Coleman gift cards and take care of the Scholarship Program enrollment. We will also promote the "Earn Your Way to Camp" campaign with full-page **print ads** in the March and April issues of *Boys' Life* and *Scouting Magazine* as well as through **online advertisements** and **direct emails** targeted to Scouts and their parents.

Scouts can earn Coleman® gift cards by selling on **OrderPopcorn.com** between **March 15 and May 15**:

Sell at least:	Scouts earn:
$200	**$20** Coleman gift card
$400	**$40** Coleman gift card
$600	**$60** Coleman gift card
$800	**$80** Coleman gift card
$1,000	**$100** Coleman gift card
$2,500	**$250** Coleman gift card

Scouts can earn money for college too!

Any Scout who sells at least **$500** online between **March 15 and May 15** will automatically be enrolled in our College Scholarship Program, where 6% of his total sales are invested in his own account. The usual minimum to enroll is $2,500!

Once a Scout is in this program, 6% of *ALL* subsequent years sales go into the fund AND it earns interest! From now until May 15, any Scout selling $500 through the online ordering system is added to the program. This fall that ceiling will rise back to $2500.

For more information, please email us at support@orderpopcorn.com or call us at 1-800-782-4255.

Popcorn (continued)

The 2009 kick off dates are listed below, put one on your calendar now!

Aug. 12 - American Legion Fairfax, VA
Aug. 13 - Ebenezer United Methodist Church Stafford, VA
Aug. 19 - Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church Gaithersburg, MD
Aug. 20 - Waldorf Jaycees Community Center Waldorf, MD
Aug. 26 - The George Washington University Ashburn, VA
Aug. 27 - Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 Greenbelt, MD
Sept. 18 - Rappahanock Red Cross Fredericksburg VA
Sept. 18 - Scout Service Center Bethesda, MD
If you have questions, please contact Melody Bloxsom, District Popcorn Kernel, at thebloxsoms@hughes.net.

EXTRA, EXTRA READ ALL ABOUT IT!!!!!

Are you wondering how you can send your Scout or Scouts to summer camp this year? Well Trail's End wants to help Scouts earn their way to camp.

Attention all leaders and Parents! Trail's End is launching a National Popcorn campaign this spring. The ***"Earn Your Way to Camp"*** promotion will run from March 15-May 15. Scouts will be eligible to earn Coleman Gift Cards and will be enrolled in the scholarship program if they sell $500 during the promotion (minimum is $2,500 during the fall). We encourage you to set up individual Scout accounts during these two months so Scouts can use the commission earned to offset their camp costs. You may view all Scout sales by going to www.trails-end.com. Attached flyer has additional information for your review. Please take a moment to pass along the attached spring 2009 brochure to all your scouts' families. Good luck and good selling"

This is a GREAT way to earn money to attend one of the National Capital Area Council summer camps. Everything will be done on-line and will be easy to track. In case you missed it Trails-end has reduced the amount to get into the Scholarship program to $500 during this promotion!

So don't wait start today send an email to family, friends, and everyone you know so you can get in on this special opportunity.

TOP SELLERS DAY

Letters have gone out to everyone we have listed that sold $1000 or more during the 2008 sale. If you think your Scout or Scouts qualified but have not gotten a letter it may be because we didn't receive your special prize form. I have attached the prize form for you to fill out and send into us. **This is only for those families who qualified but have not yet received their letter**. We want your scouts to attend if they qualified and we will assist in making sure they get the invitation. If you signed up already on our website more information will be sent to you shortly which will included special parking pass, schedule for the day, and information on what you can expect for the day.

We appreciate your participation in our Trail's End popcorn sale and want you to know that we are doing all we can to provide your Scouts with a fun, easy way to earn their own way in Scouting. As always if you need anything please feel free to contact me and I will do all I can to assist you. Patrick Golden, Program Director National Capital Area Council, C-571-276-1243, pgolden@boyscouts-ncac.org, www.boyscouts-ncac.org, www.exploringlfl.org

Merit Badge Counselor Registration by Dan Speace, District Advancement Chairman

Please review the "Merit Badge Counselor Registration Process" flow chart by clicking on the following link.
http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?id=56774
It should clarify, for some, the way things work. A copy of the standard 2-page Merit Badge Counselor Information form #34405 is also included. Note the text on page 2 of that form has been modified. An additional page points out these modifications, comparing the old text to the new text. As you follow this flow chart process, you will obviously already know who the Advancement Chair is for your Unit and undoubtedly most do not need to be reminded that Sandy Crowe is the current Catoctin Mountain District Merit Badge Dean. Her home phone number is 301-724-6404 and her email address is countrygirl@citlink.net.

If you have questions about the MB Counselor registration process or anything related to advancement, contact Dan Speace at danspeace@comcast.net.

Council Advancement Committee Meeting March 4, 2009 - Report

- The Merit Badge Counselor Registration Process has been diagramed/charted, and it is planned to make that available on-line on the council Website www.boyscouts-ncac.org later in March.
- Advancement record keeping at council is maintained for seven (7) years. After that, records are archived on a CD. If units use the internet for records keeping, then their records can be archived on a CD.
- "Boy Scout Requirements 2009", the 5" x 8" spiral bound 240 page book, is now available from the Scout Shop in Bethesda (301-564-1091). The selling price is $5.99 per copy. It can also be purchased from Boy Scouts of America Supply Division for fast credit card orders call (1-800-323-0732). It can also be ordered on the Website www.scoutstuff.org. This book is the official requirements information source. Only a few changes from the 2008 printing have been made, but it may be worth the effort of key persons to obtain this newly published book.
- The Boy Scouts of America Merit Badge Series pamphlets, all 124 of them, have recently been reprinted. The contents of these are the same as in the previous printing. However, this new printing has a more attractive, colorful cover to increase eye appeal, and illustrations within the pamphlets are also in color. They are available now from the Scout Shop in Bethesda for $4.49 each. The latest revision date of each pamphlet is shown inside the back cover.
- Tour Permits are available online and when processed will require that the drivers listed have taken Hazardous Driving Training.
- Giving and getting Boy Scout information electronically is a must. In a few years there will be a great reduction in paper transactions. Increase your involvement.
- Registration Cards can now be printed online.
- The registration number of each Scout is in the internet database and can be sorted as needed.
- There is presently no NCAC Disability Committee. Because of this current vacuum, and during the interim time period, the Advancement Committee will get involved and provide advice. It is therefore recommended that each District appoint one person to be responsible for providing information to their district on the subject. This person should have an awareness of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).
- Alternate Requirements programs should be introduced to Scouts with disabilities as early as Tenderfoot for Boy Scouts and as early as Tiger for Cub Scouts.
- It has been pointed out that the Boy Scouts of America are not required to comply with provisions of the American Disabilities Act (ADA). The BSA is a private organization whose membership is voluntary and therefore individuals can chose to join or not join with knowledge of the existing BSA program rules.
- Eagle Scout Award: National provides the Eagle patch and pendant badge; Council provides Mom's and Dad's Eagle pin.

Happy trails, Dan Speace, District Advancement Chairman, 301-694-3394, danspeace@comcast.net

Annual Children's Festival in Baker Park

Frederick County will celebrate the 20th Annual Children's Festival at Baker park on April 25 10a-3p. This is a day of free activities for children and families. The focus is on early childhood programs so the exhibits will be directed appropriately.

At this time they are asking for additional support to help the exhibitors with getting their stations set up at the beginning of the day, breaking down at the end of the day - helping where needed during the day in addition to pulling garbage bags from cans. Your Troop or Patrol could come as early as 8:00am and stay until the end or mid day to help with getting the park cleaned.

Troop 570 will be there again this year and looks forward to extra help. You can see pictures of us at the Festival on the Troop website http://cmdtroop570.weebly.com. If you are interested in helping, contact Shannon Aleshire, Festival Chairperson: Children's Festival 263 West Patrick St 301-662-4549 email childcarechoices@fcmha.org

Note, that last year - the day was perfection. The weather was a kiss from God, sunny and warm breezes. The children were like visiting angels and their laughter was like songs on the breeze.

The Training Corner

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 April Roundtable. 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.

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 as it becomes available.

New Leader Essentials Course Replaced

The New Leader's Essentials training course is officially "no more" as National has released its replacement, "This is Scouting" which is now available online at http://olc.scouting.org. There is a small article about this in this month's Scouting magazine (Page 6) or online at: http://scoutingmagazine.org/issues/0903/d-news.html. The training was released online 3-13-09. Other new online offerings include Trek Safely and Climb On Safely, also available at http://olc.scouting.org

Annual Fishing Derby by Steve Crowe

Cold Deer Hunting and Fishing Club will be hosting their annual Fishing Derby on June 7th, 2009 on the Crum Farm off Hayward Road (follow signs). The Derby will be from 1pm to 4pm. The pond will be stocked by the Club with 250 catfish.

This event is for children 15 yrs and younger. Food, drinks and bait will be provided by the Club free of charge; however the Club is accepting donations to offset cost. Prizes will be awarded for various contests (i.e. biggest fish, smallest fish, etc) Scouts should bring a fishing rod.

The NCAC Shooting Sports Committee has a new weblink, www.ncacss.org. This link is a redirect into the NCAC main website. This link will make it easier to see what new and available in the Shooting Sports world at NCAC. From this link, one can register for Shooting Sports training (NRA Certified Instructor, BB gun RO and Archery RO), check out other weblinks and make a request for assistance for your unit to have a Shooting Sports event.

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

"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, and 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
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!

Operation Appreciation

The National Defense Foundation is extending an invitation to you and your Boy Scout Troop to participate in the Non Commissioned Officers Association's "***America's Children for America's Heroes***" Greeting Card Program for 2009. Click on the following link for full details. http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?id=56686 .

OA Crazy Auction

Save your money and get ready to have some fun at the Crazy Auction that will be held at the OA Ordeal Saturday April 25th around 9:30pm. Big Al Miller's patch collection will be auctioned and the proceeds will go to the Appalachian Trail and Catoctin Mountain Order of the Arrow. There will be minimum bids on some of the more valuable items. If you have questions, call Norm Feldser at 301-271-4586 or email nfeldser@comcast.net.

Money Saving Coupon

Remember:

People will forget what you say,
People will forget what you do,
But they will never forget,
How you made them feel!