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Quality District 2008

Upcoming Events

April

22 Eagle Review
25 OA Ordeal and Crazy Auction
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 Dinner, contact Ron Layman 301-845-6208
2 BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation), contact cubpack570@htomail.com
2 OWLS (Outdoor Webelos Leader Skills), contact mudrat@erols.com
9 Commissioner's Training, contact Randy Johnson walkersville.scouts@gmail.com
12 Roundtable/OA and Program Launch (location to be determined—stay tuned!)
12 LNT (Leave No Trace), contact mudrat@erols.com
12 Safety Afloat, contact 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

June

9 Roundtable/OA 7:15pm old St. John's School, 114 E 2nd St. Frederick
9 Tiger Den Leader Specific Training at Roundtable, contact cubpack570@htomail.com
9 Safe Swim Defense at Roundtable, contact mudrat@erols.com
11 Commissioner's Meeting 7:30pm, LDS Chapel Walkersville
12-14 Wood Badge session 2, contact tpinman@comcast.net
13 Key Scouter Workshop
19-21 IMPESSA session 1, contact nyltncac@yahoo.com
22-26 Day Camp Woodsboro Regional Park, contact thebloxsoms@hughes.net
23 District Committee Meeting, 7:30pm Church of Christ, 1305 N. Market St. Frederick
24 Eagle Review
26 District JLT at FEMA, contact larry.mckenna@dhs.gov
26-28 IMPESSA session 2, contact nyltncac@yahoo.com

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
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Varsity Training Chairman	Mike Haderlie	301- 703-2114	mhaderlie@gmail.com

District Key 3 Leadership

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Randy Johnson, District Commissioner, walkersville.scouts@gmail.com 240-529-7363

Centennial Camporee Patch Contest Entries Due April 30

Just a reminder to everyone that the Centennial Camporee Patch Contest is up and running through April 30, 2009. Please use every opportunity this week at your various committee meetings and district roundtables to pass the word. The contest has been highlighted in the most recent E-Source and the Scouter Digest. It can be accessed directly from the NCAC homepage at www.boyscouts-ncac.org. The winning design is worth a $100 gift card at the Scout Store!

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 and the First Aid Meet. There will be minimum bids on some of the more valuable items. Listed below are the patches to be auctioned.

2 Philmont arrow head patches from the 1960`s
1 white felt bull
1 black felt bull
1 Philmont decal
2 NCAC Philmont shields 1979
6 NCAC Philmont shields 1975
6 NCAC Philmont shields yellow no date
1 Philmont 50th anniversary patch plus more Philmont stuff
21 different Council shoulder patches
6 NCAC Council shoulder patches
25 OA lodge flaps (one with a fox) *** **** some are very high $$$ 25.00 and up!!!!
World and National jamboree patches
25 Camp Airy patches (1 big bag)
2 grab bags, one will be free and the other will be $1.00 each

Anyone having a "need" to be detailed on a patch can call Norm Feldser (301-271-4586) or email nfeldser@comcast.net Checks can be made payable to *BSA Troop 270* and all of the monies will be divided 3 ways--- AT and Catoctin District OA and the First Aid Meet. This auction will start late Sat. 25th of April at Camp Greentop at 9:30 PM +- There is NO ORDER IN WHICH THE PATCH`S WILL BE SOLD. You don't have to be an OA member to attend the auction.

District Dinner

The annual District Recognition Dinner will be held May 2nd at the Cozy Restaurant in Thurmont, MD. The cost is $20 per person for a full buffet. Social hour begins at 6pm with dinner served at 7:15pm. There will be a silent auction at the dinner and awards for Unit of the Year, Sports Troop of the Year, Cubmaster, Scoutmaster and Scouting Family of the Year will be presented. If you plan to attend, please call Ron Layman at 301-845-6208 by April 25th so he can give the restaurant a head count. Hope to see you there.

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 web link, 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 web links and make a request for assistance for your unit to have a Shooting Sports event.

Visit Our Council Website

http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/view_homepage.asp?orgkey=370

Fall Camporee October 23-25

Be sure to mark your calendars now and plan to attend the Fall Camporee October 23-25 as a joint venture with Appalachian Trail District. It will be held at the Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship in Purcellville, VA. With a good attendance, the cost of the event per person will be approximately $5. The theme of the camporee will be "Old Time Scouting" and it will offer Scouts an opportunity to learn signaling and Morse code among other things. Registration forms are not yet available but will be forwarded along with more details as they become available. If you have questions, contact laurie.bohanan@hughes.net.

Catoctin Mountain Troop Takes Top Honors at First Aid Meet

The 49th annual Frederick County First Aid Meet (formerly FSK First Aid Meet) was held March 21st at the Calvary Assembly Activities Hall in Walkersville with 31 patrols participating. The meet was held in honor and memory of the two founding fathers of the First Aid Meet, Al Miller and Dr. Bill Roessler. Al Miller was a 33rd degree Mason and in his honor the local Masons lodge sponsored the patch for the event. Masonic member Scott McCauley made a special presentation to Mrs. Donna Miller and sons, Scott and Bruce in honor of Al.

Twelve of the patrols participating were from Catoctin Mountain District and 19 were from Appalachian Trail District. The Scouts competed by demonstrating their first aid knowledge in a set of 10 different scenarios related to such things as allergic reactions, burns, lacerations, heart attack, shock, fractures, cardiac arrest, etc. The judges who volunteered their time were state and local police officers, EMT's and Paramedics, firefighters, doctors and ER nurses. Each patrol had a different judge for each scenario.

The top ten competing patrols were as follows:

1st Place	Troop 727 Warriors	Scoutmaster Larry McKenna
2nd Place	Troop 268 Ninjas	Scoutmaster Gary Streeton
3rd Place	Troop 278 Spartans	Scoutmaster Phillip Ramsey
4th Place	Troop 1812 Vikings	Scoutmaster William Lohr
5th Place	Troop 268 Savages	Scoutmaster Gary Streeton
6th Place	Troop 727 Spartans	Scoutmaster Larry McKenna
7th Place	Troop 1066 Pheasants	Scoutmaster Dave Garman
8th Place	Troop 1011 Flying Tigers	Scoutmaster Mason Williams
9th Place	Troop 268 Wolverines	Scoutmaster Gary Streeton
10th Place	Troop 1066 Venture	Scoutmaster Dave Garman

Congratulations to all the Scouts that took part in this event. The time you have spent to learn first aid skills may save your life or someone else's life one day. Your knowledge and commitment makes you a better citizen and a great asset to the community. Many thanks to the co-chairmen for this event, Lew Raeder and Zeke Zarrella, and to all the volunteer judges.

Troop 727 Warriors take 1st Place trophy at First Aid Meet.

First Aid Meet After-Action Survey

Dear Scouters,
We are striving to make the Frederick County BSA First Aid Meet (FAM) a better experience each year. So in the spirit of improving the First Aid knowledge and skills of our youth, we would appreciate your input. Please take a few minutes to read and answer the questions below.

Survey Questions

Name:_____ Contact Info (email preferred):_____
Troop:_____ District: _____

1. Which of the following times, would you and your Scouts be more likely to attend the FAM?
   - Saturday evening 6-10pm _____
   - Saturday morning 8am-12noon _____
   - Sunday afternoon 1 -4pm _____
   - Friday evening 6 – 10pm _____

2. How many times have your scouts competed in the First Aid Meet? _____

3. Does your unit plan to compete in the FAM every year?_____
   If not why?_____

4. Did you feel that the problems were fair and appropriate?
   Yes ____ No _____

5. Did you feel that the facility was adequate?
   Yes _____ No _____
   Comments _____
   Suggestion for another location_____

6. Does your unit plan to compete again next year?
   Yes _____ No _____
   If not Why?_____

General Comments/Suggestions:
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For an electronic copy of this form, go to ***http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?id=58876***

Please email your responses to lewcar@comcast.net or zekezar@comcast.net
Many thanks for your participation in the FAM and for responding to this survey.

Sincerely, FAM Co- Chairmen
Lew Raeder, 301-831-9399
Zeke Zarrella 301-874-2945

Memorial Day Weekend

Venturing Leadership Skills Course Training & Service Weekend
Friday May 22, 2009 - Sunday, May 24, 2009
Walkersville, Maryland

All Crews or individual Venturers who would like to attend VLSC training are cordially invited to attend this training and service project weekend sponsored by the Catoctin Mountain District of the National Capital Area District. Completion of the VLSC is a requirement for the Silver Award. There will be male and female advisors on site so provisional campers are welcome.

Space is limited so this is on a first come, first served basis.

Location: Walkersville Watershed Scout Retreat, Walkersville, MD

Camping by tents (provided by participants - buddy system - please let us know if you don't have a tent and we'll pair you with someone who does. Not all participants will use their tents.)

Cost: $30 per Venturer (includes food, materials & camp fee)
Cost: $25 per Adult (includes food & camp fee)

Friday night check in starting at 5:00 PM (Class starts at 7PM) - Sunday afternoon breaking of camp (around 3PM)

Prerequisites: Bring a vision statement for your Crew--this is not activities for the year, but a statement about what you want your Crew to look like, work like and how you want your crew to achieve the items in your vision statement. Please complete this assignment BEFORE the VLSC training.

Please contact: David Place (advisor@crew270.com) or Brian Holt (brian.holt@crew270.com – Catoctin Mtn. Venturing Trainer) with any questions.

Online Registration at: http://boyscouts-ncac.org/registration/calendardetail.asp?ActivityKey=560097

General Itinerary (subject to change)
Friday 5:00 PM Check in
Friday 7:00 PM Introductions & Class start
Friday 9:15 PM Cracker barrel and social time
Saturday 8:00 AM Breakfast
Saturday 9:00 AM Class
Saturday 12:00 PM Lunch
Saturday 1:00 PM Class
Saturday 5:00 PM Dinner
Saturday 6:00 PM Class & Preview of Upcoming Kodiak & Kodiak X Courses
Saturday 7:30 PM (Approx.) Free time
Saturday 9:00 PM Cracker barrel and Social time
Sunday 8:00 AM Breakfast
Sunday 9:00 AM Youth's Own Services
Sunday 10:00 AM Conservation Project for the Watershed.
Sunday 12:00 PM Lunch
Sunday 1:00 PM Finish Project
Break Camp when finished project

Adults are welcome to audit course (Venturing Advisors must eventually teach this course to get their Venturing Advisor's Key) or spend the day drinking cowboy coffee and chatting about Venturing and other related war stories.

Citizenship Merit Badge Day by Rich Golling

Attention all Boy Scouts:
Citizenship Merit Badge Day is scheduled for May 16, 2009. There are still plenty of openings but don't wait until the last minute to register. Registration deadline is April 30, 2009. For more information and to register please visit the Appalachian Trail District home page or go directly to http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/registration/calendardetail.asp?orgkey=2007&ActivityKey=493930.

If you need any help, assistance, or have a question, please email me at r_golling@yahoo.com , SUBJ: Citizenship Merit Badge Day question.

Annual Awards - Call for Immediate Nominations!

by Randy Johnson, District Commissioner

It has recently come to my attention that one of my duties is to take nominations for several district awards for presentation at the district dinner. I apologize for the short notice, but if you would like to nominate someone for any of the following awards, please do so immediately. I will be taking nominations until April 26, so please get them in quickly.

Catoctin Mountain Peak Award: Each unit is allowed one submission, and every adult leader is eligible. Please include the unit number, contact person (including phone number and email), and a paragraph describing the nominee's contributions to Scouting. It would be very helpful if you would email your submittals for the Peak Award directly to Jim Sundergill at jimsundergill@comcast.net.

Scouting Family of the Year: All family members listed must be registered in a scouting unit (Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts). Self nominations will be accepted. List each family member and their respective unit(s), positions held in the last year, scouting awards earned in the last year, and any other relevant contributions to scouting.

Cubmaster of the Year: The nominee must be currently registered as a Cubmaster and have served in that position for at least 2 years. The nominee must also be fully trained. Self nominations will be accepted. Please include the nominee's name as it will appear on the certificate, tenure, training (including dates), previous Scouting awards, and youth advancement over the past year (percentages), other unit program highlights and relevant contributions.

Scoutmaster of the Year: The nominee must be currently registered as Scoutmaster and have served in that position for at least 2 years. The nominee must also be fully trained. Self nominations will be accepted. Please include the nominee's name as it will appear on the certificate, tenure, training (including dates), previous Scouting awards, and youth advancement over the past year (percentages), other unit program highlights and relevant contributions.

Varsity Coach of the Year: The nominee must be currently registered as Varsity Coach and have served in that position for at least 2 years. The nominee must also be fully trained. Self nominations will be accepted. Please include the nominee's name as it will appear on the certificate, tenure, training (including dates), previous Scouting awards, and youth advancement over the past year (percentages), other unit program highlights and relevant contributions.

Venturing Advisor of the Year: The nominee must be currently registered as a Crew Advisor and have served in that position for at least 2 years. The nominee must also be fully trained. Self nominations will be accepted. Please include the nominee's name as it will appear on the certificate, tenure, training (including dates), previous Scouting awards, and youth advancement over the past year (percentages), other unit program highlights and relevant contributions.

If you have questions, contact Randy at Walkersville.scouts@gmail.com.

Early Bird Day Camp Registration Deadline Extended

In order to better serve the volunteers, the Regional Day Camp Early Bird deadline has been EXTENDED to midnight, May 3, 2009. The issues with the website have been corrected and those wishing to register online can do so with full confidence. Please share this information with your district volunteers.

Deborah Marino, Program Director, National Capital Area Council, BSA, 301-214-9188 (office), 301-564-9513 (fax)

If you like the old style BSA uniforms, here's your chance to Buy One and Get One Free.

May be purchased in different item and size combinations.

Offer based on original retail pricing. Price reduction taken at checkout.

All sales are final but size exchange is accepted. The free BOGO item must be of equal or lesser value. Inventory is limited and varies by location. Centennial Uniform not included.

Sale begins May 1st. Quantities Limited.

Pack 727 Earns CUBBY for Roundtable Attendance

Cubmaster Ed Brogden sent in this pictorial record of the adventures of CUBBY as he attended Pack 727's activities. CUBBY is earned at Cub Roundtable for the best unit attendance in a month and the Pack then gets the honor of taking CUBBY to all of their activities.

Here is Cubby's month in pictures. First, he was at our Blue & Gold on Saturday, February 14. The sad thing was, this was my first event as CM, so I was concerned about other stuff, forgot about Cubby and really didn't get a good picture of him. All I could come up with here was a picture where he is there but just out of site, behind the Indian dancers (we had the OA Indian Dancers as entertainment)! :-) Don't worry, I have better ones further on down ...

OK, next place for a picture was at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company during a 2 den visit (all our Bears) on Thursday, February 19. Here Cubby is on a stretcher in an Ambulance. The woman with her head turned, leading this part of the program, is Beth Ruppell, who I believe with her husband John run a venture Crew in Thurmont (check me on that one ...).

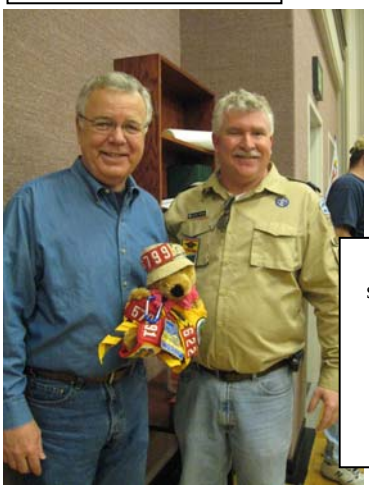
At the same event, here Cubby is being held up by one of the Cubs (Jessie L., Super Derby Cub Class Winner) on the steps of the Ambulance.

Next, he went to University of Scouting on Saturday February 21. Here I am holding him with Ken Davis, Wood Badge book author, after a class on BSA history. Note all of Ken's knots!!

OK, next he went to our pack 727 Pinewood Derby! Here he is protecting the starting line from the mobs of race fans. :-)

And here he is a bit later also holding onto our 2008 Centennial Award which he helped accept!

Here he is at Univ. of Scouting registration!



I hope you like the story and pictures! We had a lot of fun with Cubby over our month.

Ed Brogden
CM, Pack 7272
Emmitsburg, MD
lerxst@comcast.net

And here Cubby is watching the trophy table.

Here is Cubby at Super Derby, Saturday March 1! Here he is posing with me and someone who had raced a car at the very first Pinewood Derby, Wayne DeGere, when he was 5 or 6 years old in Manhattan Beach California (he is the grandfather of our Scouts Thomas and Stephen L.). He honestly said he didn't remember much since he was so young, and he had no idea history was being made at the time, it was just another Pack activity. :-) The Derby MC introduced him to the crowd, so we embarrassed him thoroughly (his grandchildren thought it was VERY cool).

Twilight Tattoo submitted by Gary Waguespack, Den Leader Pack 271

Traditions are everywhere. They're a part of almost every individual, group and community. They enable us to recall the past, help us understand the present and prepare us for the challenges of the future. Traditions and customs are particularly important to organizations where morale, leadership and caring for each other are important parts of everyday life. The U.S. Army Military District of Washington carries forward one such tradition in Twilight Tattoo.

Twilight Tattoo is an hour-long military pageant that features Soldiers of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) troop units and ceremonial units – The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps and The U.S. Army Drill Team; The U.S. Army Band Blues jazz ensemble, vocalists from The United States Army Chorus and The U.S. Army Chorale.

Bring your family, your friends, your group, and your enthusiasm for our country to one of the 2009 year's performances! This program salutes not only the Soldiers who defend our country; it salutes you, the citizens and patriots they defend.

It is FREE and open to the public! NO TICKETS REQUIRED!!

You can work with the Twilight Tattoo Public Affairs Office to arrange a Den, Pack, Troop, or Crew outing. The shows start at 7:15 p.m. on historic Fort Lesley J. McNair in Washington, D.C. every Wednesday evening from May 6 – July 1.

The experience of Twilight Tattoo is well worth it, experiencing it on the third oldest military post in the country should make for a particularly memorable and enjoyable event for your group. This event does have an associated patch that will be provided for each Scout in your group the evening you attend; as long as you coordinate with the Public Affairs Office prior to your attendance. PAO Contact information below:

Adrienne M. Combs
Deputy Director of Public Affairs
Joint Force Headquarters National Capital Region U.S. Army Military District of Washington
103 Third Avenue Building 32 - 2nd Floor Fort McNair Washington, DC 20319 202-685-2900 - phone
202-685-1999 – fax

Web Site: http://twilight.mdw.army.mil/

Wilderness First Aid Class

Good afternoon, Scout leaders!
I just wanted to follow up to let you all know that the May 29-31 Wilderness First Aid class in Leesburg, VA is FULL and the May 15-17 class in Chantilly, VA only has 3 spaces open. The April 17-19th course in Ashburn, VA has 8 slots open and the June 12-14th class scheduled for Chantilly, VA will ***hopefully*** be moved to Leesburg to accommodate overnight tenting. That course has still 12 seats open.

Thank you again for passing this along to your Scouting units. We've had a tremendous response – and anticipate even more response as time gets closer and closer to the course dates (folks are always VERY last minute)!

Upcoming Wilderness First Aid classes include:

April 17-19, Ashburn, VA (8 seats open)
May 15-17, Chantilly, VA (3 seats open)
May 29-31, Leesburg, VA (Waitlist only)
June 12-14, Chantilly, VA (12 seats open)

Yours in Scouting, Clif Castleman, Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 1577 of Herndon, VA Clif@WildSafe.com

High Adventure News submitted by Fred Carson, High Adventure Chairman

– Contact Fred Carson at carsonpat@hotmail.com or at 301-898-9455.

2009 NCAC Florida Sea Base Contingent Opportunity:
Two spaces may still be 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 or 202-966-1685, Dan**a** Abrahamsen at dabrahamsen@ftc.gov or 703-280-9782, or Pat Golden at pgolden@boyscouts-ncac.org or 301-214-9109.

2009 Northern Tier Opportunities: Northern Tier has a new website at http://www.ntier.org that includes remaining 2009 availability.

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 or 301-588-2990.

Next on the list are opportunities for high adventure in 2010:

2010 Opportunities:
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 at http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?orgkey=1988&id=55174. For more information, contact Dana Abrahamsen at dabrahamsen@ftc.gov or 703-280-9782 or Pat Golden at 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). All units who participated in the March 23-31, 2009 lottery will be offered at least one crew slot on one of these contingents. Individual youth may join these contingents by submitting the provisional application that is available at http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?orgkey=1988&id=55173.
Adults wishing to be provisional advisors on these contingents should contact Rush Williamson at longportage@comcast.net or 301-424-7132. 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@joejacquescpa.com or 240-676-7545 or Pat Golden at pgolden@boyscouts-ncac.org or 571-276-1243.

2010 NCAC Philmont Campership Applications are due 8/15/09. Philmont has awarded NCAC a generous amount of Waite Philips Campership funds for the 2010 camping season. 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 or 301-424-7132.

Northern Tier Opportunities: Reservations for 2010 started on April 1, 2009. See the new website at http://www.ntier.org

High Adventure Opportunities Bulletin Board: The High Adventure Committee hosts a bulletin board at http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=19308&orgkey=1988 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.

High Adventure Program Summaries: For information on program opportunities, age requirements, and prices at Goshen's Lenhok'sin High Adventure, the Adirondack High Adventure Area, the Maine High Adventure Area, the Northern Tier High Adventure Bases, Philmont, Double H Ranch, and Florida Sea Base, see the 12/5/08 edition of High Adventure Program Summaries available at http://bsatroop638.googlepages.com/highadventureprogramsummaries. Additional information is available at the NCAC High Adventure website at http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/highadventure. Many of these programs provide provisional opportunities for youth and adults unable to

participate as a unit-crew. You are welcome to contact Dave Green at dkgreenva@hotmail.com or 703-536-5189 if you need help finding a program suitable for your situation.
Wilderness First Aid, see http://wfa.net; and Center for Wilderness Safety, see http://wildsafe.com. Philmont and Double H will require wilderness first certifications in 2009. For more information, see http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=17109&orgkey=1988.
The following are some upcoming events and training opportunities to assist in preparing for high adventure activities:
* 5/1-3 – Lenhok'sin Work Weekend – Help with trail work and other improvements for the upcoming Lenhok'sin summer season. For more information, contact Dave O'Leary at daveol@earthlink.net or 301-588-2990.
* 5/7 – NCAC High Adventure Committee Meeting – 7:30 pm – Scout Service Center, Bethesda, MD. All Scouters interested in finding out about the committee's activities are welcome to attend.
5/15-17 – Goshen Bears Spring Workend –Help prepare Lenhok'sin and other Goshen camps for summer camp. For more information, see http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/registration/calendardetail.asp?ActivityKey=447535.

Local Scout Earns All One Hundred and Twenty One Boy Scout Merit Badges

Congratulations to Cody Evans, his family and his Troop for Cody's accomplishment in earning not only his Eagle Badge but for earning every Merit Badge available in the Scouting program.

Great job, Cody. You have set the bar high for those who follow.

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COMMUNITY

Scouting NEWS

Courtesy photo

Court of Honor held

Boy Scout Troop 1998 recently held a Court of Honor at the Frederick Elks Lodge 684. The troop recognized Scouts who earned 34 merit badges and 12 who were promoted. Also recognized was Eagle Scout Cody Evans, left, for his having earned all 121 merit badge. Only a handful of Scouts have achieved this goal. The 18-year-old Scout is a student at Gov. Thomas Johnson High School. He was also recognized as the American Legion Maryland Delegate Eagle Scout of the Year. Cody is a member of Venture Crew 394 and was awarded his Ranger award. Danniele McKnight, Exalted Ruler of the Elks Lodge, which sponsors the troop, reads a proclamation recognizing his achievement.

Scout Ranger Award

This is a new program just announced by the National Park Service (NPS) and the Boy Scouts of America. Click on the link below for details.
http://www.nps.gov/gettinginvolved/youthprograms/scoutrangers.htm

The NPS/Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Resource Stewardship Scout Ranger (Scout Ranger) program is a new, NPS-tailored certificate/patch program for Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Venturers. It is designed to increase Scout visitation to national parks, promote a better understanding of the NPS mission among Scouts and their families, educate young people about their responsibility in conserving our natural and cultural resources, encourage volunteer service and promote good citizenship.

National Park Service Week
http://www.nps.gov/npweek/

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A Call for Prayers

Sandy Layman, wife of Scoutmaster Ron Layman, Troop 274, recently had surgery at Frederick Memorial Hospital and is in very serious condition. Please keep Sandy, Ron and their family in your prayers at this very difficult time.