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Upcoming Events

September

- 14-18 Join Scouting Week
- 17-20 Powderhorn Training, contact ppetty1@cox.net, Wood Badge (Sunday friendly), contact tpinman@comcast.net.
- 19 Bike Rodeo, contact laurie.bohanan@hughes.net.
- 22 District Committee Meeting, 7:30pm Church of Christ, 1305 N. Market St. Frederick
- 23 Eagle Review
- 25-27 Goshen Bear Workend, contact carsonpat@hotmail.com.
- 26 Popcorn unit pick up of first order
- 26 **District Training Day:**
 TDLST contact cubpack570@hotmail.com, CDLST contact cubpack570@hotmail.com,
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 VaLST contact mhaderlie@gmail.com, VLST contact brian.holt@crew270.com,
 COR Training contact jimsundergill@comcast.net, Den Chief Training contact docor@comcast.net.
- 26 Cub Fun Day at Camp Snyder (free) <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/registration/calendardetail.asp?orgkey=370&ActivityKey=644765>

October

- 3 District Junior Leader Training, contact Larry.McKenna@dhs.gov.
- 10-12 Wood Badge session 2, contact tpinman@comcast.net.
- 13 Roundtable(Boy Scout/Cub Scout/Venturing/OA) 7:15pm old St. John's School, 114 E 2nd St. Frederick
- 13 Merit Badge Counselor Training, contact mudrat@erols.com.
- 13 Boy Scout Leader Specific Training part 3, contact allenonthelake@comcast.net.
- 15 Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm Walkersville LDS Chapel
- 15-17 Wood Badge (Sunday friendly) session 2, contact tpinman@comcast.net.
- 16-17 Camp Snyder Halloween
- 17 Boy Scout Leader Specific Training parts 1-3, contact allenonthelake@comcast.net.
- 23-24 Camp Snyder Halloween
- 23-25 Fall Camporee, contact laurie.bohanan@hughes.net.
Training at Fall Camporee: Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Training, contact allenonthelake@comcast.net.
- 27 District Committee Meeting, 7:30pm Church of Christ, 1305 N. Market St. Frederick
- 28 Eagle Review
- 30 Popcorn 1st payment due from units

November

- 6-8 V3 Hike-O-Ree
- 7 **Scouting for Food Bag Distribution**
- 10 Roundtable(Boy Scout/Cub Scout/Venturing/OA) 7:15pm old St. John's School, 114 E 2nd St. Frederick
- 10 Tiger Den Leader Specific Training, contact cubpack570@hotmail.com.
- 10 Boy Scout Leader Specific Training, contact allenonthelake@comcast.net.
- 12 Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm Walkersville LDS Chapel
- 14 **Scouting for Food Bag Pick Up**
- 14 CPR/First Aid at Camp Snyder
- 18 Popcorn, final orders due from units (popcorn and prizes)
- 21 POW WOW for Cub leaders
- 24 District Committee Meeting, 7:30pm Church of Christ, 1305 N. Market St. Frederick
- 25 Eagle Review
- 27-28 OA Vigil Induction

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

Camp Airy Reaches Half Century Mark by Jim Sundergill



The Advancement Seminar at Camp Airy marked its 50th season this year. The program started in 1958, then skipped a year and has been in operation every year since then. At first it was just an arrangement between several Troops to get together and share merit badge counselors to help the boys get merit badges they otherwise might not have had a chance to get. It has certainly blossomed from that modest beginning.



On Wednesday night, August 25th, the program held a reunion for past staffers and participants. There was no exact head count but there were representatives from all of the decades of Camp Airy's past as well as those from the present. The evening started at the dining hall with ice cream and cake, and then continued at the amphitheater with a memorable campfire.

The campfire program brought back many pleasant memories from the past. It was highlighted by the skit "Meatloaf" in which former staffers J. T. Lynch and Jeremy Galvin recreated their roles from the past. As usual, the skit was hilarious and brought back even more fond memories of past Camp Airy programs.

The highest peak of the campfire was a slide show produced by Ryan Henson. It included a visual tribute to many departed outstanding Camp Airy Scouters such as Bill Roessler, Al Miller, Ron Allen, Carla Bartlette and others. The show continued with slides from every decade of the Camp Airy program and many in the audience were heard naming names from the past. It was a great and loving tribute to all who have made Camp Airy what it is today. In a traditional ending, the audience silently filed out while present and former staffers sang "Scouting Vespers" from the stage.

As expected, this year's program met and surpassed the highest standards of the past. For the 15th year in a row the program received accreditation from the Northeast Region, BSA and provided merit badge opportunities for two hundred Frederick County Scouts. Hats off to Camp Director Kurt Yankaskas, Assistant Camp Director Bob Hutcheson, Program Director Kara Henson, Treasurer Diane Henson, Camp Commissioner Jim Law, Food Service Director Lew Raeder, Health Officer Mike McDonald and all of the rest of this year's Camp Airy staff for conducting another great season at Camp Airy.

News from Chemistry Merit Badge Class at Camp Airy



Chemistry Group gets the Scoop on Poop by Nick Maliszewskij

On Thursday, Dr. Maliszewskij's Chemistry Merit Badge class visited the Ballenger Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, Frederick County's largest facility for handling waste water. While there, the Scouts learned about what happens to water (and other substances) after you flush the toilet. The Ballenger facility processes nearly a million gallons of waste water each day which it then discharges into the Monocacy River. After walking with facility staff through the entire process, the Scouts were amazed to see crystal clear water flowing from the plant into the muddier water of the river.

Among the questions asked by Scouts to the staff was, "What's the weirdest thing you've pulled out of the incoming waste water?" The plant staff mentioned that they've found newspapers, cellophane bags, plastic toys, cell phones and even dollar bills, which get cleaned and re-spent. So think twice about putting money in your mouth. You really don't know where that stuff has been!

Court of Honor at Camp Airy submitted by Kathy Evans



On August 21, 2009, Venture Crew 394 of Thurmont, MD held a Court of Honor at Camp Airy for Jose Sandino who received his Outdoor Bronze Award; Cody Evans, Angela Staffone, and Garrett Miller who all received the highest award in Venturing, the Silver Award. Congratulations to all of these young people. We are looking forward to their contributions in the scouting movement here in Frederick County.



"Scouting in Action, A Century of Values"

The year 2010 will mark the 100th anniversary of Scouting in the U.S.A. and there are four very special Council activities planned to help us celebrate

- **Centennial Camporee (May 29-31, 2010 Memorial Day Weekend)**
 Cub Scout flier <http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?id=63146>
 Boy Scout flier <http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?id=63147>
 Venturing flier <http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?id=63148>
- **Centennial Scouting on the Mall (Tentative July 17– August 8, 2010)**
- **Grand Centennial Parade (July 25, 2010)**
- **NCAC Get-Fit Scouts (Fall 2009, ongoing)**

For details go to http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/view_homepage.asp?orgkey=2010



Celebrating 100 Years - A Year of Celebration

For 100 years, the Boy Scouts of America has created a strong foundation of leadership, service, and community for millions of America's youth. Through *A Year of Celebration, A Century of Making a Difference*, we will demonstrate the incredible impact of a century of living the Scout Law.

Program participants will earn recognition for making a difference in their communities due to their dedication to five of Scouting's core values: Leadership, Character, Community Service, Achievement, and the Outdoors. Participants will be able to earn our 100th Anniversary commemorative patch.

A Year of Celebration will take place from **September 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010**. The program is open to all Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, Scouters and Scouting alumni. Read the patch requirements to learn more at: http://ww2.scouting.org/100years/100years/sitefiles/1000/YourSource/PlanningTools/A_Year_of_Celebration/BSA_Year_Patch_Earning.pdf



100th Year Ring

This is a patch that can be purchased at the Scout Shop. It goes around the World Scouting emblem that is worn on the upper left chest area of the Scout shirt. It is to be worn as a way of celebrating our 100th anniversary and there are no special requirements to earn the patch other than paying the price to buy it and having a uniform to put it on.



Venturing Crews!

Starting in **October** there will be a monthly Catoctin Mountain District Venturing Roundtable! It will be at the same time and place as the Cub and Boy Scout Roundtables. The one major difference is that along with the Adult Leaders from your crew, your crew Officers should attend also! In fact, attendance by crew Officers and Adults is a part of the Venturing Unit of the Year award!

The Venturing Roundtable will focus on Venturing Leader training, Q&A sessions, setting up a District Venturing Officer's Association (VOA) and a yearly District Venturing activity. Along with this we will also develop resources to keep our Crews up-to-date on what the others are doing.

For more information on the CMD Venturing Roundtable, its program or other Venturing questions, please contact David Place at 301-712-6888 or email: advisor@crew270.com.



Fall 2009 Camporee

“Scouting Through the Years” *Early Registration Form*

- What:** Weekend of learning about Scouting through the years and how Scouting has changed over the last 99 years and to prepare the Scouts and Scouters for the 2010 Scouting centennial events. This event is a joint Appalachian Trail/Catoctin Mountain District event. Scouts from other Districts are welcome to register and attend as well.
- Who:** Open to Boys Scouts. Cub Scouts are invited to attend Saturday 2 – 6 pm for reduced participation fee (more info to follow closer to the event).
- When:** **October 23-25, 2009.** Check-in will be Friday night with event finishing Sunday morning. More information to follow.
- Where:** Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship on Harpers Ferry Rd in Purcellville, VA. www.blueridgecenter.org.
- Fee:** \$15 by September 19. \$25 between Sept 20 and Oct 16.

NO REGISTRATIONS will be accepted after October 16, 2009 due to logistics and planning. All payments due October 16!

Event Chair: Laurie Bohanan, laurie.bohanan@hughes.net 301-371-5106 (email preferred or Verizon wireless) & Catoctin Mt POC Ron Layman (301) 845-6208.

We are still in need of units to run stations. If your unit can help out, please contact Laurie or Ron. Contact info is above.

Use this early registration form to pay **\$50 deposit** and your group members go for **\$14** until September 19 or **\$24** until October 16. You will need to submit the regular registration form once it is released closer to the event. Deposit will be applied towards final total payment due. Deposit is nonrefundable.

Unit type and # _____ Estimated number attending _____
 POC name: _____ email: _____
 Station you wish to run at Camporee _____

Make checks payable to **BSA/NCAC – Do not send cash.**
 Call Laurie Bohanan to pay with credit card.
 Early registration only accepted with \$50 deposit. Registration forms and payment should be sent to:
Fall 2009 Camporee, C/O Laurie Bohanan, 6600C Roy Shafer Rd, Middletown MD 21769

Training, Training, Training

This is the time of the year that units are recruiting not only new youth, but new adult leaders as well. In order for you youth to have FUN and experience to best possible program, it is important to get all of your leaders properly trained. That way the boys will benefit from a strong program and the adults will have fun as well, because they will know what the goal is and have the resources and support to make it happen.

Our district is fortunate to have a strong training team. Their names, contact information and speciality areas are listed below. Please contact them with any questions you have about training and take advantage of the many training opportunities offered at Roundtable each month as well as other training sessions. Below are also fliers for three such training programs that are being offered.

You are welcome to take training in any District

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

Overall Training Chairman	Colby Child	301-271-4111	mudrat@erols.com
Cub Scout Training Chairman	Vicky Carswell	301-662-5123	cubpack570@hotmail.com
Boy Scout Training Chairman	Damon Allen	301-865-1540	allenonthelake@comcast.net
Venturing Training Chairman	Brian Holt	240-566-5637	brian.holt@crew270.com
Youth Training Chairman	Larry McKenna	301-447-2157	larry.mckenna@dhs.gov
Varsity Training Chairman	Mike Haderlie	301-703-2114	mhaderlie@gmail.com

Catoctin Mountain District

Leader Training

Training: Boy Scout Leader Specific Training
For: All New Boy Scout Leaders
Date: October 17, 2009
Time: 09:00 AM to 18:00 PM



Location: FEMA Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland
Pre Registration Is A MUST to ATTEND! No Walk-ins Allowed!

Course fee: \$10.00

Registration Deadline: October 14, 2008 (Roundtable)

In order to prepare enough materials for each session **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!**

This is a uniformed event. FULL Class A uniform is required. We are the role models; set the example.

Prerequisite: Leaders registering for training must have viewed *Fast Start* either by video tape/DVD or on-line http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/pages/67_fast_start_training.cfm and have completed Youth Protection, also on-line at, http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/pages/71_youth_protection_training.cfm. Additionally, leaders must complete "This is Scouting" via the BSA E-Learning Center online at <http://www.scouting.org>. Please contact the CMD Training committee with questions about these prerequisites

To complete training and receive your "TRAINED" patch you must finally take Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (BSIOLST); currently offered 10/23-25/2009. Although not required, you are encouraged to take Troop Committee Challenge, offered 9/26/2009, to fully understand the responsibilities of all BS Leaders, not just SM/ASM.

To locate other Districts offering training, check the MD North training web page:
http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/pages/20893_montgomery_frederick_county_training.cfm

Training Agenda:	08:30 – 09:00	"Check-In"	13:00 -- 15:30	Session II
	09:00 -- 12:00	Session I	15:45 – 18:15	Session III & Closing
	12:00 – 13:00	Lunch		

What to bring? A bag Lunch (or eat with your Troop), Boy Scout Handbook and Scoutmaster Handbook

A Council sponsored Trading Post will not be available to purchase additional resource materials

Upon Registration AND for more information contact:

Colby A. Child, Jr. the CMT District Training Chair at 301-271-4111 or via email at either cchild@rcgoodwin.com or mudrat@erols.com; please include CMT Training in the subject line AND/OR
Damon Allen, the CMT District Boy Scout Training Chairman at 301-865-7540 or via email at allenontheLake@comcast.net please include CMT District Training in the subject line

REGISTRATION FORM (Please Print) (check all that apply for this training event) BSLST

Troop #: _____ Position: _____ District: _____
Name: _____ Yrs in Scouting _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ Email: _____

Please fill out the registration form and return it to the Marriott Scout Service Center **at least two weeks** prior to the Training. You can drop it off at the lobby information center desk or mail it to: **9190 Rockville Pike Bethesda, MD 20814-3897**. Please make checks payable to **NCAC/BSA**, please note on bottom of check Catoctin Mountain District Training Cost Center Number 252

Catoctin Mountain District Leader Training



Training: Introduction to Outdoor Leaders Skills
For: Boy Scout Leaders
Date: Weekend of October 23-25, 2009
Time: 1800 Friday to 1600 Sunday
Location: Appalachian Trail and Catoctin Mountain Districts
Joint Fall Camporee at the Blue Ridge Center for Environmental
Stewardship on Harpers Ferry Rd in Purcellville, VA.

Course fee: \$20.00

Registration Deadline: October 18, 2008 (Fall Camporee)

In order to prepare enough materials for each session **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!**

This is a uniformed event. FULL Class A uniform is required. We are the role models; set the example.

Prerequisite: Leaders registering for training must have viewed *Fast Start* either by video tape/DVD or on-line http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/pages/67_fast_start_training.cfm and have completed Youth Protection which is available on-line, http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/pages/71_youth_protection_training.cfm

To complete training and receive your "TRAINED" patch you must: Complete Fast Start, This is Scouting, and Boy Scout Leaders Specific Training Parts I, II, and III.

To locate other Districts offering training, check the MD North training web page:
http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/pages/20893_montgomery_frederick_county_training.cfm

Training Agenda: Friday 18:00 -- 18:30 Registration (no early arrivals) Sunday 16:00 Closing and Cleanup

How to Plan/What to bring? After the BSLST (10/17/2009) you will be assigned to a patrol. You will need to meet prior to IOLST and assign a Patrol Leader, Assistant, Quartermaster and Grubmaster. You will need a patrol name, flag and mascot. You will need to organize Patrol camping equipment and a menu as well as purchase the groceries.

A Council sponsored Trading Post will not be available to purchase additional resource materials

Upon Registration AND for more information contact:

Colby A. Child, Jr. the CMT District Training Chair at 301-271-4111 or via email at either cchild@rcgoodwin.com or mudrat@erols.com; please include CMT Training in the subject line AND/OR

Damon Allen. the CMT District Boy Scout Training Chairman at 301-865-7540 or via email at either allenonthelake@comcast.net or Richard.allen@ft-detrick.af.mil please include CMT District Training in the subject line

REGISTRATION FORM (Please Print) (check all that apply for this training event) IOLST

Troop #: _____ Position: _____ District: _____
Name: _____ Yrs in Scouting _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ Email: _____

Please fill out the registration form and return it to the Marriott Scout Service Center **at least two weeks** prior to the Training. You can drop it off at the lobby information center desk or mail it to: **9190 Rockville Pike Bethesda, MD 20814-3897**. Please make checks payable to **NCAC/BSA**, please note on bottom of check Catoctin Mountain District Training Cost Center Number 247.

Catoctin Mountain District

Cub Scout Leader Training Extravaganza



Saturday, September 26, 2009

8:30AM – 9:00AM: Check-In

9:00AM – 12:00PM: Cub Scout Leader Specific Training Session

Course fee: \$5.00 per session

Lunch (pizza, salad & drink) \$5, total for the day \$10.00 if you buy lunch.

LOCATION: *Frederick LDS Stake Center*
199 North Place, Frederick, MD. 21701

Directions:

Take Rt. 270 North to Frederick (Rt. 270 becomes Rt. 15)

Follow Rt. 15 North, take the East Patrick Street Exit into Frederick, turn right at the first light onto Norva Avenue, go one block, turn right onto Wyngate Drive, then take the next right onto North Place, the church is on the left-hand side. Park where you can, the entrance is on the Southside of the building about half the length from the entrance.

In order to prepare enough materials, **Pre-registration is Appreciated!**

Prerequisite: This Is Scouting – print certificate at end and present at this training. *Fast Start* on line, www.scouting.org/cubscouts/faststart and

Youth Protection – can also be taken on line: www.boyscouts-ncac.org/training/YP.htm

Training Agenda

8:30 – 9:00AM Check-In / Gathering

9:00 – 12:00 PM Cub Scout Leader Specific Training Session

12:00 – 12:30 PM LUNCH BREAK

What to bring? Wear your uniform and bring some notepaper & a pen.

REGISTRATION FORM (Please Print)

Cub Leader Specific Session: (choose only one) \$5.00

Tiger Den Leader ___ Cub Den Leader (Wolf/Bear) ___ Webelos Den Leader ___ Cubmaster ___ Pack Committee Member ___

Lunch ___ \$5.00

Total Enclosed ___ please see below for check information.

Your Pack #: _____ Leadership Position: _____ District: _____

Name: (As on your registration form / no nicknames) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____

Email Address: _____

Please fill out the registration form and return it to the Marriott Scout Service Center. You can drop it off at the lobby information center desk or mail it to 9190 Rockville Pike Bethesda, MD 20814-3897.

Make checks payable to NCAC/BSA, please note on bottom of check Cost Center# 253 CSLST – CMD

Please also send your registration information to Vicky Carswell, District Cub Scout Training Chair @ cubpack570@hotmail.com or call (301) 662-5123, we don't want to miss getting anyone registered! See you there! Thank You!

Scout Day at The Mount Sponsored by The Catholic Committee on Boy Scouting of the Archdiocese of Washington

When: Saturday, September 12, 2009. Arrive at Patriot Hall on the Campus of Mount St. Mary's by 11:00 a.m.

What: A mountain hike, visit to the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, Holy Mass, and a tour of Mount St. Mary's. Dinner at the Cozy Restaurant

Where: Mount St. Mary's University and Seminary Emmitsburg, Maryland

Cost: Free, except for meal costs

All Boy Scouts, male Venture Scouts, and leaders are invited to join us at Mount St. Mary's University and Seminary for a tour of the seminary, visit to the Grotto, Holy Mass, and a 5 mile mountain hike. While this is an excellent opportunity for Scouts working on religious emblems to complete some of their requirements, the trip is not restricted to those working on emblems. All Boy Scouts and male Venture Scouts are invited. Those who have participated in the past are encouraged to join us again. We will end the day with dinner at the Cozy Restaurant. For information or to register, please contact Santa Bigony (msbrn@aol.com or 301-262-8645)

Scout Day at Sea Sponsored by The Washington Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting

When: Saturday, September 26, 2009 Approximately 11:00 a.m. (time being finalized)

What: Sailing the Bay from St. Mary's County, visit St. Clement's Island and Mass

All Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts, female Venture Scouts, and their leaders are invited to join us for a day of sailing aboard the 46 foot schooner, Sea Eagle. The day will include a visit to St. Clement's Island (site of the first Mass celebrated in the Americas), Holy Mass on the Island, and a meal, and other activities as time and weather permit. The trip is hosted by Sea Scout Ship 548/Girl Scout Mariner Ship 1548 in Colton Point, Maryland. Space is limited to 30 people Preregistration is necessary. For information or to register, please contact Santa Bigony (msbrn@aol.com or 301-262-8645)

Trail House Offers Scout Discount submitted by Clyde Hicks, owner of The Trail House

The Trail House has offered a 10 % discount to Scouts and Scout leaders for 25 years. We are local and do what we can to support Scouting on a local level . We are not a big box store or an "internet store". Stop by and let us help you with your outdoor activity needs. Don't forget to show your Scout membership card and ask for your discount.

The Trail House Inc., 17 South Market St, Frederick, MD. 21701, 301-694-8448, 301-694-8449 Fax,
clyde@trailhouse.com, www.trailhouse.com

High Adventure News submitted by Fred Carson, District High Adventure Chairman

58th Annual NCAC Bison Banquet: This Council sponsored banquet from 7:00 to 9:00 PM on Wednesday, October 7th will be held at Potomac United Methodist Church, Falls Rd. & Glen Rd., Potomac, MD. It is opened to everyone including family and friends interested in sharing and learning about high adventure opportunities. The menu includes buffalo meat and the program includes Scout high adventure presentations and Dave Green's tails from the 50 state highpoints. Everyone must register and the registration deadline is September 25th. There is no charge for those who participated in one of the 2009 NCAC Philmont or Seabase contingents and charge for everyone else is \$18. To register on line or to print a registration form, go to the NCAC High Adventure website at <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/highadventure> and click on the buffalo. For more information, contact Brian Gannon at bgannon97@yahoo.com or 703-307-2267.

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>. The estimated cost is \$1470 per person. 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 Opportunity: NCAC is sponsoring three Philmont contingents in 2010. Individual youth may join the P629 (6/27-7/11) or the P713 (7/11-25) contingent 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 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.

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, and Florida Sea Base, see the 5/9/09 edition of High Adventure Program Summaries at <http://bsatrop638.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.

First Aid and CPR certifications required for high adventure activities are available from the Arlington Chapter of the American Red Cross, see <http://www.arlingtonredcross.org/training.html>; Inova, see <http://www.inova.org/>; Wilderness First Aid, see <http://wfa.net>; and Center for Wilderness Safety, see <http://wildsafe.com>. Philmont requires wilderness first certifications. 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:

* 9/13 – NCAC 2009 High Adventure Reunion/Critique – 2:00 pm – Reston Community Center, Reston, VA. Adults who attended high adventure bases with NCAC contingents this year are encouraged to attend. Other adults are also welcome. For more information, contact Rick Gollhofer at RAGollhofer@acm.org or 703-689-0349.

* 9/25 – Deadline for 10/7 NCAC Bison Banquet registration. See the information above.

* 9/27 – 2010 NCAC Philmont Contingent Leader/Advisor Hike – Anyone is welcome to attend. Meet at 9:00 AM at the Elkwallow Wayside (Skyline Drive MP 24). For more information, contact Art Jordan at jordana3@verizon.net or 703-368-4975.

* 9/30 – Lenhok'sin Committee Meeting – 7:30 pm – Scout Service Center, Bethesda, MD. For more information, contact Dave O'Leary at daveol@earthlink.net or 301-588-2990.

* 10/1 – NCAC High Adventure Committee Meeting – 7:30 pm – Scout Service Center, Bethesda, MD. Scouters interested in finding out about the committee's activities are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Rick Gollhofer at RAGollhofer@acm.org or 703-689-0349.

* 10/3-4 – Basic Wilderness First Aid / CPR / AED – \$130 – Potomac Appalachian Trail Club. For more information, see http://potomacappalachian.org/index.php?option=com_jcalpro&Itemid=151&extmode=view&extid=1218 or contact Saleena DeVore at emailert@yahoo.com or 401-456-6861.

* 10/7 – 58th Annual NCAC Bison Banquet. See the information above.

* 10/15 – Deadline for 11/6-8 V3 Hike-o-Ree registration.

* 11/6-8 – NCAC V3 Hike-o-Ree – 4-H Educational Center, Front Royal, VA. For more information and to register, see <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/registration/calendardetail.asp?ActivityKey=648664>. For additional information, contact Bob Austin at Bob.austin@verizon.net or 703-425-9675 or Adair Petty at ppetty1@cox.net or (703) 607-2190.

* 11/7 – 33rd Annual Maryland Scout Orienteering Day, Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation, Harford County, MD. For a registration form and more information, see <http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?id=57225>.

Scouting Update Items

New Handbook, Eagle Requirements and more

To get all the last information about the New Handbook, New Eagle Requirements, Health forms and more, go to <http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?id=64782>

Wilderness First Aid Courses

If you are planning to take a Wilderness First Aid course, check out the following link for some resource information. <http://www.wildsafe.com/index.html>

BSA 2010 Rank Changes

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?id=64783>

Venturing Positions

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?id=64784>

Venturing Events

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?id=64785>

Centennial Celebration

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?id=64786>

Mountainside Challenge and Retreat Center

At our September Roundtable, a representative from the Mountainside Challenge and Retreat Center gave a short program about the opportunities for Scouts at their facility. They offer a large facility with many programs such as hiking, climbing, high and low ropes courses, environmental education classes, archery, etc. Go to <http://www.bar-t.com/outdoor-ed.html> for more information or contact jleach@msidecrc.org.

Winter Sports

A helmet is required for downhill skiing, snowboarding, and snowmobiling (full-face helmets).

(<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsourc/healthandsafety/alerts/winter2009>)

Bike helmets are not acceptable. This became effective on August 19. Units who made reservations should check to make sure the vendor is aware of this new requirement and the cost may not include the helmet since this is a new requirement. See Winter Sports in the Guide to Safe Scouting <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsourc/HealthandSafety/GSS>.

Bechtel Family Supports Scouting

According to information coming out on Twitter from [@BoyScouts](#) and [@ScoutExecutive](#), the new National High Adventure Base will be called the Bechtel Family National Scouting Center. Stephen D. Bechtel, Jr. has made a \$50 million contribution to the project. <http://www.scoutingnews.org/2009/08/26/bechtel-family-national-scouting-center/>

The Bechtel family runs the Bechtel Corporation which is a worldwide engineering, construction, and project management company. The international company is well known for completing major projects, such as the Hoover Dam, Honk Kong International Airport, and the Big Dig.

The family also has a strong Scouting tradition. Stephen D. Bechtel, Jr became an Eagle Scout in 1940, and has been awarded the Silver Buffalo Award and the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award. Stephen's uncle, Kenneth Bechtel served as National President of the Boy Scouts of America from 1956-1959.



In May 2010 Cub Scouts changes to new format...

Click on this link <http://www.scouting.org/CubScouts%202010> for more details.

Welcome to the most recent evolution of Cub Scouts, Cub Scouts 2010!

Cub Scouts 2010 is a piloted and successful method of delivering the existing Cub Scout program that is handbook-based and focuses on den activities leading to youth advancement and higher retention. The Cub Scouts 2010 Overview Brochure <http://www.scouting.org/CubScouts%202010/OverviewBrochure> includes information on the pilot, its results, what changes with Cub Scouts 2010 and how the changes benefit the Scouting community.

Cub Scouts 2010 is supported by a new leader resource, the *Den & Pack Meeting Resource Guide*. This new resource contains all the information a den leader or Cubmaster needs to deliver the planned program. Check out the Sample Meeting Resource Guide <http://www.scouting.org/CubScouts%202010/MeetingResourceGuide> . For more information about Cub Scout 2010, see the Frequently Asked Questions <http://www.scouting.org/CubScouts%202010/FAQ> .

Appalachian Trail District Webelos in the Woods

Appalachian Trail District has extended an invitation to all Webelos Scouts in Catocin Mountain District to join them for Webelos in the Woods where the Boy Scouts will show the Cubs camping *In The Boy Scout Style*. The event will take place October 9-11 with 13 scheduled activities, a campfire and relaxed Cub camping (you can drive your cars in and unload in the field where the Cubs will camp). For full information click on the link below.

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?id=64809>

Flier Distribution in Public Schools

In the letter from the Frederick County School Board regarding the distribution of fliers in public schools this year, there was not a uniform policy for placing the fliers in the backpack folders for each student. The decision as to whether the school would allow fliers to be put in the back pack folders was left up to the individual school principals. This has caused a problem for the Scouts in trying to notify parents of the Join Scouting Nights in the schools.

Probably the only way to get the decision reversed by the School Board is to have input from the community. Tim Richardson, our District Director, urged everyone at our September Roundtable to write to the School Board members and explain the importance of being able to place fliers in the student's backpacks. Every youth deserves the opportunity to join Scouting. If you would like to write to your School Board members, you will find contact information at <http://fcps.schoolwires.com/1529101127155834940/site/default.asp>

District Award of Merit

The District Award of Merit is the highest award that a District can award to a District Scouter. If you know of a Scouter in your unit who has contributed significantly to Scouting at the District level, please consider filling out an application and submitting it to Shawn Youngberg, Chairman of the Award of Merit Committee. All application must be submitted by December 31, 2009. You can download a copy of the application at <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?orgkey=1988&id=63819> . Applications can be mailed to Shawn Youngberg, 5821 Woodwinds Cir., Frederick, MD 21703. If you have questions, contact Shawn at 240-344-7733 or shawnyoungberg@comcast.net .

Website Update

In order to update our website, it is necessary to have current contact information for each unit. With that information, prospective Scouts and their parents can contact a unit leader to find out how to join Scouting. We ask that each unit take a few minutes to fill out the form below and give it to their Unit Commissioner or give it to Randy Johnson, our District Commissioner, at the next Roundtable. We need two contact people for each unit.

Your help in getting our information updated is greatly appreciated.

Council/District Web Site Unit Contact Release and Permission for 2010

The National Capital Area Council (NCAC), Boy Scouts of America, maintains a World Wide Web site for purposes of publicizing and reporting on its Scouting program and supporting its leaders and membership. Districts of the NCAC also maintain subsidiary "mini" Web sites within the NCAC Web site. The NCAC and Catoctin Mountain District Web sites generally contain contact information (name, phone and email address) for various council and district volunteers, event coordinators and unit contacts. Such posting is generally beneficial to the Scouting program since it provides ready contact access to those wishing to participate in council and district meetings and events. It is NCAC's policy that such contact information not be posted without the written permission of the individual whose information is posted. (The NCAC has taken reasonable steps in its Web site design to prevent malicious collection of email addresses from its Web site and trains its Webmasters in methods to further minimize such email address scraping.)

It is the Catoctin Mountain District's mission to make sure that each unit within the district has at least two up-to-date unit contacts listed at all times. These contacts may be any adult who is a trained registered Scouter attached to the unit. The contacts should be qualified to answer all questions about your unit as well as scouting in general. Your unit's contacts must also agree to have their name, at least one phone number and one email address available in their contact information.

Unit Type: Pack / Troop / Team / Crew / Ship **Unit Number:** _____
Town/City: _____
Meeting Place: _____
Address: _____ **Zip:** _____
Meeting Night: _____ **Meeting Time:** _____

Personal Permission Statements

I hereby certify that I grant the Catoctin Mountain District of the National Capital Area Council permission to post only the information which I have chosen to supply below:

Name: _____ **Unit Position:** _____

Email Address: _____ **Email Address (alt):** _____

Phone(s): (h) () _____ - _____ (w) () _____ - _____ (c) () _____ - _____

Contact's Signature: _____ **Date:** ____/____/____

Name: _____ **Unit Position:** _____

Email Address: _____ **Email Address (alt):** _____

Phone(s): (h) () _____ - _____ (w) () _____ - _____ (c) () _____ - _____

Contact's Signature: _____ **Date:** ____/____/____



Catoctin Mountain District

Presents the Fifth Annual

Boy Scout Putt Putt Golf Tournament

Date: Friday, October 16, 2009

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: I 70 Golf Range
8400 East Patrick Street
Frederick, MD 21701



Cost: \$3.00 for one game
Optional \$3.00 for driving range

Teams Consist of Four Scouts

Each troop must provide an adult for each team

To register and for more information contact:

Shawn Youngberg

Phone: 240-344-7733

Email: shawnyoungberg@comcast.net

