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Upcoming Events

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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

December

5 Popcorn pick up of second order

8 Roundtable (Boy Scout/Cub Scout/Venturing/OA) 7:15pm old St. John's School, 114 E 2nd St. Frederick

10 Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm Walkersville LDS Chapel

21 Popcorn, final payment due from units

22 District Committee Meeting, 7:30pm Church of Christ, 1305 N. Market St. Frederick

23 Eagle Review

28 Inter-troop sports event (Bowling) contact shawnyoungberg@comcast.net

31 Silver Beaver and Award of Merit nominations due

January

12 Roundtable (Boy Scout/Cub Scout/Venturing/OA) 7:15pm old St. John's School, 114 E 2nd St. Frederick

12 Training at Roundtable: Cubmaster Leader Specific Training, contact cubpack570@hotmail.com

Boy Scout Leader Specific Training (2), contact allenonthelake@comcast.net

14 Commissioner's Meeting, 7:30pm Walkersville LDS Chapel

18 Inter-troop sports event (Basketball), contact shawnyoungberg@comcast.net

23 Commissioner's College, contact walkersville.scouts@gmail.com

26 District Committee Meeting, 7:30pm Church of Christ, 1305 N. Market St. Frederick

27 Eagle Review

30 Trainer's Edge, contact allenonthelake@comcast.net

You are welcome to take training in any District

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

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Scouting for Food Pick Up Nov. 14th

As you pick up the Scouting for Food bags on Saturday, make note of the number of adults and youth that are helping and the weight of the food collected. Then go to <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/form/formjump.asp?bidx=0&orgkey=370&surveyID=15095> and fill out the form so your unit can get recognition for the Scouting for Food Good Turn. Each unit participating will get a streamer for their unit flag. Many thanks to all the Scouts and Scouters who help with this event. You make a big difference for those in need.

Recharter Log-In December 1st

If your unit did not get the recharter packet at the pick up on Saturday, contact Randy Johnson at 240-529-7363. Each recharter packet has an access code number in the upper right corner of the envelope. With that code, you will be able to log onto the recharter site <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=16908&orgkey=1988>. Our district window for recharter will be open from Dec. 1 till Feb. 28. The recharter turn-in will be December 5 at the Walkersville LDS Chapel (same place as the recharter pick up).

By starting now to get registrations updated and fees collected, you can be ready for the recharter log-in on Dec. 1 and have your recharter process completed before the holidays. If you have any questions, contact your Unit Commissioner or District Commissioner Randy Johnson at walkersville.scouts@gmail.com or by phone at 240-529-7363.



Scouting Salutes The Military

6-9 pm / November 17, 2009, [Crystal Gateway Marriott](#) Arlington, VA

The concept of this inaugural event is unique, simple and powerful: Honor one active duty enlisted person from each of the five Service branches – Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard – who exemplifies the values found in the Scout Oath and Law.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff and Senior Enlisted Advisors for each Service branch have been asked to provide honoree candidates fitting the following criteria: an enlisted (E4-E6) service member who has displayed outstanding military service, performed an heroic deed and/or valorous actions and/or shown themselves to be extraordinarily committed to community service and, preferably, has current local connections, i.e. he/ she grew up/has family in the National Capital Area Council service area. Honorees without a Scouting background will be selected if he/she meets the criteria above and is looked to within the Service branch as a role model because of his/her strength of character, integrity and dedication to altruistic endeavors.

The Honorable Togo D. West, Jr. - a Distinguished Eagle Scout, Silver Beaver and Silver Buffalo awardee and former Secretary of the Army and of Veterans Affairs - will serve as the Master of Ceremonies; U.S. Rep. Ike Skelton (D-MO) - an Eagle Scout, a graduate of Wentworth Military Academy and Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee - will be one of our distinguished guests as well as the keynote speaker; and General Dynamics has agreed to be the Event Underwriter.

Join the National Capital Area Council, Boy Scouts of America in saluting those who give selflessly of their time - and sometimes their lives - to make our country and our world a safer, more peaceful place to live. Corporate Sponsorships, Advertising Opportunities and Individual Ticket options are available. For information, call 301-214-9111 or email supportscouting@scouting.org.

Centennial Quality Unit Forms

The 2009 Centennial Quality Unit forms are in your recharter packets. Arrange to go over the forms with your Unit Commissioner or District Commissioner, Randy Johnson and have them completed, signed and turned in between now and December 31. If you have questions, contact your Unit Commissioner or Randy Johnson at 240-529-7363 or Walkersville.scouts@gmail.com.

Pack 274 Seeks Den Chief by Bill Desmond

Pack 274, sponsored by St. John the Evangelist Church, is seeking a Den Chief for Den 6. This is a Wolf Den headed by Mr. Paul Holt. The Den meets on the second and fourth Mondays of the month from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM at the St. John Parish Community Center, 116 East 2nd Street, Frederick. The Pack meeting is the first Friday of the month at 7:00 AM. Candidates would be expected to receive Den Chief training at the next opportunity. If interested, please call William Desmond, Pack Committee Chair, at 301-662-4151.



OA Holiday Party December 6th

All Order of the Arrow members are invited to attend a holiday party Sunday, December 6th at FEMA in Emmitsburg (at the log cabin) from 12 noon till 4pm. The OA will supply hot dogs/hamburgers and buns. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share (veggie, dessert, chips, etc). There will be games and music.

Since FEMA is a secure facility, you must register by December 1st and provide the names of all people attending and driver's names. Everyone over the age of 18 must bring an ID (e.g. driver's license). Send your registration to Vice Chapter Chief Michael Worrell email.worrell@comcast.net.

Bowling Tournament

The 6th Annual Boy Scout Bowling Tournament will be held Monday December 28, 2009 beginning at 10:00AM at Terrace Lanes, 12 W. College Terrace, Frederick, MD 21701. The cost is \$7.50 and each Scout will play two games of ten pin bowling. To register and for more information, contact Shawn Youngberg at 240-344-7733 or shawnyoungberg@comcast.net. Registration is requested by December 20th.



POW WOW

Cub Leaders be sure to mark your calendars for November 21st and plan to attend the day long event called POW WOW. It will be a full day of Wild West adventure and Cub leader training. For full details go to <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/registration/calendardetail.asp?orgkey=370&ActivityKey=672226>

First Aid Meet March 13, 2010

Save the date and make sure your Scouts are practicing their first aid skills in preparation for the Annual Frederick County First Aid Meet. Details about location will follow.



High Adventure News by Fred Carson, High Adventure Chairman

1. Operations Reports

- 2010 Philmont and Sea Base Trip Status:
 - P-629—72 in units; 7 youth, 1 adult provo; **17 openings**; requesting 2 more crews
 - P-713—42 in units; 1 contingent leader; **6 openings**.
 - P-721—55 in units; No openings
 - Sea Base—4 youth and 2 adults; **14 openings**; several inquiries, including an adult female.
 - Provo Advisors—R. Williamson has received inquiries from three adults.
- Financial Manager: 2010 payments and information sheets are being checked. Database shows several people behind, but may be lag in data input or recent signups that haven't made October payment.
- Budget Manager: Pat Golden reported discrepancy in 2009 financial had been resolved (same payments were entered twice).
- Transportation: (details provided after meeting) Philmont Fee \$620 (according to BSA website; Pat said \$675), Blue Sky \$495, Airfare approx. \$450, for a total of \$1565, excluding baggage fees and NCAC expenses. **Need to announce at 15 November Parents meeting that final payment will likely be increased to cover baggage fees which were not included in original estimate**

1. Base Coordinator Reports

- Lenhok'sin: Tri-fold brochures are available, but Pat not certain where they are currently stored.
- Philmont: P. Golden reported Philmont fees of \$675 for 2010 and \$725 for 2011 (although the BSA website has \$620 for \$2010). Waite Philips camperships will be handled by councils in 2011, contrary to previous report. NCAC 2011 contingents will be P628, P705 and P712.
- Northern Tier: Signups for 2010 available in one-third of weeks.
- Adirondacks: Brochures are not yet available from the Otetiana Council which runs the Adirondack Trek Center. Cost is \$550 per week with 5 weeks to choose from.
- Sea Base: Signups for 2011 on website 15 Jan. 2010 to 15 Feb. 2010. Openings available in summer of 2010. Troop 1570 has space for 3 on live-aboard SCUBA trip 26 Dec. 2009 to 2 Jan. 2010.

Don't forget to check the High Adventure page at the Council website for more information. Go to:

<http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=17084&orgkey=1988>



District Award of Merit

The District Award of Merit is the highest award that a Council 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 applications 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.

Friends of Scouting Family Campaign Kick Off by Steve Vaughn

It's that time of year again for us to begin our Family Friends of Scouting Campaign. Thanks to your efforts, we had a successful campaign last year in that we had the highest unit participation that we have had for many years. This year we are looking forward to an even more successful campaign. These FOS funds provide critically essential services for us to have a successful scouting program for our youth in Frederick County.

Last year, while we had a record high level of unit participation only 20% of our scouting families returned a pledge card. That means that 80% of our Scouting families either chose not to turn in a card or were never offered the opportunity to give. And as much as we believe in the value of the scouting program, it's hard to believe that 80% of our Scouting families would not donate to the Family FOS campaign if given a chance.

So, this year the Family Friends of Scouting campaign will be implemented in a slightly different format. Our goal is to reach 100% of our scouting families and offer them an opportunity to donate. This year, the Unit Campaign Chair is the key individual who will implement the FOS campaign in their unit. In past years, the Unit Campaign Chair set up the presentation for the FOS campaign and relied on the presenters to present the campaign. This year, the Unit Campaign Chairs will have that responsibility. We will have a cadre of folks available to make presentations if that is how the Unit Campaign Chairs want to run the campaign. However, the Unit Campaign Chair can run the campaign as they feel will have the best outcome. So, we are asking each unit to identify a dynamic and enthusiastic person who can really run a successful campaign in your unit. We need to have the name of this person, their e-mail address and phone number by **November 14, 2009**. Please send that information to either Dr. Steve Vaughn at stevendvaughn@aol.com or Tim Richardson at trichardson@boyscouts-ncac.org.

Also, this year we will have new volunteers known as "Zone Campaign Chairs." These volunteers will work with the Unit Campaign Chairs to support a successful Family FOS campaign in each unit. If you are interested in being a Zone Campaign Chair, please let Steve or Tim know as well.

Additionally, the Unit Campaign Chair will be asked to complete and sign a unit commitment form for their unit. We would like to have these forms completed and turned in by **November 23, 2009**. These forms will be available at the Roundtable and from our Zone chairs after the Roundtable. We will provide training for both Zone Campaign Chairs and Unit Campaign Chairs. These volunteer positions are easy to do and can be completed within a month. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Steve Vaughn. Our goal is to kick off the Family Friends of Scouting Campaign on December 15, 2009 and reach our goal by February 28, 2010. With your help we can do this. Thank you for all that you do for Scouting.

Steve Vaughn, Catoclin Mountain District, Family Friends of Scouting Chair



Scout Day with the TERPS

Maryland Men's Basketball invites all area Scouts to Scout Day on December 27, 2009 at 2PM. Experience one of the nation's best game day atmospheres and cheer on the Terps as they meet Florida Atlantic. Groups of 15 or more can purchase tickets for \$15 and receive a special Terps Scout patch. You must pre-register to be eligible to receive the patch. To order tickets and register call 301-314-1339 or email cblank@umd.edu.

CUB SCOUTS GO TO JAIL!

By A. Child and C. Child

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On Monday November 9, 2009, Cub Scouts from Thurmont's Pack 270, Den 6 went to visit their local police station. Officers Testa and Kemp, with special assistance from Officer Fogle of the State Police,



showed the Scouts, along with several parents and scout leaders, all about being a police officer here in Thurmont. They showed off all the gear they carry. They demonstrated how to use their handcuffs and gave an explanation of their firearms and other, non-lethal weapons they carry. They showed the different rooms in the nearly new station, including the squad room, gym and the jail cells. They explained what happens to detainees when they are brought into the station.

They showed the secure sally port, where detainees are transferred from the cruisers to the station. The officers even got to show off their cars. They turned on the lights and blasted the sirens and showed the Scouts the on-board, touch-screen computers that are GPS guided. These help the officers get to the scene more quickly. The Scouts learned how they can help the officers out. They learned that the officers are there to protect and to serve.



They learned that the officers enjoy when the people of Thurmont stop and ask questions, provide comments or just give a nice hello. Scouts in Den 6 include:

Cameron B., Andrew C., Danny D, Austin F., Paul J., Josh M., Brenden M., Dalton W., Devin W, (Not Pictured: Robert S., Mitchell



T., and Shane Z. Special guest Brandy W. also pictured with Officer Kemp (L) and Officer Testa (R)).





Centennial Camporee May 2010—It's NOT too late to sign up.

If your unit has not already signed up for the Centennial Camporee, then go to the following site and get all the details and registration information.

[http://www.boyscouts-](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/registration/calendardetail.asp?orgkey=370&ActivityKey=487058)

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This event promises to be extra special in recognition of the 100th anniversary of Scouting in the US. There will be activities for Cubs, Scouts and Venturers as well as training activities for the adults. A big arena show is planned with fireworks on the lake. It will be memorable, so don't miss out.

Centennial Celebration – A Century of Values

To get more information about:

Centennial Camporee

Scouting on the Mall

Grand Centennial Parade and

NCAC Get-Fit Scouts

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

Super Derby March 13th

This year the Super Derby Chairman, John Stalnaker, is throwing in a twist. Not only will the Cub Scouts be able to race their cars, but adults, Scouts, siblings and even Venturers can get in on the fun. The entry fee will be \$5. More information will follow. Get your derby car kits and get creative. But remember, all cars still have to be gravity powered!

Philmont Trail Meals for Sale

submitted by Jim MacGillivray

Philmont has surplus 2008 trail meals available now for sale. The average cost is \$7 per meal (including shipping) which feeds two. Thus a Scout can eat trail food for about \$10 dollars a day. This is a great way to let your Scouts experience working with Philmont trail food before you get there. The meals are 2008 surplus so some components may be past their sell by date. For more info and ordering instructions contact Barry Harper, Philmont Commissary Manager Barry.harper@scouting.com

Local Boy Scouts Work to Become the Next Generation of Professional Archeologists

Boy Scout Merit Badge Counselors Colby and Kathleen Child, both professional archeologists with the Frederick, MD firm *R. Christopher Goodwin & Associates, Inc.*, provide an archeology program that is both within the limits of the merit badge and out of this world for the scouts. This is a feat easy to accomplish with their passion, their experience, and the assets and resources at their disposal. While they focus their attention at one local Boy Scout Camp, Camp Airy, they also counsel scouts all over Frederick County, MD.



The Archeology Merit Badge was introduced into the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) advancement program in 1997, with the inaugural debut at the National Jamboree. It

took many years for scholars, professionals and avocationalists to come to agreement on the requirements that each 11-18 year old Scout would need to meet to earn the badge. It was the next year, 1998, that the badge was first offered at Camp Airy, a Boy Scout Camp nestled in the Mountains of Thurmont, MD. Camp Airy, accredited by the National BSA and provided by the National Capital Area Council (Washington, D.C.) and its all volunteer staff, offers an amazing program to the Scouts for one week each August. It is a week where a majority of the 122 merit badges available are offered to the scouts. Only in the rich and diverse community of the greater Washington, D.C. area could this be accomplished.

Mr. and Mrs. Child, are not just counselors, they mentor the scouts; nor are they strangers to the Scouting program. Mr Child, an Eagle Scout, has been an Assistant Scoutmaster, a Scoutmaster, a Pack Trainer and a Den Leader. He is also a member of the District (County) Committee where he is the Training Chair. Mrs. Child also is a member of the District leadership team, where she is a Unit Commissioner. She was a committee member for the local Thurmont Boy Scout troop, where she assisted the Scouts with outdoor activities and is an Assistant Den Leader and the Committee Chair of the local Thurmont Cub Scout Pack.

Mr. and Mrs. Child have at their disposal the significant assets and resources available from their firm. Dr. Goodwin, President & CEO of the nationally recognized firm, and a native of Maryland, strongly endorses the Scouting program. He, too, was very pleased with the addition of his passion to the Merit Badge program, in 1997. Having been active in Scouts himself and having served on the National Events Committee and having directed the National Exploration Awards program, he knows the value of the program and its affect on young men entering college and the workforce.

“My Senior Vice President, Mr. Bill Athens of my New Orleans office and Mr. Child of my Frederick office are both Eagle Scouts and are both counselors of this badge. These men teach the next generation of archeologists how it’s done. We know these young men have a leg up on their peers. Maybe some day we’ll get them on our staff. It’s a great program,” says Dr. Goodwin of his colleagues and their endeavor.



The scouts must satisfy requirements that range from creating a time capsule to learning a primitive skill, to undertaking a full day in the field on an actual archeological dig. The scouts are taught about the differences between history, paleontology, geology and archeology. They have to conduct independent research about three archeological sites within and three outside of the US and must research a local Native American tribe/group. Each of these research efforts must result in a summary paragraph, one of which is to be presented orally to the class or to their Troop. The scouts learn about the National Historic Preservation Act, of 1966, as amended. This Act also created the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), a Cabinet post in the Executive Branch of our government. This was the foundation for all, now common, federal, state and local laws that require an archeological study to identify cultural resources prior to disturbance from construction.



The counselors provide a comprehensive syllabus and an extensive and user friendly workbook that includes the 11 requirements. It contains valuable information about each requirement, plus resources and additional research materials that the scouts use to complete the badge. The workbook even includes articles from Archeology Magazine[®] that tell the stories of real archeologists excavating sites presenting the; *who, what, where, when* and most importantly, the *why*. The workbook guides the discussion and activities of each class session.





The Scouts choose what badges they earn, so they are primed for the lessons. For each of the first several years, the class was only offered to 12 Scouts. During the season of 2007, it was opened to 18; it has been full every year. It is, by no means, lecture only, though. The counselors provide extensive hands on training in excavation techniques, soil science and testing strategies. The Scouts also are given real world application of the theories behind archeological methods. To assist with the scouts focus, the each class includes a mix of hands on activities and lecture, but even the lecture is arranged in a college/graduate level seminar format. Perhaps most importantly, though, the scouts are taught about the value of archeology and what is valuable in archeology:

were pressed in Memphis in 1968. The one on the left has a price tag of \$2.00, while the one on the right sits in a sealed glass case and has a price tag of \$2,000. What is the difference?” asks Mr. Child of the 2009 class.



Mr. and Mrs. Child explain that the value in archeology, is not in the material culture; the artifacts, but rather in the information that the artifacts convey through the archeological and historical record.



“The bottle on the right was drunk by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on the day of his assassination,” relays Mr. Child.

Though only a fictitious story, the point is very clear, and the scouts understand it immediately.

“The scouts are sharp. We never underestimate them and they continue to surprise us with the depth of their answers and contribution to class,” says Mrs. Child of the 2009 class.

Several other professionals from Goodwin & Associates, and from the Scouting community, provide specific topic instruction as guest lecturers. Of particular interest is the requirement that scouts must engage in a primitive skill and create something. This requirement is right up the alley of Mr. Dan Grose and Mr. Michael Miller, both specialists in lithic (stone) tool technology with Goodwin & Associates. Both practice the art of flint knapping and provide real-world hands-on demonstrations and opportunities for the scouts. With proper protective equipment, including eye and hand covers, the scouts get the chance to learn flint-knapping skills and see what it takes to make projectile points, known more commonly as “arrowheads.”

“These kids are really talented. They know what an arrowhead is, but have no idea what is involved in making one. We give them a chance to experience it and they love it. They get it, though. They understand that people long ago made tools from stone. Just like we have a “Swiss-army knife,” the people from long ago had stone tools that did many jobs. They were careful with them because they had hours of time invested in their creation. Now the Scouts appreciate that fact,” says Mr Grose of the 2009 class.





In addition to these assets, the counselors have use of the Walkersville Watershed property, replete with two historic period archeological sites. Located east of the town, the watershed was the site of a diverse dairy farm and of a mill, both lost to history except for some local residents who have ancestry and lore about the property. When first opened to scouts in 2003, the main effort was to clear the two archeology sites and do exploratory testing to define the boundaries of each site. Over the years, the sites have continued to be investigated, though most focus has been on the farmstead. While archival research is not yet completed, excavations have revealed an elaborate complex of structures, including the main house, a possible smoke house, a Pennsylvania Dutch style bank barn, equipment shed, a possible stable, and a dairy. Artifact recovered from the site include an old tin toy car, bottle glass fragments, plate and ceramic vessel fragments, nail fragments, china doll pieces, and various other “domestic” artifacts. The site provides the scouts, under close professional supervision, the opportunity to do actual excavations on a real site.

The mill site also has revealed a complex of structural remains including the two mill ponds, the race (though some of it has been destroyed), the wheel pit, the retaining wall surrounding the Mill building and the foundation of the Mill itself. Artifacts recovered from this location tell parts of the story lost to history. Interestingly, much of what remains shows evidence of burning, a fact that historic records tell of as a fire that burned the structure in the late 19th century. The Mill site presents a fascinating contrast to the domestic nature of the farmstead site. Having operated as a Saw Mill and a Grist Mill, it served the community in a nearly year-round fashion. Investigations continue at the Mill site, but in reduced effort. This is due, in part to the focus on the farmstead and also due to engineering concerns about the structural integrity of the retaining wall around the Mill foundation. Our goal is a safe and fun experience in learning about the past.



Through the Boy Scouts of America and with the help of their colleagues in the community and at R. Christopher Goodwin & Associates, Inc., Mr. and Mrs. Child provide an educational opportunity that is unique and important to the understanding of heritage and preservation. The scouts embrace this opportunity year after year.

For more information about Archeology Merit Badge, please contact the local Boy Scouts of America office in Bethesda, MD or contact Colby and Kathy Child at their R. Christopher Goodwin & Associates, Inc. office in Frederick, MD.