



# Prince George's District Scout News

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All Hands,

I recently read in the *Washington Post* the story of a young scout who I like to think of as one of our own.

At the time, he was one of America's most famous boy scouts. In 1939 Donn Fendler survived for nine days on a remote mountain in Maine. His family was on vacation from their home in Rye, NY to hike Mount Katahdin, Maine's tallest peak. Part way through the climb, fog set in. Donn, 12, became separated from his family as a storm began. A search was initiated, where hundreds of police officers, firefighters, Forest Wardens, National Guard, and volunteers searched in vain for over a week.

He remembered his scout training that said when lost follow a stream to civilization. After 9 days, he came across a hunting lodge. He was 35 miles from where he lost his family.

He said he survived "on his faith in God and his will to live - along with pointers from the scouts". He gathered berries during the day and slept in a burlap bag he found on the trail. Somehow he lost his shoes and what was left of his clothing, were in shreds. He even lost part of a toe. To keep his cool, he developed a routine: early bed and say his prayers.

He was recognized by the Governor of Maine as the "most courageous boy in America" and President Franklin Roosevelt presented him with a medal for valor. Five years to the day he went missing, he joined the U.S. Navy and served in the Pacific during World War II. He later wrote a book "Lost on a Mountain in Maine". A major motion picture was said to be in the works.

When we say "Prepared for Life" we mean it. I know that each of you does as well. I know that you do great things for the scouts, please keep it up.

*Carry On!*

C. Philip Nichols, Jr.  
District Chairman

**RECHARTER – RECHARTER -  
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## November

5 – Car-ne-vale  
5 – Scouting for Food Bag Distro  
10 – District Roundtable  
12 – Scouting for Food Bag Pick-Up  
14 – OA meeting  
19 – POW WOW

## December

3 – Trainers Edge  
3 – Cubmaster/Scoutmaster Training (Seneca)  
5 – District Committee  
8 – District Roundtable  
12 – OA meeting

Have you ever been to Roundtable?  
Do you know your Commissioner or what they do?  
Do you need help with Advancements?

## Commissioner's Corner

*District Commissioner*

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## District Commissioner POCs

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The District Committee meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. to discuss

- Order of the Arrow
- Venturing Program
- Learning for Life
- District Program

Join us and make the difference.  
GEAR UP FOR LEADERSHIP AT ROUNDTABLE

## 2017 Charter Renewal

By now all Committee Chairmen of units should have received their Charter Renewal packet from the NCAC Registrar in Texas. Please advise your Unit Commissioner or ADC if this is not the case. Included in the packet is the access code for online registration and the transmittal envelope. Online registration is anticipated to open ~October 1st.

Some process tips to make for a smooth submission:

**Immediately:** Submit applications as soon as completed. Don't wait to submit applications in the Charter Renewal submission.

**October:** The assigned Unit processor should log into Unit Charter Renewal System (UCRS); the team obtains applications and YPT certificates as needed, and fees; processor 'Updates Unit Roster' to pull in new data; unit Key 3 to review, and meet with Chartering Organization head for signatures on final; and the processor 'Submits to Council' via UCRS.

**November:** Turn-in completed work product and completely initially transmittal envelope to unit commissioner for review and endorsement NLT **November 20, 2016**.

The Points of Contact for District Charter Renewal is

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Units – Please go to our District website -  
<http://www.ncacbsa.org/princegeorges/>

Click on these links and start processing for Re-charter.

Contact your Commissioner if you have any questions.

## Commissioners are ready to help U!



## JTE is Your Unit's Scorecard for Scouting Success

How do you know whether your unit offers the best possible experience for the youth you serve?

### You keep score.

JTE is your unit's scorecard for Scouting success.

As we begin this last quarter of the calendar year, **now is the time for all units to focus on finalizing your 2016 JTE scorecards.**

While many might view these scorecards as trivial and not take this process seriously, *JTE is the most essential tool to ensure the success of the Scouting program in your unit.* Just like with most all things in life, the more effort you put into completing your JTE scorecard, the more your unit will get back in return. Here are three "best practices" to get the most benefit in completing your 2016 JTE scorecard.

**1. Don't wait until November to start finalizing your unit's scorecard.** Now is the time to make sure you have

all the required information to complete your unit's JTE scorecard. Refer to your 2016 JTE Guide-book (available at [www.scouting.org/jte](http://www.scouting.org/jte)) for a list of the specific documents your unit needs to finalize your scorecard. Now would also be a good time to confirm that your unit has identified at least one individual with an account on the JTE Service Hours website ([servicehours.scouting.org](http://servicehours.scouting.org)) who understands how to record your unit's service projects.

**2. Get your entire unit leadership team involved.** Your unit committee chair could certainly just "rubber stamp" your JTE scorecard and be done in a matter of a few minutes. However, to really get any meaningful assessment of your current unit's health, your entire unit leadership needs to meet and work together as a team to complete your scorecard. This meeting should include your unit key-3, unit committee members, youth leader group (patrol leaders' council, team leadership, crew officers or petty officers), and your unit commissioner. When your entire leadership team is completely open and honest about documenting your unit's performance, your JTE scorecard will clearly show you where your unit can deliver an even stronger Scouting program. This process works best when your unit leaders work together as a team and let go of their egos and emotions.

**3. Communicate your results with your unit.** Consistent communication is the hallmark of a unit determined to offering the best possible Scouting experience. By sharing your JTE scorecard results with your entire unit, you build trust and motivate others to engage in helping achieve your unit's goals. Let your entire unit know the specific areas where you are doing well and also the particular areas where your unit needs help. Open and honest communication about your scorecard results is essential to building a stronger Scouting program in your unit.

If you have any questions or concerns about your unit's scorecard or about any other JTE issues, please reach out to your unit commissioner. Our commissioner corps is dedicated to helping your unit offer the best possible experience for the youth you serve.

Assistant District Commissioner for JTE

## Membership Memo –

Joe Vlcek/ Vice-Chairman for Membership  
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JSN is the start of your new, 2016-2017 school year recruitment.

Now is the time to identify and plan for those activities and parents to support Fall recruitment activities. Make recruitment of that TIGER Den

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Leader your top priority. Established leadership will attract more TIGERS and parents over the Summer. Validate your Unit's contact information on [www.BeAScout.scouting.org](http://www.BeAScout.scouting.org) so that new families to the area can find you. Don't depend on "Back to School Night" for your recruits. By that time, your target audience has already committed to other activities. Remember you're recruiting parents, convincing them that scouting is a valuable activity for their youth.

**BE VISIBLE.** Ideas you may want to consider as you review the 2016-2017 school year calendar and your school's website.

- Open houses and initial, back-to-school PTA meetings: Usually held the week before school starts and are school specific.
- Fun Fairs and school bazaars.
- Book Fairs: Donate scout bookmarks with your contact information.
- Door hangers. Your school may not support flyers going home and a parent will more likely remember your Unit if they have something in their hand that they can attach to the refrigerator.
- Take pictures. Everyone has a smart phone and everyone takes pictures. Get those pictures posted in the newspaper, your website/Facebook page, charter organization website/Facebook page, the District Facebook page. A caption is all that's required.
- Posting the picture quickly is essential for good results.

## Keep Recruiting

## Advancement Notes

- Keep advancing.

If you have questions – please let me know.

Rosie Gonzales  
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Advancement Chair

## Eagle Scout News

### An Eagle Scout's Story

I do not have a story from our local Eagle Scouts, so here's one that caught my eye.

**End of story?** Does the Eagle go quietly into the night, now that you have achieved the pinnacle of all of Scouting?

**We certainly hope not.**

Stay tuned for this spot and additional notifications from our District, Council and Nationally as we bring our Eagles back for more.

Want to be involved? Contact- [bowiescouts@verizon.net](mailto:bowiescouts@verizon.net)

### ORDER OF THE ARROW



Upcoming OA events include Chapter Meetings on the second Monday of each month, and the OA hosted Cub Carnival on December 17 for all Cub Scouts.

#### Our next BIG event

Our next Chapter meeting is Monday, December , at the Imagination Foundation in Upper Marlboro.

#### Contact:

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Steven Steinbach

P.G. OA Chapter Chief

For more information about the Order of the Arrow or to schedule an election or camp promotions presentation, please contact us at [PrinceGeorgesChapter@wipit470.org](mailto:PrinceGeorgesChapter@wipit470.org).

*YJS, Prince George's OA Chapter Leadership*

**A Scout is Thrifty** – Do you have any old Scout Uniforms? Check this idea out <http://wpo.st/Y1QU1> - Let's make scouting more affordable.

### TRAINING CORNER

#### **BECOME A TRAINED LEADER**

Common sense tells us training is important, and research shows the importance of trained leaders. A trained leader is knowledgeable and more confident in the role being performed. Trained leaders exhibit a knowledge and confidence that is picked up by the people around them. Trained leaders impact the quality of programs, leader tenure, youth tenure, safety and a whole lot more. A trained leader is better prepared to make the Scouting program and serving our youth all that it can be!

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**Trained Leaders** – All BSA leaders must be trained in their position-specific roles. This is to ensure that BSA leaders truly embrace the admonition that all *children under our charge deserve trained leaders*. Reports indicate that many District registered Scouters have not fulfilled the obligatory training requirements of their volunteer position. Accordingly, it is incumbent upon unit leaders, with the assistance of their Unit and Assistant District Commissioners, to help the uninformed get the requisite training they need to ensure they are meeting the guaranteed standards of their BSA positions.



Please consider rearranging your bucket list and management/executive development goals, and sign up for the **Spring 2017 Wood Badge** <http://www.ncacbsa.org/training/wood-badge/>

18 Feb 2017 - **University of Scouting, Venturing and Adventure classes**, Hayfield Secondary School in Virginia  
[www.ncacbsa.org/training/university-of-scouting](http://www.ncacbsa.org/training/university-of-scouting)

#### **2017 NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

When: 14 – 16 January and 18 – 20 February 2017

Where: Camp William B. Snyder)

Course Director: Julia Farr

Details: [www.ncacbsa.org/training/national-youth-leadership-training/](http://www.ncacbsa.org/training/national-youth-leadership-training/)

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#### **YOUTH PROTECTION**

##### **YOUTH PROTECTION IS OUR #1 PRIORITY!**

While BSA continuously evaluates and strengthens its Youth Protection programs, the organization recognizes that abuse can happen anywhere, even in Scouting.  
<http://www.ncacbsa.org/training/youth-protection/>

## **A good Leader is an informed Leader:**

### **ROUNDTABLE - Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday**

**Who's Invited:** All District Unit Leaders, Unit Committee Members and Unit Commissioners

**Where:** Glenn Dale LDS Church, 11525 Prospect Hill Road, Glenn Dale, MD

**When:** Always the 2nd Thursday of each month, 7-9p.m.

#### **Schedule**

7:00PM Displays and Gatherings

7:30-8:30PM Scout Leader Roundtables

- Cub Scout Leader RT: CRTC Danielle Ballantine
- Boy Scout Leader RT: BRTC George Martin & Gary Miller
- Teen Program Leader Forum\*: VRTC Ruth Kester & Reggie Grier

8:30-9:00PM General Roundtable Meeting led by DDC/RT Richard Fulper (rfulperjr@cs.com).

Recognitions, awards and hot topics are discussed. If there are any area organizations, with opportunities that may interest our Scouts and Scouters, are invited to attend.

### **Order of The Arrow Chapter - 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday**

**Who's Invited:** Open to all members of the Chapter

**Where:** Imagine Foundation at Leeland Public Charter School (Formerly Queen Anne School) 14111 Oak Grove Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

**When:** Second Monday of each month, 7:00PM-8:30PM.

Join us on Facebook: <http://tinyurl.com/PGOrderofArrow>  
"Order of the Arrow in Prince George's County"

Steven Steinbach is our Chapter Chief

John Keenan is our Prince George's Chapter Advisor

[www.ncacbsa.org/program/order-of-the-arrow/](http://www.ncacbsa.org/program/order-of-the-arrow/)  
[groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/oapg/info?referrer=PrinceGeorgesDistrict](http://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/oapg/info?referrer=PrinceGeorgesDistrict)

### **Committee Meeting - Every 4th Thursday**

**Who's Invited:** All Unit Charter Organization Representatives, District Committee Members and Commissioners

**Where:** Imagine Foundation at Leeland Public Charter School (formerly Queen Anne School), 14111 Oak Grove Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20775

**When:** Fourth Thursday of most months, 7p.m. Check Calendar to be sure.

The District Chairman welcomes all Vice Chairpersons, the District Commissioner and his staff, District professionals, Charter Organizational Representatives (CORs), Committee Members and designated Members-At-Large.

## **DISTRICT COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING**

*Roger Brow (bowiescouts@verizon.net)*

Greetings District Doers – Hope you all are using your communication skills to get the word out on our local scouts to your friends and neighbors. It doesn't cost

anything to invite a family to come along to an outing. Who knows, it may be the best thing they've ever done.

## **DO A GOOD TURN DAILY**

Have you volunteered to get your neighborhood schools ready for the new school year? Why not organize a cleanup of the school grounds. Perhaps call the schools and see if you can be of service.

## **Scouting for Food 2016**

DON'T FORGET!

If you missed donating, please find the nearest Food Pantry or homeless shelter and give generously.

Thanks!



Saturday December 17th is the annual wreath laying at Arlington National Cemetery. They could use the help please meet at 0800 hours @ Pentagon Hayes Street Parking @ 860 Army Navy Dr, Arlington, VA 22202. Please feel free to pass this on to like-minded people as well.

If you cannot attend, please consider purchasing a wreath. The cost is only \$15 per wreath, a small price to honor and remember those who have given us our freedoms with their sacrifices. You can click on the below link which will take you directly to WAA's Arlington Cemetery web site where you can sponsor a wreath or two by clicking on the red sponsor tab under the word "Sponsor a Wreath For Arlington" on the left side of the page and completing the information.

We hope to see many of you on Saturday, December 17th!

<http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>

In Prince George's County we can also place wreaths at Cheltenham National Cemetery. Please organize a group,

it's a great tradition and a great honor to remember our veterans at Christmastime.

## **POPCORN**

December 9th Due Dates

Payments: Friday, December 9

Prize Orders Due: Friday, December 9

Scholarship Forms: Friday, December 9

**For more information, contact Lisa Snip by email or call (301) 214-9196.**

Big Things are happening here in Prince George's District (and the NCAC region) in the coming months – please send me your stories, events, news. Scouting success depends on **you!**

Do you have something that can't wait until the next newsletter? Send your stories or event to [bowiescouts@verizon.net](mailto:bowiescouts@verizon.net)

### Council Events

#### **Goshen 50th Anniversary Camporee Staff Needed**

Please consider joining the NCAC-Wide Fall 2017 Camporee Commissioner staff to support this special camporee from **May 26 to May 29, 2017**. This will supplant the 2017 ODD Spring Camporee. Duties include: greeting units upon arrival, directing units to activities, assisting units in departure, function as a resource for information, and coach and guide units as necessary during the camporee. POC is Steve Richardson at [ristph@aol.com](mailto:ristph@aol.com), 571-422-2198.

What's New in Prince George's County District?

Troop 1572's Venture Patrol, the Kamando Dragons, had another fantastic trip: Caving near Martinsburg, WV. The Venture Patrol consists of boys who are at least 14 years old, and have obtained 1st Class rank. They typically do 3-4 events a year in addition to participating in regular troop events and activities. The Scouts had a great time exploring two different caves out near Whitings Neck. After a full day of spelunking, we returned to the KOA campground near Harper's Ferry for dinner before heading into town for a Ghost Tour.

Troop 1572 and Pack 1572 are both actively recruiting new Scouts. We held our second recruiting event on October 29, and provided an opportunity for boys to try their hand at a variety of Scout skills, including First Aid, Cooking, Knots, Geocaching, Track Identification, and more! The Scouts and Scouters worked to teach new skills to visiting boys throughout the day. The final activity was a campfire program put together by visiting Arrow of Light Scouts, and of course, s'mores!

The Troop meets each Wednesday in the Hall at St. Mary's Piscataway Catholic Church at 7:00 PM. For more

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information, please visit the Troop website at <http://bsatroop1572.scoutlander.com>

## **American Legion Boys and Girls State** **Scouts, are you a High School Junior?**

American Legion Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State are the premier programs for teaching how government works while developing leadership skills & an appreciation for your rights as a citizen. As a participant in the program you, will run for office, learn public speaking, create and enforce laws and actively participate in all phases of creating and running a working government in this exciting and fun summer program.

You'll meet other students from across your state who will become friends for life.

You'll develop confidence and leadership skills that will shape your future.

Many states offer scholarships or admission preference for attendees of Boys or Girls State.

For more specific information about YOUR Boys or Girls State program, click on the appropriate Boys or Girls icon below and then use the locator on that page to find the contact information for your state.

<http://www.boysandgirlsstate.org/>

#### **Maryland Boys State**

Dates: 6.19.2016-6.25.2016

Location: McDaniel College, Westminster

Contact Name: Roger Butt

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Phone: 240-529-2391

#### **Maryland Girls State**

Dates: 6.19.2016-6.24.2016

Location: Salisbury University

Contact Name: Brianna Jackson

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Phone: 443-635-5752

## You Missed the Pinewood Carnevale

Nov. 5, 2016 - 6.30pm – 9pm

The Pinewood Carnevale is proudly brought to you by the Three Rivers Service Area (Prince George, Washington DC, Western Shore, & Zekiah Districts)



A good time was had by all!!!



## Prince George's District Annual Toy Drive to Benefit National Children's Medical Center

Regina Halper

Again this year Jacob McCurry is heading up the Annual Toy Drive to benefit Children's Medical Center in Washington DC. This is the 16th year of the toy drive which began after Jake and another scout wanted to give back to Children's for the care they received when they were young.

The toy drive is a great way for scouts to give to others in this season of giving. The gifts should be unwrapped new toys and activities.

Donations can be brought to the roundtables in November and December. There was a question about whether folks can donate gift cards or money - yes they can. It will be used to purchase more toys.

If you have questions contact Jacob McCurry or Rosie Gonzales. [GonzalesR2@yahoo.com](mailto:GonzalesR2@yahoo.com)



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!!**

