

## Message From The Scout Executive



As you may have seen in the news recently, the national organization of the Boy Scouts of America filed for Chapter 11 financial restructuring. This decision has been made to achieve two key objectives: equitably compensate victims who were harmed during their time in Scouting and continue to carry out Scouting's mission for years to come.

The Baltimore Area Council is legally separate and distinct from the national organization, and through our Council Board of Directors, fully controls all the council's assets. We are not included in the national organization's Chapter 11 filing and will continue to operate as usual. Most importantly, unit meetings, district and council events, community service projects, recruitment, and other activities will continue. The national organization will also continue to provide support to councils and Scouting across the country.

It is essential to note past, present, or future donations to the Baltimore Area Council can only be used for their designated purpose. Additionally, Friends of Scouting (FOS) and other annual contributions made to the Baltimore Area Council will continue to fund necessary day-to-day expenses that are critical to the more than 25,000 youth served in our local Scouting programs.

Thank you for your continued support of Scouting in the greater Baltimore area. If you would like additional information or have questions, feel free to give me a call or send me an e-mail.

Yours in Scouting,

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An Update on Scouting in Central Maryland for our Investors and Business/Community Leaders

## Infrastructure Work at Broad Creek Underway

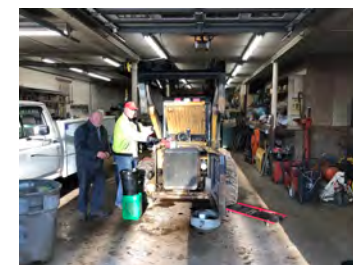
The Council is in the midst of replacing the infrastructure at Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation. This project is part of the Diamond Anniversary Capital Campaign efforts and includes replacing the water, power, and sewer lines. On October 21st, the Council held a groundbreaking ceremony where members of the Executive Board participated in a shovel turning ceremony. More recently, machinery and trucks have arrived at camp and started clearing trees to make way for the rest of the project. The new infrastructure will be in place and functioning in time for Summer Camp this year. This project is just one of many improvements planned for Broad Creek, and the Council is very excited to revitalize the camp to make it a modern, safe, and fun outdoor classroom for our youth.



## 2019 Jingle Bell Beaver Day

Jingle Bell Beaver Day is a day of service where the Baltimore Area Council invites volunteers to Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation to work on some upkeep projects. In 2019, the service day was held on December 28th, and 102 volunteers, including roughly 25 youth, came up to camp to help. Some projects included:

- Replacing the commercial stove in the Camp Saffran kitchen
- Cutting up and splitting fallen wood around camp
- Renovating the kitchen in Houck Lodge
- Repairing the floor in the Oest Kitchen and Administration Building
- Invasive species control and hiking trail maintenance
- Heavy equipment maintenance
- Demolition of Camp Saffran stage
- General cleaning of cabins and program areas



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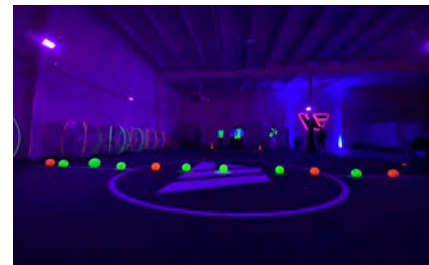




## Eagle Connections

The Council had it's largest Eagle Connections Event ever on January 13th! Even with rescheduling the event due to snow, we had a great turn out of Eagle Scouts and business leaders. We had a special guest speaker, Steve Braun the President and CEO of Search Consultants International, who gave some insightful tips on how to choose a career and how to land a job. Wonderfly Arena was the perfect venue providing space for networking and for our guest speaker as well as fun games like glow in the dark dodge ball and virtual reality for everyone to enjoy.

Eagle Connections is a unique group to the Baltimore Area Council acting as an alumni association for Eagle Scouts. The Council hosts events that bring Eagle Scouts and business leaders together to create connections and share knowledge on the business world. For more information, visit [www.BaltimoreBSA.org/EagleConnections](http://www.BaltimoreBSA.org/EagleConnections).



## Honor Row Game at the Ravens

During each Baltimore Ravens home game throughout the 2019 regular season, the Honor Rows program saluted youth groups who provide outstanding service to our communities. Honorees will be selected by a panel of youth service leaders, with the assistance of Baltimore Ravens, the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism, and M&T Bank staff. On November 17, the Baltimore Area Council was honored at the Baltimore Ravens game vs. the Houston Texans. Our Scouts received exclusive t-shirts and were invited onto the field to watch the Raven's warm-up, where the Council was presented with a Governor's Citation for all the hard work and dedication towards bettering our youth. The BAC was announced over the loudspeaker during the second quarter, and our Scouts were showed on the jumbotron. It was such a fun and unique experience!



## Orienteering Day

Troop 102 from the Dulaney District won the 43rd Annual BAC Maryland Scout Orienteering Championships on November 2 at Broad Creek's Camp Finney, edging out troops from Arlington, VA, Montgomery Co., MD, and Troop 702 from National Pike.

Orienteering is a race in which participants use a map and a compass to navigate their way between checkpoints along a course. Everyone had to complete several beginner to intermediate map training courses, then competed on two orienteering courses. Each Scout and participating adult received two unique color maps, and everyone got answer keys, instructional tips, and patches.

This year there were 775 Scouts and adults in attendance and half camped at Camp Oest. As with the past few years, the top 14 places in the Older category were captured by 12 different troops, and eight troops won the top nine in the Younger competition. Troops from New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, D.C., and Virginia took part along with the Baltimore Area Council and other Maryland Troops.



## 2019 Silver Beaver Recipients

The Silver Beaver Award was introduced in 1931 and is a council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered Scouters who have shown exceptional character, provided outstanding service, and have made an impact on the lives of youth of the Baltimore Area Council. The following have been selected as the 2019 Silver Beaver Award Recipients:

Adam "Chris" Burton, Dulaney

Percy Myers II, Hopkins

Paget Donnelly, National Pike

Christine Sandoval, Four Rivers

Cynthia Dzubak, National Pike

Eric Stupar, The Capitol

Mark Gillett, Council

Patrick Swink, Chesapeake

Lynn Kalmbach, Carroll

Victor Torres, National Pike

Bruce Kieta, National Pike

Howard Weiss, National Pike

Craig Lindsay, Four Rivers

Thank you to our recipients for their dedication and for setting an excellent example for our youth.