



## **Please note the date change from the previous blast about August Roundtable!**

### **Invitation to Important Discussion at August Roundtable**

Hello,

As one of America's leading youth-serving organizations, we aim to bring the benefits of Scouting to the greatest number of youth possible - all while remaining true to our mission and core values, outlined in the Scout Oath and Law.

As we think about the future, we are interested in gaining your perspective as a member of the Scouting community.

**Please join us for a discussion during Roundtable at 7:30 PM August 10 at Riva Trace Baptist Church as we continue the important conversation (started at the National meeting last May) about how to make Scouting more accessible to today's families.**

I look forward to speaking with you on August 10. Please email me directly if you have any questions.

Please note that this discussion will be help just once, after which participants will be invited to provide feedback to BSA National on line.

Thank you for everything you do to make Scouting a pivotal part of our community.

Yours in Scouting,

Mark Mulligan  
District Commissioner

### **Venturing Beach Party**

Online registration is now open for the Venturing Summer Beach Party on Saturday, August 26 at Rocky Point Park. Please share this link with your Crews: [www.baltimorebsa.org/beachparty](http://www.baltimorebsa.org/beachparty)

## **BSA make significant advancement policy changes in the 2017 Guide to Advancement**

Unit Scouters and Scouts should be aware that the National Advancement Committee has enacted significant changes to BSA advancement policy. These changes affecting each program as well as merit badges. Changes can be found in the PFD version of the Guide at <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf>. Section 1.0.3.0 provides a summary of the significant changes. Changes are effective immediately unless otherwise noted in the requirements.

Please note that it will take National to the end of the year to update all of the related advancement forms, training videos and web pages on the National web site. For now, please refer to the PDF version of the requirements. If you have questions feel free to email [Advancement.chair@gmail.com](mailto:Advancement.chair@gmail.com).

Summer time provides a good opportunity for Scouters to review their unit policies and make necessary changes to bring them in line with National policy.

### **Revised campout requirements for Second Class, First Class take effect Aug. 1, 2017**

Please review details regarding the following change <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2017/07/11/revised-campout-requirements-aug-1-2017/>

### **The way Scouts earn Eagle Palms is about to change**

Please review details regarding the following change <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2017/07/10/changes-to-eagle-palms/>

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