

Hello,

FEB 5 BLAST

- 1) ROUNDTABLE STARTS 1/2 HOUR Early. The February 11 Roundtable will start at 7PM and will focus on Camp Card training. There will be only limited general announcements at 7:50 and Boy Scout and Cub Scout breakouts at 8PM. I will be prepared to hold a Commissioner's meeting at 7pm, but if Commissioners are involved with the unit in selling Camp Cards they should go to that meeting instead.
- 2) Congratulations to T422 on its 50th Anniversary celebration being held this weekend.
- 3) Each year, the Boy Scouts of America celebrates the anniversary of the founding of the Scouting movement on February 8, 2010. Feb 8 is Scouting Anniversary Day, and the entire month of February is designated as Anniversary Month. The Sunday before Feb 8 is generally "Scout Sunday," though this varies by denomination and the needs of individual churches.

JAN 23 BLAST (Tony forwarded this BLAST to a few people in each unit while the BLAST was down. It is back up now and I am resending to all)

- 1) Help Camporee and Camp Tomahawk succeed. We are asking Troop and Packs that will attend these events to make at least a partial registration 60-90 days in advance. For Camporee--the goal would be first week of March. For Tomahawk--sometime in April. In the past, Scoutmasters and Packmasters delayed registering until they are sure who is attending. Registering 1/3 to 1/2 your youth early will allow the Chairs for these events to order the supplies they need for success. More specifics on each event in future Blasts.
- 2) The District Earned Journey to Excellence Gold for the second year in a row. Thank you all for your hard work in making that happen. We should be able to announce which Units achieved JTE Silver or Gold at next Roundtable. If your unit reached the Gold or Silver in 2015 Journey to Excellence levels (with Training level to match), your unit will get a discount coupon for any/all youth and adults to attend any/all Council training events. These 2016 Council Courses include National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT), Powder Horn, and/or Wood Badge.

Course registrations all have a location for the coupon number to be entered. We'll be getting your coupons to all units at District Roundtables in March. If you register now, just put 'GOLD' or 'SILVER' in the box and pay the discounted rate, and we'll take care of the adjustment and code numbers.

- 3) Call for nominations for District Awards (see attachments). This the criteria for the Capital District Nominations for the Four Core Awards that will be presented at the Annual Recognition Dinner in June 2016. The deadline this year for the District Award of Merit is April 1st, 2016. The Mark Mulligan, Marty Rowland & the Rick Gannon Awards are due May 1st, 2016. Those applying for Knots such as Den Leader, Cubmaster etc. & Scout Leader knots can request them at any time. The deadline for the District Award of Merit is set by Baltimore Area Council to allow time to have plaques and signatures on the certificates to be signed by the Council Leadership. The deadline for the Mark Mulligan, Marty Rowland and Rick Gannon Awards are set by the District Advancement Committee to allow time to retrieve the Awards from those that have had them for the past year and have them polished & engraved with the 2016 Awardees. Please read the Attachments, noting that the "District Unit Award Nomination" form is a checklist for the Marty Rowland, Rick Gannon, and Mark Mulligan awards which also have supplemental instructions attached.

For the District Award of Merit, consider being able to acquire Letters of Recommendation for your nominee. If you need other information e-mail me as we are working with several Eagle Scout Candidates that require Face to Face meetings or Eagle Scout Boards of Review. I will get back to you. Your Friend in Scouting, Chuck Roydhouse, DAC, District Awards Chair

4) 2017 SEA BASE LOTTERY

The 2017 Sea Base Lottery registration opens at midnight (EST) on January, 14, 2016 & closes at 8:00a.m. (EST) on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 and is hosted at www.bsaseabase.org. To access the Sea Base Lottery registration form, you will need your My.Scouting username & password, unit type, unit number & unit ID. If you do not have a My.Scouting account, please go to My.Scouting.org and follow the directions to create an account. If you do not know your Unit ID please contact either your local council or the BSAMember Care Contact Center at [972-580-2489](tel:972-580-2489)

- 5) Council Recognition Dinner April 21st 2016 at LaFontaine Bleue. Honors our 2015 Class of Eagle Scouts and Silver Beavers (including Tim Martin, Tim Purcell, and Jim Ryan from our District). Ticket price is \$75, with EARLYBIRD Discount, Before march

21st 2016- \$55. Eagle Class of 2015 comes as our guest, all other tickets are paid. Limited to 400 Seats! Register before spots runout.(We will send out a Blast when it is up on Double Knot)

6) I have attached a current list of Commissioners.. A number of people have moved on and I ask your help in filling in the open positions. Besides Unit Commissioners, I am looking for a couple of experienced and motivated Scouters to act as Assistant District Commissioners. Contact me with corrections if you know the wrong person is listed or if I missed your unit. Mark Mulligan, District Commissioner, crew396@aol.com If your unit has an issue, and you do not currently have a Unit Commissioner, please contact the Asst. Dist Commissioner for your group. If you have neither, contact me.

Yours in Scouting,
Mark Mulligan