

Hello,

Better not let your spouse catch you reading Scout stuff on Valentine's day!

Seriously--here is the latest news for The Capitol District

New Items

- 1) The March 10 roundtable will go back to normal start time (7PM Commissioners, 7:30PM general session, 8PM breakouts).
- 2) Next roundtable will include a 15-20 min session on youth with autism.
- 3) Last Blast we called for inputs for the district awards for units and the District Award of Merit. Attached is information on the other adult leader awards that can be given out at the District Awards dinner. These forms are due completed by the May Roundtable.
- 4) Two Troops asked if there is an Aviation Merit Badge event for Scouts this Spring. There is--as soon as I get information I will send a special BLAST.
- 5) Council Recognition Dinner April 21st 2016 at LaFontaine Bleue. This 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 run out.
<http://www.baltimorebsa.org/event/2016-volunteer-recognition-award-reception/1850421>
- 6) Venturing Awards Dinner on April 24. \$20 sign up on double knot
www.baltimorebsa.org/venturingbanquet

Repeated from Previous BLAST

- 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) Call for nominations for District Awards). This the criteria for the Capital District Nominations for the 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 (see attached). The Mark Mulligan, Marty Rowland & the Rick Gannon Awards for outstanding Crew, Troop, or Pack are due May 1st. 2016. The forms for these awards were included last month. E-mail crew396@aol.com if you need a copy of these forms
- 3) 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