

## News and opportunities for Scouts and Scouters in The Capitol District

### New Items

1) Aviation Merit Badge, April 30 at Bay Bridge Airport on Kent Island. Two attachments.

2) Commissioner Training Saturday March 5 at the Council Center, 8-12. Please continue to encourage your Commissioners to attend training on Saturday March 5 at the Council Center, 8-12. Courses for Unit Commissioner Basic, ADC/DC, and Roundtable. These basic courses will not be offered at the University of Scouting.

3) 2017 PHILMONT COUNCIL CONTINGENT OPENINGS Philmont Scout Ranch provides an unforgettable adventure along its hundreds of miles of rugged trails in New Mexico's Sangre de Cristo mountains. Program features combine the best of the Old West - horseback riding, burro packing, gold panning, spar-poling, railroading, chuck wagon dinners, and interpretive history - with exciting challenges for today - rock climbing, challenge courses, mountain biking, and rifle shooting - in an unbeatable recipe for fast-moving outdoor fun.

The Baltimore Area Council will send two Council Contingents to Philmont during the summer of 2017. The first Contingent dates are July 11-24, 2017; and the second Contingent dates are July 13-26, 2017. A portion of the Council's contingent crew slots are allocated to units who wish to send an entire crew of 7-12 members to Philmont. Units with at least 7 participants can apply for these slots in February/March 2016 via contingent application. Units with less than 7 participants can also apply and will be combined with other partial crews to maximize the opportunity for those wishing to attend. (Note: If two units combine to form a complete crew, each unit may provide a maximum of two adult participants or agree upon the maximum of four total adults.) To download the application for a full or partial crew slot, please see the link for the 2017 Crew Application on the Contingent website ([www.bacphilmont.org/apply.html](http://www.bacphilmont.org/apply.html)). Philmont has updated its policies and units MAY attend Philmont in consecutive years. You may also send more than one crew with the contingent upon request. For more information contact Mimi Hatch [atmhatch@bacphilmont.org](mailto:atmhatch@bacphilmont.org).

### 2017 PROVISIONAL PHILMONT CREWS

The Baltimore Area Council is sending provisional crews to Philmont in July 2017. Individual Boy Scouts or Venturers who wish to go to Philmont can be placed in a fully provisional crew under the guidance of experienced adult advisors from the Council Philmont Committee, or join unit crews that are seeking more members. Whenever possible, Scouts are placed in crews that are in or close to their own Scouting district to facilitate crew meetings and shakedown. If multiple Scouts from the same unit apply, they will be placed in a crew together.

No prior backpacking experience is required to join a provisional Philmont crew. All training will be provided and the Scouts will have the benefit of scheduled weekend shakedown trips to practice their new skills and bond with their fellow crew members. Families of provisional crew members will receive guidance on personal gear and other requirements. A youth must be 14 years of age by the time they arrive at Philmont OR 13 years of age and have completed the 8th grade. Provisional applications can be found at this link or contact Mimi Hatch at [mhatch@bacphilmont.org](mailto:mhatch@bacphilmont.org).