



Arrowhead District (BAC) BSA District Commissioner Corner
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April 2017 Scout Greetings to All Arrowhead District (BAC) Volunteers

Next Roundtable is **Monday April 10th, 2017 @730pm –at our regular location - Journey of Faith Church, 7902 Liberty Rd, Windsor Mill, MD 21244** – hope you all can attend.

Year Round Scouting Program – The Only Way to Go!

Providing a year-round, quality Scouting program should be the goal of every Scouting unit. Do you have a year round program? Whether you are Cub Pack, Boy Scout Troop or Venturing Crew – a year round program will do wonders for retention and recruitment.

As the “Wizard of Scouting – Bryan Wendell” posted in his April 6, 2016 blog - ***How does your pack stay active in the summer?*** (<http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2016/04/05/pack-stay-active-summer/>). *“Your pack could make like an NBA team and take summers off. But, according to most seasoned Scouters, that’s not a good idea. If you add some new Cub Scouts in the spring, as many packs do, you don’t want to lose momentum. And your existing members can lose steam in the summer if you stop meeting. When everyone finally gets back together once school resumes, you’ll likely have lost some of your pack families if you took the summer off.*

This rings true for Troops and Crews – you need a year round program to succeed. Youth join our program because they want to do activities and be with other youth in their age group. Noticed I did not say “be with other youth only part of the year,” they want to be with their fellow scouts year round. That is why it is critical that your unit run activities year round, especially in the summer. If your unit doesn’t have the resources to run its own summer program either at camp or local activities there are still multiple ways to have a summer program – one way is to buddy up with another unit, reducing the number of adults each unit has to provide or take advantage of a “Provisional Troop” at BCMSR – that is where the District/Council provides the adult leadership and you only need to provide the youth. This is also a neat way for youth from one unit to meet scouts from other units. If you need any help with keep active during the summer, contact your Unit Commissioner – they have lots of ideas and will also put you in contact with the District Activities and Camping Committees which will have more great ideas for enjoyable and wonderful summertime activities.

Are you – Arrowhead Adult Volunteer Looking for a New Challenge?

Your District is run just like your unit – with a chock full of volunteers. So maybe your child has moved on to college or you are at a point that taking on a new venture is exactly “what the doctor ordered.” We are always looking for new volunteers at the District level – Commissioners, District Committee, District Committee Chairs, etc. - there are all sorts of positions that will probably match your interest. Charlie Hoppa - our District nominating chair is the person designated to lead the recruitment of new District volunteers. He is at almost every Commissioner/District meeting (first Monday of the month) and Roundtable (second Monday of the month) and would love to discuss with you the myriad of positions we need to fill. If you would like to contact him, let me know and will



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“trade” contact information. Come on and join us at the District level – you will love it and we really are a great bunch of people to be around.

Arrowhead District Summer 2017 Day Camp

Day Camp 2017 registration is open and ready for you to sign up to help make Arrowhead the BEST Day Camp ever! June 26 - 30, 2017, 8:30am – 4:00pm; Pickall Area of Patapsco State Park, 8125 Johnnycake Road Woodlawn MD 21244. Registration closes April 28th. Register at:

<http://www.baltimorebsa.org/registration/calendardetail.aspx?ActivityKey=2052309&OrgKey=2409>

Arrowhead District Camporee – April 21st – 23rd

Register Now

<http://www.baltimorebsa.org/registration/calendardetail.aspx?ActivityKey=2067749&OrgKey=2409>

Arrowhead District (BAC) April/May 2017 Calendar

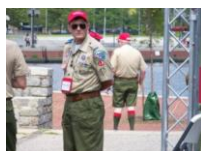
April 10 th	District Roundtable/OA Chapter Meeting - Journey to Faith Church
April 21 st – 23 rd	District Camporee – Pearlstone Center
April 27 th	Council Recognition Banquet - Water's Edge Event Center – Belcamp, MD
May 1 st	Commissioner/District Committee meetings - Journey to Faith Church
May 5 th – 7 th	OA Ordeal - BCMSR
May 8 th	District Roundtable/OA Chapter Meeting - Journey to Faith Church
May 25 th	We Remember - Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery
May 26 th	We Remember - Baltimore National & Loudon Park National Cemetery

Don't forget to look at your Arrowhead District Website – early & often for District information

<http://www.baltimorebsa.org/2409>

If there is anything you would like to see on our website – please let us know – it is really YOUR website.

As always – any questions, concerns, suggestions, etc. feel free to contact me via email, phone 443 794 6228 or in person at the Roundtable or as I wander around the District.



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Order of the Arrow “plug” – don’t forget the Arrowhead Chapter (Nentico Lodge), Order of the Arrow, meets at the same time (& location) as the District Roundtable – Second Monday of each month. Boy Scout leaders please bring one (or two or more) OA Scouts to the Chapter meeting while you are at the Roundtable.