

1) **Submissions to the BLAST.** We (I) continue to have issues retrieving items from the BLAST server. Please send all Items to both the BLAST e-mail and my e-mail at Crew396@aol.com. Please send all items at least 2 weeks in advance. It remains very difficult to get short notice Special BLASTS out.

2) **Next Roundtable:** 7:30 pm, Thursday, December 11, at Riva Trace Baptist Church, 475 West Central Ave., Davidsonville, MD 21035. Venturing Roundtable starts at 7 pm.

3) **University of Scouting--Saturday March 14, 2015.**

It is with great pleasure that I inform you that registration for the 2015 University of Scouting has begun. Our program keeps on growing.

This year we are offering over 131 classes, "21 of which are new courses including the revised Cub Scout changes from National".

We included 3 separate sessions to allow adults to update any training they need to do online – we will allow a continuing education credit for this too.

These three sessions will allow for 60 scouters to take and update any required and optional online training they can get from MyScouting. Printers will be available to print the online certificate.

We are finalizing our Key Note Speaker and once this is settled, we will announce it on our web page.

In the meantime, you can register at: <http://www.baltimorebsa.org/event/2015-university-of-scouting/1638074>

A sample course schedule for commissioners is attached.

Courses of interest for cub and boy scouting are available at <http://www.baltimorebsa.org/event/2015-university-of-scouting/1638074>

4) **Antietam Battlefield Illumination Dec 13**

Battlefield Illuminations is a touching and moving tribute to the 23,000 casualties during the one day battle of Antietam. This honors Americans fighting for their beliefs at a difficult time in our history. This will be a one day event to prepare and light luminaries to honor the fallen on December 13th 2014. Expect a 6:00am departure from Annapolis. For more details please contact Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 396. Mr. Bill Williams at [williamswilliamw@verizon.net](mailto:williamswilliamw@verizon.net) For more information on what to expect, see this link. <http://www.nps.gov/anti/planyourvisit/luminary.htm>

Those participating will receive permits for priority viewing of this incredible event. Space may be limited.

5) **V-WEEK** Aug 2-9, 2015. BCMSR Summer Camp – for Venturers /Senior Scouts /Varsity 14 – 20 years old

Broad Creek Scout Reservation Camp Saffran

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## 6) **Camp Card Kick Off Meeting**

Join us for the Camp Card Training meeting on February 12, 2015 at Riva Trace Baptist Church 6:30-7:30pm. Learn the secrets of a pro and how your unit can maximize its sales. Pizza and soda will be provided along with door prizes! For more information contact Audrey Burke, The Capitol District Camp Card Chair atburke@comcast.net or 410-212-8666

## 7) **Health Care Merit Badge Day**

Troop 396 will be hosting a Health Care Merit Badge Day at Anne Arundel Medical Center January 31, 2015 from 8:30am-4pm. We will be offering the 1st Aid, Medicine, Dentistry and Public Health Merit Badges. You will need to sign up on Sing Up Genius. [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0E49AFAE22AB9-health/](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0E49AFAE22AB9-health/) See flyer for more details. Please contact Audrey Burke for additional information atburke@comcast.net or 410-212-866

## **OLD ITEMS From Previous Blasts**

### 1) **The Capitol District Chess Day,**

- Tuesday December 30, 9 am-1 pm
- Knights of Columbus 2590 Solomon's Island Rd, Edgewater MD.
- See attached Flyer.

### 2) **Venturing Winter Rendezvous.**

- January 9-11, 2015.
- Shooting Sports themed.
- Information and sign-up at <http://www.baltimorebsa.org/event/2015-venturing-winter-rendezvous/1618720>

### 3) **2016 SCOTTISH JAMBOREE**

- July 10 to August 1 2016.
- Limited spots--planning meetings start this January.
- Information at [www.jamborette.uk.org](http://www.jamborette.uk.org).
- To request access to our sign up e-mail [jamboguys2016@gmail.com](mailto:jamboguys2016@gmail.com)