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A newsletter for those who support the growth of Scouting!

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **New Zip Line at Rodney**
- **Henson Staff Alumni Association expands WiFi availability**
- **Matching Gifts opportunities abound**
- **Special Events gearing up this fall!**

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Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center Scoutreach Pack GROWS!

Through the generosity of donors, the efforts of Scoutreach committee chair Lynn Jones, program specialists Julie King and Kyle Kolek, and the staff at Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center, Scoutreach Pack 3018 has overcome the stresses of COVID-19 and is meeting weekly! Scoutreach is the council paid and staffed Scouting program offered to children who live in typically underserved neighborhoods. Children are from families who likely could not otherwise afford to participate in Scouting. This Spring the Scouts from Pack 3018 revived the community gardens at Hilltop. Over the course of



two weeks the Scouts weeded the gardens, topped them up with fresh soil, and planted many seeds. The Cub Scouts had no idea, or understanding, of what they were doing. Many of them have only cement yards, or tiny areas for yards, living in the city. Some of the questions that were asked were, "why are we doing this?", "what is soil?", etc. Kyle and Julie were able to answer these questions as well as show them that gardens can be anywhere, including the inner city. Many of the children have never had produce directly from a garden, and especially not what they have helped to grow. While weeding and turning the soil the Scouts found many worms, and even a centipede. The chil-

dren had a chance to handle the worms and learn why they are important to the gardens.

The Pack is continuing to care for the gardens each week, including during summer programs. The Scouts have been able to learn how to care for the plants, and then harvest the produce for the families of Hilltop. There are multiple vegetables, some melons, and plenty of herbs. The Scouts in Pack 3018 and their families are enjoying fresh produce grown right in their neighborhood!



Scoutreach programs continue to grow and provide the benefits of the values of Scouting to more children daily. Del-Mar-Va Council is in the process of hiring a new full-time Scoutreach Executive, and programs are once again operating at multiple locations within the City of Wilmington and throughout the Delmarva peninsula. We look forward to much continued success and heartily thank all who are helping to support the Del-Mar-Va Council Scoutreach efforts!



The Delaware Citizen of the Year is the flagship Del-Mar-Va Council fundraising event honoring JPMorgan Chase Delaware Market Leader Tom Horne in 2022!



Special Events Gearing Up!

Many special events and recognitions are taking place in the second half of 2022 to honor the finest citizens in our communities and provide support to help grow Scouting on the peninsula. Follow these links to learn more.

Lower Eastern Shore Distinguished Citizen Award honoring Perdue Farms CEO Randy Day at the Perdue School of Business, Salisbury University, Salisbury MD August 18, 2022, 6:00 PM www.delmarvacouncil.org/lowershore

Mid-Shore Distinguished Citizen Award honoring BAAM founders Derek & Dina Daly at BAAM, Easton, MD September 20, 2022, 6:00 PM www.delmarvacouncil.org/midshore

William D. "Bill" Whisler Training Center Recognition, October 1, 2022, 4:00 PM, Dover DE www.delmarvacouncil.org/wdw

Delaware Citizen of the Year Award honoring JPMorgan Chase Delaware Market Leader Tom Horne, Wilmington DE, www.delmarvacouncil.org/coy

Del-Mar-Va Invitational Shooting Clays Tournament, Pintail Point, Queenstown, MD, October 20, 2022, www.delmarvacouncil.org/sportingclays

Halloween Benefit Ball October 2022, Wicomico Youth & Civic Center www.delmarvacouncil.org/halloween

Duty to God & Country South, November 17th, 2022, 7:00 AM, Wicomico Youth & Civic Center, Salisbury, MD www.delmarvacouncil.org/dtgsouth

Donor Profile: Patrick & Catherine Kaser

Patrick & Catherine Kaser are both dedicated Scouters serving in many capacities in Powder Mill District. They serve as committee members of Boy Troop 252 at St. Paul's Lutheran and Girl Troop 1923 at St. Barnabas Episcopal where Patrick is the Scoutmaster and Catherine is Advancement Chair. They have two sons, 18 year old Matt who is a freshman at Penn State, and 15 year old Life Scout Andrew, a rising sophomore at Sanford School who is working toward achieving his Eagle rank.

The Kasers joined Scouting when Matt joined Pack 959 at Grace Lutheran where Patrick became the Cubmaster. Cub Scouts gave Matthew the opportunity to belong to a group and excel at the things he worked toward. Their experiences as Scout leaders provided Catherine and Patrick an opportunity to belong to a community of like-minded people who saw how Scouting benefitted youth and was FUN! Catherine soon became an involved adult leader too. She discovered "the program is magic for kids, but impressive for adults

as well".

Catherine & Patrick recognize the benefits of the training resources, camp facilities, scholarships, and professional staff that their annual contribution helps provide. They give because they know the mission & vision of the Boy Scouts of America can't be achieved without resources and the money it takes to obtain them. They continue to be excited by the enthusiasm and growth they find in local units and look forward to continued service to others through Scouting.

Camp Property Investments

18' Key West Motorboat Added at Rodney

It isn't possible for a camp to be located on a more beautiful boating location than the upper Chesapeake Bay, and Rodney Scout Reservation has that perfect spot. Noted for its fine sailing, the bay at Rodney is also home to great kayaking, canoeing, and rowing. In addition to a fleet of 6 super fun Jet Skis,

Water Sports and Motorboating merit badges are taught from a veritable armada of motorboats, This fleet now includes this brand new 18' Key West motorboat added for the summer of 2022! The boat and trailer were both purchased locally at Anchor Boats in North East MD and are being used daily.



WiFi Extended to Campsites at Henson

By popular demand wifi access has been extended to campsites at Henson Scout Reservation to better accommodate the growing need for online access for remote working parents. This ongoing project was

funded by the very generous Henson Staff Alumni Association and is utilized daily. Future plans include electrifying additional campsites and extending wifi even further!



“Do You Dare to Try our Zip!” asks Camp Rodney

The final step into a relocated Scoutcraft area, a zipline, was installed this winter. The zip starts on the new pedestrian walkway observation platform and lands in the Scoutcraft area and campsite called “Jump Cannon”. This final phase of the multi-year traffic safety enhancement project started in 2017. It was designed to improve the safety of pedestrian campers on the main camp road. The first phase included a nearly 1/3 mile traffic separation project that widened the roadway corridor to accommodate guard rail and create a 10' protected walkway. A bridge, and an

observation platform were included. The second phase saw construction of a 1200 s.f. pavilion, extension of the camp electric service into the site, and installation of a unique composting toilet system. The final phase, funded by a generous grant, saw the installation of overhead cables from the walkway observation platform, across an existing ravine, to a constructed landing on one edge of the Jump Cannon campsite. This side-by-side two rider zip will provide thrill seekers an opportunity to “fly” into the Scoutcraft area.





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The Boy Scouts of America has been shaping the lives of our youth since 1910. Scouting exists because of the volunteer and financial support provided by the community. The best way to support the Boy Scouts of America financially is by making a contribution directly to the Del-Mar-Va Council.

By giving to your local BSA council, you are directly supporting Scouting programs where you live — programs that clean up your parks, gather food for the area needy, and even help your community prepare for disaster.

The Del-Mar-Va Council is funded by a variety of sources, including: direct contributions, events, annual popcorn sale, foundation grants, the United Way, and program/activity/camping fees.

With your support, the Del-Mar-Va Council can bring the nation's highest quality Scouting programs to many more youth throughout the peninsula.



Friends of Scouting 2022 Update

Thanks to the support of donors like you, the Del-Mar-Va Council has so far raised \$324,000 during our Friends of Scouting 2022 campaign. This brings us to 68% of our \$475,000 goal! Your continued support ensures the council can provide as many resources as possible for our scouts!

Matching Gift Opportunities

Many local employers match their dedicated employee's financial contributions to Scouting. You may be able to double your support for the growth of Scouting. Follow the green Click Here button on our webpage to see if your company has a matching gift program at www.delmarvacouncil.org/matchinggifts

GOAL: \$475,000

