

The Capitol District – February Update

A Message from Steve Reinhard, Senior District Executive

Capitol District Scouters, Friends, and Family,

If 2020 taught us anything, it's that change can happen at any time. More importantly, we taught 2020 that when the time for change comes, The Capitol District can face it head-on, do everything we can to make sure Scouting Continues, and come out on the other side ready to tackle what this new year has in store for us. I could not be more proud of your continued efforts to adapt and pivot and improvise to put on a quality program for your youth; I know that this year, 2021, is the year The Capitol will see the results it meant to see in 2020.

This year brings about changes for myself as well in my career as a Professional Scouter. Sixteen months ago, I left my position in the Arrowhead District to serve as your District Executive in The Capitol District. At the time, I was uncertain of what changes and challenges were ahead in having to learn a new District, new Units, and new Volunteers. I found myself very quickly welcomed into my new home by an amazing group of dedicated, hard-working, and down-to-earth Volunteers, all eager to do what was needed to make sure Scouting in The Capitol remained strong. It didn't take us long to assemble our team, getting the right people on the bus, and forging a plan for success. I am honored to welcome each of you into my Scouting family, as you have welcomed me into yours.

As of January 28th, I have accepted a new position as the Senior District Executive for the Four Rivers District, serving Northern Anne Arundel County. It is truly bittersweet to leave behind such a great team after working together through arguably the most challenging times in any of our Scouting lives and at the cusp of seeing all of our plans and hard work finally coming to fruition. At the same time, I realize this new opportunity is a change that should be embraced, as now I can use the tools and experiences you've given me to make sure that Scouting continues to impact even more youth in the Baltimore Area Council.

While many of you are used to hearing the following phrase as my normal closeout to my segment at any Roundtable, Committee, and Commissioner meetings and at every opportunity available, I feel like I will never be able to say it enough; THANK YOU. Thank you to Carl Drew and Dave Malkiewicz for serving as the better halves of my Key 3, to the District Leadership who stepped up in 2019 to build a successful 2020, to every single Unit Leader and Adult Volunteer that led to our survival through the roughest times during COVID-19, and of course to the new and future District Leaders that will continue to see success and ensure a quality program for the youth in our community.



I wish you all the best of luck and hope that our paths may continue to cross many times over as we continue our Scouting journeys. Thank you for all you do, and Scout on!

Yours in Scouting,



Steve Reinhard, Senior District Executive



Friends of Scouting

- If you have not done so as part of recharter, please make sure your unit submits an FOS Presentation date ASAP. Then, we can begin coordinating the efforts of Friends of Scouting team. We are ready to go for both virtual and in-person presentations!
- Are you Interested in being an FOS Presenter, Unit Champion, or perhaps even more? Please email any of the District Key 3 for more info on how YOU can be a part of the team!
- A special shout out to Catherine Gillies for stepping up to lead the charge with our first virtual presentation for Troop and Crew 2018. Catherine wanted to boost participation from her Unit's families and decided to take matters into her own hands by becoming the FOS Unit Champion *and* Presenter for their Court of Honor in January, and as a result, will be earning all 3 Friends of Scouting patches for 2021 – great job Catherine!

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is actively meeting to discuss how we can continue to grow and improve upon the many teams and committees that work so hard each year to serve the Scouts and Scouters in TCD. Are you interested in serving beyond the unit level? Have ideas for what (and who) could make our District even better? Reach out to the District Key 3 or Dr. Chris Ish, Nominating Committee Chair, at c_ish@comcast.net.

List of Upcoming Events

- The Capitol District is actively planning several Merit Badge and STEM-themed events throughout the Spring. Most events will be virtual but in-person when local guidelines allow.
- START YOUR ENGINES – the District Pinewood Derby is BACK (virtually) in 2021! The tentative date is April 2021.
- Spring Camporee tentative date: April 30 – May 2, 2021
- Email Michele Quintal, Vice-Chair of Program, to find out how you can help and for more info on these events!



District Meeting Info

Email Carl Drew at commissionercarl@gmail.com for all meeting links!

- District Commissioner Meeting – 2/2 @ 7:00 PM
- District Committee Meeting – 2/4 @7:00 PM
- February Roundtable – 2/11 @7:30 PM

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