

## Exploring – December Update

Season's Greetings to all Advisors, Explorers and families.

With the holiday season quickly approaching, our Explorers have stepped into action to make this season a little brighter and add cheer to those in need. Captain Stephen Thomas and the Hartford Co. Explorers of Post 6600 are gift-wrapping toys and preparing holiday food baskets to distribute to more than 130 families within the community. The toys and food collections started Nov. 16th, and the gifts will be distributed the week of Dec. 21st, continuing the 38-year tradition of community service by the Harford Co. Police.



We proudly announce our very own Explorer hero, as reported by Cpl. Jeremy Holland Advisor of Post 56 in Carroll Co. Earlier this fall, Explorer Sam Carter, who is also employed at the Burger King in Mt. Airy, came to the aid of one of its patrons who was in distress in the restaurant's parking lot. Sam immediately began CPR on the adult female who was overdosing and continued rendering aid until the medics arrived on the scene. Explorers of Post 56 receive training in CPR, First Aid, and AED (automated external defibrillator) training, in addition to other life-saving procedures. Luckily, the woman survived, and now appropriate steps are being taken to award Sam for his heroic deeds.



Explorer Post 0007 Operation Waterways, Post Commander, Min., Brian Bordley knows how to create fun-filled, teachable moments on land and seas. While enjoying the unseasonably warm fall weather, these explorers visited one of the nearby farms on Curtis Bay, where they gained knowledge and experience in animal husbandry. Mr. Bordley is currently in discussions with the National Aquarium, Morgan State University, the Patuxent Natural Research Center, and other entities to expand Environmental Education and support for his post.



Last month the Area Scouter reported on the Adventure Park trip that Howard Co. Explorers attended with their Advisor, Officer Stephen Willingham. While we don't have pictures of the climbing and ziplining activities, we can conclude from the pictures below that a good time was had by all.



**Happy Holidays Explorers, Post Advisors and families!**

**District Meeting Info:**

The next District Committee Meeting will be held virtually on Zoom, Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.

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