Gunpowder Falls District Roundtable Summary

Date: September 2026

Opening Ceremonies

The meeting commenced with an informal program led by youth leaders, who guided attendees through the Pledge of Allegiance, the Scout Oath, and the Scout Law.

Upcoming District Events and Training

A robust calendar of events is planned for the upcoming season. Attendees are encouraged to review the single-page district flyers distributed at the meeting for further details.

https://baltimorescouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/September-RT-Flyers.pdf

Unit and Membership Renewal (Rechartering)

Updates were shared regarding the transition to the new renewal systems, which replace the traditional unit rechartering process. These changes impact all renewals from October onward:

- **Existing Members:** Members possessing a December 31st expiration date are strongly urged to renew before the end of the year. The grace period typically afforded into January is being discontinued.
- **New Members:** Individuals registering in January will lock in a 14-month membership rate, aligning their expiration with the February 2028 timeframe.

Recruitment Initiatives

A major focus remains on expanding membership across Cub Scouts and older scouting programs. To facilitate this, the district is distributing peer-to-peer recruiting cards generated by National. These physical cards empower current scouts to formally invite friends to join their troop, acting as a tangible recruitment incentive.

Sustainability in Action

The roundtable leadership team highlighted a commitment to living out the principles taught in the Sustainability and Environmental Science merit badges. All food service items utilized during the gathering—including cups, plates, napkins, and silverware—were verified as BPI certified compostable. Attendees were educated on separating their waste into designated bins to ensure proper processing at a commercial composting facility.

Fellowship

- **Fellowship:** The meeting successfully concluded with a shared meal provided by the roundtable staff.