



FREDERICK CHAPTER NO. 1
THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA

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NEWSLETTER

February 2025

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Important Dates

03 Feb – Conservation Committee Meeting, 6pm
 04 Feb – Conservation/Recreation Tuesday
 09 Feb – Youth Group Practice, 12:30pm
 11 Feb – Conservation/Recreation Tuesday
 11 Feb – Social Committee Meeting, 5:15pm
 11 Feb – Board Meeting, 6:30pm
 11 Feb – Membership Meeting, 7pm
 14 Feb – Range Prioritized for Clay Target Shooting

14 Feb – Valentine’s Day
 17 Feb – President’s Day
 18 Feb – Conservation/Recreation Tuesday
 23 Feb – Youth Group Practice, 12:30pm
 25 Feb – Conservation/Recreation Tuesday
 25 Feb – Frederick County Sportsman Council Mtg, 7pm
 28 Feb – Range Prioritized for Clay Target Shooting



Fritz Buchklowski giving the Frederick #1 Chapter Youth Group a class on topographic maps and orienteering.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEWS

New Measures Approved by the Membership

The following three business items were passed by Membership vote at the November Membership Meeting.

1) Automatic Front Gate Operator Motor Replacement

Membership approved replacement of the automatic front gate operator motor and the work has been completed. The code to open the gate is the same, however the # sign must follow the four digits. The work was completed by Justin's Garage Doors for a cost of \$6450.00. The gate will automatically open when you are leaving but be sure to stay to the left side of the driveway to activate the sensor to trigger the gate.

2) Good Faith Privileges of Membership Amendment

The proposed amendment regarding a member may not profit from use of Chapter facilities was passed by Membership.

A Chapter member may not profit, financially or otherwise (i.e., by gift or other consideration), from the use of and/or access to Chapter facilities, programs, activities and services at, in and of the Chapter, nor may a guest or guests of any member likewise profit, nor shall any member engage other members, guests or members of the public in any activity on Chapter property for which any consideration, financial or otherwise, is obtained.

3) Conservation/Recreation Tuesdays

A rule change to prioritize use of Chapter property for conservation and outdoor recreation purposes on Tuesdays was passed by Membership.

Use of the IWLA Frederick #1 Chapter property on Tuesdays for conservation and outdoors recreation will have priority over use of the gun range. The gun range may be used on Tuesday if the property is not currently being used for conservation or outdoor recreational use, but the gun range must be closed when members wish to use the property for conservation or outdoor recreational purposes.

Board Meetings

The Frederick Chapter Board of Directors meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm just prior to the regular Membership Meeting. Members are welcome and encouraged to observe these open meetings which address the business of the Chapter but take care not to disrupt the meeting. Members may bring up any issues they may have during the Membership Meeting directly after the Board meeting.

CHAPTER CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES

Our Chapter is dedicated to supporting the Izaak Walton League's [Mission Statement](#): "To conserve, restore, and promote the sustainable use and enjoyment of our natural resources, including soil, air, woods, waters, and wildlife."

Our monthly Conservation Committee meetings are normally held the first Monday of the month; all Chapter members are welcome to attend. Our next meeting is Monday March 3, 2025, at 6pm.

Save Our Streams (SOS) Water Testing



Our Frederick #1 Chapter Save Our Streams program now has two separate teams monitoring streams monthly on Saturdays and Mondays. If interested in participating, contact Stephen Meyer at stephen.meyer7@gmail.com. Conservation credit is given for working on either team. You can find SOS test dates, and other events, and locations on our [Chapter calendar](#).

The 2025 [Save Our Streams](#) (SOS) season will begin in March with chemical water testing conducted at Ballenger Creek, Saturday March 29th and Bush Creek on the [Gambrills Mill section of Monocacy Battlefield](#), Monday March 31st. Below is the 2025 water testing schedule:

Team One 2025 Stream Test dates

All dates are Saturday except September.

29 March 10am Ballenger Creek
26 April 10am Ballenger Creek
19 May 9:00am Catoctin Creek, Macroinvertebrate Testing, both teams
28 June 10am Ballenger Creek
26 July 10am location TBD
30 August 10am location TBD
29 September 9am Bush Creek, Macroinvertebrate Testing, both teams
25 October 10am location TBD
29 November 10am location TBD

Team Two 2025 Stream Test Dates

All dates are Mondays.

31 March 10:00 am Bush Creek
28 April 10:00 am Bush Creek

19 May 9:00am Catoctin Creek, Macroinvertebrate Testing, both teams
30 June 10:00 am Bush Creek
28 July 10:00 am Catoctin Creek
25 August 10:00 am Catoctin Creek
29 September 9 am Bush Creek, Macroinvertebrate Testing, both teams
27 October 10:00 am Catoctin Creek
24 November 10:00 am Catoctin Creek

IWLA Salt Watch Program



Each year, our roads are salted during the winter leading to saltier and saltier waterways due to runoff. That in turn can lead to detrimental effects to our environment, infrastructure, and drinking water!

The Frederick #1 Chapter has been busy testing chloride levels in local creeks and streams before and after snowstorms when roads are salted. For example, in Ballenger Creek, chloride levels as of February 1, 2025 were discovered to be three times the baseline level tested in November 2024. The tested level was 145mg/L versus the baseline level tested at 45mg/L in November before the snow and salting of the roads. In Catoctin Creek. A chloride level of 145mg/L is "Fair" as opposed to Excellent, Good, or Poor.

The Izaak Walton League needs your help measuring the impact road salt is having on our creeks and streams. You can order your [free test kit](#) from the IWLA website. Please be sure to have permission from the landowner if you are testing from property other than your own.

If you have ideas for conservation projects or would like to participate in our conservation programs, please contact the Conservation Committee at iwlafred1conservation@gmail.com.

If you would like to participate in Chapter Conservation Committee activities, please attend our monthly Conservation meeting at the Chapter. Our next meeting is Monday March 3, 2025, at 6pm.

CHAPTER EDUCATION PROGRAMMING

The [full schedule of courses](#) conducted at the Chapter Clubhouse is posted on the Chapter website. Proceeds from training classes support the Frederick#1 Chapter Youth Program. Contact Ben Kelkye (ben@kelkye.com) if you have any questions about the schedule or courses.

Below are Hunter Safety courses offered at the Frederick #1 Chapter for 2025 as of this posting.

March 13, 14 and 15	Classroom
April 5	Online
May 3	Online
June 5, 6 and 7	Classroom
July 5	Online
August 2	Online
August 23	Bow hunter
September 25, 26 and 27	Classroom
October 4	ML
October 18	Online
December 1	Online

Date	Start Time	End Time	Course	Cost
Contact Ben Kelkye to schedule an appointment. Cell: 301-401-6262 Email: ben@kelkye.com				
<i>By Request Only</i>	<i>Appointment</i>	<i>Only</i>	<i>Wear and Carry - 16 Hour Class for new applicant - MD or DC</i>	<i>\$275.00</i>
<i>By Request Only</i>	<i>Appointment</i>	<i>Only</i>	<i>Renewal - 10 Hour Class - MD or DC</i>	<i>\$225.00</i>
<i>By Request Only</i>	<i>Appointment</i>	<i>Only</i>	<i>MD & DC - Wear and Carry - 16 Hour Class for new applicant</i>	<i>\$415.00</i>

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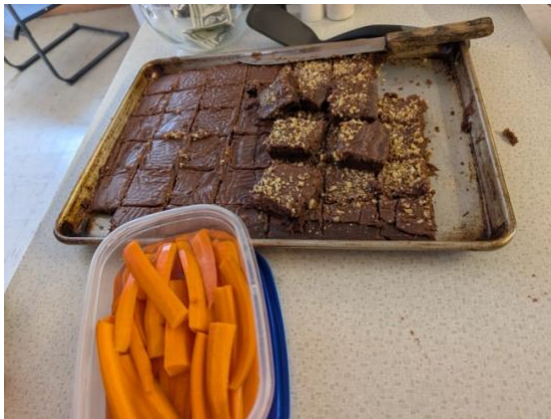
Let us know what you are doing. Send any submissions to newsletter@frederickiwa.org

Orienteering and Topographical Map Training for the Chapter Youth Group, January 26, 2025









CLASSIFIEDS / WANT ADS / NEEDS AT THE CHAPTER

Send any submissions to newsletter@frederickiwla.org

Newsletter Requesting Photos and Chapter News



Photos wanted of Chapter clubhouse and grounds, Chapter activities, shooting sports, and conservation programs to be used for marketing and recruitment. The newsletter is looking for content. Please send to newsletter@frederickiwla.org.

Get Your Chapter T-Shirt



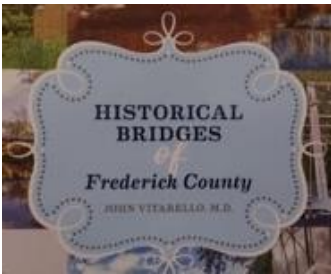
Get your new IWLA Frederick Chapter 100th Anniversary shirts, official swag and uniform for Frederick Chapter events. These heavy cotton quality shirts are \$15. Shirts are currently sold at the Clubhouse and Membership meetings.

Nature Outings



Please let us know what you are doing in the outdoors, enjoying nature, and being a champion and defender of the nation's soil, air, woods, water, and wildlife. If you would like to participate in nature outings, please let us know at newsletter@frederickiwa.org.

Historical Bridges Book For Sale



On sale at the Clubhouse is the book *Historical Bridges of Frederick County*, written by Frederick Chapter member Dr. John Vitarello containing 99 pages of photographs coupled with information about each of the bridges and their connection to Frederick County's history. There are also driving, bicycle and fishing tour routes included to aid readers who will be inspired to seek out the bridges themselves. Each book is \$20. Purchase of each book helps fund the Frederick Chapter's conservation programs. According to Dr. Vitarello, "Individuals, service groups and charitable organizations alike have made an everlasting favorable impression on me to the point that I want to dedicate this book to local Frederick charities." Books can be purchased at the Frederick Chapter clubhouse. Please see Ben Kelkye.