

# TROOP TRUMPET

## Troop 1518



**Electronic Info.** Please check the web for important activity and planning information. Website: <http://www.troop1518.org>.

**MEETINGS.** Reminder that regular Troop meetings are Mondays from 7:30 PM to 8:45 PM. Please be on time for opening colors, in seats by 7:25 PM.

06-10 Apr: NO Meeting – FCPS Spring Break  
12 Apr – Easter Holiday  
13 Apr: Troop Committee Meeting 6:30pm/Troop Meeting 7:30pm  
14 Apr: TLC 7-8 pm and ASM Meetings 8pm  
16 Apr: ODD Roundtable @ TJHS  
20 Apr: Troop Meeting 7:30pm  
27 Apr: Troop Meeting 7:30pm

**MERIT BADGE CORNER.** The 2008-09 merit badge schedule is on the website.

- **Environmental Science.** First meeting for this merit badge is on April 13 at 6:40 at SUMC before the regular meeting. This merit badge is eagle required. Includes optional field trip to Hidden Pond Nature Park. If planning to attend please get MB book. Contact Steve Chang at [chang.steven@epa.gov](mailto:chang.steven@epa.gov). [Apr]
- **Scholarship.** Merit badge will begin in April. No kick-off meeting, please contact ellenmusante@hotmail.com for details. Please note this merit badge is almost entirely done on your own.
- **Reading.** Merit badge will begin in April. No kick-off meeting, please contact ellenmusante@hotmail.com for details. Please note this merit badge is almost entirely done on your own.
- **Citizenship in the Community.** We will have a brief gathering immediately following tonight's (March 30th) court of honor. Our first official meeting will be at 6:30 PM on April 13th before the troop meeting. Please see ASM Lisa Okada for details. [Mar]
- **Personal Fitness.** Eagle Required badge is in progress. Counselor Mr. & Mrs. Waldman [Mar]
- **Cinematography.** Meetings will start in Feb. Counselor Mr. Harris [Feb].
- **Communications.** Eagle Required, All should be competing. Counselor Mrs. Jensen [Jan]
- **Citizenship in the Nation.** Eagle required – All should be competing. Counselor: ASM Wheeler [Nov]
- **Mammal Study.** Sign up now. Counselor: ASM Trowbridge [Oct]
- **Hiking.** – Alternate Eagle required – There are two hikes planned for this month [01 & 29 Mar] See web for full schedule. Counselor: ASM Okada/Williams [Oct.]
- **Personal Management.** Eagle Required, All should be competing. Counselor: ASM Kirk [Sep]
- **Dog Care.** Merit badge will begin in May, Please contact Ms. Iseman at [maizti@hotmail.com](mailto:maizti@hotmail.com) if you are interested in signing up. [May]

### CAMPOUT CORNER

- **ODD Spring Camporee:** The Old Dominion has been invaded and the "Grey Ghost" has risen from his grave to defend us. Colonel Singleton Mosby (The Grey Ghost) calls on all able bodied Ventures, Sea Scouts, Varsity Scouts and Boy Scouts to join Mosby's Rangers and defend our land at Sky Meadow 17-19 Apr. Sign ups for this exciting ODD event will happen quickly. Be ready to commit. Patrol method is the standard for scout skill competitions. Details and a flyer on the web site. SMIC: ASM Wheeler SPLIC: Scout Michael F.
- **New Guy Campout:** This training camp for new crossover scouts on 25-26 Apr will need some older scouts to help with the program. Troop Guides must attend. Details will be on the web site. Adults please sign up. SMIC: SM Romans
- **USMA Camporee:** This special invite-only camp 01-03 Apr is in the planning stage. Space is limited for scouts and leaders. Be prepared to sign up – will need to travel on Fri morning. Details to be placed on web site. SMIC: COR Irvine
- **Canoeing Campout:** Plan to canoe on 15-17 May. All must pass the BSA swim test within the past 12 months. Details to be posted. SMIC: ASM Robinson.
- **Whitewater Rafting Campout:** Plan to speed down one of the nearby rivers on 05-07 Jun. Let's get prepared to get wet! Sign-ups for the annual troop whitewater rafting trip to ACE Adventure Center, on the New River in West Virginia has begun. You must sign up no later than 20 Apr. The cost will be approximately \$120 for scouts and \$170 for adults. All must have passed the BSA swim test within the past 12 months. Details to be posted. SMIC: ASM Anderson.

# April 2009

### Summer Camps

- **Camp Olmsted at Goshen:** A fun filled summer camp is now set for 05-11 Jul!! Sign up now!! There are incentives for early payment including a free Goshen ball cap if paid by 09 Mar. The \$255 price includes bus transportation. Fees increase with later payments. Parents are invited to attend camp. See the posted flyers on the Troop web site. SMIC: ASM Robinson/ASM Hannon
- **Lenhok'sin Camp:** In preparation for other high adventure camps, this week long hike adventure will bridge the 13/14 year old scouts for Philmont & Northern Tier camps. Two adult leaders are needed to begin planning and decide. Please contact SM Romans if interested to attend or Adults to lead.
- **Northern Tier 2009:** We still have openings for this summer's high adventure canoe trip to the wilderness of Western Ontario 05-17 Jul. Participants must be at least 14 years old and have completed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade by 01 Jul, and must pass the BSA Swimmer Test. Cost is approximately \$1400. A few openings remain – if interested/any questions? SMIC: ASM Summers (stevesummers@verizon.net)

**OA EVENTS.** Regular Chapter meetings @ 7:00 PM the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month @ SUMC, our sponsor. See the TOAR for further information or questions.

- **OA Dues.** Reminder that OA annual dues (\$12) need to be paid to NCAC.
- **Elected OA Candidates.** Plan on attending the Ordeal 22-24 May at Camp Moss Hollow, Markham, VA to become an OA member. See TOAR for details.

### EVENTS.

- **Troop Service Project:** Plan now to participate in our troop's annual service project for Hunt Valley Swim Club on Sat 09 May. We will be performing a number of tasks for the club, to help them prepare for the upcoming pool season. Our troop simply could not hold our annual mulch sale without HVSC's generous support. Please come out and lend us a hand as we show our thanks to the club! This project will qualify for service hours toward advancement or school requirements. Questions? Contact ASM Summers (stevesummers@verizon.net).
- **Flag Ceremony:** Scouts need to improve performing the new procedures. Patrol notebooks have the new procedures. Patrol Leaders should review/practice with their scouts at Patrol Corners. ASPL is responsible with the PL for the proper conduct of flag ceremonies.
- **Annual Planning Meeting:** While this date is not firm on the Troop calendar, scouts and adult scouters should be thinking about activities for next year. We will meet sometime in Jun after the end of year Court of Honor.

**Scoutmaster's Corner.** At our meeting on Monday, 23 March, we welcomed four new scouts into our troop who recently crossed over from Webelos into Boy Scouts: Cristian Meneses, Cameron Gates, Marshall Withington, and Anthony Johnson. When you see these new scouts and their families at our troop events, make sure you take the time to welcome them. There are many fine troops in our district, so we appreciate that these scouts and their families chose to join Troop 1518!  
Thanks,  
SM Scott Romans



**Easter**