

TROOP TRUMPET

Troop 1518



December 2008

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.

- 01 Dec: Troop Meeting/Committee Meeting @SUMC 6:30
- 02 Dec: TLC and ASM Meetings
- 08 Dec: Troop Elections – review leadership positions in patrol notebooks
- 09 Dec: Board of Review @ SUMC – Class "A" + scout books
- 11 Dec: ODD Roundtable
- 15 Dec: Troop Meeting/Pizza Pig-Out @SUMC – Class "B" T-Shirts
- 22 Dec: Troop Court of Honor @Hottle Hall
- 05 Jan: New Year Troop Meeting

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

- **Citizenship in the Nation** – Eagle required - See counselor for Dec meetings. Counselor: ASM Wheeler. [Nov]
- **Mammal Study.** Sign up now. Counselor: ASM Trowbridge. [Oct]
- **Hiking** – Alternate Eagle required – This merit badge begins with hikes in Dec. Meeting on Mon 01 Dec at 6:45 pm. Counselor: ASM Okada. [Oct.]
- **Personal Management** Contact ASM Kirk for meeting schedule. [Sep]

MB Blue Cards. Scouts and Merit Badge Counselors. – The last day to turn in blue cards to Mrs. Peri Holmes for the Dec Court of Honor is Monday, December 15. If blue cards are turned in after that date, they will be processed and awarded at the following Court of Honor in March

Merit Badge Jamboree Great opportunity to earn merit badges at the Old Dominion District Merit Badge Jamboree on Sat 07 Mar 09, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. You must register by 05 Jan. See web for complete info. ASM Kirk

CAMPOUT CORNER

Winter Skills Campout. Bundle up for the 06-07 Dec campout at Pohick Bay Regional Park. This campout provides an excellent opportunity to complete many basic scouting requirements, including building fires. See web site for flyer. SMIC: SM Romans SPLIC: Scout C. McClellan.

Klondike Derby 2009. This next cold weather favorite is 06-08 Feb 09 at the 4H Center in Front Royal. This always-popular event is back by popular demand! Cost is \$69 per person if sleeping in the lodge, and \$40 per person if sleeping outdoors in a tent. See web site for info flyer with lots of details. Deadline for signup and payment is the 08 Dec troop meeting! SMIC: ASM Summers (stevsummers@verizon.net)

Troop Ski Trip: Get ready for fun on the slopes at Blue Knob Ski Resort in W.VA on 23-27 Jan 09. Whether you are a beginner or an expert, there is a slope for you at Blue Knob. The cost is approximately \$275.00 and will cover all expenses including transportation, food, lodging, lift tickets, and rentals. Sign-ups are being taken now. SMIC: ASM Tim Anderson and ASM David Anderson

Summer Camps

- **Troop Camp:** It is not too early to get a few adult leaders and decide on location and dates for summer camp. Please contact SM Romans if interested.
- **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.
- **High-Adventure Camp:** There are 22 openings for canoeing at Northern Tier in Ontario, Canada 05-16 Jul 09. Sign up with \$200 deposit is now late!! See flyer on the web site. SMIC: ASM Summers.

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

- **OA Members.** All OA members should try to continue participating in OA events. At the very least attend one of the Chapter meetings held monthly Sunday night at SUMC!!

EVENTS.

- **Troop Leadership Training** – Sat 03 Jan 8 am–noon at SUMC. E-mail to follow.
- **Troop Lock-In:** Join your friends in Troop 1518 for the Troop Lock-In at the Agape House on Fri, 09 Jan until Sat morning, 10 Jan. You get to stay up ALL NIGHT playing games, watching movies, eating goodies, etc. Sign ups are being taken now. Cover charge is \$10.00. SMIC: ASM Tim Anderson/ASM David Anderson

Board of Review – Tues 09 Dec 7:30 - Scouts can sign up during the next 3 meetings. Sign up rosters will be in the front of the church, not in patrol corners Adults are also needed to sit as BOR members. Sign up sheets will also be in the front. Questions may be directed to Mr. Carr, BOR coordinator.

Troop Mulch Sale: As the end of 2008 approaches, this is an early "heads up" about our Troop's 2009 mulch sale. The mulch sale is our one and only fundraiser of the year. About half of the mulch sale profits fund our troop program throughout the year, and the other half of the profits go directly back to scouts and family members who work on the sale – in the form of Scout Bucks. Scout Bucks can be used as payment for any troop activity throughout the year. A successful annual mulch sale is not possible without the participation of every scout and family member in our troop, so please take a moment right now to add these important dates to your calendar:

Mulch Flyer Delivery Day: Sat, 14 Feb 09, 8:00 – 11:00am

Mulch Delivery Day: Sat, 28 March 09, 8:00 am until completion

Cultural Awareness. *National American Indian Heritage Month*, 01-30 Nov 08. The month-long national celebration has its roots in the early 20th century when a Seneca Indian, Dr. Arthur C. Parker, convinced the Boy Scouts of America to set aside a day for the "First Americans". American Indian and Alaska Native peoples have made many contributions to the founding of this country and the American character. Some of the values that Native Americans have added to this country's collective spirit include: understanding that people can thrive and grow in harmony with nature; that people with differing backgrounds, cultures, religions, and traditions can build a nation; and that this diversity provides the foundation for a stronger nation. Scouting embraces these principles and builds upon our continued education of the land, the society and the cultural aspects that help you, the scout, prepare to make ethical and moral choices throughout life. To research a bit about Boy Scouts and Indian Heritage visit <http://www.snowowl.com/histboyscouts.html> and other sources on the web or your local library.

- **Flag Ceremony.** While there is improvement each week, all scouts must be familiar with the new procedures. Patrol notebooks should have the new procedures. Scouts see your Patrol Leader to review. ASPL is responsible with the PL for the proper conduct of flag ceremonies.

Scoutmaster's Corner. As we approach the holiday season I want to wish you all a safe and happy family time. We have had a busy and successful first half of the scout year. Thanks to all the Scouts and Parents who have taken the lead to support the Troop and also all those who helped out. However the rest of the scout year is always quite packed with activities with real exciting outings, mulch fund raiser, new scouts bridging, extreme campouts, etc. We continue to expect scouts to take the lead and run the Troop. But we also need adult volunteers to help the adult leaders continue with the program and events. On a final note, it is not too early to plan for the summer camps, in fact we are closing in on some deadlines. We need scouts and parents to commit soon so we can lock in dates and get the paperwork moving. Adults please see me soonest.

Best holiday wishes and see you in the New Year!!
SM Scott Romans



Wolf Patrol

