

TROOP TRUMPET

Troop 1518



February 2009

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.

02 Feb: Troop Committee Meeting 6:30pm/Troop Meeting 7:30pm
09 Feb: Troop Meeting
10 Feb: TLC 7-8 pm and ASM Meetings 8pm
12 Feb: ODD Roundtable @ TJHS
14 Feb: Scout Sunday 1st service @ SUMC Old Chapel 5:30pm
15 Feb: Scout Sunday 2nd and 3rd services @ SUMC 8:30am and 11am
16 Feb: No Troop Meeting - Holiday
21 Feb: Troop Leadership Training @ SUMC (Sat 8am –noon)
23 Feb: Eagle COH – David Chang @ SUMC 7:30 pm
28 Feb: Eagle COH – Jared Noetzel @ Immanuel Bible Church (Sat)
02 Mar: Troop Committee Meeting 6:30pm/Troop Meeting 7:30pm
08 Mar: Eagle COH – Joe Summers @ SUMC main chapel (Sun)

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

- **Cinematography.** Meetings will start in Feb. Counselor Mr. Harris. [Feb].
- **Communications.** Sign up 22 Dec first meeting 12 Jan at 6:45. See Troop Librarian for a copy of the Communications MB book. Counselor Mrs. Jensen [Jan]
- **Citizenship in the Nation.** – Eagle required – Meetings are completed contact ASM Wheeler to complete. [Nov]
- **Mammal Study.** Sign up now. Counselor: ASM Trowbridge. [Oct]
- **Hiking.** – Alternate Eagle required – This merit badge begins with hikes in Dec. Counselor: ASM Okada. [Oct.]
- **Personal Management** Meetings are complete. See ASM Kirk. [Sep]

Merit Badge Jamboree. All scouts attending the Old Dominion District Merit Badge Jamboree 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on Sat 07 Mar 09, should have received info about their selections and updated requirements to prepare in advance. If you haven't received the info contact ASM Kirk, 9rkirk@opm.gov

CAMPOUT CORNER

- **Klondike Derby:** This favorite winter competition on 06-08 Feb is at the 4H Center in Front Royal & will depart on Fri evening. Cost is \$69 if sleeping in the lodge, and \$40 if sleeping outdoors in a tent. See the web site info flyer with lots of details. Deadline for signup and payment has already passed, but if you would still like to participate, please contact ASM Summers (stevesummers@verizon.net).
- **Laid-Back Campout:** Get ready to be Laid-Back on 14-15 Mar 09. Details to follow and a flyer will be on the web site. SMIC: ASM Landwermeyer

Summer Camps

- **Goshen 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 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. Participants must be at least 14 years old and have completed the 8th grade by July 1, 2009, and must pass the BSA Swimmer Test. Dates are July 5-17, 2009, and the cost will be approximately \$1400. We have a few remaining openings, so please contact ASM Summers (stevesummers@verizon.net) Any questions or are interested in signing up.

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 Dues.** Reminder that OA annual dues (\$12) need to be paid to NCAC.
- **OA Members.** All OA members should participate in OA events. At the very least attend one of the Chapter meetings held monthly Sunday night at SUMC!!

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).

- Uniform Notes:

- a) The new green Troop 1518 numbers are available for \$4.00 each. These new numbers can only be worn on the new Centennial supplex nylon shirts. Do not wear on the old uniforms. See Mrs. Holmes for purchase.
- b) Troop 1518 has new green neckerchiefs. This is a one time free issue to registered Troop scouts and adults. See Mrs. Holmes (No more wearing red ones!!)
- c) Scouts...Are you interested in earning the **Recruiter Strip**? If you bring a friend, relative, classmate, or other acquaintance to our Troop and they join, you earn the Recruiter Strip to be worn on your Troop shirt.

- **Scout Sunday:** This is an opportunity to show the church members the quality scouts they support as the Charter Organization. All Scouts should participate in one of the services even if you are not Methodist. Sign up to participate 5:30pm Sat 14 Feb or either 8:30 am/11 am Sun 15 Feb. Service hours will be awarded. More details including responsibilities are posted to web site. SMIC: COR Irvine, ASMIC: ASM Rooney/ ASM Morrow

- **Troop Mulch Sale:** Our annual mulch sale is upon us! The Mulch Sale is Troop 1518's single annual fundraiser, and we need every success. Mark these important dates on your family calendar now, and plan to attend and participate both days:

Mulch Flyer Deliver: Sat, 14 Feb 09, 8:00 am – Noon

Mulch Delivery Day: Sat, 28 Mar 09, 7:30 am – 7:00 pm or completion

Scouts and all family members who participate will earn Scout Bucks that can be used as payment for any troop outing. Any questions about the mulch sale please contact the SMIC: ASM Summers (stevesummers@verizon.net).

- **Flag Ceremony:** 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.

- **Diversity Corner.** February is "Black History Month," a time to commemorate African-Americans who have made significant contributions throughout the history of our Nation. Celebrating Black History began in 1926, when Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a Harvard Ph.D., initiated "Negro History Week." The 2nd week in Feb was chosen because it included the birthdays of Frederick Douglas & Abraham Lincoln. In 1976, the U.S. Bicentennial (200th birthday), the week-long observance was extended to the entire month to have enough time for celebratory programs & activities. African-Americans' initial achievements in various fields historically establish a foothold, providing a precedent for more widespread cultural change. Some examples of "firsts" include: Jackie Robinson, Major League Baseball player; Colin Powell – Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff; Condoleezza Rice – Secretary of State; Tiger Woods – Golf Champ, Tony Dungy – NFL Coach; Halle Berry – Oscar Winning Actress; Oprah Winfrey – Entertainer; and President Barack Obama. I encourage everyone to read the article "Our Own Melting Pot" in February's issue of Boy's Life and take the time to learn even more.

Scoutmaster's Corner. Have you checked out our troop calendar recently on the troop website, www.troop1518.org? Our webmaster, ASM Steve Summers, works hard to keep the website up to date with current info on all of our troop activities, and that includes posting periodic updates to the calendar. The latest calendar update includes the following new activities: Three Eagle Scout Courts of Honor on 23 Feb, 28 Feb, and 08 Mar; Troop Order of the Arrow elections on 02 Mar; and the addition of a new campout, United States Military Academy (West Point) Camporee 01-03 May and resulting movement of our canoe trip from that weekend to 15-17 May. As you can see, our calendar is not static, so please take the time periodically to visit the website and review the calendar. And, while you are there, check out the other important information on upcoming events! Thanks, SM Scott Romans.



Tiger patrol