

TROOP TRUMPET

Troop 1518



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

Happy New Year – Come back on 05 Jan safe & sound!!!

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.

03 Jan: Troop Leadership Training @ SUMC
05 Jan: Troop Committee Meeting @SUMC 6:30
05 Jan: New Year Troop Meeting @ SUMC
08 Jan: ODD Roundtable @ TJHS
12 Jan: Troop Meeting @SUMC
13 Jan: TLC 7-8 pm and ASM Meetings 8pm
19, 26: No Troop Meetings

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

- **Cinematography.** Sign up by 12 Jan. 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. 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

Klondike Derby 2009: The Klondike Derby will be held February 6-8, 2009 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 the troop web site for an information flyer with lots of details. Deadline for signup and payment has already passed, but if you are interested and 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

- **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 to attend or Adults to lead.
- **Northern Tier 2009:** Only five slots available to join our sister unit, Crew 1518, on their high adventure canoe trip to the wilderness of Western Ontario 05-17 Jul 09. Participants must be at least 14 years old and have completed the 8th grade by 01 Jul 09, and must pass the BSA Swimmer Test. Cost is about \$1400. For questions or signing up contact SMIC: ASM Summers (stevesummers@verizon.net)

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!!

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- **Troop Leadership Training** – Sat 03 Jan 09 8 am–noon at SUMC. E-mail to follow. SMIC: SM Romans

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- **Troop Lock-In:** The Troop Lock-In at the Agape House on Fri, 09 Jan until Sat morning, 10 Jan. Is full. SMIC will advise who is on standby. Cover charge will be collected on advance (\$10.00). SMIC: ASM Tim Anderson/ASM David Anderson

BSA Support to Presidential Inauguration. Troop 1518 may be selected to participate in this historic event Tue 20 Jan on the National Mall. NCAC has not yet passed the word on which Troops and how many scouts will participate. We need to be prepared to quickly respond to the invitation. Therefore interested scouts who are at least 14 years old (as of Inauguration Day) and willing to purchase the Inaugural Uniform for \$25 should sign up by email for this potential opportunity. If selected, event details will be sent to those on the list. Adults may also be needed. SMIC: CC Musante (ellenmusante@hotmail.com) ASMIC: ASM Landwermeyer

Troop Ski Trip: Get ready for fun on the slopes at Blue Knob Ski Resort in W.VA on 24-26 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

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. These are not to be worn on the older uniforms. See Mrs. Holmes for purchase.
b) Troop 1518 has new green neckerchiefs. These neckerchiefs can be worn on the older uniform as well as the new one. These will be distributed to all scouts and adult members registered in the Troop, free of charge. See Mrs. Holmes to receive your new neckerchief. (No more wearing of 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 will then be eligible to earn the Recruiter Strip. These can be worn on your Troop shirt and will be awarded at a Court of Honor.

Scout Sunday: Mark your calendars to participate in church services on 15 Feb 09 even if you do not belong to Sydenstricker United Methodist Church. More details to follow, and posted to web site. SMIC: COR Irvine

Troop Mulch Sale: Its now 2009 and our annual mulch sale is quickly approaching! This is Troop 1518's single annual fundraiser, and we need every Scout and his family to participate in the mulch sale in order to make it a success. Please put the following important dates on your family calendar now, and plan to attend and participate both days.

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

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

Scouts and all of their family members who participate will earn Scout Buck 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:** 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 you know, we had the opportunity in November to participate in Nathaniel Kelley's Eagle Scout Court of Honor. What you may not know is that since the end of the school year last June, 6 scouts in addition to Nathaniel have completed all requirements. These scouts are: John Locke, Connor Morgan, Jared Noetzel, David Chang, David Anderson, and Adam Irvine. Please join me in congratulating these scouts on achieving the highest rank in scouting. I hope to see you at their courts of honor over the course of the next few months. Thanks,
SM Scott Romans



Roadrunner Patrol