

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.

04 May: Troop Committee Meeting 6:30pm/Troop Meeting 7:30pm –Slate Night
09 May: Troop Service Project Hunt Valley Swim Club
10 May: Mothers Day
11 May: Troop Meeting 7:30pm
12 May: TLC 7-8 pm and ASM Meetings 8pm
14 May: ODD Roundtable @ TJHS
18 May: Troop Meeting 7:30pm
25 May: NO Meeting - Memorial Day
27 May: ODD District Awards Dinner
29 May: Annual Troop Planning Meeting [6:30 pm Hottle Hall]
02 Jun: Board of Review 7pm
08 Jun: Troop Meeting – ICE CREAM PIG-OUT - - Class "B" T-shirts
14 Jun: Eagle COH for multiple Eagle Scouts – Hottle Hall [Sun]
15 Jun: COH Pot Luck Dinner
18: June: SCHOOLS OUT!!!

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

- **Dog Care.** Merit badge begins in May, contact Ms. Iseman at maizti@hotmail.com if you are interested. [May]

- **Environmental Science.** This merit badge is eagle required. Includes optional field trip to Hidden Pond Nature Park. If planning to attend please get MB book. Contact Mr. Steve Chang at chang.steven@epa.gov. [Apr]

- **Scholarship.** Merit badge began in April. No kick-off meeting, contact ellenmusante@hotmail.com for details. Note this merit badge is almost entirely done on your own.

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- **Citizenship in the Community.** This Eagle Required is in progress. Counselor: ASM Lisa Okada [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 See web for full schedule. Counselor: ASM Okada/Williams [Oct.]

- **Personal Management.** Eagle Required, All should be competing. Counselor: ASM Kirk [Sep]

CAMPOUT CORNER

- **USMA Camporee:** This special invite-only camp 01-03 Apr finalized – departure 8:30 am Fri morning. Details on web site. SMIC: COR Irvine

- **Canoeing Campout:** Only 30 scouts will be able to participate; so, sign up now for a weekend of camping and canoeing along the Shenandoah River. We will depart on Friday afternoon from SUMC, camp at Shenandoah Outfitters camp grounds, canoe all day Saturday; conduct a worship service, pack up and return home on Sunday. The cost of the trip is about \$41.00 (not including food and transportation).

- **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.

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Summer Camps

- **Camp Olmsted at Goshen:** A fun filled summer camp is now set for 05-11 Jul!! Sign up now!! The lowest fee period has passed the next price is \$305 and

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includes bus transportation. Fees continue to 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. [Last Call]

- **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, have completed the 8th 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 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!!

- **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 :** We need everyone to participate in our troop's annual service project for Hunt Valley Swim Club from 8:00 am – noon on Sat 09 May. We will be performing a number of spring cleaning tasks for the club, to help them prepare for their upcoming pool season. Our troop simply could not conduct 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 service hour requirements. Any questions please contact ASM Summers (stevesummers@verizon.net).

- **Eagle Service Project:** Scouts save the weekend of 22-24 May to assist Life Scout Romans with his Eagle project. Details provided separately.

- **Flag Ceremony:** Scouts need to continue the improvement in performing the new procedures. Patrol notebooks have the 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:** The troop will be having it's annual planning meeting for the next scouting year. This meeting determines what activities the troop will be participating in next year. All scouts who want to have input into these decisions should attend. Meeting will be held at the Agape house on May 29.

- **Pot Luck Dinner:** The Court of Honor being held on June 15 is the annual pot luck family dinner. Coordination for foods will be posted separately. The COH will be held in Hottle Hall.

Scoutmaster's Corner.

Thanks to scouts and families for a successful mulch delivery. Scout bucks have been distributed, but one more mulch activity remains – the service project for the Hunt Valley Pool Club for use of their parking lot and facility. Scouts and Family members please join us per the above note.

There is still much camping and advancement activity remaining this Scout Year...maximum participation is encouraged. There is still time for the 14 and older scouts to head up a crew for Lenhok'sin – a good precursor to the Philmont 2010 we have applied for. Interested Scouts and adults should contact me soonest.

And let's not forget to begin wrapping up those merit badges!!!

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SM Scott Romans



Memorial Day