

# TROOP TRUMPET

## Troop 1518



# November 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 Nov – Scouting for Food 8 am
- 02 Nov – End Daylight Savings Time [Fall Back clocks]
- 03 Nov: **No Meeting** FCPS holiday
- 08 Nov – Scouting for food pick up 9 am
- 10, 17 Nov: Troop Meeting @ SUMC
- 10 Nov: Troop Committee Meeting @ SUMC 6:30 pm
- 11 Nov: TLC 7pm/ASM 7:30pm Meeting
- 13 Nov: ODD Roundtable
- 24 Nov: Eagle COH in SUMC Main Sanctuary/Hottle Hall at 7:30 pm

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

- **Citizenship in the Nation** – Eagle required - first meeting at 7 PM on 10 Nov and each Monday in Nov that the troop meets. Counselor: ASM Wheeler. [Nov]
- **Mammal Study.** Sign up now. Counselor: ASM Trowbridge. [Oct]
- **Hiking** – Alternate Eagle required – There will be a meeting at 6:45 PM on Mon, 10 Nov. Counselor: ASM Okada. [Oct.]
- **Personal Management** Contact ASM Kirk for meeting schedule. [Sep]

### CAMPOUT CORNER

- **Climbing Campout:** Climb the rocks on 01-04 Nov (FCPS holiday Monday). See website for details. SMIC: ASM Noeztel.
- **Winter Skills Campout.** Come join us for our winter skills campout at Pohick Bay Regional Park on 6-7 December. This campout will provide an excellent opportunity to complete many basic scouting requirements, including building fires, so I hope you can join us.

### Summer Camps

- **Troop Camp:** It is not too early to get 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month @ SUMC, our sponsor. See the TOAR for further information or questions. *Oh wait – we need an OA member of the Troop to sign up for this leadership position.*

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

### EVENTS.

- **Scouting for Food.** Bag distribution is Sat 01 Nov 8 am at commuter lot. Bag collection is Sat 08 Nov at 9 am. Parents are needed to drive both days. See web for flyer details. SMIC: Mr Steve Chang, SPLIC: David Chang
- **Troop Service Project** – Bring gloves, rakes, blowers, and a cheerful attitude on 08 Nov as the Troop shows its appreciation to the sponsor SUMC by cleaning up the church grounds.

### Troop Gear – From the Quartermasters

- **Missing Troop Gear.** All Scouts and Parents are asked to check their basements, garages and any other place where missing Troop 1518 camping gear may be hidden. We are missing some propane stoves, a dutch oven, and miscellaneous cooking equipment. If you have (and you know who you are!) please bring it back clean so it can be restocked. Thank you for your assistance.

- **Drawing and Returning Troop Equipment.** We are still having a problem with gear pick up and return. When planning for the campout, the short form indicating what gear is needed should be completed as well. ONE representative from the patrol is to go and draw the equipment. We are still experiencing entire patrols showing up and deciding at that moment what is needed. That simply slows down the process. Please be respectful of your fellow scouts and follow the procedure. Additionally, the church uses the downstairs for another meeting at 8:30 pm and we need to have the QM storage room closed up by 8:15 pm.

- **Do You Have Gas? - A Word About Propane.** There still is some confusion about propane gas and campouts.

Here is the scoop: If your patrol plans to cook with a propane stove and/or use a propane lantern, and would like to use the large (20 lb or 10 lb) tank for your stove and lantern, the patrol leader for the campout needs to contact the SMIC or SPLIC and advise them you need propane. Arrangements can then be made to have enough tanks brought on the campout. **DO NOT ASSUME PROPANE WILL SHOW UP WITHOUT REQUESTING IT.** If you do not order it, it won't be there. If your patrol intends to use the small (1 lb) cylinders, those are the responsibility of the individual patrol and should be purchased by the patrol for the camping event, and cost shared among the scouts in the patrol going on the campout. After the campout, the patrol should keep any unused or partially used cylinders at home for the next campout. **DO NOT TURN THESE INTO THE QUARTERMASTER.** They are no longer being stored in the gear locker. In terms of disposal, the small containers are intended for one time use and cannot be refilled. Empty small containers can be thrown out with household trash (emphasis on empty).

- **Flag Ceremony.** 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.

- **Recharter.** This is the annual registration for the scouts and leaders. This effort should be nearing completion to meet the ODD due date mid-Nov. Our Committee Membership person, Mr. Christopher Garcia, has distributed information and payment for dues and registration as part of the recharter are due by 10 Nov.

**Scoutmaster's Corner.** During our Troop Leadership Training last month, the Troop Leadership Council discussed how we might improve the opening and closing ceremonies of our troop meetings in order to properly show respect for our flag and all that it represents. ASM Ing took the initiative to write one flag ceremony procedure for all patrols to use, and included that ceremony in each patrol's notebook. If you are part of our flag detail for a troop meeting, I would encourage you to make sure you know your duties and do your best to properly conduct the ceremony. It is important for all of us, even if we are not in the flag detail, to take the opening and closing seriously. Please stand at attention, without leaning or slouching, and do not put your hands in your pockets. Pay attention to your salute, keeping your arm and fingers straight. Above all else, there should be no talking, joking, pushing, or shoving during the ceremonies. Our troop leadership is working hard to improve these important parts of our meeting, and you can support their efforts by doing your best to render proper respect for the flag.

Thanks!  
SM Scott Romans

## Stag Patrol

