

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.

- 02 Nov: No Meeting – FCPS Holiday
- 07 Nov: Eagle COH, Sat 1 pm Old Chapel – Scout Landwermyer
- 09 Nov: Meeting [6:30pm Committee Meeting]
- 10 Nov: TLC 7pm/ASM 8pm
- 16 Nov: Meeting
- 23 Nov: Meeting - Pizza Pig-Out - Class B [T-shirts]
- 26 Nov: Thanksgiving
- 30 Nov: Meeting – Slate Night
- 01 Dec: TLC 7pm/ASM 8pm
- 07 Dec: Meeting - Elections
- 08 Dec: Board of Review – Class A uniform with Scout Handbooks



MERIT BADGE CORNER. *The schedule of merit badges for this year is now available on the troop web page.*

- **Citizenship in the Nation.** Eagle required merit badge will be starting on 09 Nov at 6:45. Any questions see Counselor: ASM Wheeler [Nov]
- **Emergency Preparedness.** Eagle required merit badge started and will continue at 6:30pm before each Troop meeting in Nov. You may still sign up and catch up to the group. See Counselor: Mr. Hurston [Oct]
- **Veterinary Medicine.** This badge will meet every Tuesday at 7pm. E-mail to sign up: jensenr7695@yahoo.com. Counselor :Mrs. Jensen [Oct]
- **Coin Collecting: Collections, Stamp Collections.** This badge is in progress. Contact Counselor to participate. Counselor :Mr. Hurston [Sep]
- **Scholarship.** E-mail ellenmusante@hotmail.com. Counselor: CC Musante [Sep]
- **Reading.** E-mail ellenmusante@hotmail.com. Counselor: CC Musante [Sep]

CAMPOUT CORNER

- **Rock Climbing Campout:** Get ready to Rock & Roll out on 06 -08 Nov at Sugarloaf Mountain. Cost is \$135 for climbers/\$15 for non-climbers. Flyer is posted on the web. Look for sign up sheets at Patrol Corners – must sign up by 26 Oct. SMIC: ASM Hannen ASMIC: ASM Commenator
- **Beach Campout:** No need for sun tan oil for this campout on 05 -06 Dec to visit sandy Westmoreland State Park. Hike along the beach and get a great view of the tidal Potomac from Horsehead Cliffs, look for bald eagles and camp with us near Washington's birthplace. Scouts will also work on a service project that can count towards Camping MB (req 9c). Estimated cost \$5/scout. Limit of 20 Scouts. A flyer will be posted on the web. SMIC: ASM Williams
- **NCAC Centennial Camporee:** Plan ahead – this event will not happen again for another 100 years!!! Registration is due by the 16 Nov Troop meeting for the NCAC Centennial Camporee on Memorial Day Weekend, May 29-31, 2010. Cost is \$25 plus food. This will be a celebration of 100 Years of Scouting at Goshen Scout Reservation with an estimated 5000 expected to attend. Be prepared to participate in reenactments of Scouting's historical events, games, contests and a great Sunday Spectacular! More details on e-mail and soon to be posted flyer. Questions see SMIC: ASM Wheeler ASMIC: ASM Robinson

Summer Camps

- **Goshen:** After a fun filled summer camp this year, the Troop is planning for another Goshen summer camp the summer of 2010. Think about it and start saving your money. Details to follow. SMIC: ASM Robinson ASMIC: ASM Hannen
- **Lenhok'sin Camp:** In preparation for Philmont 2011 or other high adventure camps 13/14 year old scouts should seriously think about this preparation camp for 2010.

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Two adult leaders will be needed to begin planning and decide. Interested scout and adults should contact SM Romans

- **Sea Base 2010:** You may sign up as standby for next summer's High Adventure Training at the BSA Florida Sea Base. Only 12 Scouts and 04 adults will spend 6 days and nights 06-12 Jul 2010 sailing, snorkeling, and fishing aboard two 41' sailboats in the Florida Keys. Participating Scouts must be 14 years old by 01 Sep 2010 and must pass the BSA Swim Test. Estimated total cost per Scout is \$1,200, including airfare and ground transportation. Info flyer and application are posted for download. 1st deposit of \$400 is past due. SMIC: ASM Vance Stewart at 703-455-2811 or stew1989@verizon.net.

- **National Scout Jamboree:** The 2010 National Jamboree is slightly less than 12 months away but plans are already in motion to have 12 full troops from NCAC at the event. All Scouts and prospective troop leaders may sign up provisionally at www.bsajamboree.org and will be placed in the queue for Jamboree attendance with the NCAC contingent. See www.boyscouts-ncac.org or contact ASM Summers or Troop Treasurer Noetzel for more information.

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

- **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.

- **Scouting For Food:** With the poor economy the food banks are very low. While Scouting for Food is an annual "good turn" event, this year it is ever more important. Please join the Troop for bag delivery Sat 07 Nov and food pick up 14 Nov. Details provided separately. SMIC: ASM Williams
- **SUMC Service Project:** Those not on the Campout (including family members) please join the Troop in our annual service project for our Charter Organization SUMC. This will start at 8am with a church hosted lunch at noon. Bring rakes, work gloves, leaf blowers, etc. SMIC: COR Irvine
- **Merit Badge Counselors Wanted.** Are you looking for a way to help Troop 1518? We need parents to be merit badge counselors. You don't have to be the greatest expert on the topic; just have a commitment to help the scouts learn. Check out the list of merit badges at: http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Merit_Badges Contact ASM Ray Kirk, rjkirk@opm.gov, 703-866-0962, to be a merit badge counselor.
- **Adult Leader/Committee Training:** Please check out the Old Rag District newsletter found on the Troop Web Site web site for courses offered. Many of the courses can be taken on-line. For assistance contact the Troop Adult Training Coordinator: Mr. Steve Chang
- **Troop Google Group:** One the ways we communicate general information and late breaking news is via the Troop 1518 Google Group. If you are not a member, go to this web site and register: <http://groups.google.com/group/troop1518?hl=en>
- **January Planning:** Think about the Lock-In 08 Jan and start saving for the annual Ski trip 29-31 Jan...cost is about \$250. SMIC's/parents are needed for these two events.

Scoutmaster's Corner.

If you have looked at our calendar for November, then you know that we have many opportunities for service next month. On November 7 and 13 our troop will participate in the annual Scouting For Food service project to collect food for needy families in our area. We drop off the bags the 7th, and collect the food on the 14th. November 21 is our opportunity to say thank you to our Charter Organization, SUMC, by participating in their annual Fall workday to spruce up the grounds of the church.

Scouting is a service organization. By participating in these events you can earn service hours towards advancement, but, more importantly, you will have the opportunity to give back to our community. I hope to see you at these events!

SM Scott Romans

