

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.

06 Oct: Court of Honor – 7pm in Chapel – Scouts bring snacks to share!
09 Oct: ODD Roundtable
13 Oct – NO Meeting – Columbus Day Holiday
14 Oct: TLC and ASM Meetings
20 & 27 Oct: Troop meeting@SUMC
20 Oct: Troop Committee Meeting @ SUMC 6:15
02 Nov – End Daylight Savings Time [Fall Back clocks]

MERIT BADGE CORNER

- Merit Badge Counselors Needed

We are looking for merit badge counselors. Contact ASM Kirk for more information. RJKIRK@opm.gov; 703-866-0962; (h): 202-606-0792; (w)

- Personal Management. This Eagle Required badge is in progress. Counselor: ASM Kirk. [Sep]

- Mammal Study. Sign up now. Counselor: ASM Trowbridge. [Oct]

- Hiking. This Eagle Required badge will start soon. Sign up now. Counselor: ASM O'Kada. [Oct]

CAMPOUT CORNER

- Caving Campout: 03-05 Oct in Paris, Va. Sign ups are complete. Parents are welcome. See web for flyer info. SMIC: ASM Williams.

- Bike Ride: Sat 25 Oct. This event requires both scout and adult leaders to plan and coordinate. Details to be passed at the Troop meeting and flyer on the web.

- ODD Camporee: The Troop is not planning to participate on 24-26 Oct but there is a separate Venture outing at Ft Washington Marina, MD as a separate event but linked to the camporee. Venture scouts should discuss with ASM Pablo or ASM Summers if interested.

- Climbing Campout: Climb the rocks on 01-04 Nov (FCPS holiday Monday). Details will be announced and posted on the web. SMIC: ASM Noeztel.

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 by 06 Oct. See flyer on the web site. SMIC: ASM Summers.

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. ***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 the very least attend one of the Chapter meetings held monthly on Sunday night at SUMC!!

- **OA Candidates:** Those elected last spring who did not attend the spring Ordeal, should plan to attend the 24-26 Oct Fall Ordeal. See the TOAR for more details.

EVENTS.

- Troop Committee: Calling Scout Parents. Please consider joining our Troop Committee. This is an important role for our troop and gives you an opportunity to be involved behind the scenes. There are openings that match your skills and interests. We meet once a month. Contact Committee Chair Ellen Musante (703) 690.4062 or ellenmusante@hotmail.com for more info

- Patrol Notebooks. Patrol Leaders must bring their notebooks to Troop meetings. See ASM Ing to ensure the books are up to speed with current information.

October 2008

- Scouting for Food- Bag distribution is Sat 01 Nov.- Bag collection is Sat 08 Nov after Troop Pancake breakfast. See web for flyer details. SMIC: Mr Steve Chang, SPLIC: David Chang

- Troop Pancake Breakfast and Service Project for SUMC – Sat 08 Nov.

- Eagle Project- Taylor Landwermyer's Eagle Project Will be held at Hunt Valley Elementary school Sat 18 Oct from 8am-5pm.(Rain date Sun 19 Oct) Project is to build benches for teachers to use during recess. Food & drinks will be provided! Come with gloves and closed toe shoes.

- 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 activity has been shifted to December. Our Committee Membership person will be coming out with more details soon. Parents need to be prepared in Nov to pay dues for the next registration/recharter year.

Hudson Trail Outfitters. A Troop "Preferred Customer Account" has been established with Hudson Trail Outfitters. The program provides discounts and permits points to accumulate for gear purchases that earn rebates for troop equipment with any purchases made at HTO. If you purchase equipment from HTO and would be willing to have the troop benefit, mention that the Troop 1518 is a preferred customer [account number is 857806766] Pass this to your neighbors!! For further info > <https://www.hudsontrail.com/index.php>

National Hispanic Heritage Month. The President has proclaimed 15 Sep through 15 Oct 2008, National Hispanic Heritage Month during which we recognize the many Americans of Hispanic descent that have made outstanding contributions to our Nation. The rich cultural traditions of the Hispanic-American community have made a remarkable impact on American society. Many sub-groups make-up the Hispanic/Latino ethnic and cultural group: Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Dominican, Central and South American. The diverse backgrounds of Hispanic Americans and their dedication to family have become an integral part of America. Each group has its own history in the immigration story of America; but they "share a common bond in their language." The BSA as an organization has consciously recognized diversity and the inclusion of Latino Scouts and paid staffs and has trained young people in citizenship, service, & leadership to better serve America's communities and families through its quality, values-based program. BSA works with Latino leaders in communities across the country to determine the best approach to keeping Scouting valuable, accessible & culturally-relevant to the Hispanic community. Here are a few prominent Hispanic-Americans that have contributed to our great Nation. Luiz Walter Alvarez, 1st Hispanic Nobel Peace Prize (Physics); Gilbert Arenas, NBA Basketball Player (Wizards); GEN Richard Cavazos, U.S. Army's 1st Hispanic 4-star General; Franklin Chang-Diaz, 1st Hispanic Astronaut (flew 7 space shuttle missions); Roberto Clemente, MLB (Pittsburg Pirates) & 1st Hispanic Hall of Fame; Alberto R. Gonzales – U.S. Attorney General; Nancy Lopez – 1st Hispanic Ladies Professional Golf Association Hall of Fame; Bill Richardson, Governor of New Mexico. Use this web link to see many others - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Famous_Hispanic_Americans#Film_and_TV.

Scout Master's Corner

Greetings! The year is off to a fast-paced start, with our Beach Campout just completed, and our Caving Campout just ahead. Thanks for ASMs Courtney Landwermyer and Alan Hannen for leading the Beach Campout, and to ASM Tim Williams for leading the Caving Campout. Because these activities occurred so close to the beginning of the year, our first troop meetings have focused primarily on getting ready to go camping, or returning gear after going camping. Soon these two events will be happy memories, and we will be able to catch our breath and spend time during troop meetings on other activities, such as teaching and learning scouting skills and discussing advancement progress with your Assistant Scoutmaster. As we move past our Court of Honor on 6 October, I ask that our younger scouts be ready to learn new skills, and that all of our older scouts be ready to teach. In addition, it would be great if each of our scouts sat down with his patrol advisor to assess his progress towards the next rank, and developed a plan to complete remaining requirements.

Thanks,
SM Scott Romans