

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.

14/21/28 Sep: Troop Meetings
19 Sep: Troop Leadership Training - 9am – 12pm
22 Sep: Board of Review 7pm – Class A + Scout Handbook
28 Sep: Committee Meeting – 6:30pm
05 Oct: COH – Scouts bring snacks to share
12 Oct: NO MEETING – Columbus Holiday

WELCOME BACK. We are glad to see everyone back safe and ready for the new scout year. Plenty of fun scouting activities this past summer from Goshen summer camp to Northern Tier high adventure, plus Kings Dominion and the pool party. Let's support our new Troop leadership and get off to another great fun filled scout year!

MERIT BADGE CORNER.

- **Scholarship.** Counselor will be available to meet with Scouts working to complete this badge from 7- 7:30 pm on Mon 14 Sep and during patrol corners or immediately after the troop meeting on 28 Sep. E-mail ellenmusante@hotmail.com to reserve a time. Counselor: CC Musante [Sep]
- **Reading.** Counselor will be available to meet with Scouts working to complete this badge from 7- 7:30 pm on Mon 14 Sep and during patrol corners or immediately after the troop meeting on 28 Sep. E-mail ellenmusante@hotmail.com to reserve a time. Counselor: CC Musante [Sep]

CAMPOUT CORNER

- **Backpacking Campout:** Join us to hike a portion of the Appalachian Trail in the Shenandoah National Forest. Scouts will have the opportunity to backpack 6-7 miles. Our younger scouts will have the option of being driven directly to the campsite, but will have the opportunity to hike both Saturday and Sunday. Sign ups begin 14 Sep. SMIC is SM Romans. ASMIC: ASM Hannen
- **Rock Climbing Campout:** Get ready to Rock & Roll out on 06 -08 Nov at Sugarloaf Mountain (note this is a change from original schedule of 23 - 25 Oct). A flyer will be posted on the web. Look for sign up sheets at Patrol Corners. SMIC: ASM Hannen
- **Beach Campout:** No need for sun tan for this campout on 04 - 06 Dec for a visit somewhere sandy!! A flyer will be posted on the web. SMIC: ASM Williams
- **NCAC Centennial Camporee:** This significant event on Memorial Day weekend, 28-31 May will fill up fast... Details to follow but be prepared to decide quickly. 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. Two adult leaders will be needed to begin planning and decide. Interested scout and adults should contact SM Romans
- **Sea Base 2010:** It's not too early to sign up for next Summer's High Adventure Training at the BSA Florida Sea Base. Only 12 Scouts from Troop 1518 will spend 6 days and nights 06-12 July 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. Visit the Troop website for more information and download the application. 1st deposit of \$400 is due 28 Sep 2009. SMIC: ASM Vance Stewart at 703-455-2811 or stew1989@verizon.net.

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- **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 ASMs Summers or Mr. Noetzel for more information.

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 participate in OA events. At the very least attend one of the Chapter meetings held monthly Sunday night at SUMC!!
- **Elected OA Candidates.** If you missed the Ordeal last Spring you need to either attend the ODD Fall Ordeal 02-04 Oct at Camp Moss Hollow or another District's Fall Ordeal to seal your induction. See TOAR for details.

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: TBD

- **Flag Ceremony:** After much emphasis and practice, a proper flag ceremony is expected this scout year. Scouts should review their Patrol notebooks for these procedures. Patrol Leaders should review at patrol corners.

- **Recruiting New Scouts:** As we kick-off our program year, remember to invite friends who are interested in joining our troop to attend one of our meetings. Scouts who introduce new members to Troop 1518 earn a special Recruiting badge. Let your Patrol Advisor know who you bring to the Troop meeting.

- **Adult Leader/Committee Training:** Please check out the Old Rag District newsletter found on the NCAC web site under ODD for courses offered. Many of the courses can be taken on-line. For assistance contact the Troop Adult Training Coordinator: Mr. Steve Chang

Scoutmaster's Corner.

Welcome back to a schedule packed with exciting activities. Congratulations to those that had successful scout summer adventures!!!

Advancement Anyone? Our next Board of Review is set for Tuesday, 22 September, at 7:00 pm at SUMC. Many of our scouts worked very hard over the summer – especially those who attended Goshen – and are ready to advance to the next rank.

Before you sit for the board, you must have a Scoutmaster Conference. Before you schedule your Scoutmaster Conference, please open your Scout Handbook, review the requirements for the next rank, and make sure an Assistant Scoutmaster has initialed completion of each requirement. If you have completed a requirement but do not yet have your book initialed, or are ready to complete the requirement, please take the time during our troop meetings on 14 or 21 September to meet with your patrol advisor.

I hope to see many of you at our next Board of Review. Good Luck!!

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SM Scott Romans

