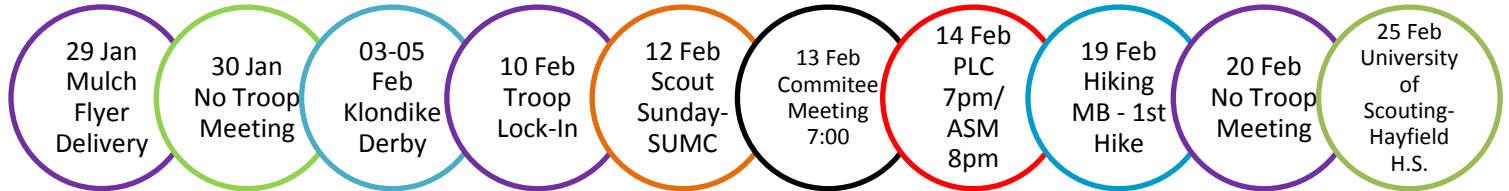


Bugle Blast-February 2012



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.

MERIT BADGE CORNER

The complete list of merit badges at:

http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Merit_Badges

– **Family Life:** This Eagle required MB will start in Feb. Counselor: Mr John White [Feb]

– **Environmental Science:** This Eagle required MB will start in early Feb. Counselor: ASM Brinker [Feb]

– **Hiking:** This Eagle required MB starts in Feb. Sign up at meeting. 1st hike is scheduled Sun 19 Feb at Burke Lake Park. Counselor: ASM Williams [Jan]

– **Citizenship in the Nation:** Has started but not too late if interested email Counselor: Mrs. Roberts at robeftsintlinc@aol.com. [Jan]

– **Personnel Management:** Eagle MB. Counselor: Mrs. Roberts [Mar]

*** **Merit Badge Jamboree:** Get ready to knock out a few merit badges on 03 Mar at West Springfield H.S. Signups to coming.

CAMPOUT CORNER

– **Klondike Derby** – Patrols are set and we are in the final push to the Klondike—our goal is LOTS of GOLD and plenty of fun! Details in e-mails to Klondike Kapers!! Plan to depart 5 pm Fri 03 Feb and return to the commuter lot around Noon on Sun. Planning at the 23 Jan meeting and may have a special Klondike Prep on 30 Jan. SMIC: SM Wheeler

– **Backpacking** – Get out and hike this campout on 09-11 Mar. Mandatory for Philmont hikers!! More to follow. SMIC: ASM Morrow ASMIC: ASM Robinson

– **Bike Hike** – Tune up your bikes and take warm up rides for this 25-30 mile trip 20-22 Apr campout. SMIC: ASM Ing ASMIC: ASM Williams SPLIC: Scout Charlie S

SUMMER CAMPS

– **Philmont** – We have been assigned the 10-22 Jul 2012 trek. Crew will depart on 06/07 Jul and return on 24 Jul. Scouts must be 14 years old by 09 Jul 2012. A non-refundable down payment is your reservation. Web posting to follow. The next \$250 payment for Philmont is now due!! Slots for scouts are still available, let's fill them ASAP!! Any questions. SMIC: ASM Morrow ASMIC: ASM Robinson

– **Summer Camp** It's not too early to start thinking about Summer Camp at Camp Olmstead at Goshen Scout Reservation 24 - 30 Jun. Early \$50 payment by 16 Mar gets you a free camp hat and payment 27 Apr saves money. SMIC ASM Hannen, ASMIC ASM Trowbridge, SPLIC: TBD

OA EVENTS. Regular Chapter meetings at 7:00 PM the 1st Sunday of every month at SUMC, our sponsor. **See the TOAR: Scout Sid M.**

– **OA Dues.** If you aren't current with your OA annual dues you are no longer part of the OA.

– **Brotherhood Opportunity** – A Brotherhood Walk and Ceremony will be conducted Sat eve, 04 Feb at the ODD Klondike Derby, Harpers Ferry, WV.

– **Lodge Fellowship** - 16-18 Mar at Camp Snyder, for more info contact TOAR or ASM Morrow.

– **Section Conclave** – 16-18 May at Camp Spencer, Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation, Whiteford, MD. Will be bus for transportation to and from the Conclave TOAR – Scout Sid M or ASM Morrow

OTHER EVENTS

Mulch! The annual Troop 1518 mulch sale is fast approaching! Please add these dates to your family calendar: **Sat 29 Jan 8:30am-11:30am** for Flyer Delivery, drivers are needed, no uniforms. On **Sat 24 Mar** we need scouts and family all day (start @ 8am) to deliver mulch...Seven truck loads!!!! All troop members and their families should plan to participate both days...all earn scout bucks. This is our only fundraiser and source of income to finance annual Troop operations. Breakfast/lunch will be served on delivery day. Earn more scout bucks by contributing more time!!! More info, contact SMIC: Mr. Bryan Hume @ (703) 913-3509 or mbhume@aol.com

– **Scout Sunday** – On Sunday 12 Feb SUMC desires maximum Troop participation at the 11 AM service. Patrol Leaders provide list of scouts attending by 06 Feb to the ASPL. A flyer will be posted to the troop web site. Even if you go to another church please attend the 11 AM service at SUMC as a "good turn" for our Charter Organization. Attending Scout Sunday is one of the small ways we thank SUMC for letting us use their facilities and an opportunity to let the SUMC congregation know who we are. SMIC: COR Irvine SPLIC: Chaplain's Aide/ASPL James F

– **Troop Lock-In.** – Play video games, card/board games, watch movies, eat snacks until dawn. This annual Lock-In is at Agape House, arrive 7-8 pm Fri 10 Feb, and can be picked up 6-7 am Sat. Sign up limited to 30 Scouts – parent chaperons welcome. Cost: \$10 SMIC: ASM Williams, ASMIC: ASM Pablo.

– **Adult Training.** –Troop plan to participate in the University of Scouting on Sat 25 Feb at Hayfield H.S.. A great opportunity to get adult training completed and to learn more about the scouting program. Registration fees are reimbursed by the Troop. Register online <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=24914&orgkey=1934>

– **Friends Of Scouting (FOS).** –Your contribution to the Council's FOS is critical to the scouting facilities our scouts enjoy. NCAC estimates it costs \$185 per scout to support council facilities. Please give generously but our goal is for 100% family participation so please give what you can. Questions – ask a leader!!

Scoutmaster's Corner.

Plenty going on in the troop right now to keep all of the scouts and scouters on their toes. Just look at the other parts of the Blast to see what we are up to. I'm going to focus on LEADERSHIP – which is my personal theme for this scouting period. Your new SPL and ASPL have a great plan to put energy back into the patrols by rearranging the patrols around the scouts that normally attend. This will allow better patrol competitions and patrol effort on campouts. A great leadership idea that will require strong leadership from our new Patrol leaders. The troop is boy-led which means you only get out of it what you put it into it, either as a leader or a patrol member. Make sure that you pick a patrol leader that is taking the troop where you want it to go and then support them in what they do. Even better, think about where you want to take a patrol and step up to the challenge—I know that all of you have the potential to be a great patrol leader!

Thanks,
SM Wheeler

