

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.

29 Jan - 01Feb FCPS student holiday
01 Feb - No Troop meeting!! FCPS Student Holiday
08 Feb - 6:30 pm - Troop Committee meeting [SUMC Chapel]
- Troop Meeting
09 Feb - 7 pm Troop Leadership Council (TLC) meeting [SUMC Chapel]
- 8 pm ASM meeting
11 Feb - ODD Roundtable meeting [Thomas Jefferson HS, Annandale]
14 Feb - Scout Sunday
- Valentine's Day
15 Feb - No Troop meeting!! Presidents Day Holiday
20 Feb - NCAC University of Scouting [Hayfield Secondary School]
22 Feb - Troop Meeting
01 Mar - Troop Meeting

MERIT BADGE CORNER

- **Merit Badge Jamboree.** Sign up for this great opportunity Sat 06 March at Annandale High School. There will be prerequisite work required on some merit badges. Details are posted on the web. See ASM Kirk.

- **Personal Fitness.** Eagle required merit badge. First session on 22 Feb.

Any questions see Counselor: Ms. Kim Robinson [Feb]

- **Citizenship in the Nation.** Eagle required merit badge. Any questions see Counselor: ASM Wheeler [Nov]

- **Emergency Preparedness.** Eagle required merit badge. See Counselor: Mr. Hurston [Oct]

- **Veterinary Medicine** Counselor :Mrs. Jensen [Oct]

- **Coin Collecting: Collections, Stamp Collections** 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

- **Klondike Derby:** Sign ups are closed for this 5th annual ODD winter skills event on 05-07 Feb at the 4-H Center, Front Royal, VA. Get your payment to SMIC. Details posted on web site. Prices include fees, patch, and meals. SMIC: ASM Williams
ASMIC: ASM Trowbridge

- **Camping Skills.** Get ready for the Camping Skills campout, 12-14 Mar. Location and details to follow. SMIC: ASM Robinson, ASMIC: ASM Wheeler, SPLIC: Cameron Wheeler

- **New Guy Campout:** This will be held for our bridging WEBLOS on 17-18 Apr. In addition to the Troop Guides and Instructors, there may be a need for other scouts to assist – looking for at least First Class or higher. Details to follow. SMIC: TBA

NCAC Centennial Camporee: Be excited because Troop 1518 is registered for the Centennial Camporee 29-31 May at Goshen Scout Reservation. Scouts will participate in reenactments of Scouting's historical events, games, contests and a great Sunday Spectacular! More details coming soon. Webelos are allowed to sign up after bridging. Any questions? See SMIC: ASM Wheeler ASMIC: ASM Robinson

Summer Camps

- **Camp Barnhardt:** Troop 1518 will go to one of the premier Scout camps located on the William C. Cannon Scout Reservation in the vicinity of Charlotte, North Carolina. Camp dates are 27 Jun – 03 Jul 2010. Estimated cost per Scout is \$360 (\$185 camp fee + \$175 bus transportation). Every Scout must pay a \$90 nonrefundable deposit by 15 Mar. The remaining balance will be due by 07 Jun. Think about it and start saving your money. More details to follow. SMIC: ASM Robinson ASMIC: ASM Hannen, SPLIC: Chris Butters

- **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

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- **Sea Base 2010:** The two crews are full up but you may sign up as an alternate for High Adventure Training at the BSA Florida Sea Base 06-12 Jul. 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. SMIC: ASM Vance Stewart at 703-455-2811 or stew1989@verizon.net.

- **National Scout Jamboree:** The 2010 National Jamboree is slightly more than six months away but plans are 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!!

EVENTS.

- **Scout Sunday:** Patrols need to have at least three Patrol members sign up for one of the church services over the weekend of 14 Feb. This is the main opportunity that the members of Sydenstricker United Methodist Church (SUMC) get to know us. It's just once a year, so come on out and see and be seen! SUMC has 4 services, (5:30 PM Saturday (13 Feb) in the Chapel (where we meet), 8:30 AM (14 Feb), 9:45 AM and 11:00 AM) More information to follow.

- **Mulch Planning:** Please save these dates to support our annual fund raiser: Flyer delivery: Sat 13 Feb – Scouts and Drivers needed. Mulch delivery: Sat 20 Mar. See Web Site for planning details.

- **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. University for Scouting is Sat 20 Feb for adult training at Hayfield High School. For assistance contact the Troop Adult Training Coordinator: Mr. Steve Chang

- **Eagle Project:** Save the date of 10 Apr to help Scout Tom S. Details to follow.

Scoutmaster's Corner. There has been a great number of advancements in the Troop as evidenced by the last Courts of Honor. To advance, scouts must learn a number of scout skills that build with each rank. It is important to the scouting program as well as each scout to build upon those skills and to be able to perform them even years after learning them. To "Be Prepared" is to be at the ready whether it is first aid at a car accident or on field sports injury, surviving after becoming lost on a campout or after a disaster such as hurricane or earthquake. Your scout skills become life skills...but only if you relay learn and remember them. There are many opportunities outside of practicing on your own such as Klondike Derby, Winter or Camping Skills campouts or the various levels of summer camp. Participate in those activities to help improve on your learned scout skills. Scouts, adult leaders, and parents should keep this "life-skills" goal in mind as scouts walk the trail of scouting.

On another important scout program topic, to make the Troop Scouting program the best it can be, we need adult volunteers. We have had to cancel one major event and have had two other supported with last minute volunteers. In addition to activity support, there are needs as Merit Badge Counselors, members of Board of Review, and other Committee positions to help run the Troop on the administrative side. Positions can be aligned to your skills and available time. If you have some time to offer to ensure your scout gets the most of our program, please see me or our Committee Chair: Ellen Musante. Your participation is appreciated in advance. SM Romans

