

# 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.

24 Dec – FCPS Winter Break begins  
02 Jan – 1:00 pm - Troop Leadership Training [SUMC Chapel]  
04 Jan – 6:30 pm - Troop Committee meeting  
04 Jan – Troop meeting  
08 Jan – Troop Lock-In [SUMC Agape House]  
12 Jan – 7 pm TLC meeting/8 pm ASM meeting  
14 Jan – 8 pm Old Dominion District Roundtable [Thomas Jefferson HS]  
18 Jan – No Troop meeting!! Martin Luther King Holiday  
25 Jan – Troop meeting  
01 Feb – No Troop Meeting FCPS student holiday  
08 Feb – 6:30 pm - Troop Committee meeting  
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**MERIT BADGE CORNER.** *The schedule of merit badges for this year is now available on the troop web page.*

- **Merit Badge Jamboree.** Be ready to sign up for this great opportunity Sat 06 March at Annandale High School. There will be prerequisite work required on some merit badges. Lists will be out soon.

- **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](mailto:ellenmusante@hotmail.com). Counselor: CC Musante [Sep]

- **Reading.** E-mail [ellenmusante@hotmail.com](mailto:ellenmusante@hotmail.com). Counselor: CC Musante [Sep]

### CAMPOUT CORNER

- **Lock-In:** The annual Troop 1518 Lock-In is a go, and will be held 08 Jan at the SUMC Agape House. Arrive by 7:30 pm and stay until 06:30am. Cost is \$10 for food. This all night fun fest is traditional troop favorite. See web site flyer. Space is limited, so don't wait too long to sign up! Questions? SMIC: ASM Butters SPLIC: Chris Butters  
- **Ski Trip:** get ready for the annual Troop Ski Trip 29 Jan-01 Feb. Location and details to follow. This is open to Scouts, family and friends. Estimated cost is about \$300 which includes transportation, rental equipment, lodging and lift tickets. Looking for Adults to SMIC and chaperone.

- **Klondike Derby:** Sign up for this 5<sup>th</sup> annual ODD winter skills event on 05-07 Feb at the 4-H Center, Front Royal, VA. The Troop has done well every year, so plan to camp in the lodge (\$70) or if you need camping days there is tent camping available (\$45). Prices includes fees, patch, and meals. SMIC: TBA

- **NCAC Centennial Camporee:** Plan ahead! Registration will take place in October (yes, October!) for the NCAC Centennial Camporee on Memorial Day Weekend, May 29-31, 2010. Estimated cost will be \$30 plus food. This will be a celebration of 100 Years of Scouting at Goshen Scout Reservation. Be prepared to participate in reenactments of Scouting's historical events, games, contests and a great Sunday Spectacular! More details coming soon. Turn in payments soon if you are going. Questions see ASM Wheeler SMIC: ASM Wheeler ASMIC: ASM Robinson

### Summer Camps

- **Camp Barnhardt:** Next summer, Troop 1518 will return to Camp Barnhardt for summer camp. Camp John J. Barnhardt is one of the premier Scout camps located on the William C. Cannon Scout Reservation in the vicinity of Charlotte, North Carolina. Our 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 non-refundable deposit by 15 March. 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.

- **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:** 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. 1<sup>st</sup> deposit of \$400 is due 28 Sep 2009. SMIC: ASM Vance Stewart at 703-455-2811 or [stew1989@verizon.net](mailto: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](http://www.bsajamboree.org) and will be placed in the queue for Jamboree attendance with the NCAC contingent. See [www.boyscouts-ncac.org](http://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 Elections.** They will be in Feb or Mar...check with your ASM Advisor to see if you are eligible for elections – must be 1<sup>st</sup> Class and meet camping requirement.

- **OA Dues.** Annual dues are due to the Lodge now!!!!!!

- **OA Banquet.** Annual OA banquet is Sat 09 Jan at Camp Snyder, sign up now.

- **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.** Set aside time to attend Sydenstricker United Methodist Church on the Weekend of 14 Feb 2010 for Scout Sunday. This is the weekend when we get to meet the people of SUMC who make our meeting place possible and they also get to meet us. Patrols will be asked to supply scouts to attend the evening services on Sat 13 Feb and 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM services Sun 14 Feb. SMIC: COR Irvine

- **Mulch Planning:** Please save these dates to support our annual fund raiser: Flyer delivery: Sat 20 Feb. Mulch delivery: Sat 20 Mar.

- **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

- **Adult Volunteers:** There is still a need for a couple of parents to help out with positions that support our Courts of Honor, Pig-Outs, etc. These events occur a hand full of times over the year. Having a couple of parents responsible would ease the burden of the current committee and Scout Leaders, and provide some continuity to these events. Please see Committee Chair Ellen Musante to sign up.

- **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](http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Merit_Badges) Contact ASM Ray Kirk, [rjkirk@opm.gov](mailto:rjkirk@opm.gov), 703-866-0962, to be a merit badge counselor.

**Scoutmaster's Corner.** Holiday greetings to Scouts and their families. It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through the scout year. Time flies when you are busy and having fun!! In addition to the new families and scouts acclimating to Boy Scouting, our experienced scouts have really done well earning merit badges and advancing in scout rank. Kudos to all. Most importantly Scouting is a program to have fun while learning and participating in the planned events is the method most fun. I encourage scouts and parents to sign up and join the Troop on the many events we have on the Troop calendar. And as always, we cannot have enough adults volunteering in support of our Troop program. As you can read we have a couple of events we are still looking for adult support. I urge you to step forward in this new scout year.

Have a safe and joyous holiday. Please remember those who cannot be with their family and friends during the holiday and those who are going through some tough times. Be safe and hope to see you all on 04 Jan when we kick off the second half of our scout year.

SM Romans

