

TROOP TRUMPET

Troop 1518



May 2010

Troop website for more information and download the application. The second \$400 installment is due by March 31, 2010. Scout Bucks are accepted. SMIC: ASM Vance Stewart at 703-455-2811 or stew1989@verizon.net.

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.

- **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: ASM Romans

- **BSA Swim Test:** If you are participating in the Canoe trip, Whitewater rafting, or the Centennial Camporee (Ironman solo & Ironman team doing canoeing or kayaking), or any other summer activity that involves water, you must have the swim test accomplished within the past year. That means that it has to be within the last year of the date of the event. Summer camp attendees that aren't doing one of the above will get the test done the first day at camp. The test will be at the home of Mrs. Lisa Okada 7900 Wild Orchid Way in Fairfax Station. The test will be conducted on 27 Apr at 6:30 pm with a makeup on 29 Apr. If you cannot make the test on the 27th, please let ASM Noetzel and ASM Wheeler know at: JCNoetzel@earthlink.net or scottlwheeler@earthlink.net so that they can know whether to conduct the makeup. If you have any questions or concerns, contact ASM Noetzel or ASM Wheeler

- **Troop Service Project:** All scouts should be at the Hunt Valley Swim Club 8 am – noon on Sat 08 May to work a service project. The HVSC allows us to use their facility for our annual fund drive mulch delivery. Without their support the Troop would be hard pressed to conduct this type event. Our service project shows our appreciation for the free use of their parking lot and pool area. Scouts should wear their Troop T-shirts. Details on yard equipment to bring will follow but plan on work-gloves, rakes, shovels, sun screen, water bottle, and a positive attitude as a thank-you for the use of their property. Family members are invited to join us.

- **Eagle Court of Honor:** A new Eagle Scout will be joining our ranks. Scout Jacob W's Eagle COH will be on Mon 24 May at 7:30 pm – in lieu of our normal troop meeting. The COH will be in Hottle Hall, with a reception to follow in the rear of Hottle Hall. Class "A" uniforms for all scouts.

- **Centennial Scouting Events:** In addition to the Camporee in May there is Scouting on the Mall 23 Jul -08 Aug and the Scout Parade on 25 Jul. Also any rank earning in 2010 will be awarded a Centennial Rank patch. Check out this web page: http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/view_homepage.asp?orgkey=2010

- **June Court of Honor:** The end of year COH will be on Mon 14 Jun. This is pot luck event for families. Details on what to bring and start time will be in the next issue!!

- **Annual Planning Meeting:** Get ready to plan next year's exciting T1518 activities calendar - be there Fri 18 Jun 7 pm. This meeting sets the agenda for the next scout year. PL's should discuss ideas with their patrols at patrol corners and bring those suggestions to the meeting. All Scouts and Scout Leaders are invited. Each PL and SPL /ASPL should plan to attend. Pizza will be provided. More to follow.

Scoutmaster's Corner.

Our weather is getting warm, and plants are turning green everywhere around us. We must be right in the middle of spring! Our long, cold, and snowy winter forced cancellation of a number of planned events. With the arrival of spring we have a chance to make up for lost time with a number of outdoor activities. I encourage every member of the troop to get back outside and participate in as many of our upcoming campouts as possible!

Eight new Scouts and their families have recently joined us as they have crossed over from Packs 685, 686, and 1853. I hope everyone will seek out these new Scouts, make them welcome, and show them the ropes – literally as well as figuratively! Finally, many thanks to all of you who helped out with our annual mulch sale. Scout Bucks are being paid out to those who participated, so be sure to get the ones you earned and put them to good use on one of our upcoming campouts!

Yours in Scouting,
SM Summers



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.

- 03 May – 6:30 pm Troop Committee meeting [SUMC Chapel]
- Troop Meeting
- 10 May – Troop Meeting
- 11 May – 7-8 pm TLC [SUMC Chapel] / 8 pm ASM meeting
- 13 May- ODD Roundtable meeting [Thomas Jefferson HS, Annandale]
- 17 May – Troop Meeting
- 21 May – Old Dominion District Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony [St. Marks Lutheran Church, Backlick Road]
- 24 May – Troop Meeting
- 31 May – No Troop Meeting – Memorial Day

MERIT BADGE CORNER

- **Citizenship in the World.** Eagle required merit badge. Any questions see Counselor: ASM Landwermeyer [May]
- **Dog Care.** An elective merit badge. Any questions see Counselor: Mrs. Iseman [May]
- **Personal Management.** Eagle required merit badge. Any questions see Counselor: ASM Kirk [Jun]
- **Environmental Science.** Eagle required merit badge. Any questions see Counselor: Mr. Chang Chang.steven@eps.gov [May]
- **Personal Fitness.** Eagle required merit badge. Any questions see Counselor: Mrs. Robinson Mkimrobinson@yahoo.com [Apr]
- **Citizenship in the Community.** Eagle required merit badge. Any questions see Counselor: ASM Landwermeyer [Mar]
- **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

- **Canoeing Campout.** Annual water event on 30 April – 02 May on the Rappahannock River. Departs 6pm Fri 30 Apr, cost \$60 – Patrol cooking. BSA Swim test Tue & Thu – see SMIC. Details in flyer. SMIC: ASM Noetzel
- **White Water Rafting Campout.** Prepare for our annual white water rafting trip, happening on June 11-13. The cost will be \$60 per scout. More info to follow. Any questions see ASM Trowbridge. SMIC: ASM Trowbridge ASMIC: ASM Robinson, ASM Hannen.

NCAC Centennial Camporee: A few slots open 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! We are almost there for this once in a century event. Depart on Sat the 29 May and return Mon 31 May. All participants MUST get physical forms completed. Other prerequisites will be on the website and in e-mails. More details on the Web. Any questions? 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. Sign up sheets will be at Patrol Corners this month. See web for more details. SMIC: ASM Robinson ASMIC: ASM Hannen, SPLIC: Chris Butters

- **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