

TROOP TRUMPET

Troop 1518



Electronic Info. Please check the web for important activity and planning information. Website: <http://www.troop1518.org>.

Welcome Back. The Troop leadership and I welcome you back after our summer break. Troop calendar is filled with activities...be ready to sign up early!!

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.

- 02 Oct – 2 pm Eagle Court of Honor – Hottle Hall
- 03 Oct – Court of Honor/Eagle COH – Hottle Hall. Bring a snack!!!
- 10 Oct – NO Troop Meeting – Columbus Day Holiday
 - 7 pm Committee Meeting – SUMC
- 11 Oct – 7 pm PLC
 - 8 pm ASM Meeting
- 13 Oct – 8 pm ODD Round Table – Washington Irving Middle School
- 17 Oct – Troop Meeting
- 23 Oct – 2 pm Eagle Court of Honor – Hottle Hall
- 24 Oct – Troop Meeting
- 31 Oct – Troop Meeting – Happy Halloween
- 05 Nov – Scouting for Food bag delivery
- 07 Nov – NO troop Meeting – FCPS Holiday
- 08 Nov – 7 pm PLC
 - 8 pm ASM Meeting
- 12 Nov – Scouting for Food bag pick up
- 14 Nov – Troop Meeting
- 19 Nov – Troop Service Project for SUMC
- 21 Nov – Troop Meeting [Pizza Pig-Out?] Class "B" Troop T-shirts
- 28 Nov – Troop Meeting

MERIT BADGE CORNER

The complete list of merit badges at: http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Merit_Badges

- **Summer Merit Badges.** Congrats on the 60-70 MBs earned this summer!!!
- **Merit Badges** – Schedule to be posted soon. However,

CAMPOUT CORNER

- **ODD Fall Camporee** – Sign up for this competitive camping event being held 14-16 Oct at Camp Highroad, 21164 Steptoe Road, Middleburg, VA 20117 Cost is \$20 plus Patrol food. Theme is Urban Emergency Preparedness. Be ready at home by participating in the Camporee!!! Flyers and signups will be coming soon. SMIC: ASM Schutzmeister ASMIC: ASM Williams
- **ODD Hike-O-Ree** – This is an annual fun event on 04-06 Nov at the Northern VA 4-H Center in Front Royal. This hike weekend is geared toward experienced hikers, so it is 13 and older only. This is a backpack into camp event. You need to hike 10 miles to camp with your full pack-what you can carry only!!!! Be ready to sign up. SMIC: ASM Morrow ASMIC: ASM Robinson.
- **Rock Climbing Campout** – This popular campout will be 11-13 Nov. Be ready to sign up so you can "Rock-On"!!!! SMIC: ASM Hannon
- **Wilderness Survival** – This campout will test your cold weather camping skill. Be ready to sign up for 10-11 Dec and hope for snow!!!! Parents welcome! SMIC: ASM Morrow ASMIC: ASM Morrow (II)

Summer Camps

- **Philmont** – We have been assigned the 10-22 Jul 2012 trek. Most likely the crew will depart on 06/07 Jul and return by 24 Jul. Scouts must be 14 years old by 09 Jul 2012. Be prepared to commit – a non-refundable down payment is your reservation card. Web posting to follow. SMIC: ASM Morrow ASMIC: ASM Robinson

OA EVENTS. Regular Chapter meetings at 7:00 PM the 1st Sunday of every month at SUMC, our sponsor. See the TOAR, Scout Michael R. For further info or questions.

- **OA Members.** All OA members should participate in OA events. Chapter meetings are held the first Sunday night of the month at SUMC!
- **Next OA Meeting.** Sunday 02 Oct at 7 pm at SUMC.

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- **Fall OA Ordeal.** If you were elected to the OA last Spring but didn't attend the OA Ordeal, here is your chance. Current Ordeal members are also needed as Elangomats to bring in the new candidates. Also anyone interested in advancing to Brotherhood should attend to advance to Brotherhood that weekend. 28-30 Oct.
- **OA Dues.** If you aren't current with your OA annual dues you are no longer part of the OA.
- **OA Brotherhood.** There will be an opportunity for Brotherhood at the Fall Camporee.

OTHER EVENTS

- **Eagle COH** – Please plan to attend and recognize our new Eagle Scouts:
 - 02 Oct – Sun 2pm Hottle Hall – Eagle Scout Charlie S
 - 03 Oct – Mon after 7pm Troop COH – Eagle Scout Andrew C
 - 23 Oct – Sun 2pm Hottle Hall – Eagle Scout Mac L

– **Meet with an elected official** – This is a requirement for First Class as well as some merit badges such as Citizenship and Communications. Plan to meet at Mr. Harrity's office, West Springfield Government Center off of Rolling Road on 24 Oct at 4:00 pm. Sign up now. An adult or two are needed. SMIC: ASM Poppenberger

– **Recruiting** – All Scouts are recruiters for other scouts. This year we need a few more 11 year old new scouts. T1518 Scouts should invite 11-17 year olds to join scouting – you never know if that friend or classmate or church pal just doesn't know about scouting. Plus there is a recruiter patch for those who bring in a new scout!

– **Scouting For Food (SFF)** – This year's food drive is Sat 05 and 12 Nov. Details to follow but those not participating in Hike-O-Ree or Rock Climbing are needed to deliver bags and collect food. Scouting support is needed more than ever this year. **And we still could use two parents to help coordinate this effort.** Please see CC: Ellen Musante or ASM Tim Williams.

– **Gear and Library Check-In** – As the scouting year begins it is important to turn in any outstanding Troop gear to the Quartermaster or library books to the Librarian that you may still have at home and forgot to turn in last June. Any missing items will lead to a shortage of Troop equipment and may prevent you and others from enjoying a complete camping experience or finishing required merit badges.

– **Adult Volunteers.** – The Troop operates successfully with adult volunteers who join the Committee to support the activities and Troop administration behind the scenes. Share some of your time. *We really need a couple of parents* to join the Troop Committee. See Committee Chair (CC): Ms. Ellen Musante.

Scoutmaster's Corner.

The scout year is off to a busy start. Our Court of Honor will recognize the abundant accomplishments of our Scouts from their summer activities. Plus we will get to celebrate the award of Eagle Scout to Scout Andrew C as part two of our CoH!! Reminder to bring snacks to share!!

A pitch for parental support to your Scout by participating in our activities by camping with us or at least driving our scouts to and from these events. Parents signing up early will assist with the leader planning and admin.

A reminder we have two other Eagle Court of Honors coming up and I encourage scouts and families to join the Troop in congratulating these young men by attending our Eagle Courts. Hope to see you at our next campfire!

SM Scott Wheeler

