

# 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.

- 12 Sep – Troop Meeting – Troop Election Sign Ups
- 13 Sep – 7pm PLC at SUMC
- 19 Sep – Troop Meeting
- 20 Sep – 7 pm Board of Review (BOR) Class 'A' uniform and Scout Handbook
- 26 Sep – Troop Meeting
- 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
- 13 Oct – 8 pm ODD Round Table – TJ High school
- 17 Oct – Troop Meeting
- 23 Oct – 2 pm Eagle Court of Honor – Hottle Hall
- 24 Oct – Troop Meeting
- 31 Oct – NO Troop Meeting – Happy Halloween

### MERIT BADGE CORNER

The complete list of merit badges at: [http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Merit\\_Badges](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

- **Beach/Laid-Back Campout** – This campout is CANCELLED. A reminder that we need adults and scouts to sign up in advance to make these activities successful. Planning starts two to three months out!!!
- **ODD Fall Camporee** – Sign up for this competitive camping event being held 14-16 Oct at Ft Washington, MD. 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

### 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.
- **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.

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### OTHER EVENTS

– **Troop Elections** – There are a few leadership positions requiring to be filled. Please see SPL if you are interested.

– **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

– **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 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.

– **New Scout Book** – A new 2010 Scout Book has been issued. New requirements under First Class and Life Scout have been added. If you have not purchased one and still maintain your old book please make note of the additional requirements to receive rank advancement.

– **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.

Welcome to the new scout year. I am very pleased with the many summer activities our Troop participated in over the summer and the many merit badges and advancements our Scouts achieved. Our new Scout Year is filled with many activities. The Calendar on the Troop Web Site will give you the details. Scouting is about the 'outings', so I look forward to full participation with early sign ups for Scouts and adults. And as always, our parents are needed to help make the Troop successful. So parents, if you cannot volunteer for a committee position or uniformed ASM, please consider the many supporting roles and short term activities such as attending campouts and driving scouts to/from activities, helping out on small need activities such as scouting for food, mulch, or pizza pig-outs, as well as merit badge counselors or even as a committee member!! I am excited to be your Scoutmaster and I will strive to bring you as an exciting and fun filled scout year as our previous Scoutmasters have delivered!! See you around the campfire!

SM Scott Wheeler

