

TROOP TRUMPET

Troop 1518



April 2010

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 Mar – No Meeting FCPS holiday
- 05 Apr – Troop Committee Meeting 6:30
 - Troop Meeting - Welcome New Scouts with Pizza Pig-Out!!!!
- 11 Apr – New Scout Parent Meeting [SUMC Chapel] Time - TBA
- 13 Apr – TLC Meeting 7 pm/ ASM Meeting 8 pm
- 02 May – Troop Committee Meeting 6:30
 - Troop Meeting

MERIT BADGE CORNER.

Merit Badge Jamboree – if you have partials, see ASM Kirk for your cards.

- **Environmental Science.** Eagle required merit badge. See Counselor: Mr. Chang [Apr]
- **Dog Care.** See Counselor: Mrs. Iseman [Apr]
- **Citizenship in the World.** Eagle required merit badge. Any questions see Counselor: ASM Landwermyer [Mar]
- **First Aid.** Eagle required merit badge. See Counselor: ASM Butters [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 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

- **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: SM Romans
- **Canoeing Campout.** Get ready for the annual water event on 30 April – 02 May. Details about the Rappahannock River trip and sign ups to follow but start saving for this \$50-\$100 trip...details to be posted on the web. SMIC: ASM Noetzel
- **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 on the Web. Weblos are allowed to sign up after bridging. See SMIC: ASM Wheeler ASMIC: ASM Robinson
- **White Water Rafting Campout.** Get ready for the annual extreme water event on 11-13 Jun. Details and sign ups to follow but start saving for this \$100 - \$175 adventure. Details to be posted on the web. SMIC: ASM Robinson ASMIC: ASM Hannen

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 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.

- **National Scout Jamboree:** The 2010 National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill is 24 July – 04 Aug, a little over three months away and the sign ups for the 12 full troops from NCAC at the event are full. 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 SM Summers or ASM 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!!
- **OA Candidates.** Congrats on those elected. Reminder to check with TOAR as the OA Ordeal is moved up from May to possibly 30 Apr.

EVENTS.

- **Mulch Delivery:** Great Job to everyone who participated in the mulch delivery. It was hard work and we all are happy to finish another successful mulch day.

- **Troop Service Project:** Save the date of Sat 08 May with an 8 or 9 am start. As a show of appreciation for the use of the Hunt Valley Pool for our mulch drive, the Troop will conduct a service project day to assist the pool with outside projects to ready their grounds for the new pool season. 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.

- **Adult Leader/Committee Members Openings:** There are a few openings for Assistant Scout Masters (ASM) for hands-on mentoring and training of the scouts and more than a few committee positions which help the Troop run smoothly from a support and administrative "behind-the-scenes"

Eagle Projects:

- Save the date of 10 Apr to help Scout Tom S. Details separately.
- Save the date of 24 & 25 Apr to help Scout Mike O - cleaning and mulching trails at Huntley Meadows Park. Details separately.

- **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

- **Annual Planning Meeting:** This date has not been firmed up but it is tentative for Friday 18 Jun about 7pm. 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. 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. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the Scoutmaster for our troop for the past 3 years. Thanks to our Assistant Scoutmasters, committee members, scouts, and parents for their help and support. I cannot begin to express my appreciation for how much I have learned, how much I have enjoyed, and the memories that this experience has brought me. We are very fortunate to have Steve Summers serve as our new Scoutmaster. Steve is a seasoned scouter with experience at all levels of scouting, from Cub Scouts through Venturing, and at the District Level as well. Steve will do a great job leading our troop. I look forward to the opportunity to support our new Scoutmaster, and hope that you do too!
Yours in Scouting,
Scott Romans

* Editor Note: It has been a great and exciting nearly four years under SM Roman's leadership. His top leadership will be missed but we are in good stead as he will remain as an ASM in the Troop.

