

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.

30 Nov: Meeting – Slate Night
07 Dec: Committee Meeting 6:30 pm
07 Dec: Meeting - Elections
08 Dec: TLC 7pm/ASM 7:30 pm
08 Dec: Board of Review – 7 pm, Class A uniform with Scout Handbooks
14 Dec: Troop Meeting
21 Dec: COH – bring snacks to share
28 Dec: NO Meeting – FCPS holiday break
02 Jan: TLT – for new Slate Leaders 8 am – noon Chapel basement
04 Jan: Committee Meeting 6:30 pm
04 Jan: Troop Meeting



MERIT BADGE CORNER. *The schedule of merit badges for this year is now available on the troop web page.*

-**Citizenship in the Nation.** Eagle required merit badge started in Nov. Any questions see Counselor: ASM Wheeler [Nov]

-**Emergency Preparedness.** Eagle required merit badge started in Nov. See Counselor: Mr. Hurston [Oct]

-**Veterinary Medicine.** This badge started in Oct. Counselor :Mrs. Jensen [Oct]

-**Coin Collecting; Collections, Stamp Collections.** This badge is in progress. Contact Counselor to participate. 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

- **Beach Campout:** No need for sun tan oil for this campout on 05 - 06 Dec to visit sandy Westmoreland State Park. We will be visiting George Washington's birthplace, hiking along the beach, and get a great view of the tidal Potomac from Horsehead Cliffs, look for bald eagles and work scout advancement requirements. Scouts will also work on a service project that can count towards Camping MB (req 9c). Cost \$10/scout. See flyer posted on the web. SMIC: ASM Williams

- **Klondike Derby:** This ODD competition campout will be 05-07 Feb. Be ready to sign up as soon as a SMIC is designated. Patrol competitions using scout winter skills is the theme.

- **NCAC Centennial Camporee:** Sign ups are closed and deposits due for the NCAC Centennial Camporee on Memorial Day Weekend, May 29-31, 2010. Cost is \$25 plus food. This will be a celebration of 100 Years of Scouting at Goshen Scout Reservation with an estimated 5000 scouts expected to attend. All scouts will participate in reenactments of Scouting's historical events, games, contests and a great Sunday Spectacular! See Web Site for flyer. Questions see SMIC: ASM Wheeler ASMIC: ASM Robinson

Summer Camps

- **Goshen:** After a fun filled summer camp this year, the Troop is planning for another Goshen summer camp the summer of 2010. Think about it and start saving your money. 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. Two adult leaders will be needed to begin planning and decide. Interested scout and adults should contact SM Romans

- **Sea Base 2010:** Next summer's High Adventure Training is at the BSA Florida Sea Base. Only 12 Scouts and 04 adults will spend 6 days and nights 06-12 Jul 2010 sailing, snorkeling, and fishing aboard two 41' sailboats in the Florida Keys. Estimated total cost per Scout is \$1,200, including airfare and ground transportation.

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Info flyer and application are posted. SMIC: ASM Stewart at 703-455-2811 or 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 and will be placed in the queue for Jamboree attendance with the NCAC contingent. See www.boyscouts-ncac.org or contact ASM Summers or Troop Treasurer Noetzel for more information.

OA EVENTS. Regular Chapter meetings @ 7:00 PM the 1st Sunday of every month @ SUMC, our sponsor. See the TOAR: Scout Schrote or Eagle Scout Kelly 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.

- **Scouting For Food:** The Troop collected over 1,000 pounds of food for the ECHO food bank. Everyone's participation is appreciated for our community in need!!

- **January Planning:** Think about the Lock-In on Friday 08 Jan and start saving for the annual Ski trip 29-31 Jan...cost is about \$250. SMIC's/parents are needed for these two events.

- **Den Chiefs Wanted:** The cub scout packs in the are need den chiefs with 1st class or higher for their packs. You will counsel the pack you are assigned to and control an activity each night you meet with them. Also you might encourage them to sign up with our troop from the exciting things they hear from you. Counts as a leadership position. Any questions contact SM Romans.

- **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 Contact ASM Ray Kirk, rjkirk@opm.gov, 703-866-0962, to be a merit badge counselor.

- **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. Note: 20 Feb is University of Scouting which is adult leader training. 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.

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

Scoutmaster's Corner.

It is quite amazing how fast the first half of our scout year has gone by. We have had outings, service projects, meetings, Courts of Honor, advancements, etc. As we enjoy this holiday season we will once again change the Troop Scout leadership. To maintain the scout-led Troop, Scouts need to review the leadership positions descriptions in the Patrol Notebooks and be prepared to sign up for the leadership jobs they want to perform for the next half of our scout year. We have also begun the visits by Webelos who might be interested in joining our Troop this next Spring. Just like when our scouts were deciding, how our meetings are conducted and how we welcome these visitors may impact their decision to join our Troop – please ensure we show our best scouting spirit and welcome each Cub Scout visit.

Happy Holidays to all.
SM Scott Romans

