

# TROOP TRUMPET

## Troop 1518



# October 2009

including airfare and ground transportation. Info flyer and application are posted for download. 1<sup>st</sup> deposit of \$400 is due 28 Sep 2009. SMIC: ASM Vance Stewart at 703-455-2811 or [stew1989@verizon.net](mailto: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](http://www.bsajamboree.org) and will be placed in the queue for Jamboree attendance with the NCAC contingent. See [www.boyscouts-ncac.org](http://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!!

- **Elected OA Candidates.** If you missed the Ordeal last Spring you need to either attend the ODD Fall Ordeal 02-04 Oct at Camp Moss Hollow or another District's Fall Ordeal to seal your induction. See TOAR for details.

### EVENTS.

- **Eagle Project:** Please support Scout Nicholson's Eagle Scout Project on 24 Oct from 8am-4pm. You will help with a conservation project to plant trees at Pohick Bay Park. Savory Snacks and Great Lunch provided! Look for flyer and sign-up sheet

- **Scouting For Food:** With the poor economy the food banks are very low. While Scouting for Food is an annual "good turn" event, this year it is ever more important. Please join the Troop for bag delivery Sat 07 Nov and food pick up 14 Nov. Details provided separately. SMIC: TBD

- **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](http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Merit_Badges) Contact ASM Ray Kirk, [rjkirk@opm.gov](mailto: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. For assistance contact the Troop Adult Training Coordinator: Mr. Steve Chang

- **Recruiting New Scouts:** As we start the second month of the new scouting year, remember to invite friends who are interested in joining our troop to attend one of our meetings. Scouts who introduce new members to Troop 1518 earn a special Recruiting badge. Let your Patrol Advisor know who you bring to the Troop meeting.

- **Flag Ceremony:** After much emphasis and practice, a proper flag ceremony is expected this scout year. Scouts should review their Patrol notebooks for these procedures. Patrol Leaders should review at patrol corners.

### Scoutmaster's Corner.

A busy start to our Scout year already. The hard work and achievements from summer camp will be recognized at the Court of Honor (COH). The merit badge list alone is impressive. Advancement is a big part of scouting and scouts are responsible to set their own pace and track their progress. However, while they don't go it alone, it is their responsibility to seek adult assistance when needed. It is part of the scouting program helping them grow into young men.

Parents please note that your support is needed to help the Troop run...and there are a few committee and ASM positions we would like to fill. I hope you all filled out and returned the Troop Parent Survey. Please see me or Committee Chair Ellen Musante to support our Scouts!!

A safe and happy Halloween to all.

SM Scott Romans



**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.

05 Oct: COH 7pm Chapel – Scouts bring snacks to share

12 Oct: NO MEETING – Columbus Holiday

13 Oct: TLC 7-8pm/ ASM 8-9pm

19 Oct Meeting

26 Oct Meeting

02 Nov No Meeting – FCPS Holiday

09 Nov Meeting [6:30pm Committee Meeting]



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

- **Emergency Preparedness.** Eagle required merit badge will start on 05 Oct. Sign up Counselor: Mr. Hurston [Oct]

- **Veterinary Medicine.** This badge will meet every Tuesday starting 06 Oct at 7pm. E-mail to sign up: [jensenr7695@yahoo.com](mailto:jensenr7695@yahoo.com). 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](mailto:ellenmusante@hotmail.com). Counselor: CC Musante [Sep]

- **Reading.** E-mail [ellenmusante@hotmail.com](mailto:ellenmusante@hotmail.com). Counselor: CC Musante [Sep]

- **Citizenship in the Nation.** Eagle required merit badge will be starting on Nov 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:45. Any questions see Counselor: ASM Wheeler [Nov]

### CAMPOUT CORNER

- **Backpacking Campout:** We are set to hike a portion of the Appalachian Trail in the Shenandoah National Forest on 03-04 Oct. Scouts will have the opportunity to backpack 6-7 miles. The younger scouts will be driven directly to the campsite and patrol cook, but will have the opportunity to hike both Sat and Sun. Flyer posted. SMIC is SM Romans. ASMIC: ASM Hannen

- **Rock Climbing Campout:** Get ready to Rock & Roll out on 06 -08 Nov at Sugarloaf Mountain (note this is a change from original schedule of 23 - 25 Oct). Flyer is posted on the web. Look for sign up sheets at Patrol Corners. SMIC: ASM Hannen

- **Beach Campout:** No need for sun tan oil for this campout on 04 - 06 Dec to visit somewhere sandy!! A flyer will be posted on the web. SMIC: ASM Williams

- **NCAC Centennial Camporee:** Plan ahead! Registration will take place in October (yes, October!) for the NCAC Centennial Camporee on Memorial Day Weekend, May 29-31, 2010. Estimated cost will be \$30 plus food. This will be a celebration of 100 Years of Scouting at Goshen Scout Reservation. Be prepared to participate in reenactments of Scouting's historical events, games, contests and a great Sunday Spectacular! More details coming soon. 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:** It's not too early to sign up for next summer's High Adventure Training 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. 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,