



January Outing "Rock Climbing"

Date: January 23rd
Register on-line: a maximum of 20 Scouts can participate.
Venue: Sportrock, Sterling, VA.
Cost: \$25.00



Depart: Parents drop off Scouts at Sportrock at Noon.
Return: Parents pick up Scouts at Sportrock between 2-4pm
Campmaster: ASM. Ward

A huge thanks out to Mr. Ward for organizing and planning this event. We're looking forward to a great time!

We will meet at Sportrock at 12:00pm. Plan to eat lunch prior to coming. We will have use of a party room following the class time (about 2:00pm) and you can pack a lunch or snack for then.

There is a two-tiered program for this activity. Scouts **under the age of 14** will participate in a climbing class with one or more of Sportrock's instructors. This is identified on the registration as: **Party Class.**

Scouts **14 and older**, especially, but not limited to, those scouts that have the Climbing Merit Badge will participate in a skills class, that involves instruction for scout belaying, with one or more of Sportrock's instructors. This group will be identified as: **Basic Skills Class.**

If a scout is 14 or older but does not wish to take the Basic Skills Class, they should sign up under the Party Class.

Following the class time, we will take a short break in the party room.

After the break, scouts can climb on their own, with the scouts who have taken the Basic Skills Class belaying for the others. While Sportrock instructors will be present they will no longer be devoted to our group at this time.

Following the class time, scouts can leave with their parents if they do not wish to continue climbing until 4:00pm.



February Outing "Indian Lore/American Heritage/Cooking"

Date: February 26-28th
Venue: Cabin Camping at Camp Tuckahoe, Dillsburg, PA.
Cost: \$35.00
Depart: 5pm Friday Feb 26
Return: 1pm Sunday Feb 28
Campmaster: ASM Kniller

January-February Schedule and Important Dates to Remember



- Jan 4: Committee/Parents Meeting
- Jan 5: Troop Meeting
- Jan 12: Winter Court of Honor (7pm)
- Jan 19: Troop Meeting
- Jan 23: Sportrock Troop Outing (12pm-4pm)
- Jan 26: PLC/Committee Meeting (TBD-offsite)
- Feb 2: Troop Meeting
- Feb 7; Scout Sunday
- Feb 8: Committee/Parents Meeting
- Feb 9: Troop Meeting
- Feb 16: Shrove Tuesday (Community Service Project for Church of the Epiphany: ~ 4-8pm)
- Feb 23: Troop Meeting (SPL and PL nominations)
- Feb 26-28: Troop outing at Camp Tuckahoe
- Mar 2: PLC/ASM Corp Meeting
- Mar 8: Committee/Parents Meeting
- Mar 9: Troop Meeting (OA, SPL & PL elections)

Winter Court of Honor



Troop 1257's Winter Court of Honor is January 12, 2010 at 7:00pm in the Church Sanctuary. This is a very important time for the family of every Scout to attend to show your support of the efforts of your Scout. Mothers, please wear your mother's ribbon so that everyone can see your Scout's progress and your pride in him! The next Court of Honor will be held on June 1, 2010.

Rank Advancements

The following Scouts were awarded Rank Advancement during the month of December.

4th Eagle Palm
Paul



Life:
William
Matt



First Class
Ian



Second Class
Daniel G
Andrew



Troop E-mail

Does your family have E-mail? Have you been receiving troop messages? If the answer to the above is yes to the first question and no to the second, the troop does not have your E-mail address. Contact Mr. Woodhouse about getting your email address on the Troop email address book. Scouts please speak to your parents if they are not relaying email messages to you.

Uniforming

A reminder that in Troop 1257 the official and proper uniform is **scout shirt with the current Position of Responsibility Patch displayed, scout pants, troop neckerchief & slide, belt and hard sole shoes**. Many scouts have been coming to meetings in either no or partial uniform.



Scoutmaster's Corner

You will never "find" time for anything. If you want time, you must make it. Many of you Scouts are very close to becoming eligible for OA membership. Make it your goal this month to find the time to finish up those last few requirements so you can be nominated into the "Honor Society of Scouting". Speak to Matt R, Troop 1257's OA Representative, for further details.



The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is:



- To recognize those Scouts who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives
- To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit
- To promote Scout camping
- To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others

MEMBERSHIP

To be inducted into the Order of the Arrow, a Scout must:

- Be a registered member of a Boy Scout troop or Varsity Scout team
- Be at least First Class in rank
- Have at least 15 nights of camping, including a 6-day long-term camp during the two-year period prior to his election
- Participate in the "Ordeal" and induction ceremony, after election
- Each Scout troop may schedule an Order of the Arrow election once annually. All registered active youth troop members have a vote, both current Arrowmen and non-Arrowmen. Membership selection is thus predominantly by nonmembers.

YiS,
Mr. Davis
Scoutmaster

Bugle Contributions

Contact Paul D, our Troop SPL-Historian, with any newsletter contributions at:
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