

The Bugle



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June Outing

"Orienteering" June's campout is already shaping up to be a Troop 1257 CLASSIC. From June 13-14th, Scouts will be engaging in patrol map & compass



competitions at Little Bennett Park in Clarksburg, Maryland. The park has several well designed orienteering courses to challenge even our most experienced scouts and leaders. It's strongly suggested that those scouts that need to map & compass advancement requirements make a special effort to attend this outing. Thanks to Mr. Graham and many others for their careful planning so far. We're looking forward to a great time!

Date: June 13-14th

Venue: Little Bennett Park, Clarksburg, MD.

Cost: \$25.00

Depart: Saturday, June 13 @8am by the trailer

Return: Sun, June 14 @ 1pm

Parents: Be at the Church by the trailer @ 1pm for pickup

***Drivers needed.**



May 1st-Oct 6th Schedule and Important Dates to Remember

May 1-3: OA Ordeal at Camp Fraiser, Fall Church VA

May 2: Fundraiser for Tyler's Eagle Project (Bake Sale)

May 4: Parents/Committee Meeting (7-8pm)

May: 5: Troop Meeting

May 10: Mother's Day ☺

May 12: Troop meeting

May 15-17th: Powhatan District Spring Camporee (Claude Moore BSA Park, Sterling, VA)

May 19: PLC (6:45pm) ASM Corp Meetings (7:30pm)

May 23: Tyler's Eagle Project (8am-4pm)

May 26: Troop Meeting

June 1: Committee/Parents Meeting

June 2: Spring Court of Honor

June 6: Troop Fundraiser-Yard Sale (6am-2pm) at the Church

June 9: Troop Meeting

June 13-14: Outing (Little Bennett Park-Clarksburg, MD; Theme: Orienteering)

June 16: PLC/ASM Corp (2009-2010 Program Planning)

June 21: Father's Day ☺

June 23: Early summer Camp Pre-camp meeting

June 28-Jul 5th (Summer Camp-early session)

June 30: Late Summer Camp Pre-camp meeting

July 7: No meeting

July 14: Troop Meeting

July 21: PLC/ASM Corp Meeting

July 25: Family Picnic?

July 27: Parents/Committee Meeting

July 28: Troop Meeting

Aug 9-16: Late session Summer Camp (Horseshoe)

Aug 11: No Troop Meeting

Aug 18: No Troop Meeting

Aug 21-23 Hershey Park Outing

August 25: PLC/ASM Corp

Sept 1: Troop Meeting

Sept 8: No Troop Meeting (1st Day of FCPS)

Sept 15: Troop Meeting

Sept 22: Troop Meeting

Sept 25-27: Troop Outing (TBD)

Sept 29: PLC/ASM Corp

Oct 5: Parents/Committee Meeting

Oct 6: Fall COH

Rank Advancements

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

Star:

William
Matt



Tenderfoot:

Aaron



"TO LEAD AND TO SERVE"

The month of April was a great month for Troop 1257 to exhibit our commitment to Service. On April 18, a small but highly productive group of our Troop 1257 Scouts and leaders participated in an 6-7 hr Earth Project at Prince William Forest Preserve.



Participants: Spencer, Alan, Jimmy, Tonbra, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Kniller, Mr. Webb, Mr. Davis, and Mr. Kniller.

THANK YOU, Mr. Kniller for organizing this event!



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, and belt**. Many scouts have been coming to meetings in either no or partial uniform. Beginning June 9th thru September 9th scouts can wear Class B uniforms to troop meetings.



Missing Troop Equipment & Gear

There is still some missing equipment from previous outings. Please search for and return the following items: **Cooking gear, Tents, Coolers, Tent Stakes, Tarps, etc.** Someone has this stuff. Please check all the storage places in your house and return to Chris (Troop Quartermaster) ASAP.



Give a Helping Hand-Tyler's Eagle Project May 23rd (8am-4pm)



Come help build two cabinets for the Sunday school in the Great Hall at the Church of the Epiphany. These cabinets will provide organized storage, and easy access to the necessary materials for Children's Chapel and other ministries and groups that use the Great Hall. If you have any questions contact Tyler at 703-830-6726.

Scoutmaster's Corner

Meetings and Attendance



Troop meetings are scheduled 2-3 times every Month on **Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM**. It would be a great help to the adult and boy leadership if all scouts were at the Church by **6:50 PM** every week so we can start on time. It is very disruptive for all if a scout arrives late. (Of course, if a late arrival is unavoidable, it is better for the scout to be late than not to attend at all.). In order to provide the best program possible, regular attendance of the scout at meetings is necessary. Continuity of attendance is a necessity for proper programming and when a boy attends only occasionally, it disrupts his and the whole troop's program. We do understand absences are unavoidable. Please try to attend the majority of the meetings. If a scout is going to be absent from a meeting, it would be greatly appreciated if his patrol leader were given a call. A scout's attendance at troop meetings, outings and his participation in troop sponsored events such as fundraisers, community service projects, Eagle Projects, etc will be all factored at the time of a Scoutmaster's Conference to determine whether a **"Scout has been active"** Meetings end at 8:30PM. If you need to speak with the Scoutmaster please call me or email so we can talk at length or set up a convenient time to address questions. After a troop meeting is not the time.

YiS,
Mr. Davis
Scoutmaster

Bugle Contributions

Contact Paul D, our Troop SPL-Historian, with any newsletter contributions at: tdavis22@cox.net

