

# The Bugle



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## September Troop Outing

Chincoteague  
Island  
Campout



**When:** Friday  
September 25 –  
Sunday September 27

Departure Friday 5PM Sharp at the Church  
Arrive back at 3pm on Sunday at the Church

**Where:** Camping @ Maddox Family Campground  
on Chincoteague Island. (3 miles from Assateague  
Island)

**Cost:** \$35/person which includes camping and meals

**Events:** **Saturday** we'll hike out to Assateague and  
have lunch with the horses. (We will carry our  
lunches in day packs on the hike)

**Sunday** we will visit the NASA visitor's center (free)  
on the way home.

**Campmaster:** Mr. Kniller

## Upcoming Outings

The Scouts did a great job during the Annual  
Planning Conferences this Spring/Summer and it is  
good to see how far they came from this time last  
year. They continue to take and accept more  
ownership for their program and that is one of my  
primary goals.

### October 23-25 Powhatan District Webelos Ree

Venue: TBD. Campmaster: Mr. Murphy. Estimated  
cost: ~\$25.00. Stay tuned and check out the Troop  
Website for more details.

**November 20-22 at Camp Snyder (Cabin  
Camping).** First Aid and Emergency Preparedness  
Merit Badge preparations. Webelos II scouts invited.  
Campmaster: Mr. Davis. Stay tuned and check out  
the Troop Website for more details

**December 5-6 at Camden NJ. Tour  
Philadelphia and overnight encampment on  
the battleship USS NJ.** On ship complete First  
Aid and Emergency Preparedness MBs. Also, Radio  
and American Heritage MBs offered. Campmaster:  
Alex Graham. Estimated cost of \$70.00 per scout.  
We must have all permission slips and money for this  
trip by Oct 13<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned and check out the Troop  
Website for more details.

## September-October Important Dates to Remember



Sept 1: Troop meeting  
Sept 8: No Troop meeting  
Sept 15: Troop meeting (SPL and PL elections)  
Sept 22: Troop meeting (**final SM conferences and BORs  
prior to the Court of Honor**)  
Sept 25-27: Chincoteague Island Troop Campout  
Sept 29: PLC and ASM Corp Meeting (6:45pm)  
Oct 5: Committee meeting (7pm)  
Oct 6: Fall Court of Honor (7pm)  
Oct 13: Troop meeting  
Oct 20: Troop meeting  
Oct 23-25: Webelos-Ree Troop Campout  
Oct 27: PLC and ASM Corp Meeting (6:45pm)



## Fall Court of Honor

Family and friends  
of Troop 1257  
Scouts are invited  
and encouraged to

attend the next Court of Honor scheduled for  
Tuesday, Oct, 6 at 7p.m. Show your support of our  
Scouts as we recognize their achievements and award  
rank advancements and merit badges earned since the  
last Court of Honor in the Spring. The Scouts were  
especially busy at summer camp, so there is much to  
celebrate.



## A Scout is Thrifty

A scout works to pay his own way and to help others. He saves for the future. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.

## Popcorn Fundraiser

It's that time of year again for Troop 1257's annual popcorn fundraiser. Our key fundraiser is now even more important than ever as our drive to raise funds for new Scouting equipment. Not only does our Troop benefit from this fundraiser but so do our scouts to replenish their scouting account. Approximately a third (30-32%) of your scout's gross sales will be deposited into his account which can be used to pay annual dues (\$165.00 due Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2010), offset the cost of summer camp or any of our monthly or high adventure trips.

Our goal this year is for every scout to sell at least \$300.00 worth of popcorn. The scouts that completely fill up a form will also have an opportunity to smash a whip cream pie into the face of a Troop 1257 Adult leader. Parents: One of the key factors in the success of this fundraising campaign is the involvement of the parents. We need each of you to take an active part in encouraging and assisting your scout in selling popcorn this year.

If you have any questions you can contact Mr. John Ticer, the Troop's Popcorn Kernel.



the Reston Park Authority on August 22nd. Many thanks to those scouts and adults in the troop that demonstrated a helping hand. "A scout is helpful" ☺

## Next OA Ordeal and Brotherhood Induction Ceremony Nov 6-8 at Camp Fraser in Great Falls.

Contact Matt Ross the Troop's OA Representative for additional details.



## PATROL News

On August 7th the Venture Patrol toured the Pentagon and Arlington National Cemetery. A great time was had by all. Thanks to Mr. Kniller, Mr. Webb and Mr. Davis for making this very informative and humbling outing happen! If you are 1<sup>st</sup> Class and have a leadership position in the Troop, think about joining the Venture Patrol.



## Scoutmaster's Corner "Happy New Year!"

Yes, I'm looking at the right month! As the summer comes to a close, a "New Year" in Scouting begins with exciting thoughts of new adventures and goals for each of you. Plan to make it a great "new year" with your enthusiasm to take on a new leadership position, learn new skills, advance in rank and participate in some new camping venues that you selected for 2009-2010. I truly look forward to a great year and I hope you do too. Remember, this is YOUR Troop-please actively participate to ensure this year will be a fulfilling experience for everyone.

See you on September 1<sup>st</sup>!  
Yours in Scouting,  
Mr. Davis

## Bugle Contributions

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



## Congratulations to Park Ticer

Troop 1257 has a new Eagle Scout! Park Ticer successful completed his Eagle Board of Review on August 2. Way to go, Park, on this great milestone!

## Congratulations to Stephen Emerick

Congratulations to Stephen Emerick who completed his Eagle Community Service Project for

