

# THE VIET SCOUTS OF POTOMAC

Troop 1794- White Oaks District- NCAC-BSA  
Thiếu Đoàn Trần Hưng Đạo, Liên Đoàn Potomac  
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*Tôi lấy danh dự hứa cố gắng hết sức: Làm bổn phận đối với tín ngưỡng tâm linh, tổ quốc và quốc gia tôi;  
Giúp ích mọi người bất cứ lúc nào; Tuân theo luật Hướng Đạo.*

## April

3 Meeting  
13-14 LD Spring Camp, Patapsco State  
Park, Ellicott City, MD  
20 Meeting at Long Branch  
27 Back packing (for older scouts)  
Meeting or hiking (for younger scouts)

## May

4 Meeting  
11 Meeting  
18 Canoeing/Camping Jane Island, MD  
25 Off

## June

1 Meeting  
8 Meeting  
15 Meeting  
21-22: Lua Viet Camp  
29- July 6: Goshen Summer Camp, VA

## July

6  
13  
29  
27  
July 20: National Scout Jamboree, WV

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## \*Đội Ưng (Falcon Patrol)

Trương Triệu (PL)

Nguyễn Hữu Huy

Bryan Chung

Hoàng Nhật Anh Alan

Lê Thạch (APL)

Nguyễn Nam (IN)

\*Đội Beo (Cheetah Patrol) (PT & APL are alternative)

Athen Pham

Vincent Trinh

Eric Phan

Zachary Chau

Timothy Le

Christopher Le

Jeffrey Trần (TG)

Kevin Đỗ (IN)

Position Code: **SPL**: Senior Patrol Leader; **ASPL**: Assistant  
SPL der; **PL**: Patrol Leader; **APL**: Assistant

## \*Đội Hồ (Tiger Patrol)

Huỳnh Clinton (PL)

Tony Trương

Trần Jason (APL)

Hồ Nam

Kevin Lê

Alan Đặng (TS)

## LITTLE BENNETT DAY HIKING- March 16, 2013

On Saturday March 16, Troop had a hiking trip in Little Bennette State Park. The weather was little chilly and windy. The attendees were; Jimmy Long, Thạch, Tâm, Jason, Alan Đặng, Hữu Uy, Triệu, Nam HỒ, Athen, Vincent, Zach, Timothy, Christopher, and Jeffrey. They arrived at 9:30 AM and the scouts started setting up a dining tent. Afterwards, younger scouts learned the flag opening ceremony.

The scouts were split into 3 groups by age, and they all learned how to use a compass. Tr. Nghia and Tr. Hung helped the scouts pack their lunch. Around noon they



started hiking. The Beo Patrol led by tr. Tung took the beginners' trail. The Ho patrol assisted by tr. Hieu and the Ung Patrol led by tr. Son took



the immediate trail. The scouts spent more than 15



*Scouts learned how to figuring out the height of a tree*  
minutes to locate the first marker. They knew



*Scouts are hungry after a long hike!!!*



how to use a compass to find the directions, but they did not know how to exact the distance between the 2 points so they spent a lot of time finding the next marker. They know that they will have to learn their personal walking space again. One positive thing was that the scouts did well on figuring out the height of the trees. After going around the 2.5 miles, the scouts walked back to the campsite where they ate noodles and tuna fish salads prepared by tr. Nghia. Around 4:30 pm, the troop packed up and left the Park as it was beginning to rain. Overall it is a good learning campout. We will have more outdoor meetings in the future.

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### **TR. LAM RECEIVED THE SILVER BEAVER AWARD**



On April 4, 2013, Tr. Pham Ngoc Lam received the Silver Beaver Award, the highest recognition of a Boy Scout council can give to an adult volunteer. Tr. Lam has dedicated over 16 years to promoting our Scouting in the various roles. He has served as the scoutmaster of Troop 1794 from 1998 to 2011. Under his leadership, our unit gained many Eagles scouts. Outside of Scouting, he is serving on the Board of Directors for many non-profit organizations. Congratulations to Tr. Lam for a well-deserved award.

*(Tr. Lam and chi Ha, his wife in the picture)*

## SCOUTMASTER CONFERENCE FOR WEBELO CUB SCOUT NOLAN AND MADISON

On Wednesday April 3, 2013, Nolan and Madison have successfully completed the Scoutmaster conference with Tr. Son. This is the final requirement for their Arrow of Light, which will be given to them on Lien Doan Spring Camp on Saturday April 13. Nolan, Madison and two other cub scouts of Pack 1794 will join the Troop this September. Congratulations to Nolan and Madison!!!!



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## TROOP 1794 SUMMER CAMP 2013 CAMP OLMSTED GOSHEN SCOUT RESERVATION

Troop 1794 has reservations for Camp Olmsted at the Goshen Scout Reservation for the week of 29 June – 6 July 2013. Camp Olmsted is a Boy Scout resident camp located around 450-acre Lake Merriweather. Thomas Jefferson once called this area the "Garden of Eden of the United States." Food is served at Olmsted's dining hall. Youth sleep in two-man tents with cots. Camp is accredited annually by the BSA and must meet the State of Virginia standards. Scouts attend with their unit or may attend our provisional camp during the first four weeks. Camp Olmsted offers a wide variety of merit badge programs. The Technology Center has up-to-date equipment in a climate controlled environment! More info can be found at:

<http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/goshen-scout-reservation/camps/camp-olmsted/15977>

**You can earn 6 or 7 merit badges in a week, or you can attempt to break the Troop record of 11 merit badges earned by 9 scouts in Summer 2007.**

### Merit Badges Offered:

- **Aquatics:** Kayaking, Canoeing, Lifesaving, Rowing, Swimming, and Small Boat Sailing.
- **Scoutcraft:** Orienteering, Wilderness Survival, Camping, Fishing, Pioneering, Emergency Preparation, Orienteering, Backpacking, and Hiking.
- **Technology Center:** Electronics, Electricity, Computers, Scholarship, Energy, Aviations, Space Exploration, Journalism, and Astronomy.
- **Shooting Sports:** Rifle, Shotgun, and Archery.
- **Handicraft:** Leatherwork, Basketry, Textile and Woodcarving .
- **Ecology:** Bird Study, Mammals, Nature, Oceanography, Soil & Water, Geology, Weather, Environmental Science, Forestry, Insect Study, Fish and Wildlife Management, and Reptiles & Amphibians.
- **CultureCraft:** Art, Sculpture, Pulp & Paper, Music, Photography, Cinematography, Theater, Architecture, Archeology, Indian Lore, and American Heritage.
- **Admin Area:** First Aid and Communications

The fees for Camp Olmsted are:

Paid by 29 Apr \$290 (boys)/ \$230 (adults)

Paid by 31 May \$330 (boys)/\$270 (adults)

We will carpool to Goshen. For more registration and information:

Tr. Tran Q. Nghia ([kimtran74@yahoo.com](mailto:kimtran74@yahoo.com)) 301-515-1872 (home);  
240-476-0057 (cell)

**Going to Goshen:** *Nam Ho, Jason Tran, Clinton Huynh, Bryan*

*Chung, Phat Tran, Allen Dang, Thach Le, Tam Le, Trieu Truong, Jeffrey Tran, Tr. Hieu and Tr. Nghia.*



**OLMSTED  
"PRIDE"**

**PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

2013

\*Morning Program Monday - Friday \*Afternoon Program Monday - Thursday

	Time	Activity								Camp Post		
		Aquatics	Scoutcraft	Shooting Sports	Admin	Ecology	Technology	Culture Craft	Handicraft	COPE	Climbing	
Monday - Friday	9:15-10:05	TrailHead Swimming Kayaking A	Orienteering A Wilderness Survival A Camping A	Rifle A Shot Gun A Archery Open Shoot	First Aid A	Bird Study Mammals/Nature A Oceanography A	Electronics/Electricity A Computers A Scholarship A	Art/Sculpture A Pulp and Paper Music A	Open Program Leatherwork	COPE SESSION A (9:00AM- 12:00PM) MONDAY- FRIDAY	CLIMBING A (9:00AM- 10:30PM) MONDAY- FRIDAY	
	10:15-11:05	Canoeing A Lifesaving 10:15-11:05 Rowing A	Fishing A Pioneering 10-12 Emergency Prep A	Archery A Rifle / Shotgun Merit Badge Shoot (+)	Communication A	Soil & Water/Geology Weather A Environmental Science A	Energy A Aviation A	Photography A Cinematography A Theater A	Basketry Woodcarving			
	11:15-12:05	Swimming A Canoeing B Instructional Swim Kayaking B	Camping B Pioneering Craft Wilderness Survival B	Archery Merit Badge Shoot (+) Rifle / Shotgun Open Shoot	First Aid B	Forestry A Environmental Science B	Space Explorations A* Journalism Aviation B	Architecture A Archaeology Indiana Lore A		CLIMBING B (10:30AM- 12:00PM) MONDAY- FRIDAY		
Monday - Thursday	1:00-1:50 1:45-2:45	Sailing A 1-2:30	<b>Activity Hour (See Activity Schedule)</b>									
Monday - Thursday	3:00-4:00	Sailing A Coast'd to 2:30 Sailing B 3:00-4:30 Canoeing C Rowing B Swimming B	Emergency Prep B Orienteering B Fishing B	Rifle B Shotgun B Archery B	Communication B	Insect Study Weather B Fish and Wildlife Management	Astronomy Computers B Energy B	Art/Sculpture B Music B American Heritage	Open Program Leatherwork Basketry	COPE SESSION B (2:00PM-5:00PM) MONDAY- FRIDAY	CLIMBING C (2:00PM- 3:30PM) MONDAY- FRIDAY	
	4:10-5:10	Sailing B Coast'd Free Swim Open Boating	Wilderness Survival C Camping C Backpacking/Hiking	Archery Merit Badge Shoot (+) Shotgun / Rifle Merit Badge Shoot (+)	First Aid C	Oceanography B Environmental Science C Forestry B	Space Exploration B* Electronics/Electricity B Scholarship B	Photography B Cinematography B Architecture B	Woodcarving			
	7:30-8:45 Mon, Wed, Thurs.	Evening Program Schedule Open Boating Open Kayaking	Open Program	Open Shoot Rifle / Shotgun/Archery	Evening Program Schedule	Open Program Reptiles & Amphibians	Open Program	Open Program	Open Program Textile	7:00PM-DARK SEE COPE SCHEDULE	7:00PM-DARK SEE COPE SCHEDULE	

**Bold Merit Badge's = Eagle Regired Merit Badges**  
 \*All First Aid, Communications are taught at Administration Building Main Room  
 (+) Shotgun, Rifle, and Archery Merit Badge Shoots are not mandatory but are highly recommended when taking these badges.  
 All Cope and Climbing activities are located at Camp Post

Meal Shifts	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
A	7:30am	12:15pm-1:35	5:30pm
B	8:20am		6:20pm

**Olmsted "Pride" Olmsted Daily Activities Schedule 2013**

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5:30-7:15		Pirates Breakfast and Polar Bear Swim (Sign Up with D-Hall Steward in D-Hall)				
7:30-8:05		<b>A Shift Breakfast</b>				
8:20-9:05		<b>B Shift Breakfast</b>				
9:15-12:05		Merit Badge Program (See Program Schedule)				
12:15- 1:35		<b>Open Lunch</b>				
1:45-2:45	Troop Arrival Camp Tour					Siesta
3:00-5:10		Merit Badge Program (See Program Schedule)				<b>Olmsted Olympics!!!</b>
5:30-6:10		<b>A Shift Dinner</b>				
6:20-7:10		<b>B Shift Dinner</b>				
7:30-8:45	Site Set Up 8:45 Opening Campfire Meet at Admin Flagpole	Evening Program	Foil Dinner	Evening Program		Packing Time 8:45 Closing Campfire Meet at Admin Flagpole
<b>Olmsted Trading Post Hours</b>			<b>Olmsted Religious Services</b>			
Monday-Friday		9:15AM-12:05PM		Catholic	Tuesday 2:00pm	HandiCraft
Monday-Friday		1:45PM-4:30PM		Non-Denominational	Tuesday 2:00pm	Chapel Hill
Monday-Thursday		7:30PM-8:45PM				

\*Trading Post Hours are Subjected to Change  
 \*\*Trading Post will Be Open 30 Minutes After Both Campfires  
 \*\*\* Trading Post will Close Daily at 4:30pm for Re-Stocking

<b>Quarter Master Hours</b>	
Monday-Friday	9:15AM-10:05AM
Monday-Friday	2:45AM-3:45AM

## TRẠI LỬA VIỆT- LAKE FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA, JUNE 21-23, 2013

Please fill in the registration form (see the link) and BSA health form for trại Lua Viet.

[http://www.editgrid.com/user/myhuongn/TRAI\\_LUA\\_VIET](http://www.editgrid.com/user/myhuongn/TRAI_LUA_VIET)

Persons who will be required to pay the **\$15** registration fee before April 14, **after April 4, the fee is \$20:**

- 1) all scouts and leaders
- 2) any parents staying overnight
- 3) anyone who wants the t-shirt and patch.

**Parents who do come to camp during the daytime, but do not stay overnight are not required to pay.**

Going to Lửa Việt (so far): *Athen, Bryan, Nam Hồ, Christopher Lê, Tr. Hiếu.*

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### SCOUT OF THE MONTH:

Alan Đặng is selected as Scout of the Month. Alan has shown an improvement in following the leaders' and learning scout skills. He has shown willingness to become a better scout. Therefore, we recognize Alan as Scout of the month of April.

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### SCOUT ADVANCEMENT PROCEDURE

If a scout has finished all his requirements for the next rank, it is mandatory that you:

- a. Contact the scoutmaster for the scoutmaster conference (must be at least 1 week before the Board of Review).
- b. If you "pass" the scoutmaster conference, you must contact Mr. Hiep Pham (Advancement Chair) at [hpham111@yahoo.com](mailto:hpham111@yahoo.com), and tr. Nghia (Committee Chair) ([kimtran74@yahoo.com](mailto:kimtran74@yahoo.com)) to schedule your Board of Review.

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### SCOUT SPIRIT

It is hard to evaluate Scout Spirit. We believe that prior to each rank advancement, participation in the following activities exemplifies the essences of Scout Spirit:

1. A minimum of 2 hours community service from Troop or Lien Doan
2. Participation in at least 1 fundraiser.
3. At least 4 troop outdoor activities per year.
4. Good deeds done outside of scouting.
- 5.



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### NEEDS HELP FOR THE NEWSLETTER

We need stories from scouts or adults about their experience with Troop activities. Also, we need someone to help with the editing. If you are interested, or have any ideas to improve the newsletter, please contact Tr. Son ([skn117@yahoo.com](mailto:skn117@yahoo.com))

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