



# Troop 1794 Newsletter

Thiếu Đoàn Trần Hưng Đạo  
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## **A Message from the Editor:**

Welcome to the first Troop Newsletter. In this special New Year's issue, we will go over all the fun and exciting events that took place in the month of February. I hope you enjoy this special New Year's Edition of the Troop Newsletter!!!

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## **Chợ Tết- Troop Fundraiser - Feb 4, 2018- Northwood High School**

Attendees: *Brian Mach, Chan Toan, Vincent Nguyen, Preston, Phi, Mason, Daniel, Thanh, Vinh, Vincent Dang, Tony, Khang, Minh Trung, Brandon Le, Brandon Kiev, Evan, Ben, Kevin, Nolan, Nathan, Damon, Kevin 1, Justin, Kevin 2, Brian Nguyen, David, Thomas.*

*Tr. Peter, tr. Nguyen, tr. Long, tr. Jimmy, tr. Son*

Chợ Tết, or the Lunar New Year's Market, is held every year. Troop 1794 participates to help with the flag opening ceremony and to fundraise money, selling traditional Vietnamese sweets, cotton candy, and drinks such as cà phê sữa đá, lemonade. This year was no different, as Troop came away with a sweet \$300+ profit from selling the food donated from our parents.



Nolan feeds the cotton candy machine



Scouts at flag ceremony



Brian concentrates hard not to miss



Getting ready for the flag ceremony

## Hội Tết Hướng Đạo 2018- February 24-Centerville HS

Attendees: *Brian Mach, Chan Toan, Vincent Nguyen, Preston, Phi, Mason, Daniel, Thanh, Vinh, Vincent Dang, Tony, Khang, Minh Trung, Brandon Le, Brandon Kiv, Evan, Ben, Kevin2, Nolan, Justin, Francis, Nathan, Damon, Kevin1, Justina, Brian Nguyen, David, Thomas, Athen, Leo, Louis Tr. Peter, Long, Nguyen, Jimmy*

Hội Tết, or the Vietnamese Lunar New Year festival, holds a very special meaning for all Vietnamese alike. This is the time where everybody goes back to their family to celebrate, eat good food, play games, give lì xì and more! Liên Đoàn Potomac celebrated their tết with all the other Vietnamese LĐ's in the Maryland/Virginia area. In this fun festival, all the scouts participated in lì xì, lion dances, dances, skits, and fun games! Troop was running “đá cầu” a traditional vietnamese game.

Hội Tết was a great experience. Vietnamese scouts from around the area came together to celebrate, holding dances, skits, games for everyone to play, and to





make new friends, and have a fun time! A great thing about the Hội Tết was that everyone got a red envelope (lì xì) with money inside of it. Another great thing about the Hội Tết was that a lot of people made new friends, laughed together, and got to know one another. The best part was the gigantic feast! The food was brought in by parents, like a potluck. There was fried rice, chicken, ravioli, lo mein, and an abundance of other delicious dishes. The Hội Tết was a fun experience, as I made new friends, ate delicious food, played fun games, and received lucky money. *Brian Mach*

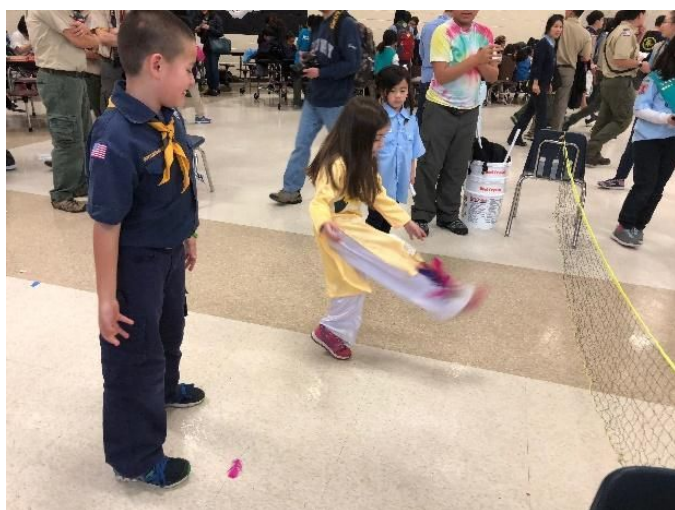
I was the MC for Tet which was an important role as Justin, Lizzie and I would be basically the overseers for the whole event. I was happy to see that most of the people from National Jamboree in 2017 I had met were also attending Tết. This would mean that I would be able to see and meet them again. We got to see many performances by many different Liên Đoàn which ranged from dances to skits to songs. After that, we would set up workshops for the scouts to play. These workshops were based around Vietnamese culture and Karaoke especially had the most attention. At the end of the event, people who've completed a certain number of workshops were given a specially made badge for the event. All and all, the event was a lot of fun as we got to play many different games and meet new and old friends. *Chân Toàn*



Juniors perform skit Tết Đến Rồi



Thanh, Vi, Nathan N reports to the emperor



Cub Scout Nathan watches his sister playing



Cub Scout Kai perfected the high kick at đá cầu

## Patrol Elections:

The 6 month PL term expired at the end of January, the old PL's (Ben Nguyen, Justin Pham, ChanToan Ha) stepped down, and the three first class members took their places (Evan Le, Khang Do, Brian Mach). Make sure to say hi to these three new PL's!!

\*Brian Mach (9<sup>th</sup> Grade)- Previously the APL for Rong patrol, Brian was promoted to PL, Brian is a dedicated and hard worker, and not afraid to get things done. Very athletic, Brian is also reliable and trustworthy. I trust he will do a good job leading Rong. Fun Fact- Brian stopped playing video games to focus on school work and scouts.

\*Khang Do (9<sup>th</sup> Grade)- Previously the APL for Ho Patrol, Khang has been promoted to the position of PL. A very athletic person, Khang plays basketball, swims, and an abundance of other activities. Khang is experienced and reliable and will do a good job leading Ho Patrol. Fun fact- Khang used to go to a Christian school, before going to Northwest HS.

\*Evan Le (9<sup>th</sup> Grade)- An apple-loving, fun loving, all around fun guy to hang around. Evan always has a smile on his face and loves to have fun. Despite this, Evan can be relied on for any task, and is ready to work on whatever is thrown at him. Fun Fact- Evan can eat a whole apple, core and all!!!

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## Summer Camp 2018

This summer, troop will attend Camp Liberty, Farmington PA, from July 22 – July 28. Camp Liberty is the perfect spot to watch the patrol method shine as scouts work together to prepare and serve all the camp meals at the campsite.

The camp also offers nearly 60 merit badges, programs like snorkeling, board sailing, standup paddle boarding, chalk ball, and much more - and it makes perfect sense why Troop 1794 will call Camp Liberty our home away from home this summer. Questions about the camp please contact Tr. Peter. .

**The cost of camp is \$350 (\$370 regular price minus \$20 from Troop fund) per scout.**

**Please provide our Treasurer Chi Thuan (Brian's, Kevin's mom) a check payable to 'Troop 1794'. Adults stay free**

**Sign up:**

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xkfwr2LnNfXm4n8oKGcoPRZSFIGf6DP8t3UGpFu7Dw/edit?usp=sharing>

**The sign-up sheet will close on March 16th.**

| Area                 | 9:00   | 9:30                            | 10:00 | 10:30                           | 11:00 | 11:30 |
|----------------------|--|---------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Aquatics             | Sailing (10)   |                                 |       | Sailing (10)                    |       |       |
|                      | Canoeing (12)  |                                 |       | Canoeing (12)                   |       |       |
|                      | Swimming (12)*   |                                 |       | Swimming (12)*                  |       |       |
|                      | Lifesaving (12)*   |                                 |       | Lifesaving (12)*                |       |       |
|                      | Motorboating (6)   | Motorboating (6)                |       | Motorboating (6)                |       |       |
|                      | Snorkeling (12)  | Paddleboarding (6)              |       | Kayaking (12)                   |       |       |
|                      | Watersports (5)  |                                 |       | Watersports (5)                 |       |       |
|                      | Paddle Craft Safety and Swim and Water Rescue (6)                      |                                 |       |                                 |       |       |
| COPE / Climbing      | Climbing (9)   |                                 |       | Climbing (9)                    |       |       |
| Ecology and Stem     | Environmental Science (12)*  |                                 |       | Environmental Science (12)*     |       |       |
|                      | Environmental Science (12)*  |                                 |       | Environmental Science (12)*     |       |       |
|                      | Robotics (12)  |                                 |       | Robotics (12)                   |       |       |
|                      | Reptile Study (12)   | Vet Medicine / Medicine (12)#   |       | Mammal Study/Nature (12) #      |       |       |
|                      | Nuclear Science (12)   | Chemistry (12)                  |       | Weather (12)                    |       |       |
| Fishing              | Chemistry (12)   | Nuclear Science (12)            |       | Engineering (12)                |       |       |
|                      | Fishing (12)@  | Fly Fishing (12)@               |       | Fish and Wildlife (12)@         |       |       |
| Shooting Sports      | Rifle Shooting (16)  |                                 |       | Rifle Shooting (16)             |       |       |
|                      | Shotgun (8)  |                                 |       | Shotgun (8)                     |       |       |
|                      | Archery (16)   |                                 |       | Archery (16)                    |       |       |
| Handicraft           | Art (12)   | Leatherwork (12)                |       | Leatherwork (12)                |       |       |
|                      | Space Exploration (12)   | Indian Lore (12)                |       | Space Exploration (12)          |       |       |
|                      | Woodcarving (12)   | Woodcarving (12)                |       | Chess / Game Design (12)#       |       |       |
|                      | Fingerprinting/Basketry (12)   | Photography (12)                |       | Fingerprinting/Basketry (12)#   |       |       |
|                      | Camping (12)*  | Camping (12)*                   |       | Camping (12)*                   |       |       |
| Scoutcraft           | Scouting Heritage (12)   | Exploration (12)                |       | Backpacking (12)                |       |       |
|                      | Wilderness Survival (12)   | Orienteering (12)               |       | Wilderness Survival (12)        |       |       |
|                      |  |                                 |       |                                 |       |       |
| Scout Scholar        | Citizenship in the Nation (12)*  | Citizenship in the Nation (12)* |       | Citizenship in the Nation (12)* |       |       |
|                      | Citizenship in the World (12)*   | Citizenship in the World (12)*  |       | Citizenship in the World (12)*  |       |       |
|                      | Emergency Prep (12)*   | Law (12)                        |       | Salesmanship (12)               |       |       |
|                      | Public Speaking (12)   | First Aid (12)*                 |       | Public Health (12)              |       |       |
|                      | First Aid (12)*  | Communications (12)*            |       | First Aid (12)*                 |       |       |
|                      | Communications (12)*   | Fire Safety (12)                |       | Communications (12)*            |       |       |
|                      |  |                                 |       |                                 |       |       |
| Trail to First Class | Rank Advancement Instruction (18)<br>Rank Advancement Instruction (18) |                                 |       |                                 |       |       |

\* Eagle required merit badges  
@ Certified Angler program required merit badges

| Area  | 2:00   | 2:30                            | 3:00                            | 3:30                 | 4:00 | 4:30 |  |  |
|---|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|------|------|--|--|
| Aquatics                                    |  | Canoeing (12)                   |                                 | Open Program         |      |      |  |  |
|   |  | Swimming (12)*                  |                                 |                      |      |      |  |  |
|   |  | Lifesaving (12)*                |                                 |                      |      |      |  |  |
|   |  | Rowing (8)                      |                                 |                      |      |      |  |  |
|   |  | Motorboating (6)                |                                 |                      |      |      |  |  |
|   |  | Kayaking (12)                   |                                 |                      |      |      |  |  |
|   |  | Watersports (5)                 |                                 |                      |      |      |  |  |
|   | Paddle Craft Safety and Swim and Water Rescue (6)          |                                 |                                 |                      |      |      |  |  |
| COPE / Climbing                             |  | Project C.O.P.E. (9)            |                                 | Project C.O.P.E. (9) |      |      |  |  |
| Ecology and Stem<br>(Located in<br>Liberty) |  | Environmental Science (12)*     |                                 | Open Program         |      |      |  |  |
|   |  | Environmental Science (12)*     |                                 | Open Program         |      |      |  |  |
|   |  | Robotics (12)                   |                                 | Open Program         |      |      |  |  |
|   |  | Astronomy (12)                  | Forestry (12)                   |                      |      |      |  |  |
|   |  | Engineering (12)                | Open Program                    |                      |      |      |  |  |
|   | Electricity (12)   |                                 | Fish and Wildlife (12)@         |                      |      |      |  |  |
| Fishing                                     | Fishing (12)@  | Fly Fishing (12)@               |                                 |                      |      |      |  |  |
| Shooting Sports                             |  | Rifle Shooting (16)             |                                 | Open Program         |      |      |  |  |
|   |  | Shotgun (8)                     |                                 |                      |      |      |  |  |
|   |  | Archery (16)                    |                                 |                      |      |      |  |  |
| Handicraft                                  |  | Leatherwork (12)                | Graphic Arts (12)               | Open Program         |      |      |  |  |
|   |  | Space Exploration (12)          | Pulp and Paper (12)             |                      |      |      |  |  |
|   |  | Woodcarving (12)                | Open Program                    |                      |      |      |  |  |
|   |  | Chess / Game Design (12)        |                                 |                      |      |      |  |  |
| Scoutcraft                                  |  | Cooking (12)                    |                                 | Open Program         |      |      |  |  |
|   |  | Geocaching (8)                  |                                 |                      |      |      |  |  |
|   |  | Pioneering (12)                 |                                 |                      |      |      |  |  |
| Scout Scholar<br>(Located in<br>Freedom)    |  | Citizenship in the World (12)*  | Citizenship in the World (12)*  | Open Program         |      |      |  |  |
|   |  | Citizenship in the Nation (12)* | Citizenship in the Nation (12)* |                      |      |      |  |  |
|   |  | Search and Rescue (12)          | Emergency Prep (12)*            |                      |      |      |  |  |
|   |  | Disability Awareness (12)       | Open Program                    |                      |      |      |  |  |
|   |  | First Aid (12)*                 |                                 |                      |      |      |  |  |
|   |  | Communications (12)*            |                                 |                      |      |      |  |  |
|   |  |                                 |                                 |                      |      |      |  |  |
| Trail to First Class                        | Mammal Study/Nature (24)#<br>Fingerprinting/Basketry (24)# |                                 | Trail to Open Program           |                      |      |      |  |  |

# Badges are earned concurrently.

Aside from earning merit badges, scouts attending summer camp will learn how to work together in their patrols. They will cook, clean, and help each other throughout the entire week. Scouts will also hone their soft skills such as character building, leadership, and conflict resolution. Troop 1794 looks forward to a productive and fun summer at Camp Liberty.

### Paperwork due by June 22nd:

- All youth campers need a valid BSA Medical Form Parts A, B, and C: [https://scoutingevent.com/attachment/BSA527/document\\_14921935820\\_3640.pdf](https://scoutingevent.com/attachment/BSA527/document_14921935820_3640.pdf). If you had one done for TT11, you can use the same one. For the form to be valid, the physical examination (Part C) must be signed by a doctor after July 2017.
- If the adult volunteer stays more than 72 hours, he/she MUST register with BSA and need a valid BSA Form Parts A, B, and C. If the volunteer is staying fewer than 72 hours, only parts A & B are required.
- Adult volunteers need to provide a printed proof of a valid BSA Youth Projection Training (YPT). <https://my.scouting.org/>

### Adult Volunteer:

We need 3-4 adults to stay with the troop for the duration of the camp. Please consider volunteering. Use the Google doc link above to sign up. We will work out a rotation schedule so we all can share the experience.

## Personal Camping Equipment List

Please bring

- \_\_\_\_\_ Permission slip (give to the adult in charge before leaving)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Full Class A uniform
- \_\_\_\_\_ Troop Class B shirts or any scout shirts
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pants or shorts, socks, and underwear
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pajamas or comfortable clothes to sleep in
- \_\_\_\_\_ Your Scout handbook
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mess kit (or plate and cup) and utensils
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sleeping bag/pillow/pad or mat (\*)



- \_\_\_\_\_ Coat/Hat/Gloves (for cold weather camping)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ball cap or hat and sunscreen
- \_\_\_\_\_ Jacket or sweatshirt
- \_\_\_\_\_ Extra pair of boots or shoes
- \_\_\_\_\_ Extra socks
- \_\_\_\_\_ Toothbrush and toothpaste, soap and hand towel
- \_\_\_\_\_ Flashlight with extra batteries
- \_\_\_\_\_ Canteen or water bottle
- \_\_\_\_\_ Raingear
- \_\_\_\_\_ Camp chair
- \_\_\_\_\_ Any other items you need for the planned activities (i.e. swimsuit and towel if there will be aquatic activities)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Insect repellant

### Optional Gear:

Camera

Frisbee/ball glove and ball/board games/cards /etc.

## **PATROL ITEMS**

### A/ Essential Items

|                          |                        |                            |
|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Tent (Pole, stake, line) | Tarp (2)               | Dining Fly                 |
| Rope                     | Marking Line           | Trash Bag (3)              |
| Patrol Flag              | Water Jug              | Washing Bucket (3 buckets) |
| Biodegradable Soap       | Sanitizing Rinse Agent | Lantern                    |
| Match / Lighter          | Stove                  | Propane (2)                |
| Food                     | Water                  | Pan                        |
| Pot                      | Spatula                | Chop Sticks                |
| Cooler                   |                        |                            |

### **\*\*\*Patrol Leader Council:**

SPL (Kenneth Le); ASPL(Thomas Tran); PLs ( Brian Mach, Khang Do, Evan Le): IN (Nolan); QUAR (ChanToan); HIS (Justin Pham); SCR (Ben Nguyen); TG (Vincent Dang)

\*Ho Patrol: Thomas, Tony, Khang (PL), Chan Toan, Francis (APL), Brandon Le, Brandon Kiv, Preston

\*Ung Patrol: MinhTrung(APL), Evan(PL), Vincent Dang, Ben, Kevin2, Nathan, Louis, Kenneth, Vincent Nguyen

Rong Patrol: Damon, Kevin1(APL), Nolan, Justin, Brian, Brian Mach(PL), David, Phi

Beo Patrol: Daniel, Thanh, Mason, Leo, Richer, Vinh, Minh Hong

### **\*\*\*Adult Leadership:**

Committee Chair: Tran Nghia

BoR/CoH coordinators: Chung Nguyen, Do Chieu

Parent Coordinator: Huynh Phong

Treasurer: Chi Thuan

Scoutmaster: Son Nguyen

ASM: Long Nguyen, patrol advisor

AMS: Nguyen Nguyen, patrol advisor/rnd table

ASM: Peter Le, patrol advisor/outdoor event

ASM: Jimmy Long Nguyen, patrol advisor

JASM: Athen Pham, PLC advisor

Position code: SPL (senior patrol leader), ASPL (assistant SPL); PL (patrol leader), APL (assistant PL); TG (troop guide); QUA (quartermaster); IN (instructor); HIS (historian); SCR (scribe) SM (scoutmaster); ASM (assistant SM); JASM (junior ASM)

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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. Participate in Troop nursing home visit monthly
3. Participation in at least 1 fundraiser.
4. At least 4 troop outdoor activities per year.
5. Good deeds done outside of scouting.

## SCOUT ADVANCEMENT PROCEDURE

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

- a. Contact SM for the scoutmaster conference (SMC) (must be at least 1 week before the Board of Review(BoR).
- b. If you "pass" the scoutmaster conference, you must contact Mr. Chung Nguyen/Mr. Chieu Do(BoR coordinators), and tr. Nghia (Committee Chair) to schedule your BoR.

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**Editor:** *Justin Pham, HIS; Peter Le, AMS*

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## Troop's schedule

### March:

- 3/2: meeting
- 3/2: DC hiking (\*)
- 3/9: meeting
- 3/10: Nursing home visit (Ung)
- 3/16: meeting
- 3/17: Camping Green Belt National Park(\*)
- 3/23; 3/20: No meeting

- 6/28-7/4: Thang Tien 11

July: 7/22-7/28: Summer Camp

(\*) Mandatory

Nursing home visit in May, June and July to be determined later.

### April:

- 4/6: meeting
- 4/7: Final LD camp site check (PLC only)
- 4/13: meeting; 4/14: skyzone
- 4/20-22: Spring LD Camp(\*)
- 4/27: meeting
- 4/27: nursing home visit (Rong)

### May:

- 5/4: Meeting
- 5/11: meeting
- 5/12: backpacking (\*)
- 5/18: meeting
- 5/19: swimming test
- 5/25: no meeting
- 5/26: bike trip (\*)

### June:

- 6/1: meeting
- 6/8: meeting
- 6/9: LD picnic/CoH (\*)