

# Troop 1794 Newsletter



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## A Message from the Scoutmaster:

Dear scouts,

I hope you have some time to relax during the spring break.

The objective of scouting is to help boys in their physical, mental and spiritual development to become good citizens with a strong focus on the outdoors and survival skills. That is one of the reasons we require scouts to participate in at least 4 Troop outdoor activities a year in order to advance to higher ranks (see Troop Scout Spirit). For camping activities, we expect you to sleep *each night under the sky or in a tent you have pitched* in order to be counted as “completed” outdoor activities. So no staying overnight, no count, and there will be no excuses. See you at Tilden MS on April 6. Tr. Son

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## Hiking - March 3 - Washington DC

**Attendees:** Daniel, Thanh, Mason, Vinh, Tony, Chan Toan, Brandon Le, Brandon Kiv, Preston, MinhTrung, Evan, Vincent Dang, Ben, Nathan, Louis, Vincent Nguyen, Damon, Justin, Brian Mach, Leo, Khang

**Adults:** Tr. Peter, Long, Nguyen, Son, Athen; Mr. Chieu, Mr. Phong, Tr. Thinh, Mr. Jimmy, Mr. Anthony, Ms. Yen, Ms. Catherine, tr. Nhu.

Troop started the trip by navigating the Washington DC Metro system. Half of the troop entered the system at Shady Grove Metro Station and the other half entered at the Silver Spring Metro Station. We all met in Washington DC at 10:00 am.

Brian Mach was our scout in charge for this trip. First, he led us to Reflection Pool and we spent some time at the WWII, Vietnam, Korean, and Lincoln Memorial. The air was cold, somber and solemn at all of these memorials. After the memorials, we walked past the White House to Farragut Park where we had lunch at various restaurant around the vicinity. After lunch, we visited the American History and Air and Space museums. We stayed at the museums until 4:30pm.

After the museums, the entire group made our way to the nearest Metro station and went

home.



Group on The Mall



Scouts looking at the statue of a WWII radio operator



Taking a moment at the Korean Memorial





We love group pictures - And why is Tr Thinh sitting down?

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### **Thomas Eagle Project - March 11 - Cedar Grove ES, Gaithersburg**

*Attendees:* Ben, Damon, Thanh, Mason, Evan, Brandon Le, Minh Trung, Chan Toan, Kenneth, David, Nolan,

*Adults:* Tr Peter, Nguyen, Son; Mr. Phong, Mr. Tinh, Tr. Thinh

We arrived at Cedar Grove Elementary School bright and early on a Sunday. Thomas greeted us with a warm smile then gave us our duties. This day, we begin 1st phase of a 3-phase project to



improve the sensory garden for the school.

Thomas separated us into two groups. The first group helped sand wooden strips of board then paint them with bright colors. These boards will be arranged to become a small wall. We should have worn old clothes because we all had paint all over ourselves and on our jackets. It doesn't seem like the paint will come off easily. The 2nd group had the older scouts. They get to wash the concrete patio and brick wall with a power washer. Even though we had two power washers, the task took a long time.

By noon, we finished the project. Thomas and his parents ordered pizza for lunch. After lunch, he thanked us for helping with his Eagles scout project. We all went home.



Evan power washing and Nolan 'supervising'



Minh Trung power washing the wall



Never so happy cleaning- Wax on- Wax off



Painting the wood in the cold morning



Tr Thinh and Mr Phong helping too



Scouts painting the wood

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## **Troop Camp - March 17 -18 Greenbelt National Park, Maryland**

*Attendees:* Daniel\*, Thanh\*, Mason\*, Leo, Thomas\*, Tony\*, Khang\*, ChanToan, Francis\*, Brandon Le\*, Brandon Kiv, Preston\*, MinhTrung, Evan\*, Vincent Dang\*, Ben, Kevin2, Nathan, Louis, Kenneth, Vincent Nguyen\*, Damon, Nolan, Brian Nguyen, Brian Mach, David, Phi, Kenneth. (\*) stayed overnight

*Adults:* Tr. Peter, Jimmy, Athen, Son; Mr. Chieu, Tr. Tam.

We arrived at camp at 8am. Immediately, we set up our campsite, flag area, and stations. The setup was challenging because we were not allowed to attach anything to trees. Therefore, we put up the dining tarps using poles and tied around benches. We also lash a flagpole and staked it to the ground. We also roped off an area for an axe yard by using down tree stumps.

After the opening ceremony, we had morning activities for the new scouts. The morning activities consisted of Totin' Chip (for Thanh, Vincent Ng, Phi and Preston), making a fire, and using a portable stove. While the morning activities happened, the older scouts planned the rest of the camp program.

In the afternoon, we hiked to the open field to test of the games for LD Spring Camp. After the games, we returned to the campsite and prepared dinner. The Beo Patrol made cut beef with veggies, the Rong Patrol made rice and veggies, Ho Patrol made pork, and Ung made quesadillas. All the patrols shared their food at the potluck. The food was delicious.

When the sun came down, the campfire program started. There was a skit by the Beo Patrol about natural disasters. Athen and Toan taught us the improvising ABC game. Ung created the Word Game. Don't forget about the Ho Patrol's Pew (Bang Remastered). At the campfire, we announced



the winners of the campsite inspection; The Ho Patrol. The prize was two bowls of Chipotle which were shared and immediately devoured with the rest of the scouts.

When we woke up the next morning, we got ready for closing. After closing, we got ready to leave. We cleaned up, packed up, and left the camp without a trace.



Opening ceremony



Beo Patrol is proud of their dining fly setup without ropes tied to the trees



Vincent and Nolan show the use of an axe



Thanh is learning about the pocket knife





Scouts practicing 'Supply Drop' - a game they will play during LD Camp



Brian and Phi preparing scouts' fav: Rice 'N Spam



Khang grilling pork



Scouts have fun around the campfire

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## LD Spring Camp - Washington Monument State Park - Middletown, MD

Troop will host LD Spring Camp April 21 - 22. Our camp chief Thomas, assistant camp chief Chan Toan, and their staffs had many planning sessions organizing the camp. Even though the camp officially starts on Saturday, April 21, our troop will be at camp Friday, April 20, to organize the campsites, build the camp gate, and prepare various playing areas. Parents, join your sons for a few hours Friday night and help them prepare the camp for Saturday morning.

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## Summer Camp 2018 - Camp Liberty - Farmington, PA

Look for an email beginning of April for merit badge sign up. This year, we have 2 campsites:

Prospect Hill & Williamsburg. We will fill these campsites with 28 scouts:

Dang, Vincent	Huynh, Nathan	Le, Nathan	Nguyen, Damon
Do, Khang	Huynh, Phi	Le, Vinh	Nguyen, Francis
Ha, Chan Toan	Kiv, Brandon	Luu, Thanh	Nguyen, Kevin
Ha, Minh Trung	Le, Brandon	Mach, Brian	Nguyen, Preston
Ho, Minh Dang	Le, David	Ngo, Nathan	Nguyen, Vincent
Hong, Minh	Le, Evan	Nguyen, Ben	Pham, Daniel
Huynh, Mason	Le, Kenneth	Nguyen, Brian	Tran, Tony

Please fill out BSA Health & Medical Forms

([https://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001\\_ABC.pdf](https://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_ABC.pdf)) Parts A, B, & C as soon as possible. This form is required for all youth campers and adult campers staying at camp more than 72 hours.

## Thăng Tiến XI 2018 - Camp Snyder - Haymarket, VA

Thăng Tiến XI will be June 28 - July 4. Please refer to the following tentative schedule:

Day	Event
June 28 - Thursday	Check-in; SPL & Leaders Meetings (mid-day); Rehearse for Opening Ceremony; Night Market (Chợ Đêm)
June 29 - Friday	Opening Ceremony; Cultural Day; Opening Campfire
June 30 - Saturday	Subcamp Activities (Ấu, Thiếu, Thanh, Tráng, Trưởng Niên, Gia Đình)
July 1 - Sunday	Subcamp Activities (Ấu, Thiếu, Thanh, Tráng, Trưởng Niên, Gia Đình)
July 2 - Monday	Subcamp Activities (Ấu, Thiếu, Thanh, Tráng, Trưởng Niên, Gia Đình); Night Market (Chợ Đêm)
July 3 - Tuesday	Fellowship Day; Thăng Tiến Academy; Cookout; Closing Campfire
July 4 - Wednesday	Closing Ceremony (early morning)

\*\*\*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:

SM: Son Nguyen  
 ASM: Long Pham, patrol advisor  
 AMS: Nguyen Nguyen, patrol advisor/round table  
 ASM: Peter Le, patrol advisor/outdoor event  
 ASM: Jimmy Long Nguyen, patrol advisor  
 JASM: Athen Pham, PLC advisor  
 Committee Chair: Tran Nghia  
 BoR/CoH coordinators: Chung Nguyen, Do Chieu  
 Treasurer: Chi Thuan  
 Parent coordinator: Phong Huynh  
 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 Liên Đoàn
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).
- 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 Board of Review (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; 3/30: No meeting

April:

- 4/6: meeting
- 4/7: Final LD campsite check (PLC only)
- 4/13: meeting; 4/14: skyzone
- 4/20-22: LD Spring Camp(\*)
- 4/27: meeting
- 4/28: 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

June:

- 6/1: meeting
- 6/8: meeting
- 6/9: LD picnic/CoH
- 6/28-7/4: Thang Tien 11

July:

- 7/22-7/28: Summer Camp