

# Troop 1794 Newsletter



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## **A Message from the Scoutmaster:**

Dear scouts: Time flies and our program will be ending in two months. Scouts who aim to achieve the high rankings for the June Court of Honor should start working on the requirements as soon as possible. Scouts in Star and Life ranks need to fulfill the special requirements which I have previously assigned to you. I will rate you based on: 1/ your leadership, character, and interaction with troop members; 2/ your personal achievements. Scouting, after all, is about helping and caring for each other, and it starts at troop first.

I am very pleased with the LD Spring Camp planned and ran by Troop last week; I think the games was fun and educational. What shined the most was the great teamwork from the planning team (Thomas, Chan Toan, Ben, Kenneth, Evan, Justin, Khang, and Brian). You have demonstrated teamwork and shown respect to each other to achieve the goal. I expect this kind of harmony continues to spread among our troop including the young scouts. I want to see Troop 1794 grow as an extended family in which the old helps and leads the young. Finally, I especially thanks tr. Peter and Athen for spending time to advise the planning team. Tr. Son Nguyen

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## **Thomas Eagle Project - 4/1/18- Cedar Grove ES, Gaithersburg**

**Attendees:** Thanh, Mason, Ben, Damon, Nolan, Kenneth, David, ChanToan, MinhTrung, Evan, Brandon L, Tony T

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

Thomas completed his Eagle Project on April 1. His project is to create a sensory garden at Cedar Grove elementary school that will benefit students with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). My project includes the followings: Power wash the courtyard walls to remove mildew, repaint words, numbers and shapes on the courtyard floor, build a "music wall" with picket fencing and metal items and build a recycled water bottles waterfall. According to Thomas It takes about 320 hours of planning and executing from scouts, and friends.

- Below is Thomas thank-you letter.

*April 3, 2018,  
Hi Truong, Parents and Scouts,*

*Thank you to everyone for helping work with me on my Eagle Scout service project on multiple days. It completed this past Sunday, 4/1.*

*Special thanks to Tr. Son for reminding with project process, documentation, and made a visit at the worksite to give encouragement; Bac Tinh (Chantoan and Minh Trung's dad) who came with me to the worksite many times to view and gave me advice on how to plan and build the music wall and the waterfall; Tr. Nguyen for outlining faded old letters and numbers, repainting, numbers, letters, all the circles and motivated the scouts to work; Tr. Thinh for repainting numbers, letters, words, and drilling those bakeware items on the music wall; Bac Phuc (Tony Tran's dad) for helping install the waterfall post and cut out the water bottles; Chu Phong (Mason's dad) helped and led the scouts with painting the picket fencing; Tr. Peter for making sure everyone is correctly painting the picket fencing, Bac Tinh and Tr. Nghia for lending me 2 gas pressure washers and finally the scouts, my cousins and neighbor friend with all the tedious tasks.*

*Thank you,  
Thomas Tran*





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## LD Camp - Washington Monument State Park - 4/20/18 - 4/22/18

**Attendees:** Daniel, Thanh, Mason, Leo, Richer, Vinh, Minh H, Vincent, Kevin 1, Thomas, Tony, Khang, ChanToan, Francis, Brandon L, Brandon K, Preston, MinhTrung, Evan, Ben, Kevin 2, Nathan, Louis, Damon, Kenneth, Vincent N, Damon, Nolan, Justin, Brian N, Brian M, David  
**Adults:** Tr. Peter, Long, Nguyen, Nghia, Athen, Jimmy & Son

LD camp is a fun experience that every scout should look forward to attending. At this event, the LD Potomac collective go camping and participate in fun activities such as: Big Games, Potluck, as well as Campfire and AOL. The theme was “Hungry Games”, and the games were fun, educational, and (mostly) related to the theme of the camp. In addition to this, Troop did a great job preparing and hosting the LD Camp. The staff worked together well, and the program ran smoothly and without hitches. Besides the Big Games, the khăng quàng ceremony was held for the senior scouts. Remember to congratulate Vincent D, Nathan, Brandon L, Kenneth, and Damon on their neckerchiefs! Please remember to thank the Camp Staff for planning and executing such a fun LD Camp!!



Group picture in front of the campgate.



Color Guards  
raising the  
flags.



Nolan  
leading the  
group cheer.  
How does it  
go?

**“ARE WE  
HUNGRY  
KIDS!!”**



Friday Night: Camp staff relaxing and enjoying the campfire after a long night setting camp





"Hungry Games" logo designed and created by Evelyn

Lễ tuyên thệ started at 6am on a chilly Sunday morning!  
 Congratulations to Kenneth, Damon, Nathan, Brandon and Vincent

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## Community Service Project - 4/28/18

**Attendees:** Minh Trung, ChanToan, Ben, Damon, Brandon, Evan, Louis

**Adults:** Tr Nguyen

Ung Patrol went to Manor Care Nursing home Saturday 4/28 to help residents making flowers from pipe cleaners. Each resident received on pot. Scouts enjoyed and had great time.



Brandon, MinhTrung, Louis, Damon, Evan, and Ben, they 'Do a Good Turn Daily.'

## Upcoming Outdoor Activities:

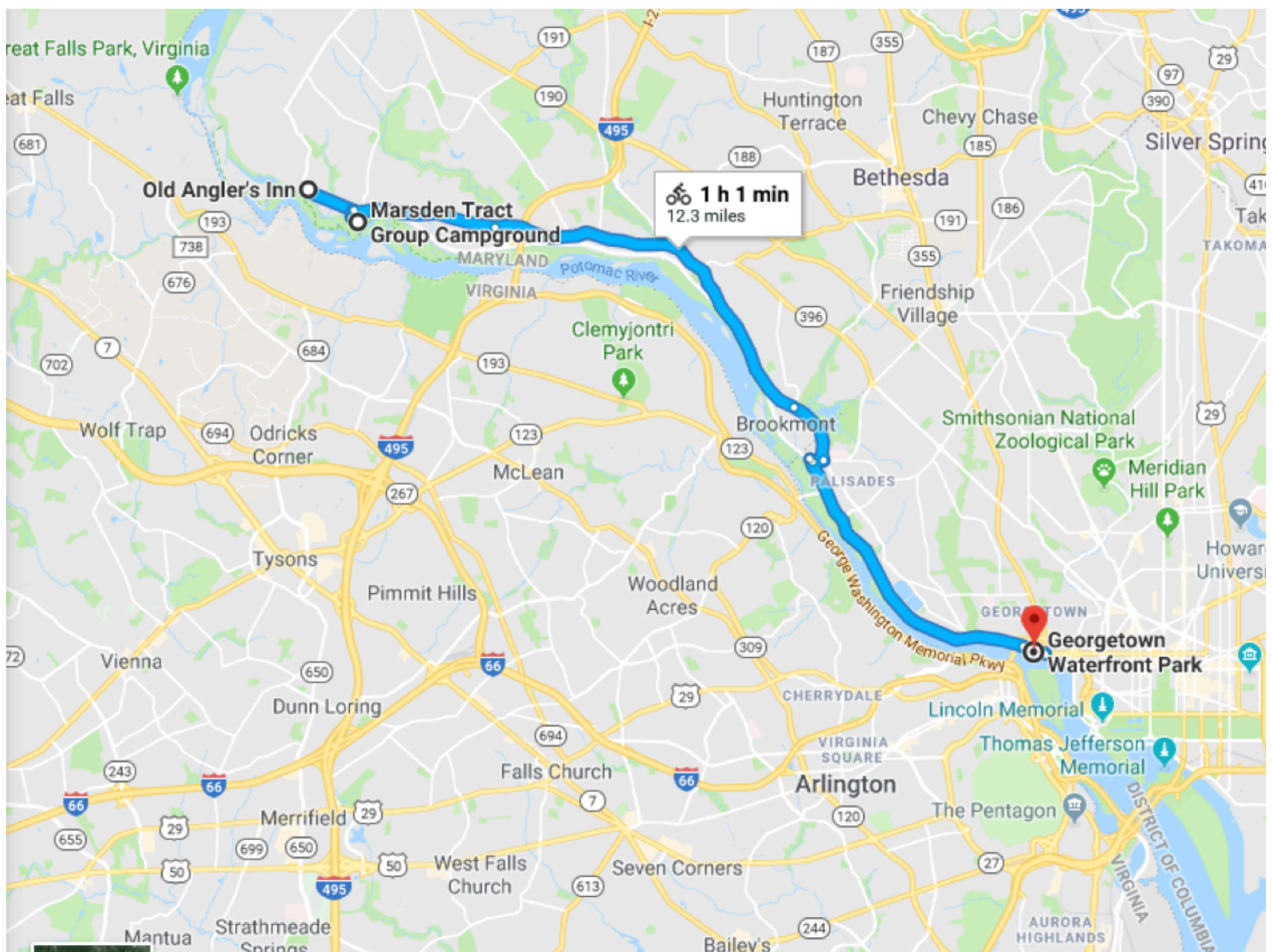
**Saturday May 5: Trail Clean up** This activity will be held at the West side of the Sopers Branch Trail, [north of the Little Bennet Day Use Area Parking Lot on 355](#). It will be on the 5th of May, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 AM. The materials as well as the SSL forms will be provided by the MCPS Volunteering Center.

## Weekend May 12-13: Troop Biking/Backpacking C & O Canal/Georgetown

Tentative schedule

Saturday	
8:00am	Arrive at Old Angler's Inn Parking Lot
8:45am	Start Biking
10:00am	Arrive at Georgetown Waterfront
<lunch/relax>	
12:45pm	Bike Back

2:00pm	Arrive back at Old Angler's Inn Parking Lot
2:15pm	Start backpacking
3:00pm	Arrive at campsite
<camp activities>	
8:00pm	Campfire
10:00pm	Quiet Hours
<b>Sunday</b>	
6:00am	Wake up
7:00am	Start hiking back



### \*\*\*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

May:

- 5/4: Meeting
- 5/5: Trail Cleanup
- 5/5 Long Branch Community Unity Day Service.
- 5/11: meeting
- 5/12: hiking with backpack
- 5/18: meeting
- 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