

Troop 1794 Newsletter



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A Message from the Scoutmaster:

A few weeks ago, while the scouts were doing hand crafts for Mother's Day during Troop backpacking, I noticed that most of the scouts, whether a senior or a new scout, were happy to make a frame for their mothers. One of them spent 2 hours drawing, coloring the frame. Another one told me "I love my mom most because she is always there for me" I was touched and happy that scouts love their mothers and appreciate what they do for them (driving and waiting for them to the meeting, nagging to do the requirements, ...but NOT doing any work for them). We must thank those who help us in life. To thank your parents you must DO something to make them happy and proud: try your best to be a good student, and a good citizen by living the Scout Law in everyday. Tr. Son

Little Bennett Trail Cleanup - 5/5/18

Attendees: Justin, Brian M, Kenneth, Nolan, Chantoan, Benjamin, David, Vincent D, Mason, Thanh, Damon, Preston, Vincent N, Brandon L, Minhtrung, Evan
Adults: Tr. Long, Tr Athen, Mr Phong

On May 5, Justin Pham hosted a trail cleanup from 9-12 AM to give the star scouts an opportunity to complete their conservation hours. The scouts cleaned up the trash on the west side of the Sopers Branch Trail, by the Little Bennett Day Area Parking Lot off of 355. Everybody had fun, while also cleaning up the environment. It was always interesting to find what people tended to litter; such as tires, fences, vases, and bones?, as well as the normal trash. At the end, all of the scouts came home to 3 SSL Hours and a well deserved shower.



A fine assortment of trash



Picking up metal bar



Thanh, Brandon, and Mason
showing off their special "plate"



The scouts with their haul!

Biking / Backpacking - Marsden Tract, C&O Canal - 5/12/18 - 5/13/18

Attendees: Daniel, Thanh, Mason*, Vinh, Minh**, Thomas, Tony Tran, Khang*, ChanToan, Francis, Brandon L, Preston, MinhTrung, Evan, Vincent D, Ben, Kevin2, Nathan, Kenneth*, Vincent N, Damon, Nolan, Justin, Brian N, Brian M **, David*

Adults: Trs. Peter, Tran-Chau, Nguyen, Long, Thinh, Athen, & Son; Ms. Oanh, Mr. Lam, Mr. Phong, Mr. Triet, Mr. Hung
(** no biking, * no backpacking)

On May 12th, troop set off on a 22 mile biking trip. 11 miles in, and 11 miles back. Splitting into two groups, the fast and the slow, troop set off to Georgetown. Once the fast group arrived, the older scouts split up. One group roamed Georgetown, searching for Kung Fu Tea and Banh Mi. The other stayed back to welcome the slower group. After relaxing for 2 hours, both groups set off again, returning back to the parking lot. After the initial fast group arrived, more cyclists arrived in the space of 2-3 hours. Unfortunately, Thomas fell and scratched up his knee. Also, Preston's bike had a large

hole on the tire. The mishaps delayed the backpacking by an hour. Fortunately, most of the Troop decided to utilize their free time by practicing their dance routine.

When Thomas and Preston finally arrived, Troop set off on the backpacking leg of their journey. After a bit of walking, Troop arrived at the campsite. Subsequent to pitching tents, Troop started cooking dinner using the lightweight stoves. Since Mother's Day was on Sunday, Tr. Son gave the scouts an opportunity to create a mother's day gift. After dinner, Troop was given time to relax. Some younger scouts learned how to start a fire, but most scouts were dancing in the rain. The next day, the scouts woke up at 6:00, ate a cold breakfast, packed up, and walked back to the parking lot.



Group picture at Old Angler's Inn parking lot



The scouts being briefed about their biking trip



Scouts resting after finishing the first leg of their journey!



Thanh, Brandon, Nathan, and Mason having lunch in Georgetown



One last group photo at Georgetown!



Scouts having dinner



Tony is working hard on his Mother's day gift



Brian & Francis breaking down camp after a very rainy night



Daniel walking on the C&O trail, leading the troop home

Manor Care Community Service Project - 5/26/18

Attendees: David, Brandon L, Justin Pham, Brian M, Phi N, Nathan

Adults: Tr. Long

On May 26th, Rong Patrol helped out at the Manor Care Nursing Home. Nolan and Damon did not participate, so Brandon and Nathan stepped in for them. The scouts helped the staff and elderly run bingo, striking conversations with the elderly to keep them entertained, and making sure the elderly

had a great time. In the end, the elderly were left satisfied, and the scouts left with a sweet 1 SSL hour.

USPAACC Gala - 5/30/18

Attendees: *Evan, Vincent, Brandon, Thanh*

Adults: *Tr. Thinh, Peter*

Troop 1794 has an honor to be a part of the opening ceremony for the gala hosted by the US Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce (USPAACC). The venue was at the North Bethesda Marriott Hotel in Bethesda, MD. The flag ceremony was performed by the USAF Honor Guard. Evan, Vincent, Brandon, and Thanh were on stage leading the audience of 400+ with the Pledge of Allegiance.



Scouts relaxing with some free grub before the show



Honor Guard A. Wood shows Brandon and Thanh the Springfield Drill Rifle



Posing with the USAF Honor Guards



On Stage

***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

ASM: 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)

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)

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

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