

Troop 1794 Newsletter



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A Message from the Scoutmaster:

First and foremost, I would like to congratulate the scouts who earned higher ranks and Merit badges. Be proud that you succeeded since it was a long process requiring efforts and determination. New scouts, do not be discouraged. Let set a goal, focus and try to finish it. You can do it. The first step is always difficult. Secondly, I want to remind that scouting is not about earning an Eagle rank, but learning how to live a productive life by helping others. Yesterday I met a former scout. I remember his last SMC with me, he cried because he felt bad about his family situation that prevented him to complete his Eagle rank. He told me that he wanted become a lawyer to help the unfortunate and disadvantage people in a situation like his. Now he does not become a lawyer, but a teacher at MC. He is happy with his job teaching, helping his students and he is polite and respectful to me, making me wonder about other eagle scouts in my scouting life. They earned the Eagle ranks, but do they live like Eagle scouts? Have a good relaxed summer and see you in September. Tr. Son

LD Potomac Picnic- 6/9/18

Attendees: Rong Patrol, Ho Patrol (w/o Brandon K) , Ung Patrol, Beo Patrol (w/o Minh)

Adults: Tr. Son, Tr. Nguyen, Tr. Nghia, Tr. Peter

Submitted by Justin

The annual LD Potomac Picnic is a special occasion of which the whole LD gathers to celebrate the past years achievements. In this there are bridgings, advancements, scout of the year awards, and more! In our troop awards, the Most Improved Scout: Chan Toan; Scout Spirit: Vincent Dang; and Outstanding Leadership: Ben Nguyen. We also have 20 scouts ranked up: 4 tenderfoots, 2 second class, 4 first class, 4 star scouts, 4 life scouts, and most prestigious of all, 2 new eagle scouts! After finishing up the ceremony, scouts enjoyed an endless assortment of delicious foods. After pigging out on picnic food, all of the scouts went and had fun participating in activities such as relax, football, baseball, dancing, as well as video games! In the end, the scouts went home sweaty and satisfied.



Thăng Tiến 11 6/28/18 - 7/4/18

Attendees: Athen, Ben, Khang, Evan, Brian M, Thomas, Chan Toan, Kenneth, Preston, Vincent, Mason, Brandon L, Brian N, Damon, Kevin C N, Daniel, Minh Trung, Nathan, David, Thanh, Kevin Q N, Richer, Vincent, Tony

Submitted by Kevin C N

Scouts arrived early at Camp Snyder in Haymarket, VA on Thursday 6/28 to prepare camp for an entire week of activities. They performed various activities such as moving the grass, setting up the canopies, and lashing the camp gate.



Vincent and Evan clearing up some grass debris



Damon putting the final touch to the canopy



Minh Trung lashing the campgate



Scouts ready to raise the campgate



After setting up camp, we all went to the dining hall to enjoy lunch. The air-conditioned dining hall was a great place to escape the summer heat.



Scouts enjoyed their first meal of Subway sandwiches, chips, and fruits

After lunch, scouts returned to the campsite to discuss about activities for the rest of the week. They were able to socialize, play cards and volleyball. Everyone reminded each other to put on sunblock and drink plenty of water.



Potomac scouts play with scouts from other Lien Doans.



Scouts take positions under the shade to rest and chat.

After dinner, scouts strolled around Camp Snyder making friends with scouts far and near. They all met scouts from other states as well as other countries like Germany and Australia. The scouts involved in the opening ceremony performance practiced by the stage. These scouts have practiced many times before the camp.

Chợ Đêm was a blast. Scouts began to spectate matches of foosball. They wanted to play too, so they assembled their own team and entered the tournament by paying a five dollar fee. The foosball frame was put together with the help of Potomac scouts earlier in the day.



Practicing for opening ceremony



Playing human foosball

On Friday, we finished breakfast early in the dining hall and get into your class A uniforms for the opening ceremony. The ceremony started with all scouts from 40+ Liên Đoàn lined up with their flags and signs in front of the **Thăng Tiến 11** gate. They assembled into a square knot by following different color lines specific to their Liên Đoàn.

Liên Đoàn Potomac has an honor to be a part of the opening ceremony for the official beginning of **Thăng Tiến 11**. The flag ceremony was performed by the scouts from various Liên Đoàn. LD Potomac scouts such as Athen and Ben took part in a merged flag performance with scouts from other groups. These scouts have been practicing months before the camp. The scouts put on a remarkable show as they twirled and spun their colorful flag then transition.



Resting before the opening ceremony



SPL Athen holding the Potomac flag





Liên Đoàn Potomac @ Thắng Tiến 11

All this fun and it's only the start of the 1st official day of Thắng Tiến 11. The rest of the week calls for culture day, lots of subcamps where we played games and do activities such as swimming, zip lines, and badge trading. We will also visit the STEM shed where we make ice cream using liquid nitrogen, create battery using pennies , and a dozen other workshops. It will be a good time.

[Editor's Notes]

Liên Đoàn Potomac was awarded 1st place for the campfire skit with the participation of Kenneth, David, Chan Toan, Nathan, Daniel, Thanh. Also, the Potomac color guards did an awesome job at the closing ceremony with Chan Toan, Minh Trung, Evan, Nathan, Ben, Athen, Thomas, Damon, and Thanh.

*****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)

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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