

Troop 1794 Newsletter



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A Message from the Scoutmaster:

Dear scouts:

As some of you know, I went back to Vietnam for a high school reunion. I was happy to see some old friends that I haven't seen more than 43 years. Some of us are successful, some are still struggling to make ends meet, but we all came together to share old, new stories in our life regardless of the status. It was an emotional and special event.

Like scouting, high school friendships are a special bond because of its innocence, loyalty, trust, kindness, and no calculation. As we grow older we tend to think more about ourselves and that affects the way we deal with people.

While I had a happy time in Vietnam, I feel sad seeing children young as 6 or 7 years old having to sell souvenirs or lottery tickets on the street, and I also feel frustrated when I see our beautiful land near the border being annexed by the Chinese. Vietnam is poor and weak. Remember our scouting oath "Tôi lấy danh dự hứa cố gắng làm tròn bổn phận đối với tín ngưỡng tâm linh, tổ quốc và quốc gia tôi". As Vietnamese American scouts we should always try to help our Tổ Quốc (fatherland) of VietNam and our Quốc gia (country) of US. In that sense, I hope you all become successful in life and one day will come back to Vietnam to help our people.

Tr. Son Nguyen

Backpacking - 10/20 - 10/21/2018 - Middletown, MD

Attendees: Ben*, Brandon L*, Brian M*, Brian N*, Cassidy, Chantoan*, Damon*, Daniel*, David*, Dillon*, Emily*, Evan*, Janelle*, Justin*, Kathleen*, Katie, Kenneth*, Kevin Q.*, Khang*, Khoa, Mason*, Melanie, Minh H*, Minhdang*, MinhTrung*, Nathan H*, Nathan L*, Nathan N*, Phi*, Preston*, Thanh*, Tien*, Tony*, Vincent D*, Vincent N*, Vy

Adults: Tr Peter Le, Tr TC, Tr. Tam Tran, Tr. Nguyen, Chung Nguyen, MinhTuan Ho, Phuc Pham

* Scouts staying overnight

Submitted by ChanToan

The groups started hiking down the trails at different times of departure. each group had selected navigators and a pair of adults. The plan was to hike all the way to the Washington Monument to eat lunch then quickly hike the rest of the way to our campsites. Water breaks were frequent to keep scouts hydrated and to recharge before continuing the trail. The first group lead by Kenneth and Evan arrived at the Monument, but decided it would be best to hike closer to the campsite because they've already eaten their lunch earlier before. The temperature wasn't that cold as scouts expected it to be, because many have stopped to take off their layer of clothing.

During the hike to the campsite, the first group was passed by the second group lead by Ben and Chan Toan. This happens again vice versa later down the trail. When the groups reach the campsite, older scouts immediately start setting up stations where they then can teach the younger scouts. These stations include how to use a portable stove, how to filter water, and how to use pocket knives, saws, and axes safely. The day ends with dinner and a campfire everyone enjoyed with games and skits.



Scouts take a break after the lengthy hike



Group in front of Washington Monument



David and Damon setting up their tent



Brandon teaches everyone how to the portable stove



Scouts learn how to filter water



Evan, Minh Trung, and Vincent teach axe and saw

Halloween Party - 10/26 - Long Branch Community Center

Attendees: Evan, Chantoan, Evelyn, Damon, Ben, Justin, Khoa, Vy, Vincent N, Preston

Adults: Tr Nguyen, Tr Tam

Submitted by Damon

Potomac scouts and leaders helped with a Halloween Party at Long Branch Community Center on Friday, October 26. The event gathered many friends and families from the community. The main attraction was the haunted house, which many scouts, leaders, and other volunteers helped to set up and/or scare the people of the community. There were vendors selling food such as hot dogs, pizza, soda, etc. Scouts in middle or high school were able to receive student service learning hours from their volunteer work. The party allowed us to meet and work with many new people from the community and workers at the community center.

***Patrol Leader Council:

SPL (Evelyn Phạm/ Ben Nguyễn); ASPL(Kimberly HỒ/ Chân Toàn Hà); PLs (Anna Pham, Katie Pham, Janelle Vo, Melanie Pham, Minh Hong, Brandon Le, Damon Nguyen, MinhTrung Ha): IN (Tiffany Nguyen, Nolan Vo, Khang Do,); QUAR (Brian Nguyen); HIS (Kevin Nguyen1); SCR (Kenneth Le Nguyen); TG (Vincent Do, Brian Mach); DC (Co Tu Do, Evan Le); OC(Justin Pham)

* Ong Patrol: Nina Võ, Vy Nguyễn, Melanie Phạm, Cassidy Phạm, Tammy Nguyễn, Nina Võ

* Gau Trang Patrol: Jenna Bufenbarger, Kathleen Nguyễn, Janelle Võ, Tiên Tran, Emily Tran

* Dai Bang Patrol: Caitlyn Nguyễn, Katie Phạm, Kimberly HỒ, Tiffany Nguyễn, Lizzie Mai, Trúc Lê, Massie Tran

* Hong Hac Patrol: Evelyn Pham, Anna Pham, Xuan Anh Cao, Allison Ly, Co Tu Doan, Kathy Ho, Hong Nguyễn

*Ho Patrol: Tony Tran, Khang Đỗ, Chan Toan Ha, Francis Nguyen, Brandon Le, Preston Nguyen, Mason Duy Huynh

*Ung Patrol: MinhTrung Ha (PL), Evan Le, Vincent Dang, Ben Nguyen, Kevin Nguyen2, Nathan Huynh, Louis Nguyen, Kenneth Le, Vincent Nguyen, Vinh Dinh Le

Rong Patrol: Damon Nguyen, Kevin Nguyen1, Nolan Vo, Justin Pham, Brian Nguyen, Brian Mach, David Le , Phi Huynh, Thanh Luu.

Beo Patrol: MinhHong, Leo Khoa Nguyen, Richer Quang Nguyen, MinhDang Ho, Nathan Ngo, Nathan Le, Daniel Pham, Dilton Huynh, Khoa Hoang

***Adult Leadership:

SM: Son Nguyen

ASM: Tran Chau Le, GS patrol advisor

ASM: Nhung Tran, GS patrol advisor

ASM: Long Pham, patrol advisor

AMS: Nguyen Nguyen, patrol advisor/round table

ASM: Peter Le, patrol advisor/outdoor event

ASM: Nghia Tran, patrol advisor

JASM: Thomas Tran, PLC advisor

Committee Chair: Chung Nguyen

BoR/CoH coordinators: Chung Nguyen

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); DC (Den Chief); OG (Outdoor Ethics guide)

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: Kevin Nguyen¹, HIS; Peter Le, ASM; Son Nguyen SM

Troop's schedule

- **October- Backpacking**
- 5: Meeting
- 12: Meeting/13 nursing
- 19: No meeting/20-21: *backpack camping from Turner's Gap, Boonsboro, MD to Greenbrier State Park(#)*
- 26: Meeting/LBC Halloween party/24/25 setup
- **November- Orienteering**
- 2: Meeting/3 nursing
- 9: No meeting/10-11: *Orienteering at Prince Williams National Park (#)*
- 16: No meeting /17: LD anniversary/community service at LBC
- 23: No meeting (Thanksgiving)
- 30: Meeting