

Troop 1794 Newsletter



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A Message from the Scoutmaster:

Dear scouts:

Someone asked me why there isn't "thank you" law of the 12 scout laws. Actually, the "courteous" law covers that. Being courteous is being a good person. It is opening doors and holding them open for the next person, or giving up seat for a woman who is standing on the bus, or saying please and thank you when asking someone do something for you. In our age of email, instant messaging and online chats, courtesy becomes more difficult to learn and practice. It isn't used as often as it should be. How often do you use it? And how often do you say thank you to the persons who are closest to you, your mother and father? How often do you say it to your friends or even strangers when they do something for you?

It's so easy to forget, especially if the Good Turn is done by somebody in your family. Too often we take for granted the many things our parents and other family members do for us. Here's a challenge for you. Between now and then, see if you can find some reason to say thank you every day to some member of your family. You may be surprised how they will react.

A simple thank you costs nothing, but it means so much to those who matter most to you. And remember, manners make the man and can be the difference between you being just another Scout and one who earns himself respect from those around him. Tr. Son Nguyen

Orienteering - 11/10/18 - Prince Williams Forest Park, Dumfries VA

Attendees: Minh H, Brandon L, Daniel P, Emily T, Dillon H, Janelle V, Vincent D, Damon N, Nathan H, Khoa H, Mason H, Richer N, Nathan L, Mindang H, Vincent N, Preston N, Thanh L, Nathan N, Kathleen N, Nolan V, Vinh L, Tammy N, Tien T, Truc L, Vy N

Adults: Tr. Peter, Tr. Tam, Tr. TC, Minh Tuan Ho, Think Luu, Chung Nguyen, Phu Nguyen

Submitted by Kevin Nguyen (kevin1)

Orienteering is an activity loved by scouts of all ages. Orienteering requires fitness and skill, in which the object is to locate control points within the park using a map and compass. It can be enjoyed as scouts make competition between each other on who will get the most points.

Scouts split into groups with each a leader to guide the group to each point. The maps were uniform, but have different #markers based on difficulty. The map uses colors, symbols, and labels to represent features found on the ground.

Scouts had lunch on the Orienteering trail and everyone returned to the parking lot by 1:30pm. At the end, Damon took notes with rose, bud, and thorn. Basically, ROSE is what we did good, which the scouts agreed on staying together, working together, and decision making. BUD is what we can improve on, which is wearing appropriate clothing, bringing compasses, and to check our pace. Lastly, THORN is what was bad, Which was not staying on track.



Tammy, Kathleen, and Truc getting a bearing



Brandon and Nathan rest on the bridge



Nolan celebrates finding this difficult marker



Damon's group finds their first marker



Girls smile after finding tough marker



MinhDang and Nathan dancing in front of their marker.

LD Anniversary at Long Branch - 11/17/18 - Long Branch Community Center

Attendees: Maisie, Janelle, Jenna, Cassidy, Emily, Evelyn, Katie, Melanie, Nina, Tammy, Tien, Truc, Vy N, Xuan Thi, Ben, Brandon Le, Brian M, Brian N, Chan Toan, Damon, Daniel, David, Evan, Francis, Kenneth, Kevin1, Kevin2, Khang, Khoa, Leo, Louis, Mason, Minh Dang, Minh Trung, Nathan, Nathan H, Nathan L, Nolan, Phi, Preston, Richer, Thanh, Tony, Vincent D, Vincent N, Vinh

Submitted by Kevin Nguyen (kevin1)

LD Potomac was formed on November 17, 1994 with two original scouting units. 24 years later, LD Potomac still provides a refine scouting environment for over 100+ scouts.

This year LD Potomac celebrates its anniversary with the cleaning of Long Branch Community Center. Scouts, parents, and leaders gather at Long Branch on a chilly Saturday bringing paint, trash bags, leaf blowers, and shovels to clean up the community center. Work begins, as everyone split into different groups to perform specific tasks. Some scouts painted along the curb of the flagpole area, some picked up trash around the Community Center, and some raked leaves into piles.

At the end, scouts made an enormous hull of leaves and trash that are then thrown in the dumpster. They then come into the building to celebrate with pizza and cake.



Thanh and Brian bag leaves



Maisie, Katie, Evelyn paint the curve



Evan, Brandon, Thanh, and Nathan shuffle leaves



Kenneth, Vincent, Damon, and Ben helping out



Leo, Nathan, Francis, and Damon smile talking about what they found around Long Branch



Ben and Kenneth carry a someone's home away



Truc and Tammy cleaning up



This trash is no treasure !!!



Cake



Happy Birthday Potomac !!!

*****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
 Do Chieu

Treasurer: Chi Thuan

Parent coordinator: Phong Huynh, Phuc Pham

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 Nguyen*¹, *HIS*; *Peter Le*, *ASM*; *Son Nguyen* *SM*

Troop's schedule

<p>December- Citizenship</p> <p>1: Nursing home visit (Beo Patrol)</p> <p>7: No meeting</p> <p>8: <i>overnight rock climbing (#)</i></p> <p>14: meeting/15: LD Xmas party</p> <p>21: No meeting- nursing</p> <p>28: No meeting (New Year celebration)</p> <p>January- First Aid</p> <p>4: Cabin camping</p> <p>5: Cabin Camping and CoH (#)</p> <p>11: meeting</p> <p>19: meeting/nursing</p> <p>25: No meeting</p> <p>26: skiing at Ski Liberty</p> <p>27: fundraising at chợ Tết Northwestern HS, Maryland (#)</p> <p>February- Pioneering</p> <p>1: meeting</p> <p>8: No Meeting (Tet Feb 5)</p> <p>9-10: Wimporee MB in VA</p>	<p>15: Meeting</p> <p>16: Hội Tết HD at Centreville High School 6001 Union Mill Rd Clifton, VA 20124 (*)</p> <p>18: White Oaks MB day (#)</p> <p>22: Meeting</p> <p>March-3</p> <p>1: Troop MB day at LBC (#)</p> <p>8: Meeting</p> <p>15: Meeting</p> <p>16: nursing/LD fundraising (*)</p> <p>22: No Meeting</p> <p>23-24: /camping at Greenbelt National Park or Little Bennett State Park</p> <p>29: Meeting</p> <p>(*) LD activities</p> <p>(#) Troop activities</p>
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