

Troop 1794 Newsletter



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A Message from the Scoutmaster:

Hi scouts:

Let's talk briefly about Vietnamese scouting history. Before 1975, the Scouting Movement developed strongly in South Vietnam. Besides learning and playing around in the scouting program, Vietnamese scouts also participated in the relief programs designed to help people due to the war and natural disasters. There were scouting of many backgrounds including Buddhist Scouting, Catholic Scouting, Military Scouting, Police Scouting...Even though the names are different, they basically operated with the same principal of the scouting movement. The Military Scouting units had the most benefits. They were transported by military vehicles whenever they sent to far away camps and their tents and equipment were provided by military (one of my friends who was in a military scout units had a nice military dagger and water bottle...) After 75, when the Communist took over the country, scouting was banned from some activities. In the early 1990, some scouting groups began to organize and run, but they were not formally approved by the government. During this time, Vietnamese government also asked World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) to let Vietnam abolish the promise of "...Làm tròn bổn phận đối với tín ngưỡng, tâm linh..." (to fulfill the duty to one's religion, spiritual belief), and let Vietnam scouting to be directly under the authority of the government. Of course, WOSM rejected these proposals because it went against its principle.

Scouts, I brought this issue during this Christmas season to emphasize, the foundation of the scouting is based on faith. The Scout Law, "a scout is reverent", means he is faithful in his religious duties and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion. So scouts must believe in God, or in Buddha, in Mohamed..., or in the Supreme Being (not Satan though). It is fine if you don't follow a religion but participate in the ancestor worship (Đạo thờ ông bà), like 70% of the Vietnamese. Even though "Đạo thờ ông bà" is not a religion, it is a very precious tradition of the Vietnamese, worshipping our ancestor is not only respectful to those who raise us, but also those who have built and preserved Vietnam. Tr. Son

ManorCare - 12/1/18 - Bethesda, MD

Attendees: Daniel, Dillion, Khoa, Minhdang, Nathan L, Nathan N, Richer

Adults: Tr. Son, Peter, Tuan

Beo Patrol helped play Bingo with the residents at Manor Care nursing home. Scouts helped calling the numbers, set up the bingo boards, and called out BINGO VERY LOUD !!!

Beo Patrol: *Asks Tr. Peter to do their writeup*
Tr Peter: *Does it bad*
Beo Patrol:



Rock Climbing - 12/7/18 to 12/8/18 - Sportrock, Alexandria, VA

Attendees Boys: Ben, Brandon Lam, Brandon Le, Brian M, Brian N, Damon, Daniel, David, Dillon, Evan, Justin, Kenneth, Kevin1, Kevin2, Khang, Khoa, Minh, Minhdang, Nathan H, Nathan L, Nathan N, Nolan, Phi, Preston, Richer, Thanh, Tony, Vincent D, Vincent N

Attendees Girls: Caitlyn2, Cassidy, Emily, Evelyn, Janelle, Jasmine, Kathleen, Katie, Kimberly, Melanie, Nina, Tammy, Tien, Tiffany, Vy

Adults: Tr. Tam, Nguyen, Peter, Tran-Chau, Thinh, Tuan

Submitted by Kevin Nguyen (kevin1)

Young and old scouts alike have been waiting with thrill and enthusiasm for December's Rock Climbing Activity. Scouts are expected to be briefed by the employees on safety and how to properly rock climb. This means no monkeying around for the scouts, as it could put a person in jeopardy when scaling the high walls. The safety lessons taught scouts how to tie the figure 8 knot that would be attached to their harnesses and how to assist the climbers while they go up and down.

After the safety lessons, the scouts instantly chose their own walls to climb in groups of three or two. While one climbs, the others would be on the ground to give rope to the climber and eventually assist him/her on the way down.

Near midnight, the pizza has arrived and the bathrooms overflow with hungry scouts trying to wash their hands.

Afterwards, some brave scouts attempt to climb the high walls that dwarf the others by margins. The walls looked like they never end viewing it from below. An extra safety precaution for climbing the high walls would be to put a weighted bag down on the rope just in case the climber falls.

By 2:30 AM, most scouts are worn out and exhausted, so they start playing card games or just sit and talk with one another. However, some aren't tired and continue to climb the walls.



David and Vincent prepare Khang for his climb.



Kevin ties the figure 8 knot.



Brian is ready to climb.



Tammy and Kathleen double check the knot.



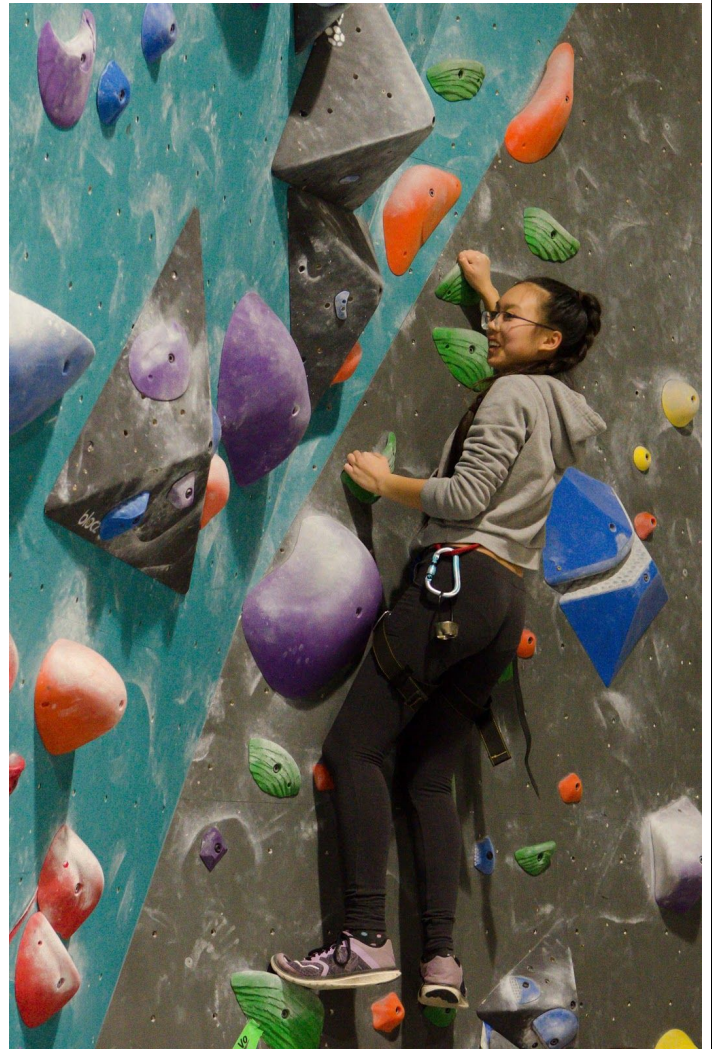
Daniel is bouldering.



Ben goes up, up, and up.



Nina tackles the wall.



Tien finds her footing and grip on the wall.



QB Vincent practices for the Super Bowl.



Scouts play 4-squares.

LD Potomac Xmas Party - 12/15/18 - Herbert Hoover Middle School

Attendees: LD Scouts, Scouters, Friends, and Family

Submitted by Kevin Nguyen (kevin1)

LD Potomac's Christmas Party or Holiday party is held every year at Herbert Hoover MS. Scouts participate in traditional games like the best Gingerbread House contest and all the performances made up on the stage by other scouts. To help with the festivities, scouts made an abundance of bracelets made with strings with a bell to give to everyone one to have.

The older scouts race ahead to get in line first when food was presented. Everyone sat together at tables to socialize and enjoy the event.

Performances were very delightful this year, as the girl scouts did "You know when you're Vietnamese when" where they talk about common occurrences that happen with their families.

The boys in troop came up with no plan and started to sing together Christmas songs and childhood songs.

The adults even had their time on the stage with dancing, and all the younger scouts were joyful for the walking Christmas tree.





***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); TG (Vincent Dang, 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, Caitlyn Nguyễn2

* Gau Trang Patrol: 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

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 Mr. Chung Nguyen (Committee Chair) to schedule your Board of Review (BoR)

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

Troop's schedule

December- Citizenship

1: Nursing home visit (Beo Patrol)

7: No meeting

8: overnight rock climbing (#)

14: meeting/15: LD Xmas party

21: No meeting- nursing

28: No meeting (New Year celebration)

January- First Aid

4: Cabin camping

5: Cabin Camping and CoH (#)

11: meeting

19: nursing- Đại Bàng

20: fundraising at chợ Tết Northwood HS, Maryland (#)

25: No meeting

26: skiing at Ski Liberty

February- Pioneering

1: meeting

8: No Meeting (Tet Feb 5)
9-10: Wimporee MB in VA
15: Meeting
16: Hội Tết HD at Centreville High School 6001 Union
Mill Rd Clifton, VA 20124 (*)
18: White Oaks MB day (#)
22: Meeting

March-

1: No meeting
2: Troop MB day at LBC (#)
8: Meeting
15: Meeting
16: nursing/LD fundraising gala (*)
22: No Meeting
23-24: /camping at Greenbelt National Park or Little
Bennett State Park
29: Meeting

(*) LD activities
(#) Troop activities