

Troop 1794 Newsletter



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A Message from the Scoutmaster:

SCOUTMASTER MINUTES FOR EAGLE COURT HONOR JAN 5, 2019

Hello everyone.

I want to congratulate Jeffrey and Thomas for completing their Eagle trails and becoming

Eagle Scouts. It was a long way, right? I don't remember when Jeffrey joined the Troop? It seems a long time ago! Was it 10 years ago? but I remember, he was a very active, nice, friendly and obedient boy. My most impression about Jeffrey was how friendly he was to everyone, especially to the girl scouts, and the girls like him very much!

For Thomas, he was one of the very first Webelos of Pack 1794 to move up to Troop about 5 year ago, he was a little shy quiet boy then. My most impression about Thomas was his responsibility. When I assigned him as the camp chief for LD camp few years ago, he did his best to complete the work regardless of how tired he was. He was exhausted and relieved when the camp was over.



Do you know what special about this Eagle Court of Honor? I tell you the difference: This time, there was one scout who got Eagle at the youngest, and one who got Eagle at the oldest. One took 4 months to complete, and the other took almost 4 years.

Because of his project, one of the adult scouters quit. The other one, because of his project,

after interviewing him in the Eagle Board of Review , one of the adult scouters went to hospital! But both have similarities: First, Jeffrey and Thomas all have the desire to achieve the Eagle rank. They want to be Eagle scouts; Second, from the desire which drive them to the goals by completing the necessary requirements; and Third, importantly they have the support and encouragement of the family. I want to emphasize to parents that you encourage them, not do the work for them, you need to give them room to grow and become independent.

So scouts and parents I want you to learn from these experiences. Scouts: set a goal to become Eagle scout. Participate in troop activities and try to finish the requirements in your scout handbook in order to advance. Parents: encourage them, give them advices and guidances, and sometime we have to show them tough love.

So Jeffrey and Thomas. I hope you two remembers those who have helped you to achieve your Eagle rank: the leaders, the parents and your scouting friends. Come back and help Troop when you have time. We're family. You are forever a member of Troop 1794, and Good luck in your future. Tr. Son

February 7: In the following with Vietnam scouting in last month newsletter, on Jan 10, 2019, World Scouting welcomed Pathfinder Scouts Vietnam as its 170th member, marking a historic moment as Vietnam formally rejoins the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) after 44 years. However, there is no official announcement from Vietnam government so scouting is still not officially recognized in Vietnam.

Cabin Camping - 1/4/19 - Camp Brighton Woods, Brookeville, MD

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

Attendees Girls: Tiffany, Elizabeth, Kimberly, Emily, Kathleen, Janelle, Tien, Evelyn, Allison, Tammy, Nina, Vy N, Truc, Jasmin

Adults: Tr. Peter, Tr. Nguyen, Tr. Tam, Tr. Son, Tr. Jimmy, Tr Thinh, Tr Tuan, Tr Nghia, Tr Nhung, Tr TranChau, Athen, Jeffrey

Submitted by Kevin Nguyen (kevin1)

Would you rather camp in tents or in a large cabin that includes refrigerators, bathrooms, and a big kitchen?

On January 4, 2019 scouts go cabin camping for two entire nights and will also include a CoH.

After everyone arrived and setup, patrols had to select two scouts to be sent to the supermarket to buy food, water, and other supplies.

Next day, scouts went outside to make breakfast with the food they had bought. Then it was time to make patrol flags!

This activity brought out tons of creativity from scouts to design their flag anyway they want. The Beo patrol drew Garfield on their flag, Ung patrol had a bird, Ho patrol had the face of a tiger, and Rong patrol had their Dragonite.

Later, scouts group up to their assigned teams to go head to head against other teams in fun team building activities. These activities include the entire team to hold hands, form a circle, and cooperate with other scouts to maneuver the hula hoop around each other. Another activity requires two scouts to blow a marshmallow across a game board with straws (there are turns, you can't go straight all the way) if you blow and hit a wall you are then placed back from where you were previously. In the final game, all team members have a balloon tied to their ankles and they have to pop the opposing team's balloon without getting theirs popped.

This Court of Honor saw many of the new scouts earn scout and tenderfoot ranking and also some of the older scouts earning second class, first class, star, and life rankings. However for scouts Thomas and Jeffery, this Court of Honor finally gave them their Eagle Scout rank.





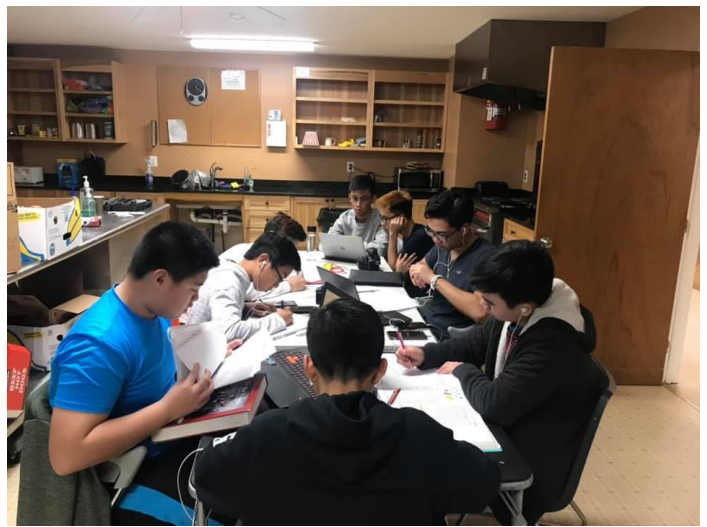
Scouts deciding what to buy with their budget



Vincent observes the Beo making breakfast



Kenneth and Khang race against Thanh and Brian



Troop Skiing - 1/26/19 - Ski Liberty

Attendees Boys: Dillon, Khoa, Ben, Damon, Evan, Brandon Le, Nathan, Brandon Lam, Nathan N, Minh H, Tony, Mason, Nathan H, Vincent D, Chantoan, Thanh, Kevin1, Richer, Vincent N, Preston, Minhdang, Daniel

Attendees Girls: Vy, Tiffany, Caitlyn1, Caitlyn2, Tammy, Nina, Cassidy, Melanie, Katie, Kimberly, Kathy, Kathleen

Adults: Tr. Peter, Tr. Nguyen, Tr. TC, Tr. Tuan, Tr. Thinh

On Jan 26th, troop went on a ski trip at Ski Liberty in Pennsylvania. Most of the scouts arrived at 9:00am to pick up the lift tickets and get their rentals. The weather was sunny and in the lower 40s. It was perfect to be on the slopes.

After the scouts get their equipments, they eagerly ventured onto the slope. The scouts tended to stick together based on their skill levels. The beginner skiers were at the bunny slope not too far from their ski classes. The seasoned skiers adventured onto the blue and double-black diamond slopes.

Toward the afternoon, a dozen scouts took a Snow Sport Merit Badge classes. A lot of them thought the class wasn't too tough. The merit badge classes were taught by Tr Nguyen and a counselor from Ski Liberty.

We skied until the sun came down. We were all tired and cold and can't wait for some warm food and a hot shower.





Nursing Home Visit - 1/19/19 - Bethesda, MD

Attendees: Emily, Caitlyn, Tien, Tammy, Vy

Adults: Tr. Peter, c Trang, c Thuy

Ong and Gau patrol spent a few hours Saturday helping out the residence of Manor Care play bingo.



Chợ Tết - 1/20/19 - Northwood High School

Attendees Boys: Minh Dang, Minh Trung, Chan Toan, Phi, Justin, Brian, Nolan, Tony, Benjamin, Khang, Kevin¹, Nathan Le, Nathan Ngo, Nathan H, Vincent, Athen, Mason, Damon, Vinh, Thanh, Thomas, Brandon Le, Evan, Kenneth Le

Attendees Girls: Emily, Tien, Janelle, Caithlyn², Vy, Tammy

Adults: Tr. Peter, Tr. Nguyen, Tr. Tam, Tr. Son, Tr. Jimmy

Submitted by Kevin Nguyen (kevin1)

Chợ Tết, or the Lunar New Year's Market, is held every year. Troop 1794 participates to help with the flag opening ceremony and to fundraise money by selling cotton candy and balloons.

Traditional vietnamese food and drinks were also sold during the event.

When I walked outside I was amazed to see the entire parking lot full and countless numbers of people walking along the sidewalks to the building.



Nolan shows Nathan how to make a balloon dog





***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

JASM: Thomas Tran, PLC 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- *Dai Bàng*
- 20: fundraising at chợ Tết Northwestern 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: Meeting
29: No Meeting
30-31: Camping at Greenbelt National Park or Little
Bennett State Park

(*) LD activities
(#) Troop activities

