

Troop 1794 Newsletter



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A Message from the Scoutmaster:

In the truyện cổ tích Việt Nam (Vietnamese old stories) there is a story about 5 blind fortune tellers who had never once seen an elephant so they don't know what its shape was. One day, a circus came to the village and the 5 fortune tellers made an arrangement so they would be able to "touch" the elephant. First one touched the nose, second one touched the ivory, third touched the ear, fourth touched the leg, and the fifth touched the tail. Afterward, 5 fortune tellers in turn said about the elephant. The one touched the nose exclaimed "it was a boa." The one touch the ivory disagreed, "it is not a boa, it's long and hard as a rake." The one touched the ear thought "it's like a fan." The fourth person touched the elephant's legs and reacted immediately, "You're all wrong, it's like a column." The last one touched the tail responded, "You're all wrong again, it is a blunt broom." As a result, disagreement leads to quarrel and fight to the point when everyone gets injured.

The moral of the story is before concluding something, we need to thoroughly understand the matter or problem in different viewpoints. Superficial insights will lead to deviant thoughts and wrong conclusions. The story also reflects on people with superficial knowledge but always try to prove to be more intelligent and better than others. Let's learn to sing a Vietnamese Boy Scout song about an elephant later. *Kìa nhìn xem xa kia có cái con chi to ghê. Trông xa lớn hơn xe hơi. Đang lăn bánh xe đi chơi. À thì ra con voi. Như vậy mà nghĩ ngại hoài. Đằng sau nó đeo một cái đuôi và một cái vòi trên đầu.*

https://lyric.tkaraoke.com/23707/kia_nhin_xem.html

Tr. Sơn

Hội Tết Hướng Đạo - 2/16/19 - Centreville High School, VA

Attendees Boys: Tony, Khang, Chan Toan, Brandon Le, Preston, Minh Trung, Evan, Vincent D, Ben, Nathan H, Kenneth, Vincent N, Vinh, Damon, Kevin¹, Nolan, Justin, Brian M, David, Phi

Attendees Girls: Vy, Kathleen, Tien, Tammy, Evelyn, Tiffany, Nina, Emily, Janelle, Kathy, Lizzy, Kimberly

Adults: Tr Son, Tr Tam, Tr Nguyen, Tr Peter, Tr TC

Submitted by Kevin Nguyen (kevin¹)

LD Tet Celebration or Hội Tết, is holds every year and holds a very special meaning for all the scouts, leaders, and parents. This event is the time where everybody can get together with their families to celebrate the new year with great food and fun activities. Not to mention the lì xì and fantastic performances. This year's celebration saw the best performances yet! LD's Troop 1794 performance was a talent show with three main parts.

The first act was performed by the girls+Brandon, where they act out experiences with a vietnamese family which was very entertaining and hilarious for the audience. Another act was a suppose cooking segment performed by Evan and Minh Trung. The comical duo had one person(Evan) sit down on top of the other to be the speaker, as the person below would use his hands to handle the food and comedy. The last act saw Brain and Khang do an incredible dance performance which blew away the audience with their breathtaking dance moves and coordination.

Scouts break to eat and to talk to one another. They met new people, new friends, and they laugh together. The food was excellent, it was a combination of homemade vietnamese food, pizza, and fried chicken brought by the parents. The abundance of food guaranteed scouts to be energize for the further activities. Multiple workshops entertain younger and older scouts alike, as scouts from other Liên Đoàns hangout to show dance moves or talk about the games. Troop 1794 ran the Đá Cầu game.



Boys dancing to K-Pop



The girls doing their skit



The "Judges" of the talent show



Evan and Minh Trung doing the cooking skit



Kenneth bringst all the performers back on stage for the judges



Daniel D, Narine, and Vinh doing Sớ Táo Quân



Troop oversees the Đá Cầu game

***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)

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

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

January- *First Aid*

- 4: Cabin camping
- 5: Cabin Camping and CoH (#)
- 11: meeting
- 19: meeting/nursing
- 25: No meeting
- 26: skiing at Ski Liberty
- 27: fundraising at chợ Tết Northwestern HS, Maryland (#)

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 (Hỗ)/LD fundraising (*)
- 22: Meeting
- 29: No meeting
- 30-31: Camping at Little Bennett State Park

April- *Science*

- 5: Meeting
- 12: Meeting/13: nursing (Ung)
- 19: No Meeting/17-22: MCS spring break
- 26: No meeting
- 26-28: LD Spring Camp at Tuckahoe State Park, MD (*)

May- *Swimming*

- 3: Meeting
- 4: Swimming test
- 10: Meeting /11: nursing (Rồng)
- 17: Meeting:
- 24: No meeting. Memorial weekend
- 25: Biking?
- 31: Meeting

June- *Sports*

- 7: Meeting
- 8: Basketball tournament at LBC.
- 14: LD Picnic/Court of Honor (*)/15: nursing
- 21-23: Trại Lửa Việt

29: Water drafting?

July:

#21-27: Summer Camp (#)

July 22- Aug 2: 14th World Jamboree

August: off