

# Troop 1794 Newsletter



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## **A Message from the Scoutmaster:**

Hi scouts: this is an inspirational news.

### **Homeless teen becomes high school valedictoria, accepted to Harvard.**

**HOUSTON (FOX 26)** - May 30, 2019. One Houston high schooler is going from homeless to Harvard. Derrick Ngo will be graduating at the top of his class at Energy Institute High School this weekend as valedictorian. "I realized that if I didn't use school and education and the resources that were available to me, then there would be no way that I would get out of the situation I was in," Ngo said. Driven by his determination to change his future, the 18-year-old channeled all of his childhood frustrations into school.

Derrick went to 12 different schools growing up. His dad hasn't been in the picture since he was two and his relationship with his mother has essentially been non-existent as she went in and out of jail multiple times. "We often didn't have that much food. We didn't have that much money. We didn't have a stable source of income and that was one of my biggest struggles growing up-- that lack of parental guidance," Ngo said. Derrick started living on his own when he was 15, occasionally receiving rent checks from his mom. But often, it was barely enough to cover the basic essentials and at one point, at 17 years old, Derrick became homeless. "To become the antithesis of my family and of my mother, is one of the biggest inspirations I've had growing up," Ngo said.

Derrick took the bus to school every day and began focusing all of his energy into creating his success. He said the key to his success is discipline and to never lose sight of your end goals. "In having a vision, you have something that you're working towards. And although it's not real yet, it's something that is going to be real one day," Ngo said.

Derrick also applied to the University of Texas at Austin, Princeton, Columbia and Harvard and was accepted into all four elite universities. Ultimately, Derrick will be attending Harvard in the fall. He's deciding between majoring in philosophy and economics. Currently, Derrick said he's not sure which career path he'll pursue in the future, but hopes to impact change on other people's lives. So scouts, you must learn to control yourself, work harder without needing anyone tell you what to do. Set your goal and follow it. Tr. Son

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## Mother's Day - 5/10, Argyle Middle School, MD

Submitted by Brian Nguyen

With Mother's Day coming up, the cub scouts decided to make mother's day gifts. With troop coming along to help assist the leaders with the cubs to make their gifts. Cub scouts made flowers decorated with compliments for their mother, hearts decorated with compliments, and everything else in between. But somewhere in the flurry of activities, paper airplanes started flying around. Cubs were running around throwing paper airplanes everywhere that were made by some of troop. Then after all that, the scouts started to run and play around the spacious cafeteria while troop just sat off to the side and talked. But overall, it was a fun experience and refreshing one. With that being said, many thanks to the mothers in our lives I hope the best in your endeavors.



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### \*\*\*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, Nathan Huynh, ): IN (Nolan Vo, Khang Do); HIS (Brian Nguyen); QUAR(Brandon Le, Damon Nguyen); SCR (Kenneth Le); TG (Vincent Dang, Brian Mach); DC (Co Tu Do, Evan Le).

\* 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)

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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.

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### 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). SMC are on the first and second week of the month.

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). BoR is at the last week of the month.

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**Editors:** *Kevin Nguyen*<sup>1</sup>, *HIS*; *Peter Le*, *ASM*; *Son Nguyen*, *SM*

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## 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 (HỒ)/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  
31: Meeting

### **June- Sports**

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

29: Water drafting?

### **July:**

#21-27: Summer Camp (#)  
July 22- Aug 2: 14<sup>th</sup> World Jamboree

**August:** off