

Troop 1794 Newsletter



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Camp Rodney - July 21 - July 27, North East, MD

Attendees Boys: Brandon Lam, Brady, Daniel, Dillon, Kenny, Khoa, Mason, Minh, MinhDang, Nathan L, Nathan N, Phi, Quan, Thanh, Vinh, Vu

Attendees Girls: Emily, Tammy, Vy N, Vy H, Vi L

Adults: Tr Peter, Tr Thinh, Tr Tuan, Tr Truc, Tr Hien, c Trang, c Chau, c Ngoc, c Tien, c Lien

Submitted by Dillon

On Sunday, July 21, twenty one scouts arrived and met up at the parking lot at 1PM. What a hot day! it was around 99°F. There we were greeted by a camp guide. Following the guide, we took all our belongings that we could and left the rest for pickup by Tr. Peter and Tr. Thinh. When we reached our campsite called Lone Pine, we lined up for a medical check to ensure we didn't have any fever by two other guides that were already there. Next, we were told to get in our swimming clothes and bring towels. On our way to the swimming pool, the camp guides took us on a tour of Camp Rodney. We first visited the campfire circle and then the Pathfinder Dining Hall, where we were told our eating times and our tables. They showed us the places that our classes were going to be. The last stop on the camp tour was the Rifle, Shotgun, and Archery Ranges. After that we walked up to the swimming pool where we lined up for the Swimming test.

Unfortunately, we were too late and the scouts who had aquatic classes or just wanted to have fun would have to go to the swimming pool at 5 AM next morning. After the whole tour we went back to Lone Pine to have some free time and to get ready for dinner, when we are required to wear our Class A. When we were finished eating we went back to camp and started picking our tents and choosing buddies to sleep with. We divided our troop in four patrols, five girl scouts in one patrol, and five boys scouts for other three patrols, so we went to the bathroom together and had shower around 8PM every day.

For our first night, Mother Nature treated us with a severe thunderstorm. We must evacuate to the nearest shelter and stay there until the storm was over two hours later. What an unexpected night and experience! However, we survived.

After the first day, we used to the place where we spent the next five days learning and getting requirements done in our merit badge classes. After all of that we would have free time where scout could play cards and go to the Trading Post, where we could purchase our favorite beverage and food.

Each day we would wake up from 6:30AM to 7:00 AM. We would choose one Patrol to send four people as waiters to go prepare our breakfast around 8:00AM. After our first set of morning merit badge classes, we would return back to our campsite to have some fun and again send four waiters to set up lunch around 12:00PM. Our dinner occurred around 6:00PM every day.

After our afternoon classes and dinner, scouts would return to the campsite. On our 2nd to last day, we all gathered in campfire circle where Camp Guides and Troops would perform funny skits and sing songs.

On our last day, our Troop started packing up, organized police lines to pick up trash, and made the camp cleaner than it was when we got there. Our troop got on Tr. Peter's pick-up truck to go out to the parking lot, where we met our parents to go home.

Generally speaking, the camp was a great experience, full of sweats, fun, and friends. It was a perfect opportunity to start earning merit badges and learning a new survival skills.



Troop waiting for the opening campfire program



Vi, Vy, and Nathan inspecting a caterpillar



Scouts having fun over UNO



Nathan and Daniel relaxing



Quan loves rice and beans



Nathan has KP duty today



Scouts heading to merit badge class



Khoa, Quan, Dillon, and Brandy talking to classmate



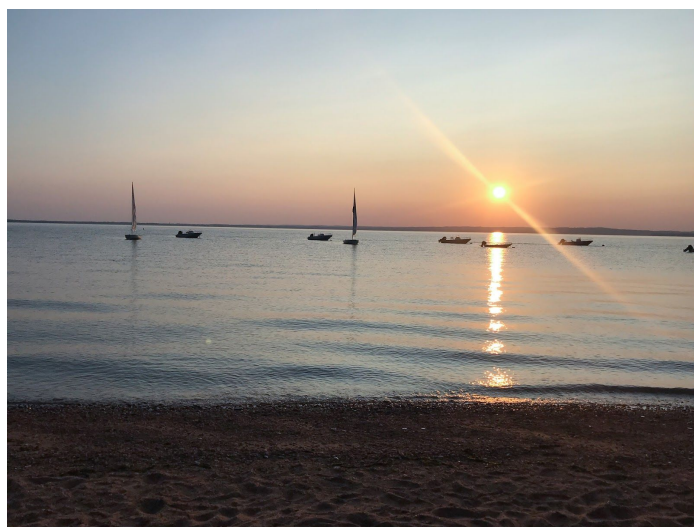
Phi and Thanh trying to hit a bullseye



Scouts experimenting in the Engineering MB class



Scouts swimming to the boat



Boats mooring at sundown

ILST - September 14 - September 15, MD

Attendees Boys: Khang Do, Brian Mach, Vincent Dang, Brandon Le, David Le, Brian Nguyen, Louis Nguyen, Thang Luu, Nathan Ngo, Francis Nguyen, Preston Nguyen, Leo Nguyen, Brandon Lam, Phi Huynh, Evan Le, Chantoan Ha, Kenneth Le, Nolan Vo

Attendees Girls: Tien Tran, Tammy Nguyen, Janelle Vo, Kathleen Nguyen, Emily Tran, Tina, Jenny, Anna Pham

Adults: Tr Chau, Tr Peter, Tr Son, Tr Tam, Tr Thinh

Submitted by Janelle

On September 14th and 15th, scouts arrived at Tien's house for a ILST sleepover. As more people arrived, scouts took out their volleyballs, and even barbie jeeps, and started playing. The girls took the jeeps and started cruising around Tien's driveway. Before we knew it, the clock struck 11:00 signaling the spls to start ice breakers. Scouts played games such as hot potato and the balloon game. After ice breakers we quickly ate our lunches and started opening ceremony. With a helping hand from crew, the spls started the ILST presentation. Once we learned about what each scout role does, we headed outside and set up tents. When the scouts were finished they took a long break, before eating dinner. During this break scouts played *Super Smash Bros* and hung out with each other. Finally, the break was over, and the scouts gathered around with the leaders and ate dinner. When they finished they went straight back to work, planning out 2 meetings that would be possibly used in the future. Just then, Crew suddenly had the idea of getting bubble tea. So they asked everyone what drinks they wanted, and with the ILST money, they bought bubble tea for everyone to enjoy. Slowly as scouts finished with their meetings one by one, they went and brushed their teeth and headed to their tents. Many scouts had droopy eyes and were tired even after drinking bubble tea, and went to sleep.



SPL Khang leads the opening ceremony



Scouts reliving their elementary school days



Playing an ice breaker game



Tr Son opening the ILST class



Scouts learning about balloon delegation



Scouts listening intently to Crew member Kenneth



Phi and Francis doing a weekly lesson plan



Tien learning about group dynamic



Khang and Brian proctoring a game

The next morning, there were bagels, raneb, and bananas ready for scouts to munch on. After scouts were finished eating they all took tents and dishwashing stations apart. Shortly after, closing ceremony started, and parents picked up their children to go home.

Tết Trung Thu - Sept 22, Kenmore Middle School, Arlington, VA

Attendees Boys: Brian M, Brian N, Brandon Lam, Brandon Le, Chantoan, David, Evan, Kenneth, Khang, Khoa, Minh Trung, Nathan L, Preston, Quan, Ryan, Thanh, Vincent D

Attendees Girls: Emily, Janelle, Kathleen, Tammy, Tien, Tina, Vy N, Vy H

Adults: Tr Truc, Tr Peter, Tr Tran-Chau, Tr Thinh, a Chau, c Trang D, a Chieu, c Quynh, c Ngoc N

At Tết Trung Thu, scouts ran the ring toss and ball toss game stations at Tet Trung. They also helped sell cotton candy, fruits, and drinks to fund raise. They have a good time hanging out with old friends and making new ones.



Scouts carrying the cotton candy machine



Thanh and cub scouts making lemonade



Khoa, Vy, and Vy raise some money for troop



Scouts taking care of the game tables

Troop Hiking - Sept 28, Sugarloaf Mountain, Dickerson, MD

Attendees Boys: Brandon, Phi, Minh, Nathan N, Nathan L, Khang, Minh Dang, Quan, David, Ryan, Francis, Thanh, Preston, Vincent N

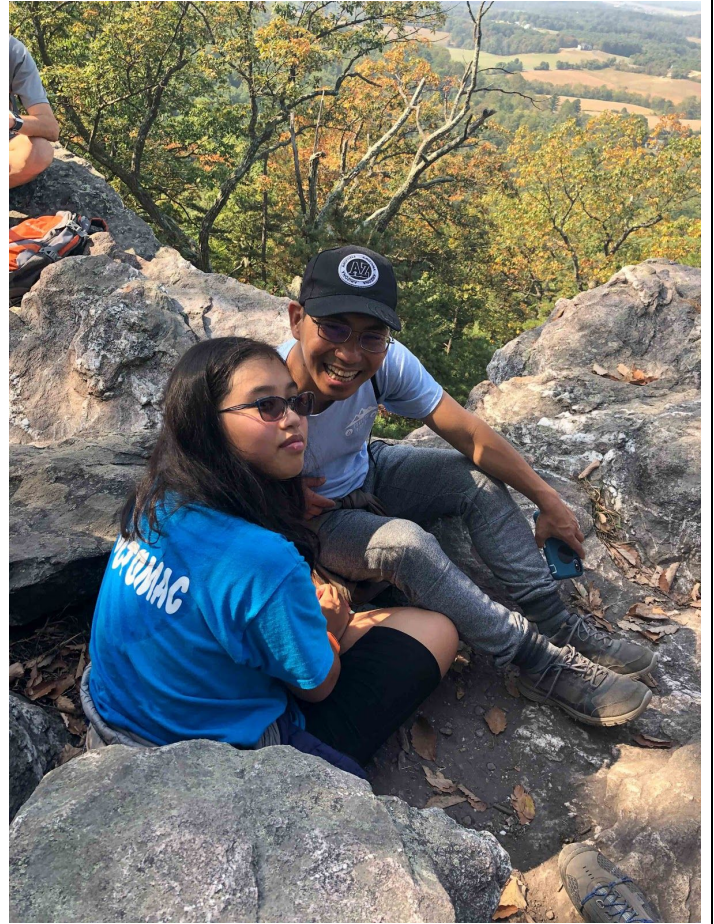
Attendees Girls: Tien, Emily, Janelle, Kathleen, Tammy, Vy

Adults: Tr Peter, Tr Tran-Chau, Tr Thinh, Tr Tuan, a Chang, a Chau, c Trang Dinh, c Trang Nguyen, a Phu

Scouts spent a beautiful Saturday hiking to various peaks on Sugarloaf Mountain. We all met at Potomac View Parking Area at 9 am. Our SPL split us into 3 different hiking groups and assigned us 3 different trails. After about 3 hours of hiking, we all met at White Rocks for a quick lunch. We then hike back to the parking area. The trails were about 6 miles and had a lot of rocks and steep hills. Some of us were not careful and slipped a few times. At the end, we all enjoyed the challenging hike.









***Patrol Leader Council:

SPL (Tiên Trần/ Khang Đỗ); ASPL(Emily Trần/ Brian Mạch); PLs (Nathan Ngô, Francis Nguyễn, Louis Bảo Nguyễn, Tammy Nguyễn, Nolan Võ); HIS (Janelle Võ); QUAR(Vincent Đặng); SCR (Brian Nguyễn); TG (Brandon Lê); DC (Thanh Lưu).

* Gấu Trắng Patrol: Vi Huynh, Kathleen Nguyễn, Janelle Võ, Tiên Trần, Emily Trần, Vy Nguyễn, Tammy Nguyễn

*Hổ Patrol: Francis Nguyễn, Brandon Lê, Leo Khoa Nguyễn, Minh Hồng, Kevin Nguyễn², Khoa Hoang, Vincent Nguyễn

*Ưng Patrol: David Minh Lê, Louis Bảo Nguyễn, Dillon Huỳnh, Phi Huỳnh, Thanh Lưu, Minh Trung Hà

*Rồng Patrol: Chân Toàn Hà, Khang Đỗ, Brandon Lâm, Kenneth Lê, Evan Lê, Kevin Nguyễn¹, Preston Nguyễn, Brian Mạch, Vincent Đặng, Nolan Võ, Ben Nguyễn, Brian Nguyễn

*Beo Patrol: Nathan Lê, Patrick Chu, Quan Nguyễn, Brady Huỳnh, Nathan Ngô, Minh Đăng Hồ

***Adult Leadership:

SM: Son Nguyen

ASM: Tran Chau Le, GS patrol advisor

ASM: Nhung Tran, GS patrol advisor

ASM: Peter Le, patrol advisor/outdoor event

ASM: Thinh Luu, 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);

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). 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.

Editors: *Janelle, HIS; Peter Le, ASM; Son Nguyen, SM*

Troop's schedule

September - Hiking

6 First Meeting

13 Meeting

14-15 ILST (training for PLC)

20 Meeting

21 Hội Tết Trung Thu (*)

27 Meeting

28 Day hiking (#)

October - Camping

4 No meeting

4-6 LD Fall Camp (Patapsco Valley State Park, 1101 Hilton Ave. Catonsville, MD)

11 Meeting

18 Meeting

19 OutdoorZ

25 No Meeting/LBC Halloween

26-27 Troop Camp (#)

November - Backpacking

1 Meeting

8 Meeting

9-10 Backpacking (#)

15 No meeting

16 LD 25th Anniversary (*)

22 Meeting

29 No meeting (Thanksgiving)

December - Citizenship

6 Meeting

13 Meeting

14 LD Xmas party (*)

20 No meeting (Christmas celebration)

27 No meeting (Winter Break)

January - First Aid

3 Meeting

10-12 Cabin camp/CoH(#)

17 Meeting

24 No meeting (Tết Jan 25)

28 Meeting

(*) LD activities

(#) Troop activities

February - Pioneering

7 Meeting

8 Hội Tết Hướng Đạo (*)

14 Meeting

15-16 Outdoor P (#)

17 White Oak District MB

21 Meeting

22 Day hiking (#)

28 Meeting

March - Merit Badge

6 No meeting

7 Troop MB day

13 Meeting

20 Meeting

27-30 Troop Camp (#)

April - Science

3 Meeting

10 No Meeting-MCPS spring break

17-19 LD Spring Camp (*)

17 Meeting

24 Meeting

May - Swimming

1 Meeting

8 Meeting swimming test

14 Meeting

21 Meeting

22 Biking/camping (#)

28 No meeting (Memorial Day weekend)

June - Sports

5 LD Picnic/Court of Honor (*)

July:

4-6 Trại Lữ Việt?

9-21 Philmont, New Mexico

26-31 Rodney summer camp

August: off