

Troop 1794 Newsletter



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LD Kungfu Panda Camp - Oct 4-6, Patapsco Valley State Park, MD

Attendees Boys: Brandon Lam, Chan Toan*, Kenneth*, Preston, Khang*, Evan*, Ryan*, Vincent D*, Francis*, Louis, Brian N*, Leo, Phi*, Brandon Le*, David*, Khoa, Kevin N, Minh Trung*, Brian M*, Thanh*, Vincent N, Dillion, Minh, Nathan N, Brady, Nathan L*, Quan

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

**Friday night camp setup*

The weather was perfect for camp. A few troop and crew members arrived late Friday and worked almost until midnight to prepare the population for camp on Saturday. They set up the camp gate, flag poles, and organize all of the game stations. We were treated with Chick-Fil-A and bubble tea during our work.

Saturday morning, scouts and their parents arrived early and set up their campsites. The camp staff started the opening ceremony promptly at 9:30am. After the ceremony, we all gathered around the troop area for a surprise birthday celebration for Thanh and Brian Nguyen. After cake, we all played an ice breaker then break for lunch.

For lunch, we made our own sandwiches. While eating lunch, we built a bridge for the cub scouts. The bridge was made from wood fastened together with screws and rope. We get to use power tool to drill holes for the screws. Each scout took turn learning about safety and proper procedure of using a power drill.

After lunch, we played the 4 big games and the final game. All of the games involved some sort of teamwork and scout skills. One game, the team has to lash a platform to carry a person about 50 feet.

Another game, the team has to get on and off an uneven platform without speaking for letting the platform tilt. At the end, the crowd favorite game is water balloon. Everyone were drenched including some parents and leaders.

After the games, we all gathered at our campsite and prepared dinner. The patrols made spaghetti, soup, and rice. After dinner, we attended the campfire. There was a lot of skits and songs at the campfire.

In the morning, we woke up early, attended religion hour, and do the closing ceremony. Overall, we had a lot of fun at LD camp.





Vy and her camp theme “Kungfu Panda” drawing



Brian and Thanh celebrating their birthdays



Minh and Phi cutting wood for the cub bridge



Scouts playing the maze game





Scout parents at dinner



Nolan and Evelyn preparing dinner



Our first time campers



Our "Kunfu Panda" camp staff

Zip Line - Oct 19, Adventure Park, Sandy Spring, MD

Attendees Boys: David, Patrick, Ryan, Vincent N, Preston, Thanh, Minh, Quan

Attendees Girls: Janelle, Tien, Kathleen, Kelly, Vy

Adults: Tr Think

We arrived right on time to the park. After we received our tickets, we walked over to the gear area to get fitted with our harness and gloves. It took a while to get the right fit and get used to all of the straps. We then ushered to the briefing area for safety and harness usage. There's a low rope where we practice clipping onto and release from the cable.

After we all were comfortable with the harness and hooking system, we went to the zip line courses. The green courses were the easiest and the blacks were the hardest. Many of us started out with the easy green course. Some of us were adventurous enough and tried out the hard black course.

The courses were tough and required the use of many muscles. Our leg and arm muscles were sore. After a few hours, we all came to the entrance and had pizza for lunch.

Troop Camp, Oct 26-27, Little Bennett, Clarksburg, MD

Attendees Boys: Kevin2, Brandon Le, Nathan L, Evan, Minh, Phi, Brady, Dillon, Francis, Quan, Brian, Khoa, David, Nathan N, Thanh, Minh Trung, Vincent D, Khang, Brian, Ryan

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

Adults: Tr Son, Tr Tam, Tr Peter, Tr TranChau, Tr Truc, Tr Thinh, Tr Tuan

Troop camp is an opportunity for scouts to work on outdoor requirements. We started camp promptly at 9:00am with a flag ceremony conducted by Kathleen. Tammy and Thanh were our camp chiefs.

After the morning flag ceremony, we split up into 2 groups. The first group will spend the entire day with Tr Nghia working on their cooking merit badge. The second group will work on outdoor skills such as lashing, light stoves, water filtration, map & compass, and blade tools.

At the end of the day, we had a potluck dinner. The cooking merit badge class made grilled chicken and fruits. The patrol made rice and soup.



Brian showing proper handling of an ax



Kevin shows Khoa how to use a light stove



Emily makes sure Janelle doesn't burn down the camp



Minhtrung guiding Quan on saw usage



Scouts learning about the 3-bucket system



Tien teaches proper knife handling



Do they know there's a big spider behind them?



Thumbs up Dillon, Quan, Brady !!! You found the post



Tina cutting tofu for soup



Nathan and Minh preparing dinner



Brady and Vy using the camp stove



Scouts grilling chicken

Around 4am, a major rain storm arrived. A lot of our tents took water and our bedding were wet. We were packing up camp during a torrential downpour. Luckily, it wasn't that cold. We did our closing under a canopy. We packed our tents and clean up our campsite in record time and left camp shortly after closing.



Scouts seeks shelter from the torrential rainstorm

***Patrol Leader Council:

SPL (Tiên Trần/ Khang Đỗ); ASPL(Emily Trần/ Brian Mịch); 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 Nguyễn 1, 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