

Monthly Camping

Every month of the year, except July & August, there is a weekend overnight campout. In July there is a weeklong overnight camping experience. In August, all boys and adults participate in our FUNdraiser, working at the Montgomery County Fair. Campouts are at various locations and campgrounds, primarily in Maryland and Virginia and almost always within 1-1/2 hours driving time. Generally campouts begin at 7pm Friday night and end around 1pm Sunday afternoon. Each campout is centered on a theme and troop meetings leading up to the campout focus on skills and learning opportunities related to that theme.

Summer Camp

Summer Camp is the week of July 4th and runs from Sunday to Saturday. The Troop rotates through 7 different Summer Camps in MD, DE & PA.



High Adventure



We participate in BSA High Adventure Sea Base, alternating between Florida & Bahamas, every few years. Older Scouts are the crew on a sailboat cruising islands and harbors.

Sample Activities Schedule

Jan	Klondike Derby Little Bennett
February	Ski Trip C&O Canal
March	Gold Mining Goldvein, VA
April	Fort Lee Petersburg, VA Bike Antietam
May	Pine Grove Furnace Pennsylvania
June	Marine Museum Prince William Forest
July	Summer Camp Resica Falls, PA
August	Mont. Co. Fair Pool Party
Sept	Spy Museum Cold War Museum Burke Lake, VA
October	Wide Games Little Bennett
November	Scouting For Food Wye Island NMRA
December	Christmas Trees Philadelphia



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Troop Meetings:
Tuesdays, 7-9:30pm



Scout Master:

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Sr. Patrol Leader:

Jacob

Committee Chair:

Cindy Strouse

Philosophy

We are a boy-led Scout Troop. With guidance from the Scoutmaster, older Scouts plan and run the Troop meetings and weekend outings. Older Scouts are responsible for teaching camping, cooking, and outdoor skills to younger scouts. By doing so, the boys learn to plan, teach, and be leaders. The role of adults is to mentor, guide and counsel the scouts, and to provide a safe, constructive environment for the Troop program.

Structure

We have about 50 active scouts of all ages (5th-12th grade) divided into 4 patrols, plus the Troop's Leadership Corps of older scouts. Unlike Cub Scouts, boys of all ages are combined in a patrol, so that older scouts can teach the younger scouts. The Scoutmaster and his Assistant Scoutmasters work with the older scouts to organize and guide the troop program and activities.

Advancement

Scouts are encouraged to advance in rank, but at their own pace. Allowing the Scout to choose his pace has instilled a pride in achievements and has resulted in a program that has produced over 105 Eagle Scouts over 50 years and 5 Eagles Scouts in the last year alone.



Uniform & Equipment

Official BSA khaki shirt, socks, handbook and belt are required. Olive-green pants or shorts are required (do not have to be official BSA). Troop hat, Troop numbers, Troop patches (city/state) and neckerchief are provided. Troop T-shirts are available at a nominal cost.

FUNdraising

Parking cars, directing traffic and selling ice cream & soda at the Montgomery County Fair have been our major FUNdraiser for over 50 years. Older Scouts also participate in a



smaller FUNdraiser by assisting the Cabin John Fire Dept. Christmas tree sale for 3 weekends in Nov/Dec. These FUNdraisers almost fully support our program. **We require all families to work the Fair. SAVE THESE**

DATES FOR THE 2010 FAIR: Aug. 13-21, 2010.

Costs

Due to our fortunate connection to the Montgomery County Fair, costs to the individual are minimal. A Scout needs to purchase the basic uniform, pay minimal Council dues, and it is strongly encouraged to pay for Boys Life. Monthly campout food costs are \$15/campout. Optional Troop T-shirts and some extra activities or extra campout activities may require separate fees. A one-time \$400 rebate is available to each scout to help defray the cost for High Adventure trips.

Parent Requirements

Parents, as well as Scouts, are required to work the Fair, our major source of income to support the program. The Troop is also all volunteer run. Although the Scouts lead the program, adult leadership to mentor, guide, and counsel the Scouts is an essential part of Scouting. We have numerous and varied opportunities, both large and small, for volunteers. We hope all parents participate in some way.

Service

Service is a cornerstone of Scouting. Our Troop participates in Scouting for Food and collected over 4 tons of food for Manna Food Bank last year.



Other Activities

The Troop takes advantage of other activities such as Corn Mazes, hiking Sugarloaf Mountain, and Leadership Training. New and exciting interests and opportunities are continuously being considered.

