**Vision:** Troop 700 is a boy-led troop that uses the patrol method, outings, and programs to have fun while pursuing the Aims of Scouting.

**Goals:**
- Have planned and well-executed troop meeting programs that are interesting and keep the Scouts active and involved.
- Have a troop outing at least every month, with planned advancement opportunities.
- Every scout attends Summer Camp.
- Have at least one high adventure opportunity for the summer.
- Recruit and retain new scouts. All active scouts attain First Class in one year.
- Train and develop the youth leadership.
- Challenge and retain older scouts by involving them in all aspects of the program.
- The troop meetings are so good that Scouts always want to participate.
- Increase the number of trained adult leaders.
- Continue Scouting for Food

**Background to the calendar**
“Scouting is outing” and so we prefer every Scout at every campout. This usually means that we’ll each try to be personally involved.

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<td>12: Registration and food money due for merit badge weekend. Don’t forget go to the scout shop and buy your merit badge pamphlets</td>
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<td>23-25: merit badge weekend at T Brady Saunders. Note: there will be a special program for Scouts not yet First Class—so do come to this campout even if you’re not yet interested in MBs. Leave Friday at 5:30 return Sunday at 1pm.</td>
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<td>5: Either star gazing at the Randolph Macon planetarium or visiting the Fire House.</td>
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<td>17-24: C&amp;O Charleston (sleep on an aircraft carrier), tour the southern beaches, snorkel with manatee in Florida—a camping “road trip”. Eric, Jake, and Zac are trip champions.</td>
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<td>16-18 backpacking campout (leave Friday—early school closing) in the mountains. Daniel Thorpe is the trip champion and we’re looking at a trip to “Cold Mountain”. Yes, it’s a real place. Backpacking for both big and not no big guys!</td>
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**Looking Ahead**
Where do you want to go in 2007-2008 year? Make a proposal

Starting now, and finishing in August 2007, the PLC will propose to the Scoutmasters and Troop Committee where they want to go camping.

We decide as a Troop and then we all sign on and go!

Talk to your fellow Scouts. Talk to the SPL. Talk to the Scoutmasters. Talk to your parents.

**Help!**
We need adults to help out our Scouts on these campouts. Have an idea for a Troop meeting program?

Talk to Mr Best and/or the SPL