



Troop 700 Newsletter



There is a lot of great information on the Troop website:

www.people.vcu.edu/~albest/troop700

Up Coming Trips

- **Flying Circus:** September 15-17. This is a new trip for the troop where we will go to an air park for a Camporee full of high flying fun. Here we will be able to see all sorts of flying machines, get a chance to fly in different types of airplanes, earn merit badges, and see an air show. If you are interested in this trip talk to Alex Carey and he will answer any questions. Meet at the War Memorial at **5 o'clock** we will leave at 5:30 with or without you. We plan to return at 6 o'clock on Sunday.
- **Wilderness Survival:** October 21-22. This is also a new trip for our troop. Saturday we will drive to the Martin's Farm in Caroline county and test our survival skills. We will live the weekend out of a 5 gallon bucket. Go to the 4 meetings before the trip to ensure your success.

Future Programs

- **September:**
 - 11th **ELECTIONS**
 - 18th **Court of Honor**-Green Bar: Drinks/Dessert; Rams & Fox Squirrels Veggies & Main Dishes. This will be held in Henry Clay's Cafeteria Please bring your family
 - 25th **Wilderness Survival Shelters**- Vance
- **October**
 - 2nd **Wilderness Survival Food**- Caleb & Joe
 - 4th **PLC**
 - 9th **Wilderness Survival Trip Tips**- Cass
 - 16th **Fire Building**- Cass & Alex

Troop 700 Alaska?

As some of you may know we have a sister crew in Alaska, also called troop 700, these guys are also a very active bunch and if you go to our troop website you will see a link to what they have been doing.

New Scouts:

If you know of any boy not in scouts, especially 11-13 years old, invite him to come with you to a troop meeting. (This is also a new 1st class requirement)

New Venturers:

If you know of any boy or girl, 15-20 who is interested in outdoor activities, have him or her contact Mr. Phillips or Mr. Best.

Attachments:

Please scroll down for the T700 Annual Plan and a Heart of Virginia Council Patch Design contest (for more info please see Mr. Best or M@ Perry)

Klondike Sleds:

Interest in making a new Klondike sled has arose. Remember to make adjustments to one of the 5 existing sleds to make it for your patrol. Also remember to make it look sweet because there is a sled design contest.

Scoutmaster Notes

In this issue of the newsletter is the annual plan for the troop. Looking forward towards our upcoming year, we ask two things: 1) Put the campouts on your family calendar and consider us when you make your family's plans. 2) Stay active in the troop by coming to every Troop Meeting.

CALENDAR

Important Dates

September 15-17

Flying Circus: Learn all about the marvels of flight

September 23

Basement Inventory: All outgoing/ingoing Patrol Leaders and Patrol Quartermasters must attend. Arrive at 1 leave at 4.

October 21-22

Wilderness Survival: See if you can spend the weekend out of a 5 gallon bucket.

November 11-12

Mountain Biking: Back by popular demand.

December 8-10

Klondike Derby: Test your scouting skills during this weekend of sled pulling fun.

Newsletter Entries

should be given to the scribe (Vance Nepomuceno) by the evening of the monthly PLC meeting. Please submit them in writing or e-mail to: josenepo@mindspring.com

Troop 700 Annual Plan 2006-2007

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.
- Support the *Okpik* campers to ensure that they have a successful trip in December.
- 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
- Local conservation project—How about "adopt a highway"?

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.

Calendar (proposed)

September

6:PLC

11: First Troop meeting of the school year; Troop elections

15-17: Flying Circus Camporee

18: Troop Court of Honor and pot-luck supper (at Troop Meeting)

October

4:PLC

21-22 wilderness survival campout on the

Pamunkey River

?: opportunity to help out with "Halloween at Scotchtown"

November

1st: PLC

4th: Scouting for Food bags out

11-12: Scouting for Food bags in and mountain bike campout.

December

8-10 Klondike Derby

19th: Troop Christmas party

26th to the 2nd: Okpik

January

3: PLC

13-14 ski camp in Shepherdstown (cabins)

February

7: PLC

23-25: merit badge weekend

11th: Scout Sunday, Troop court of honor (and 1pm lunch),

March

7: PLC

16-18 backpacking campout (leave Friday—early school closing) at St. Mary's Wilderness

April

4: PLC

13-15: Gettysburg campout or the following weekend campout (not at Gbrg)

May

2: PLC

19-20: Canoe campout

June

6: PLC

High Adventure

17-24: C&O Charleston (sleep on an aircraft carrier), tour the southern beaches, snorkel with manatee in Florida—a camping "road trip"

July

June 27: PLC

8-14th: Summer camp at Bay Port?

August

1 PLC

18-19: Chesapeake Bay island campout

Heart of Virginia Patch Contest

COUNCIL ENCAMPMENT 400th Anniversary of
Virginia

WHEN: October 12, 13, 14, 2007

WHO: Tiger Cubs & Parents, Cubs, Webelos, Scouts, Venturers, Explorers and all the
Leaders in the "Heart of Virginia Council"

WHY: The 1st time in 10 years that all members of the "Heart of Virginia Council",
gather in the same place at the same time. *To Celebrate Four Hundred Years of
Virginia!*

WHERE: Send the "Council Encampment Committee" your selection.

Patch design contest open to all Scouters and Scouts in the Heart of Virginia Council

Rules for Patch Contest

1. Must be submitted on an 8 1/2 X 11 inch white paper - either portrait or landscape with
name, address, unit number and phone number on back.
2. Must be no longer than 3 inches / round, square or whatever. Must fit in a temporary
pocket patch
3. Must have "Heart of Virginia Council" - "400th Anniversary of Virginia" with either BSA
or Scouting logo. In Word text. DATE: 1607-2007
4. Cannot exceed 6 colors, not including the boarder.
5. All submissions become property of the "Heart of Virginia Council"

The committee reserves the right to adjust items on the submitted design.

**DEADLINE: ALL PATCH DESIGNS MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE ENCAMPMENT
COMMITTEE BY NOVEMBER 1,2006**

Send to:

Council Encampment Committee
400th Anniversary of Virginia
Boy Scouts of America
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