



News of the Troop

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It is my intent to send out information at least monthly on news from within our troop. For now I'll be emailing the information; but in the future this information will be posted to our under construction website. Don't hesitate to call or email me if you have any questions about the news items.

- √ New patrol assignments. The scouts learned at the first meeting that patrols had been reshuffled (again). This will be the last time. The troop has three types of patrols: New Scout, Regular, and Venture. In coordination with the Patrol Leaders Council, the scouts have been assigned to a semi-permanent patrol. The patrols will stay together for most of their time in the troop. There are two exceptions. February of each year the New Scout Patrol(s) will disband and be distributed into the Regular patrols. The second exception is when a scout in the Regular patrols turns 14 years old they will have the option of moving into a Venture Patrol.
- √ Venture Patrols. The troop has two senior scout patrols which will be set up as Venture patrols. A Venture patrol is a BSA program for older scouts to provide them with a high adventure type program run in parallel with the troop program. An ASM will assist the patrols in developing a program. Scouts must be 14 years old and at least Star to join a Troop 1983 Venture patrol.
- √ Service Patrol: Each month the PLC will assign a Service Patrol. The patrol's duties involve setting up the meeting area and ensuring things are put away and the meeting hall is clean. This requires the patrol members to arrive NLT 7:15 and staying a little late.
- √ Meeting Agenda: The scouts may have noticed a new troop meeting structure last Monday. It should become smoother as we go. Meetings will have an opening, skill instructions, patrol corners, an activity/game, and closing. During skill instructions, the troop will normally be divided into new scouts, regular, and venture groups.
- √ Florida Sea Base Crews: An information folder was distributed during the troop meeting to scouts that earlier had signed up to go. Scouts must be 14 at the time of the trip and completed SCUBA certification. See the troop program for crew dates. Contact Mr. Bob Thurman to get your folder.
- √ Scout Leadership Positions: The troop has established four Instructor positions and is looking for senior scouts to fill them. Each Instructor specializes in a scoutcraft area and will be the primary instructor for their area. They plan and conduct training based upon the troop program plan and requests from the patrol leaders. These areas are: Map & Compass, Knots & Lashings, Knife & Axe/Toten' Chip, and Firebuilding/Firem'n Chit. These positions can count toward rank advancement. If interested contact the SPL.
- √ Boards of Review. We will conduct Boards of Review the last regular troop meeting of the month. Scouts ready for a Board must bring their handbook and wear their "Class A" uniform.
- √ Meeting Times: The SPL will be striving to start and end the troop meetings on time. We need your support by arriving prior to 7:30.
- √ Announcements at the last Troop meeting:
 - Troop Campout – Sept 21-23, Pohick Regional Park
 - Oakton Library Grand Opening – Sept 29, troop is part of the ceremony
 - Alec Hadinger's Eagle Project – Sept 29, St. Marks Church, 9:00- finished