



News of the Troop #2

- √ **Alec Hadinger's Eagle Service Project:** Just wanted to say it was great to see the large number of scouts that came out to support Alec. These projects are the culmination of a lot of planning and always the greatest unknown is if enough workers will show to make the plan successful.
- √ **Oakton Library Grand Opening:** The troop put on a great performance at the opening ceremony. Charlie Frederick, Sam Frederick, Cameron Thurman, Jean-Philippe Ouellet, David Reed, Paul Burke, and Mitchell Hernandez (with some GS Brownies help) raised the U.S. flag and led the audience in the Pledge. The scouts also provided help setting up and taking down, controlling access to the library before the ceremony, and providing a nice photo backdrop for the ribbon cutting.
- √ **Fall Camporee:** The Camporee is coming up fast, (12-14 Oct). There will be opportunities to earn merit badges and watch an air show. See the Big Event Info sheet for more information and visit the District website at the link in the info sheet. The troop is responsible for the Saturday evening campfire. This consists of building, lighting, and extinguishing the fire, collecting skits/songs from the other troops, making the program, and providing the master of ceremony(s). I'm looking for members of the two Venture patrols (Pheasant and Pedro) to step up and take on this responsibility. The first task for the Ventures (and others) is acquiring the firewood and Mr. Howard has offered to provide a virtually unlimited supply from his backyard. The wood has been cut. It now needs to be loaded into his truck. The wood loading task will occur this Saturday, 10:00-11:00.
- √ **Vale Schoolhouse Country Fair (20 Oct):** The troop will be helping with set-up and tear-down. More to follow but we'll probably need about 6-12 scouts to participate. This would be a great patrol level activity if a patrol would like to volunteer. If so, let the SPL know.
- √ **Webelos-Ree (27 Oct):** This is a multi-district Webelos event. The troop will be running an activity station. It's likely we'll be doing requirements 10 and/or 11 of the Outdoorsman Activity Badge. #10 Whip & Fuse a rope and #11, Set-up a dining fly using a taut-line hitch and two half hitches (the requirement also includes tying a square knot). This is a day event for the troop at Lake Fairfax. I hope we can get a good turn out.
- √ **Clarifying Scout Spirit and Being Active for Rank Advancement:** I wanted to make clear what my expectations are for getting credit for "Demonstrating Scout Spirit" and "Being Active". Demonstrating spirit is required for all ranks and being active only applies for Star, Life, and Eagle.
 - **Scout Spirit:** Correctly wearing the scout uniform (patches affixed and shirt buttoned/tucked) during meetings/activities and a scout's general conduct will successfully demonstrate living by the scout oath and law. Negative reports from parents could also influence this requirement as it states you have to live by the oath and law "in everyday life".
 - **Being Active:** I expect that a scout will be able to participate in at least one meeting and one activity (in full or part) per month. If a scout is unable to do so then that month will not be counted toward the rank requirement. I truly can appreciate the busy schedules our son's have but the troop also needs some of their time. This policy is effective as of October.