

Troop 712 Newsletter

January 18, 2017

This Week's Meeting

Please bring your scout books to meetings each week. Your merit badge selections for Merit Badge Madness are due. Make a list of what you would like to take and bring it with you to this week's meeting so we can sign you up. Eagle Merit Badges fill up quickly, so make sure you have a few choices in case your first choice is not available.

Klondike Derby

Klondike derby is this weekend. Cost is \$12 per scout and \$5 per adult. We will talk about lunch and travel details at this week's scout meeting.

OA Winter Fellowship

OA Winter Fellowship is the last weekend in January (1/27-29). Sign up by sending email to 4rprogram@gmail.com.

Troop Youth Leadership Training

Feb 4th is the tentative date for youth leadership training.

Monster Truck Jam

The Monster Truck Jam will be on Feb 25, 2017 at 7pm at the Royal Farms Arena in Baltimore. Tickets are \$18 – and they make great Christmas presents, too! Please email Mr Kurt at kcgodfrey@verizon.net if you are interested. The earlier you order tickets, the better the seats will be...so don't wait too long.

2017 Jamboree Information

See <http://www.bsajamboree.org> for more information.

Medical Forms

Medical forms must be updated annually. Forms are located online at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx>. **If you plan to go to any overnight camping trips, we need your updated medical forms for this year. For short term campouts (<72hrs), you only need parts A and B completed.** Please submit medical forms to Mr. or Mrs. DeGrange.

Advancements

Scouts – **please bring your books to troop meetings each week**, especially if you are working on requirements up through First Class. The assistant Scoutmasters need to be able to sign off on your requirements as you do them and Mr. DeGrange needs to be able to put your information into TroopMaster to ensure you get your advancements awarded promptly.

Sign-up Sheets

Sign-up sheets for all events are located on a table at each meeting. Please take time to look at the sheets and sign up as early as possible for trips.

General Fundraising Information

As we all know, providing a quality Scouting program requires funds. We attempt to keep expenses down as much as possible. However, in order to ensure the Troop has the equipment and provisions needed, we do need to spend some money. We attempt to make it as easy and cheap as possible for the entire Troop 712 community. If you cannot assist with fundraising activities, please consider donating some of the items we need or use a lot. If you are too busy to stop at the store to pick something up, you can make a donation at one of the Troop meetings. We all need to do our part to continue to make the Troop a success. Mrs. Ellen Tralongo is our Committee Chair for Fundraising. If you have an idea for fundraising, contact her at ellen1558@msn.com.

For additional information on our events and calendar, visit our website at <http://bsatrop712.org>

Upcoming Dates to Remember

1/21 – Klondike Derby – Kinder Farm Park

1/27-29 – OA Winter Fellowship

2/4 – Youth Leadership Training
(tentative)

2/25 – Monster Truck Jam @7pm

3/31-4/2 – Merit Badge Madness – Sulin's
Farm, Severn

** Service Opportunity*

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Service and Service Projects

An important part of scouting is service to others, whether it is to family, to scouts or to the community. In addition to doing a good turn daily, scouts need to participate in service projects to earn their next rank. There are many opportunities for service.

H.O.P.E., a Christian focused service organization for those in need has several service project opportunities. For more information, call 410-766-0372.

Parents' Corner

Youth Protection is MANDATORY for all volunteers and adults interacting with the boys. Please make sure that your training is up to date. Note that you do not need to be a registered volunteer to take this training. The training is available on line and is good for two years. It only takes about 20 minutes to complete. If you have any questions about this, please see Gerry Miller.

Parents, these newsletters contain information important for the successful operation of the Troop. Please make sure your Scout(s) reads the newsletter as well.

We realize that not all parents can be as active in the troop as others. However, there will be opportunities to contribute to the success of the troop by helping out with smaller projects. These projects can allow you to spend time with us without having to fully commit. It takes all types of help to keep things running smooth. Let's set a good example for our scouts and get involved! It's their Troop, let's support it!

YIS,
Kurt Godfrey, 410-320-2694



2016 Troop Positions

Senior Patrol Leader: Liam Williams

Asst. Senior Patrol Leader:

Troop Guide:

Quartermaster:

Scribe:

Historian:

Librarian:

LNT Trainer:

Chaplain Aide:

Instructor:

Bugler:

Den Chief:

Web Master:

JASM: