

Troop 712 Newsletter

October 24, 2016

Halloween Party this week

We will be having our annual Halloween Party at this week's Troop Meeting. The Hermit Crabs patrol should bring a food item or bag of candy and the Flaming Pandas patrol should bring drinks. If you're unsure of what you should bring – BRING CANDY ☺. Please come in costume.

Fall Events

See the upcoming dates list to the right for some of the fall events we are planning.

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/scoutsorce/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.

Venture Crew

Venture Crew 712 is welcoming all scouts over 14 years of age and that have the rank of First Class to come by our meetings. We meet until 9:30 after regular troop meetings. If you know anyone outside of scout that qualifies (males and females over the age of 14 and that have completed the eighth grade) and are interested, bring them by too! See Thomas French for more info.

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.

Mrs. Tralongo is still collecting paper. Mr. Miller is still collecting aluminum cans. If you collect paper or cans, you can drop these off at the Troop meetings. The paper and cans will be taken off your hands, recycled, and the Troop will benefit financially.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

10/27 – Halloween Party @ Troop Meeting

10/28-30 – Orienteering at Patuxent River Park - \$25

11/11-13 – Camporee – AA County Fairgrounds – Heros Theme

** Service Opportunity*

For additional information on our events and calendar, visit our website at <http://bsatroop712.org>

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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: Colin Wampler
Asst. Senior Patrol Leader: Zig Obana
Troop Guide: Liam Williams
Quartermaster: Ethan Miller
Scribe: Aidan Pettyjohn
Historian: Richard Mott
Librarian: Alex Miller
LNT Trainer: Bryan Murphy
Chaplain Aide: Brian Bates
Instructor: OPEN
Bugler: OPEN
Den Chief: Zig Obana
Web Master: Xavier Thomas-Phoenix
JASM – James Wiedmann