



BSA Troop 140
Falls Church Virginia
George Mason District
National Capital Area Council
Boy Scouts of America

Serving Youth for 65 Years

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Dear Troop 140 Scouts, Parents and Committee Members:

Summer is just about over, and a new Scouting year is about to get underway. We had a great summer camp at Goshen, with four scouts working on merit badges and six scouts in the "Extreme Pride" program. Now we are ready to continue the adventure of Scouting!

Our first meeting will be Monday, September 14th, in the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Rothenberg Hall (the "front" meeting room). Our meetings will start at 7:00 pm and end at 8:30 pm, as usual. As last year, the Boy Scout Class A uniform shirt (**not** a T-shirt or other shirt) should be worn for each meeting. Shorts or pants should be tasteful and complement the uniform shirt. The full Class A uniform (shirt and pants or shorts) is required for all Scoutmaster Conferences, Boards of Review and Courts of Honor.

The first meeting is important to get the year off to a good start because we will be doing several important things.

- Reviewing our planned activities for the scout year.
- Discussing summer camp and high adventure opportunities.
- Collecting completed Health Forms (Parts A and B to be forwarded by separate email) which are required for all regular scouting activities and campouts for the year for scouts and adults. Please complete a form if you did not complete new forms this summer for Goshen.
- Collecting any changes in addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses to update our records as necessary
- Collecting dues (see further below)

I have enclosed a calendar of key dates and activities for the Troop for September through December. Please, block out these dates on your calendar so you can participate in all our activities. A calendar of key dates for January through August will follow later. More detailed calendars are available on our website.

The first campout of the year will be at James River State Park. We have tentatively planned a visit to Appomattox as our activity for this campout. We will be leaving on Saturday, September 26th and returning on Sunday, September 27th. In order to adequately prepare for this campout, it is important that all scouts and adults who plan on attending sign up as soon as possible. Our second campout will be at Burke Lake on October 24th – 25th. Our third campout will be at Elizabeth Furnace on November 21st – 22nd. Our fourth campout will be at Prince William Forest on December 12th – 13th. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

Please also note that the Fall Court of Honor is scheduled for Monday evening, October 5th. All Scouts and parents should plan on attending. More details will be included in a further email.

The Troop typically takes a trip in January for skiing or snowboarding. We have done a day trip to Ski Liberty in Pennsylvania or a weekend trip to Timberline Resort in West Virginia. We are planning a weekend trip again this year. All scouts and adults who are interested should indicate on a list that will be available at our first meeting. Frank Musick has taken responsibility for this activity in order for it to happen. If you are interested in helping Franck, please let him know.

Last, but not least, the annual Troop dues are due. Please bring \$70, cash or check made payable to Troop 140, to the first meeting. Alternatively, you may have dues taken out of your scout account, if the funds are available. This payment covers the dues for the entire year (i.e., through August 2016). Dues must be paid no later than September 26th to participate in Troop activities. In addition, dues can be paid in two installments, the first (\$35) being due by September 28th and the second (\$35) by January 8th. If you need assistance with the dues, please speak with Don Boose or Jeffrey Ihnen.

Just a reminder that the Troop's website is <http://www.troop140va.com>. If anyone is interested in assisting Bill Mulligan with the troop website, please let Bill know.

Finally, we have several opportunities available to assist the Troop. Please consider helping the Troop with one of the following positions.

- Troop Committee Member
- Liaison with Pack 675
- Merit Badge Counselors
- Quartermaster
- Assistant Scoutmaster
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Training and assistance are available for each position. Please let Don Boose or me know if you are interested.

See you on Monday, September 14th. If you have any questions, please call me at 703-560-3324 (home) or cell (571)-389-4633, or email me at BrianKFleck140@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
Brian Fleck
Scoutmaster

Enclosure

TROOP 140

Calendar of Events September - December 2015 September 3, 2015

September	Theme: First Aid
14	Troop Meeting; Collect Dues; Discuss Themes/Activities
21	Troop Meeting; Boards of Review; Plan for Campout
26-27	Campout: James River State Park; Visit Appomattox
28	Troop Meeting
October	Theme: First Aid
5	Court of Honor; Kick off for Wreath Fundraiser
12	Troop Meeting; Boards of Review
19	Troop Meeting; Plan for Campout
24-25	Campout: Burke Lake
26	Troop Meeting; First Aid Program for Webelos
November	Theme: Cooking
2	PLC Meeting; Troop Meeting; Staple Tags on Bags for Scouting for Food
7	Activity: Scouting for Food Bag Distribution
9	Troop Meeting; Boards of Review
14	Activity: Scouting for Food Bag Pick-up
16	Troop Meeting; Plan for Campout
21-22	Campout: Burke Lake
23	Troop Meeting
30	PLC Meeting
December	Theme: Cooking
7	Troop Meeting; Plan for Campout; Boards of Review
12-13	Troop Campout: Prince William Forest
14	Webelos Visit – Brown Bag Cooking; Toy Collection

Looking Ahead

January – Ski Trip

February – Caroline Furnace cabin camping