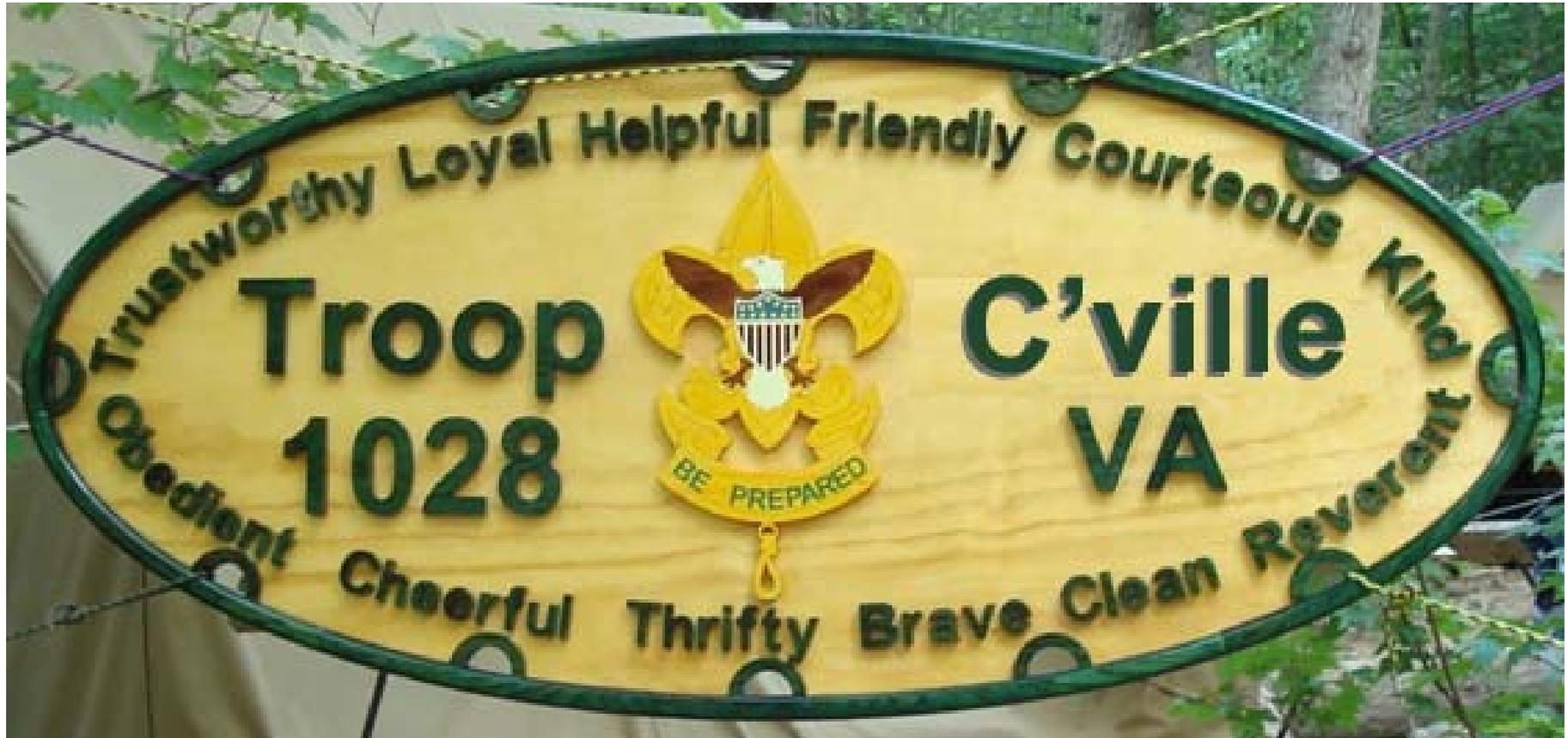




# Troop 1028 and Troop 1029 Parent Info Packet



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# Open House Parent Info Packet



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- Troop Quick Facts and New Scout Integration
  - Joining our boys and girls program – 1028 and 1029
  - Meetings and outings
  - Phoenix Patrol concept
  - Cub Scout vs. Scouts BSA program
- Scouting Costs
  - Troop dues and national BSA fees
  - Scout account concept
  - Uniforms and gear guidance
- Typical First Year
- Contact Information





# Troop 1028 (Boys) Quick Facts



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- Troop 1028 history and Chartered Organization
  - Our Troop was founded in 2002, originally chartered by the Moose Lodge 1028 in Keswick
  - Moved to our current STAB Belfield location in January 2015
  - Chartered by the Rimora Foundation, affiliated with STAB
- We currently have approximately 50 active Scouts
  - We are Scout-led, our Scouts choose and plan a wide variety of themes and outings throughout the year
  - We operate with four permanent Patrols, plus up to three temporary “Phoenix” Patrols for new Scout integration
  - We also have a Fossils Patrol for adult leaders and parents



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# Troop 1029 (Girls) Quick Facts



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- Troop 1029 history and Chartered Organization
  - Our Troop was started unofficially in August 2018, and will be officially chartered in February 2019
  - We share meetings, events, and outings with Troop 1028, but can also choose to do independent events and outings
  - Also chartered by the Rimora Foundation, affiliated with STAB
- We currently have 7 active Scouts
  - We are Scout-led, our Scouts choose and plan a wide variety of themes and outings throughout the year
  - We operate with three permanent Patrols, plus up to three temporary “Phoenix” Patrols for new Scout integration
  - We also have a Fossils Patrol for adult leaders and parents





# Starting in Troop 1028/1029



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- The Scouts BSA program is open to all boys and girls aged 11 through 18 years, or aged 10 with an Arrow of Light from Cub Scouts
  - Scouts BSA requires a different Troop number and Scoutmaster for our girls program, but both Troops share the same Chartered Organization, Troop Committee, and all other leadership
    - Each Troop elects its own Scout leadership (SPL, PL, etc.)
  - All other aspects of the Scouting program are shared
    - Same Troop meetings, same events, same outings, etc.
    - Troops can choose to do independent events/outings as well
- **Current Webelos are encouraged to start attending Troop meetings right after their Blue and Gold cross-over ceremony**



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# Troop Meetings and Events



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- Troop 1028/1029 has year-round meetings every Monday night from 7:00-8:30pm at Saint Anne's Belfield School (STAB) at 799 Faulconer Drive in Charlottesville
  - No meetings on school holidays or snow days
  - Often special meetings (e.g. kayak training) are held off-site
  - Check our on-line calendar at [www.troop1028.org](http://www.troop1028.org)
- We have hiking/camping outings or major events every month, all selected and planned by our Scouts
  - Always at least one major outing a month, lots of opportunities – Scouts attend what interests them
  - **Most critical: Scout Skills Campout and Summer Camp**





# Cub Scout versus Scouts BSA Programs – Point 1



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## 1. The Scouts BSA program is Scout-led

- Scouts lead the program, plan all events, and elect their own leadership
- Adults (Scouters) provide mentoring, skills training, and support
- Scouter oath:

*On my honor,*

*I will do my best*

*To smile;*

*To be patient;*

*And to let the youth lead.*

- Scouts learn from mistakes so we intervene only when absolutely necessary
- **An obvious critical adult function is safety supervision**





# March: Start Scouting Skills Training in Phoenix Patrols



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- New Scouts typically cross-over in late February or early March and are placed in a temporary new Scout Patrol called the Phoenix Patrol
- Phoenix Patrols have an experienced Troop Scout who serves as Patrol Leader plus an adult Patrol Mentor
- Scouts stay in Phoenix until June/July and concentrate on core Scout skills requirements to quickly complete Scout and Tenderfoot ranks
- Scouts still participate in all Troop meeting and event activities and get to know the other Scouts
- In June/July, Scouts pick a regular Patrol they want to join

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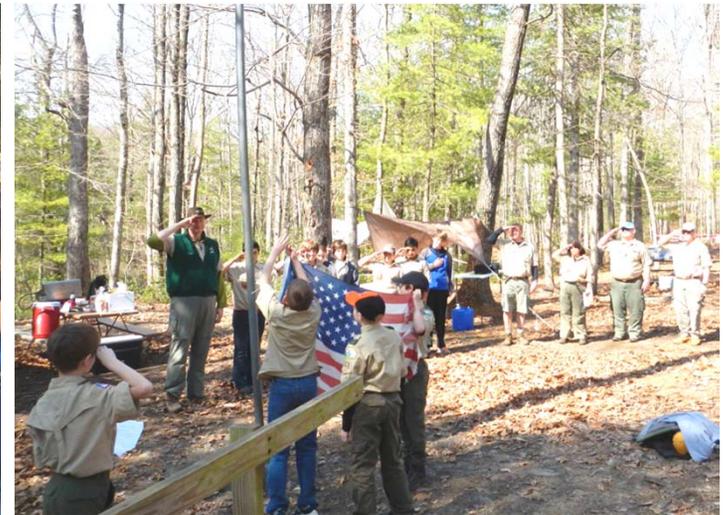




# March: Scout Skills Campout at Camp Shenandoah



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# June / July: Move to your Regular Patrols – Troop 1028



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- Before summer camp, Phoenix Scouts move to their choice of one of our four permanent Patrols



**Aces**



**Falcons**



**Raptors**



**Spartans**

- Each Patrol has a Patrol Leader (PL), Assistant Patrol Leader (APL), Quartermaster (QM) and an adult ASM Patrol Mentor
  - Some activities and all event planning are organized by Patrol



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# June / July: Move to your Regular Patrols – Troop 1029



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- Before summer camp, Phoenix Scouts move to their choice of one of our three permanent Patrols



**Bald Eagles**



**Platypus**



**White Tigers**

- Each Patrol has a Patrol Leader (PL), Assistant Patrol Leader (APL), Quartermaster (QM) and an adult ASM Patrol Mentor
  - Some activities and all event planning are organized by Patrol



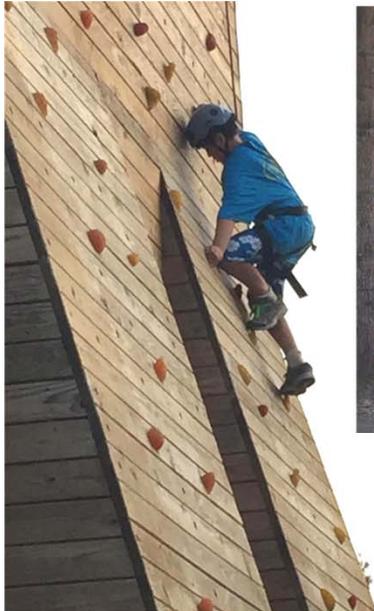
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# June/July: Summer Camp (alternate years in/out of Council)



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# Cub Scout versus Scouts BSA Programs – Point 2



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2. A Scout can easily pay their way via a Scout Account
  - Start-up costs:
    - BSA registration and start-up materials: \$40, plus
    - Troop Fees: \$60 per six month period (\$120 per year)
  - We operate on an “outing accounting” system and set fees for each event based on actual meal costs, any registration fees and gas expenses. Payments collected after each event.
  - All fundraising profits go directly to Scout Accounts based on each Scout’s sales or hours of work
    - Scout accounts are then used for paying dues and activity fees, so with a little fundraising effort all Scouting costs can be covered



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# Uniforms and Gear

- We have a uniform handout
  - Scouts need tan shirt (sized a little large) and some patches
    - Scout shop can sell you shirt with patches already sewn on
  - Troop provides patches, shoulder loops, handbook and later a neckerchief (at Scout rank)
  - We have a free-cycle box !!
- **Gear – don't buy anything now !!**
  - We have shared gear
  - Best to observe other Scout gear to see what works best



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## Troop 1028/1029 New Scout Shopping List

(note: some miscellaneous items (but likely no uniform shirts) may be available for free in Troop 1028 free-cycle box – check before shopping)



Step 1: Get your uniform shirt and patches. Scouts BSA wear the standard tan shirt, available in cotton or a new performance blend. **Note: buy your shirt a little big so that you can use it for several years.**



If you earned your Arrow of Light as a Cub Scout, wear it proudly!



Oval Emblem Holder Item# 20005

**Troop 1028 Patches to Purchase**  
(placement guide comes with shirt or see Troop 1028 website)

World Crest	World Crest Ring – optional but super cool
SJAC Shoulder Patch – get the one with dogwood tree	SJAC Shoulder Patch – you can alternatively wear special Friends of Scouting patch with threshold donation
<b>Troop 1028 Provided Patches – do not purchase</b>	
	Troop Number – provided at Webelos crossover ceremony or first Troop Meeting
	Patrol Patch – provided at Webelos crossover ceremony or first Troop Meeting

**Patches – Sew-on or Glue?**  
If you don't like sewing, the shop sells special adhesive for the patches. However, it doesn't stand up as well and makes a black mess when patches are removed. You can also consider using a rank badge pocket hanger instead of glue to minimize the messy areas.

Step 2: Get your OPTIONAL accessories (some of these you really may not need for a while if you want to wait).

Scout Web Belt (cut to fit)	36" Merit badge sash – <u>do not buy 30"</u>	Handbook Cover (wrap or zipper style)
Scout socks	If you want to look extra snazzy, get matching convertible "Switchbacks" uniforms pants or shorts (Note: most Scouts just wear regular pants/shorts)	Neckerchief and Slide – provided at Scout Rank

**Troop 1028 Provided Accessories – do not purchase**

Shoulder Loops and Scout Handbook – provided at Webelos crossover ceremony or first Troop Meeting	
Neckerchief and Slide – provided at Scout Rank	





# Cub Scout versus Scouts BSA Programs – Point 3



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3. In Scouts BSA, a Scout sets their own pace
  - Most rank requirements can be completed at Troop meetings and on outings and other Scouting adventures
  - Merit Badges are earned at summer camp, camporees, and during some monthly Troop themes
  - Our Adult Patrol Mentors work with Scouts to keep everyone on a steady pace but can also help a Scout to advance faster
  - Scouts must seek their own balance of Troop activities with sports, school and other pursuits
    - We believe Scouts should enjoy a diverse life !!





# Scouts BSA Ranks: Scout to Eagle



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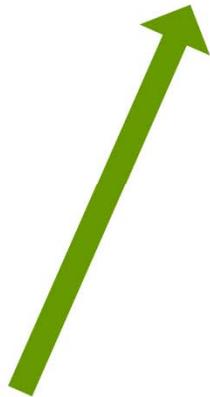
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Second Class



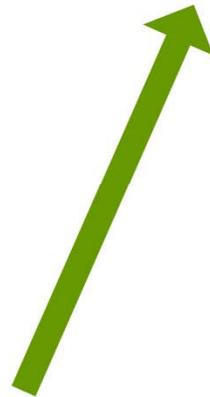
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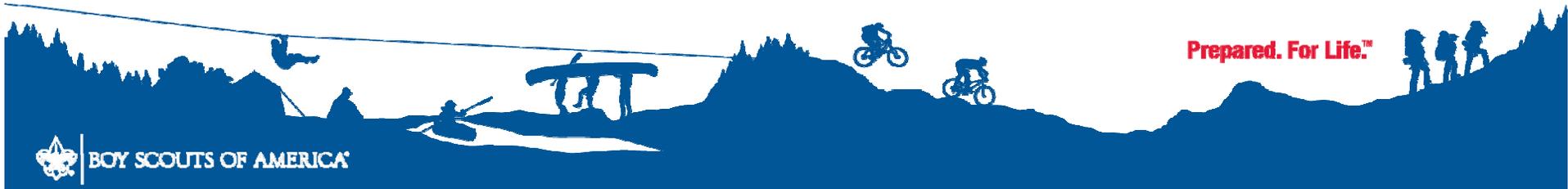
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# Four Steps to Advancement



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## 1. You learn

- At Troop meetings and on outings you learn and practice skills

## 2. You are tested

- When you are ready, a leader tests and passes you on your new skills for each rank requirement. When you finish all requirements for a rank, you sit for a Scoutmaster Conference.

## 3. You are reviewed

- You meet with a Board of Review to go over your achievements and you provide them feedback on your Scouting experience.

## 4. You are recognized

- You receive your award at the next Court of Honor (COH)



# Typical First Year Calendar

(normal monthly hikes/outings not shown)



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- April 13-14, 2019 (tentative) – Scout Skills Campout
  - **Very critical for Patrol bonding and rank advancement**
- April – Mulch Sale Fundraiser
- May – BSA Moose Camporee, Covington, VA
- June – Backpacking, move to regular Patrols
- July 14 – 20, 2019 – Summer Camp at Camp Shenandoah
  - **Very critical for new Patrol bonding and early Merit Badges**
  - We alternate years in/out of Council
- August – Kayaking / Whitewater camping trip
- September – PopNut fundraiser, more hikes





# Typical First Year Calendar

(normal monthly hikes/outings not shown)



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- October – BSA Apple Harvest Camporee, Palmyra, VA
- November – Scouting for Food & HOWS service projects
  - Working with Pack 77, we collected over 2,000 pounds of food this year
- December – Toy Lift Service Project and Christmas Tree Fundraiser
- January – BSA Klondike Camporee
- February – Backpacking and Cabin Campout
- March – Welcome new Phoenix Scouts and repeat !





# Troop 1028 Eagle Scouts and Statistics



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- Since our Troop inception in 2002, we have awarded the rank of Eagle to 33 Scouts
  - 2017 was a new record with 8 Eagles
- Although we won't hold back an ambitious Scout, we feel it is better to take your time when earning Eagle
  - Our youngest Eagle was age 14
  - Some skills and Merit Badge requirements are much better appreciated and absorbed by older Scouts
  - A focus on Eagle can create early and unnecessary stress – take your time to enjoy the Scouting experience !!





# Suggestions for Open House



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- Talk to Troop Scouts and parents about their experiences
- Check out our adventure stations and information posters
  - Earning Merit Badges
  - Home Repairs, Archaeology, and Engineering Merit Badges
  - Typical first year experience
  - Scouting advancement
  - Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) program
  - Eagle Scout projects
- Collect information for the Webelos Scouting Adventure pin
- Take home our uniform guide, newsletter and other handouts
- Visit other Troops and pick the one that best matches your Scout's interests and goals

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