Troop 1028 and Troop 1029
Parent Info Packet
Open House Parent Info Packet

• Troop Quick Facts and New Scout Integration
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  – Phoenix Patrol concept
  – Cub Scout vs. Scouts BSA program

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  – Troop dues and national BSA fees
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• Typical First Year

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Troop 1028 (Boys) Quick Facts

- 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 60 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
Troop 1029 (Girls) Quick Facts

• 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 approximately 12 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

• The Scouts BSA program is open to all boys and girls aged 11 up to 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
Troop Meetings and Events

• 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

• 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

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

- 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.
March: Scout Skills Campout at Camp Shenandoah
June / July: Move to your Regular Patrols – Troop 1028

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

- 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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  Bald Eagles  Platypus  White Tigers

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Prepared. For Life."
June/July: Summer Camp
(alternate years in/out of Council)
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
**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
Cub Scout versus Scouts BSA Programs – Point 3

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

- Tenderfoot
- First Class
- Second Class
- Star
- Life
- Eagle
Four Steps to Advancement

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)

• Mid April 2020 (TBD) – 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 2020 – Summer Camp out of Council
  – 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
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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

• Since our Troop inception in 2002, we have awarded the rank of Eagle to 34 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

• 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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