

Troop 1028/1029 Annual Calendar as of 9/26/2023**September 2023**

Theme:

Planned Activity	Planned Date
Kayaking day trip	9/9 fixed
Troop Elections!	9/18
Apple Harvest Tshirt/Hoodie orders due	9/21
PopNut sales start	
Boating MB day at Camp Shenandoah	not likely now
Add a Troop hike or fun day event	TBD

October 2023

Theme: Apple Harvest Prep +

Planned Activity	Planned Date
Apple Harvest	10/6-8 fixed
Troop 20 Mile Hike - if interest	TBD
Greenbank / Electronics MB trip	10/27-29 fixed
Fall Court of Honor?	TBD
Add a Troop hike or fun day event	TBD

November 2023

Theme:

Planned Activity	Planned Date
Troop Open House	Mon 11/13
Piney River bike trip (flast, 12 mi total)	11/18
Add a Troop hike or fun day event	TBD
Scouting for Food service project	no dates yet

December 2023

Theme:

Planned Activity	Planned Date
Christmas Tree Sales	
Winter Court of Honor / Holiday party	12/11 fixed
Toy Lift service project (Cville)	
Add a Troop hike or fun day event	TBD

January 2024

Theme:

Planned Activity	Planned Date
Dogsledding near Snowshoe, WV	1/19-21
BSA Winter Aquatics (Swimming, LS MBs)	TBD
Valley/Southern Klondike at Camp Shen	TBD
Pinewood Derby workshops at Mr. Eric's	TBD
Add a Troop hike or fun day event	TBD

February 2024

Theme: Aviation MB +

Planned Activity	Planned Date
Troop Tubing - Wintergreen w/ Packs	2/10
Merit Badge University (T119)	Feb 3, 10, 17
Aviation Merit Badge - requirements	2/26
Add a Troop hike or fun day event	TBD

Troop 1028/1029 Annual Calendar as of 9/26/2023**March 2024**

Theme: Aviation MB +

Planned Activity	Planned Date
Aviation Merit Badge - airport day #1	3/9
Aviation Merit Badge - requirements	3/11
Aviation Merit Badge - airport day #2	3/16
Spring Court of Honor	TBD
Add a Troop hike or fun day event	TBD

April 2024

Theme:

Planned Activity	Planned Date
Scout Skills Campout	TBD
Mulch Sales	To be set later
Indoor Climbing - day event	4/13
Add a Troop hike or fun day event	TBD

May 2024

Theme: Kayaking / Caving

Planned Activity	Planned Date
Surf kayaking/camping - False Cape VA	5/3-5
Caving/camp (likely near Brandywine, WV)	5/10-11
Add a Troop hike or fun day event	TBD

June 2024

Theme: Oceanography / Whitewater

Planned Activity	Planned Date
VA Beach Aquarium camp / Ocean MB	5/31 - 6/2
Whitewater / camping WV	6/21-23
Add a Troop hike or fun day event	TBD

July 2024

Theme: Summer Camp Prep +

Planned Activity	Planned Date
Summer Camp - OUT OF COUNCIL	TBD
Summer Court of Honor?	TBD
Seabase Bahamas or St. Thomas??	late July / early Aug
Add a Troop hike or fun day event	TBD

August 2024

Theme:

Planned Activity	Planned Date
Seabase Bahamas or St. Thomas??	late July / early Aug
Kayaking 50 miler trip	8/9-11
Ropes course - Sandy River or Rich Zoo	8/24
Add a Troop hike or fun day event	TBD

Part 2: Event Ideas

Most Popular Events from 8/28 meeting (in order of popularity)

Possible Activity	More Details (costs/links likely outdated)	Rank Group
Aviation Merit Badge	Merit badge program offered by MARC at Cville airport!	1
50+ mile Kayak/Canoe Trip with Camping	Outfitters offer this with in-line camping and gear drops!	1
Caving - last in November 2019	Did caving 2019 in WV with a guide, awesome day trip	2
Aquarium Camp-in / Oceanography Merit Badge - did May 2018 - could time with turtle hatching on beach	Virginia Beach - The oceanography Merit Badge is broken into two 3 hr workshops. Camp overnight in aquarium or on beach, potential combo with climbing Adventure Park	2
Ropes courses and zip-line programs	Have done Richmond Zoo and Sandy River Adventure Park many times	2
Dog sledding near Snowshoe, WV	Troop 1028 did this many years ago	2
Snow Tubing at Wintergreen - last in Jan 2023	Done this numerous times, inviting Packs too	3
Rock Climbing - Indoor and Outdoor, potential camp-in	Did indoor climbing many times, plus cool rock climbing campout June 2017, talked about a climbing camp-in	3
Indian Lore campout	Annual Indian pow-wow, campout near Jamestown	3
Surf/bay kayaking + beach camping at False Cape State Park (VA/NC border)	Troop 1028 did this many years ago	3
Piney River Bike Trail (1 hr away, 14 mi) - did in 2019		3
Whitewater Rafting on New River and Lower Gauley, WV	Troop 1028 did this many years ago, now at Summit too	3

NEW events from Aug 28 meeting

Possible Activity	More Details (costs/links likely outdated)	Interest?
Orienteering Course for 1st Class requirements	Judy D leading, will need training meetings first	yes
Hatchet throwing	Look for a commercial throwing place	yes
Hike or bike the High Bridge trail	Awesome views, about 1 hr away	yes
Geocaching hikes	Hikes with geocaching, work on Merit Badge	yes

Potential Events - NEW Never Before Attempted (in order of popularity)

Possible Activity	More Details (costs/links likely outdated)	Interest?
Historic Trail Award Hike	Hike historic locations such as Jamestown, Williamsburg, Yorktown, Gettysburg	
Aquarium Camp-in - Baltimore Aquarium	Camp-in at Baltimore Aquarium. No Merit Badges but some cool activities. \$105 per person.	
100 mile bike trip	Four sections of 25 miles each on different weekends	
Luray Reptile Center - Reptile/Amphibian Study MB	Admission around \$10 per person, but zoo is very small. Might be able to find a bigger zoo.	Eliminated
Summit Bechtel Reserve Mountain Bike Trek	Cool program at Summit WV	Eliminated

Potential Events - Done Fairly Recently but Always Popular (in order of popularity)

Possible Activity	More Details (costs/links likely outdated)	Interest?
Battleship Wisconsin Camp-in - did 2017	Camp-in aboard Battleship USS Wisconsin in Norfolk, VA. \$64 per person with admission to Nauticus museum	
Wilderness Survival Campout	Camped at Braley Pond in April 2017, also done several times at Camp Shenandoah	
Cabin Backpacking - Schairer (problem: need adult with AT cabin access, SM Chip may have contact)	Usual winter backpacking and cabin camping trip	
Buchanan James River Kayaking	Typically 2 camping nights, 2 days on river	
Blacksburg New River Kayaking	Day trip, or maybe find a place to camp	
Green Bank Observatory and Bike Trip - WV	Toured the observatory, camped in cabins plus biking	
Mount Rogers VA backpack camping (wild ponies)		
Preddy Creek (just north of Cville) - hike thru streambed	T1029 has done this a couple of times, wet but fun	

Part 2: Event Ideas

Potential Events - Done Long Ago (in order of popularity)

Possible Activity	More Details (costs/links likely outdated)	Interest?
Horsemanship MB campout	Troop 1028 did this many years ago	
Horseback packing at Breaks Interstate Park, VA	Troop 1028 did this many years ago	
Surf kayaking off Cape Charles VA (bay or ocean)	Troop 1028 did this many years ago	Eliminated
Biking Great Allegheny Passage (Cumberland to Pitt)	Troop 1028 did this many years ago	Eliminated

BSA High Adventure (in order of popularity)

Possible Activity	More Details (costs/links likely outdated)	Interest?
Sea Base Bahamas - did 2017, 2018	Sea Base adventure Bahamas, 12-crew boat	Jul/Aug 2024
Sea Base St Thomas - did 2015, 2021, 2022	Sea Base adventure Virgin Islands, 12-crew boat	Jul/Aug 2024
Philmont, NM - did 2016	Last Attended 2016	
Summit, WV	See above - could attend as summer camp or separate high-adventure option	
Northern Tier - did 2016	Canoe based adventure, can be VERY buggy	Eliminated
SwampBase, LA	Never attempted	Eliminated

Service Projects (not counting Scouting for Food and Toy Lift)

Possible Activity	More Details (costs/links likely outdated)	Interest?
HOWS Dog Houses?	Build outdoor dog houses for local agency, they supply lumber, we build according to plan and they pick up	
Projects at Camp Shenandoah	Adopted Fix campsite could use some more sprucing up, could also ask Ranger for other projects in camp	

Summer Camp Options (2024 is out of Council, so NOT Camp Shenandoah) - hold separate meeting to review / vote

Possible Activity	More Details (costs/links likely outdated)	Interest?
Camp T Brady Saunders (VA) - picked in 2020 but cancelled	Picked in 2020, but never got to go	
Raven Knob (NC) - attended 2016	Very nice but very large, lots of walking, great waterfront	
Camp Goshen (VA) - attended 2014, 2018, 2022	3 camps: Bowman, Marriott and Olmsted (which we did), has some age restrictions on boating classes	Erin loved it, wants to go there every summer !
Videos (links likely invalid):	Camp Goshen Camp Goshen - Scouting Magazine Review	
Camp Ottari (VA) - attended 2011	Nice but not super popular	
Videos (links likely invalid):	Camp Ottari	
Week at The Summit (Jambo site, WV) - attended 2015	Last attended 2015, less crowded than Jambo About \$800 for one week, which is about 2X normal summer camp costs	
Videos (links likely invalid):	Summit Experience Summit Experience 2	
Gettysburg Council Summer Camp?	Camp Tuckahoe and Hidden Valley Scout Reservation	
Videos (links likely invalid):	Camp Tuckahoe and Hidden Valley	