

# Troop 377

# The Troop Scoop

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## Important Dates To Remember:



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**April 26** Joint Activity: Annual Pack Nature Hike

**May 3** Joint Activity: Pack Trout-o-ree

**May 18** Troop Meeting

**May 28** Joint Activity: Pack Crossover, Graduation, and Awards Ceremony

**June 7** Joint Activity: Annual Pack Family Picnic

**July 4** Joint Activity: TOC July 4th Celebration

**July 18** July Summer Activity: Pool Party @ The Frog Pond

**July 19** Community Service Project (CSP): Adopt-A-Street Program (Trash Pickup)

### MAY PACK MEETING:

As we near the close of another great Frontiering year, all the frontiers are working hard on getting their badge requirements completed. During the month of April, we have been working hard to make sure all the needed requirements will be completed in time to be presented in May. Next month (May 28) is our graduation ceremony and I look forward to presenting a lot of awards. So, mark your calendar and prepare yourselves for a great night of awards. Class A uniforms are required for this meeting.

### TROUT-O-REE:

This year, the Trout-O-Ree will be held at the Wall Brothers Farm off of Merrimac Road, just down the road from Cox's Driving Range. Turn left off of Price's Fork onto Merrimac Road (if you come for 114, turn right). Drive about one mile towards the silo and the entrance, a gate through a field, will be on the right, just past St. Michael Lutheran Church (on the left). The event has been re-scheduled for Sunday, May 3, from 1:00 p.m. until dark. This will be our annual FISH FRY. Remember if we don't catch fish, we won't eat. If you are interested in fileting fish, please bring your filet knife and a board to filet the fish on. If you would like to learn to filet fish, bring a filet knife and a board to filet fish on and we can teach you in a few short minutes. We will also have the usual, hush puppies, coleslaw, drinks, and such. This is a fish fry not a cookout. **YOU MUST SUPPLY YOUR OWN FISHING EQUIPMENT AND BAIT. FISHING LICENCES AND UNIFORMS ARE NOT REQUIRED.**

### CSP - ADOPT-A-STREET PROGRAM:

On Sunday, April 19, we were able to conduct our community service project as part of our agreement with the town of Christiansburg to keep our little corner of the town clean of liter. Afterwards, we all migrated to the Scout Room where all enjoyed ice cream as a reward for a job well done. We would like to thank those who participated in this project for a job well done. Our little corner of Christiansburg is clean of liter. Our next cleanup is scheduled for July 19, so mark your calendar and make plans to come out to help with this community service project.

### ANNUAL PACK FAMILY PICNIC:

The Annual Pack Family Picnic will take place on Sunday, June 7 at our Scout Room. More information to come.

### ANNUAL PACK POOL PARTY:

The Annual Pack Pool Party is scheduled to happen on Saturday, July 18. More information to come.

For more information, find our Troop calendar at:

[http://cspack141.org/fgtroop377/calendar\\_fg/calendar.html](http://cspack141.org/fgtroop377/calendar_fg/calendar.html)

Let's catch the FRONTIERING SPIRIT!

## *The Cubmaster Minutes:*

### Take My Son

A wealthy man and his son loved to collect rare works of art. They had everything in their collection, from Picasso to Raphael. They would often sit together and admire the great works of art. When the Vietnam conflict broke out, the son went to war. He was very courageous and died in battle while rescuing another soldier. The father was notified and grieved deeply for his only son. About a month later, just before Christmas, there was a knock at the door. A young man stood at the door with a large package in his hands.

He said, "Sir, you don't know me, but I am the soldier for whom your son gave his life. He saved many lives that day, and he was carrying me to safety when a bullet struck him in the heart and he died instantly. He often talked about you, and your love for art." The young man held out this package. "I know this isn't much. I'm not really a great artist, but I think your son would have wanted you to have this." The father opened the package. It was a portrait of his son, painted by the young man. He stared in awe at the way the soldier had captured the personality of his son in the painting. The father was so drawn to the eyes that his own eyes welled up with tears. He thanked the young man and offered to pay him for the picture. "Oh, no sir, I could never repay what your son did for me. It's a gift." The father hung the portrait over his mantle. Every time visitors came to his home he took them to see the portrait of his son before he showed them any of the other great works he had collected.

The man died a few months later. There was to be a great auction of his paintings. Many influential people gathered, excited over seeing the great paintings and having an opportunity to purchase one for their collection. On the platform sat the painting of the son. The auctioneer pounded his gavel. "We will start the bidding with this picture of the son. Who will bid for this picture?" There was silence. Then a voice in the back of the room shouted, "We want to see the famous paintings. Skip this one." But the auctioneer persisted. "Will somebody bid for this painting. Who will start the bidding? \$100? \$200?" Another voice angrily, "We didn't come to see this painting. We came to see the Van Goghs, the Rembrandts. Get on with the real bids!" But still the auctioneer continued. "The son! The son! Who'll take the son?" Finally, a voice came from the very back of the room. It was the longtime gardener of the man and his son. "I'll give \$10 for the painting." Being a poor man, it was all he could afford. "We have \$10, who will bid \$20?" "Give it to him for \$10. Let's see the masters." "\$10 is the bid, won't someone bid \$20?" The crowd was becoming angry. They didn't want the picture of the son. They wanted the more worthy investments for their collections. The auctioneer pounded the gavel. "Going once, twice, SOLD for \$10!"

A man sitting on the second row shouted, "Now let's get on with the collection!" The auctioneer laid down his gavel. "I'm sorry, the auction is over." "What about the paintings?" "I am sorry. When I was called to conduct this auction, I was told of a secret stipulation in the will. I was not allowed to reveal that stipulation until this time. Only the painting of the son would be auctioned. Whoever bought that painting would inherit the entire estate, including the paintings. The man who took the son gets everything!" God gave His son 2,000 years ago to die on the cross. Much like the auctioneer, His message today is: ***"The son, the son, who'll take the son, because, you see, whoever takes the Son gets everything."*** ***"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16)...that's love.***

### KNOCK KNOCK

A new pastor was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Therefore, he took out a card and wrote ***"Revelation 3:20"*** on the back of it and stuck it in the door. When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, ***"Genesis 3:10."*** Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter. ***Revelation 3:20*** begins, ***"Behold, I stand at the door and knock."*** ***Genesis 3:10*** reads, ***"I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked."*** Remember when the funniest jokes were the clean ones? ***"A cheerful heart is good medicine" (Proverbs 17:22).***

### A PARENT'S PRAYER:

Thank you for my children, Lord; I know they are a gift from you. Daily I need your strength and wisdom to train them in the way they should go. Give me patience and a joyful heart; let me be an example of your love and forgiveness. Thank you, Father, for the honor of being a parent. Amen.

## *Announcements:*

### **CPC FAMILY OF SCOUTING PROGRAM:**

Christiansburg Presbyterian Church currently sponsors a Family Of Scouting program consisting of three exciting scouting programs, Cub Scout Pack 141, Boy Scout Troop 141, and Frontier Girls Troop 377. If you have family members or friends that you think would be interested in one or more of our scouting programs, please share our information with them. Please have them to check out our Facebook pages – @CSPack141, @BoyScoutTroop141, or @FGTroop377 so they can see some of the things that we do. Should they have any questions, please have them to contact us.

### **TROOP NEWSLETTER:**

You can find the latest newsletter on our “Newsletters” page (under the “News” tab on the main menu bar).

### **EVENTS FROM THE REGION:**

See the “Announcements” page (under the “News” tab on the main menu bar) on our web-site.

### **EMAIL LIST UPDATE:**

Please make sure the Troop has your current or any additional e-mail addresses that you would like to have Troop information sent. If you have a new email address or another address that you need added to our distribution list, please email the leadership the information and they will make sure the information is properly distributed. Please include the name to whom the address belongs and the member’s name that the address is to be connected to.

### **PERSONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL FORMS:**

Do not forget that every member in the Troop is required to have a 2025-2026 Medical form on file. Forms are available under the “Forms / Guides” tab on the main menu bar on our website.

### **TROOP PICTURES:**

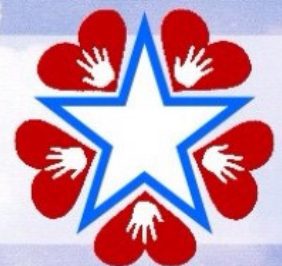
Pictures of our activities are posted on our **Facebook Page (@FGTroop377)**. Please know that we “do not tag” images/photos and discourage the practice for privacy purposes. If you would like to opt out of having images/photos of your daughter or any members of your family published/posted on either of these sites, please submit a signed and dated written request to the Troop Committee stating, ***“I do not grant Troop 377 or any of the organization’s registered leaders permission to publish/post any images/photos on any social media sites that can clearly identify my daughter or any members of my family to the general public.”***

### **TROOP INFORMATION:**

We have several means by which you can keep track of all the upcoming events in our Troop. Every month we will send out our Monthly News Update via email, highlighting the upcoming events for the month. We will post much of the same information on our website on our “Announcements” page (under the “News” tab on the main menu bar). And we will post events weekly on our **Facebook page**. We also have our Troop calendar on our website on our “Calendar” page (under the “Schedules” tab on the main menu bar). And you can always see our latest Troop News Newsletter on our “Newsletters” page (under the “News” tab on the main menu bar). Should you ever have a question, do not hesitate to contact any of the Troop leadership. We want you to be informed and we use these tools to keep you informed with the latest Troop information, events, and announcements.



*If you see a need  
Take the lead!*





# Troop Inspiration:

Sad but true. My parents told me about **Mr. Common Sense** early in my life and told me I would do well to call on him when making decisions. It seems he was always around in my early years but less and less as time passed by. Today I read his obituary. Please join me in a moment of silence in remembrance, for Common Sense had served us all so well for so many generations.

**Obituary:** Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, **Common Sense**, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as knowing when to come in out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm, life isn't always fair, and maybe it was my fault. **Common Sense** lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn) and reliable parenting strategies (adults, not children are in charge). His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a six-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition. **Common Sense** lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job they themselves failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer Aspirin, sun lotion or a Band-Aid to a student, but could not inform the parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion. **Common Sense** lost the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband; churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims. **Common Sense** took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar can sue you for assault. **Common Sense** finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap and was promptly awarded a huge settlement. **Common Sense** was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust; his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; and his son, Reason. He is survived by three stepbrothers; I Know my Rights, Someone Else is to Blame, and I'm a Victim. Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. (Author unknown)

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## SOMETHING INSPIRATIONAL

*God is my source of wisdom. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways" (James 1:5-8).*

*Integrity is choosing your thoughts and actions based on values rather than personal gain. "The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them" (Proverbs 11:3).*

*"Peace is not something you wish for; it's something you make, something you do, something you are, and something you give away" (Robert Fulghum).*

*"I am a Christian because someone cared. Now it is my turn" (David McGee).*

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## NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Any announcements that you would like announced at our Pack meeting can be email to us at [announcements@cspack141.org](mailto:announcements@cspack141.org) by the Sunday before the Pack meeting. All announcements must be approved before they will be announced at our meeting.