

Troop 377

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Important Dates To Remember:



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December 25 Christmas

January 1 New Year's Day

January 7 Troop / Troop Planning Committee Meeting

January 14 CSP: Adopt-A-Street Trash Pickup Program

January 19 Frontier Girls Birthday

January 21 Troop Meeting

January 25 Red, White, Blue, and Gold Banquet.

February 3 Pinewood Derby Car Shop

February 4 Family of Scouting Sunday

February 5-9 Family of Scouting Week (Wear your uniforms out and about)

February 10 Pinewood Derby Car Shop

February 11 Troop / Troop Planning Committee Meeting

For more information, find our Troop calendar at:

http://cspack141.org/fgtroop377/calendar_fg/calendar.html

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the FG Troop 377 and CS Pack 141 family. This is such a wonderful time of the year, a time when we see a spirit of love, a spirit of joy, a spirit of peace, and a spirit of goodwill towards men exuding out from within the people we encounter. We pray that you will share this same love, joy, peace, and goodwill with those you encounter, now and throughout the year to come. Just think, this could change the world in the most incredible and most positive way, one person at a time. We thank God for each of you and we pray that you all will have a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. We pray for safe travels for each of you that will be traveling the roadways during this holiday season. We also pray that you will enjoy many, many blessings during this festive time of the year. Remember, there is always something that we can be thankful for. See you all in the new year. Blessings.

TROOP FUNDRAISER UPDATE: First, to all who helped with this fundraiser, thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you, so much. Without your efforts, our Troop would not be able to provide the quality program and fund the activities that we have planned for this year. The Troop Committee and the Cubmaster are grateful for all you did and really appreciate all of your effort. Again, thanks to all who participated.

DUES AND RECHARTER: It is recharter time, which means that it is also time to collect dues. Re-chartering is when we renew the charter agreement between the Christiansburg Presbyterian Church, who agrees to sponsor our Troop and the Frontier Girls organization. You will still be responsible for paying and maintaining your membership fees with Frontier Girls, LLC. Please make sure that your membership doesn't lapse as you will not have access to their website to get the badge requirements.

CSP: ADOPT-A-STREET PROGRAM: It is that time again. Our Community Service Project (CSP): Adopt-a-Street Program will be Sunday, January 14, at 2:00 p.m. in the Christiansburg Elementary School parking lot. We will be collecting trash again. There is no rain date set, so if the weather is bad (raining, snowing, ice on the ground, etc.), the event will be canceled and not rescheduled.

RED, WHITE, BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET: Our Red, White, Blue and Gold Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, January 25, at 6:30 p.m., here at CPC. All who plan to attend, we ask that you bring your favorite covered vegetable or side dish. So, start making plans to attend one of our biggest events of the Scouting year. Please mark your calendar with this important time change.

Let's catch the FRONTIERING SPIRIT!

The Cubmaster Minutes:

The Houston Preacher

Several years ago, a new preacher moved to Houston, Texas. Some weeks after he arrived, he had occasion to ride the bus from his home to the downtown area. When he sat down, he discovered that the driver had accidentally given him a quarter too much change. As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, ***“You'd better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it.”*** Then he thought, ***“Oh, forget it, it's only a quarter. Who would worry about this little amount? Anyway, the bus company gets too much fare; they will never miss it. Accept it as ‘a gift from God’ and keep quiet.”*** When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door, and then he handed the quarter to the driver and said, ***“Here, you gave me too much change.”*** The driver with a smile replied, ***“Aren't you the new preacher in town? I have been thinking lately about going to worship somewhere. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. I'll see you at church on Sunday.”*** When the preacher stepped off of the bus, he literally grabbed the nearest light pole, held on, and said, ***“Oh God, I almost sold your Son for a quarter.”***

Our lives are the only Bible some people will ever read. This is a really almost scary example of how much people watch us as Christians and will put us to the test! Always be on guard and remember that you carry the name of Christ on your shoulders when you call yourself Christian. I hope you all have a great day. ***Author Unknown***

Please keep in mind that our children are watching us and taking notes on how to be adults, parents, fathers, mothers, husbands, wives, businessmen, businesswomen, and leaders in the community. They absorb all the good things, the bad things, the expressions, the actions, and the gestures we do only to repeat them later in life. Therefore we must be very careful of the things we teach our children, not only with the words we speak but also by the things we do.

Two Wolves

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people. He said, “My son, the battle is between two ‘wolves’ inside us all. One is Evil. It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority and ego. The other is Good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith.”

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, “Which wolf wins?”

The old Cherokee simply replied, “The one you feed.”

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:

FAMILY OF SCOUTING SUNDAY: Please mark your calendar and plan to come to this event. Family Of Scouting Sunday is February 4, at the Presbyterian Church (subject to the mandates in place by the Commonwealth of Virginia at that time). We will meet in the rear of the Church at 10:15 a.m. and do not forget to wear your uniforms. Also, the following week is Family Of Scouting Week where all scouts and frontiers are asked to wear their uniforms to school and/or out about for the week.

PINEWOOD DERBY: The derby is quickly approaching. If your daughter's dues are paid, she will receive a car as part of her paid dues. If any parents or siblings plan to race in the Family race and you want us to get a car for you, please see your daughter's Troop Leader or the Cubmaster. The cost is currently about \$7.00 per car. When you pay, please make sure your name is written down, so you can receive proper credit for your purchase.

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 2023-2024 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**. You find this page on **Facebook** at **@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."**

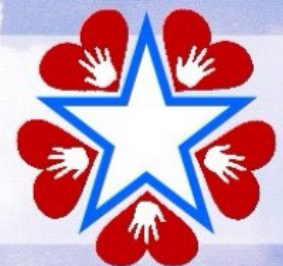
TROOP INFORMATION: We have several means by which you can keep track of all the upcoming events in our Troop. Every month we will send out our Monthly News Update via email, highlighting the upcoming events for the month. We will post much of the same information on our website on our **"Announcement"** 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.

***** **IMPORTANT NOTICE** *****

It is time for bad weather to come. Just remember that all Scouting functions are canceled if the weather does not support the activity. If school is canceled the day of a Den meeting or Pack meeting, so will that meeting be canceled. Because of the planning involved in the Banquet and the Pinewood Derby they will not be canceled except for extreme bad weather.



*If you see a need
Take the lead!*





Troop Inspiration:

The Meaning of Peace

There was once a king who offered a prize to the artist who could paint the best picture of peace. Many artists tried. The king looked at all the pictures, but there were only two that he really liked, and he had to choose between them.

One picture was of a calm lake. The lake was a perfect mirror for the peaceful towering mountains all around it. Overhead was a blue sky with fluffy white clouds. All who saw this picture thought that it was a perfect picture of peace.

The second picture had mountains, too. But these were rugged and bare. Above was an angry sky from which rain fell and in which lightening played. Down the side of the mountain tumbled a foaming waterfall. This did not look peaceful at all.

But when the king looked, he saw behind the waterfall a tiny bush growing in a crack in the rock. In the bush a mother bird had built her nest -- a perfect picture of peace.

Which of the pictures won the prize? The king chose the second picture. Do you know why?

"Because," explained the king, "peace does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble or hard work. Peace means to be in the midst of all those things and still be calm in your heart. That is the real meaning of peace."

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Author Unknown

SOMETHING INSPIRATIONAL

BE THANKFUL: It has been said that the more thankful you are, the more you attract things to be thankful for. It has also been said that those who take life day by day, complain very little, and are thankful for the things in life are happy. Scripture tells us to "always give thanks for everything to our God and Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:20 TLB). Maybe this is why those who are thankful for the things in life are happy. Blessings.

"This is where we are at right now, as a whole. No one is left out of the loop. We are experiencing a reality based on a thin veneer of lies and illusions. A world where greed is our God and wisdom is sin, where division is key and unity is fantasy, where the ego-driven cleverness of the mind is praised, rather than the intelligence of the heart" (Bill Hicks).

"If only closed minds came with closed mouths."

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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