

# Troop 377

# The Troop Scoop

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## Important Dates To Remember:



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**February 25** Troop Meeting

**March 3** Troop / Pack Planning  
Committee Meeting

**March 10** Troop Meeting

**March 24** Fun Day (TBD)

**March 28** Pack Meeting

**April 1** Troop / Pack Planning  
Committee Meeting

**April 6** Annual Pack 141 Cub-  
O-Ree

**April 21** CSP: Adopt-A-Street  
Trash Pickup Program

**April 25** Pack Meeting

**April 28** Annual Pack 141 /  
Troop 377 Nature Hike

**May 19** Troop Meeting / Troop  
Planning Committee Meeting

**May 23** Pack Meeting

**June 2** Pack Trout-o-ree

For more information, find our  
Troop calendar at:

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

**PINEWOOD DERBY:** Our Pinewood Derby was held on Saturday, February 17. We would like to congratulate the winners of this year's race. We also want to congratulate the entire group on a job well done, you are all winners and great sportsmen and sportswomen. A special thanks to the judges for helping with one of the toughest jobs of the entire event. We appreciate it and applaud you. Now that the dust has settled and the smoke from the engines has cleared, we would like to thank all the families who helped behind the scenes to make our annual Pinewood Derby race such a successful event. Without you all, the event would have never happened, and for that, we are very much appreciative.



**FAMILY OF SCOUTING SUNDAY:** We would like to thank all of the families who came out on February 4 for our Family of Scouting Sunday at the Presbyterian Church. Your attendance was greatly appreciated.

**PACK TROUT-O-REE:** There has been a change in our Annual Pack Trout-o-ree. We have moved this event to June 2 in the place of our Annual Pack Family Cookout. We have confirmed the same location as last year and are really looking forward to have this event again this year. We will share more information as we approach the date.

Let's catch the FRONTIERING SPIRIT!

## *The Cubmaster Minutes:*

### **Why God Allows Pain And Suffering**

A man went to a barbershop to have his hair cut and his beard trimmed. As the barber began to work, they began to have a good conversation. They talked about so many things and various subjects. When they eventually touched on the subject of God, the barber said: "I don't believe that God exists." "Why do you say that?" asked the customer. "Well, you just have to go out in the street to realize that God doesn't exist. Tell me, if God exists, would there be so many sick people? Would there be abandoned children? If God existed, there would be neither suffering nor pain. I can't imagine a loving God who would allow all of these things. The customer thought for a moment, but didn't respond because he didn't want to start an argument. The barber finished his job and the customer left the shop.

Just after he left the barbershop, he saw a man in the street with long, stringy, dirty hair and an untrimmed beard. He looked dirty and unkempt. The customer turned back and entered the barbershop again and he said to the barber: "You know what? Barbers do not exist." "How can you say that?" asked the surprised barber. "I am here, and I am a barber. And I just worked on you!" "No!" the customer exclaimed. "Barbers don't exist because if they did, there would be no people with dirty long hair and untrimmed beards, like that man outside." "Ah, but barbers DO exist! That's what happens when people do not come to me." "Exactly!" affirmed the customer. "That's the point! God, too, DOES exist! That's what happens when people do not go to Him and don't look to Him for help. That's why there's so much pain and suffering in the world."

***This is one of the best explanations of why God allows pain and suffering that I have seen...***

ENJOY ALL OF YOUR BLESSINGS, FOR THEY DO BE MANY & REMEMBER TO BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS !!!!!!!

### **The 7 Percent**

A Holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said, "Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like." The Lord led the holy man to two doors. He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in. In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew, which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water.

The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles that were strapped to their arms and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful. But because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths. The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering. The Lord said, "You have seen Hell."

They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one. There was the large round table with the large pot of stew, which made the holy man's mouth water. The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking. The holy man said, "I do not understand." "It is simple," said the Lord. "It requires but one skill... You see, they have learned to feed each other. The greedy think only of themselves."

When Jesus died on the cross, he was thinking of you. Its estimated 93 percent will not share this. If you are one of the 7 percent who will, so share this story with the title being ***"The 7 Percent."***

I am in the 7 percent. Remember that I will always share my spoon with you. Blessings.

### **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:*

**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 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 “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.

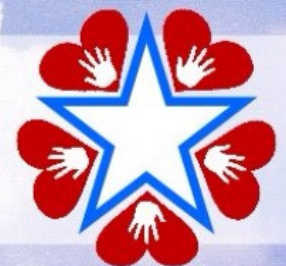
\*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE\*\*\*\*\*

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

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*If you see a need  
Take the lead!*





# Troop Inspiration:

## THE GINGHAM DRESS

A lady in a faded gingham dress and her husband, dressed in a homespun threadbare suit, stepped off the train in Boston, and walked timidly without an appointment in to the Harvard University President's outer office. The secretary could tell in a moment that such backwoods, country hicks had no business at Harvard and probably didn't even deserve to be in Cambridge. **We'd like to see the president,** the man said softly. **He'll be busy all day,** the secretary snapped. **We'll wait,** the lady replied. For hours the secretary ignored them, hoping that the couple would finally become discouraged and go a way. They didn't, and the secretary grew frustrated and finally decided to disturb the president, even though it was a chore she always regretted. **Maybe if you see them for a few minutes, they'll leave,** she said to him!

He sighed in exasperation and nodded. Someone of his importance obviously didn't have the time to spend with them, and he detested gingham dresses and homespun suits cluttering up his outer office. The president, stern faced and with dignity, strutted toward the couple. The lady told him, **We had a son who attended Harvard for one year. He loved Harvard. He was happy here. But about a year ago, he was accidentally killed. My husband and I would like to erect a memorial to him, somewhere on campus.** The president wasn't touched. He was shocked. **Madam,** he said, gruffly, **we can't put up a statue for every person who attended Harvard and died. If we did, this place would look like a cemetery.** **Oh, no,** the lady explained quickly. **We don't want to erect a statue. We thought we would like to give a building to Harvard.** The president rolled his eyes. He glanced at the gingham dress and homespun suit, then exclaimed, **A building! Do you have any earthly idea how much a building costs? We have over seven and a half million dollars in the physical buildings here at Harvard.**

For a moment, the lady was silent. The president was pleased. Maybe he could get rid of them now. The lady turned to her husband and said quietly, **Is that all it costs to start a university? Why don't we just start our own?** Her husband nodded. The president's face wilted in confusion and bewilderment. Mr. and Mrs. Leland Stanford got up and walked away, traveling to Palo Alto, California where they established the university that bears their name, Stanford University, a memorial to a son that Harvard no longer cared about. You can easily judge the character of others by how they treat those who they think can do nothing for them. A TRUE STORY by Malcolm Forbes. **People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.**

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## SOMETHING INSPIRATIONAL

**"Some of the most comforting words in the universe are "me too." That moment when you find out that your struggle is also someone else's struggled that you're not alone, and that others have down the same road" (Unknown). Therefore, encourage each other and build each other up (I Thessalonians 5:11).**

**"They laugh at me because I'm different; I laugh at them because they're all the same."**

**"Experience is a teacher, pain is a tutor, mistakes are instructors. Out of every negative there's an opportunity (to) develop a positive."**

**"No matter how big your house is, how recent your car is, or how big your bank account is. Our graves will always be the same size. Stay humble."**

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## 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.