

# Troop

# 377

# The Troop Scoop

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## Important Dates To Remember:



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

**April 21** Community Service Project (CSP): Adopt-A-Street Program (Trash Pickup)

**April 25** Joint Activity: Outdoor Pack Meeting

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

**May 23** Joint Activity: Pack Graduation

**June 2** Joint Activity: Pack Trout-o-ree

**IMPORTANT PROGRAM EVENTS:** In an effort to make sure we offer every frontier girls the opportunity to complete their badge requirements and to offer every cub scout the opportunity to complete the adventure requirements for their respective rank advancement badges, we have the following events scheduled to cover many of those requirements.

- **April 6 (9:30-Noon) – Pack 141 Cub-O-Ree**, where we plan to have several stations, consisting of a Bike Rodeo and Safety Class, Obstacle Course, Knots and Ropes Class, Seed Care and Planting Class, and Outdoor Cooking Class. Bring your bicycles, helmets, and any other safety equipment you use for safe bicycling. You can wear Class B uniforms (T-shirts) for this event. Remember to invite all of your family and friends and have them to invite their family and friends. This event is open to anyone 11 and under. This event may be extended beyond Noon, depending on the number of participants in the event.
- **April 25, (7-9) – Outdoor Pack Meeting** with campfire, outdoor cooking, and a Flag Retirement Ceremony. Please bring your own foldup chairs for this meeting. Class A uniforms are required for this event.
- **April 28 (3-5 p.m.) – Nature Hike** at Pandapas Pond to cover Leave No Trace principles, the Outdoor Code, backpacking with the Cub Scout Essentials. You can wear Class B uniforms (T-shirts) for this event.

We have a lot of activities planned for the month of April. Know that these activities reflect our commitment to give each of our frontiers and our scouts the opportunity meet their badge and adventure requirements. It is extremely important that you plan to attend these events as they are essential for completing many of the remaining requirements. Though some of the requirements were covered during our fall events, not everyone attended those events and we want to make sure that everyone gets the opportunity to compete them during our spring events schedule. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Cubmaster or speak with your troop or den leaders. Thank you all in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

**CSP – ADOPT-A-STREET PROGRAM:** On Sunday, April 21, we will conduct our joint Community Service Project (CSP) Adopt-A-Street Program as part of our agreement with the town of Christiansburg to keep our little corner of the town clean of litter. This is something that we as a Frontier Girls Troop and Cub Scout Pack have agreed to do at least four times per year. And although we do not make a big to do about it, this is one of the community service projects that we chose to do in order to give back to our community. We even have signs with our name on them saying that we have adopted this particular street and have agreed to keep it clean. How cool is that. Please make plans to come out for this project.

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:*

### **The Obstacle In Our Path**

In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way.

Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. The peasant learned what many of us never understand!

Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our condition.

### **DRINK, STEAL, SWEAR, & LIE**

I met an interesting guy the other day; he has a motto he lives by. He explained carefully the four rules that he follows everyday: **Drink, Steal, Swear, and Lie**. As he spoke, I was shaking my head 'NO,' but then he told me to listen while he explained his four rules. So, here they are

1. **"Drink"** from the "everlasting cup" every day.
2. **"Steal"** a moment to help someone that is in worse shape than you are.
3. **"Swear"** that you will be a better person today than you were yesterday.
4. And last, but not least, when you **"Lie"** down at night, thank God for His many blessings and that you live in America and have freedom.

I am not as good as I should be, I am not as good as I could be, but THANK GOD, I am better than I used to be!

### **Be B. A. D.**

While shopping at a local department store, a woman spotted a man with an acronym on his shirt that had **B. A. D.** Being the person that she was (curious), she stopped the man and asked, "What does **B. A. D.** stand for?" And trust me; you'll be amazed at what his response was. He replied B.A.D. stands for: "**Blessed And Delivered**"

That thought stuck with her as she finished doing her shopping that day. So she came up with a little advice for you today.

- When the enemy tries to attack you, be **B. A. D.**
- When things don't seem to be going right on your job, be **B. A. D.**
- When things are not looking good in your marriage, be **B. A. D.**
- When folks scandalize your name, just be **B. A. D.**

Get with somebody who you know that you can be **B. A. D.** with!!! May God bless you and have a **B. A. D.** day! Blessings.

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### **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:*

### **FUN DAY AT NRV SUPERBOWL:**

We held our Fun Day at the NRV SuperBowl on Sunday, March 24. We got to do a round of bowling, played a round of laser tag, and got to play some arcade games. We want to thank the NRV Superbowl and their staff for providing us with an awesome evening of fun.

### **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:**

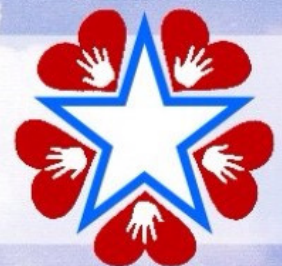
Pictures of our activities are posted on our **Facebook Page (@FGTroop377)**. Please know that we “**do not tag**” images/photos and discourage the practice for privacy purposes. If you would like to opt out of having images/photos of your daughter or any members of your family published/posted on either 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:

## THE TEACHER APPLICANT

After being interviewed by the school administration, the teaching prospect said, Let me see if I've got this right:

You want me to go into that room with all those kids, and to... correct their disruptive behavior, observe them for signs of abuse, monitor their dress habits, censor their T-shirt messages, and instill in them a love for learning.

You want me to... check their backpacks for weapons, wage war on drugs and sexually transmitted diseases, and raise their sense of self-esteem and personal pride.

You want me to.... teach them patriotism and good citizenship, sportsmanship and fair play, and how to register to vote, balance a checkbook, and apply for a job.

You want me to... check their heads for lice, recognize signs of anti-social behavior, and make sure that they all pass the state exams.

You also want me to... provide them with an equal education regardless of their handicaps, and communicate regularly with their parents in English and Spanish by letter, telephone, newsletter, and report card.

You want me to do all this with a piece of chalk, a blackboard, a bulletin board, a few books, a big smile, and a starting salary that qualifies me for food stamps. You want me to do all this and then you tell me...

### I CAN'T PRAY?

Are you nuts!

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### SOMETHING INSPIRATIONAL

***"Activating Your Faith: Miracles occur only when we believe and show it in action that we are receiving it! "And when Jesus saw the ten lepers, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And it came to pass, that, as they were going to show themselves to the priest, they were made clean" (Luke 17:11-19)***

***"The heart is like a garden. It can grow compassion or fear, resentment or love. What seeds will you plant there" (Buddha)? "For as he thinks in his heart, so is he" (Proverbs 23:7 NKJV).***

***"The world will be a better place when the 'power of love' replaces the 'love of power'" (Pastor John Hagee).***

***"Don't ever let someone take away your happiness, because it was never theirs to take."***

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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.