

# Troop 377

# The Troop Scoop

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## Important Dates To Remember:



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**June 7** Joint Activity: Annual 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)

**August 15** Joint Activity: Touch-A-Truck NRV Festival @ NRV Mall

**September 24** Joint Activity: Pack Meeting

**GRADUATION:** This brings us to the close of another great Frontier year. We have all worked hard on getting the frontiers to complete their program and badge requirements and they have worked equally as hard on getting them. I would like to thank all our Adult Troop Leaders and all the Volunteers for their help, time, and effort in making this a very successful frontiering year. We have made great strides over the past year and without your help, we would not have the quality program that we have. I would like to congratulate all the Frontiers on their achievements and hope that they will continue the hard work throughout the next year and for the rest of their lives. To all the parents, I thank you for attending and participating in the programs that were offered. Without you, there would be no Troop 377. I pray for safe travels through the summer vacation season and I look forward to the start of a new Frontiering year. Again, congratulations to all the Frontiers and thank you to all the volunteers and parents.

**TROOP AND PACK SUMMER RECRUITMENT AND PROMOTIONS:** During the summer vacation, we will be out and about promoting our Cub Scouts and Frontier Girls programs. We currently plan to participate in the Town of Christiansburg July 4th Celebration in July and in the Touch-A-Truck NRV Festival in August. If you find yourself free and available to attend either or both of these events, please put on your uniforms (Class A or Class B) and come out and help with the promotions. We also ask for your help by spreading the word about our Family of Scouting programs to your family, friends, co-workers, church members, or anyone else you think would enjoy what we have to offer. We now offer programs for both boys and girls of all ages in one location, which includes our Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Frontier Girls programs. So, please help us to spread the word about these three awesome programs. We thank you in advance and we look forward to seeing you all out and about. Have a great and blessed summer.

**SUMMER PROGRAMS:** During the summer months, we still get together once a month for an activity. This year we have planned our Annual Family Picnic for Sunday, June 7 from 3-9 p.m. at the Scout Room. This is a family event, so bring your entire family to this event. Basically, come out for food, fun, and fellowship. We also have planned a Community Service Project and Pool Party in July. We are looking at doing something exciting for August.

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:*

### COFFEE CUPS

A group of alumni, highly established in their careers, got together to visit their old university professor. Conversation soon turned into complaints about stress in work and life. Offering his guests coffee, the professor went to the kitchen and returned with a large pot of coffee and an assortment of cups - porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal, some plain looking, some expensive, some exquisite - telling them to help themselves to the coffee.

When all the students had a cup of coffee in hand, the professor said:

**"If you noticed, all the nice looking expensive cups were taken up, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones. While it is normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that is the source of your problems and stress. Be assured that the cup itself adds no quality to the coffee. In most cases it is just more expensive and in some cases even hides what we drink. What all of you really wanted was coffee, not the cup, but you consciously went for the best cups."**

And then you began eyeing each other's cups. **"Now consider this: Life is the coffee; the jobs, money and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain Life, and the type of cup we have does not define, nor change the quality of Life we live. Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the coffee provided us. A higher power brews the coffee, not the cups. Enjoy your coffee! 'The happiest people don't have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything.'"**

Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. You are the miracle.

### The Legend Of The Cherokee Indian Youth

Do you know the legend of the Cherokee Indian Youth's Rite of Passage?

The father takes him into the forest, blindfolds him, and leaves him alone. He is required to sit on a stump the whole night and not remove the blindfold until the rays of the morning sunshine through it. He cannot cry out for help to anyone. Once he survives the night, he is a **MAN**. He cannot tell the other boys of this experience, because each lad must come into manhood on his own.

The boy is naturally terrified. He can hear all kinds of noises. Wild beasts must surely be all around him. Maybe even some human might do him harm. The wind blew the grass and earth, and shook his stump, but he sat stoically, never removing the blindfold. It would be the only way he could become a man. Finally, after a horrific night, the sun appeared and he removed his blindfold. It was then that he discovered his father sitting on the stump next to him. He had been at watch the entire night, protecting his son from harm.

We, too, are never alone. Even when we do not know it, God is watching over us, sitting on the stump beside us. When trouble comes, all we have to do is reach out to Him.

Moral of the story: Just because you cannot see God, does not mean He is not there. ***"For we walk by faith, not by sight" (II Corinthians 5:7).***

### 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 2026-2027 Medical form on file. Forms are available under the “**Forms / Guides**” tab on the main menu bar on our website.

### **TROOP PICTURES:**

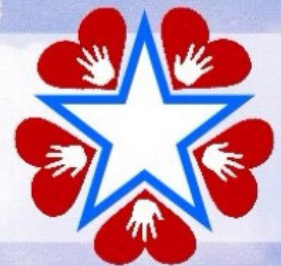
Pictures of our activities are posted on our **Facebook Page (@FGTroop377)**. Please know that we “**do not tag**” images/photos and discourage the practice for privacy purposes. If you would like to opt out of having images/photos of your daughter or any members of your family published/posted on either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

## FACT ABOUT CROWS

A fact you won't soon forget...

Researchers for the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority found over 200 dead crows near greater Boston recently, and there was concern that they may have died from Avian Flu. A Bird Pathologist examined the remains of all the crows, and, to everyone's relief, confirmed the problem was definitely NOT Avian Flu. The cause of death appeared to be vehicular impacts.

However, during the detailed analysis it was noted that varying colors of paints appeared on the bird's beaks and claws. By analyzing these paint residues, it was determined that 98% of the crows had been killed by impact with trucks, while only 2% were killed by an impact with a car.

MTA then hired an Ornithological Behaviorist to determine if there was a cause for the disproportionate percentages of truck kills versus car kills. He very quickly concluded the cause: When crows eat road kill, they always have a look-out crow in a nearby tree to warn of impending danger.

They discovered that while all the lookout crows could shout "**Cah,**" not a single one could shout "**Truck.**"

Just remember, "**A cheerful heart does good like medicine, but a broken spirit makes one sick**" Proverbs 17:22 (TLB). Blessings.

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## SOMETHING INSPIRATIONAL

**AN INSIDE JOB:** *The answer lies within ourselves. If we can't find peace and happiness there, it's not going to come from outside. Your peace is directly linked to what you think. Your peace is directly link to your knowledge of God. "Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, according as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue" (II Peter 1:2-3). Peace is an inside job.*

*"The second most courageous thing you can do is to think for yourself. The number one most courageous thing you can do is to think for yourself out loud."*

*"The biggest communication problem is we do not listen to understand. We listen to reply."*

*"When you feel you can't take it anymore. Take it to God and give it to him. Nothing is too big or too small for God to handle."*

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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.