Troop 377

The Troop Scoop

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Important Dates To Remember:

October 26 Fundraiser Ends — Order Turn-in

October 31 Halloween

November 1 Troop Meeting / Troop Planning Committee

November 11 Veterans Day

November 15 Troop Meeting

November 19 Pack Meeting: First Responders Tribute

November 26 Thanksgiving Day

November 27 Native American Heritage Day

December 6 Fundraiser — Pickup Orders

December 6 Troop Meeting / Troop Planning Committee

December 11 Joint Activity — Christiansburg Christmas Parade

December 17 Fundraiser Moey Due

For more information, find our Troop calendar at:
http://cspack141.org/fgtroop377/calendar_fg/calendar.html

Happy Halloween

ANNUAL FALL CAMPOUT 2026: We will hold our annual campout at Camp Alta Mons in Shawsville this weekend. This is a CS Pack 141 / FG Troop 377 joint venture and what awe-some times we have had in times past. When we arrive, we tipicially set up camp. Once that is done, we have little free time. Then comes time to get ready for dinner. Once the fire was going, it is time to cook dinner. We usually have all kinds of food, but the best of all the foods are the hotdogs that we put on skewers and cooked over the open fire. After dinner and cleanup, we did the normal campfire activities, fellowshipped, games and this year we have a movie planned. And we also get what every campfire has... SMORES.

The next day, we have an awesome breakfast, which was provided by our Frontier Girls. And yes, the breakfast is always **INCREDIBLE!!!** Afterwards, we pack our lunches for the hike, broke down camp, and head out to do some hiking. We break into groups and we hike, we eat lunch, and came back to camp. There is a whole lot more that can be said, but let's just say, **"CAMPING IS SO MUCH FUN"** and the experience is **"so incredible."** You'll just have to see the pictures on our Facebook page (@CSPack141), because there is not enough space here to express in words the awesome time we have and just how much fun our camping adventures are. We are looking forward to it.

PEANUTS, PEANUITS, PEANUTS: Our Peanut fundraiser will conclude on **October 26**. We would like to thank all who participated in this event to help raise money for the Troop in an our effort to keep your out-of-pocket expenses down. While we did not make our sales goal, we thank God for what we have and we are truly grateful for what we were able to raise. We will be placing the Troop's total peanut order with Virginia Diner in the next few days. Peanut pickup is **December 6,** in the Scout Room. All money is due on or before **December 17.** Please make all checks payable to **Troop 377.** Thanks again. Blessings.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT: Adopt-A-Street Program: This month, we were able to complete our four-part CSP: Adopt-A-Street Program. We look forward to our next opportunity for community service.

Let's catch the FRONTIERING SPIRIT!

The Cubmaster Minutes:

THE PENNY

You always hear the usual stories of pennies on the sidewalk being good luck, gifts from angels, etc. This is the first time I've ever heard this twist on the story. It will give you something to think about.

Several years ago, a friend of mine and her husband were invited to spend the weekend at the husband's employer's home. My friend, Arlene, was nervous about the weekend. The boss was very wealthy, with a fine home on the waterway, and cars costing more than her house. The first day and evening went well, and Arlene was delighted to have this rare glimpse into how the very wealthy live. The husband's employer was quite generous as a host, and took them to the finest restaurants. Arlene knew she would never have the opportunity to indulge in this kind of extravagance again, so was enjoying herself immensely.

As the three of them were about to enter an exclusive restaurant that evening, the boss was walking slightly ahead of Arlene and her husband. He stopped suddenly, looking down on the pavement for a long, silent moment. Arlene wondered if she was supposed to pass him. There was nothing on the ground except a single darkened penny that someone had dropped, and a few cigarette butts. Still silent, the man reached down and picked up the penny. He held it up and smiled, then put it in his pocket as if he had found a great treasure. How absurd! What need did this man have for a single penny? Why would he even take the time to stop and pick it up?

Throughout dinner, the entire scene nagged at her. Finally, she could stand it no longer. She casually mentioned that her daughter once had a coin collection, and asked if the penny he had found had been of some value. A smile crept across the man's face as he reached into his pocket for the penny and held it out for her to see. She had seen many pennies before! What was the point of this? ***"Look at it,"*** he said. "***Read what it says."*** She read the words, ***"United States of America." "No, not that, read further,"*** he said. She read, ***"One cent?" "No, keep reading,"*** he replies. She reads, ***"In God we Trust?" "Yes!"*** he exclaimed. ***"And?"*** she asked. ***"And if I trust in God, the name of God is holy, even on a coin. Whenever I find a coin I see that inscription. It is written on every single United States coin, but we never seem to notice it! God drops a message right in front of me telling me to trust Him? Who am I to pass it by? When I see a coin, I pray, I stop to see if my trust IS in God at that moment. I pick the coin up as a response to God; that I do trust in Him. For a short time, at least, I cherish it as if it were gold. I think it is God's way of starting a conversation with me. Lucky for me, God is patient and pennies are plentiful!?"***

When I was out shopping today, I found a penny on the sidewalk. I stopped and picked it up, and realized that I had been worrying and fretting in my mind about things I cannot change. I read the words, ***"In God We Trust,"*** and had to laugh. Yes, God, I get the message. It seems that I have been finding an inordinate number of pennies in the last few months, but then, pennies are plentiful! ***And, God is patient . . .***

Always Remember Those Who Serve

In the days when an ice cream sundae cost much less, a 10-year-old boy entered a hotel coffee shop and sat at a table. A waitress put a glass of water in front of him. ***"How much is an ice cream sundae?***" he asked. ***"Fifty cents,"*** replied the waitress. The little boy pulled is hand out of his pocket and studied the coins in it. ***"Well, how much is a plain dish of ice cream?"*** he inquired. By now more people were waiting for a table and the waitress was growing impatient. ***"Thirty-five cents,"*** she brusquely replied. The little boy again counted his coins. ***"I'll have the plain ice cream,"*** he said. The waitress brought the ice cream, put the bill on the table and walked away. The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier and left. When the waitress came back, she began to cry as she wiped down the table. There, placed neatly beside the empty dish, were two nickels and five pennies.

You see, he couldn't have the sundae, because he had to have enough left to leave her a tip.

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:

$$ DUES $$:

It is dues time. Dues are $30 for Penguins (ages 3-5), Otters (grades K-2), Dolphins (grades 3-5) and $35 for Butterflies (grades 6-8), Eagles (grades 9-12), and Owls (adult participants) per Frontiering year. There is a $5 discount per scout / frontier for families with more than one scout or frontier in Family of Scouting programs. If you have any questions, please contact our Cubmaster. Checks should be made out to: **Troop 377.**

NOVEMBER PACK MEETING:

November's Pack meeting will be on the third Thursday, November 19, instead of the fourth Thursday because of the holiday. Please mark your calendar with this important change.

TROOP T-SHIRTS AND HOODIES:

We will try to order Troop T-shirts and hoodies this year. Prices have always been based on the total number of shirts pre-ordered, and there is a 12 shirt minimum.

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:

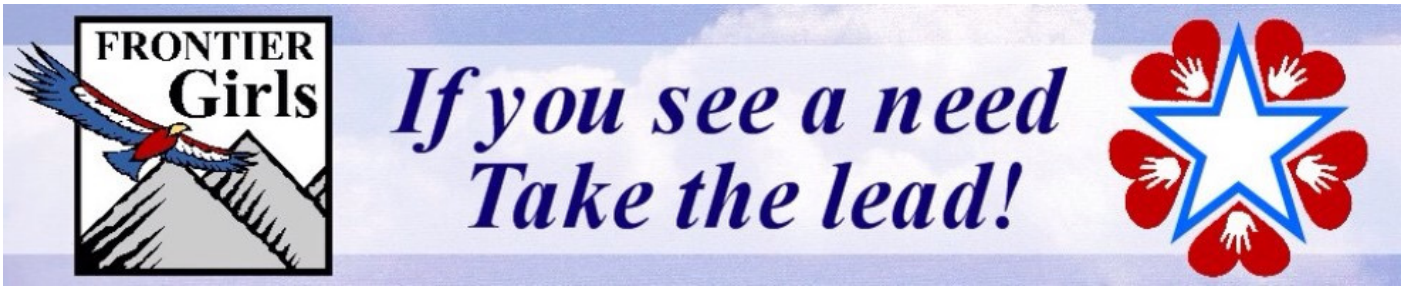
Do not forget that every member in the Troop is required to have a 2026-2027 Medical form on file. Forms are available under the **"Forms / Guides"** tab on the main menu bar on our website.

TROOP PICTURES:

Pictures of our activities are posted on our **Facebook Page.** 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 on our website. And we will post events weekly on our **Facebook page.** We also have our Troop calendar on our **"Calendar"** page under the **"Schedules"** tab on the main menu bar on our website. And you can always see our latest Troop Scoop Newsletter on our **"Newsletters"** page under the **"News"** tab on the main menu bar on our website. 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.



Troop Inspiration:

Why I Am A Frontier Girls Leader

I am not a Frontier Girls Leader for the easy hours, high pay, parents' gratitude, power, or prestige. I am a leader because I want the world for your daughter and mine; a world they can share and help shape; a world of love and laughter, where they can show compassion. I want them to look at the stars, a sunrise, a sunset, the work and world of a woman, and feel its beauty inside of themselves.

I want to help them learn to finish anything they start and do it well, and to guide them to know their worth with a deeper understanding of themselves. I want to help shape women who have strength of character and are sensitive to the needs of others. I want them to be the best they can be.

I am giving of myself and my time. I reap rewards far beyond what I give. I receive for my children, your children, and future generations a better world. How much is a Frontier Girls Leader paid, I hear you ask; my wage consists of smiles and laughter, observing a child's growing self-confidence and the look of personal triumph on the face of a child who has achieved more than they thought they could.

Anyone who can teach me or show me a better way to do this job, anyone who gives of their time to help me become a better leader, and anyone who by action or deed makes the Frontiering program come alive will forever have my undying gratitude.

I am a Frontier Girls Leader because I care.

Unknown Author [Adapted from the original titled, **"Why I Am A Cub Scout Leader"**]

SOMETHING INSPIRATIONAL

Life's Lesson

Life continues—Whatever happens—all we need is to be positive and be brave with all the challenges we encounter. Faith in God is still the best armor! Blessings.

Worry

"Worry is like a rocking chair. It gives you something to do, but gets you nowhere."

The Mind

"The mind is like a parachute. It doesn't work unless it's open."

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.