

Troop 377

The Troop Scoop

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Important Dates To Remember:



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September 24 Troop Meeting

October 1 Troop Meeting /
Troop Planning Committee

October 7 Joint Activity —
Christiansburg Fall Festival

October 15 Joint Activity —
Community Service Pro-
ject: Adopt-A-Street Trash
Pickup Program

October 21-22 Joint Activity —
Annual Camping Trip

October 26 Joint Activity — Fall
Carnival and Costume
Contest

October 29 Troop Meeting

November 3 Fundraiser Ends
— Order Turn-in

November 5 Troop Meeting /
Troop Planning Committee

November 16 Joint Activity —
Pack Meeting

November 19 Troop Meeting

**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)

WELCOME TO THE 2023 - 2024 FRONTIERING YEAR!

We trust everyone is well, has settled in with school and has gotten use to that routine again. For us, this means that we get to start another exciting year of Frontiering and Scouting. Our Troop and Pack Committees have worked extra hard planning out all the fun-filled events and activities for the upcoming year. Make sure to check out our Troop Calendar, located on the “Calendar” page, found under the “Schedules” tab on the main menu bar and our “Announcements” page, found under the “News” tab on the main menu bar on our website as well as our Troop Facebook page at @FGTroop377 often as we update them with new information as it becomes available.

Over the summer break, we did some joint summer activities with CS Pack 141 and we had some fun. First, we had our annual picnic, which was totally awesome. We had great food and a wonderful time fellowshiping with each other. We then had our annual pool party and the weather did cooperate this year. And we held our annual Ice Cream Social, which turned out to be the perfect opportunity to greet our newest family members, to greet one another, and for the kids, including the big adult ones, to play together. And the ice cream was not a bad addition either. So, as you can see, summer was full of some great activities and some exciting events.

This is shaping up to be a wonderful and exciting year for Troop 377. News about the Frontiering experience is getting out in our community and we are just so excited to welcome our newest members into our Troop family. We would also like to welcome back our returning frontiers for another fun-filled year of Frontiering. Our leaders are so thrilled to have the opportunity to aid in the character development, spiritual growth, and good citizenship of our young frontiers. The responsibility that you as a parent, grandparent, and or guardian have entrusted to us is not something that we take lightly. We are very serious about presenting the best possible Frontiering experience that we can. We pray that your frontiering experience will be a blessing to you and your daughter and that she will be the better for having been a part of our family. And know that it is never too late to join our Frontiering family, so please help us to spread the word, especially if you have neighbors, friends, or family who you think would enjoy the Frontiering experience. Invite them or bring them to a meeting. We would love to have them join our Family of Scouting.

The uniqueness of Frontier Girls is that you, as a family, join the program with your daughter. You will help her all along the way as she journeys through the different levels, all the way to Eagle. So, get involved and help make this Frontiering year an experience you and your child will never forget! Our Pack meetings are the fourth Thursday of each month (except November and December when meetings are the third Thursday) at 7:00 p.m. These meetings are designed to be informative and fun. Our newsletter is published at the time of each Pack meeting. Again, to each of you we say, Welcome.

TROOP DUES: We will start collecting Troop dues in October. You are still responsible for membership fees to Frontier Girls, LLC. Should you have any questions about your dues, do not hesitate to ask. Checks should be made out to: **Troop 377.**

Let's catch the FRONTIERING SPIRIT!

The Cubmaster Minutes:

Glass of Milk

One day, a poor boy who was selling goods from door to door to pay his way through school, found he had only one thin dime left, and he was hungry. He decided he would ask for a meal at the next house. However, he lost his nerve when a lovely young woman opened the door. Instead of a meal he asked for a drink of water!... She thought he looked hungry so brought him a large glass of milk. He drank it so slowly, and then asked, "How much do I owe you?" "You don't owe me anything," she replied. "Mother has taught us never to accept payment for a kindness." He said... "Then I thank you from my heart." As Howard Kelly left that house, he not only felt stronger physically, but his faith in God and man was strong also. He had been ready to give up and quit.

Many year's later that same young woman became critically ill. The local doctors were baffled. They finally sent her to the big city, where they called in specialists to study her rare disease. Dr. Howard Kelly was called in for the consultation. When he heard the name of the town she came from, a strange light filled his eyes. Immediately he rose and went down the hall of the hospital to her room. Dressed in his doctor's gown he went in to see her. He recognized her at once. He went back to the consultation room determined to do his best to save her life. From that day he gave special attention to her case. After a long struggle, the battle was won.

Dr. Kelly requested the business office to pass the final bill to him for approval. He looked at it, then wrote something on the edge, and the bill was sent to her room. She feared to open it, for she was sure it would take the rest of her life to pay for it all. Finally, she looked, and something caught her attention on the side of the bill. She read these words... "Paid in full with one glass of milk," (Signed) Dr. Howard Kelly.

Tears of joy flooded her eyes as her happy heart prayed: "Thank You, God, that Your love has spread broad through human hearts and hands." There's a saying which goes something like this: "Bread cast on the water comes back to you. The good deed you do today may benefit you or someone you love at the least expected time. If you never see the deed again at least you will have made the world a better place - And, after all, isn't that what life is all about?"

Now you have two choices. You can share this and spread a positive message. Or ignore it and pretend it never touched your heart. The hardest thing to learn in life is which bridge to cross and which -- To burn. What a lovely story... and it is true, although a little embellished. (<https://www.snopes.com/glurge/milk.asp>)

Enjoy your blessings, for they do be many. And remember to share.

Clay Balls

A man was exploring caves by the Seashore. In one of the caves he found a canvas bag with a bunch of hardened clay balls. It was like someone had rolled clay balls and left them out in the sun to bake. They didn't look like much, but they intrigued the man, so he took the bag out of the cave with him. As he strolled along the beach, he would throw the clay balls one at a time out into the ocean as far as he could. He thought little about it, until he dropped one of the clay balls and it cracked open on a rock. Inside was a beautiful, precious stone! Excited, the man started breaking open the remaining clay balls. Each contained a similar treasure. He found thousands of dollars worth of jewels in the 20 or so clay balls he had left. Then it struck him. He had been on the beach a long time. He had thrown maybe 50 or 60 of the clay balls with their hidden treasure into the ocean waves. Instead of thousands of dollars in treasure, he could have taken home tens of thousands, but he had just thrown it away!

It's like that with people. We look at someone, maybe even ourselves, and we see the external clay vessel. It doesn't look like much from the outside. It isn't always beautiful or sparkling, so we discount it. We see that person as less important than someone more beautiful or stylish or well known or wealthy. But we have not taken the time to find the treasure hidden inside that person. There is a treasure in each and every one of us. If we take the time to get to know that person, and if we ask God to show us that person the way He sees them, then the clay begins to peel away and the brilliant gem begins to shine forth. May we not come to the end of our lives and find out that we have thrown away a fortune in friendships because the gems were hidden in bits of clay. May we see the people in our world as God sees them. I am so blessed by the gems of friendship I have with you. Thank you for looking beyond my clay vessel.

APPRECIATE EVERY SINGLE THING YOU HAVE, ESPECIALLY YOUR FRIENDS! LIFE IS TOO SHORT AND FRIENDS ARE TOO FEW! Pass this on to another Clay Ball!!!

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 FUNDRAISER:

Our annual fundraising event has started. We are selling Virginia Diner Peanut products. We will be selling these products until **November 3**. So, if you are interested supporting our Troop, please make sure you buy some peanuts for family members, for your friends, for your business associates, and more important, for yourselves. This product makes great Christmas gifts, so order now and receive delivery in time for Christmas. Expect delivery around **December 2**. Checks should be made out to: **Troop 377**. Thanks n advance for your support.

OCTOBER PACK MEETING:

October's Pack meeting is our Annual Fall Carnival and Costume Contest. So, start saving your pennies for the Fall Carnival. The more pennies you have the more you can play and the more prizes you can win. For our Costume Contest, remember that this event is held here in the Church, so please keep your costumes rating to nothing more than a PG-13 rating.

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:

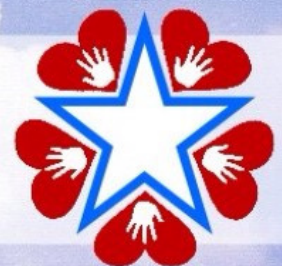
Pictures of our activities are posted on our **Facebook Page**. You find this page on **Facebook** at **@FGTroop377**. Please know that we **"do not tag"** images/photos and discourage the practice for privacy purposes. If you would like to opt out of having images/photos of your daughter or any members 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 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.



*If you see a need
Take the lead!*





Troop Inspiration:

LIFE IS . . .

Once there was an old and very wise man. Every day he and his granddaughter would sit outside a gas station in his rocking chair, waiting to greet tourists as they passed through his small town. One day a tall man, who surely had to be a tourist, began looking around as if he were checking out the area for a place to live. **So what kind of town is this?** he asked. The old man replied, **Well, what kind of town are you from?** The tourist said, **One where everyone is very critical of each other. It's a real negative place to live.** The old man said, **You know, that's just how this town is.**

Later, a family passing through also stopped for gas. The father stepped out and asked the old man, **Is this town a good place to live?** The old man replied, **Well, what about the town you're from?** The father said, **In the town I'm from everyone is very close and always willing to lend a helping hand. I really hate to leave it.** The old man smiled and said, **You know, that's a lot like this small town.**

After the family had left the granddaughter looked up and asked, **Grandpa, how come when the first man came you told him this was a terrible place to live, yet when that family came you told them it was a wonderful place to live?** The old man looked down into his granddaughter's wondering blue eyes and said, **No matter where you go, you take your attitude with you. And that's what makes it terrible or wonderful.**

Yes, life is what you make it!

SOMETHING INSPIRATIONAL

Life's Lesson

In life, you realize that there is a role for everyone you meet. Some will test you, some will use you, some will love you, and some will teach you. But, the one that are important are the ones who bring out the best in you. They are rare and amazing people who remind you why it's worth it. Blessings.

Stand Up

"Don't let anyone ever break your soul. You have to stand on your own two feet and stand up for yourself. There are those that would give anything to see you fail, but you must never give them the satisfaction. Hold your head up high, smile and stand your own ground."

Peace

"Don't let people pull you into their storm. Pull them into your peace."

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.