

Boy Scout Troop 80
Annual Report

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Committee/Organization: Boy Scouts

EVALUATION OF 2011 PROGRAM:

The Boy Scout organization increased overall enrollment from 23 in 2010 to 26 in 2011. The troop had 6 scouts depart (or age out) and gained 9 new members, bridging from Packs 80, 196 and 180. The troop continues to maintain a close relationship with both Pack 80 and 196 by hosting joint events such as our November rocket launch and by holding special troop meetings which engage the new scouts. The troop currently has Den Chiefs working with both packs and actively supports Pack activities such as the annual Pinewood Derby.

During 2011, the troop created a new scout patrol “golden phoenix” as a way to provide focused training and advancement coaching from our troop guide and instructors. In 2011, the Patrol Leader Council, under the direction of Senior Patrol Leader Nathan Downer, met monthly to oversee the scouting program and to developed an outstanding 2012 schedule during the annual planning campout. In October, elections were held and Cam Stevens will be taking over as Senior Patrol Leader for a six month term.

The troop spent 16 nights camping and attended many single day outings this year. Among the highlights were a winter campout at Hawk Mountain, a Baltimore Fort McHenry campout, deep sea fishing in Lewes Delaware, summer camp at Joseph A. Citta Scout Reservation in NJ, the planning campout at Camp Tuckahoe and an Old Rag hiking campout and visit to Luray Caverns. The troop also participated in 11 service projects such as Church clean-ups, trout stocking, the fishing derby and scouting for food. In December, Troop 80 worked with Pack 80 to run the annual Christmas tree sale fundraiser. The Troop sold 950 trees and raised enough money this year to help fund the Disney summer camp trip and to cover all 2011 operating expenses.

Rank advancement was also a priority this year with 17 scouts earning one or more rank advancements including 7 scout, 3 Second Class, 3 Star, 3 Life, 1 Eagle and 1 Palm advancements. The troop was also productive with merit badges this year earning 122 with 2 scouts also earning the World Conservation Award and 4 scouts earning their SCUBA certification. The troop was happy to see long-term members continue to actively participate.

GOALS AND CALENDAR FOR 2012:

In 2012, the troop will be holding weekly meetings at the church each Sunday from 4:00pm – 5:30pm. Each month has a specific theme and has associated activities and/or service projects. For details on the 2012 Troop goals and schedule, please visit the troop web site at: <http://www.troop80bsa.org>