

Troop 900
Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church
Prince George, Virginia

2020 State of the Troop

The Troop successfully rechartered for another year with 31 scouts and 36 adult leaders!

In the last year COVID-19 has presented some definite challenges but Scouting still happened! Our Scouts, leaders and parents were amazing!!!

Advancements:

3 Tenderfoot Scouts 6 Second Class Scouts 3 First Class Scouts 2 Life Scouts

9 Eagle Scouts!!! Congratulations to the following Scouts:

Joshua Dendler	Jacob English	Michael Helmer	Jacob Lively	Gavin McGee
Ethan McQuage	Bennett Stoke	Reece Weber	Billy Erner	

Troop 900 Scouts earned 35 Merit Badges in 2020 which reflects just one of the negative impacts of COVID on Scouting activities.

The Troop had virtual campouts and Troop meetings pretty much from the end of March thru June. Zoom works but does not replace in person meetings and experiences.

Although all Scout Summer Camps were closed for the year, the Troop was able to secure a mostly primitive camping area at Eagle Point on Kerr Reservoir. It was a logistical endeavor of epic proportions but the boys and adults that participated had a great time!!!

On July 21, 2020 Troop 900 had its first real Scout meeting in months!!! Outside but in person!!! Masks were worn by everyone.

The Troop was able to go camping every month August thru December. In November, Troop meetings were split. Half the Troop came at 6:30, the rest at 7:15 as it was too dark to meet outside and the size of the Scout Hut would not allow for the whole Troop to meet at once. And the maximum group meeting was at 25. More improvising and adapting came in January with the requirement for groups no larger than 10. The Troop now meets with a maximum of 8 Scouts and 2 adult leaders on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If there is interest, Thursday meetings are possible.

The Troop started January with a rock-climbing activity (just like in 2020).

Just this last weekend 8 of our senior Scouts and 3 adult leaders spent a long weekend on a BSA Northern Tier experience at Ely, MN. Upon arrival on Friday, it was a balmy 2 degrees!!! The Scouts experienced -37-degree wind chill on Saturday, but the Scouts adapted and had a great time!

It has been a difficult year for all of us. The Troop 900 family of Scouts, Leaders, and parents is greatly appreciative of the support that Gregory Memorial provides for the Scouting program as we strive to develop young people to become productive and participating citizens of the community.