



Boy Scout Troop 601

Salem United Methodist Church
Newark, Delaware

www.troop601newark.com

Jason West, Scoutmaster

Theresa Young, Committee Chair



Committee Positions Chair – Theresa Young, Outdoor/Activities – Chris Wool, Advancements – Pam Beach, Secretary – Barb Maynard, Treasurer – Srinu Malempati, Fundraising Chair – **VACANT**, Fundraising Popcorn – Alida Garrison & Marsha Slichter, Fundraising Special Events – Traci Nardo, Fundraising Clothes Closet – **VACANT**, Membership – Brenton Garrison, Equipment – Gene Spence, Training – Benton Garrison, Sunshine – Amy Filliben, Chaplain – Bryan Fry, Health forms – Dan Maynard, Chartering Organization Rep. – Charyll Grayson

A Message from the Scoutmaster - Court of Honors are a great time to reflect on accomplishments and activities. I would take a moment to reflect on the Achievements of Troop 601. In December of 2008 I reintroduced the eight methods of Scouting to our Troop. First is **The Ideals**, the Oath & Law, the back bone to the program. I believe that we have made strides in achieving this method. Every Scoutmaster Conference discusses how we have lived up to these principles and how we can improve on them. Working on respect of self, others and the Troop has been a recent update to this vision. **The Patrol Method**, we have worked hard to change our camping procedure to stress the patrol method and we continue to stress the need for patrols to work together in all parts of the program. **The outdoors** continues to be a major part of our troop as it has in the past, 10 weekend events plus summer activities. **Advancement**, probably one of our strongest gains in our troop, working with our Advancement team and our Assistant Scoutmasters we have advanced many scouts over the last year and a half. Implementing a first year program has helped to increase our advancement as well as the next method, **Association with Adults**; Scouts are working with more troop leaders, seeking out merit badge counselors and being mentored for Eagle projects. All of this adult association improves scouts self esteem to work with others. That brings us to **Personal Growth**, I believe our Scouts are growing and becoming fine young men before our eyes. **Leadership development** is getting stronger, still a ways to go, but our Scouts are leading each other through Patrols, Service projects and the Patrol Leadership Council. Finally **The Uniform**, The Scout Uniform has always been a must at Troop 601 and will continue to be a major part of the program; wearing it to and from activities, and at Troop meetings show togetherness and respect for the program and I believe we do it well.

Overall we have improved, we have grown, we have had fun, we have achieved and we will continue to do all of these things. Troop 601 has grown in numbers and in achievements. Our vision is to offer a program that inspires boys to achieve all they can through the *Boy Scouts of America* and Troop 601. Please continue to support these methods of Scouting as you have supported the Troop and your Scoutmaster.

Yours in Scouting Jason West

Medical Forms Info – Each spring, Troop 601 requires updated medical forms from each Scout and from each adult who goes camping with the troop. To meet the deadline for summer camp, updated forms must be turned in to Mr. Maynard by June 14. Scouts & adults not going to summer camp are still required to turn in an updated form. Effective January 1, 2010, the *Boy Scouts of America* replaced the previous Class 1, 2, and 3 medical forms with a single form. All youth and adult members must now have annual medical evaluations. Forms turned in last year are no longer valid.

Advancement News – Pam at 229-9246 or 738-7425. rxdog@comcast.net

If you want to start a **Merit Badge** and need help finding a counselor, feel free to ask me or call me at 738-7425. We are updating the Council List and have an updated Troop list of available counselors.

Troop 601 Clothes Closet – Donations of uniforms & Scout accessories are welcome. Items are for resale at \$5.00 per item & will benefit troop activities. Please contact Barb Maynard (368-8020, bjm2888@verizon.net) if you can help the Troop by volunteering to run the closet.

Upcoming Events

Next COH is the picnic scheduled for 8/29/10

Meetings 6:30 - 8:30
Monday nights through June, except 5/31.

Committee Meetings
1st Sunday of the month at 6:30PM.

PLC meets all day 8/16
SMCG meets @ 6:30

SMCG 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30PM, except July & August

May 14-16 - 100th Anniversary Camporee

May 17 - Merit Badge selection form due

May 22 - Cycling Trek conditioning trip - Permission forms are due May 10

May 29 - Troop Clean Up Day at SUMC

June 12 - Cycling Trek conditioning trip

June 14 - Medical forms due

June 18-20 - Sports weekend - Permission slips will be due June 7

July 11-17 - Summer Camp @ Henson

July 23-25 - Cycling Trek conditioning trip

August 8-14 - C&O Canal Cycling Trek