## Membership

Our Troop currently has just over 50 Scouts (who attend Belmont Ridge, Brambleton, Farmwell Station, River Bend, and Trailside Middle Schools; the Academies of Loudoun; Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology, and Phillips Exeter Academy; and Briar Woods, Broad Run, Riverside, Rock Ridge, and Stone Bridge High Schools) and more than 20 registered adult leaders.

## Leadership

Troop 58 is a scout-led Troop. The Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) plans our Troop meetings and outings. Our Troop also supports formal leadership development for both Scouts and leaders through District, Council and National programs. Troop 58 has several Scouts who are members of the Order of the Arrow (Scouting's honor society) and has many graduates of Scouting's National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) and National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE).

#### **Scout Advancement**

In the first 6 years of Troop 58's existence, we are proud to have had 16 Scouts attain the rank of Eagle Scout; we expect to have 4 additional Eagle Scouts by year-end 2021! Our Patrol Leaders work with each patrol member to encourage and facilitate rank advancement. Many of our new Scouts attain rank through summer camp programs. Scouts are encouraged to earn merit badges individually or in groups. Over 75 merit badges are represented by Troop adults serving as merit badge counselors. Troop 58 holds Court of Honor ceremonies three times each year to recognize and celebrate the achievements of our Scouts.

#### **Our Troop**

We are Troop 58, serving Eastern Loudoun County. Founded in 2014, Troop 58 is one of the newest troops in Ashburn, Virginia, but has an active presence in the community. We split off from Troop 1158 in Ashburn several years ago, starting anew with Lord Robert Baden-Powell's idea that a smaller troop is a better troop.



## **Scouting Values**

Scouting is about leadership, service to others, adventure, and being scout-led. As members of the Scouting community, we try new things every year. The heart of Scouting is camping, hiking, backpacking, and other outdoor activities. Scouts choose their adventures. Scouting is also an opportunity to serve. Scouts prove themselves in an environment that challenges their courage and tests their nerve. Learning to become leaders who serve is another goal of Scouting. A smaller troop allows for ample opportunity for leadership.

# **Troop 58**

Active, Outdoor, and Scout Skills-Focused



Chartered by St. David's Episcopal Church Ashburn, VA



## **Troop Outings**

We are an active troop with monthly events that include camping, hiking, backpacking, canoeing, white-water rafting, climbing, skiing & more. We attend summer camp as a Troop each year and plan & participate in service projects for the community. We also participate in High Adventure trips & National and World Jamborees. Troop 58 has an extensive equipment inventory with dedicated storage/transportation in a Troop-owned trailer.

## 2021 Troop Outing Calendar

January: Winter Campout February: Skiing Trip

March: Be Prepared Campout, New Scout Campout

April: White Water Rafting Campout May: Shooting/Archery Campout

June: Summer Camp @ Camp Powhatan
July: Beach/Fishing Competition Campout

August: Rock Climbing Campout September: Ropes Course Campout October: Patrol Challenge Campout

November: Caving Outing

December: Lock-In





### **Parent Participation**

Parent participation is key to the success of both the Scouts and the Troop. By providing a solid foundation and any needed back-up support, the Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters can concentrate on working with the Scouts. Troop 58 enjoys a strong and engaged parental base, with parents helping out in ways ranging from driving Scouts to monthly outings, to supporting financial matters, to providing technology support, to serving in a formal/uniformed leadership role within the Troop. Each parent is expected to share their time and talent to support the troop in some way.

#### Committee

The Troop Committee exists to ensure effective operations of the Troop and support both the Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmasters and the Scouts themselves. Committee meetings are held once a month on the first Tuesday in Founders Hall at the Ashburn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department in Ashburn. All adults are welcome and are encouraged to attend.

# Meetings

Troop meetings are held in Founders Hall at the Ashburn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department on Ashburn Road on Tuesdays from 7:30-9:00pm. The 1st Tuesday of the month is reserved for a Patrol Leaders Council (the elected youth leaders of the Troop) meeting.

#### Communication

Our Troop's website can be found at <a href="http://troop58ashburn.camp">http://troop58ashburn.camp</a>. We use a webbased tool called TroopTrack (<a href="https://troop58.trooptrack.com">https://troop58.trooptrack.com</a>) to manage events, communications, and records, as well as a private Facebook group to informally share information within the Troop.

#### Scout Skills

In addition to a myriad of outdoor skills, our Scouts learn:

- How to follow the Scout Oath and Law
- Life lessons
- To avoid failing a 2<sup>nd</sup> time
- Goal setting how to develop and apply a plan to achieve desired outcomes
- The importance of taking care of our environment
- Leadership skills, including delegation of authority, but not responsibility



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