



893 Units Quick Facts



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HISTORY

Currently sponsored by the Clifton Lions Club, **Troop 893** was founded in 1956. In 2000, it added its very own co-ed **Venturing Crew 893** in support of its families' older Scouts. Building on this well-established "**Family Scouting**" program, **Girls Troop 893** was among the first Scouts BSA Girls Troops to form in 2019.

STRENGTHS

893 Units meet at the Centreville United Methodist Church (indoors, or **outdoors at the amazing Church Activity Field**). Boys and Girls meet separately, but at the same time, allowing Scouts and leaders to interact and draw on one another's skills and experiences. Many of our adult leaders support both Troops and include many past Cubmasters and Scoutmasters, Wood Badge graduates, and several who are active at the District or Council level. Our adults form the "Big Dogz" patrol, which cooks together and serves as a model for the Scouts. Big Dogz brings extensive experience from a wide variety of professional and hobby backgrounds, including Amateur Radio, computer security, military, geology, hydrology, and even nuclear science.

NEW SCOUT PROGRAM

All Scouts new to the Troop in the spring are placed in a New Scout patrol. Here they learn the basics of scouting and how to function as a patrol. In late April, we hold a New Scout Campout, focusing on skills, spirit, and rank advancement. After about six months, the New Scout patrol is dissolved, and the Scouts move into the regular patrols.

Our goal is to build a strong skill base, stoking excitement and giving Scouts the drive to take charge of their own rank advancement.

CAMPING and OUTINGS

¾ of Scouting is "Outing". The Great Outdoors provides the perfect environment for Scouts to develop their **scouting, leadership, and personal skills**. Our Troop

camp nearly every month, and hosts or attends other special events throughout the year.

Roughly half our annual campouts are these regularly occurring events:

- Klondike Derby and District Camporee
- Merit Badge University (February)
- New Scout Campout (late April)
- Annual Family Canoe Trip (Memorial Day)
- Weeklong Summer Camp (late June or July)
- Labor Day Car Show (September)
- Mission Impossible (early December)

Other events selected by the troop have included:

- Backpacking along the Appalachian Trail
- Climbing / Rappelling at Elizabeth Furnace
- Horsemanship Merit Badge
- Orienteering at Prince William Forest
- Beach Camping at Assateague Island
- Family Ski Trip
- Caving in "wild" non-commercial caves

OLDER SCOUTS

For the senior Scouts (14 and older) we have numerous **high adventure camps** and **jamboree opportunities**, as well as extensive **leadership training** opportunities.

Our affiliated Venturing Crew, which also meets Tuesday evenings, offers an amazing Troop Climbing Program (fully equipped), and provides additional leadership and high adventure opportunities.

More Info Contact our Crew Advisor **Kathy Taylor** (703-589-5261 cell) kathy@centrevilledance.com



	Boys Troop 893	Girls Troop 893	Venture Crew 893
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Troop Meetings	Tuesday evenings 7 - 8:30pm		1st, 3rd, 5th Tuesdays of the month at 8pm, following regular Troop meetings
Committee Meetings	2nd Monday of the month 7:30pm <i>(All adults welcome)</i>		
We Meet At	Centreville United Methodist Church, 6400 Old Centreville Rd.		

Troop Dues: **Just \$220 - Per Year (collected in September)**

To keep dues low for families with limited budgets and to eliminate tedious fundraising, families are asked to donate an additional \$100 per year per scout up to \$200 per family if possible.

New Scouts joining between January and March pay **\$110** (prorated through September)

Registration Instructions: <https://forms.gle/a26v5B53KMqRYhFe7>

What a Scout needs to get started:

Family Provided:

Scouts need the following, which are available online, or at the *Northern Virginia Scout Shop*, at 5234 Port Royal Rd, Springfield, VA:

- Field Uniform (AKA Class A or Full Scout uniform): Scout pants, Scout shirt (with NCAC Patch, the World Crest, and the World Crest Ring Boy Scouts of America Since 1910) , Scout belt, and Scout socks.
- Scout Handbook. A zippered book cover is recommended but not required.

Troop 893 Provided:

- Activity Uniform ("Class B") – Troop 893 T-shirt (First shirt is **FREE** for new scout members)
- Neckerchief and slide, Troop 893 Unit Numbers, Patrol patch, and green shoulder loops
- Tents and Patrol cooking gear

Camping Equipment

The scout will also need what are known as the he Scout's Ten-Essentials and other camping equipment. We recommend families waiting until you and your scout meet with troop leaders before buying this equipment. The leader's guidance will help you get only the necessary gear and avoid extra expenses. If needed, loaner gear may be available so your scout can participate while saving up for their own equipment.

Adult Support: We welcome adult support and encourage leadership training for all registered adults.

Visit us at www.troop893.com