

# Troop 874

## Boy Scouts of America



### Ellicott City, Maryland

**What is the Boy Scouts of America?** The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America is to provide an educational program for boys and young adults to build character, to train in the responsibilities of citizenship, and to develop personal fitness.

Boy Scouting is a program for boys 11 through 17 designed to achieve the aims of Scouting through a vigorous outdoor program and peer group leadership with the counsel of an adult Scoutmaster. Boys may become Boy Scouts if they are Cub Scouts who have earned the

Arrow of Light Award or have completed the fifth grade.

**About Troop 874:** Troop 874 has a long and proud tradition dating back to 1962. We are one of the largest troops in the Baltimore Area Council. We have a full, year-round program that includes one weekend a month during the school year, a week-long summer camp and typically several high adventure trips each summer.



**We are a scout-run troop with lots of opportunities for boys to develop leadership skills, advance in rank and have fun!**

Our Scouts plan monthly outings that include camping, skiing, rafting, cycling, caving and more! The troop visits a different summer camp most years. Recent summer camps include Camp Ockanickon and Blue Ridge Mountains Scout Reservation. For most Troop 874 members, the 2013 summer camp will be at Bayport Scout Reservation (Jamaica, VA) along the Rappahannock River

(July 7-13). Many of our older Scouts head for a week at the Florida Sea Base, backpacking the Appalachian Trail or other high adventure outings. During other summers, older Troop 874 scouts spend 10 glorious days at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

We camp most months using local BSA camps and State Parks in West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and the Chesapeake Bay Eastern Shore. Scouts are encouraged to seek new places to camp and to implement their camping and program preferences. In short, **the Scouting program in Troop 874 is as good as the scouts make it!** The program in Troop 874 is supported by a dedicated group of trained adult leaders (assistant scoutmasters and coaches) and dedicated parents serving as members of the Troop Committee.

**The most crucial factor in a scout's success is the participation of his parent(s)!**



**Scouting in Troop 874** - The Troop is divided into three programs.

### Pioneer

**Program** - This is for boys in their first year of Boy Scouts. Emphasis is placed on scouting & basic outdoor skills to aid in



advancement to First Class Scout within the first year of Scouting. Troop 874 scouts have plenty of opportunities to achieve the rank of First Class Scout in their first year and most scouts do so.

**Ranger Program** - Boys ages 12-14. This group is the main body of the Troop and they participate in a wide range of activities and work on advancement and typically earn the rank of Star Scout or Life Scout.

**Venture Program:** This program is for older scouts ages 14-17 interested in high adventure activities such as backpacking,



cycling, white water rafting and much more. Scouts work on the ranks of Life Scout and Eagle Scout.

**Community Service** - Troop 874 is also involved in many community service projects. We support our sponsor, Glen Mar United Methodist Church, and assist the Church each year at Christmas with presents for needy families. With over 140 scouts earning the rank of Eagle Scout, the Troop provides thousands of service hours annually to numerous organizations in Howard County.



Troop 874 meets on Thursdays,  
7:30pm - 9:00 pm  
Glen Mar United Methodist Church  
4701 New Cut Road  
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For more information and examples  
of troop activities and troop  
organization visit

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**Troop Sponsor:** Glen Mar United  
Methodist Church