



THANG TIEN XI NEWSLETTER



THE 11TH INTERNATIONAL JAMBOREE OF VIETNAMESE SCOUTING

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Thăng Tiến XI - Trại Họp Bạn Thế Giới Hướng Đạo Việt Nam
11th International Jamboree of Vietnamese Scouting
June 28th - July 4th, 2018 - Camp Snyder, Haymarket Virginia, USA
Website: www.thangtien11.org - Email: contact@thangtien11.org

December 1, 2017

Dear Scouters,

We have been waiting almost four long years since our last gathering in Houston, Texas for this moment to come. For our hosting units in the Eastern U.S., we have waited 20 years to once again bring Thăng Tiến back to the United States Nation's Capital.

We are now ready to welcome you and your family to Washington D.C. next summer to attend **Thăng Tiến XI, the 11th International Jamboree of Vietnamese Scouting. We invite you and your family to register to attend.**

Registration for Thăng Tiến XI begins December 2 and will end on May 15, 2018.

We have many exciting, innovative, and memorable programs waiting for you and your family. At Thăng Tiến XI, we expect to receive 1600 Scouters and families, and many more guests to gather from all corners of the globe in celebration of Vietnamese Scouting and our culture and heritage.

With the theme of **Strengthen Our Bond & Set New Record**, Thăng Tiến XI will recognize the outstanding achievements of Vietnamese youths and adults who have made a difference in the world and who have set new records and standards for others to follow. Planned events at Thăng Tiến XI include high adventure activities, Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience (COPE), Cultural Day and workshops, STEM activities, faith services, cookout festival, and other fun Scouting adventures.

The Jamboree will be held at Camp William B. Snyder, a beautiful campground located in the rural crescent of Haymarket city, in the State of Virginia, encompassing 325 acres of land and a managed wetland. It is 40 miles from the capital of the United States and 30 miles from one of the largest Vietnamese communities overseas.

Thăng Tiến Jamboree is a beautiful tradition that has been supported by many organizations worldwide. Every three to four years since 1985, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of Vietnamese descent from across the world gather to strengthen the bond of Scouting and to celebrate our rich culture and traditions. Each Thăng Tiến Jamboree had been hosted in a different city over the continents. Now, after exactly 20 years, the Jamboree has returned to the Washington D.C. area. Thăng Tiến VI, the 6th International Jamboree of Vietnamese Scouting was held in 1998 at Lake Fairfax Park, in Reston, Virginia.

Enclosed in this package is guidance on how to register and the tentative camp program. Registration is now open at www.thangtien11.org. More information on our Jamboree is available on our website and on Facebook (search on Thăng Tiến XI).

Don't miss out on this once in a life-time opportunity for your child and family. Register early to take advantage of the full camper's subsidy being offered! Early Registration ends February 18, 2018.

Sincerely Yours,

Que-Chi Pham
Camp Chief

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Phạm Ngọc Quế-Chi

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Phạm Ngọc Lâm

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<http://www.thangtien11.org>



Looking Forward to Thang Tien

Since 1983 after the Costa Mesa Conference, Vietnamese Scouting abroad get together once every four years for the International Vietnamese Scouting Jamboree, known as Trại Họp Bạn Thăng Tiến.

It should be noted Trại Họp Bạn Thăng Tiến is a large jamboree not only for Vietnamese scouts to gather, but is also for the Vietnamese migrant community living across the world. The Thăng Tiến Jamboree always showcases the bold history and culture of Vietnam, and most clearly exemplified by the names of each scout troop and unit, such as: Bách Việt, Hồn Việt, Hướng Việt, Lạc Việt; and many other historical places of significance like Bạch Đằng, Chí Linh, Lam Sơn; or our many Vietnamese heroes: Quang Trung, Lê Lợi, Trần Hưng Đạo, Ngô Quyền, Nguyễn Trãi. To date, Scouting has been present in 216 countries and territories; Vietnamese Scouting continues to be a movement to attract young people. Within Vietnam, even without official acceptance of the Vietnamese government, scout troops are still active and continue to receive support from many families.

Currently, there are thousands of active Vietnamese scouts living across the world outside of Vietnam. After 40 years overseas, many generations of youths have grown up and have quickly assimilated with new local cultures across many countries, but continue to preserve our Vietnamese culture. During the jamboree's Culture Day, scout troops display special features of our traditional culture, such as costumes, old scout uniforms, pictures, music, traditional dishes and native products of the homeland. Culture Day brings to heart many scouters priceless memories.

Cao Ngọc Cường, ĐĐSN

THANG TIEN XI

International Jamboree Of Vietnamese Scouting



DATE: JUNE 28 — JULY 4TH, 2018

PLACE: CAMP SNYDER

**6100 Antioch Rd., Haymarket, VA 20169
(Nearest Airports: IAD & DCA)**

<http://www.thangtien11.org>

THANG TIEN XI PROGRAM SCHEDULE

JUNE 2018

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

JULY 2018

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Thursday, June 28, 2018

Check-In

Friday, June 29, 2018

Opening Ceremony

Cultural Day & Workshops

Opening Campfire

Saturday, June 30, 2018

Subcamp Activities

Sunday, July 1, 2018

Subcamp Activities

Monday, July 2, 2018

Subcamp Activities

Tuesday, July 3, 2018

Fellowship Day

Mentoring &

Strengthen Our Bond Program

Cookout Festival

Closing Campfire

Wednesday, July 4, 2018

Closing Ceremony

REGISTRATION:

Includes:

- Camper Package
- All meals beginning Lunch on Check-In Day (June 28) to Breakfast on Check-out Day (July 4).

Begin Registration

- Early December 2017

Early Registration

- \$330 (February 18, 2018 and earlier)

Regular Registration

- \$360 (After February 18 to March 31, 2018)

Late Registration

- \$390 (After March 31, 2018)

Last Day Of Registration

- May 15, 2018

HOW TO REGISTER:

⇒ Go to <http://www.thangtien11.org> to register.

- ◆ Register through Liên Đoàn
 - ◇ No individual registration will be accepted (including Day-Pass)
- ◆ Required Forms:
 1. Online Registration
 2. BSA Health - Part A, B & C*
 3. Waiver and Photo consent
 4. Code of Conduct
- * **Health Form - part C** must be completed by certified and licensed physicians (MD, DO), nurse practitioners, or physician assistants (Valid 1 year from the Closing Date, which means can't be signed before July 4, 2017, so schedule your appointment now!)
- ◆ Submit fees to Liên Đoàn Representatives
- ◆ Liên Đoàn to submit a single payment for all your members
 - ◇ One payment for each registration deadline.
- ◆ Everyone must register and pay fee to enter camp
 - ◇ Includes all Campers, Staff, Volunteers, Families, Guests
- ◆ Day-Pass: Limited available each day for guests and family members to visit camp.
 - ◇ Will be available after registration for Full-Time Campers has completed.
 - ◇ \$100 per person/per day - Includes all meals for that day
 - ◇ Day-Pass is for Family and Guests only (not for Scouts)
 - ◇ Cannot participate in Subcamp program (Reserved for Full-Time Campers)



LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

INDEPENDENCE DAY

What better place to celebrate the birth of the Nation than in the capital city? Enjoy concerts and parades on the Mall, then watch the fireworks explode over the Washington Monument.

Address: East Capitol St NE & First St SE, Washington, DC 20004



U.S. CAPITOL

Arguably the most magnificent building in Washington, the U.S. Capitol is where visitors go to witness politics in action. Inside, members of both houses of Congress debate and create national policy and law, while visitors explore the building's north and south wings and circular centerpiece: the Rotunda. This iconic hall houses paintings, frescoes and sculptures depicting famous scenes from American history, not to mention a 150-year-old cast iron dome.

<https://www.visitthecapitol.gov/plan-visit>

THOMAS JEFFERSON MEMORIAL

The structure is located by the Tidal Basin in the middle of Japanese cherry trees. It is a key landmark of Washington, DC and an original adaptation of Neoclassical architecture. The memorial is constructed of white Imperial Danby marble from Vermont. The exterior is composed of circular marble steps, a circular colonnade of Ionic order columns and a shallow dome. The interior has a 10,000 lb bronze statue of Thomas Jefferson.

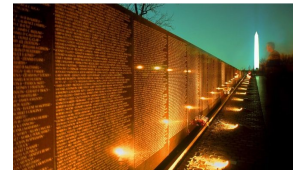


LINCOLN MEMORIAL

The Lincoln Memorial is an American national monument built to honor the 16th President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln. It is located on the western end of the National Mall in Washington, D.C., across from the Washington Monument.

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL, "THE WALL"

One of the most moving war memorials, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial – or "the Wall," as it's commonly referred to – is a long black granite wall with the names of more than 58,000 Americans who perished during the Vietnam War emblazoned on its surface.



WHITE HOUSE

Many people consider this the most visited place in Washington, DC. It is a symbol of our nation's leadership, presidential prestige and power. Tours are scheduled on a first come, first served basis. Tour requests can be submitted up to 3 months in advance and no less than 21 days in advance through your Member of Congress.

NATIONAL AIR & SPACE MUSEUM

Bringing the science of flying down to Earth. With an awesome of history-making airplanes and spacecraft that tell the story of man's pursuit of flight, this is perhaps the most popular museum in the city. The exhibits span hundreds of years, from the balloons used in the first flights in 18th century to the 1969 Apollo mission spacecraft and beyond. Look out for once-in-a-lifetime experiences such as the chance to take the controls of a fighter yet in a



WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL

The words "Here we mark the price of freedom" are engraved in stone in front of the memorial's Freedom Wall to honor the service and sacrifice of the more than 400,000 US military personnel who died in World War II, the 16 million Americans who served in the armed forces, and the countless more who supported the war effort from home. The two arched pavilions at the north and south ends of the plaza celebrate the victory that was achieved in the Atlantic and Pacific theaters. The memorial is bright and open, with the feeling of an old-world plaza.

NATIONAL MALL

A national park, is a famous 2-mile long tree-lined, pedestrian-friendly boulevard in [Washington, D.C.](#) stretching from the Capitol Building in the east to the Lincoln Memorial and Potomac River on the west. The park is home to many museums of the **Smithsonian Institution**, some of the best free museums in the country, as well as many famous memorials and monuments. It's the #1 destination for visitors in the city, and receives 25 million visitors per year.



EDEN CENTER

A shopping center in Falls Church, Virginia. The city's Economic Development Board considers it the number one tourist destination in the city. The center has over 120 shops, restaurants and businesses serving Asian Americans, especially Vietnamese Americans. Eden Center has created a focal point for Vietnamese culture serving the regions of Virginia, North Carolina, Maryland and Pennsylvania, which can be proved by the large number of noodles, bread, as well as regular Vietnamese cultural events held at the Center. Eden Center is the largest trading center of Vietnam on the East Coast.

RESULT OF THE THANG-TIEN XI GATE COMPETITION

The TT11 Organizing Committee would like to thank all contestants for participating in the camp gate contest. There were six entries; each was beautifully drawn and had meaningful design. The result of the contest is as followed:

- ♦ First Place: Tr. Phạm Vương Hoài (Annandale, Virginia)
- ♦ Second Place: Tr. Nguyễn Tăng Bình (Dallas, Texas)

The judges of the contest were Tr. Phạm Ngọc Quế Chi, Tr. Nguyễn Phi Hùng, and Tr. Vũ Xuân Huy. The judges did not know whom the author of each entry was until after the judging was completed.

Since each winning entry had some special features, the judges decided to modify the First Place entry to include some features of the Second Place entry.

Below is the result of the TT11 Gate competition.

TT11 Organizing Committee



RECAP OF TT11 SHAKEDOWN FROM JUNE 2017

The 11th Thăng Tiến (TT11) Jamboree prototype camp, known as the TT11 Shakedown, was held at Camp William B. Snyder, National Capital Council in Washington D.C. from June 30 to July 2, 2017. Camp Snyder is also the venue for TT11 to be held end of June 2018.

As a prototype camp, TT11 staff ran the Shakedown executing many jamboree plans, from building planned structures to running the programs, policies and procedures to mimic the real jamboree and draw from those experiences to prepare for TT11 in 2018. After a hard day at work, the Architecture team has completed the main structures such as camp gate, stage, and other structures. The Registration and Medical teams set up at the large office conveniently located by the main entrance, where campers are first received at Camp Snyder.



The Food/Dinning team has also become familiar with the state-of-the-art commercial kitchen with a very large dining room that can accommodate over 600 guests. In this kitchen, the team successfully prepared delicious meals for nearly 400 campers attending the 11th Shakedown Camp.

Camp Chief Phạm Ngọc Quế Chi, the Troop Leader for Potomac, a long standing Vietnamese scout troop in Maryland, is a young scouter who grew up in the Vietnamese scouting program abroad, genuinely and passionately accepted the challenge to be Camp Chief. The Opening for TT11 Shakedown was held at 4pm on Friday at the camp's main stage. Over 300 scouters from troops in the Eastern Regional Vietnamese Scouting area formed proper formation in front of the stage for the opening ceremony, including Potomac, Gia Định, Hùng Vương, Phú Xuân, Thăng Long, Trung Vương and Crew 212. All the TT11 Staff and many scout leaders from out of state were also present such as Florida, California, Michigan, and Texas.

The opening ceremony began promptly at 4PM and was conducted as a formal flag ceremony. The Camp Chief presented her opening statement introducing her key staff members and commended their tremendous efforts to pull together TT11 Shakedown. She also had a few words to welcome the scouts and finally declared the TT11 Shakedown has begun. Then, the Chairman of the International Central Committee of Vietnamese Scouting, Tr. Võ Thành Nhân, and Tr. Bobby Trần, the Eastern Regional Representative of Vietnamese Scouting, were invited to the stage to speak about the upcoming Thăng Tiến 11 Jamboree.

Cao Ngọc Cường, ĐĐSN





Hướng về

Thăng Tiến 11

Cùng về đây, miền Washington DC
Miền Thủ đô, quyến luyến bước chân đi
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Đường tuy xa ta có nào ngại chi

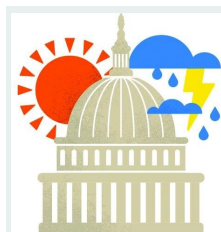
Từ muôn phương, từng đoàn hướng đạo Việt Nam
Về nơi đây thân ái ta vui kết đoàn
Một vòng tay nối liền thế giới
Đồng một lòng thăng tiến quyết kiên gan

Đường còn dài, bao nhiêu năm sá gì chông gai
Đồng một lòng vun đắp cho tương lai
Một niềm tin cùng một tiếng nói
Chung sức góp phần vì thế hệ ngày mai

Cùng về vui họp bạn Hướng Đạo Việt Nam
Cùng đồng thanh cất tiếng hát vang vang
Anh em ta lại càng gắng sức
Tay nắm tay nối một vòng Việt Nam

Thăng Tiến 11 - nhớ nhé cùng về đây
Thăng Tiến 11 - nối đôi bờ đông tây
Thăng Tiến 11 - nối một vòng thế giới
Thăng Tiến 11 - cùng giữ chặt mối dây

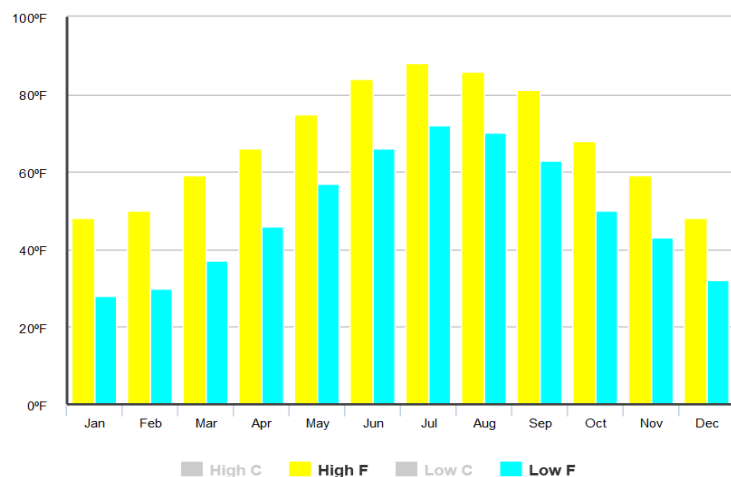
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Average Temperature & Rainfall In Washington, D.C

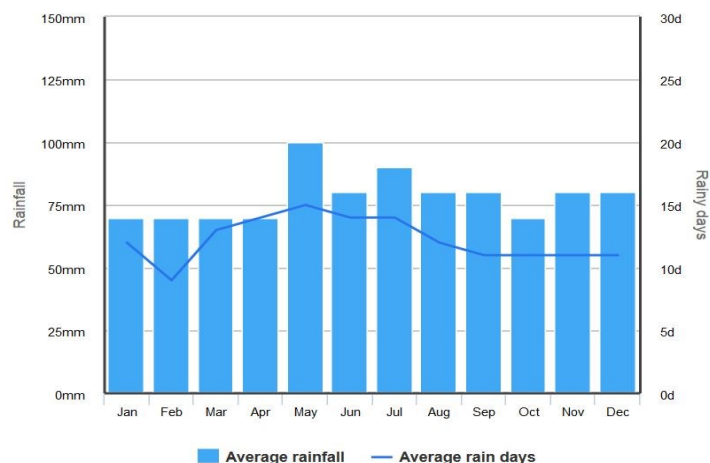


Average High/Low Temperature: Washington DC



High °C
High °F
Low °C
Low °F

Average Rainfall: Washington DC



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Days

Supplemental Services

- Airport Shuttles from
(Only at IAD & DCA).
 - ◇ One-Way Fare
 - * Dulles (IAD) - \$35
 - * Reagan (DCA) - \$50
- Camp Gear Rental
 - ◇ Tent (\$40)
 - ◇ Sleeping Bag (\$25)
 - ◇ Sleeping Pad (\$25)
 - ◇ Camp Chair (\$15)
- Cabin Rental (with bunk beds, shared bathroom, kitchen and air-conditioning)
 - ◇ \$100 per person (any duration)
 - ◇ \$25 per person/night
 - ◇ Limited for campers with special needs.
 - ◇ Priority for senior campers who have special needs.



SOCIAL MEDIA

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<https://www.facebook.com/thangtienXI>

Instagram/Twitter:

#tt11hdvn

Social Wall:

<http://thangtien11.org/wall>

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FROM OUR HOMEPAGE

[HTTP://WWW.THANGTIEN11.ORG](http://www.thangtien11.org)

FUNDRAISING GALA III

FOR THE 11TH INTERNATIONAL JAMBOREE OF VIETNAMESE SCOUTING

Saturday — January 27, 2018

At Harvest Moon Restaurant

Thiên Kim & Local Singers



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- Culture Day, Fellowship Day, Thang Tien Academy:
 - ◇ Setup activity stations
 - ◇ Run Workshops and exhibits
- Subcamp Programs
 - ◇ Setup and Manage activity stations
 - ◇ Advisors to Teams
 - ◇ Staff high-adventure activities—COPE, Archery, Rock Climbing Wall, Swim Test, Boating.
- Lifeguard
- Doctors and First-Aiders
- Dining Hall & Kitchen Staff
 - ◇ Setup, Clean, Cook, Manage queuing, Trash Removal
- Sanitation
- Security

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