

TROOP 317

Johns Creek, GA

August 2007



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Welcome to a new Scouting year! Our Scouts have planned some great activities for the upcoming year. Here's a brief glance at the planned activities:

August 2007	Water Sports/Merit Badges
September 2007	Rock Climbing
October 2007	Mountain Biking
November 2007	Hiking / Backpacking
December 2007	Stand Down
January 2008	Caving
February 2008	Cumberland Island/SuperTrip
March 2008	Inter-Patrol competitions
April 2008	Individual Patrol Campouts
May 2008	Spring Camporee
June 2008	Summer Camp
July 2008	Stand Down

Be on the lookout (e-mail, website, flyers) for more information on each of these activities as they approach.

August 2007 Important Dates to Remember

August 1	Troop 317 Annual Dues Renewal <i>\$75 Annual Dues are due for the 2007-2008 Scouting Year</i>
August 7	Troop Meeting Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm <i>Indicate your interest in Troop Positions of Responsibility</i> PAYMENT/COMMITMENT DUE FOR AUGUST CAMPOUT
August 14	Troop Meeting Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm <i>Troop Elections</i>
August 17-19	Troop Campout Water Sports and Merit Badges <i>Meet at Peachtree Bank Parking Lot, August 17 at 6:00 pm</i>
August 21	Troop Meeting –PLC ONLY <i>Newly Elected Patrol Leaders, Ass't Patrol Leaders and all Troop Staff</i>
August 28	Troop Meeting Perimeter Church -7:00 pm
September 4	TROOP COURT OF HONOR Perimeter Church

Merit Badge Counselor Alert

Since so many of our Scouts are now at First Class rank and above, we will be dedicating part of the weekly Scout meetings this year to Merit Badge instruction. ***If you are a registered Merit Badge Counselor***, please contact Mr. David Wu to discuss teaching your Merit Badge during the Scout meeting over a 4-6 week timeframe sometime this year. You can reach Mr. Wu via his e-mail address: wudavidy@yahoo.com.

If you are not yet a registered Merit Badge Counselor, we need you to invest your time in this area for our Scouts. Please contact Mr. Bob Thompson via e-mail: robert.thompson@us.mwhglobal.com. We especially need counselors for our Eagle-required Merit Badges:

Camping	Citizenship in the Community	Citizenship in the Nation
Citizenship in the World	Communications	Cycling / Hiking / Swimming
Environmental Science	Family Life	First Aid
Emergency Preparedness / Lifesaving	Personal Fitness	Personal Management

THANK YOU for your support.

Popcorn Volunteers Needed

Popcorn Sales are a great way for your Scout to earn his own way. A portion of every sale goes directly to the Scout's personal account, and can be used to pay for his Scouting activities. Ms. Linda Wohlbach has generously volunteered to be our Popcorn "Kernel" once again – BUT – she needs help. There are various ways to help with this very important activity, so please contact Ms. Wohlbach to find out how you can be involved in helping our Scouts earn their own way.

E-mail: lwohlbach@comcast.net or 770-448-1583

Campmasters Needed

Want to be involved with your son and his friends? Want to engage in activities that you would never do by yourself or as a family? Want to invest significantly in the lives of 60+ young men? Then you need to be a campmaster!

With our top-notch program offering, we need lots of adult help. Campmasters are individuals who help our Troop by planning and executing a monthly campout. We are always in need of individuals who share our heart for discipleship for these young men.

“What if I’ve never done this before?”

“I’m not sure I have the experience or knowledge.”

Typically, these roles are shared between two men, one who has experience and one who is learning. We have several experienced men in the Troop who would be glad to provide you the guidance, direction, and even the paperwork support that you need in order to fulfill this very important role.

Please review the list of upcoming campouts (earlier in this newsletter) and volunteer to help us with one or more campouts. You have a lot to offer – and WE NEED YOUR HELP. Thank you.

E-mail: a.brooks.clark@gmail.com

Helpful Scouting Links

Here are some helpful websites for more information on Scouting in general:

<http://www.troop317.com>

<http://www.scouting.org>

<http://olc.scouting.org>

<http://www.meritbadge.com>

<http://www.meritbadge.org>

<http://www.boyslife.org>

<http://www.scoutingmagazine.org>

<http://www.miltonbsa.org>

<http://www.atlantabsa.org>

<http://www.macscouter.com>

Be on the lookout!

The deadline for payment and commitment to our upcoming August campout is **Tuesday, August 7**. This is our **FIRST MEETING** of the year. Please be on the lookout in your e-mail for the required **Permission Slip** and the **Payment Amount** so you can **BE PREPARED** with all that you need for the campout. It’s going to be a great campout – Water Sports and Merit Badges – so make sure that you’re ready! Remember: a Scout is **COURTEOUS**. Please be courteous to your Troop and Patrol by being ready with your payment and permission slip.

Troop 317 Adult Leadership

Our top-quality program would not exist without the dedication of numerous volunteers. Here is our current list of Adult leaders.

Scoutmaster Corps

Scoutmaster	John Morrow
Assistant Scoutmaster	Gregg Orangio
Assistant Scoutmaster	Chris Little
Assistant Scoutmaster	Allen Sells
Assistant Scoutmaster	Chris Mitchell
Assistant Scoutmaster	David Lumsden
Assistant Scoutmaster	Glenn Alexander
Assistant Scoutmaster	Tom Morgan
Assistant Scoutmaster	Several positions OPEN

Troop Committee

Adult Training	John Connell
Advancement	Bob Thompson
Chaplain	Tony Heringer
Committee Chairman	Luke Van Cleave
Communications	Patty Deitsch
Community Service	Rhonda Sells
Health & Safety	Michael D. Barker
Life-to-Eagle	Chris Little
Membership	OPEN
Popcorn Fundraiser	Linda Wohlbach
Program Coordinator	Brooks Clark
Quartermaster	Gregg Orangio
Secretary	OPEN
Summer Camp	Tom Statham
Treasurer	Dean Hettenbach

Be sure and thank these volunteers for their time and investment in our Scouting program! Please consider joining us and volunteering in an area of your gifts and passions.