

TROOP 317

Johns Creek, GA
September 2007



Visit our Troop website at www.troop317.com for regular announcements and information updates

Fall 2007 Troop Staff

We're off to a great start! Elections are over and our Scout Staff has been selected for the next six months. Take a glance at the line-up.

SPL	Anthony Cotton
ASPLs	Matt Barker & Jake McDuffee
Troop Guides	Eric Thompson & Davis Mitchell
Troop Instructor	Collin Clark
Troop Librarian	Trace Sells
Troop Scribe	Nic Orangio
Den Chief	Bennett Tatgenhorst
Quartermaster	Ben Hooper
Troop Bugler	Sam Ehly
Chaplains Aide	Caleb Maier
Troop Historian	David Labarr

Message from the Popcorn Kernel

The 2007 BSA Popcorn sale will run from September 1st through October 16th. The popcorn will be ready for pick up on November 11, 12, 13 and orders should be delivered to customers by November 20th. **75%** of the profit of every sale goes **directly** to the Scout's personal Scouting account, and can be used to pay for his Scouting activities.

Points to note:

- Prices remain the same as last year
- Option offered to customers to have \$25 in popcorn sent to military men and women and their families
- Two new products: *Trail's End Mix* and *Caramel Light*
- All of the products are trans fat free except the Microwave Kettle corn and the Microwave Butter

Please check out these websites for more info:

- www.atlantabsa.org – click on the popcorn link
- www.trails-end.com – lots and lots of information

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

September 2007 Important Dates to Remember

September 4	Court of Honor Ceremony And Covered Dish Dinner Perimeter Church Hanger – 6:00pm
September 11	Troop Meeting Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm CAMPOUT PAYMENT DUE
September 14 - 16	Rock Climbing Trip Chattanooga Area
September 18	Troop Meeting – PLC ONLY <i>Newly Elected Patrol Leaders, Ass't Patrol Leaders and all Troop Staff</i>
September 25	Troop Meeting Perimeter Church -7:00 pm Troop Open House Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall EF <i>Parents of Prospective Scouts and Troop Staff</i>
October 2	Troop Meeting Perimeter Church -7:00 pm

Court of Honor – September 4

The Court of Honor is a great **FAMILY** event. Our Scouts earned a ton of merit badges this year at summer camp. We also had a lot of rank advancements. We have the largest number of Life Scouts that we have ever had. We will be presenting all of these awards at the Court of Honor. There will be the change of command, the presentation of the flags, and other awards given out. Dinner and dessert will be served and there will be a slide show of what the scouts and leaders have done in the past months. It will be held in the Hangar at Perimeter Church. **Please be watching your e-mail** for information from Mrs. Caroline Connell about your food assignment. The food will be served at 6:15 and the ceremony will begin at 7:00.

Nic Orangio

Highlights from August Water Sports

The water sports campout was a huge success. The scouts and leaders had a blast. As they battled the heat and the yellow jackets, the scouts accomplished much. Three scouts earned the Canoeing Merit Badge; 10 scouts earned the Small Boat sailing Badge; and three scouts earned the Lifesaving Merit Badge. Seven scouts achieved a rank advancement. And all of this was accomplished without serious injury.

Nic Orangio

September Outing – Rock Climbing

For the September campout we will be going rock climbing. We are going to Rock Town. It is an area in La Fayette, Georgia. It is a great place to go climbing. It is in the north Georgia Mountains. The drive is about two hours, so you need to eat before coming. We will be camping at Sidney Dew Boy Scout camp. This is about one and a half hours away from where we will be climbing. At the end of the winding road there is a mile hike up hill to the climbing area. The dates for the campout are September 14-16. For any questions, please contact Mr. Clark or Mr. Barker.

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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.usscouts.org>

<http://www.meritbadge.org>

<http://www.boyslife.org>

<http://www.scoutingmagazine.org>

<http://www.miltonbsa.org>

<http://www.atlantabsa.org>

Leader's Corner

Dear Troop 317 Family,

Welcome back to another great year of Scouting!

Praise God for his blessings on Troop 317. We launched Troop 317 four years ago “to train and equip young men to become mature and impactful followers of Jesus Christ through the vehicle of Scouting.” Through regular prayer, Scoutmaster’s Minutes, Scouts Own services, and consistent modeling, I believe we are making good progress toward our Vision. We have had a lot of fun along the way, too: backpacking and boating, climbing and caving, swimming and skiing – these are just a few of the activities we’ve enjoyed. Oh...and the places we’ve seen: Cumberland Island, the Okefenokee Swamp, the mountains of North Carolina, and the cliffs and caves of Tennessee, to name a few. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

We’ve also established a great reputation for Troop 317: A “clean sweep” of all awards for which we’ve been eligible at Summer Camp, two Treks to Philmont Scout Reservation in New Mexico (2005 and 2007), multiple Wood Badge graduates, award-winning performances in Spring Camporee competitions, 5 Eagle Scouts – with more on the way. We’ve almost doubled our number of active Scouts to ~70 today. Clearly, God answers prayer.

As I look ahead to Scout Year ’07-08, I could not be more excited. THANK YOU for all you do and for partnering with us in the development of your sons – morally, mentally, and physically. If you’re not actively involved with Troop 317, you should be! We need your help, and it’s a lot of fun. Please contact me or our Troop Committee Chair, Luke Van Cleave; we’ll be happy to help you get connected in a way that matches your skills, interests, and availability.

Your brother in Christ – and in Scouting,

John Morrow
Scoutmaster
Troop 317



Future Newsletters

If you would like to submit information to the newsletter, please contact Nic Orangio, Troop Scribe.

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