

TROOP 317

Johns Creek, GA

April 2008



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Important Dates to Remember

April 1	Troop Meeting Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm
April 8	No Troop Meeting Spring Break
April 15	Troop Meeting Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm
April 22	Troop Meeting Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm
April 25 - 27	Troop Outing Milton District Camporee – Bert Adams Scout Reservation
April 29	PLC Only Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm

April Outing

This month's troop outing is the Milton District Spring **CAMPOREE**. It will take place on April 25 - 27. The location this year is Bert Adams Scout Reservation located near Covington, Georgia. The theme this year is "Conservation Minded."

The various troops and patrols in our district will be participating in several challenges that require demonstrated scout skills, teamwork, and cooperation. From opening ceremonies on Saturday morning, every action (or lack of), throughout the day is subject to judging by the Camporee officials. We will be judged on our ability, as a result of our scout training and teamwork, to meet the problems and challenges that may be presented to us. On Sunday morning at closing ceremonies, the awards will be presented to the winners. During our meetings leading up to Camporee, we will be preparing and practicing for the specified activities. Join in the fun and let's "Be Prepared!!!" Log in and complete your payments now at www.troop317.net!

Scout Summer Camp

Summer is right around the corner and that means it is time to prepare for summer camp. If this is your first Boy Scout summer camp experience, or if you're a returning camper, you are in for a great time. We will be at the Woodruff Scout Reservation in Blairsville, Georgia during the week of June 8-14. The picturesque North Georgia Mountains surround most of the camp. One of the highlights for many scouts is the whitewater rafting on the Nantahala or the Ocoee River. Also, the evening campfires always prove to be a memorable time especially because of the skits. Much can be learned during the week, as new scouts are encouraged to participate in the Mountain Man curriculum while other scouts can complete or nearly complete several merit badges. Coordinating all of our differing schedules for camp is a huge undertaking and we want to give a well deserved "THANK YOU" to Mr. Statham for taking on the job!

Simpsonwood Campout Recap

The March campout was very unusual. We were supposed to have patrol competitions. As a result of the weather, we never really had any time to do the competitions. We even had to be evacuated from the campsite because of the uncommon Georgian hail! Overall, the outing was still productive. The newer scouts were able to get requirements signed off for their Tenderfoot, Totin' Chip, and Firem'n Chit requirements. The older scouts had a lot of free time when they weren't helping the younger scouts. Thanks to Trevor Dimock, we had a lot of fun playing with his potato cannon. Even though we never had any patrol competitions, we still had a good time. (In the words of Jamie Huntington, "REMEMBER, ALWAYS CHECK YOUR BLOOD CIRCLE!")

Troop 317 Welcomes New Scouts

The Troop 317 Spring joining window has just closed and we've welcomed **FOURTEEN** new members into our Troop. This brings the total size of our Troop to **NINETY-FOUR**. Whew!!

Because of the fourteen new Scouts, and the fourteen existing scouts in the Warrior patrol, we've made **THREE** new patrols out of those Scouts. The new patrols met for the first time on March 25. Troop 317 is proud to welcome the **Python** patrol, the **Fusion** patrol, and the **Timberwolf** patrol into our family.

We know that these new Scouts (and their parents) have a great journey ahead of them in Troop 317. We look forward to getting to know them on upcoming campouts, helping them learn their new Scout skills, and learning from them as they give Scouting their best.

WELCOME ABOARD!

Newsletter Contributions

Contact Andrew Deitsch, our Troop Scribe, with any Newsletter contributions at:
andrew.deitsch@comcast.net! Thanks!

Helpful Scouting Links

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

<http://www.troop317.net>

<http://www.troop317.com>

<http://www.scouting.org>

<http://olc.scouting.org>

<http://www.usscouts.org>

<http://www.boyslife.org>

<http://www.scoutingmagazine.org>

<http://www.miltonbsa.org>

<http://www.atlantabsa.org>

<http://www.macscouter.com>

Scout Spotlight

This month's spotlight is on scout **Trey Reed**. Trey is a junior at Duluth High School and joined Troop 317 this year. I have known Trey personally for five years and he is hilarious. We used to carpool together to Perimeter Christian School and he would crack us up with all of his accents. I am glad that he has joined our troop because now I get to laugh all the way to scouts with him in carpool. In an interview with Trey, this is what I found out:

Andrew: How long have you been in scouting and why did you join?

Trey: I joined scouts 6 years ago when a friend persuaded me to visit and then tricked me by saying since I went once, I had already joined. Now I am glad I did.

Andrew: What is your most memorable scouting experience?

Trey: In my previous scout troop, we went to Cumberland Island and slept on the beach under a full moon.

Andrew: What do you like to do in your spare time?

Trey: I like to play the banjo and laugh at people who are doing stupid things.

Andrew: What has made the biggest impact in your life?

Trey: Since my dad died in a car accident before I was born, I have had several "father figures" in my life, including my uncles, men from church, and my mentor, Billy.

Andrew: How has Christ used you to make an impact on the world?

Trey: I have been able to go to Tanzania on three different trips. I really saw the love of Christ by building relationships with other Christians on the other side of the world.

If you would like to see a particular scout in the spotlight, please contact, Troop Scribe, Andrew Deitsch.