

TROOP 317

Johns Creek, GA

August 2008



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Important Dates to Remember

August 2	SMC / BOR Day for those who are ready and have a reservation
August 5	Troop Meeting – Elections!! Perimeter Church -7:00 pm
August 12	FAMILY Court of Honor Perimeter Church Hangar 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
August 15-17	Monthly Campout Tubing in the Smoky Mountains 6:00 pm RBC Bank parking lot
August 19	PLC – Troop Staff and Patrol Leaders should attend Perimeter Church - 7:00 pm
August 26	Troop Meeting Perimeter Church - 7:00 pm

Like totally tubular, dude

For our August campout, we will be venturing near Bryson City, NC for some exciting **whitewater tubing** on Deep Creek in the Great Smoky Mountains. The website provided this description:

“Described as Nature’s Best Water Ride, the Deep Creek course consists of two sections: (1) The upper “whitewater” section, which flows from Indian Creek through the narrow Deep Creek gorge. This is a wild, bouncy ride that often separates the rider from the tube, especially when the water is swift from the spring rains. At the end of the rapids section, there’s a wide, deep swimming hole that provides a relaxing break before getting back on the tube. (2) The lower section, which is wider, easier going and more appropriate for smaller kids, ends at the parking lot. Put-in for this section is at the swimming hole just above the first bridge on the Deep Creek trail.”

THANK YOU to Mr. Hattori for serving as our CampMaster this month. See you there!!

Summer Camp Flashback

This year at Summer Camp, the Scouts had a great time participating in all the fun that Camp Woodruff offers. During the mornings, the scouts went to Merit Badge classes such as Swimming, Citizenship in the Community, or First Aid. Newer scouts went to Mountain Man, where they learn and review some of the basic scout skills that are required for advancement.

In the afternoons, Scouts could participate in activities like swimming in the lake, rifle shooting, or hanging out in their tents or at the Trading Post.

Some of the great memories from this year:

- Mr. Kiester participating in the Belly Flop competition in full costume (the rain poncho will never be the same)
- The mile swim (including three first-year campers – WOW!)
- Whitewater Rafting on the Nantahala (c-o-l-d)
- The Polar Bear Swim (real men only)
- The Banana Relay
- The Philippians Challenge
- Wood Dock (ow – ow – ow – ow – ow)
- Garrett Little and Nic Orangio serving on Camp Staff (way to go, guys!!)
- Actually getting ice cream *in a cup* from the snack bar, and
- The iceberg in the lake

If you want more information about any of these activities, your Scout should have all the details.

For the 5th year in a row, Troop 317 was recognized with a “clean sweep” of camp awards. The Honor Troop, Scouting Traditions and the Ranger Awards were all presented to our Troop at the Friday night campfire.

Once again, Summer Camp was a great experience and one we will remember for a long time to come.

Troop 317 Discipleship Preview

Scout Spotlight

As part of the Troop 317 focus on discipleship, we cover three primary themes over the course of a Scouting year (August through June). In August, September and October of each year we explore what it means to be “a willing minister to God’s people to the ‘least and the lost.’” This set we will be learning about biblical manhood.

Author Robert Lewis gives us this definition of biblical manhood: “A man is someone who rejects passivity, accepts responsibility, leads courageously and expects a greater reward – God’s reward.” Each month during our Scouting set, we will take a look at one of the first three parts of this definition and see how they all tie into the fourth part – God’s reward.

This month’s theme is “Real Men Reject Passivity.” Here are some passages of Scripture to meditate on related to this month’s theme: Genesis 3:6, Matthew 4:1-11, Ephesians 6:10-18, 1 Corinthians 15:22, Philippians 2:5-8, 1 Tim 1:18; 1 Timothy 4:12-16, 1 Tim 6:12, 2 Tim 4:6-8, Revelation 21:6-8

For more information on Troop 317 discipleship curriculum visit <http://troop317.com/> or contact Troop 317’s Chaplain, Tony Heringer via e-mail at tony.heringer@infor.com

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.meritbadge.org>

<http://www.boyslife.org>

<http://www.scoutingmagazine.org>

<http://www.miltonbsa.org>

<http://www.atlantabsa.org>

<http://www.macscouter.com>

This month’s Scout Spotlight is on First-Class Scout Sam Ehly. Sam is in the 8th grade and is home schooled. He has been in Troop 317 for three years and is in the Wolverines patrol.

Sam had some good comments about Troop 317. Here’s what he had to say:

T317: “Why did you join scouts?”

Sam: “My friend and neighbor, Jeff Fedoruk was in the troop, and he said it was really fun.”

T317: “What has been your favorite scout memory?”

Sam: “When I was on a ski trip and was tricked into accidentally going down the black diamond on my first time ever skiing!”

T317: “What has been your favorite scout campout?”

Sam: “The cave trip a couple years ago because it was dark and dirty, and I am anti-claustrophobic, so it was fun being so tight in the cave.”

T317: “What do you like to do in your spare time?”

Sam: “I like to play my guitar and ride my bike around my neighborhood.”

T317: “Who has made the biggest impact on your scouting experience?”

Sam: “Mr. Little and Mr. Van Cleave have helped me a lot in advancements.”

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

Newsletter Contributions

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