

# TROOP 317

Johns Creek, GA

September 2008



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### Important Dates to Remember

September 2	<b>Troop Meeting</b> Perimeter Church -7:00 pm <b>Fall Open House</b> Fellowship Hall – 7:00 pm
September 9	<b>Troop Meeting</b> Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm <b>Campout Registration Deadline</b>
September 16	<b>Troop Meeting</b> Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm
September 19-21	<b>Troop Outing – Mtn. Biking</b> Bank Parking Lot - 6:00 pm Return Sunday 2:00 pm
September 23	<b>PLC</b> Perimeter Church - 7:00 pm
September 30	<b>Troop Meeting</b> Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm

### Let the Good Times Roll in September

Get your wheels (and your minds) “pumped up”, because we are going mountain biking in September at Ft. Yargo State Park. The park is located near Winder, Georgia between Atlanta and Athens. The park surrounds Marbury Creek Reservoir, a 260-acre lake with a swimming beach, fishing areas and boat ramps. Mountain bikers can test their endurance on 12 miles of trails with beautiful views. This historical park features a log fort built in 1792 by settlers for protection against Creek and Cherokee Indians. After a morning of biking, the afternoon will be filled with learning and exploring. In preparation for the trip, please make sure your bike is in tip top shape.

The Bicycle Wheel in Alpharetta is a great place to get an expert opinion and a FREE safety inspection on the readiness of your bike for this trip, so please take advantage of this offer.

### Tubin’ was Cool!

Yes, the water was chilly up the in the mountains of Tennessee, but that didn’t stop Troop 317 from tubing down the river! The scouts and dads had a great adventure going over the rapids in their tubes. There were some great rapids and some scouts even had races down the river. **Colby Dimock** did a super job on his first campout as Senior Patrol Leader leading the troop and keeping the trip organized. The campfire was one of the best we ever had because of the great emcees, **Daniel Lumsden** and **Gray Mitchell**. The skits were funny, original, and well planned. It did rain a little (just enough to soak everything...), but we worked through it. **Lance Hasson** also did a great job filling in as the Troop Quartermaster. We used a new system for checking out stoves and equipment. The system eliminates problems like missing utensils and stoves, and helps to make sure that all equipment is clean when it’s checked back in. A BIG thanks to **Mr. Bryce Hattori** (Campmaster) and everyone else who helped make this campout a great success.

### ATTENTION: New Campout Registration Deadline

Please be aware of our new registration deadline policy. The NEW deadline (10 days prior to the campout) will allow our volunteers and Scouts sufficient time to plan appropriately for all the details involved with a weekend campout. This is a change from our previous practice of extending the deadline to the Tuesday prior to the campout. In addition, this new deadline will be our practice going forward. We will have occasional exceptions to this practice (Camporee, Summer Camp, SuperTrip, etc), but those deadlines will be even earlier.

Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

**SELL POPCORN – PAY YOUR OWN WAY FOR YOUR SCOUT ACTIVITIES!!**

## **Real Men Accept Responsibility**

As part of the Troop 317 discipleship curriculum 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 and 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 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 Accept Responsibility**”. Here are some passages of Scripture to meditate on related to this month’s theme: Proverbs 27:17, Romans 12:1-3, John 4:34-38, Gen 1:27, Ephesians 5:32, John 8:31-32, 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13, 1 Peter 3:7.

For more information on Troop 317 discipleship curriculum visit <http://www.troop317.com> or contact Troop 317’s Chaplain Tony Heringer at: [tony.heringer@infor.com](mailto:tony.heringer@infor.com).

### **Court of Honor Recap**

This last Court of Honor was one of the best ever! A lot of time was dedicated to honoring Mr. Morrow for leading our Troop as Scoutmaster for five years. We also honored Mr. Orangio and Mr. Heringer as being uniformed leaders who’ve been with the Troop for five years (since the beginning).

Mr. Thompson and the Troop leadership handed out **182 Merit Badges**, and honored 40 Scouts for achieving **44 Rank Advancements**. Mr. Thompson also mentioned three Eagle candidates who passed their SMC and are working on finishing the write-ups for their Eagle Boards of Review: Gavin Brand, Matthew Barker and Michael Barker.

We had great food (lots of desserts!) and an awesome video by **Mr. Jameson**. Thanks also go to **Mr. Beach** and **Mr. Tatgenhorst** for helping out in the sound booth and to **Mrs. Tatgenhorst** for serving as the organizer.

## **Scout Spotlight**

This month’s Scout Spotlight is on scout **Caleb Boyce**. Caleb is in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade at South Forsyth High School. He has been a Scout for three and a half years and is in the Bobcat patrol.

In an interview with Caleb, he said:

**T317:** “Why did you join Scouts?”

**Caleb:** “So I could become an Eagle Scout and because a few of my friends were also joining.”

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

**Caleb:** “When I was a brand new Scout and Mr. Van Cleave was helping me.”

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

**Caleb:** “The hiking trip in Pine Mountain was really fun and was a just great trip overall.”

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

**Caleb:** “I like to go hunting and trapping. I also play tennis.”

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

**Caleb:** “Mr. Van Cleave has helped me a lot in advancements and as a younger Scout.”

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

### **Newsletter Contributions**

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

### **Pictures from our Tubing Campout**

Pictures from our Tubing Campout in August are available at: <http://bhattori.jalbum.net> Check it out!