

# TROOP 317

Johns Creek, GA

October 2008



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### Important Dates to Remember

October 7	<b>Troop Meeting</b> Perimeter Church -7:00 pm
October 14	<b>Troop Meeting</b> Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm <b>Trip Registration Deadline</b>
October 21	<b>Troop Meeting</b> Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm
October 24-26	<b>Troop Outing – CAA</b> Perimeter Pool Parking Lot 6:00 pm – Departure 1:00 pm – Pick up
October 28	<b>PLC Meeting</b> Perimeter Church - 7:00 pm

### Who says you need to go far away to camp?

This month, we will be camping at our own Perimeter Church! We are going to have a great time camping in the back woods using the Camp All American 700 ft. zip line, giant swing, and high ropes course. We will also be doing some canoeing and participating in some additional athletic activities including basketball and volleyball. To insure our safety, we will have some instructors from CAA to help us use the equipment correctly. CAA is a member of the ACCT (Association for Challenge Course Technology) and meets all recommended standards. This is a full-weekend campout, so plan on participating the entire weekend. To be clear, Scouts will not be allowed to wander off, i.e. go to the movies, Waffle House, Starbucks, Coldstone, the Abernathy's house, or inside the church. We are going to have a blast, so get signed up before registration closes on October 14.

Thanks to Mr. McDuffee (Campmaster), Brent Curl and the CAA Staff who have worked hard to put this together for us.

### Biking was Awesome!

Troop 317 had a great time biking at Fort Yargo. The trail was very well kept and had lots of exciting twists, turns, and even a few jumps! We all had a great time biking and there was plenty of free time. We had a great cracker barrel (a meeting where Scouts and dads get to know each other a little better) on Friday night, a funny campfire full of great skits on Saturday night, and a Scout's own service on Sunday morning led by Ben Hooper. On Saturday, the Scouts could go out in groups of two or more and bike whenever they chose to. Some Scouts chose to bike a little, and then go back to camp and have free time. Some Scouts biked all day and others chose not to bike at all. The Scouts enjoyed this independence, because they were allowed lots of free time to do whatever they chose to do. There was only one Scout who had a major injury, which was Eric Thompson. We all had an adrenaline-filled time, and hope that this trip is not our last to Fort Yargo! **MANY THANKS** to Mr. Thompson for serving as Campmaster for this trip. To volunteer as Campmaster or assistant for any of our upcoming trips, please see Mr. Brooks Clark.

### Why Facebook for 317?

Did you know that Troop 317 now has a Facebook page? You may be wondering, "Why would we want to do that?" It is just one more way that we can increase communication within the troop. As we grow, we know it will be a challenge to keep everyone informed. Our page is only for Troop 317 members and their families, so the information shared will be protected. Only those on our roster will be invited to join. If you are not a fan of Facebook, no problem, you do not need to join. It is available to those who choose to connect, but we are not asking anyone to join who does not want to. Please be aware that it will be closely monitored to insure the integrity of the troop is preserved.

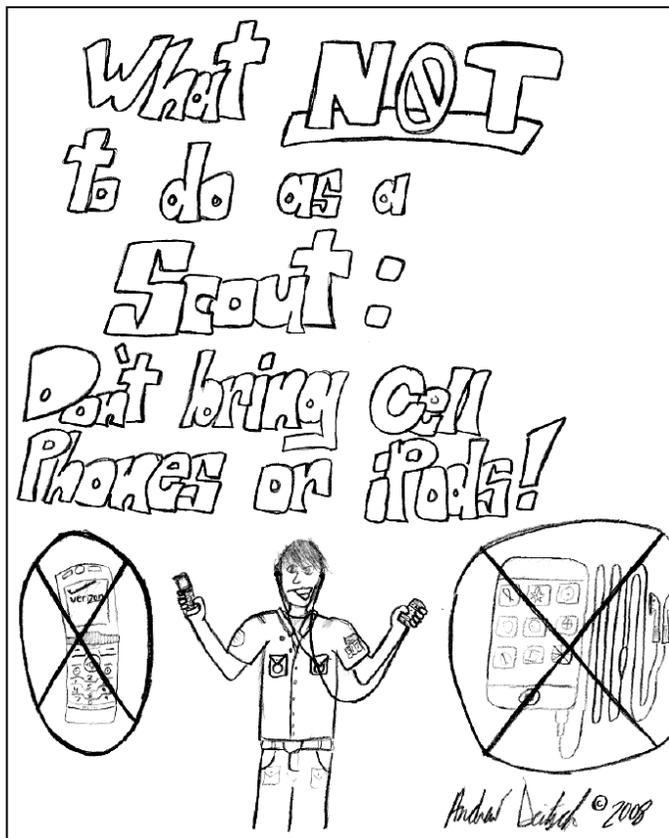
## Real Men Lead Courageously

As part of the Troop 317 discipleship curriculum we cover three primary themes over the course 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 Lead Courageously.’ Here are some passages of Scripture to meditate on related to this month’s theme: 1 Corinthians 11:3, Gen 3:16, Luke 9:23-27, Romans 8:31-39, John 2:12-25, Proverbs 19:2, Romans 10:2-3 and Romans 12:10-12

For more information on Troop 317 discipleship curriculum go to [www.Troop317.com/Discipleship](http://www.Troop317.com/Discipleship) or contact Troop 317’s Chaplain Tony Heringer at [tony.heringer@infor.com](mailto:tony.heringer@infor.com)



## Scout Spotlight

This month’s Scout Spotlight is on scout Kyle Larkin. Kyle is a Star Scout and is in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade at St. Pius. He has been a Scout for 3 years and is in the Scorpions Patrol. In an interview with Kyle, he said:

**T317:** “Why did you join Scouts?”

**Kyle:** “To gain experience in life, learn new skills, and advance.”

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

**Kyle:** “Playing Ultimate Frisbee on Patrol Campouts.”

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

**Kyle:** “Whitewater Kayaking with the funyaks.”

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

**Kyle:** “Play lacrosse and watch college football.”

**T317:** “Have you had any recent injuries while playing sports?”

**Kyle:** “I broke my arm while playing goalie in a lacrosse game a few weeks ago.”

**T317:** “Do you have any siblings?”

**Kyle:** “I have two older sisters”

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

**Kyle:** “My patrol and friends.”

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

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