

# TROOP 317

Johns Creek, GA

November 2008



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## November 2008 Important Dates to Remember

November 4 <b>Adults – VOTE!</b>	<b>Troop Meeting</b> Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm <b>CAMPOUT REGISTRATION DEADLINE</b>
November 11	<b>Troop Meeting</b> Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm
November 14-16	<b>Troop Campout – Wilderness Survival – Pine Mountain, GA</b> Depart Bank Lot Fri 6:00 pm Return Bank Lot Sun 1:00 pm
November 18	<b>PLC Meeting</b> Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm <b>Life Scout Meeting</b> Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm
November 25	<b>Troop Meeting</b> Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm

## Congratulations to our New Eagle Scouts!

On October 23, 2008, Troop 317 proudly announced their newest Eagle Scouts. This honor was awarded to **Matthew Barker, Michael Barker and Gavin Brand**. Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America. Since its introduction in 1911, the Eagle Scout rank has been earned by more than 1.7 million young men. The title of Eagle Scout is held for life, thus giving rise to the phrase "Once an Eagle, always an Eagle". Requirements include earning at least 21 merit badges and demonstrating Scout spirit, service, and leadership. This includes an extensive leadership service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads, and manages. Eagle Scouts are presented with a medal and a badge that visibly recognizes their accomplishments.

Watch for more information on the upcoming Eagle Court of Honor for **Matt, Michael and Gavin**. Once again, guys, WAY TO GO!

## October Campout Recap

October's trip was very unique because it was at our very own Perimeter Church. We had a great time sleeping in the pavilion, then the woods, and having most of Saturday to do the outdoor climbing wall, the zipline, the high-swing, the ropes course, play basketball and other sports, and hang out. The staff from Camp All American was great and made it fun for the scouts. The Scouts had a blast. Some of our favorites included the zip line and the giant swing. It was a great time for Scouts to face their fears and go beyond their comfort-zone – and have a great time doing it!

It was also the first campout for our newest Troop 317 patrol (the Crocs). Being close to home was very nice. All the scouts had a great time and were able to learn a lot about themselves and one another.

## Scouts Show Spirit in Johns Creek

Two scouts from Troop 317 showed their Scout Spirit at the Opening Ceremonies for Johns Creek Fire Department #1. **Chad Woyce and Tyler Trump** led the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of the event. They're pictured here with Fire Chief Joseph Daniels and two of his Captains.



## Margin in Physical Energy

As part of the Troop 317 discipleship curriculum we cover three primary themes over the course a Scouting year (August through June). In November, January and February of each year we will discuss ideas related to being “an effective manager of life, relationships and resources.” This set we will be learning about the concept of margin as discussed in Dr. Richard Swenson’s book Margin.

The concept of margin can be viewed as a formula: **Power – Load = Margin.** “Power” is made up of factors such as skills, time, emotional strength, physical strength, spiritual vitality, finances, social supports and education. Subtract from that “Load” which combines internal factors – such as personal expectations and emotional disabilities – and external factors – such as school, problems or responsibilities in relationships, and our involvement in groups such as Scouts. When our “Load” is greater than our “Power,” the result of this formula is negative margin or “Overload.” When our “Power” is greater than our “Load”, we have “Margin.”<sup>1</sup>

This month’s theme is “Margin In Physical Energy”. Here are some passages of Scripture to meditate on related to this month’s theme: Psalm 18:2, Psalm 18:32-33, Colossians 1:29, Mark 2:23-27, 1 Tim 4:8, and Mark 6:30-32.

For more information on the 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).

<sup>1</sup> – Dr. Richard Swenson, Margin p.92

## Life-to-Eagle Briefing Materials

The presentation from the October 22 Life-to-Eagle briefing is now on the Troop website. Check out <http://www.troop317.com/Forms/> and look for the Life-to-Eagle Briefing link.

## Newsletter Contributions

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

## Popcorn Sales Soar

Last month, the Scouts of Troop 317 took part in the nationwide sales of Scout Popcorn. We had a GREAT year, as the troop sold a total of \$9,464.00.

Popcorn sales are an important way for every Scout in our Troop to have the opportunity to learn and exercise great life skills:

- How to interact with other people
- Showing enthusiasm and pride in their Scouting
- Taking personal responsibility for their Scouting expenses by paying their own way

We’re proud of all of the Scouts who chose to take advantage of this opportunity. Our top three sellers are listed here:

- **Jonathan Rhodes** sold \$1,819
- **Graham Widmann** sold \$1,569
- **Caleb McDuffee** sold \$1,156

Other Scouts who took part in this year’s program were: **Josh Wheeler, Tyler Trump, William Bryan, Garrett Biel, Preston Krah, Grant Hasson, Pierce Vinski, Jonathan Mock, Grant Lancaster, Preston Little, Josh Gautier, Steven Sexton, David Beach, Fox Kiester, Daniel Ostenson, Grant Alexander and Nicholas Rhodes.**

**MANY THANKS** go to Mr. and Mrs. Jay Rhodes for volunteering their time and energy to drive the Popcorn Program this year. It was a BIG success!

## Troop 317 Welcomes Our Newest Scouts

- Alex Brockob
- Johnny Chadwick
- Ben Ehly
- Christopher Huntington
- Lane Mitchell
- Preston Oaks
- Drew Ostenson
- Alex Ree
- Blue Smiley
- Bennett Taylor
- Charles Thiele