

TROOP 317

Johns Creek, GA

January 2009



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Important Dates to Remember

January 6	Troop Meeting Perimeter Church -7:00 pm
January 13	Troop Meeting Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm
January 16-18	Troop Outing Depart Bank Lot Fri 6:00 pm Return Bank Lot Sun 1:00 pm
January 20	PLC Meeting Perimeter Church - 7:00 pm
January 27	Troop Meeting ELECTIONS Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm

January Campout

The January campout theme is Shooting Sports. We will be going to Bert Adams Scout Reservation in Covington, GA to shoot with 22 caliber rifles, shotguns, and bows and arrows.

We should have lots of fun and hopefully we will have great weather. At the meetings leading up to the trip, we will be discussing gun safety and doing the usual preparation for the trips. The dates for the trip are January 16-18.

We're privileged to have several NRA-certified instructors to give us guidance and direction on our shooting. Plus, we'll be able to work on the Rifle Shooting and Shotgun Shooting Merit Badges. It's going to be a great time.

November Campout

The November campout in Pine Mountain, GA was themed around outdoor skills and Wilderness Survival. It had rained the night before, and so finding dry wood was very hard.

The newer scouts earned their Totin' chips and Fireman's Chits. To test their new fire making skills, they had a contest to see who could burn through a piece of rope the fastest. The scouts loved exploring in the woods and cutting down a tree.

The campfire wood was hard to come by, but the scouts managed to collect enough dry wood to have a campfire ceremony on Saturday night. As usual, the scouts told jokes and performed their skits. The Scouts returned on Sunday Morning after a Scouts own service.

We owe a big THANK YOU to Mr. Malcolm Widmann for planning and organizing a great camping trip!

February Trip Update

Due to the results of the recent parent survey, we're looking at alternative activities for our upcoming trip in February.

Even in this difficult financial time, God has blessed our Troop. In our local area there are many who are experiencing hard times. Troop 317 can help to meet those needs for those who are less fortunate than we are.

We're looking at taking the three-day weekend and finding a meaningful and fun way to serve our community. Please be in prayer for us as we evaluate the possibilities.

We'll have the completed plan shortly, and will communicate at that point.

Margin in Emotional Energy

Scout Spotlight

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.

There are four types of margin that we need to maintain:

1. Margin in Physical Energy
2. Margin in Emotional Energy
3. Margin in Time and,
4. Margin in Finances

Our focus on margin is not to give some self-help techniques, but seeking after a transcendent cause. This cause is something beyond us – the Kingdom of God. Margin describes patterns of living that, if established now, will serve us for the rest of our lives as we seek the growth of God’s Kingdom in our selves and its growth in the lives of others we are influencing by the way we live in Christ.

This month’s theme is ‘Margin In Emotional Energy.’ Here are some passages of Scripture to meditate on related to this month’s theme: Proverbs 18:24, Romans 12:18, 1 Peter 5:5-6, Matthew 5:37, Colossians 3:15-16 and 1 Corinthians 13:13

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

**Register NOW for the
January Campout**

This month’s Scout Spotlight is on Life Scout Garrett Little. Garrett is in the 10th grade at South Forsyth High School. He has been a scout for years and is in the Rebel patrol. In an interview with Garret, he said:

T317: “Why did you join scouts?”

Garrett: “I wanted to see the experience and go on the campouts.”

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

Garrett: “Shooting the potato cannon off at one of the biking campouts.”

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

Garrett: “The Cave trip to Raccoon Caverns.”

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

Garrett: “Listen to music or play on my Xbox.”

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

Garrett: “Mr. Orangio because he made it fun while driving up to campouts, and he helped me advance.”

If you would like to see a particular scout in the

Newsletter Contributions

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