

# TROOP 317

Johns Creek, GA

February 2009



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### Important Dates to Remember

February 3	<b>Troop Meeting</b> Perimeter Church -7:00 pm
February 10	<b>Court of Honor</b> Perimeter Church - 6:00 pm Hangar
February 13-16	<b>Troop Outing</b> Depart Bank Lot Fri 6:00 pm Return Bank Lot Mon 1:00 pm
February 17	<b>PLC Meeting</b> Perimeter Church - 7:00 pm
February 24	<b>Troop Meeting &amp; Open House</b> Perimeter Church - 7:00 pm

### February Campout

February's Campout is going to be a blast! It will be held during the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in February (13-16). We'll have a chance to serve our fellow Georgians on Saturday, when we'll participate in building a community mental health clinic near Fayetteville. This is a great opportunity to demonstrate our Scout Spirit ("help others at all times"). This project will take 4-5 hours and then we'll return to Camp Thunder, the Scout Camp of the Flint River Council.

Saturday evening there will be an "Open Fire" cook-off between the Patrols (winning Patrol receives COOL prizes). Saturday evening we'll have a campfire and the Scout's Own worship service.

Sunday we will have numerous activities during the day (Rifle, Shotgun, Archery, and Canoeing, COPE courses, Hiking and Fishing). Another campfire on Sunday night will round out a GREAT weekend for Scouting.

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### January Campout Recap

The January trip was extremely fun, we had a great turnout (63 Scouts and 27 Adults), and everyone had a great time.

We camped at Bert Adams Scout Reservation near Covington. We shot shotguns at clay pigeons and shot rifles at targets. For some of the scouts, it was their first time ever shooting a gun!

Friday night, it was 16°, but that didn't stop Troop 317 from having a great campout! Everyone who camped on Friday night got a special Polar Bear patch for camping in C-O-L-D weather. Like good Scouts, we were "PREPARED" and everyone packed accordingly. Though it rained a little on Sunday morning, it didn't affect the speed of packing up or our Scout's Own Worship service.

Everyone had a blast, and the trip was a great success. **THANK YOU, Mr. Siniard**, for planning an awesome campout! Also, thanks to all the dads who came and helped to make it a great time.



A group of Scouts waits behind the fence for their turn to take part in the Shooting activities.

## Margin in Time

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

This month we are looking at margin in time. The Scout motto is “Be Prepared.” It takes time to be prepared.

Time is not impacted by that state of our economy – Global, National or personal. Nobody is richer or poorer in this area of life. We are all given the same amount every day. But still, you hear folks say, “I wish I had more time!”

Here are some passages of Scripture to meditate on related to this month’s theme: Proverbs 16:9, Philippians 4:12-13, Matthew 6:34, Proverbs 25:15, Proverbs 27:9, 1 Peter 3:13-16; and 2 Timothy 4:1-3

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)

## Newsletter Contributions

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

## Scout Spotlight

This month’s Scout Spotlight is on scout Drew Hettenbach. Drew is in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Northview High School. He has been a Scout for 4 ½ years and is in the Scorpions patrol. Drew is our new Senior Patrol Leader (SPL), and he has great ideas and plans for the troop. In an interview with Drew, he said:

**T317:** “Why did you join Scouts?”

**Drew:** “To have fun and to learn some outdoor and leadership skills”

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

**Drew:** “While we were tubing on a lake, a tube hit us, and we flipped over.”

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

**Drew:** “The ski trip at Sugar Mountain a couple years ago.”

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

**Drew:** “I like to run track, swim, play football, and basically play any other sport.”

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

**Drew:** “Brandon Clark and Mr. Morrow by the way they led the troop effectively.”

**T317:** “As the new SPL, what things do you want to make sure the troop does?”

**Drew:** “I want to make sure everyone is still having fun and learning outdoor skills, and having fun while doing it. Also effective time management in the troop, because often time is wasted at the meetings.”

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