

TROOP 317

Johns Creek, GA

March 2009



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March 2009 Important Dates to Remember

March 3	Troop Meeting Perimeter Church - 7:00 pm
MARCH 6	DEADLINE FOR CAMPOREE REGISTRATION
March 10	Troop Meeting Perimeter Church - 7:00 pm
March 17	Troop Meeting Perimeter Church - 7:00 pm
March 20-22	Milton District Camporee Woodruff Scout Reservation Bank Parking Lot - 6:00 pm Return Sunday - 2:00 pm
March 24	Troop PLC/ Life to Eagle Huddle/ New Scout Orientation Perimeter Church - 7:00 pm
March 31	Troop Meeting Perimeter Church - 7:00 pm

March Campout Preview

We're all looking forward the March Campout. Every year, we get the chance to camp with the other 19 Boy Scout Troops in the Milton District at our Annual Camporee.

This year, the Camporee will be held on March 20-22. The theme of the Camporee is "Scout vs. Wild". Troop 317 is responsible for manning two Troop stations for teaching skills: Stalking Skills and Wilderness First Aid.

Sunday morning, we'll have a District-wide pancake cook-off, and a special competition.

Thanks to **Chad Woyce** and **Spencer Frendt** for their leadership in helping us prepare for our stations. It's going to be a great time!

February Campout Recap

The February campout was a TON of fun! It was a little disappointing to not be going skiing on a Super Trip, but due to the economy, we all realize that it's just not the right time right now. We were also all thankful that it was not as cold as the January Campout ☺

The trip was very enjoyable for all the Scouts. The service projects went great, the campsite was excellent, and the open fire cookout on Saturday went very well. All the patrols had GREAT meals. While the Blades took first prize, the real prize was everyone having an awesome dinner. The Fusion patrol even had tablecloths, candles and wineglasses (for the grape juice, of course!).

The activities on Sunday were a blast. Canoeing, Shotgun Shooting, Rifle Shooting, Rock Climbing, COPE course - wow - what a great time! Sunday night, we also saw some great (?) talent at the Troop Campfire. Keep working on those skits, guys ☺

THANK YOU, Mr. Grass, for taking the time and energy to plan a great campout for us.

PLEASE NOTE: EARLY REGISTRATION FOR THE MARCH CAMPOUT

Due to the nature of the March campout (District Camporee), and our need to make some special plans ahead of time, we will need all Scout registrations into the www.troop317.net website by **FRIDAY, MARCH 6**.

Please help us help YOU by registering for the March campout **EARLY**. Thanks!

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OF OUR LIFE SCOUTS

Trey Reed, Spencer Frendt, Nic Orangio, JR Abernathy, Davis Mitchell, Caleb Connell, Garrett Little, David Lumsden, Jake McDuffee, Trace Sells, Drew Hettenbach, Luke Crawford, Collin Clark, Cameron Van Cleave, Andrew Deitsch, Jonathan Rhodes, and Lance Hasson.

Does God Exist?

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 March, April, May and June we will dive into what it means to be “an available messenger to non-kingdom people.” This final theme of the Scouting year will have as its foundation a mindset found in 1 Peter 3:15:

“But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect”

This verse exhorts us to “be prepared” with a ready defense for why we hope in Christ. It also encourages us to do so “with gentleness and respect.” To put it another way, we need to “speak the truth in love” (see Eph 4:14-16).

Over the next four months, we will discuss apologetics; covering hot topics that seem to always be boiling and finishing with the purpose, freedom and assurance we have in Christ alone. We will draw upon resources like Ken Boa’s book *I’m Glad You Asked*; the Watchman Fellowship <http://www.watchman.org/>, and Randy Pope’s 3-D Evangelism CD. This month we are looking at the question “Does God exist?”

Here are some passages of Scripture to meditate on related to this month’s theme: Isaiah 55:8, Psalm 19:1-3, Hebrews 11:6, Proverbs 30:7-9, and “The Roman Road” passages: Romans 1:16; 1:18; 1:29-30; 3:10-12; 3:23; 4:4-5; 5:6; 5:8-11; 6:1-2; 6:23; 10:9; and 10:13

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

Newsletter Contributions

Contact Keegan Hanifen, our new Troop Scribe, with any Newsletter contributions or suggestions at: keegan_63@comcast.net ! Thanks!

This month’s Scout Spotlight is on Life Scout **Andrew Deitsch**.

Andrew is in the 9th grade at Norcross High School. He has been a member of Troop 317 for 3 ½ years and is in the Bobcats Patrol (Ooh-ha-ha).

We asked Andrew our typical questions. Here’s what he said:

T317: “Why did you join scouts?”

Andrew: “I thought it would be fun to go on campouts with my friends.”

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

Andrew: “When Ross fell off the swing onto a pile of rocks at Lake Lanier.”

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

Andrew: “The ski trip. It was my first time ever skiing.”

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

Andrew: “I like playing tennis, rock climbing at Lifetime, hanging out with my friends, listening to music, going on facebook, texting, and playing on the Wii.”

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

Andrew: “It is hard to pick just one person because Mr. Van Cleave, Mr. Little, Mr. Sells, and Mr. Morrow all worked with me and helped me advance. So, if I have to pick one, I would say Mr. Sells.”

If you would like to see a particular scout in the spotlight, please contact our Troop Scribe, Keegan Hanifen.