

# TROOP 317

Johns Creek, GA

August 2009



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### Important Dates to Remember

Aug 4	<b>Troop Meeting</b> Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm
Aug 11	<b>Court of Honor</b> Perimeter Church – 6:00 pm The Hangar
Aug 18	<b>Troop Meeting</b> <b>PLC “Breakout”</b> Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm
Aug 25	<b>Troop Meeting</b> Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm
Aug 28-30	<b>August Campout</b> 6:00 pm departure from bank lot
Sept 1	<b>Troop Meeting</b> <b>LTE Huddle</b> Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm

### Philmont!

Philmont Crew 614-N3 successfully completed Trek 19 through the 127,000 acres of Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM. KUDOS to the Philmont crew for their 11-day, 75-mile trip. We proudly dedicate the photo below to our memories of Red Roof Inns (not the ones you’re thinking of) and mini-bears.



The 2010 planning is underway, so if you’ll be 14 or older by January 1, 2010, be on the lookout for more information about this awesome opportunity.

### Summer Camp

Troop 317 continued our tradition of “Excellence Without Arrogance” during Summer Camp this year. Troop 317 was awarded with both the Honor Troop Award and the Scouting Traditions Award. These awards are given to Troops that demonstrate high standards in Summer Camp advancement, participation, cleanliness, religious service, patriotic displays, overall Scout Spirit and FUN!

HUZZAH for Grant Lancaster and Josh Gautier as they completed the Mile-Swim!

The Polar Bear Plunge was also another traditional activity at camp this year. 28 Scouts took on the challenge and demonstrated their intense manhood by showing up on the waterfront for an EARLY-morning swim in the lake. Brrrrrrr!

Last, but not least, our Adult Leadership for the week demonstrated their Olympic-class abilities in the Belly Flop Contest. Captain Belly Flop and Mr. Floppo brought home 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prizes.

**WAY TO GO, TROOP 317!!**

### August Campout

The August campout is ON! Late summer is the perfect time for our water-oriented campouts. Watersports, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, etc. will all combine for an awesome time. We’ll be camping at Scoutland at Lake Lanier. Scoutland is a great venue and we’re going to have a ton of fun. Online registration is OPEN at [www.troop317.net](http://www.troop317.net). Sign up for the campout NOW.

### Eagle Projects Completed

Garrett Little and Drew Hettenbach completed their Eagle Projects and are in the final stages of post-project write-up and Eagle Application submission. Next time you see them, give them a big high-five for their hard work. **Next stop, EAGLE!**

## Everyone Is A Theologian

As part of the Troop 317 discipleship curriculum we cover three primary themes over the course of 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 look at what Perimeter Church calls “ministry in three strands”:

This references Ecclesiastes 4:12 which says, “Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.” A willing minister develops his head, his heart and his hands in order to serve in God’s Kingdom.

This month’s theme is “Everyone Is A Theologian.” Here are some passages of Scripture to meditate on related to this month’s theme: Isaiah 55:8-9, Romans 9:15-16, John 6:44; John 6:64-65, Romans 8:30, 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 and Ephesians 2:8-9

For more information on the Troop 317 discipleship curriculum visit <http://www.troop317.com/Discipleship> or contact Troop 317’s Chaplain, Tony Heringer, at [tony.heringer@infor.com](mailto:tony.heringer@infor.com)

## Troop Election Results

Thanks to all who came and participated in our Troop elections on June 30. Our new Senior Patrol Leader is **Keegan Hanifen**. Keegan is a Star Scout (Bobcat Patrol), a sophomore at Norcross High School and participates in the Norcross High swim team. Keegan is also a Red-Cross certified LifeGuard, which is how he earned money this past summer.

Keegan has been working closely with Mr. Orangio to screen and select those candidates which would best fill his existing Troop Staff positions. While most of the positions have been filled, there are still one or two remaining changes to be made. Final staff will be announced shortly, so stay tuned.

Keegan’s VERY excited and has some great ideas about the great season of Scouting ahead. Please give your wholehearted support to Keegan as he takes on this important leadership role.

## Patrol Leaders

Here is the list of Patrol Leaders, along with the patrol for which they’ll be responsible during this next six-month set:

Patrol	Patrol Leader
Chiefs	Anthony Cotton
Wolverines	Steven Sexton
Scorpions	Brenden Laible
Bobcats	Caleb Boyce
Mustangs	Gray Mitchell
Blades	Josh Wheeler
Fusion	Leland Grass
Pythons	Grant Lancaster
Timberwolves	Tyler Trump
Crocs	Alex Brockob
Pyrites	Colin Kiester

## Scout Trivia Quiz

Bring the answer ballot below to our regular Troop meetings to be eligible for a prize drawing. Prize drawing will be held during the Troop meeting on September 1. You must be present to win.

### **August Trivia Question**

In what year were the Boy Scouts of America chartered by the US Congress?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Patrol: \_\_\_\_\_

## Troop 317 Merit Badge Clinic

Troop 317 is in the planning stages for our very own Merit Badge Clinic. We’re excited about the opportunity that our Scouts have to earn additional Eagle-Required and personal-choice Merit Badges. **Mrs. Hasson** is putting our clinic together – BUT, **ADULTS – she needs some help!** If you’d like to help, or for more information about participating with our Troop as a Merit Badge Counselor, contact Mrs. Hasson via e-mail: [hasson0794@gmail.com](mailto:hasson0794@gmail.com).