

TROOP 317

Johns Creek, GA

November 2009



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November 2009 – At a Glance

November 3	Troop Meeting Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm Life-To-Eagle Huddle Sixth Street Café – 7:00 pm
November 10	Troop Meeting Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm
November 11	PCS Veteran’s Day Celebration Perimeter Church – 9:30 am
November 17	Troop Meeting Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm Ship 317 Parent Information Sixth Street Café – 7:00 pm
November 20-22	November Campout “Iron Chef 317” Camp Rainey Mountain – NE GA Bank Parking Lot – 6:00 pm
November 24	Milton District Eagle BORs Church of the Hills – 7:00 pm NO PLC OR TROOP MEETING Enjoy your Thanksgiving week!
December 1	PLC Planning Session for 2010 All PLC members and Adult Leaders should plan to attend. Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm
December 1	2010 Philmont Trek Deposit DUE

October Campout Memories

Back from Alabama, many of the participants of this month’s expedition can safely say that this was one of the most fun and most unique backpacking trips in the history of the Troop. Though the weather was a biting cold in the morning, the Scouts experienced the fantastic views of the Appalachians in the fall. The trees were a fuse of orange and red and yellow and green, and looked like ice-cream sherbet. The leaves had just started to fall, and thankfully, there was no rain during the day. During some of the lower portions of the hike, the

Scouts experienced strange bursts of mist. Between the leaves and the mists, the Cheaha trail was a sightseer’s delight.

While some Scouts remained in base camp to work on Scout skills and take a day hike, the rest of the campers prepared for an overnight backpacking trek. Our original plan was to divide the backpackers into two groups: Experienced and Novice. However, at the start of the trail the Novice and Experienced hikers joined to form a single group.



The day hikers hiked 3-4 miles, and saw some of the beautiful country contained within the Cheaha State Park boundaries. The backpackers hiked twelve miles on Saturday and the remaining two miles on Sunday, on a couple of different backpacking trails: the Pinhoti and the Cave Creek Trail.

On Saturday evening, the backpackers camped by a cliff facing one of those indescribably beautiful sights. As the view was pointing west, the backpackers enjoyed a brilliant sunset during the evening, and a view of the mountains shrouded in mist in the morning.

After the hike the two groups concluded their journey by conducting our worship service next to the highest point in Alabama, where each Scout took turns being the “tallest” person in Alabama.

The campout was a ton of fun, and we are definitely excited about the next round of backpacking coming up. Great job to all the Scouts involved!

Merit Badge Clinic – THANK YOU

36 Scouts participated in our first ever Troop 317 Merit Badge Clinic, held on October 31, with 15 of those Scouts taking two classes.

A BIG THANK YOU goes to our Merit Badge Counselors who volunteered their time to teach these Merit Badges:

Chris Dardaman	Personal Management
John Crawford	Entrepreneurship
Jay Rhodes	Communications
Mark Krah	First Aid
Bud Siniard	Orienteering
Joe Hasson	Citizenship in the World
Karen LaBarr	Citizenship in the Community
Rachel Clark	Personal Fitness

A VERY SPECIAL thank you goes out to Mrs. Hasson, who coordinated this event. Look for more similar events to come in the future.

Speaking of Merit Badges...

Troop 317 is very pleased to announce that we signed up **EIGHTEEN** new Merit Badge Counselors during the information session on October 6. These adults have answered the call to invest in the lives of our Scouts – and we are VERY thankful.

The updated Merit Badge Counselor list is posted on the troop317.net website. After logging in, look under the “Advancement” link.

Troop 317 now has Merit Badge Counselors for **89** different Merit Badges. Way to go, Troop 317 Parents!!

Troop 317 Scouts in the PCS Play

Troop 317 has four Scouts who are playing parts in the upcoming PCS production of “The Sound of Music”. David Baker, Leland Grass, Preston Little and Tal Presley will all be showing their stuff in the upcoming performances. For more information, visit the Perimeter School website, under the drama link: www.perimeterschool.org/drama.index

Way to go, guys. Break a leg!!

Newsletter Contributions

If you have a newsletter contribution, or have information about your Scout’s outside activities, contact our Troop Scribe, Caleb Maier, with your information. Thanks!

Popcorn Winners Announced

This year’s Popcorn Sales contest was a big winner. 21 Scouts took part in the campaign, which grossed over \$8,600 in Popcorn sales. These Scouts benefited directly from their efforts, earning a total of over \$2,200 for their Scout accounts. Talk about paying your own way – WOW!

The top three sellers were presented with cash prizes at our last Troop meeting. Here they are, along with the amount of popcorn that they sold:

Josh Wheeler	\$1,730
Graham Widmann	\$1,115
Tyler Trump	\$680

Good job, guys. You demonstrate the true meaning of **THRIFTY!** Nice work!!

SuperTrip Presentation Planned

STAY TUNED for a special invitation to all Troop 317 Parents for a meeting to discuss plans for our upcoming SuperTrip in February 2010. **Sam Grass** will be getting out information on this very important meeting shortly, so keep your eyes open!

In order to raise funds for this ski trip (currently estimated at \$250), Troop 317 will be hosting some fund-raisers in the VERY NEAR FUTURE. Keep a lookout for details on how you can earn money for your Scout account towards this trip (or other Scouting trips).

Philmont 2010

Troop 317 is privileged to have the opportunity to send a crew to Philmont during the Summer of 2010. June 15-27, 2010, we will join with the Atlanta Area Council contingent for the trip of a lifetime. Philmont is open to those Scouts who will be 14 years old by 1/1/2010, or who are 13 years old AND will have completed the eighth grade by 6/15/2010.

To guarantee your slot, we need a firm commitment AND a deposit of \$300 by December 1, 2009. For more information, talk to Mr. Orangio, or send an email to philmont2010@troop317.com.

Troop 317 to present Colors for PCS Veteran’s Day Celebration

During this year’s Veteran’s Day Celebration at PCS, Troop 317 will be providing the Color Guard. Please plan on attending this very special event: **Wednesday, November 11 at 9:30 am.**