

TROOP 317

Johns Creek, GA

February 2010



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February 2010 – At a Glance

February 2	Troop Meeting Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm
February 7	Scout Sunday Come serve Perimeter Church! Troop 317 Court of Honor Perimeter Church – 1:30 pm
February 9	NO Troop Meeting
February 12-15	Troop SuperTrip Snow skiing at Wolf Ridge, NC Bank Parking Lot at 1:30 pm, 2/12
February 16	REGULAR Troop Meeting Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm
February 23	Troop Meeting Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm Troop Open House Welcome Prospective Scouts! Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm

Troop 317 Open House

TELL YOUR FRIENDS! On Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 7:00 pm, Troop 317 invites you to its Open House located in the Sixth Street Café in Perimeter Church. Parents may participate in an introductory meeting while potential 317 Scouts are welcome to participate in a live Troop meeting (no fees necessary)!

This joining period is open to all boys who have completed 5th grade, are 11 years old by March 31, 2010, or have earned the Cub Scout *Arrow of Light Award*. Applications are due by Joining Day, March 9th, 2010, which is the first meeting our new Scouts will attend.

For additional info, please contact Jeff Dimock at 770-582-1517 or jeffd@alumni.wfu.edu.

Happy Birthday, BSA!

This year America celebrates 100 years of Boy Scouting. It's a GREAT year for Scouting! Are you ready?

Yes, we have a wicked cool limited time Anniversary patch (start earning those ribbons!).

Yes, Scouts have received patches from the 2010 February Court of Honor, including a VERY cool ring to wear around your World Scouting Crest.

Yes, there will be more great activities all year long – including a Centennial Encampment (scheduled for May at Bert Adams).

It's a GREAT year to be a Boy Scout. Make sure that you don't miss any of the celebrations!

Troop 317 Elections

Troop 317 elections were held on January 26. Congratulations to **Anthony Cotton**, our new Senior Patrol Leader, and to all those who were elected as Patrol Leaders: **Chad Woyce, Nathaniel Kirby, Harrison Statham, Keegan Hanifen, Bennett Tatgenhorst, Karl Ingraham, Trevor Dimock, Grant Lancaster, Nick Rhodes, Lane Mitchell, and Colin Kiester.**

Anthony is still working on appointing his staff, so stay tuned for the rest of your leadership team!

Newsletter Contributions

If you have a newsletter contribution, contact our Troop Scribe, Caleb Maier, with your article. Thanks!

Troop 317 Court of Honor

A Court of Honor is a FAMILY EVENT, and a great time to celebrate our previous Scouting set. Some Scouts have earned merit badges and rank awards. Others have persevered towards a particularly difficult goal, and their efforts should be celebrated, as well.

Yes, it's also a time when candles are lit, when Scouts are required to wear their neckerchief and are allowed to wear their bling, a time when Scouts become leaders, when awards are remembered, when unnecessary quantities of pictures are taken, when long lists of names are announced, when Scouts resist the urge to text (or not), when the Troop gets a nice, long video/intro, when an audience realizes that heroism really does happen, and when young men begin to realize those behind the scenes of the Scouting world.

Above all, it's a time to be together as a Troop Family, and to celebrate what God has done IN us, what God is doing TO us, and what God is doing THROUGH us.

Hip-hip-huzzah to all those who have contributed to Troop 317! Thank you!

Troop 317 Scout Awarded the BSA's Highest Heroism Award

On February 7, Ben Hooper was awarded the Medal of Honor With Crossed Palms, the BSA's highest heroism award. Only 230 of these awards have been given since 1938. That's about 1 for every 10,000 EAGLE Scouts – whew!

Ben's award results from his lifesaving actions, when he rescued his brother Cole from the rushing waters of Johns Creek during the floods of September 2009. 11 people in the metro Atlanta area lost their lives during the severe flooding.

Ben and his brother Graham (who participated in the rescue) were honored by the City of Johns Creek with a Privileged Resolution on November 30, 2009. You can [click here](#) to read the resolution or [click here](#) to read more of the full story.

Way to go, Ben!

Troop 317 Now a GivingPoint Member

We've recently been made aware of a unique way that Scouts can give back to the Troop, or other service organizations that they serve (Flood Student Missions, etc.)

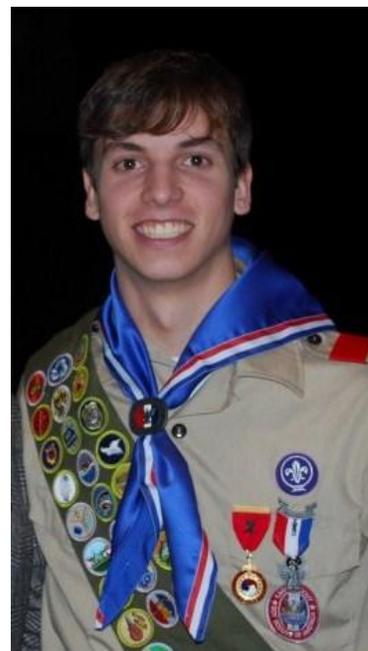
If your Scout (13 years old and older) registers at www.mygivingpoint.org, and associates himself with Troop 317 (and/or any other service-oriented organization), he can track his service hours and earn points. For every 500 points they earn (via service hours, photos, blog posts, inviting friends, etc.), they can request a micro-grant (\$100 - \$250) to be given to their service organization.

This is an excellent way for the Scouts themselves to see the positive impact on an organization from the gifts of their time and talent.

You can find out more information at: www.mygivingpoint.org/for-non-profits.

As your Scout registers, BE SURE to associate their membership with Boy Scout Troop 317, so we can be apprised of their service hours.

Thanks for helping to build a culture of service in our young men.



Ben Hooper



Honor Medal With Crossed Palms