

TROOP 317

Johns Creek, GA

May 2010



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May/June 2010 – At a Glance

May 4	Troop Meeting Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm
May 11	REGULAR Troop Meeting Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm
May 14-16	Campout of the Century Bert Adams Scout Reservation Bank Parking Lot at 6:00 pm, 5/14
May 18	Troop PLC Only Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm
May 25	REGULAR Troop Meeting Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm
June 1	REGULAR Troop Meeting Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm
June 8	REGULAR Troop Meeting Perimeter Church – 7:00 pm
June 13-19	SUMMER CAMP Woodruff Scout Reservation Bank Parking Lot, 10:00am, 6/13

March 2010 Campout Recap

The March campout was a sea kayaking adventure to Tybee Island in coastal Georgia. Mr. Grass and Mr. Pepper did a lot of work to set up this trip. 48 Scouts and dads go. The campsite was at Fort McAllister State Park near Richmond Hill, GA. There was some open fire cooking as some Scouts worked on cooking skills for advancement. The Troop broke up into two groups, morning and afternoon for the kayaking. The group that was not kayaking got to tour Fort McAllister, an old Confederate fort where General Sherman's Union Army had 150 times as many soldiers as the Confederates.

Scouts reported that it was a long drive down there, but the activities of kayaking and seeing the fort were both fun. Bugs ruled as the sand gnats were everywhere. We now know firsthand why the Savannah minor league baseball team is called the sand gnats ☺ The Troop packed up early and held the Sunday morning worship service at a rest area to get away from the bugs. Karl Ingraham summed it up saying, "The Tybee campout was well-planned and I thought that splitting up into two groups worked well."

April Campout – Patrol Planned

The April campout was the popular Patrol Planned campout, where each patrol gets to choose what activities they do. Different Patrols did different things including backpacking, canoeing and water sports. Below is a brief summary of some of the patrols and what they did.

Blades – went to Tallulah Gorge in north Georgia. They hiked and camped out on Saturday night.

Fusion – camped Friday and Saturday nights at Lake Lanier. Activities included fishing, kayaking, tubing behind boats and jet skis, father/son devotions and s'mores over the campfire.

Mustangs – backpacking in North Georgia. Many members of this patrol are planning to go to Philmont this summer, so they used this as a training hike. They hiked 16 miles and camped at Vogel State Park. Colby Dimock commented, "The backpacking was really fun and the view from the top of the mountain was pretty cool."

Pyrites – went to Lake Lanier for the day, kayaked and worked on rank advancements for First and Second Class. Nic Tatgenhorst said that the highlights were swimming and ramming their inflatable kayaks into each other.

Pythons – went canoeing and fishing on the Chattahoochee River. The trip normally would last 4 hours, but ended up taking much longer due to their focus on fishing. Josh Gautier said, "The canoe trip was very fun because we got to fish for a long time."

Timberwolves – They went indoor rock climbing at Adrenaline Climbing in Suwanee then camped out and worked on Scout skills.

Get to know your SPL

Troop 317 recently sat down with **Anthony Cotton**, our Senior Patrol Leader to get to know him better. Here's what we asked, and what Anthony had to say:

T317: How long have you been in Boy Scouts and how did you get started?

AC: I've been in Scouting for seven years. I got started originally in Scouts with Cub Scouts by attending a pinewood derby and thought that was fun.

T317: What was your favorite campout of all time?

AC: The 2007 Super trip to Kings Bay Naval Base to tour the USS Georgia and also Cumberland Island was my favorite trip ever.

T317: How has being involved in scouting helped you?

AC: It has helped me learn leadership skills, maintain a good work ethic and given me courage to talk to people older and younger than me.

T317: What advice do you have for younger scouts?

AC: If you want to get Eagle Scout, work hard at a young age because as you get older, it is harder as your priorities and schedule changes.

T317: How many merit badges do you have, what was your favorite one and why?

AC: I have 29 merit badges and my favorite was Personal Management because it was helpful for me to learn how to live financially secure. It also helped me learn how to manage my time better.

New Troop 317 Eagle Takes Flight

Spencer Frenndt sat for his Eagle Board of Review on March 25, 2010. Spencer did a great job representing your Troop, as well as the Lord Jesus Christ.

Spencer's Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project involved collecting shoes for needy people overseas. While his original goal was 1,000 pairs of shoes, Spencer actually wound up collecting almost 3,000 pairs! The shoes were donated to Soles4Souls, a non-profit organization in Alabama. The shoes eventually went to Haiti to help with the relief efforts for the recent earthquakes there.

Troop 317 – 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 and help them keep track of their service hours.

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

Newsletter Information Needed

If you have information for our Troop newsletter, contact our Troop Scribe, Daniel Dardaman, at any Troop meeting.



Spencer Frenndt with some of the Troop Adult Leadership