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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tue, 9/25 @ 7PM: Troop Meeting
Tue, 10/2 @ 7PM: Troop Meeting
Sat, 10/6 UNITE Food Drive (sign up at <http://troop317.net/Outings.aspx>)
Sun, 10/7 @ 12:30PM: Committee Meeting (adults)
Tue, 10/9 @ 7PM: Troop Meeting
Tue, 10/16 @ 7PM: Troop Meeting
Fri, 10/19-21 Campout - Cycling on Silver Comet Trail, Rockmart, GA (sign up at <http://troop317.net/Outings.aspx>)
Tue, 10/23 @ 7PM: PLC Meeting
Sat, 10/20 @ 7:30AM: Merit Badge Clinic (details below)
Fri, 11/16-18 Campout - Shotgun Shooting, Dawsonville, GA (sign up at <http://troop317.net/Outings.aspx>)

Next Court of Honor will be February 12, 2013.

POPCORN UPDATE

SCOUTS: If you have made *any* popcorn sales to date, you are eligible to participate in the upcoming prize drawing at the next Troop Meeting (winners from Sept. 11th drawing not eligible). Please bring your Popcorn Order Form (or a print-out of any on-line sales) to the Troop meeting on **Tuesday, September 25th** to participate in the prize drawing.

You must have your sales form (or on-line sales print-out) to participate showing that you have made at least one sale to date.

Reminder regarding upcoming dates:

- September 24th is the first of several drawings for the iPad 2. Visit www.atlantabsa.org/popcorn to submit your entry *for every \$600 in sales!*
- October 9th Troop Meeting (or no later than Sunday, October 14th, at 12 pm): Turn in sales forms and checks covering total sales made out to Troop 317 (no cash).
- Week of November 4th: Scouts pick up Popcorn to deliver to their customers (exact day & time TBD)

Remember that the patrol with the highest sales and participation wins a \$100 Dave & Busters gift card for the troop. Each patrol member must sell at least one item. For those of you who enjoy sales - this is a great opportunity to encourage your fellow scouts and share sales ideas.

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Troop 317 sales-specific details (including dates) can be downloaded from the Troop website: <http://www.troop317.com/information/2012Troop317PopcornProgram.pdf>

For tips on selling or to learn more about prizes offered from Trail's End, visit: www.trails-end.com/trailsend/scouts/

Contact darpenner@yahoo.com with any questions regarding the sale.

COMPASSION IN ACTION

Register NOW to participate in our annual Compassion in Action Food Drive to be held Saturday, October 6, 2012. We will meet at the Kroger (Pleasant Hill and Peachtree Industrial) to collect non-perishables for Hands of Christ Food Coop in Duluth. This has historically been a fun and VERY fruitful food drive for this ministry partner, and promises to be so again.

Our Scouts (in Class A uniform - no neckerchiefs or MB sashes) hand out fliers to incoming shoppers with items that the coop needs, then collect the food as the shoppers leave the store.

There are two remaining shifts available: 10a-12n, and 12n-2p. We need three Scouts and two adults for each shift, so register NOW to get your preferred slot.

We also need two adults (preferably with a truck, or large SUV) and two more Scouts to help us deliver the food to HOC between 4p-5p.

Register online at www.troop317.net today, or email luke.vancleave@gmail.com for more information.

MERIT BADGE CLINIC

Merit Badge University to be held on Sat, 20 Oct, from 7:30AM to 12:30PM at Kennesaw State University. I wanted to make you aware of the opportunity so that you can put it on your calendar if you're interested. This one usually has a lot of offerings so be watching.

More information (including pre-requisites) and registration for both of these clinics can be found at www.meritbadge.info.

Several of our past and present Scouts have attended both of these clinics and they have said that they are good. These are good ways to work on

needed merit badges (even if you don't finish at the clinic) and get some good training. Another great year for Scouting is ahead - so Be Prepared!!

YIS,

Mark Krah

TROOP MEETING PLANS

OCTOBER THEME - Cycling the Silver Comet Trail

9/25 - Campmaster campout overview, gear overview for cycling

10/2 - How to complete the Cycling Merit Badge, other activities.

10/9 - Cycling safety and maintenance instruction by the Bicycle Wheel and "bike checkups".

10/16 - Presentation on the proper care of Troop equipment by QuarterMasters.

NOVEMBER THEME - Shotgun Shooting (skeet, trap & sporting clays)

10/30 - Campmaster campout overview, how to complete the Shotgun Shooting MB.

11/6 - Shotgun use and safety, rock climbing preparation and safety.

11/13 - Indoor rock climbing.

SERVICE PATROLS

After a month of weekly rotation of assignments, we are changing the Service Patrol plan. Going forward a single patrol will be assigned to be the Service Patrol for the entire month. Additionally, this patrol will be the Service Patrol for that month's campout. The rotation determined by the PLC for the next couple of months is as follows:

October - Sharks

November - Panthers

TROOP 317 ON FACEBOOK & TWITTER

As we seek to expand our communications capability, we want to make you aware of our Facebook presence. You can join our Facebook page by going to the home page of www.troop317.com, and clicking on the Facebook icon in the upper left-hand corner of the page.

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We also encourage your ELIGIBLE Scouts (please read and follow the Facebook rules and regulations on minimum ages for participation), with your permission, and under your supervision, to like our Facebook page, as well. The Facebook page is well monitored, and tightly controlled for content, so please feel free to follow us there.

For those of you have Twitter accounts, you can follow us: @troop317

Please note that Facebook and Twitter do not take the place of this weekly email. Please continue to read this weekly email carefully and thoroughly, so that you're up-to-date on all Troop 317 happenings.

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