

Troop 317 NEWSLETTER – September 30, 2012

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tue, 10/2 @ 7PM: Troop Meeting - *Cycling instruction in Uptown Auditorium*
Sat, 10/6 UNITE Food Drive (sign up at <http://troop317.net/Outings.aspx>)
Sat, 10/6 - 5 mile bike ride
Sun, 10/7 @ 12:30PM: Committee Meeting (adults)
Tue, 10/9 @ 7PM: Troop Meeting - *at Bicycle Wheel (Class B uniform)*
Sat, 10/13 - 10 mile bike ride
Tue, 10/16 @ 7PM: Troop Meeting - *at Perimeter Pavilion (Class B uniform)*
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
Tue, 11/6 @ 7PM: Troop Meeting
Tue, 11/13 @ 7PM: Troop Meeting
Fri, 11/16-18 Campout - Shotgun Shooting, Dawsonville, GA (sign up at <http://troop317.net/Outings.aspx>)
Tue, 11/27 @ 7PM: Troop Meeting

Next Court of Honor will be February 12, 2013.

CALLING ALL MOMS

Who: Yes, ALL moms. Well, all moms associated with Troop 317.

What: An Evening of Encouragement and **Q&A** for those **FAQs** that torment you **24/7**

Ladies, do you know what it means when you read, *“Be sure to schedule your **BSA SMC** with your **ASM ASAP**, and don’t forget to bring your **HB** and sign up for a **POR** if you’re not already an **SPL**, an **ASPL** or a mere **PL** (or **APL**)! **BTW**, your **MBBCs** are due next **wk**! Reminder, Friday, we meet at **PNG**, not **UA**. **FYI** - don’t drag your feet on your rank advancement, **b/c** it can take longer to become a **SS**, **LS**, or **ES** than it does to become a **TF**, **FC**, or **SC Scout**”?*

If not, let some of us “Vintage” moms help de-mystify the world of Scouting for you. If you ARE a Vintage mom, please come meet some of our newer families and help reassure them that they can be speaking in acronyms in no time! While our main agenda is encouragement, we will remind you that there are no silly questions as we cover some of the following topics:

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- How to buy equipment and uniform elements on the cheap (or at least cheaper)
- The Acronyms! (Why do we speak in code?)
- Blue Cards (There are blue cards?)
- Favorite Web Sites (where to find answers when everyone else is asleep)
- The Handbook (How many sticky notes will we need?)
- Sewing tips (Where do all those patches go, and how do I get them to stay there?)
- What makes Scouting worth it?
- How to encourage your Scout without driving them (and you) crazy – hmm, maybe another mom should cover this . . .
- How to help behind the scenes, freeing the dads up for camping and discipleship
- Can a person lead a happy, productive life if he doesn't become an Eagle Scout?*

Where: 6th Street Café (room next to Uptown Auditorium, where the Troop meets)

When: Tuesday, October 2, 2012 **A.D.** 7:00-8:30 **p.m. EST**

Why: We have a lot to offer each other

How: No need to **R.S.V.P.** Just show up! If you have any questions, please contact:

Brenda "I'll Bring the Name Tags and a Sharpie" Ehly

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*"Yes", which is, coincidentally, the same answer to the question, "Can a mom lead a happy, productive life if her son doesn't become an Eagle Scout?"

P.S. See you there! **TIA**

Brenda D. Ehly

Artistic Remedies

<http://home-renderings.artistic-remedies.com>

COMPASSION IN ACTION

We still need several Scouts to register right away to participate in our annual Compassion in Action Food Drive. 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.

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There are still 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.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Are you looking for a way to make a difference? Come be a part of our Troop 317 Committee! We have a variety of positions to meet just about any schedule.

We're in particular need right now for:

- A Health and Safety Coordinator (non Tuesday night) to help us keep track of our medical forms;
- An Outdoor Program Coordinator to help us do high-level planning for our campouts;
- A Community Service Coordinator (non Tuesday night) to help us keep track of and publicize community service opportunities to the Troop;
- A Summer Camp Coordinator (non Tuesday night - Feb-June) to help us plan and execute our Summer Camp registration.

God has uniquely gifted you, and given you talents, experience and passion. We need your gifts to serve our young men.

Please contact Luke Van Cleave (luke.vancleave@gmail.com) to talk about where you should be serving. You've got a place with us - now just come find it!

IMPORTANT NOTE ON TROOP MEETINGS

Regardless whether your Scout will be attending the campout for any month, attendance at the Troop meetings is important and valuable. There is always time to work on nearly any advancement, to relate with other Scouts and adults, and to witness Scouting in Action (presentations, flag ceremony, etc, etc) . A couple such examples are two(2) of our upcoming meetings this month. Please note some changes to our upcoming Troop meeting below.

UPCOMING TROOP MEETINGS

****Please note that there are changes in the October meetings from previous newsletter.****

OCTOBER THEME - Cycling the Silver Comet Trail

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

10/9 - Cycling safety and maintenance instruction. Meet at the [Bicycle Wheel](#) for bike check-ups, maintenance instruction, and general tune-ups. *Class B Uniform ("Scouting T-shirt in place of field/dress shirt).*

10/16 - Presentation on the proper care of Troop equipment by QuarterMasters. We will meet at the Perimeter Pavilion for "Cast Iron University" and Troop Chuck-box care. *Class B Uniform ("Scouting T-shirt in place of field/dress shirt).*

IN ADDITION to these primary activities, we are planning for instruction on map & compass usage, orienteering, and direction finding during the day & night. It will be a perfect time for this instruction and practice as we will be outside in daylight and dark during the 10/9 & 10/16 meetings.

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

MERIT BADGE CLINIC

Details can be found in the SEPTEMBER 23RD issue of the newsletter:
<http://www.troop317.com/NewsLetters.shtml>

TWO MORE EAGLE SCOUTS

Congratulations to Josh Wheeler and Gray Mitchell for passing their Eagle Boards of Review this past Thursday night. They did a great job representing themselves, their Troop, but most importantly - our Lord - before the Milton District. Hip-Hip-HUZZAH for these two young men, and their extraordinary accomplishment!