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DATES TO REMEMBER

Sun, 10/7 @ 12:30PM: Committee Meeting (adults)
Tue, 10/9 @ 7PM: Troop Meeting - *at Bicycle Wheel (Class B uniform)*
Tue, 10/9 - Popcorn Orders due
Sat, 10/13 - 10 mile bike ride (*Cycling Merit Badge requirement*)
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
Sat, 10/20 - 9AM-4PM Milton District Scout Expo (*field across from Atlanta Athletic Club*)
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.

POPCORN ORDERS DUE

1. Order forms are due at **this week's meeting, October 9th.** Mr. & Mrs. Penner will be available starting at 6:30 PM to collect your forms & payments. **Please plan to arrive early to drop off your order form and accompanying checks.** If you cannot make the October 9th meeting, please contact Mrs. Penner to arrange drop off prior to Sunday, October 14th at 12:00 PM.
2. **No cash will be accepted.** Please ask your parents to write a check to cover all your cash sales as well as any outstanding monies not yet collected. The total payment you bring must equal the total amount of your door to door sales.
3. Popcorn will be available for pick-up **the week of November 4th,** so you should expect to make your deliveries to your customers that same week.

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4. Congratulations to Garrett Fetner who won the i-pad from the Atlanta area council this week! If you have made \$600 in sales, be certain to enter your name into the area council drawing - details are on the Troop 317 website. You can submit one entry for every \$600 in sales and there are still two more drawings: October 8th and October 15th.
5. Remember that on-line sales count towards rewards and total sales.
6. We will have one more prize drawing at the October 9th meeting - if you have not yet won a prize and sold at least one item, you are eligible to participate.
7. Check in with your Patrol - has everyone made at least one sale? The patrol with the highest sales and participation wins a \$100 Gift Card for Dave & Busters for their patrol. (All patrol members must sell at least one item for the patrol to be eligible for the prize.)

Direct questions to darpenner@yahoo.com

ALL-AMERICAN REC BASKETBALL CONCESSIONS

Every year Troop 317 partners with All-American Recreation (a ministry of Perimeter Church) to sponsor a concession stand for AAR's winter basketball league. Scouts sells snacks and drinks at the league's games, and the net proceeds of the sale are credited directly to the Scout's account, which can be used for camping, dues, merit badge clinics, and other Scouting-related fees and activities. Over the past few years, this has netted our Scout Accounts an average of about \$1,500.

This year, we have the opportunity to do this again, and **WE NEED AN ADULT TO STEP FORWARD** to oversee this activity.

The games are on Saturdays, beginning December 1, and going through February 2 (with time off for the Christmas holiday).

We will provide materials, training, accounting assistance, recruiting help, etc. - but we are needing an adult to step forward and manage this for us during this time.

If you're not yet engaged in regular, meaningful service to our young men, this is a GREAT opportunity for you to get involved.

Contact Luke Van Cleave (luke.vancleave@gmail.com) to volunteer.

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ORIENTEERING COURSE OPPORTUNITY

All Scouts are invited to participate in a fun outdoor activity at Perimeter Church. Your troop has a great orienteering course that runs throughout Perimeter's backyard field and ropes course. Completing our course completely fulfills First Class Requirement #2, however, even if you have already completed this requirement, please consider coming and helping be leader/instructor/guide to one or more of those Scouts participating in the course for the first time.

Please e-mail Jason Davis at Jason.davis@4dfamily.net to let him know you'll be coming. Barring poor weather, we'll meet at 9:30 am on Saturday, November 3rd. We'll have coffee for the Dads and donuts and juice to start the course off right.

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!

UPCOMING TROOP MEETINGS

OCTOBER THEME - Cycling the Silver Comet Trail

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.

MILTON DISTRICT SCOUT EXPO

Saturday October 20th 9am . 4pm

One of the activities of Scouting which many are not aware is the Scout Expo. It is a Scouting fair filled with Scouting activities for all Scout ages (6-18+) presented by local Scout Packs, Troops and Crews! The next Scout Expo in our area is being held on Saturday October 20th in the field across from Atlanta Athletic Club ("across Old Alabama Road" from Perimeter Church). Yes this is the same weekend as our Cycling campout. However, for those of you not attending (who would do that??!!), this is a great event. Take your friends and the family! There will be fun for all and it will introduce them to the fun of Scouting!!! The activities include:

- **Life-sized Pinewood Derby cars... take a ride!
- **Rope bridges, Obstacle Course, B-B gun range
- **Fire Dept. Trucks and Smoke House, JOTA(ham radio),
- **Johns Creek Art Center, Autrey Mill Nature Preserve Reptiles
- **Geocaching Merit Badge classes, Patch Trading and more!
- **food concessions

MERIT BADGE CLINIC

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

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Need to get the word out to all scouts & parents? The weekly newsletter is the perfect venue for that!

Where do I submit my announcement?

- Send your submission to newsletter@troop317.com

When is the deadline for submitting announcements?

- Submissions must be received by the end of the day on **THURSDAYS** in order to be included in the next issue of the newsletter. Anything received after Thursday may be postponed until the following week.

(**NOTE** It is intended for newsletters to be released to the troop distribution list every Sunday evening or Monday morning.)

What kind of announcements will be considered for inclusion in the newsletter?

- The purpose of the newsletter is to keep Scouts & their parents informed of any activity that has an impact on the Scout's involvement in the troop. Therefore, any announcement pertaining to troop activities will be considered for inclusion. This includes but is not limited to: campouts, fundraisers, merit badge clinics, service & volunteer opportunities, as well as other items deemed appropriate by the newsletter editors.

What information should be included in the announcement?

- Just the facts!
- Please limit to two (2) paragraphs or an easy-to-read bulleted list.
- The newsletter editors reserve the right to edit your announcement for content. If necessary, the announcement may be converted to a brief notice with an appropriate link for the reader to get further information.

That's it!

DID YOU KNOW?

Are you a new Scout parent lost in the lingo of scouting? Or maybe you're a veteran parent who just never really caught on to ranks, requirements, and Board of Reviews? Then this section is for you! Each week we'll include a factoid or piece of information that can educate you on the mysteries of scouting. OK...it really isn't THAT much of a mystery, but it will definitely arm you with information to encourage your scout (and just make you look smarter).

Our focus for the next several weeks will be MERIT BADGES!

Did you know...

There are **130 merit badges** that your scout has the opportunity to earn? To see a complete list of all 130 merit badges, [CLICK HERE](#).
