

# Troop 317 NEWSLETTER - October 21, 2012

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Tue, 10/23 @ 7PM: PLC Meeting

Tue, 10/30 @ 7PM: Troop Meeting

Sat, 11/3 @ 9:30AM: Orienteering Course (*Details Below*)

Tue, 11/6 @ 7PM: Troop Meeting

Tue, 11/13 @ 7PM: Troop Meeting

Thur, 11/15 @ 9:30AM: Veteran's Day Program (*Details Below*)

**Fri, 11/9-11 - Campout - Shotgun Shooting, Dawsonville, GA (\*\*PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DATE\*\*)**

Tue, 11/20 - NO TROOP MEETING (Thanksgiving Holiday)

Tue, 11/27 @ 7PM: Troop Meeting

Next Court of Honor will be February 12, 2013.

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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. This is also an opportunity for Scouts who may have a "partial" on the Orienteering MB and still need to "Teach orienteering techniques to your patrol, troop or crew." as requirement #10.

**NOTE!** For a food count, and because additional information needs to be provided to those would like to participate, please e-mail Jason Davis at [jason.davis@4dfamily.net](mailto:jason.davis@4dfamily.net) to let him know you're coming.

Things you'll need:

1. A good compass (this doesn't have to be expensive) with clear 360 degree markings (ex.[http://www.amazon.com/Silva-2801290-Starter-1-2-3-Compass/dp/B001M5TN3W/ref=pd\\_sbs\\_sg\\_8](http://www.amazon.com/Silva-2801290-Starter-1-2-3-Compass/dp/B001M5TN3W/ref=pd_sbs_sg_8)).
2. A clipboard (or something firm to write on), and
3. A pen/pencil

Barring poor weather, we'll meet at 9:30 am on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. We'll have coffee, donuts, and juice to start the course off right.

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## NOVEMBER CAMPOUT DATE CHANGE!

Due to conflicts with some local school schedules and family vacations, the November camp-out has been moved one weekend ahead of the original plan. We will now be camping and shotgun shooting during the weekend of November 9-11.

Sign up for the November campout out at <http://troop317.net/Outings.aspx>

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## VETERANS DAY PROGRAM AT PERIMETER SCHOOL

On Thursday, November the 15th Perimeter School will celebrate all Veterans of the Armed Forces with their annual Veterans Day Program. This program is a community event, open to the public, to celebrate and honor the service and sacrifice of our American Veterans. Invite all veterans you know; they and you will never forget the experience. [Visit the Veterans Day Celebration 2012 webpage](#) for history, speaker info, and program details. (<http://www.perimeterschool.org/news-and-events/veterans-day-2012.cfm>)

Troop 317 is honored to support this program with our Scouts service as the color guard. If your Scout wants to participate in the color guard, sign-up at <http://Troop317.net/Outings.aspx>

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## PHILMONT 2013

Once again our Troop has been blessed with an opportunity for high adventure fun at Philmont Scout Reservation in New Mexico. This 10 day backpacking adventure in the mountains of northwest New Mexico starts on June 20th 2013 and runs through July 2nd 2013. This is an extraordinary opportunity for up to 12 members of our Scouting family to attend one of the three (soon four) premier high adventure camps that Boy Scouting has to offer. If your Scout or you want to attend, send a message to "[philmont@troop317.com](mailto:philmont@troop317.com)" and/or see MrO no later than November 2nd confirming your commitment. Training and payments will begin in November.

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## POPCORN NEWS

While the Door-To-Door popcorn sale has now ended don't forget that you can continue to *sell on-line* and earn credit towards prizes. The **last day** for online sales to count toward prizes is **Wednesday, October 31st**.

Questions can be directed to [darpenner@yahoo.com](mailto:darpenner@yahoo.com)

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## UPCOMING TROOP 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.

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## 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](mailto: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!

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## 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...***

...a **BLUE CARD** must be opened before a Scout can begin work on his merit badge? Once a Merit Badge Counselor (MBC) has agreed to work with a Scout for his merit badge, the MBC signs off on a blue card and gives the card to the Scout. The Scout uses the blue card to track the requirements he has successfully completed toward fulfilling the merit badge. **DON'T LOSE THAT BLUE CARD!** It is the **ONLY** record a Scout has to prove he has fulfilled the necessary requirements for the merit badge.