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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tue, 10/30 @ 7PM: Troop Meeting

Sat, 11/3 @ 8:30AM: Life to Eagle Coach's Meeting

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

Tue, 11/6 @ 7PM: Troop Meeting

Tue, 11/13 @ 7PM: Troop & Family Update 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.

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 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, 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 3rd. We'll have coffee, donuts, and juice to start the course off right.

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POPCORN NEWS

VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO HELP SORT AND PICK-UP POPCORN

Thursday 11/1 from 11:30am - 4pm

Adult needed with a large vehicle (SUV or van with no seats is fine) who can accompany me to help sort popcorn for the Milton District on November 1st from 11:30-4:00 PM. We will sort popcorn for the entire Milton District with the added benefit of being able to pick up our Troop's Popcorn (and you may take your son's order with you that same day).

Please contact Darlene Penner at darpenner@yahoo.com if you can help.

TROOP 317 FAMILY UPDATE MEETING

On November 13, we've scheduled an update for our entire Troop 317 family. The Scouts will be down at the rock-climbing wall, so it's a perfect time for ALL parents to come to the Uptown Auditorium, and get caught up on what's happening within Troop 317. This meeting is for ALL Troop 317 families, whether you've been a part of us for 2 months, or 5 years - there will be something for you.

We look forward to seeing you in the Uptown Auditorium at 7:00pm on Tuesday night, Nov 13.

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Luke Van Cleave
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LIFE TO EAGLE COACH'S MEETING

The next Life to Eagle Coach's meeting will be held on Saturday, 11/3 from 8:30AM - 10:30AM and will be held in the MIDTOWN auditorium. Dad's that have a Life or Star Scout are also invited.

Please contact Brian Lancaster at brian.l.lancaster.bmmb@statefarm.com with any questions.

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NOVEMBER CAMPOUT DATE CHANGE!

Due to conflicts with some local school schedules and family vacations, the November campout 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>

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>

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" and/or see MrO no later than November 2nd confirming your commitment. Training and payments will begin in November.

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.

EAGLE PROJECT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Contact Preston Oakes at 678-643-6905 or temporaryblogger@yahoo.com

DATE: Saturday, November 3, 2012

TIME: 8:00AM - 4:00PM

WHERE: Autrey Mill Nature Preserve; 9770 Autry Mill Road, Alpharetta (meet at the first parking lot on left where first set of buildings are located)

WHAT TO BRING: (if you have on hand) work gloves, wheel barrow, shovel, eye protection, rake, close-toed shoes

My Eagle project is to build a split-rail fence around the outdoor amphitheater and lay down mulch in the area. I can really use your help any time at all during the day. Please contact me to let me know when you'll be able to come so that I can organize teams.

I will be providing drinks, donuts, snacks and lunch.

Thanks in advance for your help!

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...

...Troop 317 has a library of merit badge books?

Your Scout has identified a merit badge he would like to earn, connected with an MBC, and opened a blue card. Now he needs to obtain and read the corresponding booklet for the merit badge. These books are packed with information about the merit badge topic and lists all of the requirements that must be met for your Scout to earn the merit badge. To borrow a book from the Troop library, please contact Bob Gautier at bgautier@bellsouth.net.
