

Troop 317 NEWSLETTER – April 7, 2013

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DATES TO REMEMBER/ UPCOMING TROOP MEETINGS

APRIL

Tue, 04/09 @ 7PM: Regular Troop Meeting

Fri, 04/12 @ 5:45PM: Milton District Camporee / Meet at Bank Parking Lot - NOTE EARLIER DATE

Tue, 04/16 @ 7PM: Patrol Leader's Council (PLC)

Sun, 04/21 @ 12:30PM: Committee Meeting, room C11

Tue, 04/23 @ 7PM: Regular Troop Meeting

Tue, 04/30 @ 7PM: Regular Troop Meeting

MAY

Sun, 05/05 @ 12:30PM: Committee Meeting, room C11

Tue, 05/07 @ 7PM: Regular Troop Meeting

Tue, 05/14 @ 7PM: Regular Troop Meeting

Fri, 05/17 @ 5:45PM: May Campout / Meet at Bank Parking Lot

Tue, 05/21 @ 7PM: Patrol Leader's Council (PLC)

Tue, 05/28 @ 7PM: Regular Troop Meeting

JUNE

Sun, 06/02 @ 12:30PM: Committee Meeting, room C11

Tue, 06/04 @ 7PM: Regular Troop Meeting

Sun, 06/09 @ 10AM: Leave for Summer Camp / Meet at Bank Parking Lot

Tue, 06/11 - NO TROOP MEETING DUE TO SUMMER CAMP

Sat, 06/15 @ 12NOON: Return from Summer Camp / Meet at Bank Parking Lot

Tue, 06/18 @ 7PM: Patrol Leader's Council (PLC)

Tue, 06/25 @ 7PM: Regular Troop Meeting (Summer Camp Sign-offs)

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MEDICAL FORMS

Medical Forms for All Scouts and Adults!

The BSA medical form is necessary and required information for Troop leadership during our outings. Since it expires after a year, it is time to resubmit it for most all scouts and the adults.

This is especially important for all those attending the upcoming Camporee since we must submit copies to the Camporee Staff when we arrive. To help make this happen, Irene He will be collecting Parts A & B for all Scouts and Adults at the next Troop meeting on April 9th. Those attending Summer Camp, can also turn in Parts A & B, plus Part C at that time since they are due on or before May 14th!

The current BSA Medical form is available at this link;<http://troop317.pbworks.com/w/file/63923349/2013-Annual-Heath-Medical-Form.pdf>. Note the following simplified instructions:

1. Parts A & B are to be completed and signed by a Parent or the adult and required for ALL Scouts and Adults.
2. Additionally Part C is required for long-term camping and high adventure outings such as Summer Camp, backpacking, canoeing, etc. This involves a "sports physical" and a care provider's signature. Even if your Scout is not attending Summer Camp, there is no harm in doing this now in anticipation of any upcoming applicable outings throughout the year.

These physicals can be done by your family physician, or other physicians, nurse practitioners, or physician assistants at many locations, including the following options:

Dr. Shay Sabom's North Atlanta Urgent Care & Family Medical Center:
(11180 State Bridge Rd, [770-754-0788](tel:770-754-0788), 7 days until 8:00 pm)
physicals for \$25.

"doc-in-a-box" care facilities like CVS Minute Clinic or Publix Little Clinic:
these provide walk-in "sports physicals" for a fair, low price.

Thank you very much for your attention!

If you have any question regarding this form please contact our The Medical Records Keeper, Irene He at ijqzhu@hotmail.com or [770-734-0105](tel:770-734-0105).

EAGLE RANK / COOKING MB REQUIREMENT CHANGES EFFECTIVE 1/1/2014

You may have heard some discussion about this. Here are the details:

#1. Effective Jan. 1, 2014, the Cooking merit badge will be required to obtain the Eagle Scout rank. Regardless of when a Scout earned the Life rank or began working toward Eagle, unless he fulfills all the rank requirements—with the exception of his board of review— before Jan. 1, 2014, he must earn the Cooking merit badge to become an Eagle Scout.

#2. Cooking MB changes will be announced in 2013. There will be a transition period, between old and new requirements. The different scenarios are outlined in The Guide To Advancement section “7.0.4.3 What to Do When Requirements Change” found here: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsorce/GuideToAdvancement/TheMeritBadgeProgram.aspx>

There is also good FAQ here, if you want to know more: <http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2012/11/01/faqs-about-cooking-and-sustainability-merit-badges/> merrill@fouroakes.com

APRIL COMMITTEE MEETING DATE CHANGE

Please note that April committee meeting has been moved to 4/21 to accommodate spring break, and the Camporee.
