

Troop 317 NEWSLETTER – April 14, 2013

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DATES TO REMEMBER/ UPCOMING TROOP MEETINGS

APRIL

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

Sat, 04/20 @ 9AM: Aviation MB opportunity - Peachtree Dekalb Airport (details below)

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

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

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

MAY

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

Tue, 05/07 @ 7PM: Regular Troop Meeting - Perimeter Pavilion / "YPA Parent Preview" in Uptown Auditorium

Tue, 05/14 @ 7PM: Regular Troop Meeting - Uptown Auditorium / Youth Protection Awareness

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

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

Tue, 05/28 @ 7PM: Regular Troop Meeting/Swim Tests - Perimeter Pavilion

JUNE

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

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

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) - Uptown Auditorium

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

AVIATION MB OPPORTUNITY

It is a Youth Aviation Day at Peachtree Dekalb Airport on April 20th (this coming Saturday). Any scout who opens their aviation merit badge before attending can meet all the requirements for their badge at this event.

Click [HERE](#) for information about Youth Aviation Day.

YOUTH PROTECTION AWARENESS SESSIONS

The troop will be conducting a "Youth Protection Awareness" session for our Scouts. This program is a complement to the "Youth Protection Training" that all active adults are required to take every 2 years. This session will take place on 5/14/13, during the regular troop meeting. The plan is to have this session yearly.

A.) This is a required session for all Scouts. If a Scout does not attend (for any reason) his parent must sign a form (before the next campout) indicating that a parent has covered these topics with the Scout. The PowerPoint presentation will be made available afterwards.

B.) We will have a "parent preview" of this session on 5/7/13 (where parents will be given the exact same presentation, and have time for Q&A). ALL parents are strongly encouraged to attend. If after this session, you choose not to send your Scout on 5/14/13, see "A" above.

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SUMMER CAMP NEXT STEPS

What's up next for those scouts that registered for Summer Camp?

- Email your whitewater waiver to donandkaye@gmail.com.
- Schedule your physical and turn in your medical forms to Irene He. *(See below for further information regarding this step.)*
- And, if you haven't yet paid your registration fees, now is the time to pay those summer camp fees at www.troop317.net.

For specific instructions and links to forms, see the Step-by-Step Summer Camp Instructions by Clicking [HERE](#) for the Summer Camp link.

BOARD OF REVIEWS

A change is being made to the frequency of Board of Reviews. Effective immediately, all Board of Reviews will take place on the LAST TUESDAY of each month. Please remember that you must go to the Troop 317 website (www.troop317.net) to sign up for your advancement. (Click [HERE](#) to be directed to the site.)

Just a reminder that a book check and the Scoutmaster's Conference must take place PRIOR to a Board of Review.

Keep on striving for Eagle! You can do it!

SWIM TESTS

MAY 28TH! SAVE THE DATE!

[BSA Swimmer Tests](#) will be held on the evening of Tuesday, May 28th at the Perimeter Church pool, before and during the regular Troop meeting. Although this is primarily designed to simplify our firstday at Summer Camp, these swim tests are available to all Scouts AND adults in Troop 317. The test is required for all Scouts and adults to participate at Summer Camp or any water-related Troop outing (you never know when we'll be tubing or canoeing) and is valid for one (1) year. Also, this is a chance for any Scout to partially complete the 2nd Class and/or 1st Class rank requirements. This includes only 2nd Class 8b and 1st Class 9b at this time, although adult leadership will consider plans for offering the completion of the other swim-related requirements (2nd Class 8a & 8b, 1st Class 9c).

ADULT & SCOUT MEDICAL FORMS

Thanks to all who have already submitted their medical forms. Just a reminder that all medical forms must be submitted to Irene He **NO LATER THAN MAY 14TH. See below for more details on medicals forms and Irene's contact information below.**

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!

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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/scoutsource/GuideToAdvancement/TheMeritBadgeProgram.aspx>

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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.

PRESTON OAKES EAGLE COH

Troop 317 – You are invited to attend the **Eagle Court of Honor** for **Preston Oakes** on Sunday, April 28th at 12:30 PM

Please RSVP (number attending) to Mary Oakes at mary@fouroakes.com or call her at [678-521-7407](tel:678-521-7407). Lunch will be served upon arrival. Lunch ends/ceremony begins at 1:15 PM

The ECOH will be at:

Microsoft Offices
1125 Sanctuary Pkwy., #300
Alpharetta, GA 30009

Directions from Perimeter Church:

- #1. Exit church and turn right on Old Alabama
- #2. After 4.9 miles turn right on Haynes Bridge Road
- #3. After 3.2 miles, turn left on Morrison Pkwy/Westside Pkwy.
- #4. After 1.8 miles, turn right on Sanctuary Pkwy.
- #5. Stop at gate and give guard your name.
- #6. Follow signs to 1125 Building and parking.
- #7. Follow signs to meeting room.