

TROOP 317

Johns Creek, GA

February 2008



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Spring 2008 Troop Leadership

Elections are over & our Scout appointments have been made for the next set. Take a glance at the line-up.

SPL	Anthony Cotton
ASPLs	Luke Crawford Drew Hettenbach
Troop Guides	Gavin Brand Jonathan Rhodes Cameron Van Cleave
Troop Instructors	Collin Clark Jake McDuffee
Troop Librarian	Bennett Tatgenhorst
Troop Scribe	Andrew Deitsch
OA Troop Rep.	Travis Heringer
Quartermaster	Caleb Boyce
Troop Bugler	Sam Ehly
Chaplains Aide	Caleb Connell
Troop Historian	Harrison Statham

Patrol Leaders

Chiefs	David Lumsden
Wolverines	Justin Fedoruk
Scorpions	Ross Thiele
Bobcats	Trace Sells
Horned Vipers	Gray Mitchell
Great Whites	Philip Barker
Blades	Josh Wheeler
Warriors	Daniel Dardaman

New Online Registration – www.troop317.net

You spoke, and we listened. Our new online registration site is up and running. It worked great for the caving trip, and we've made a few changes to make it work even more smoothly next time.

A big **THANK YOU** goes out to **Mr. Brooks Clark** (hip, hip, HUZAH) who volunteered his time to develop the site and get it up and running.

February 2008 Important Dates to Remember

February 3	Scout Sunday- Ushers Perimeter Church Auditorium 8:40 am for the 9:00 Service 10:25 am for the 10:45 Service Class A Uniform Required
February 5	Troop Meeting Perimeter Church -7:00 pm Super Trip Sign-up Deadline Parent Meeting Troop Open House Uptown Auditorium – 7:00 pm <i>Parents of Prospective Scouts and Troop Staff</i>
February 12	Court of Honor Ceremony And Covered Dish Dinner Perimeter Church Hanger – 6:00pm
February 15-18	Super Trip Cumberland Island National Seashore
February 19	Troop Meeting – PLC ONLY <i>Newly Elected Patrol Leaders, Ass't Patrol Leaders and all Troop Staff</i>
February 26	Troop Meeting Perimeter Church -7:00 pm

Court of Honor

The Court of Honor is always a great FAMILY event. We've had lots of merit badges earned this last six-month set, as well as some good rank advancements. Even with the cancelled trip, we've had some amazing times on our campouts, as well as our Compassion in Action service projects. The Court of Honor is a great time to recognize all of our accomplishments and service to the community. As always, we will have the change of command. Dinner and dessert will be served, along with our ever-present troop video. The COH will be held in the Hanger at Perimeter Church. Please plan on a 6:00pm arrival. Dinner will be served at 6:15 and the ceremony will begin promptly at 7:00. We look forward to seeing all the Troop 317 families there!

Real Quotes from the January Caving Trip

“The Canyon Crawl was really cool. It looked like you were going to fall the whole time, so you had to crawl with your arms on the other side of the canyon.”

– Andrew Deitsch

“I went on the 6-hour wild cave tour. It was fun. We got to see more of the cave than we did on the 4-hour tour last time. It was good to be able to earn merit badges, as well as seeing the cave.”

– Cameron Van Cleave

“My favorite part of the cave tour was the two-story Sandpaper Slide. Since people have gone down it so much, it was really slick. At the bottom, you landed in a puddle of mud. It was a lot of fun.”

– Ross Thiele

Newsletter Contributions

Contact Andrew Deitsch, the new Troop Scribe, with any newsletter contributions at:

andrew.deitsch@comcast.net

Helpful Scouting Links

Here are some helpful websites for more information on Scouting in general:

<http://www.troop317.com>

<http://www.scouting.org>

<http://olc.scouting.org>

<http://usscouts.org>

<http://www.boyslife.org>

<http://www.scoutingmagazine.org>

<http://www.miltonbsa.org>

<http://www.atlantabsa.org>

<http://www.macscouter.com>

February Super Trip

Submarines and Ferry Boats and Passenger Vans and Bicycles....

It's time for another great Scouting adventure! This time it's a journey to the outer reaches of Georgia...from one corner to another. It all happens President's Day weekend. (*sign-up **deadline** and parent information meeting is **FEB 5th**!!*) Here is a quick summary of our itinerary.

We start on Friday February 15th, loading up at 5pm into passenger vans. First stop is the Macon area for our first night in the "wild".

With an early start on Saturday, we hope to see some USAF craft of all kinds outside the Museum of Aviation. But there's no time to loiter as we must hit the road to get to the sea. We make it just in time for an "up close and personal" view of the **USS Georgia** (SSGN 729) at its new home base at Kings Bay Naval Station!! Yes, a real, live, nuclear powered, guided missile submarine named after the 4th state in the Union!! After a few hours trying to find the missile launch codes (just kidding), it's off to tour a bit of the base. We will worship on Saturday evening...maybe in the base Chapel. Then dinner, bowling, and a night's rest in the TVQ (Navy lingo for a bath and bed).

Go to sleep fast, because we are up early the next morning to catch a ferry for Cumberland Island (it's the only way to get there) home of numerous armored pigs (armadillos), "ranger-trained" raccoons, otters, and wild horses. The island, dense with palmetto and live oaks, was home of the Thomas Carnegie family back in the late 1800s. The ruins of their home and even older buildings are there for touring. We'll spend the day checking out the island, playing on the beach, and just generally having a good time. For our last night out, we hit Jekyll Island campground a few miles up the road after the ferry takes us back to the mainland.

That's a lot to do in a couple of days, so Monday will be the time to do what every Scout loves – **FREE TIME** – on Jekyll Island. We can hike the nature trails, hit the beaches, ride bikes, just hang out, or even work on Scout skills. After a full day of "nothing", we're back on the road again for the drive back home, arriving by 8pm. Since Tuesday is a school day for some, we can't be too late.

All this: Adventure, Food, and Travel for \$165 per person. So don't wait to **sign-up** – Get on board **TODAY** at www.troop317.net

Gregg Orangio
