

Welcome to Troop 317

**Open House
March 1, 2011**



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Troop 317 Verse

“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

Colossians 3:17



Why Scouting at Perimeter Church?

“Attempt something so great for God that it is doomed to fail lest He be in it.”

Next Generation Now:
“Giving ourselves away to the least and the lost.”



Vision: To train and equip young men to be mature and impactful disciples of Jesus Christ through the vehicle of Scouting.



Why Troop 317?

- **Christ-centered** –
 - Basis of our Troop’s numeral is *Colossians 3:17*
- **Discipleship focused** –
 - Mentoring by positive adult male role models
 - Assistant Scoutmasters are “Patrol Disciplers”
- **Service oriented** –
 - Building and equipping young men to serve others
- **Leadership focused** –
 - Scout-led model of leadership development
- **Adventure oriented** –
 - “Wild at Heart” opportunities for your son



Troop 317 Charter

Purpose of Troop 317

Troop 317's purpose is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

Vision of Troop 317

At all times and in every way, Troop 317 will strive to be a place where...

1. Boys become mature and impactful disciples of Christ,
2. Boys become outstanding Scouts who demonstrate the ideals of the Scout Oath and Law,
3. Parents develop a closer relationship with their boys,
4. Adult volunteers serve in the areas of their giftedness and are affirmed for their support,
5. Perimeter Church benefits from our faithful stewardship of its facilities and collaboration with its ministries.



Scouting's Aims & Methods

The Aims

- Character
- Citizenship
- Fitness

The Methods

- Ideals
- Patrols
- Outdoors
- Advancement
- Adult Association
- Personal Growth
- Uniform
- Leadership Development



Cub Scouts vs Boy Scouts

Cub Scouts	Boy Scouts
Adult-led	Scout-led
Crafts	Outdoors
Advance in groups	Advance as an individual
Family-centered	Boy-centered
VISIBLE Adult Involvement	INVISIBLE Adult Involvement*



* Adult guidance behind the scenes to the scouts, not out in front
Substantial adult involvement is needed to operate the troop

Video



Troop Activities



Troop 317 – Program of Activities

- **Three Elements:**
 1. **Weekly meetings**
 2. **Weekend campouts**
 3. **Summer camp**
- **Weekly Meetings**
 - **Tuesdays: 7:00pm to 8:30pm**
 - **Focus: Troop & Patrol time, advancement, fun!**



Troop 317 – Program of Activities

- **Weekend Campouts – Usually the 3rd weekend of each month.**



Troop 317 – Program of Activities

- Summer Camp in June at Woodruff Scout Reservation



Planning of Troop Activities

- This is a SCOUT-created plan
- Adults provide guidance, mentoring and logistical support, but...
- This is a SCOUT-created plan

Since the Scouts are doing the planning, you can see that all of our trips add up to one thing:



Planning of Troop Activities

ADVENTURE!



Planned Activities for 2011

- January – Urban Mission to serve the homeless in downtown Atlanta
- February – Cape Canaveral’s “Salute to Scouting”
- March – Sporting Clays at Etowah Gun Club
- April – Milton District Camporee *(first campout for new scouts)*
- May – Patrol-planned campouts
- June – Summer Camp / Philmont Scout Ranch

3/4 of “Scouting” is “outing”



Advancement



Initial Advancement

Outdoor Skills
Cooking
First Aid
Fitness



• **First Class**



• **Second Class**



• **Tenderfoot**



• **Scout**



Onward to Eagle

Merit Badges
Leadership
Service



• Eagle Palms



• Eagle



• Life

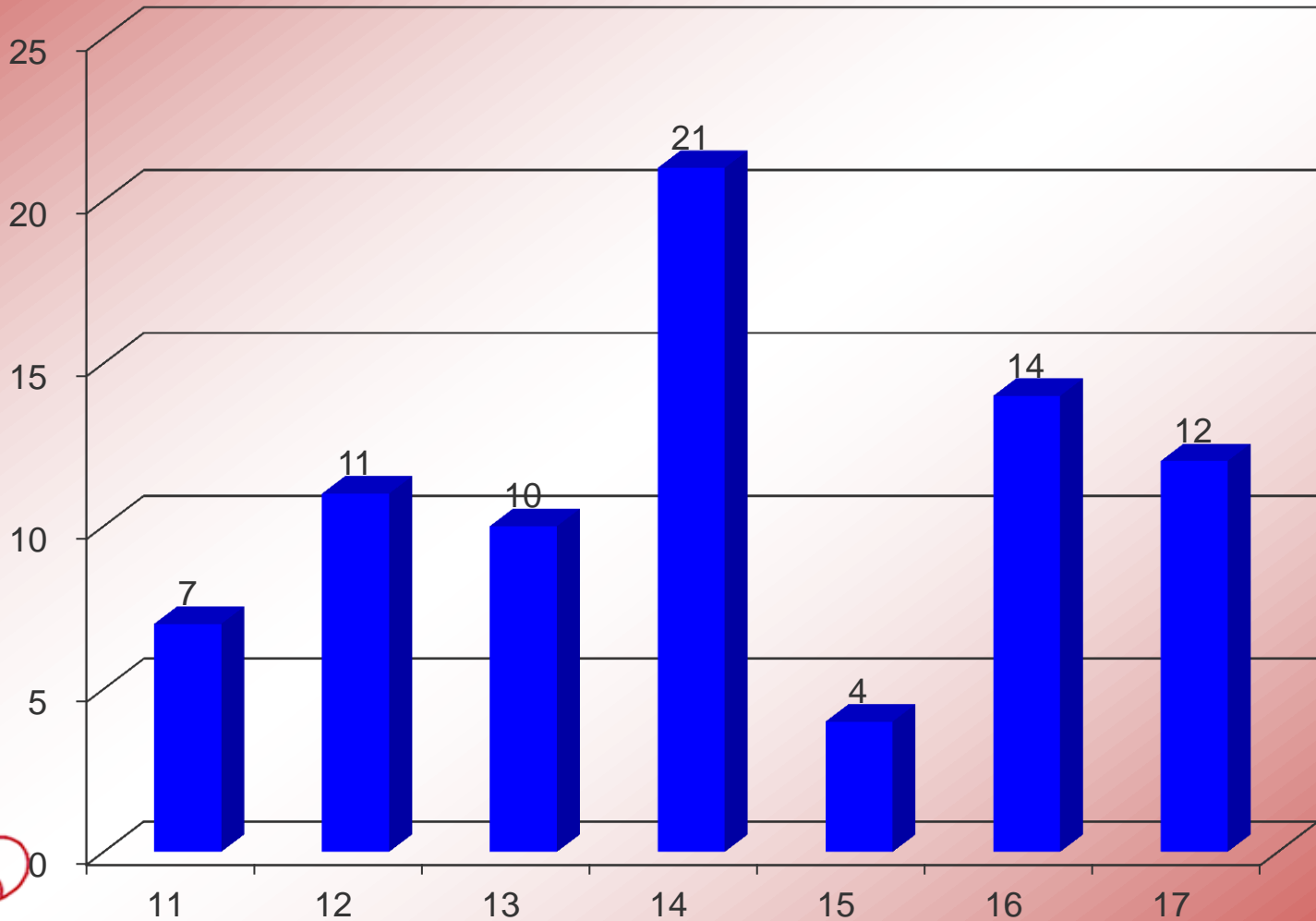


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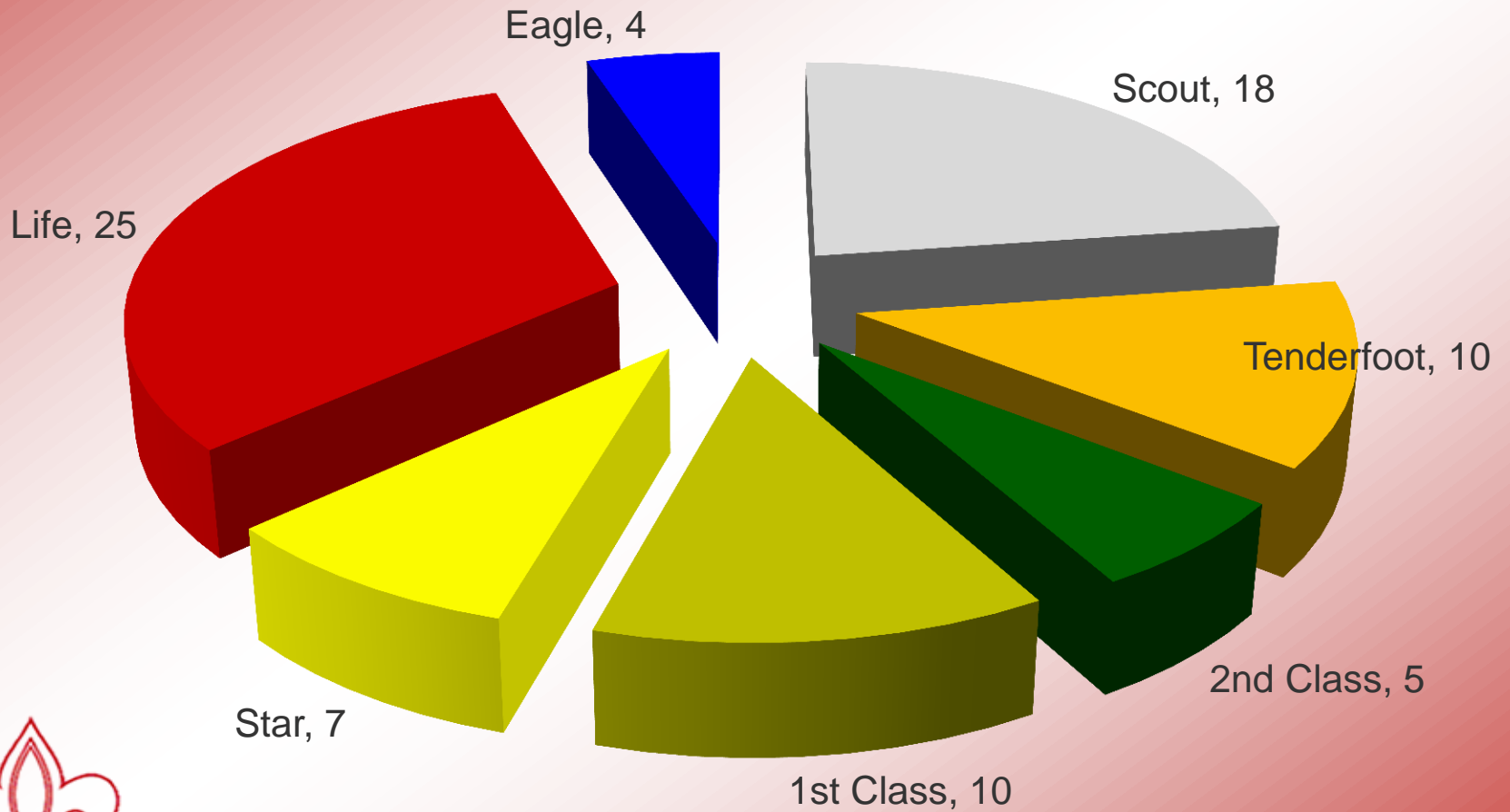
Troop Profile – by Age

as of 03/01/2011



Troop Profile – by Rank

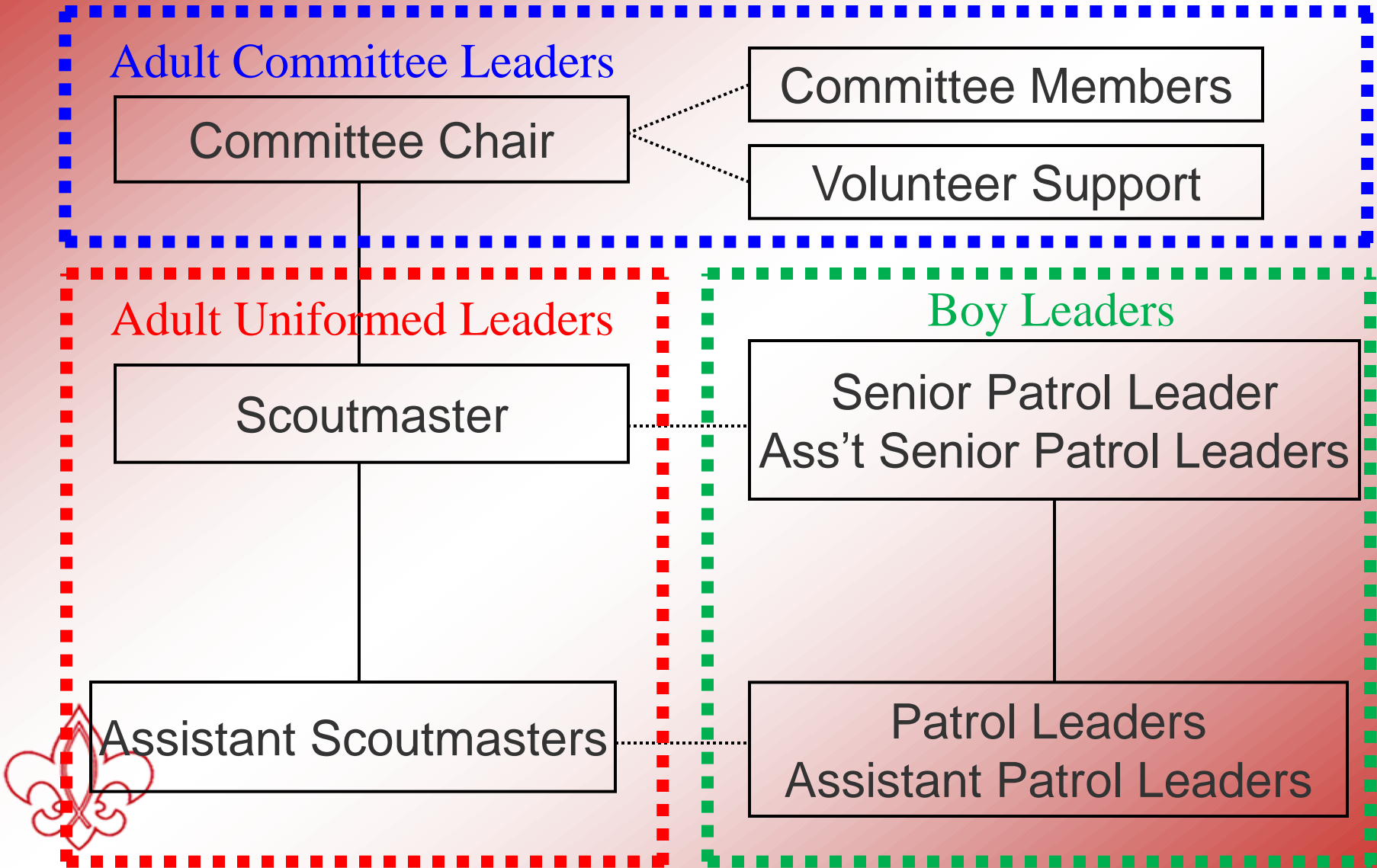
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Adult Involvement



Troop Leadership



Adult Roles in Scouting

Scoutmaster (SM)



- **Works directly with Scout Leadership**
- **Guides youth leaders via the Patrol Leaders Council (PLC)**
- **Conducts Scoutmaster conferences (SMC) with individual Scouts**
- **Directs Assistant Scoutmasters (ASM)**



Adult Roles in Scouting

Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM)

“Patrol Discipliner”



- Supports Scoutmaster in troop activities
- Guides assigned Patrol in
 - Discipleship
 - Advancement
 - Leadership Development
- Works closely with patrol leader



Adult Roles in Scouting

Troop Committee Member

- **Committee Chairman – Luke Van Cleave**
- **Multiple other roles**

*The Troop Committee meets
the first Sunday of each month,
immediately following the 2nd service at Perimeter.*



An excellent program needs

Excellent Parental Support

**Commitment to Scouting
is a two-way street:**

Troop  **Scout/Parent**



Troop to Parent

- **Supporting your efforts through Scouting**
- **Developing your son**
 - **Physically**
 - **Mentally**
 - **Spiritually**
- **First Year Scout program**
- **Life-to-Eagle program**
- **Offering support/encouragement all the way to Eagle and beyond**
- **“Citizens” vs. “Consumers”**



Consumers vs Citizens

Consumers	Citizens
“What’s in it for me?”	“How can I contribute?”
Focused on MY child	Focused on the ministry
Self-centered	Other-oriented
Involvement when there’s an obvious advantage to me	Involvement because of the nature of the community
Engaged when it fits my schedule	Arranges schedule to facilitate involvement



Parents to Troop

- Your support is *critical* to our success
- Supporting your son's activities and meetings
- Encouraging his advancement
- Committing to participate in some way...
 - ASM/Patrol Discipler
 - Committee member opportunities
 - Assist on outings & special projects
 - Merit Badge Counselor – register!
 - Financial support
 - Moms of Troop 317



Troop 317 Parental Involvement

- Our desire is that **every family** would find a way to contribute to Troop 317 in their particular area of interest, giftedness or passion.
- If you have a particular skill or interest, please see Luke Van Cleave or your son's ASM to volunteer.
- Your support may be as simple as coming to a Troop meeting to assist the Troop with their tasks or it may involve "sharing" a role with a Committee Member.
- **Weekly Meetings:** Please commit to attending at least one month of Troop Meetings during the Scouting year.
- **Weekend Campouts:** Dads, please commit to attending two weekend campouts during the year.
- **Summer Camp:** Dads are encouraged to stay one or more nights and the whole family is invited for evening activities on the last night.



Finances



Troop 317 Finances

- Troop 317 – One Time Costs

- Due to Troop

- Joining Kit = \$50

- On Your Own

- Uniform = ~\$100

- Camping Gear = \$100-250 [optional]

- Troop 317 – Yearly Costs

- Annual Dues = \$85 (payable in August)

- Spring Joining Dues: \$40

- 8 campouts/year = ~\$30 based on event

- 1 “super trip”/year – ~\$150+

- Summer Camp = ~\$290

Joining Kit:

Troop 317 T-Shirt

Scout Handbook

Merit Badge Binder

Neckerchief & slide

Troop 317 Patch

Epaulettes

Patrol patch

Atlanta Area Council patch

World Scouting Crest



Troop 317 Finances

- **Cost reduction opportunities**
 - Fundraisers
 - Popcorn sales: Over 25% of Scout's sales credit against future fees (~\$900 sold pays for Summer Camp).
 - Other: Christmas tree pickup; Bball concessions
 - Camperships – need based
 - Troop and/or privately funded
 - Uniforms & gear
 - Troop donation closet (uniforms@troop317.com)
 - EBay!
 - Borrow gear before buying



Next Steps

- Visit www.troop317.com for further information
- Contact Jeff Dimock, membership chair, with any questions (770-582-1517; jeffd@alumni.wfu.edu)
- Complete Membership Application, including:
 - Everything on the packet checklist
 - Plan to pay \$90 online after signup:
 - Joining Kit (\$50)
 - Spring Dues (\$40)
- Membership Application due on Joining Day.
- Fees to be paid online immediately thereafter.
- Attend Joining Day, March 15, 2010. Mandatory for at least one parent.



Questions and Answers

