



Scoutmaster: Robert D. Melton
Senior Patrol Leader: Harrison Bain

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NOVEMBER SERVICE PATROL IS: MONGOOSE
NOVEMBER PROGRAM PATROL IS: WOLVERINE
NOVEMBER CAMPING PATROL IS: COUGAR



CAMPING CORNER

By Assistant Scoutmaster Peter T. Bain (Camping Chairman)

Troop 477 continues to be an actively camping troop.

September was a great month for backpacking and the troop took advantage of the weather and hiked on the Cohutta River Trail near Clayton Georgia. Five Scouts participated in a wonderfully pleasant weekend trek that included swimming in the Cohutta River.

The weather held and gave 477 a great October weekend of canoeing and other boating activities at Scoutland on Lake Lanier. We have found this Northeast Georgia Council camp to be a great facility with canoes, rowboats, and sailboats available for merit badge work.

November will be another backpacking trip on the Panther Creek trail in north Georgia. Other upcoming campouts include Camp Thunder in December, the Okefenokee Swamp in January and Snow Skiing in February. Contact the campmasters listed below or Peter Bain for details.

Remember, sign-up forms and permission slips for campouts are available on the troop website at least two weeks before each campout. Please take the opportunity to sign up early.

ALSO, **Adults**, please let me know ASAP if you are planning to attend a campout. You don't need to wait for the month to arrive, tell me as soon as you know if you can go. Advance notice of the adults attending campouts lets me be more efficient in completing the necessary forms required for the troop to go camping.

Peter Bain

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Campmasters for upcoming trips are:

November—Bob Melton

December—Hal Breffle

January—Bill Aaron

February—Jack Linder

ONLINE SIGN UP AT:

<http://kingswoodumc.org/troop477/camping/sign-up.htm>

HOCKEY ANYONE?

Scout Night with the Thrashers - Sunday, Nov 23, 1:30 PM. Another chance to enjoy time with the Thrashers on Sunday, Feb 29, 3:00 PM. Tickets are \$13 each (\$11 off regular price).

<http://www.atlantabsa.org/docs/Thrashers.pdf>

VISIT TROOP 477's WEB SITE AT:

<http://www.kingswoodumc.org/troop477>

POPCORN SALES

\$3599.00 total sales

High Sales – Andy Costner, earned Camp Stove with \$428.00 of sales.

Second Highest – J.T. Sparks, \$25.00 REI gift cert.

Third Highest – Joseph Clements

Each boy will have personal account credit proportional to his popcorn order. The money may be used for Scouting equipment and activities.

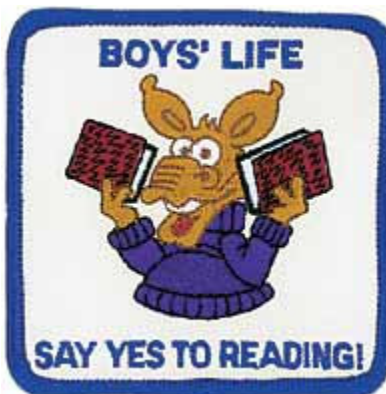
Enter the *Boys' Life* reading contest

An individual step in character training is to put responsibility on the individual.

- Robert Baden-Powell

Young readers have two months left to enter the 2003 *Boys' Life* "Say Yes to Reading!" contest. Entrants write a report of 500 words or less on "The Best Book I Read This Year." Books can be fiction or nonfiction. Enter reports in one of three age categories: 8 years old and younger; 9 and 10 years old; 11 years and older.

The contest is open to all *Boys' Life* readers. All entrants receive a free Pedro patch—but only if they include a letter-size, stamped (37 cents), self-



addressed envelope with their report. (Include name, address, age, and school grade with each book report.)

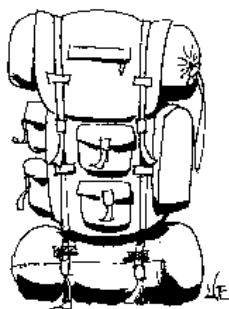
First-place winners in each age category will receive a \$100 gift certificate good for any product

in the Boy Scouts of America Official Retail Catalog. Second-place winners will receive a \$75 gift certificate, and third-place winners, a \$50 certificate.

Send all reports and stamped return envelopes for the free patch to

Boys' Life Reading Contest, S306, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079.

Entries must be post-marked no later than Dec. 31, 2003.



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Fun, Challenge, Adventure, Learning, Camping, Excitement! That's how Scouts describe **GREEN BAR**. Strengthen your skills, improve your knowledge, become a better leader at the **GREEN BAR** Junior Leader Training Conference! Enjoy a challenging one week outdoor training program for key junior leaders. As past participants have said, it's a chance to "Learn Leadership", "Make New Friends", and "Gain New Skills". It will help you be a better leader, and a better Scout.



You will experience the excitement of being a key player in a troop of top leaders. You will share ideas with other great Scouts from all over the council. You will be helped by an outstanding staff who will offer you the **Leadership** and **Scouting**

skills necessary to be a more effective leader in your troop, while experiencing the fun and challenge of Scouting at its best.

Where Can I get More Information?



For more information please Contact the Course Director:

Whit Smith

Telephone: 404-377-2529

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Atlanta Area Council Provisional Crew for 2004



The Atlanta Area Council Philmont 2004 expedition is accepting applications for provisional crew 1. This crew is being lead by John Pelick, Philmont 2004 expedition leader. As in the past, this crew has been filled with scouts from council troops with no crews going to Philmont and who otherwise would not have an opportunity to go to Philmont. Eight openings for scouts are available on this crew. There is one opening for an adult leader.

are; must be a first class scout or above, must be 14 years of age as of January 1, 2004 and be an experienced backpacker capable of completing a strenuous 70+ mile hike carrying a 50 pound backpack.

Philmont 2004 is scheduled from June 15 through 27, 2004. The fee for the trip, including air and bus transportation, is \$970.00. There is an installment payment plan for the fee. No payment is due until selected for the crew.

Questions about the Philmont 2004 Expedition may be directed to Mr. John Pelick, 770-934-5807 or Mr. Joe Kaminski, 770-989-8821, x2004.

Scout Law

A Scout is:

- Trustworthy
- Loyal
- Helpful
- Friendly
- Courteous
- Kind
- Obedient
- Cheerful
- Thrifty
- Brave
- Clean
- Reverent

Minimum qualifications for a scout wanting to join crew 1

Scouts who are interested in going to Philmont in 2004 are invited to complete an application form, which can be obtained from the Council Program office, attention Mr. Joe Kaminski. On a first come first serve basis, applicants will be interviewed by Mr. Pelick and if the minimum qualifications are met will be invited to join the crew.

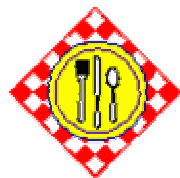
Wilderness First Aid Course: November 15

The Atlanta Area Council Health and the American Red Cross is sponsoring a two day, 16 hour, Wilderness First Aid Basics Course for Adult Leaders.. The course will be held Saturday November 15, 2003 through Sunday No-

vember 15, 2003 at the Morcock Training Center at Bert Adams Scout Reservation. Participants who successfully complete the entire training will receive a Red Cross Wilderness First Aid card good for three years. Participants MUST

attend all sessions to receive certification. The class size is limited to 30 participants. Contact Tom Wilson at the Council Office for more info: 770-956-3273

Scout Family's Are Welcome at Kingswood's Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner Program.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER continues on November 19 at 5:45 p.m. The menu is beef bur-

gundy, egg noodles, corn pudding, broccoli, salad and dessert. You can sign up on the church web site at www.kingswoodumc.org, or call the church office by 4:00 p.m. on November 17. Following dinner, Pastor

Dave Benson will lead us in an interactive experience on the theme of Thanksgiving. Don't miss it!

How do you best prepare to become a Scoutmaster?

In the September issue of Scouting Magazine, a scouter said he wanted to start a Boy Scout troop and that he had taken the first phase of Scoutmaster training. "Besides continuing training, what else can I do to ready myself for becoming a Scoutmaster?" he asked.

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An Answer Was Provided By Our Unit Commissioner:

You have a wonderful opportunity to start your troop the right way. If you're careful, you won't have to un-learn mistakes or bad practices that creep into even good programs.

First, learn what the "right way" is by continuing training, from leader specific training through Wood Badge for the 21st Century. Attend roundtables and pick the brains of experienced Scouters.

Second, create a vision for your troop and include fun and adventure. Third, recruit other volunteers who share your vision and passion for excellence.

Lastly, do what all great Scoutmasters do—train the boy leaders, give them plenty of opportunities to succeed or fail, and guide them. When your Scouts feel that they're running the show and are having fun doing it, you'll know you're on the right track.

Paul Porwoll, Dunwoody, Ga.



*Scout Slogan:
"Do a Good Turn Daily"*



Robert S. S. Baden-Powell

Founders of Scouting and the BSA

Robert S. S. Baden-Powell

As a youth, Robert Baden-Powell greatly enjoyed the outdoors, learning about nature and how to live in the wilderness. After returning as a military hero from service in Africa, Baden-Powell discovered that English boys were reading the manual on stalking and survival in the wilderness he had written for his military regiment. Gathering ideas from Ernest Thompson Seton, Daniel Carter Beard, and others, he rewrote the manual as a nonmilitary nature skill book and called it Scouting for Boys. To test his

ideas, Baden-Powell brought together 22 boys to camp at Brownsea Island, off the coast of England. This historic campout was a success and resulted in the advent of Scouting. Thus, the imagination and inspiration of Baden-Powell, later proclaimed Chief Scout of the World, brought Scouting to youth the world over.

James E. West

James E. West was appointed the first Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America in 1911. Although orphaned and physically handicapped, he had the

perseverance to graduate from law school and become a successful attorney. This same determination provided the impetus to help build Scouting into the largest and most effective youth organization in the world. When he retired in 1943, Dr. West was recognized throughout the country as the true architect of the Boy Scouts of America.