



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

OCTOBER SERVICE PATROL IS: COUGAR

OCTOBER PROGRAM PATROL IS: STINGRAY

OCTOBER CAMPING PATROL IS: COBRA

OCTOBER 17-19, 2003 CAMPING AT SCOUTLAND (ON THE LAKE)

Troop 477's October 2003 Camping Trip will be a weekend outing to the Northeast Georgia Council's "SCOUTLAND CAMP", located near Gainesville, GA on Lake Lanier, this camp is home to many unit and district activities. Everything from Camporees to Junior Leader Training camps are held here. A new Aquatics Base on Lake Lanier has been recently added to the Scoutland Camp.

Our campmaster for this trip will be *Dr. Eric Kiesel*. Plans are for being made for aquatics activities including small boat sailing, row boating, and canoeing. This will be a great opportunity for Scouts to finish up any partial merit

badges for these aquatic activities, or to start a badge.

Camping skills, cooking skills and other Scoutcraft can be demonstrated for rank advancement purposes, so come prepared with your Scout Handbook, and any materials you might need to get your rank advancement requirements signed off.

Our camping patrol for the month of October is the Cobra patrol. They will be planning a great campfire program, and asking all of the other patrols to participate with skits, jokes, and songs. We may even get a little fiddle, banjo and guitar accompaniment to the singing.

Permission slips and trip information forms are available on the Troop web site at <http://www.kingswoodumc.org/troop477/forms.html>

Scouts and adults may let the Troop leadership know they are coming by signing up on-line at <http://www.kingswoodumc.org/troop477/camping/sign-up.htm>

KINGSWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH TO CHARTER VENTURE CREW 477

Kingswood United Methodist Church will seek a charter from the Atlanta Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, to operate a co-ed Venture Crew. The likely operating scenario will be an Outdoor High Adventure Crew with a focus on Christian Community service. (The service will likely be a section in the by-laws committing the Crew to doing a quarterly service project in cooperation with the

youth ministry and/or missions committee at Kingswood) There will likely also be a line item in the bylaws mandating that the Crew participate in one activity with the Youth Group per year, such as the annual Snow Ski Trip, and that the Crew invite the youth group to one of its trips each year. A "kick-off meeting" will be followed by an organizational meeting where leadership will

be registered, and youth will elect their leadership and begin planning the program. The youth membership will choose whether to use uniforms, and choose frequency of meetings and trips, but it will be recommended that they attempt two meetings per month with at least one outing every other month, with additional outings planned as desired by the youth membership.





UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING

Our next Troop Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday October 6th 2003 at 7:30 PM in the Scout Hut. All committee members are urged to be in attendance. Please be on time. If you can not attend please submit a written report to the Committee Chairman.

OCTOBER PLC (PATROL LEADER'S COUNCIL) MEETING

Our next PLC Meeting is scheduled for Monday October 6th 2003 at 7 PM in the Scout Hut. All patrol leaders and youth officers are urged to be in attendance. Please be on time.



COIN COLLECTING MERIT BADGE CLINIC SAT., NOV. 8th

PLEASE BE AWARE OF A NEW MERIT BADGE CLINIC FOR COIN COLLECTING SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2003 AT THE ATLANTA AREA COUNCIL VOLUNTEER SERVICE CENTER. For information and a link to the application form, please see: <http://www.HightowerTrail.com/Advancement.htm>

ANY CLINIC QUESTIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO:
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Lord Baden-Powell said that "Scouting is a game with a purpose." Make It Fun, Keep It Simple

ILLINOIS TROOP 501 PRACTICES LASHINGS WITH CATAPULT

By John Brancalion, Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 501 www.t501.il.bsatroops.org

We make a game of knot tying, including lashings, by having our patrols build a catapult. The design for the catapult is entirely up to the patrol. The catapult will be used to fire water balloons at the other patrols.

We found this to be a great exercise which helps the boys understand, especially the younger boys, that lashing is not a quick and simple task but rather lengthy and tedious. They also understand the value of having built something with 2" diameter poles and rope. They had pride in the workmanship. The older scouts were great at having the younger scouts actually do the lashing and then helping them in making them tight and secure. We did this in a June troop meeting so the boys would have a warm night to have a water balloon fight. Our

troop is planning a campout in November (in Illinois) where we will invite Webelos out (with a parent, of course!) for the weekend and work on teaching them lashings and building signal towers. One of our "camp gadgets" is our hand washing station which is a tripod which the scouts (usually a younger scout assisted by an older scout) have to remake every campout. That keeps

them in practice for one of the lashings, at least. It also keeps them in practice for using the clove-hitch (since that's the knot used to start a tripod lashing).

