



**BOY SCOUT TROOP 477
KINGSWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**



“Be Prepared... the meaning of the motto is that a scout must prepare himself by previous thinking out and practicing how to act on any accident or emergency so that he is never taken by surprise”

-Baden Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts, 1857-1941

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Troop 477 Shows Broad Strokes

*By Rob Alexander
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DANIELSVILLE – Troop 477 turned into a brown-water Navy on Saturday, May 14, for an assault on the Broad River.

With 14 Scouts in tow, Camp Senior Patrol Leader **John Bever** led the Scouts over Class B rapids for about 6.5 miles of skimming, swamping, splashing and smashing over the cascading Georgia Piedmont.

The section chosen for the assault, known as “The Broad,” contains seven shoals, each with individual ledges and



Boy-led canoe swamping and refloating demonstrated on the Broad River

sloughs.

But most challenging and thrilling for some daredevils was the five-foot “waterfall,” a drop that filled many a canoe with an on-board swimming pool.

The river trek provided Scouts with numerous chances to demonstrate how to re-float swamped canoes. About as many different techniques were used as there were opportunities (see photo above).

A long day on the river left little time for camp activities other than setting up and preparing dinner highlighted by a ring-around the table as Scouts circled about waiting to dip strawberries into melted chocolate and whipped cream.

The trials of the day were amply rewarded with a bravura one-Scout performance of Smeagol (aka “Gollum”) by Bever around the campfire. “My precious!” indeed.

Then, it was early to break camp Sunday for home (and finals!).

— Scout Shorts —

Flag Retirement Ceremony June 12

The troop will hold a flag retirement ceremony this Saturday, June 12, at the Scout hut. Worn-out U.S. flags will be raised, saluted and destroyed appropriately. Attendance will count as an activity for advancement.

Troop 477 Turns Out for the Cubs

Troop 477 was well represented at Cub Scout Day Camp at Oglethorpe University June 7-11, with 12 Scouts working as volunteers at the camp. They included:

Brian Licherie, Anthony Cotton, Zachary Woodburn, Tim Newlands, JT Sparks, John Holladay, Sam Stephens, Robert Suggs, Kyle Kline, Trevor Alexander, Tom Hetrick and Ben Deutsch among 32 Boy Scout volunteers total.

Visit the Troop’s web site at: www.kingswoodumc.org/Troop477

Troop Announcements

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July-August Camping

Plan now to participate in Troop 477's exciting July camping trip, Friday - Sunday, July 16, 17, & 18th. We will be canoeing on either the Nantahala or the Ocoee River. This has always been one of the most enjoyable and exciting camping trips of the year!

All patrol leaders, assistant patrol leaders, and other "green bar" scout leaders of Troop 477 are urged to participate in the Annual Planning Weekend for Calendar Year 2005.

The Eagle and the Falcons
 Eagle Scout Danny Gibbons (center) and JT Sparks (seated) give the low down on Boy Scout summer camp with members of the Falcon Patrol following the May Court of Honor.



The planning weekend will be held the weekend of August 13, 14, & 15th (location will be determined later!).

Summer T-Shirt Sale

The troop is in its summer Class B dress through August. Show your troop spirit for only \$8 each. Sizes available in S, L, and XL.

A Good Turn Daily

Troop 477 Boy Scouts Render Aid To Fallen Motorcyclist.

By Jeff Glaze
Troop Committee Chairman

On April 18, 2004, while returning from a weekend camping and caving trip to Cloudland Canyon State Park, members of Boy Scout Troop 477 came upon a motorcycle accident just east of Lafayette, Georgia.

Evidently the motorcycle was going too fast for the curve and the driver lost control. The Troop's other vehicles had either just missed the accident or could not stop. Assistant Scoutmaster Hal Breffle, Life Scout Andy Costner, First Class Scout Nick Lichirie and Tenderfoot Scout Ryan Lee stopped to see what they could do for the man and woman that had been on the motorcycle.

According to Breffle:

"A paramedic and another motorcyclist had stopped to see what they could do as well.

"The injuries were not life threatening but the bike was pretty

mangled. We had the first aid kit and supplied cold water, bandages, ice bags from our cooler to reduce swelling, and wipes to help to clean up the cut.

"The other motorcyclist yelled thanks to us, and we told him we were just doing our job." —

Assistant Scoutmaster Hal Breffle

"Andy and I stood the bike up and got it to where a trailer could pick up the bike. We made sure that the woman was stable, along with the paramedic. When this was apparent, we just went on our way home.

"We did not give him our names but he must have remembered seeing our Troop number and city on our Troop Trailer".

Breffle and the Scouts with him did not mention the incident to the other Troop leadership upon arriving home. The incident was forgotten until Mark Botsch, Kingswood's Scouting Coordinator, reported that he had recently received a letter of thanks "...from some folks that the Scouts had stopped to help on the way home from their camping trip." Botsch, himself an Eagle Scout, was pleased to learn of the "good turn" performed by Kingswood's Scouts.

*Dear Troop 477,
 Thanks for all your help! You guys stopped for us when our friends had a motorcycle wreck. You guys gave us water and ice. You also helped us get the bike back up. Thanks so much for your help and generosity.*

David & Celina Locke,
 Brad Walters
 Chris & Anita Dobson (accident victims)