

The Upward Trail

Boy Scout Troop 477, Kingswood United Methodist Church



2008 - 36 Years Of Scouting At Kingswood



Patrol Duty Roster for April 2008

Service Patrol

Program Patrol

Camp Program Patrol



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Scouting Royale | Hightower District Camporee | March 28 – 30

By Outdoor Chairman Gene Gaultney

Troop 477 had 15 scouts led by Sr. Patrol Leader Nick Lichirie, Campmaster Barry Deutsch and 6 other adults attend the Hightower District Camporee. The theme this year was "Scouting Royale".

Saturday was filled with work and fun. All the scouts participated in a clean up project of some of the Cub World campsites. Due to a massive pine beetle infestation in the camp, there were hundreds of trees removed which resulted in a enormous amount of limb debris.



Troop 477 "operated" the SLOTS event, and Mr. Deutsch had the honor of presenting the award to the winning patrol.

The scouts and adults worked to gather the debris and make large piles for the rangers. Then after lunch, the games began. Each troop participating in the campout conducted a game keeping within



Patrol Leader Sam Stephens "picking up" the 1st place award for first aid for his patrol.

the Casino Royale theme. The troop 477 adults, led by Barry Deutsch, Whalen Kuller, Gene Gaultney, and Robert Burns conducted a game called "Slots Trivia" in which patrols would have to answer 12 scout related questions in order to have a chance at knocking down three matching logos with tennis balls.

Saturday evening festivities included an Order of the Arrow induction ceremony in which our own Ben Deutsch and Preston Burns were honored. Saturday evening also offered a chance for everyone to learn some good lessons about camping out in a torrential rainfall. Needless to say there were several soaked scouts in the campsite on Sunday morning (along with some adults).

Sunday morning activities were cut short due to the soggy conditions (both weather and scouts) but a quick ceremony was held to announce the winners of the Saturday events. Troop 477 won 1st place in the First Aid game and 3rd place in the Chip Find game. The Chip Find game was the main game for the theme of the week-



Friends Meet: Camporee allowed friends from other Troops to meet and greet.

end where the Camporee organizers hid chips all around Camp Gorman the troops to find and earn points.

VISIT OUR TROOP WEB SITE AT:
www.KingswoodUMC.org/Troop477



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Campfire at Woodruff Scout Reservation.

If you make listening and observation your occupation you will gain much more than you can by talk.

Robert Baden-Powell



Upcoming Outdoor Activities

By Outdoor Chairman Gene Gaultney

April 19th-20th – Overnight backpacking trip to Panther Creek. Campmaster Warren Martin and ASM Lawrence Hetrick will lead this trip. The group will travel up on Saturday morning April 19th, backpack approximately 2.5 miles up to Panther Creek and spend the night. Sunday, a quick hike down the mountain and the return

trip to the Scout Hut. Please contact ASM Warren Martin with any questions.

May 10th – Orienteering Day at Stone Mountain. We will use this day trip to work on the orienteering requirements for First and Second Class Scouts and part of the Orienteering Merit Badge.

June 15 – 21 – Summer Camp at

Woodruff Scout Reservation. 26 Scouts and 6 Adults have signed up for Summer Camp this year. Any questions, please contact Gene Gaultney.



SUMMER CAMP 2008 | June 15th – 21st | Woodruff Scout Reservation

By Outdoor Chairman Gene Gaultney

We have 26 Scouts signed up and merit badge classes have been scheduled. Campmaster will be Warren Martin along with 5 other adult leaders. We have a full week of activities including a Wednesday afternoon white water rafting trip down the Nantahala River in North Carolina. Please make sure your Scout has an up-to-date Class 2 medical form on file at the Scout Hut before camp. Gene Gaultney will be notifying those scouts which need updated health forms within the next couple of weeks. Friday night includes a open house for

any adults that would like to come up to enjoy a BBQ dinner with their Scouts at the camp. Please contact Gene Gaultney if you are interested in attending this dinner to enjoy the scrumptious camp food. There is a small fee of \$5.00 per quest. Guests are invited to stay for the final campfire and farewell.

If you want to send your scout a letter during his visit, you can send them to the following address: Woodruff Scout Reservation "Scout's Name" Unit # 477 Week #3 10387 Boy Scout Road Blairsville, GA 30512

New this year at Woodruff:

Scoutmaster Mess – The camp will provide supplemental food area for Scoutmasters to include coffee, hot tea, and some special meal supplements for adults.

Leader Cookoff – Each troop can bring a sample of your best cooked desert to the Outdoor Skills area at 2pm on Friday for the leader Cook off competition.

Campwide Fishing Tournament – Bring your fishing tackle and participate in the campwide fishing tournament on Friday. Winner will be announced Friday night.

Thanks For Your Dedicated Adult Leadership

By Committee Chair Joan Holladay

To all the adults involved with Troop 477... I would like to say a great big Thank You to those of you who are so diligent in following through for everything you say you'll do. I know that I sometimes have a tendency to say, "Yes" to too many things and then end up not getting some of them done. I

feel very frustrated when I am in that situation because my heart is in the right place and the desire to do as I promised is strong, but either my time management skills aren't up to par, or else I have just said 'yes' to one too many things.

Please don't get the impression that I am trying in any way to let you off the hook from saying yes

when the troop needs you to volunteer! I just wanted to take a minute and recognize the fact that there are some people out there that are very good at doing what they say they will and that there are some people (like me) that need to hone their follow up skills...



ADVANCEMENT NEWS

By Advancement Chairman Peter Bain

For the month of March 2008, we had four awards presented. Two of these were merit badges and two were rank advancements.

MERIT BADGES: Patrick Anchors was awarded the Traffic Safety Merit Badge on March 27th, and Ryan Greenstein was award the Citizen-



ship in the World Merit badge on March 6th. Congrats to both Scouts.



RANK ADVANCEMENT: Lance Kennedy was awarded his Scout Rank Badge on March 27th, and the big one of the month was Star Scout, awarded to Casey Shaw on March 20th.

COURT OF HONOR: Our next Court of Honor is schedule for April 24th. Dinner will be served, and each Patrol will be assigned "pot luck" items to bring. All family members will want to attend to honor their Scouts efforts, and moms should surely be proud to wear their mother's ribbons.



DEFINITION:

Scouter

A registered adult member of the Boy Scouts of America who serves in a volunteer or professional capacity.

Q & A - Where Do Parents "Fit In" Troop 477

Q: Where do parents fit in?

A: Boy Scouting is different from Cub Scouting in that it is no longer a parent/son activity. However, there are many roles for parents. When you join Scouting with your son, you're in for friendships and great times. A strong team of active adults ensures the success of a troop. There are many different levels of involve-

ment in a troop, from leadership roles, to serving on the troop committee, to helping with campouts, to driving to events, to Merit Badge Counseling, etc. The Atlanta Area Council volunteer service center provides training for volunteers so you will be knowledgeable and confident. We hope you can get involved with your son as he continues on in Scouting. It's been our experience that



successful Scouts have parents who can make time to be involved. You will meet your son's Scouting friends, share in his experiences, and enrich the lives of your community's young people. At the same time, it's no secret that adults in Scouting (aka, Scouters) have as much fun as the kids!

OUR NATIONAL FLAG: STANDARDS of RESPECT

The Flag Code, which formalizes and unifies the traditional ways in which we give respect to the flag, also contains specific instructions on how the flag is not to be used. They are:

The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing. It is flown upside down only as a distress signal.

The flag should not be used as a drapery, or for covering a speakers desk, draping a platform, or for any decoration in general. Bunting of blue, white and red stripes is available for these purposes. The blue stripe of the bunting should be on the top.

The flag should never be used for

any advertising purpose. It should not be embroidered, printed or otherwise impressed on such articles as cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins, boxes, or anything intended to be discarded after temporary use. Advertising signs should not be attached to the staff or halyard

The flag should not be used as part of a costume or athletic uniform, except that a flag patch may be used on the uniform of military personnel, fireman, policeman and members of patriotic organizations.

The flag should never have placed on it, or attached to it, any mark, insignia, letter, word, number,

figure, or drawing of any kind.

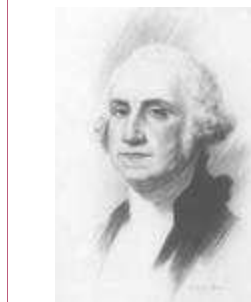
The flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.

When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object; it should be received by waiting hands and arms. To store the flag it should be folded neatly and ceremoniously.

The flag should be cleaned and mended when necessary.

When a flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country, it should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner.

Associate with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation; for it is better to be alone than in bad company.
- George Washington



Read More About US Flag Etiquette at:

USFlag.org

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Upcoming Opportunities for Adult Leader Training

April 2008:

Saturday, April 19 BALOO offered by Atlanta Area Council www.atlantabsa.org or 770-989-8821 ext. 2003

Saturday, April 19 BSLST or SALT offered by Milton District (Alpharetta/Roswell area) www.miltonbsa.org

Saturday, April 26 Climb on Safely & Trek Safely (Troop/Crew Leaders) offered by Hightower District (Briarcliff/Tucker) www.hightowertrailbsa.com

May 2008:

Saturday, May 3 Certification Saturday at BASR (BB, Archery, CPR) offered by Atlanta Area Council www.atlantabsa.org or 770-989-8821

Saturday, May 17 Cub Leader Specifics offered by Hightower District (Briarcliff/Tucker)

www.hightowertrailbsa.com

Saturday, May 24 BALOO by Hightower District (Briarcliff/Tucker) www.hightowertrailbsa.com

GEAR FAQ

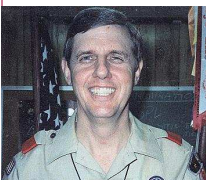
Do I need a ground sheet or ground cloth under my tent?

Yes. A ground cloth prevents the floor from getting rips and holes as well as keeping it cleaner. The groundsheet is not for waterproofing. Remember, a tent floor is waterproof until you put a hole in it. The ground sheet should be 3" smaller than the tent floor in a backpacking tent and 4-5" smaller in a family size tent. It is very important that it be smaller than the tent floor so water does not become trapped between the tent and ground sheet. If that happens, the waterproof rating of the floor will be exceeded as you move around the tent or even sleep.

Scoutmaster's Minute

Scout Motto: Be Prepared
Be prepared to be a leader.

A leader is not about ability. It's about taking responsibility, exceeding expectations and taking charge. A leader leads to benefit others, not enrich himself.



The Eight Methods Of Scouting

1. **Ideals:** The ideals of Scouting are spelled out in the Scout Oath, Law, motto, and slogan. The Scout measures himself against these ideals and continually tries to improve. "Show Scout spirit", a requirement for each rank advancement, means living up to these ideals.

2. **Patrols:** The patrol method gives Scouts an experience in group living and participating citizenship. It places a certain amount of responsibility on young shoulders and teaches boys how to accept it. The patrol method allows Scouts to act in small groups where they easily can relate to each other. These small groups determine troop activities through their elected representatives.

3. **Outdoors:** Boy Scouting is designed to take place outdoors. It is in the outdoors that Scouts share responsibilities and learn to live with each other. It is here that the skills and activities practiced at troop meetings come alive with purpose. Being close to nature helps Scouts gain an appreciation for God's handiwork and mankind's place in it. The outdoors is

the laboratory for Scouts to learn ecology and practice conservation of nature's resources.

4. **Advancement:** Through the advancement method, Scouting provides a series of surmountable obstacles and steps to overcome them. The Scout plans his advancement and, by participating in the troop program, progresses as he overcomes each challenge. The Scout is rewarded for each achievement, which helps him gain self-confidence. The steps in the advancement system help a boy grow in self-reliance and the ability to help others.

5. **Adult Association:** Boys learn from the example set by their adult leaders. Association with adults of high character is encouraged at this stage of a young man's development. Scouts associate with adult leaders (Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters, Merit Badge Counselors, Troop Committee members) who fill the many leadership positions in the Troop.

6. **Personal Growth:** As Scouts plan their activity and progress toward their goals, they experience personal growth. The Good Turn

concept is a major part of the personal growth method of Scouting. Boys grow as they participate in community service projects and do good turns for others. The religious emblems program is also a large part of the personal growth method. Frequent conferences with his Scoutmaster help each Scout to determine his growth toward Scouting's aims.

7. **Leadership Development:** Boy Scouting encourages boys to learn and practice leadership skills. Every Scout has the opportunity to participate in both shared and total leadership situations. Understanding the concepts of leadership helps a boy accept the leadership roles of others and guides him toward the citizenship aim of Scouting.

8. **Uniform:** The uniform makes the Scout troop visible as a force for good and creates a positive youth image in the community. Boy Scouting is an action program, and wearing the uniform is an action that shows each Scout's commitment to the aims and purposes of Scouting. Wearing the uniform also helps boys develop a sense of belonging to their patrol and troop.

Service Project Opportunities

By Rich Butera & Jeff Glaze

Scouts need service hours to advance in rank. Our primary method of providing community service hours for our Scouts is to work with our Chartered Partner, Kingswood, and perform service for the church.

In June, the Church Trustees will be conducting a work day,



spending four hours with volunteers working on projects around the church. Our Scouts should consider participating and getting their service hours.

In addition to church projects, the Kingsley Racquet & Swim Club will be having a workday Saturday, May 3, where projects such as prepping the pool for the season opening will be performed. Bring your work gloves, more to follow...

2008 Troop Directory

The 2008 Troop directory is being compiled at present. Hopefully, all youth

and adult members have updated their contact information with the Troop Committee Chairman, and our database is up to date. We hope to have the new directory ready for distribution by the last meeting in May.

