



Patrol Duty Roster for AUGUST 2009

Service Patrol

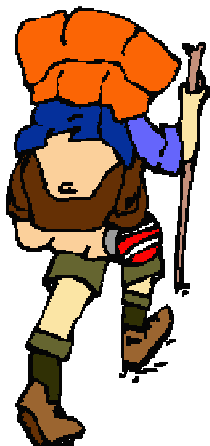
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"Down By The Bay" with Troop 477

By Camping Chairman Gene Gaultney

Troop 477 had a blast "Down by the Bay" in Pensacola Florida. We had 14 scouts, two siblings, and 6 adults take part in the campout. The campsite at Naval Live Oaks National Park Campground was excellent; a large open air pavilion with a brick island that had a sink with running water, clean bathrooms and outdoor showers. You couldn't ask for a more perfect setting amongst the numerous Live Oak trees and the water for the weekend campout. However, the monsoon rains and humidity were another issue. The drive down to Gulf Breeze on Friday was like riding through a car wash for 5 hours. The humidity by the bay was stifling at times and sweating all the time, even while sleeping, seemed to be the way of life down there.



The scouts had a blast playing on the beach, especially with the rope swing high on the sand dunes. They enjoyed gathering hermit crabs and they had up to 50 at one point in their own scout-made holding pond. On Saturday, we spent most of the day visiting the National Museum of Aviation History. We arrived at 10:00am and spent the day viewing the many airplane and history exhibits. We had a quick lunch break outside under the Live Oak trees and then we all viewed an IMAX movie, which had a welcome to our Troop as part of the presentation on the screen. The scouts got to ride a flight simulator and, thankfully, no one got sick. We left the museum around 3:00pm and headed back to the campsite.



Kudos go to Andrew Maceyko and Charlie Deyo. Andrew did an excellent job cooking over the weekend and for being the campfire MC on Saturday night. Charlie did an excellent job of preparing the campfire for the ceremony. The campfire program was full of skits and songs and on a serious note, 4 US Flags were retired during the ceremony. The boys enjoyed banana boat deserts over the campfire to top off the evening.

On the way home on Sunday, we were graciously hosted by Gay and Irving Winter (Michael Deutsch's Grandparents) in Montgomery Alabama. They provided lunch (Popeye's chicken strips, biscuits, chips and Watermelon) for the Troop and also let the boys take a swim in their pool. It was an excellent break on the drive home.

Overall, this was an excellent trip and I highly recommend it to anyone that has an opportunity to attend in the future.

The Upward Trail

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



Scoutmaster's Minute

By Scoutmaster Robert D. Melton

"Success"

Success is living up to your potential. That's all. Wake up with a smile and go after life. Don't just show up at the scout meeting or the campout. Live it, enjoy it, taste it, smell it, feel it. Then you can achieve the goal of Eagle Scout.



The Atlanta Area Council's Promise Newsletter will be an E-Newsletter starting September 1. Be sure to sign up so that you can receive this great resource! Follow the "Join E-List" link below and select "Promise Newsletter" to receive the new E-Promise in September.



<https://atlantabsa.doubleknot.com/openrosters/viewelists.asp?orgkey=1437>



We need your help! The annual Friends of Scouting campaign is wrapping up with only 1% to go to

reach our goal. Your financial support goes to directly support the youth we serve in our programs throughout our 13 county area. Contact our Troop Treasurer to invest in Scouting, developing our future leaders.

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(OR PATROL) NEWS
ITEM HERE IN THIS
SPOT.**

**CONTACT MR GLAZE
TO PLACE YOUR
ARTICLE IN THE
TROOP NEWSLETTER.**

SCOUTFEST

It's Big!

We're calling it ScoutFest, and it will be the biggest Scouting event in the history of the Atlanta Area Council.

How big?

The room it will be in can hold four football fields! But don't worry, when the murmur of morning becomes a roar of activity, you can find plenty to do outdoors, as well.

ScoutFest will give Scouts a chance to demonstrate the fun and adventure Scouting provides, no matter the color of their uniform.

Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, Varsity Teams, Venture Crews, Sea Scout Ships, and Explorer Posts will all be participating in their own ways. Start thinking now about how your unit can get involved in ScoutFest. Keep in mind that we want this to be a hands-on experience for you and for our visitors. Go ahead, think outside the knots. Have fun with it. Start planning now!!

October 23, 2010

KINGSWOOD Offers Sports & Fitness Programs For Kids

CO-ED INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE FOR AGES 4½ to 12 YEARS.

This popular league is back at Kingswood! We'll be playing other nearby churches and will rotate games with them on Saturdays. Evaluations will be held on Tuesday, September 8, and practice will start during the week of September 14. Ages 4 ½ to 5 will practice on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, while ages 6 to 8 will practice on Mondays from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Ages 9 to 12 years are scheduled to practice on Mondays from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Registration fee is \$95 per player. Registration covers all expenses and includes the player's uniform T-shirt.

KIDS FIT FEST. Elizabeth Ramey is bringing recess to Kingswood! This program will engage children in backyard games and activities that will provide tons of fun and lots of exercise. We're offering classes Mondays October 5 to November 9 from 1:15 to 2:00 pm for 2 to 5 year olds and on Tuesdays October 6 to November 10 from 4:15 to 5:15 pm for 6 to 10 year olds. Registration fee is \$85.

INDOOR TENNIS. Join us this fall as professional tennis instructors from Pure Tennis come to teach children ages 4 through 12 all about the basics of tennis. Weekly tennis lessons will

begin on Thursday, October 8, and run through Thursday, November 12. Four- and five-year olds will meet from 2:00 to 3:00 pm, 5-to-9-year olds meet from 3:15 to 4:15 pm, and 10-to-12-year-olds meet from 4:15 to 5:15 pm. Class size is limited so sign up early! Registration fee is \$90.

YOGA FOR KIDS & YOUTH. Register now for Yoga for Kids & Youth this fall. A new 4-week session begins on Thursday, September 10, and runs through Thursday, Oct. 1. Then a 6-week session starts Thursday, October 8, and runs through Thursday, November 12. Children ages 4 to 5 meet from 1:15 to 2:00 pm, ages 5 to 9 meet from 4:15 to 5:15 pm, and youth ages 10+ meet 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Fees: 4 week session is \$55; 6-week session is \$80.

For further information go to Kingswood UMC's Sports & Fitness page www.kingswoodumc.org

July Advancement News

Congratulations to the following scouts for advancements received during the month of July:

Merit Badges

Seth Kessel	First aid
Marc Sheinman	First aid

Rank Advancements

Anthony Butera	Star
Nicolas Hackley	Tenderfoot
Seth Kessel	Tenderfoot
Jason Leiss	1st Class
Lamar Williams	2nd Class

COURT OF HONOR

The next Troop Court of Honor is scheduled for Thursday, September 3rd, with dinner beginning at 7:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall at Kingswood. All parents and siblings are urged to attend. There are a large number of advancements to be recognized.

Boy Scout Environmental Science Merit Badge

Dunwoody Nature Center pulls together all the requirements for this merit badge. Boy Scouts, ages 11 and older, are eligible. Learn all about environmental science: perform experiments and activities dealing with ecosystems, pollution, endangered species, and conservation. Study the species found in two different ecosystems, hypothesize the environmental impact of construction, and learn about careers in the environmental field. Materials and guidance will be given on how to finish one remaining requirement at home. The next class is Saturday, November 7th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and costs

August is Troop Planning Month

August is our Troop Planning month where we plan out activities for the next year (November through October). At the August 13th meeting, we will have a presentation of various trips we have taken in the past. Then in Patrol corners that week and at the meeting on the 20th, the Patrol members will prioritize what they would like to do this next year. Then on Saturday, the 22nd from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM we will have a planning session at Kingsley Swim Tennis. The Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders will represent their Patrol members at this session. All other Troop Leaders should attend as well. The Senior Patrol Leader will lead this session and it will result in a proposed calendar

for the next year. The calendar will be presented to the Troop at the August 27th meeting and will also be submitted to the Troop Committee for approval at the September Committee Meeting.

Saying Goodbye to the Scout Hut

Kingswood UMC has an opportunity to have the Scout Hut removed for free so we will be exiting the Scout Hut completely sooner than later. This month we will be going through the process of deciding what equipment to keep and what is not needed anymore. We have been allocated storage space inside the Church and will be building out that space for our storage needs.

Pack 477 Raingutter Regatta August 15th at 2:00 PM

This is a Pack 477 event open to all scouts and boys interested in the joining the Cub Scout Program for 2009-2010 school year. If you know of any young boys who may be interested in Cub Scouts, please let them know about the event.

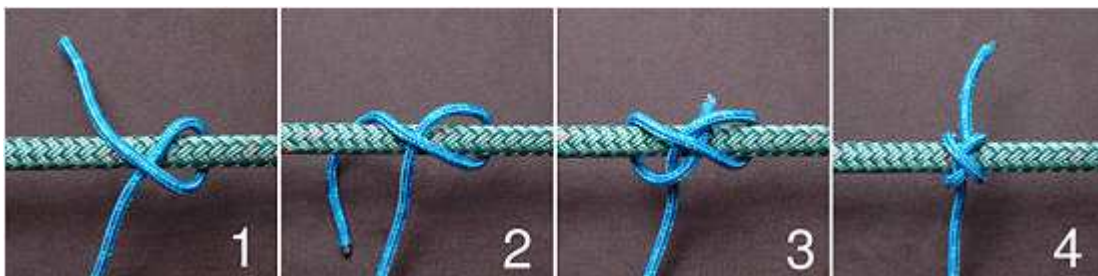
The Regatta and swim will be at the Dunwoody North Driving Club pool. The Pack will have boats available for \$3 each.

The Pack would like to have a few Boy Scouts help with the event. They will be setting up around 1:30. This is a Service Hour opportunity.

Knot of the Month Submitted by Warren "I'm Knot Crazy" Martin

Constrictor Knot: Uses: The Constrictor Knot (ABOK # 1188, p 216.) deserves to be much more widely known and used. Worked-up and dressed properly, it is more secure than the simpler clove hitch and has less likely to jam. It is an excellent quick temporary whipping for a fraying rope's end. Also known as the Miller's Knot, Gunner's Knot, Sack Knot or Bag Knot, It securely ties the neck of a sack or bag, and I have often used it to hold items together for gluing. This knot is also a useful hitch and is known by the name Ground-line hitch when used for that purpose.

Virtues: Its great virtues are that it can be tied quickly and it binds so that it can be almost impossible to untie. The only place it fails is when tied against a flat surface - it requires a curved surface so that the binding turn can grip the half hitch.



Using the End: It is possible to tie the Constrictor using the end (pictured above and on card below). Essentially a Clove Hitch is formed first. Then a half hitch is formed under the binding turn by lifting the end over, and tucking it under, the adjacent strand.

Alternative in the Bight: For convenience the initial loop can be laid out on the hand. See the 'Animated Knots by Grog' site below.

Rope Size: The pictures here show the rope tied in large diameter rope. This is only for the photography. It is normally tied in twine or other small diameter line.

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TROOP 477 "KEY THREE"

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resentative:

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Down

2. What does the eagle on the

boy scout emblem represent?

3. Scoutmaster's last name.

4. What patrol is program patrol for August?

5. What patrol is service patrol for August?

6. The knot of the month is the _____ knot?

8. The Museum that was visited on the July trips celebrated the history of _____?

12. What rank did Anthony Butera earn in July?

Across

1. When displaying a US flag vertically or horizontally on a wall, the blue star field is to your left or right?

3. "Be Prepared" is the Boy Scout _____.

5. Kingswood offers 2 indoor sports activities for 4-12 year olds, One is _____?

7. "Do A Good Turn Daily" is the Boy Scout _____.

9. What is another name for the joining knot? (check your boy scout handbook)

10. What was the name of the Dunwoody commission that Jason Liess reported on?

11. Kingswood offers 2 indoor sports activities for 4-12 year olds, Second is _____?

13. September 3rd is the next Court of _____

14. What patrol is camp program patrol for August?

Dunwoody Sustainability Commission

By Jason Liess

For the communications merit badge one of the requirements is to attend a public meeting. The public meeting I chose to attend was the City of Dunwoody Sustainability Commission meeting. The commission is a voluntary commission made up of Dunwoody citizens. I thought that the meeting would be boring but I was pleasantly surprised when it turned out to be very interesting. The meeting covered all green related issues including recycling and no net loss of trees. The main issues covered during the meeting were recycling, no net loss of trees, idling policy, and safe routes to school. The discussion on recycling talked about

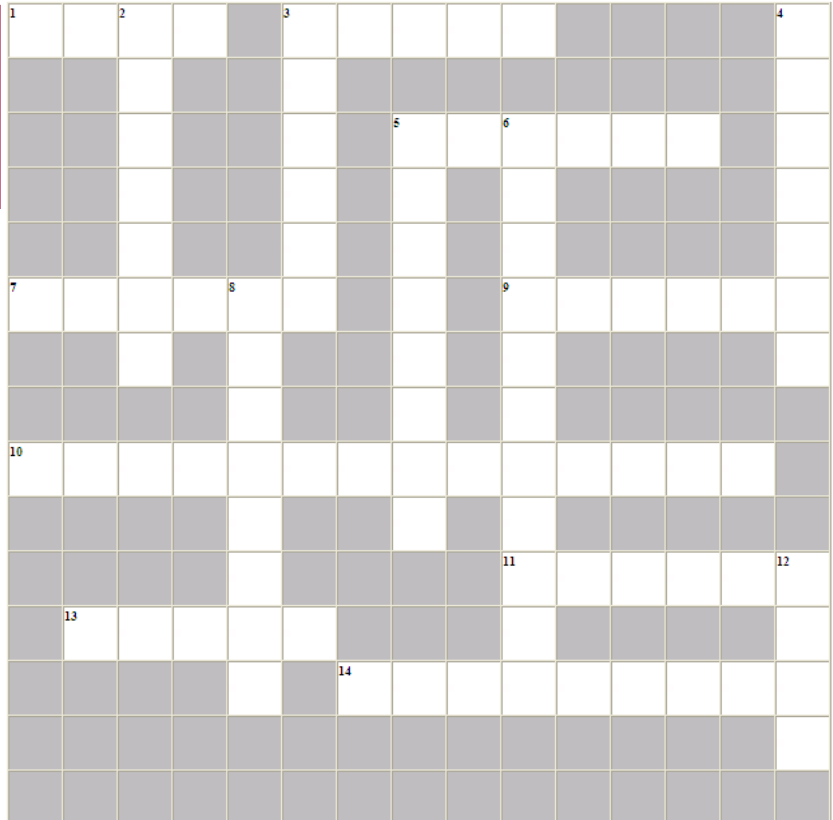
making it a law for the government to recycle and how to encourage citizens to recycle more.



During the discussion about no net loss of trees the commission ran into a problem about the current law. The law says that if a tree on government property falls down or has to be cut down the government has to replace the equivalent of that tree on govern-

ment property. That sounds fine but since Dunwoody is a new city they have close to no land so were are they going to replace the fallen tree. During the no idling policy discussion the commission agreed that you shouldn't have your car idling for more than three minutes because it is bad for your car and for the environment. The commissions has already taken action on the safe routes to school issue and are starting at Kingsley making it easier for you to ride your bike or walk to school. These are the steps that the City of Dunwoody is taking to become a green certified city. The commission usually talks about Eagle Scout projects during their meetings and if anyone is in need of service hours the commission would always love it some scouts could help them go green.

Carvel Contest. The first Scout to complete the crossword puzzle below and present it to the Scoutmaster, will receive a \$5.00 gift certificate to the Carvel Ice Cream Shoppe on Jett Ferry Road.



The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America — incorporated on February 8, 1910, and chartered by Congress in 1916 — is to provide an educational program for boys and young adults to build character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop personal fitness.

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A Scout is Cheerful: A Scout is cheerful. A Scout looks for the bright side of life. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.