



Patrol Duty Roster for March 2009

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2009 Scout Summer Camp at Woodruff Scout Reservation

By Troop Camping Chairman Gene Gaultney

It's time to plan for the 2009 Summer Camp at Woodruff Scout Reservation. Summer camp will be the third week in June (14th - 20th). The Scout Camp fee this year is \$270.00 per scout. I have pre-registered for 25 scouts (paid \$70.00 deposit per scout) for this year's camp. Any adults that would like to attend either the entire week or part of the week, please contact me for fee information.



I need everyone to register as soon as possible and provide a \$70 deposit so I can finalize the total number of scouts attending. There will be a sign up sheet at the Scout Hut at next week's Scout meeting on March 5th. I need everyone's deposit by Thursday March 19th. The remaining payment schedule will be as follows:



April 15th - \$100.00

May 15th - \$100.00

Of course, you may pay in full if you desire. Also remember to check on your scout's account to see if he has any funds from the Popcorn sale to cover part of the camp fee. Please make all checks payable to "Troop 477".

The merit badge schedule for this year's camp is available for download on the Troop website, just visit the camping page and click on the summer camp link. I highly recommend that your scout meet with the Assistant Scoutmaster assigned to their patrol to discuss their merit badge plans. All scouts must sign up for a full schedule in the morning hours. No one will be allowed to have a free period in the morning. I must have all merit badge class selections no later than Thursday, March 26th.



If I don't have your scout's selections, I will select their merit badge classes for them.

All new scouts coming into the Troop will be signed up for the Mountain Man program. This is a full week program that is an excellent start for your scout to accomplish many of the requirements needed for Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class ranks.

More details to follow in the coming weeks!

Attention Parents! We have a wonderful opportunity to raise funds for the Scout Hut AND to help you do some early Spring Cleaning! Kingswood is hosting a "Kids Stuff Sale" from March 19-22, 2009. Troop #477 is signed up to be a "Seller". If you are not familiar with this event, it is a consignment sell for used children's spring and summer clothing, toys, games, books, athletic gear, high chairs, strollers, swings, cribs, bedding, etc. We are asking for donations of these items that you no longer need or want and would like to clear out of your house. They must be clean and in good condition. (please don't bring "junk"). You may plan on bringing the items to the Scout Hut on Thursday, March 12 during the Scout Meeting. This will allow us to prepare the items for the sale for the following week. We welcome any adults to help us with this event! So once again, PLEASE start your spring cleaning and donate your items to help raise funds for the Scout Hut! For further information, contact Ruthy Stephens (770)451-7175 or rusnow@bellsouth.net

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The Silver Beaver award consists of a silver beaver suspended from a blue and white ribbon worn around the neck. Recipients may wear the corresponding square knot, with a white strand over a blue strand, on the BSA uniform.

Scoutmaster Melton Awarded “The Silver Beaver”!

The Silver Beaver Award is the council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council.

On Wednesday, February 25, 2009, Mr. Melton was honored by the Atlanta Area Council at its annual awards banquet. He was accompanied to the stage to receive the award by his wife, Anne. Several current and former Troop 477 Scouters and their spouses were present to cheer him on and support him. Fellow Silver Beaver recipient and longtime Scouter Bob Brandford presented the award on behalf of the council.



The Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service. It is given to those who do not actively seek it. Congratulations Mr. Melton!!

MAYOR KEN WRIGHT OF DUNWOODY SPEAKS TO TROOP 477

“No one can pass through life, any more than he can pass through a bit of country, without leaving tracks behind, and those tracks may often be helpful to those coming after him in finding their way.”



Robert Baden-Powell



By Rob Alexander, Assistant Scoutmaster

DUNWOODY – Mayor Ken Wright told the Boy Scouts of Troop 477 that the formation of the City of Dunwoody is a lot like what they are doing to build a better place in the community.

“Our new project is building a city, laying the foundation, getting started,” he said when one of the Scouts asked him what projects the city is doing. “Like building your new Scout Hut – you have to lay a foundation.”

Wright was invited to speak to the Troop by Scout Will Day, whose patrol was responsible for the February programs. The theme is public awareness. Troop 477 recently launched its campaign to build a new Scout Hut at Kingswood United Methodist Church, the Troop’s chartered organization. The Scouts currently meet in a double-wide trailer that has a leaking roof, windows damaged by vandals and suspect flooring. Uninvited urban wildlife has also found its way inside.

Wright noted one of the mayor’s and city council’s first acts was hiring a city manager.

The mayor was asked if the city was handling building permits. “There are things necessary to build that Scout Hut, and we have people in places to help you get that up,” he said.

Who’s going to control the parks in Dunwoody, like nearby Brook Run?

“The parks did not come with us,” said Wright, but he added that he is talking with Burrell Ellis, DeKalb County’s chief executive officer, about the city even-

tually taking control of the parks.

“We will see if we can agree on what would be fair to get the parks under our control,” he said. “It will happen.”

Right now the city is busy hiring police. “I will guarantee you that you will see much more police than you have ever seen in your lives,” he said. And after proudly describing the new police cars even down to the easy-to-clean rear seat, he reminded the Scouts, “but you never want to see it.”

Wright was welcomed warmly and received a round of applause after his remarks. Several Scouts are working on the Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge and have been studying the creation of the City of Dunwoody first hand. Bob Melton is Scoutmaster for Troop 477.



WAY TO GO, Troop #477! Our fund-raising Kick-Off Chili Luncheon today was a great beginning for our plan to build a new scout hut!!(More info later on the amount we raised) We thank each of you scouts and every parent that participated both yesterday and today. Everyone worked as a team, everyone worked diligently, and everyone worked with a happy heart! I think you all showed Kingswood United Methodist Church that Troop #477 is a troop to be proud of! Thanks again for making our first fundraising event a tremendous success!!

Editor’s Note:

This issue is a combined February and March 2009 publication of the Upward Trail. Deadline for article submission is noon on Wednesday following the monthly Troop Committee meeting.

Advancement News For The Month Of

By Advancement Chairman Peter Bain

For the months of January and February a total of twelve Scouts, earned fourteen awards.

MERIT BADGES

Butera, Anthony J	02/26/09	Traffic Safety
Deutsch, Benjamin J	01/22/09	Swimming*
Deutsch, Michael H	02/26/09	Environmental Sci*
Deutsch, Michael H	02/26/09	Traffic Safety
Gaultney, Nicholas C	02/26/09	Environmental Sci*
Gaultney, Nicholas C	02/26/09	Traffic Safety
Greenstein, Michael R	02/26/09	Traffic Safety
Greenstein, Ryan L	02/26/09	Traffic Safety
Kuller, William B	02/26/09	Traffic Safety
Liess, Jason J	02/12/09	Personal Management*
Martin, Miles X	02/26/09	Traffic Safety
Shaw, Casey	01/22/08	Personal Management*
Williams Jr, Timothy L	02/26/09	Traffic Safety

RANK ADVANCEMENTS

Yoakum, Nathan 02/19/09 Star



SCOUT HUT VANDALISM

The Scout Hut has been vandalized 3 times over a 4 week period in December to January. Damage was incurred to the building including broken windows, light fixtures, door handle and outside wall damage. None of the incidents resulted in anyone being able to enter the building. . When the 3 incident occurred, a witness was able to identify them of them and get the tag number and description of the car they were in. One boy was seen in the act of vandalizing and 3 others in a car. This information was turned over to the Dekalb County Police. This resulted in the apprehension of the boys for this particular incident. All the boys denied committing the first two incidents.

After discussion that included leaders from the Scouts and Church, a restitution settlement was created that if agreement was reached with the parents and fulfilled by the boys involved, the Church would forgo taking legal action of prosecuting these three boys.

A meeting was held with the boy's parents and members of the Church and Scout Troop. From this an agreement was reached concerning what restitution would be made by all four boys. This agreement included public oral and written apologies, community service hours, religious instruction and financial reimbursement for damages to the building.

In return, the Church agrees not to prosecute if all the items are fulfilled.

-Alan Wilson, Charter Organizational Representative

EAGLE SCOUT & FORMER TROOP MEMBER BECOMES A FATHER

For those of you who remember Eagle Scout Thomas Webber, he and his wife Dory are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter.

Samantha Lynn, 7 lb 3 oz, 19.5",
19:07 am January 30th



Thomas earned Eagle Scout in 2006 and joined the Marines after he graduated from high school and is currently doing his Aviation Technician training at the Pensacola Naval Air Station.

Our Next
Troop Court Of
Honor
is scheduled for:
May 14, 2009



Scout Sunday Color Guard

Boys' Life Magazine

Published by the Boy Scouts of America, *Boys' Life* is the magazine for all boys. Their Web site contains information about the current issue, games to play, projects to download, and more.

<http://www.boyslife.org/>



Joan Holladay received the "Cross & Flame Award" on Scout Sunday for her work with youth in Scouting and the church. This award recognizes over 5 years of service. Congratulations Joan!



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TROOP 477 "KEY THREE"

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Robert D. Melton

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Joan Holladay

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Alan Wilson

Sign Up Now

... for the Troop 477 Parents e-mail news list. This list is used by Troop leaders to share information about upcoming activities and events.

Visit the following link and click on the list name for instructions:

<http://kingswoodumc.org/mailman/listinfo>



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

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Upcoming Events and Activities

MERIT BADGE CLASSES

Merit Badges opportunities are available at www.MeritBadge.info this spring. Two of the many events are described below.

TROOP 1776 MERIT BADGE DAY

WHEN: February 28, 2009

WHAT: 14 MERIT BADGE CLASSES OFFERED

WHERE: Catholic Church of St. Ann - 4905 Roswell Road, Marietta, GA 30062

REGISTRATION: Now - Feb 18, 2009 (online registration only)

MERIT BADGE CLASSES OFFERED: Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Communications, Emergency Preparedness, Energy, Environmental, Science, Family Life, Nuclear Science, Personal Fitness, Personal Management, Photography and Stamp Collecting.

ATLANTA AREA COUNCIL COIN COLLECTING MERIT BADGE EXTRAVAGANZA

WHEN: March 14, 2009

WHERE: The Atlanta Area Council Volunteer Service Center - 1800 CIRCLE 75 PARKWAY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30339

REGISTRATION: Now thru March 8, 2009 (online registration only) Talk to the Troop advancement chairman for info on how to register.



HIGHTOWER TRAIL DISTRICT CAMPOREE

It is that time of the year where the troops get together and fight to see who really is the

best. This year we will have to hoist the batons, prepare the cannons, and set sail to see who will come home with the gold. Come this year to the Hightower Pirates Camporee at Bert Adams Scout Reservation on March 27-29, 2009. You will not be disappointed in the skills your scouts will learn as they compete against others and have fun at the same time. More info to come on the events.

CPR SATURDAY

Learn CPR with AED

by attending CPR

Saturday March 7th

2009. Certification in Child CPR is also available. To sign up go to www.goodturn.net and follow the directions to register.



YOUR TROOP NEWS ARTICLE HERE!!!

Troop leaders, parents, & Scouts. If you have news and information you want to share in the UPWARD TRAIL, all you need to do is write up your article and e-mail it to jglaze@glazfamily.org and it will find its way into the troop newsletter. Please feel free to submit articles. (They may be edited.)

NEWS FROM OUR CHARTERED PARTNER

Kingswood's SPORTS AND FITNESS

Kids, you'll love these summer camps:

- YOGA for KIDS Camp - 7-10 year old boys and girls are invited to register for this camp being held July 27- 31 from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Registration fee is \$150.

- Rising Stars Basketball Camp - Join us June 15 - 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (half day option is also available). For more details/registration form, see the flyers in the Welcome Center or log on to www.risingstarshoops.net or call 864-325-9552. \$15 off if you register and pay deposit by April 1st.

For more information or registration forms for Sports and Fitness activities, check the website at www.kingswoodumc.org/sportsfitness or the Welcome Center.

Adults, join us for:

- Ballroom Dancing - Learn to waltz, foxtrot, swing, and cha-cha with Tom Bellamy! Register now by calling Tom at 404-932-7640. It's Fridays from 7-8 p.m. in the gym March 6 - April 3. Cost is \$60 per person (couples or singles can register).

- Adult Volleyball - Open to all (not just singles!). Join us on Wednesday nights, March 4, 11, and 18 from 7:30-8:30. No reservation necessary - just show up.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is June 1st - 5th!

Children from ages 4 (by August 31st, 2009) through rising 5th graders are welcome. Adult volunteers are needed. Email Wendy Puckett (mwalpuckett@comcast.net), Clarissa Bradham (clarissabradham@earthlink.net) or Liz Thompson (rdallas@bellsouth.net) to save your spot on the VBS volunteer team. A nursery is provided for volunteer's children up to age 2 and a mini VBS for children 3 and young 4's.

A Scout is **Helpful**

A Scout looks for the bright side of things. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.