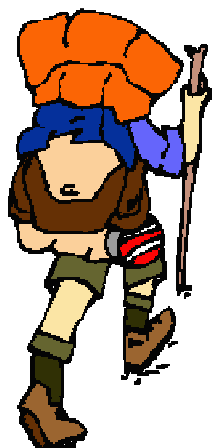




Patrol Duty Roster for JUNE 2009

Service Patrol
BARRACUDA
Program Patrol
COBRA
Camp Program Patrol
STINGRAY



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Change in Meeting Day Being Discussed

By Assistant Scoutmaster Barry Deutsch

There has been some discussion of moving the weekly Troop Meetings from Thursday to earlier in the week. We would like to get feedback from Parents and Scouts. The change would only happen after there is adequate time for everyone to adjust schedules and commitments. Years ago the meetings were on Tuesday evenings and were moved due to a District Scouting activity that is no longer considered a conflict.

The reasons we are considering moving to earlier in the week are:

- The boys plan for camping trips in meetings. Earlier in the week would provide more time to prepare for the campout, especially Friday evening departures.
- There seem to be more conflicts with school assignments due at the end of the week or tests given at the end of the week.
- We have quite a few conflicts with Thursday night school activities such as band concerts and sporting events.

Tuesday's seem to be the natural day to move back to since Monday would conflict with Cub Scout activities at the Church and Wednesday would conflict with Church activities. We have also noted that



many Troops that meet on Monday's struggle with meetings on weeks after a weekend campout. Many do not have meetings the Monday after a campout.

This would have a significant impact the program and not be fair to the many Scouts who did not attend the campout the previous weekend.

We welcome your suggestions and comments. Please do not hesitate to discuss with our Committee Chair, Scoutmaster, or other adult leaders.

JULY & AUGUST ACTIVITIES

Please note the following planned activities for July and August. We are still in the process of planning these activities based on changes that the Patrol Leader Council requested. If you are interested in planning these activities or helping lead it (Adults) please let our Outdoor Committee Chair, Gene Gaultney or one of the Scoutmaster's know.

July Outing – We are moving the July outing to the weekend of the July 11th. The outing was originally scheduled for the weekend of July 18th but is being moved up since the August trip is so early the next month. We are planning to go to Camp Allatoona Aquatics Base on Lake Allatoona. There are many water activities available such as canoeing, rowing, sailing, skiing, swimming, and motor boating. We are in the process of attaining a reservation and determining what activities are available. We will also be determining if it will be an overnight trip or just a day trip. More information will be provided as soon as it is available.

August Outing – We are planning a return trip to Pensacola the weekend of July 31 through August 2. This will include camping on the beach and touring the Naval Museum. We did this trip a few years ago and every participant reported having a great time. Even the boys who discovered it was not a good idea to play with Jelly Fishes. More information will be provided as soon as it is available.

August Planning Session – On Saturday, August 22nd, we will have our annual planning session. This is when the Boy Scout Leadership group for the Troop gets together and plans the activities for the next year for the Troop. The session is lead by the Senior Patrol Leader and all Scouts with leadership roles should attend. Time is spent at previous Troop Meetings in August discussing potential activities that the Scouts would like to do in the next year. The Patrol Leaders then represent their Patrol and bring those ideas to the Planning Session.

2009 Troop 477 Summer Camp June 14 – 20, 2009

We have 32 scouts and 5 adults scheduled to attend Summer Camp. If you have not completed payment for summer camp (\$270.00), you must do so immediately.

We need the following from each scout turned in to Gene Gaultney by no later than the last Troop Meeting (June 11th) before summer camp:

Trip Permission Slip
Nantahala Permission Slip

Both of these forms are available on the troop website.

All scouts should be at the scout hut by 8:30am on Sunday June 14th. We will load all the equipment needed for the trip and leave for camp by 9:30am. Please remember to wear your swimsuit under your uniform (or have it readily available upon arrival) because the first item on the agenda is to take the BSA required swim test. If you have any questions

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*"The Scoutmaster teaches boys to play the game by doing so himself."
Robert Baden-Powell*



Scoutmaster's Minute

By Scoutmaster Robert D. Melton

Your Key To Scouting

Sometimes, when I walk, you can hear keys "jingling and jangling" in my pocket. The keys I carry around with me every day are important to me. They open a lot of things. They can open the door to my home, bringing me back to my family, or they can open my car door, start the car and take me where I want to go. My car key makes it possible for me to go to work and earn a living, and they make it possible to go on camping trips with you Scouts, and to the weekly Troop meeting (among many other meetings).

You have a key that you should carry with you to all Scouting activities... and its not a car key... it is your Scout Handbook. That book is your key to the knowledge and skills you need to be an excellent Scout both at home an in the great outdoors... so, I hope you will consider your handbook to be an important key to your success in Scouting..... "BE PREPARED"



The 2009 Popcorn Sale is just around the corner! Visit the Council web site at www.atlantabsa.org and click on the "news and events" link to view the Pre-Sale "Powered by Popcorn" Newsletter. Popcorn sales will be very important to Troop 477 as we begin raising funds to build our new Scout Hut.

Order Of The Arrow
Casey Shaw has completed his Order of the Arrow ORDEAL.



We Are Moving

As many of you are aware, the Scout Hut's condition is deteriorating. In July we will be moving our weekly Troop Meetings to the downstairs area of the Church. We will have a number of rooms at our disposal. We are in the process of determining how we will be using the rooms. The Scout Hut will remain available and will continue to be used for equipment storage. We will announce the first meeting that we will be in the Church building and signs will be posted.



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.

What Do You Need to Know?

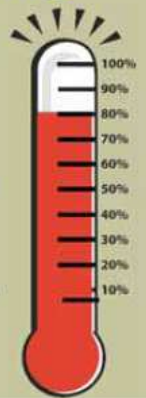
- What** ScoutFest
- When** October 23, 2010
- Where** Cobb Galleria Centre
- Who** All scouting units in the Atlanta Area Council



Eagle stands for Freedom
The scroll has the scout motto on it
Trefoil is the badge shape.

Friends of Scouting

The 2009 Friends of Scouting Campaign has reached 80% of the \$2.2 million goal! If you haven't made a 2009 gift, please do so! We need your help. You can now make a donation online. Visit www.atlantabsa.org under Support BSA. Follow the link to Make a Gift. Be sure to fill out the whole form including what district and unit you are involved with. Thanks for your support of the annual Friends of Scouting Campaign!



Computers for Youth

Computers for Youth, a national non-profit organization helps low-income youth improve their school performance by improving the learning environment at home. If you would like to donate any computer equipment (monitors, hard drives, printers, servers, etc), old or new, contact CFY-ATL@cfy.org or 404-367-9990.

Advancement News For May 2009

By Advancement Chairman Peter Bain

Troop 477 has followed a great month in April with another good month in May. With summer camp coming up in June we should see three months of good advancement numbers. Again, I would like to remind all scouts to review the requirements for the merit badges you will be working on at summer camp to see if any of the requirements can be completed ahead of time.

Remember to keep good records of what you do at camp and be sure to attend all sessions of the classes you are taking in order to get the most out of your time at camp.

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

Merit Badges

Trevor Alexander	Citizenship in the Community Traffic Safety
Peter Clements	Personal Management
Ryan Greenstein	Music
Thomas Kelly	Citizenship in the Community
Miles Martin	Personal Fitness Space Exploration Traffic Safety
Gus Stotts	

Rank Advancements

Suraj Barot	Scout
Matt Bieber	Scout
Ben Williams	Scout
Anterious Winfield	Scout
William Sheiner	1 st Class
Casey Shaw	Life



For nearly a century, millions have passed through Scouting's ranks. As we prepare for our 2010 Anniversary, we are committed to inspiring, engaging, and empowering the entire Scouting community to participate in this milestone. Through the BSA Alumni Connection, Scouting alumni are invited to come back, make a new connection, and take an active role in Scouting again. That group includes not just former Scouts, but also their family members, volunteers, professional Scouters, community leaders, and the tens of millions of Americans who have benefited from Scouting. Visit www.BSAalumni.org to search for Scouting alumni, upload photos and stories, and learn how to get involved in 100th Anniversary activities and events.

Food Pantry Needs SCOUTS

Once again the food pantry at Kingswood (called "The Lord's Storehouse") is critically low in key supplies. The Lord's Storehouse, is Kingswood's mission that provides groceries to needy community families. Boy Scout Troop 477 has always been one of the strongest supporter of this church missions program. We need green beans, corn, canned vegetables other than beans and green peas, canned fruit and dried beans. We are not currently running a big organized food drive but we invite individual Scouts and their family's to do all they can to help out. Talk to your Patrol Advisor for info on how to apply service hours when collecting food for the Lord's Storehouse. Thank you for your on-going support for this important community service.



Knot of the Month; PRUSIK KNOT

Submitted by Warren "I'm Knot Crazy" Martin

History: The Prusik knot was developed in 1931 by Dr. Karl Prusik (sometime president of the Austrian Mountaineering Club and often misspelled "Prussik"). It appears to be identical in structure to a knot described by Ashley for hoisting a spar. [ABOK # 1763, p 300], but Ashley did not expressly describe the slide and grip feature.

Slide and Grip Knots: The Prusik is a slide and grip

knot; because it is symmetrical, it is useful if a load might need to be applied in either direction. For loads which are always applied in the same direction other knots are preferred such as the Klemheist (see picture on left) or the Bachmann (see picture on right)

Klemheist



Bachmann



Uses: Its principal use is allowing a rope to be climbed. Two Prusik loops are alternately slid up the static rope: a long Prusik loop allows the climber to lift himself using leg power, and a second short Prusik loop is attached to the harness. In rescue work, if a climber has to be

PRUSIK KNOT

Use to secure a loop to a tight line. Slides easily along a tight rope but jams solidly upon loading.

1.

2.

3.

No more than 1/2 the diameter of main line.

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www.netknots.com

pulled up, a Prusik loop could be used to attach a pulley block purchase system to a climbing rope..

Sources:

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<http://www.animatedknots.com/prusikscouting>
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Alan Wilson

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about what to bring to summer camp, please refer to the Equipment Checklist portion of the Trip Information form on the Kingswood UMC website (www.kingswoodumc.org) or contact your assigned Assistant Scoutmaster. We recommend that your scout bring additional money (we suggest \$30) for miscellaneous expenses during the week. Those scouts taking the Basketry, Leatherworks, Photography, Woodcarving or Indian Lore merit badges will need to bring an additional \$15 for supplies/kits needed to complete those merit badges. These kits can be purchased at the camp Trading Post.

The Troop will return to the scout hut on Sunday June 20th at approximately 1:00pm.

MEDICAL FORMS - ALL Scouts must have a current medical form on file to attend summer camp. The camp administration will not allow scouts to attend camp without a current form. Please contact Gene Gaultney immediately if you have any questions about the health form.

The medical form can be obtained from the Troop website www.kingswoodumc.org. Also located on the website is the 2009 Summer Camp Permission slip, Trip Information form and the Nanthala River Permission slip. We need each scout to complete the Permission slip and turn it no later than June 11th, 2009.

REMINDER: Scouts are strictly forbidden to take cell phones, ipods, or any electronic devices to Summer Camp.

At this time, the following adults will be going to Summer Camp:

- Bob Melton
Scoutmaster
- Warren Martin
Assistant Scoutmaster
- Whalen Kuller
Assistant Scoutmaster
- Joan Kessel
Committee Member
- Bill Anchors
Assistant Scoutmaster (Sunday - Tuesday only)
- Barry Deutsch
Assistant Scoutmaster (Sunday - Tuesday only)

If you have any questions about summer camp, you can contact Gene Gaultney at 5gaultneys@comcast.net or by phone at (H) 770-451-6320 or (Cell) 404-434-3578.

What is Troop 477 Eagle Scout Harrison Bain up to these days? Visit the following web site to find out!
<http://www.theloveliestvillage.org/video/harrison-talks-about-his>

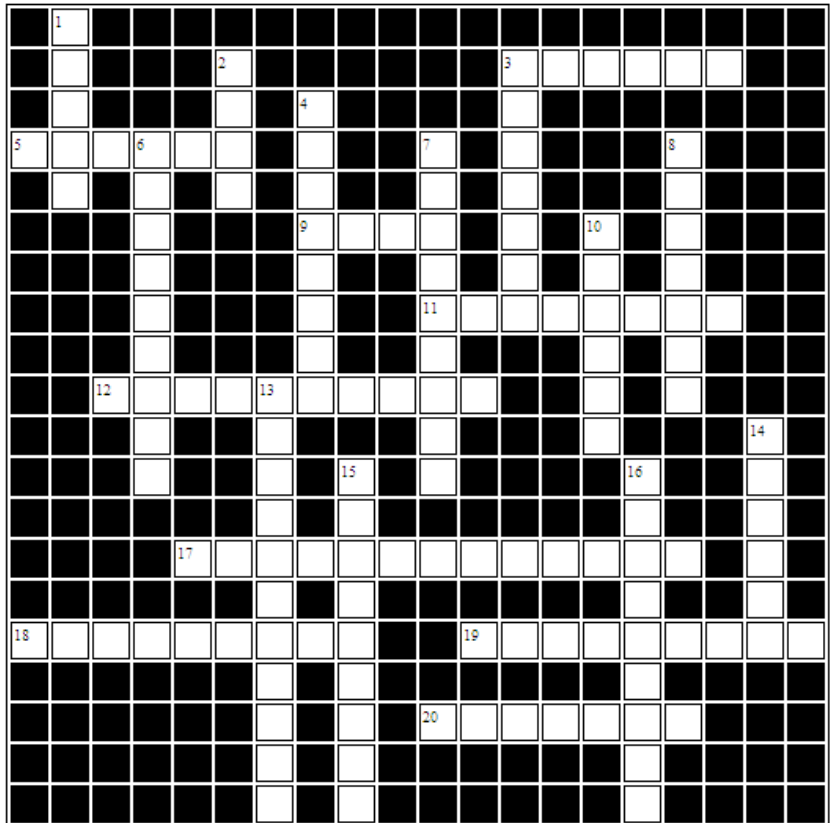
Carvel Contest. The first Scout to complete the crossword puzzle below and present it to the Scoutmaster, will receive a \$5.00 gift certificate to the Carvel Ice Cream Shoppe on Jett Ferry Road.

Across

3. Knot of the month.
5. Lat name of our "Chartered Organization Representative".
9. What rank did Casey Shaw earn in the month of May
11. What does the Scoutmaster say is your "key" to Scouting?
12. Scout who participate in the annual planning session are those with a _____ role?
17. We will not longer be meeting in the scout hut because its condition is _____
18. Name of Lake where July outing will be.
19. Name of river for summer camp white water rafting.
20. What does the Eagle stand for on the Scout Badge?

Down

1. What merit badge did Ryan Greenstein earn in May?
2. The sixth point of the Scout Law is?
3. What needs to be sold to raise funds to build a scout hut.
4. What kind of scout unit is called, a post?
6. What is the name of the big council wide scout show planned for 2010?
7. Name of a "slide and grip" knot mentioned in this month's newsletter
8. What is the shape of the scout badge called.
10. Founder of Scout and our scoutmaster have the same first name.
13. What kind of devices are not allowed at summer camp?
14. Where is the Scout motto displayed on the Scout badge?
15. Service Patrol for the month of June
16. Name of City where August Trip will be.



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



A Scout is Kind; A Scout knows there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. Without good reason, he does not harm or kill any living thing.