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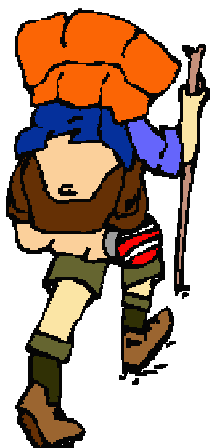
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2009 Troop 477 Summer Camp June 14 – 20, 2009

By Outdoor Committee Chairman Gene Gaultney

We currently have 32 scouts and 5 adults registered for Summer Camp. The total amount due per scout is \$270.00. The final installment of \$100.00 per scout is due May 15th, 2009.

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.

According to the Medical records on file, the following scouts still need to provide a new medical form by June 1, 2009:

Suraj Barot
Matthew Bieber
Will Day
Dusty England
Harrison Glicksman
Ryan Greenstein
Seth Kessel
Marc Shienman
Tim Trembeth
Jacob VanWinkle
Ryan Walden
Benjamin Williams
A.O. Winfield
Nathan Yokum



The medical form can be obtained from the Troop website www.kingswoodumc.org/troop477. Also located on the website is the 2009 Summer Camp Permission slip and Trip Information form. We need each scout to complete the Permission slip and turn it in by June 1, 2009.



At this time, the following adults will be going to Summer Camp. Please let me know if anyone else is interested in joining this group.

Bob Melton - Scoutmaster
Warren Martin - Assistant Scoutmaster
Whalen Kuller - Assistant Scoutmaster
Bruce England - Assistant Scoutmaster
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.



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



In 1907 Robert S. S. Baden-Powell organized a special nine-day outing to test his ideas for training boys. The ideas worked - and the Scouting movement was launched.

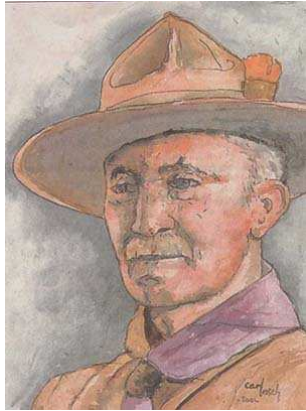
LICENSE PLATES

The next time you register your vehicle, ask about specialty scouting plates. Several plates and styles are currently available, including one to celebrate 100 years of scouting in the U.S. and the BSA In God We Trust plate.



The Upward Trail

““The Scoutmaster teaches boys to play the game by doing so himself.”



Robert Baden-Powell

Scoutmaster’s Minute

By Scoutmaster Robert D. Melton

As a Scoutmaster, there are two things I cannot teach a scout. They are self-discipline and ambition. I can encourage but I cannot force a person to have some discipline in their life nor have the ambition to succeed. For all of us, discipline and ambition must come within. We must have the desire to want to make our life better.

A little girl once asked her mother, "Mama, why do flowers grow?" Her mother was weary and did not know the answer so she said the first thing that came to her mind, "I guess the seeds are tired of being in the ground, and they just want to get up out of the dirt." I think that is what desire and ambition are all about. When you are tired of things being the way they are, you want to see them get better. You want things to get up out of the dirt! That is something we should all desire to have in our hearts.

What about you? Do you have self-discipline and ambition in your life? To be an Eagle Scout, you must have both. *“Be Prepared”*



SCOUTING MAGAZIN BLOG

Can't get enough of Scouting magazine? Get a daily fix of news, information, and inspiration with the official Scouting magazine blog, called "Cracker Barrel." We'll update it with stories about your favorite Scouting moments, tips for improving your unit, and breaking news from the BSA. Check it out at blog.scoutingmagazine.org.



Eight Eagles Have Landed

Eight young men who started in Scouting together in 1997 recently achieved something that is rarely done; they received Eagle Scout status at the same time.

The eight scouts of Troop 602, which is based at St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, received the Eagle Scout award at a Court of Honor held at the church on April 19.

Troop Committee Chairman’s Corner

By Committee Chair Joan Holladay

I want to encourage all of our Scouts and their families (siblings and friends included) to join us for the Court of Honor on May 14th. When a Scout earns a Rank Advancement or a Merit Badge, he is awarded the badge during the circle time at the end of a regular meeting. At the Court of Honor, though, he gets recognized again in front of all of his peers and his family and friends. He receives the paper certificate that goes along with each advancement/badge. When a Scout earns a Rank Advancement, his parent(s) are invited to come up to the front to stand beside the Scout as he receives his recognition. This helps to reinforce the idea that as family members we stand with our Scout providing support as needed and taking pride in his accomplishments. Your Scout will also receive a Mother’s pin for each Rank Advancement. He will pin this small pin on your



Mother’s Ribbon that you can in turn wear proudly whenever you like. (The troop will give you the Mother’s Ribbon when your Scout earns his first Rank Advancement). Your son may TELL you that you don’t need to attend, but, in the end he will appreciate your presence. Several other items to note about the Court of Honor – it is almost always a covered dish type event

with the troop providing the meat and paper products, so please bring whatever your son’s patrol is assigned to bring. We collect donations to cover the cost of the meat and paper products by placing a basket on the serving table. Please plan to contribute as you are able. If your son is a member of the Service Patrol for the month, he should be there early to help set up and plan to stay late to help clean up. The Scouts should know if they are in that patrol.

On another topic, I continue to look for parents/adults to help the committee in different

ways. I am very please to announce that Joan Kessel has accepted the position of Health and Safety Chair and Ruthy Stephens has agreed to take over as the Secretary. We are still looking for people to fill the roles of Chaplain, Community Service/Good Turn, Membership, Training and Popcorn Chair. I’d like to say thank you to the new scout parents who have registered to become committee members-at-large. They are now able to participate in Board of Reviews for the boys.

If being on the committee or sitting on Board of Reviews doesn’t interest you, there are other possibilities. Our Advancement Chair, Dr. Peter Bain, is looking for adults willing to become Merit Badge counselors (which is a very fun job to do). We also continue to add people to our Assistant Scoutmaster Corp. As we ramp up our plans to replace the Scout Hut, we continue to need adults to lead various fund raising activities. Please let me know if you are interested in any of the above positions. Joan 770-451-5326

Advancement News For April 2009

By Advancement Chairman Peter Bain

The scouts of Troop 477 have been working hard in the month of April and all that hard work resulted in 11 rank advancements and 6 merit badges being earned.

Special congratulations go out to Nick Lichirie and Dan Farrey for achieving their eagle rank at boards of review held on April 30.

Also, 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.

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

Merit Badges

Ben Deutsch	Family Life, Personal Management
Michael Greenstein	Nuclear Science
Taylor Lee	Communications
Nick Lichirie	Cooking
Casey Shaw	Personal Fitness

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>

Rank Advancements

Nick Lichirie	Eagle
Dan Farrey	Eagle
Ryan Greenstein	Life
Lance Kennedy	First Class
Gus Stotts	First Class
Blake Kuller	First Class
Miles Martin	First Class
Michael Deutsch	Second Class, First Class
Michael Greenstein	Second Class
Seth Kessel	Scout
Andrew Maceyko	Second Class
Timothy Trembath	Scout



All parents and family members are cordially invited to the next Troop 477 Court of Honor to be held on Thursday, May 14 at 7 PM in the Kingswood United Methodist Fellowship Hall. Please join us as we recognize all our Scouts for their hard work and their achievements. The Troop will provide Guthrie's chicken and bread for a potluck. A donation of \$2 per person is

requested to cover the cost of the chicken. Please bring a dish to share according to the following Patrol assignments:

Barracuda Patrol-Beverages

Cobra Patrol-Sides. Like mac and cheese, potatoes, salads, vegetables, or fruit.

Panther Patrol-Sides as above

Stingray Patrol-Desserts

After the potluck, the awards ceremony will take place. Scouts should wear their Class A uniform. Moms, please wear your Mother's ribbon. All are invited!

Knot of the Month; Double Fisherman's

Submitted by Warren "I'm Knot Crazy" Martin

Structure: The Double Fisherman's, or Grapevine, Bend [ABOK #294, p 50.] consists of two double overhand knots (on left), each tied round the other standing end. However, because it is created around another line, this structure may not be obvious.

Safety - Use Triple: For load-bearing using modern high modulus ropes such as Spectra, Dyneema or Kevlar/Technora, use a Triple Fisherman's. In each stopper knot the rope is passed around a third time before being threaded back through the loops. The triple, or even quadruple, version is also used by fishermen to join two lengths of fishing line.

Uses: The Double or Triple Fisherman's Bend is the way to form a Prusik Loop and is an excellent and reliable way of joining two climbing ropes. It can be used for a full rope-length abseil; after which it is still possible to retrieve the rope.

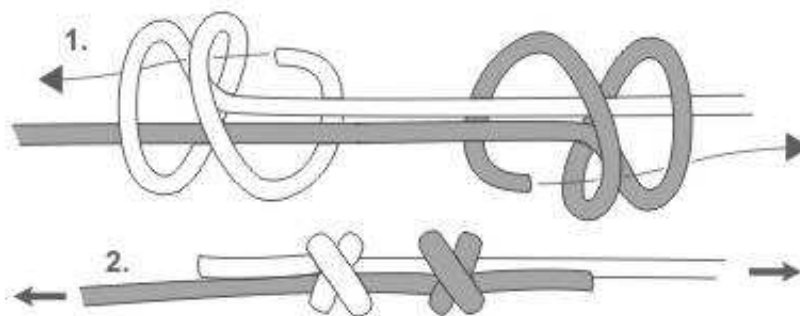
Inspection: The Double Fisherman's is not complicated. Nevertheless, it can be tied wrongly and then fail. If you tie it and your life depends on it, inspect it carefully. If someone else ties it, inspect it extremely carefully.

Sources: 1. Animated Knots by Grog - <http://www.animatedknots.com/doublefishermansscouting>

DOUBLE FISHERMAN'S

The Double Fisherman's Knot securely ties two ropes together or can be used to tie the ends of rope or cord together to form loops.

Another use for this knot is to make another knot more secure by tying this knot with the tag end of the rope behind another knot, a practice common to mountain climbers. In that case, you are effectively tying one half of the Double Fisherman's around the standing line of the other knot.



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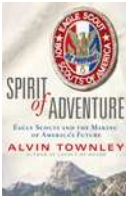
Alan Wilson

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

1. There are three main points to the Scout Oath, one is Duty to God and country, second is duty to other, the third is duty to....?
5. What is the last name of the parent who has accepted the responsibility of Troop Health and Safety Chairman?
8. What was the last merit badge earned by Nick Lichirie?
11. The Scoutmaster said he can not teach two things to a scout, One is self-discipline, what is the other?
15. Our SPL just earned the rank of Eagle Scout, what is his first name?
16. The knot of the month is the "double"?

SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE



written by Atlanta's own Alvin Townley, hits bookstores nationwide on May 12. It explores America's rising generation: Eagle Scouts in their 20s and 30s who are leading lives that are extraordinary and significant. The new book follows LEGACY OF HONOR, but has an energy all its own. SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE helps tell the story of Scouting. We're trying to make waves during Release Week (May 12), so if you'd like pre-order a copy today at a discounted price or for more information on SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE, go to the following link:

http://www.alvintownley.com/page/books/spirit_of_adventure

The 2009 NESA Day will be held May 16 at 8 AM at the Georgia Perimeter College Clarkston Campus.



Classes are \$5 and include citizenship in the community, nation and world, emergency preparedness, personal management, communication, personal fitness, first aid, and fire safety. For information, visit the "latest news" on the Atlanta Area Council web site:

www.atlantabsa.org

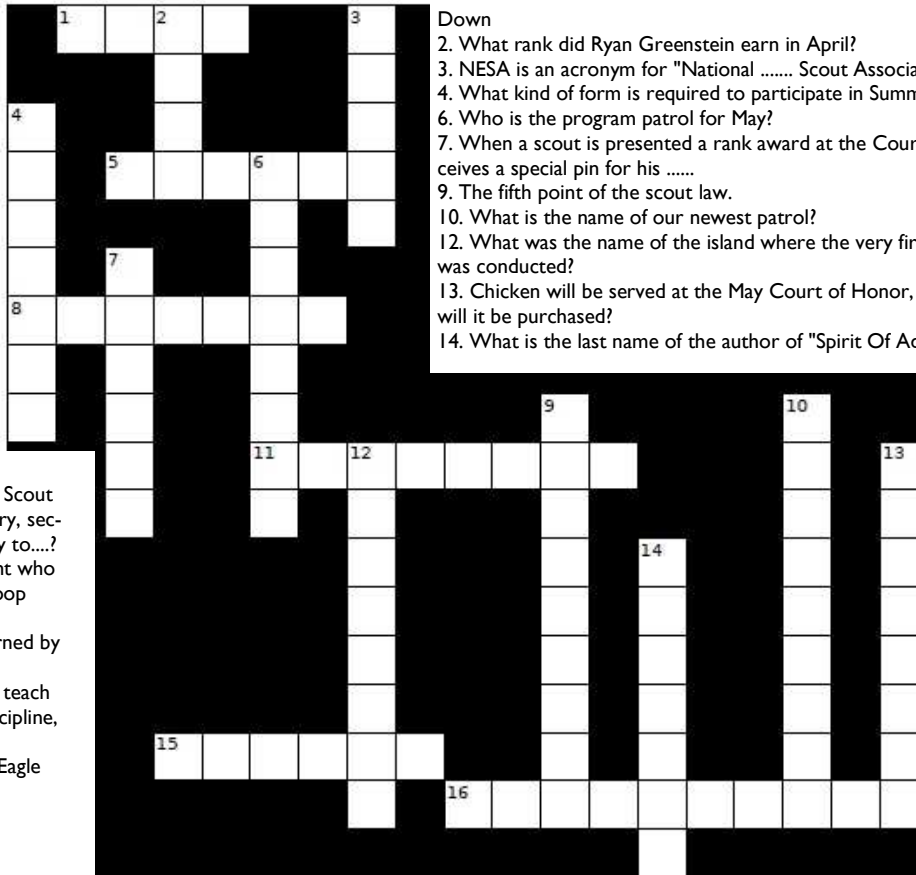
The Volunteer Service Center and Scout Shop will be closed from 4 PM on Saturday, May 23 until 8:30 AM on Tuesday May 26 in observance of Memorial Day.

The Atlanta Area Council Scout Shop's Buy One Get One Free Sale Starts May!! Visit any of the three Atlanta Scouts Shops to take advantage of this great sale! The sale will last through May or while supplies last.

"America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves."

- Abraham Lincoln

CARVEL ICE CREAM CROSSWORD



Down

2. What rank did Ryan Greenstein earn in April?
3. NESA is an acronym for "National Scout Association".
4. What kind of form is required to participate in Summer Camp?
6. Who is the program patrol for May?
7. When a scout is presented a rank award at the Court of Honor, he receives a special pin for his
9. The fifth point of the scout law.
10. What is the name of our newest patrol?
12. What was the name of the island where the very first boy scout camp was conducted?
13. Chicken will be served at the May Court of Honor, from what company will it be purchased?
14. What is the last name of the author of "Spirit Of Adventure"?

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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.