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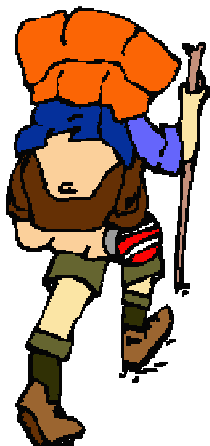
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UPCOMING CAMPING TRIPS

By Camping Chairman Gene Gaultney

Troop 477's October 9th - 12th camping trip will be to Providence Canyon State Park in Lumpkin, GA.



The Scouts will backpack and camp in Georgia's own "Little Grand Canyon". Visitors are amazed at the breathtaking colors of Georgia's "Little Grand Canyon." Colorful wildflowers, as well as the pink, orange, red and purple hues of the soft canyon soil, make a beautiful natural painting at this unique park. The rare Plumleaf Azalea grows only in this region and blooms during July and August when most azaleas have lost their color. Visitors can enjoy views of the canyons from the rim trail, and backpackers who set off before 4 p.m. can stay overnight along the backcountry trail. A visitor center explains how the massive gullies (the deepest being 150 feet) were caused by erosion due to poor farming practices in the 1800s.

Look for more details soon.

November 20th - 22nd : Backpacking Trip - Panther Creek Trail in the Cohutta Wilderness - A 3.4 mile moderately difficult trail which has some very scenic views including a waterfall.



December 5th - 6th : Camping at FDR State Park in Pine Mountain, GA with the new Webelo Scouts from Pack 477. Trip will include Horseback riding and a visit to the Little White House. Located near Callaway Gardens and the town of Warm Springs, this park is deeply rooted in the historical era of four-time President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Seeking a place for treatment after he was stricken with polio in 1921, Roosevelt traveled to nearby Warm Springs



and built his Little White House. Several structures within the park were built by Roosevelt's Civilian Conservation Corps during the Great Depression. Above Kings Gap is Dowdell's Knob, Roosevelt's favorite picnic spot overlooking a magnificent view of the valley below. A life-size sculpture of the beloved president welcomes visitors to the overlook. Hikers will enjoy the scenic trails in Georgia's largest state park, especially the Pine Mountain Trail, which winds through a mix of hardwoods and pines. The trail's highest elevation is 1,395 feet. Pine Mountain is on the southern-most edge of the Appalachian Mountain range. Hikers are sometimes surprised to find this terrain in middle Georgia.

TROOP MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY ON THE WAY

A new Troop membership directory is at the printer as you read this newsletter. 2007 was the last year we published a directory. This one will be a 2009-2010 Edition and will have address and contact info for Scouts and Scouters as well as Camping Trip Calendar info, Troop Policies, and a Troop Merit Badge Counselor Cross reference to help your Scout find MB Counselors. One will be distributed to each scouting family in the troop.

The Upward Trail

"A boy carries out suggestions more wholeheartedly when he understands their aim."



Robert Baden-Powell

Scoutmaster's Minute

By Scoutmaster Robert D. Melton

Failure teaches Success: Failure is not a comfortable feeling and more often than not we have it in our lives. But if we can use it to measure what it takes to be successful, then failing becomes a tool we can learn from. If we take the time to look at our failures it will teach us what we have to do to be successful. It forces us to self analyze who am I and what I did. Winning is an easy pill to take, often swallowed rapidly, cherished and we move on. We must use failure as a teaching tool. If we don't take the time to learn from our failures then we have really failed at becoming successful and have gained nothing by failing. So failing teaches us how to be successful.



Popcorn Update September 7th, 2009



We are off and running with our Popcorn Fundraiser for the 2009 - 2010 Scouting year. Congratulations to Nicholas Hackley for already filling up a full order form



for a total of \$610.00 which resulted in his rather harsh delivery of a Cool Whip pie into Popcorn Chair Gene Gaultney's face after the Court of Honor meeting last week. We encourage everyone to meet their personal goal of \$200.00 in popcorn sales this year. Parents, please assist and encourage your scouts to strive to meet this goal to help us in our fund-raising effort.

I want to remind everyone about the Trails End website, orderpopcorn.com, which allows out-of-town family and friends to support your scout in his efforts to reach and exceed his goal. I have attached a sample email that my son Nicholas and I prepared to send to our many out of town family and friends. If you use this sample email, be sure to replace Nicholas's scout code with your scout's code which was provided in their popcorn sales packet. If you are not sure what your code is, please let me know and I can get that for you.

Also, if someone wants to just make a cash/check donation to the Troop, you can accept the money and that will be credited toward your gross sales figure. There is a military

donation option on the sales order form for anyone not wanting popcorn.

Key "Popcorn" dates to remember:

- * Saturday, September 12th - Show-n-Sell Popcorn will be delivered and will be available on Sunday September 13th for anyone wishing to conduct a Show-n-Sell.
- * Thursday, October 8th (15th at the latest)- All Popcorn orders are due to me. Please try to submit one check payable to Troop 477 with your order form.
- * Thursday, October 22nd - I will place the final popcorn order for our Troop.
- * Saturday, November 6th - Popcorn will delivered and be ready for distribution on Sunday November 7th to the Scouts

We have one month to go so please get "Popping" with the sales effort!

Thanks,
Popcorn Chair
Gene Gaultney



HEALTH FORM UPDATE:

By Health & Safety Chair, Joan Kessel

It is early to be thinking about January 1st, 2010 but when it comes to your Scout's Health Forms that is an important date. As of January 1, 2010 all scouts and adults will be required to have the 'new' forms on file. You may have had to update your forms for last summer camp - they could be expired because of the new forms. Without an up to date form the scout/adult can not participate in some activities.



then that form is good for one 12 month period and the January date will not effect you. If you have the older Class 1, 2, 3 your form will no longer be good as of 12/31/2009 - no matter how what month it was done.

This change is nation wide for BSA. It does not necessarily mean that you have to have an additional appointment for the forms. Some providers will fill out the form without an appointment if it is within a certain time-

If you have the forms that state Parts A, B, C frame - check with your provider.

You can access the new forms at the Troop 477 site:

<http://www.kingswoodumc.org/troop477>, You can fill the first part of the form out on the computer and then print it. This makes it easier to read.

Call me if you have any questions at 770 350 6675 - Joan Kessel, Health & Safety Chair

KINGSWOOD OFFERS CPR

CPR/First Aid Class: American Red Cross Certified instructor, Kelly Dwyer, will be here to teach CPR and First Aid on October 6, 6:30-9:30 pm, in room 212. Registration is \$20. Please make checks payable to Kelly Dwyer. Contact Church office to register at 770-457-1317.

August Advancement News

The summer doldrums for advancement have not come to pass this year with summer camp in June providing large numbers and with August advancements of 6 merit badges and 3 rank advancements.

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

Merit Badges

Trevor Alexander Personal Fitness
Preston Burns Camping
Micheal Deutsch First Aid

Thomas Kelly
Jason Liess

Citizenship in the Nation
Citizenship in the Nation
Fishing

Rank Advancements

Andrew Maceyko First Class

Nick Gaultney Star



Help Wanted



Troop 477's Advancement Chairman, Dr. Peter Bain, is seeking a parent to assist with an important advancement task. He is looking for someone to serve as **Troop Merit Badge Coordinator**. This person will be responsible for helping Scouts identify and participate in area Merit Badge Classes, following up after summer camp to help Scouts find Counselors to complete partial earned at summer camp, and to assist in organizing Troop led Merit Badge Classes. If you are interested in helping Please contact Dr. Bain, or Committee Chair Joan Holladay.

Genealogy Merit Badge Class To Be Offered In October: Listen for announcements and look for the flyer soon announcing this MB opportunity in October. The class will be offered on three consecutive Wednesday Nights immediately following Kingswood's Wednesday Night dinner. Non-Scouts are invited as well for an introduction to Genealogy. Come to dinner and stay for the class. Uniform required for Scouts.

Kingswood Sports & Fitness Program For Kids & Youth

Yoga for Kids & Youth begins September 10 for ages 4-youth.

Creative Kids Arts & Crafts Classes: Let your child's creativity soar with our new art and crafts program at Kingswood. Every week Dawne Cueller, Interior Decorator and artist, will help your child learn a new craft ranging from painting, clay sculpting, jewelry making, and much more. This 6-session class for children ages 3-6 runs September 22 to October 27 in room 134. Registration is \$100 and includes all materials. Deadline to register is September 16.

Kids Fit Fest: This program will engage children in backyard games and activities that will provide tons of fun and lots of exercise. It begins October 5 (ages 2-5) and October 6 (ages

6-10).

Indoor Tennis begins October 8 for ages 4-12.

Yoga for Kids & Youth with Special Needs begins October 8 for ages 3-14.

Babysitter Training Class: American Red Cross Certified instructor, Katia Murphy-Blount will teach a Babysitter Training class on Saturday, November 14, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm, in room 212. This course, designed for ages 11-15, teaches you how to care for children and infants, make good decisions and solve problems, keep the children you baby-sit and yourself safe, and handle emergencies. Please bring a lunch or snack. Registration is \$40 and includes a baby-sitting guidebook and a certification card.

Visit The Council Volunteer Service Center



The Atlanta Area Council Volunteer Service Center, located at 1800 Circle 75 Pkwy, Atlanta, Georgia, is the operations center for all of the Council's activities throughout the year. The Volunteer Service Center is the catalyst for policy, planning, information, and most important, the stimulation and inspiration that mobilizes our tremendous volunteer organization. The Volunteer Service Center enables key volunteer leadership and community resources to promote and enrich the Scouting program for thousands of youth members in our thirteen county service area.

Knot of the Month

Submitted by Warren "I'm Knot Krazy" Martin

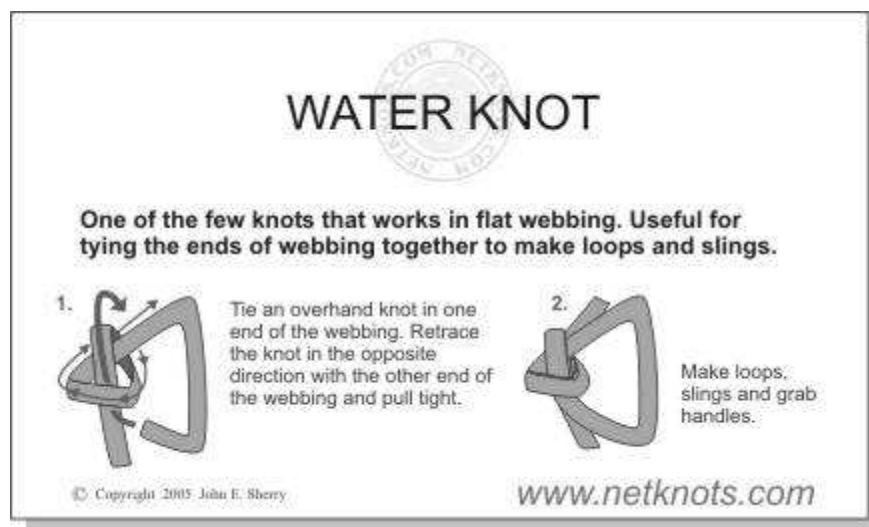
Water Knot

Structure: The Water Knot [ABOK #296, p 50] is essentially an overhand knot with the second strap (or rope) passed along the knot in the reverse direction. The knot should be arranged neatly and pulled tight. Several inches of the straps should be left over and for safety, some authorities recommend tying an overhand knot in the ends. In webbing straps it makes a very satisfactory and safe join.



Uses: In climbing it is used to join two pieces of webbing strapping.

Caution: The Water Knot is reported to slip over time especially with repeated loads. For this reason it is recommended to leave long tails and to inspect the Water Knot to check it has not slipped significantly.



Sources:

1. Animated Knots by Grog - <http://www.animatedknots.com/waterknot>
2. Net Knots—http://www.netknots.com/html/water_knot.html



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PROMISE NEWSLETTER!

In an effort to be more environmentally friendly, and to keep up with the times, the Promise (Atlanta Area Council's Newsletter) will now only be available online. We hope that you will find this format more user-friendly. Please encourage volunteers, parents, and Scouts to sign up for the Promise through the homepage of the Council website using the "Join Mailing List" link.



WILDERNESS FIRST AID

The Atlanta Area Council will host a SOLO Basic Wilderness First Aid class Saturday & Sunday, October 24 - 25, at the Camp Allatoona Aquatics Base in Woodstock, GA. The camp is approximately 30 miles northwest of Atlanta. More about SOLO (Stonehearth Open Learning Opportunities) at www.soloschools.com.



Address of the camp is: 200 Lovingood Drive, Woodstock, GA 30189. Map attached as PDF file. Cost is \$150 and includes lunch

both Saturday and Sunday. Camping is available by advance arrangement. Participants are on their own for all other meals. Participants must attend both days, 8 AM - 5 PM.

Online registration (only) via Atlanta Area Council web site www.atlantabsa.org. Click on the home page calendar to reach the October 2009 calendar. Select the link on October 24 to register. Follow prompts.

Class will fill at 45, and there will be a waiting list. No refunds after October 2.

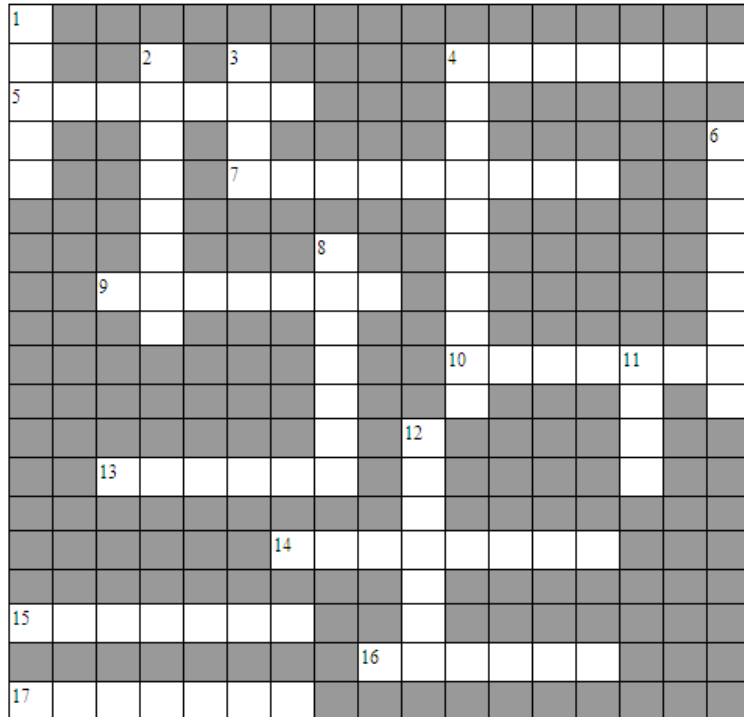
Contact: Charlie Pineo, Camp Allatoona Aquatics Base volunteer, at (404) 520-2716 or by email at WildFirstAid@aol.com for additional information. Register by

Silver Beaver Nominations Due October 31

The Silver Beaver is the highest award that a local council can give to a volunteer Scout Leader for service to youth. Nominations are due October 31. Please consider nominating a dedicated Scouter that has influenced the program of Scouting in your area for this award.

Wood Badge Fall Course

(October) Wood Badge is the premier adult leadership training teaching contemporary leadership and team development skills in the outdoors. The fall Wood Badge Course is nearly at capacity, so register today! Join us for the two weekend format, October 2-4 and October 23-25 at Bert Adams. This is experience is sure to make a difference in your life!



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

- What kind of "feline" is the November hiking trail named for?
- Saying that a Scout is Frugal is similar to saying that a Scout is _____?
- The state park where our December trip is named for what President (Last Name)?
- What upcoming month will be when the new BSA health for must be used?
- What is the name of the Wilderness area where the Troop will camp in November?
- What is the last name of our Chartered Organization Representative?
- _____ Gardens is a popular tourist attraction near our December Camping location.
- What Merit Badge did Preston Burns earn in August?

DOWN

- What is the name of the knot of the month?
- First name of Scout who threw a pie in Mr. Gaultney's face at the August Court Of Honor?
- What rank did Nick Gaultney earn in August?
- What is the name of the canyon where the Troop will camp in October?
- What kind of Azalea blooms at the Canyon where we camp in October?
- What negative environmental process created Georgia's Little Grand Canyon.
- Who is the service patrol for September?
- This month Scoutmaster's minute says that _____ teaches success.

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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www.KingswoodUMC.org/Troop477



A Scout is Thrifty: A Scout works to pay his own way and to help others. He saves for the future. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.