

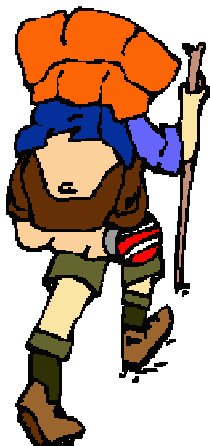


Patrol Duty Roster for JANUARY 2010

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STINGRAY

Program Patrol
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Camp Program Patrol
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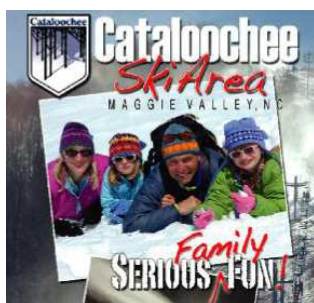
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UPCOMING OUTINGS

Cataloochee Ski Trip Maggie Valley, NC (MLK Day weekend)

Saturday, January 16 – Monday January 18, 2010

We have 23 Scouts and 5 adults signed up for this trip. "Be Prepared" for very cold weather. Scoutmaster for the trip will be Whalen Kuller. Everyone should bring their own Ski Bibs (these can be rented if necessary), coats and gloves. Helmets are available



for rental at a cost of \$7.00 per day. We will depart on Saturday, January 16th and drive to Maggie Valley, NC. We will stay both nights in the home of Whalen Kuller's in-laws. We will be eating in both nights to save money. We will be serving Hamburgers and Hot Dogs on Saturday night and Spaghetti on Sunday night. Please let Mr. Gaultney know if there are any special dietary needs. We will ski all day Sunday and half the day on Monday. We will arrive back at the church around 5:00pm EST on the 18th.

Kennedy Space Center Trip (President's Day 4-day weekend)

February 12, 2010 – February 15, 2010

We will travel to Cape Canaveral to participate in the National Scouting day at the Space Center. The troop will leave on the morning of Friday February 12th and drive to Titusville, FL to spend two nights at the KOA campground. We will participate in planned activities for the scouts on Saturday February 13th which will include the opportunity to meet an astronaut, and tour the Space Center.



We will also spend some time on the beach on Sunday February 14th. There will be access to bathrooms and showers. It's a great opportunity to take the family along. The trip costs have not been finalized but details will be provided within the next two weeks. Visit the camping page of the Troop web site for information and forms.

Andersonville National Historic Site Trip - Andersonville, GA

March 13, 2010 – March 14, 2010

The scouts will visit the Andersonville National Historic Site (Camp Sumter), the National P.O.W. Museum, the Andersonville National Cemetery, and enjoy the Andersonville Prison Historical Hike.



The scouts will camping trip on Saturday night at a campground near the site.

Spring Camporee at Bert Adams Scout Reservation.

March 26, 2010 – March 28, 2010

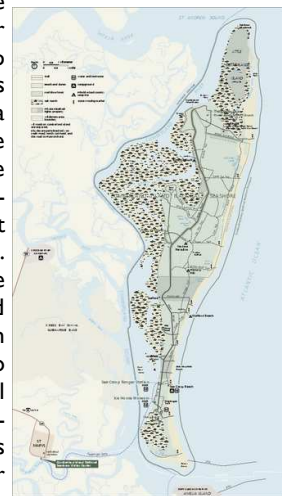
Make plans now for the always fun (and wet) spring camp-o-ree.



Spring Break trip to Cumberland Island.

April 4, 2010 – April 9, 2010

Scoutmaster for the trip will be Mr. Lawrence Hetrick. Mr. Hetrick will lead a 4-night backpacking trip on Cumberland Island. There are only 11 slots for scouts open for this trip so contact Mr. Hetrick as soon as possible to get a slot. Please note that the scouts will have to leave on Easter Sunday afternoon to spend the night somewhere close to St. Mary's, GA because the ferry ride to the island departs at 11:45 am on Monday morning to get to the island. The scouts will return on Friday afternoon, April 9th. Put this trip on your calendar now!



TROOP ELECTIONS: January 14th

Troop elections for positions on the PLC are coming up on January 14th. To learn more about Troop Leadership positions, visit the PLC page of the Troop web site at:

<http://kingswoodumc.org/troop477/PLC.htm>

"The spirit is there in every boy; it has to be discovered and brought to light."



Robert Baden-Powell

Saturday January 30th, 2010 – Pinewood Derby

We will be running a concession stand for the Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby from 11:00 am – 3:00pm. We need scout volunteers to assist with this. Please contact Warren Martin if you are interested. **Saturday February 20th – Sunday February 21st Cub Scout Polar Bear Camp-out**

The Cub Scouts will be holding their annual Polar Bear Campout at Simpsonwood Conference and Retreat Center in Norcross, GA. Scouts will be needed to assist with activities during the day and the leading the Saturday evening campfire. Scouts are welcome to stay overnight if they desire. Please let Mr. Gaultney know if you are interested.

2009 Silver Beaver Award Recipient

The highest award that a local council can give to a volunteer Scout Leader for service to youth is the **Silver Beaver**.

Of the hundreds of awards that are presented each year, the Silver Beaver is the highest and most prestigious honor awarded to a volunteer by a local council. As a movement whose leadership is overwhelmingly volunteer, the Boy Scouts of America recognizes the need to acknowledge those individuals who truly go above and beyond to guarantee the availability of a quality Scouting program.

One of Troop 477's own leaders has been awarded the Silver Beaver; Jeff Glaze

Congratulations Jeff!



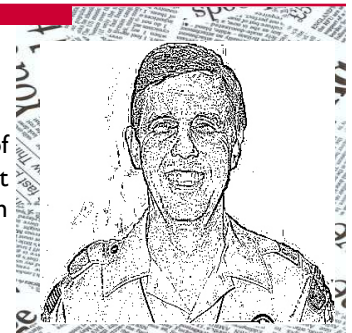
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Scoutmaster's Minute

By Scoutmaster Robert D. Melton

Happy New Year! As we enter a new year, it is like the 1st day of the rest of your life. You are in control of the future only. You cannot alter the past. Just learn from your mistakes and use the Scout Oath and Scout Law to make your future the best it can be.

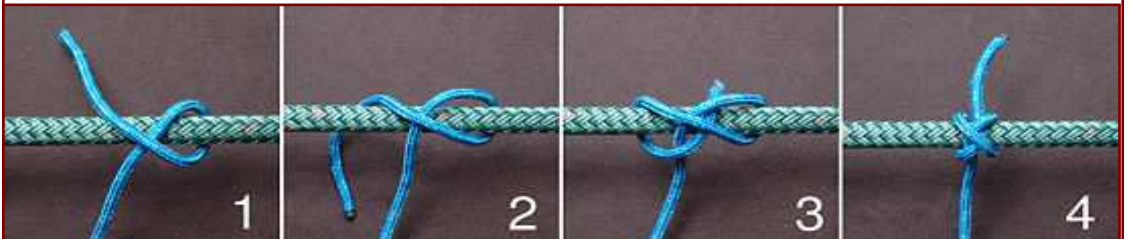
"BE PREPARED" for the future.



Knot of the Month: Constrictor Knot

Submitted by Warren "I'm Knot Crazy" Martin

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 photograph. It is normally tied in twine or other small diameter line.

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DECEMBER 2009 Advancement News

By Troop Advancement Chairman Peter Bain

Newsletter article for December 2009 submitted by the advancement chairman, Peter Bain
With all the competing activities during the month, December saw an decrease in advancement. There were a total of 1 merit badge and 3 rank advancements.

Congratulations to the following scouts for advancements received during the month of December of 2009:

Merit Badges

Marc Sheinman Music

Rank Advancements

Matt Bieber Tenderfoot

Charlie Deyo Tenderfoot

Seth Kessel 2nd Class

Troop at Kingswood takes on major project, Tuesday, December 15, 2009

By Jim Stevens, For The Dunwoody Crier

Of the many good qualities the Boy Scouts of America try to implant in young Scouts, the concept of community service is paramount. Teamwork and cooperation for the common good of all is also at the top of the list of desired traits.

Boy Scout Troop 477, sponsored by Kingwood United Methodist Church, is now engaged in a group project to replace an aging, leaking trailer on the grounds of KUMC that has served as the Scout Hut for many years longer than was expected. Troop 477 has a long history with scouting, with 37 years of sponsoring activities that have produced 96 Eagle Scouts in the Dunwoody area to date.

Two years ago, Assistant Scoutmaster Whalen Kuller talked to his fellow congregant at Dunwoody Baptist Church, Barry Roberts, owner of Atlanta Demolition, about the need to "deconstruct" the aging scout structure and dispose of the materials, such as asbestos, safely and properly. Roberts and employee Tom Frost immediately agreed to provide the deconstruction at no cost, with the aid of volunteers. In addition, Roberts enlisted the help of Robert Brawner, an Eagle Scout and present owner of One Group Consulting, to provide a needed environmental survey at no cost. Fi-

nally, Troop 477 Committee Chair Joan Holladay contacted Dunwoody City Hall for the needed permit and permission to demolish the hut.

"This project really shows how a small group of volunteers with a common goal can work together for success," said Holladay. "A committee consisting of Alan Wilson, Chartered Organization Representative, Scoutmaster Bob Melton, and myself is now busily working on a fund raising plan to design and build a new Scout Hut for Troop 477."

A new hut is needed for a wide variety of scouting needs, not least of which is providing a storage area for the troop's camping equipment and supplies. A separate meeting room allows for planning and training sessions, and does not interfere with church-related activities.

Next up for the committee is finding and working with an architect to design a new building, getting agreement on the design, and, most importantly, raising funds for the new construction on the old building site. It is hoped that construction would be complete by next spring.

"We managed to get this first phase completed with a minimum cash outlay, thanks to the generous assistance from Atlanta Demolition and One Group Consulting," said Holladay, "but we will need financial help for the next part."



Members of Boy Scout Troop 477 have accomplished step one of removing an aging, leaking trailer that used to serve as their Scout hut. Now they are raising money to build a new one.

Holladay became interested in scouting when her two girls, now adults, became involved. She decided to get involved with the Boy Scouts when son John joined Troop 477.

"I work in the administrative end of scouting, not the in-field area. I help manage the database, make lists, chair committees, activities that support our field people," said Holladay. "We can always use volunteers for these functions. People wishing to volunteer or to make a cash donation can call me at (770) 451-5326."

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

By Committee Chair Joan Holladay

Did you know that Troop 477 and Kingswood are famous on the local level? Yes. We made the paper – the Dunwoody Crier's Dec 16, 09 issue included a nice and long article about the removal of the Scout Hut by Atlanta Demolition. It also included a picture of yours truly along with several other members of the troop. If you still have that edition, check it out. The article ended with my phone number for people to call if they wanted to help the troop and instructions to mail any money contributions to the church. So far, we've had an architect volunteer his services and a donation of \$200 come from the community.

Thank you to all of the troop members who came and went throughout the day during the removal of the hut. I think we ended up with a fair bit of film footage, both still photos and video.

More good news! We have an adult in our Scouter Corp who is a 2009 recipient of the Silver Beaver Award – one of Scouting's high honors for volunteers that have served scouts at the council level. There are only 17 recipients for the entire Atlanta Area Council and

our own Jeff Glaze is one of them! Congratulations, Jeff! Please see the following excerpt from the recent council publication, The Promise.

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When a Scouter is nominated for this honor in the Atlanta Area Council, the following attributes are considered.

- This award is made for noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by registered BSA adult volunteers within the Atlanta Area Council
- Service of a non-Scouting nature is also a considered during the evaluation process
- The Atlanta Area Council recognizes and truly appreciates the dedication of over 10,000 Scouters in the



Atlanta Area; however, we are limited by National BSA protocol as to the number of Silver Beaver Awards that can be presented.

- All nominations will be reviewed by a volunteer committee

It is a high honor indeed to be a chosen recipient of the Silver Beaver Award. Jeff will receive his certificate in March at an awards ceremony.

Please be sure to join us at the next Court of Honor on Jan 28th in the Fellowship Hall at Kingswood at 7PM.

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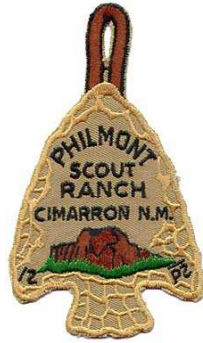
Trevor Alexander, Joan Holladay,
Gene Gaultney, Warren Martin,
Peter Bain, and Scoutmaster
Robert D. Melton
January 6, 2010

TROOP 477 "KEY THREE"

Scoutmaster:
Robert D. Melton
Committee Chairman:
Joan Holladay
Chartered Organization Representative:
Alan Wilson

**Atlanta Area Council
Philmont High Adventure
Expedition, June 13 - 25, 2010**

Some of you have made your initial payment for Philmont 2010. Thank you. If you have not, then please send Rich Butera a check for \$450 now.



Here is the payment schedule for the remaining payments. Please forward payments to Rich Butera two weeks before the due dates listed below so that we can make our payment to the council office in a timely manner. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Melton or Warren Martin.

\$200 due February 1, 2010
\$300 due March 1, 2020
\$300 due May 1, 2010 (Important note: remaining balance due depends upon final transportation fee.)

The following are members of T477 Philmont 2010 Crew # 9

1. Trevor Alexander
2. Anthony Butera
3. Dusty England
4. Nick Gaultney
5. Ryan Greenstein
6. Tom Hetrick
7. John Holladay
8. Thomas Kelly
9. Miles Martin
10. Nathan Yoakum
11. Bruce England - Advisor
12. Warren Martin Advisor

Dan Farrey is an alternate if someone needs to drop.

**Troop 477's
2010 Philmont Crew**
...will have an information/planning meeting on Thursday, January 14, 2010 @6:30pm, before the weekly troop meeting.

We will be discussing "Shakedown Trips", crew leadership, payment schedules, medical forms, equipment, etc.

This is an important meeting... Please try your best to be there!

The initial payment (\$450) is due A.S.A.P, and 2nd payment (\$200) is due February 1st. Please make checks payable to Troop 477.

Any questions please talk to Scoutmaster Melton or one of the Crew Advisors, Mr. England & Mr. Martin.

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.

Carvel Ice Cream Crossword Puzzle

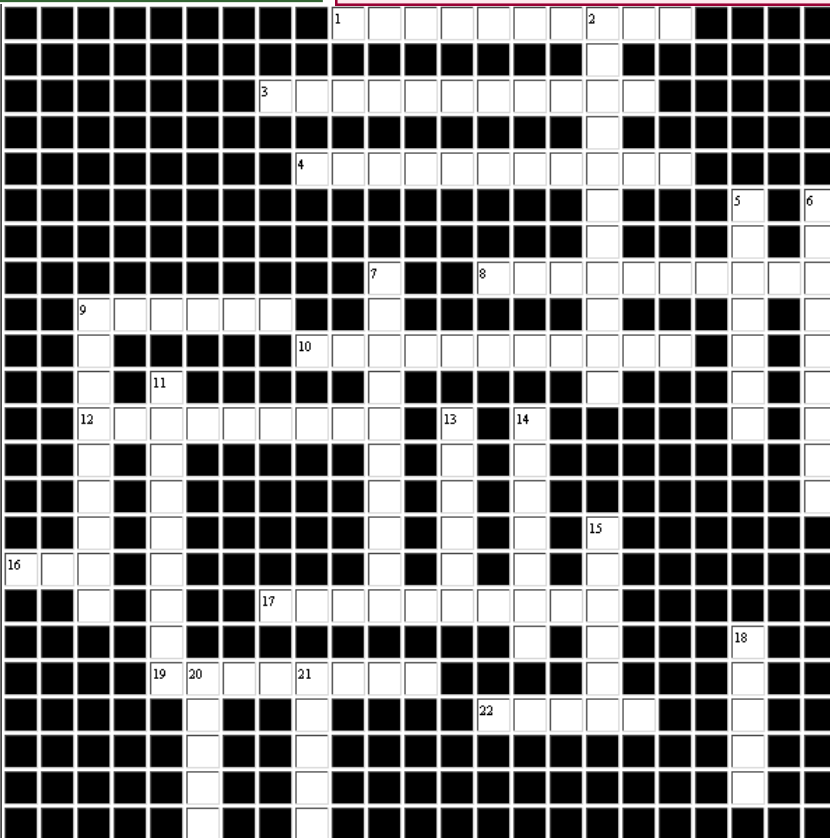
Across

1. Name of resort where the January Ski trip will take place.
3. What is our next big step in building a new Scout Hut?
4. The first point of the Boy Scout Law.
8. What kind of activity will Troop 477 scouts be conducting at the February Pinewood Derby?
9. *What is the manner in which the US flag is lowered on a flag pole?
10. Name of the conference center where Pack 477 will have its Polar Bear outing.
12. *The stars on the Boy Scout badge symbolize "Truth and _____"
16. Three letter abbreviation of the "focus" of the Andersonville Historic Site.
17. Rank earned by Matt Bidber and Charlie Deyo in December 2009
19. Name of Scout Ranch in Cimmernon New Mexico.
22. Name of the newspaper that published an article in December about our Scout Hut demolition.

Down

2. Knot of the month is the _____ knot.
5. *What is the manner in which the US flag is raised on a flag pole?
6. Cape _____ is the name of the own where the Kennedy Space Center is located.
7. Georgia Coastal Barrier Island where April trip will take place.
9. What kind of trips are being planned for the "High Adventure" crew to plan for Philmont?
11. *In order to carry a knife and use "sharps" in scouting, you must first earn this.
13. Mr. Glaze will be awarded the Silver _____ Award in March.
14. *What scouting code begin with the words, "As an American, I will be clean...."
15. Mr. Melton says, "use the Scout Oath and Scout Law to make your _____ the best it can be.
18. A virtue of the Gunner's Knot is that it can be tied quickly and it _____.
20. *Urgent first aid cases are sometime referred to as _____ cases.
21. Merit Badge earned by Marc Sheinman in December 2009.

*Indicates a basic scout skills question not necessarily found in the newsletter.



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www.KingswoodUMC.org/Troop477



A Scout is Trustworthy: 1911-1972 Wording

"A Scout's honor is to be trusted. If he were to violate his honor by telling a lie or by cheating or by not doing exactly a given task, when trusted on his honor, he may be directed to hand over his Scout badge.