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TROOP 477 GOES SUMMER CAMP 2011

By Joshua Wall

On the weekend



of April 15-17th, some of the boys in Troop 477 had a great time camping at Bert Adams. This trip was special because we got to organize games and other camping activities with Pack 477. We also did a service project for one of our fellow Boy Scouts from Troop 477 who passed away last August. The weekend included a big storm, a great chance to work on the service project for our friend, time to spend with our Cub Scout Pack 477, and opportunities to meet new friends.

On Friday around 5:30pm, ten Boy Scouts and 4 adults leaders met at Kingswood to pack and load our gear into the troop trailer and to go to Bert Adams to camp. The weather was very odd when we got to the campsite. Every time we started to set up our tarp or tent, it started raining but stopped as soon as we got things set up. That was the night that the big storm came through Atlanta. We had big winds trying to blow our tarps and tents away and the rain kept some of us awake for a long time. Fortunately, we all managed to stay pretty dry. By morning the storm was over. Mr. Melton and 3 more Scouts joined us Saturday morning.

Saturday morning, Evan Maxwell, Dillon Kline, Nicholas Frasier and I did our first flag raising ceremony as Boy Scouts. We raised it on a flagpole in the front of our campsite. This ceremony shows respect to the flag and our country and completes some of the requirements needed for advancement. Because a number of us on the campout are in our first couple of months of Boy Scouting, the troop spent the morning on some basic safety skills related to knives, saws, axes and fire.

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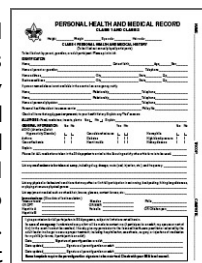
Summer Camp - June 12 - 18th
Reminder: All Scout merit badge classes have been registered on the Woodruff Summer Camp website. Please see Mr. Gaultney for a report showing your selected classes so you can be sure there are no errors in your schedule.

Scout Uniform: In order to attend summer camp, all Scouts and Scouters need to have a complete scout uniform with the appropriate patches. This includes:

Troop hat, Class "A" Shirt with appropriate patches, Pants & belt, Socks (multiple pairs), Troop class "B" t-shirts.
You will be sent a complete list of what to bring and what not to bring.

No Medical Form - No Summer Camp:

All Class III Medical Forms should already be completed by a licensed physician and submitted to Ms. Joan Kessel. If you have not already submitted your medical form, you must get it to Ms. Kessel immediately.



Everyone attending Summer Camp should have already paid \$200.00. If you have not paid, please do so immediately. The remaining payment for summer camp is as follows:

May 17th - \$85.00

Remember to check to see if your Scout has any money in his Scout account that can be used for summer camp. Make all checks payable to "Troop 477".

Please contact Mr. Gaultney with any questions you may have.

July Campout

Allatoona Aquatics Base Tentative: July 15th - July 17th
Campmasters: Harris Sheinman and Taylor Grout

We will have our annual campout at the Camp Allatoona Aquatics Base. This campout offers a great opportunity for the first year scouts to complete some of the Second Class and First Class requirements not completed at summer camp. Dates for the trip are Friday July 15th through Sunday July 17th. More details will be available in the June Newsletter.



August Activities

The Annual Patrol Leader's Council (PLC) Planning meeting will be held on Saturday August, 27th at the Kingsley Swim and Tennis Club. All Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders should mark this important date on their calendar. More details to come soon.



Alpharetta Boy Scout Helps Save Dad, Gets Medal

By: GEORGE FRANCO/myfoxatlanta
ATLANTA - An Alpharetta Boy Scout is being hailed a hero after rescuing his father during a family fishing trip. Twelve-year-old Adam Puckett was nominated for the prestigious National Medal of Merit for his quick and thoughtful actions while a fishing trip with his family last summer.

The 12-year-old Alpharetta boy said he did what he had to do when his dad was injured. He helped him get up the rocky side of the river, then with the rest of the children in the back seat the group managed to get back to their cabin.

Puckett's dad is still recovering thanks to his son's help which led the Boy Scouts to award him the Medal of Merit.

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COMMITTEE CHAIR NOTES

By Troop Committee Chair Joan Holladay

Grass/grading/seeding. Thank you to all of those who helped with spreading seed, lime, fertilizer and wheat straw. After the big rain storm we had after spreading all of the seed, I went to the next troop meeting hoping that I'd be amazed at the field of new green grass. Alas, it wasn't to be, but there was a little green the next week. We owe a big debt of gratitude to Kevin Wyzkowski for the donation of his time and equipment to do the grading for us.

I have almost completed collecting forms and paperwork from new boys and dads. Remember that if you are an adult and you submitted a membership form I have to have a copy of your Youth Protection Training certificate to turn in with your membership form. If you do not have a copy of your certificate of completion, you can go to the Atlanta Area Council web site and follow the links to the training site and complete the course again at anytime and then send me a copy of the pdf of your certificate.

With the addition of so many new boys and their parents, I have an increasing concern that each boy be picked up from the troop meetings by the appropriate parent. When the troop has completed the Circle Up time at the end of the meeting, the boys scatter quickly and most end up in the grassy area beside the parking lot. The Troop is responsible for providing 2 deep leadership until all boys have been picked up. I am concerned that some of the boys are running down the parking lot to areas that the adults cannot see and are therefore unaware that not all boys have been picked up.

Another concern is that there are often parents who take other boys home and we need to be sure that the parents of the riding boy know that he will be getting a ride home so we don't have panicked parents who arrive to pick up a son and find that he is already gone.

Please be prompt in picking up your son and be diligent to contact parents if you are giving someone else a ride home.

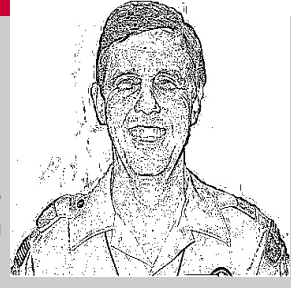
We are still looking for someone to take over the very important job of Good Turn Chair for the committee. This person is responsible for the following:

- Coordinate workdays with Kingswood United Methodist Church

SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE

Ben Franklin said, " the problem with doing nothing is not knowing when you have finished." Therefore, do something towards your next rank.

Regards,
Scoutmaster Robert D. Melton



- Coordinate quarterly (minimum) community service projects.
- Identify/coordinate community service projects for Scouts rank advancement requirements. Report Scout attendance on service projects to the Troop Scribe.
- Report to the troop committee at each meeting. If not in attendance, submit written report.

If you feel led to get involved with your son's scouting career by helping us in this capacity, please call and let me know of your interest.

I am so proud of all of our boys in the troop and look to a record number of Eagle Scouts in the year 2011. We will celebrate Casey Shaw's Eagle Court of Honor on May 8, have two more scouts who have completed their projects and are putting the final touches on their paperwork – Patrick Anchors and Thomas Kelly. We have several more working on their projects – Nick Gaultney, Thomas Hetrick, John Holladay and Jason Leiss. If all of these boys earn their Eagle this year, we will have a new record for Eagles in one year 8! In the history of the troop we have had as many as 7 Eagle in three different years, but never 8. Wow. This speaks to great commitment and effort by our boys and by the adults who support the scouting program through Kingswood. **Keep up the good work!**

WHAT IS A CAMPMASTER

Planning

Work with the Troop Camping Chairman in determining what planning is required, and to divide tasks between the two of you.

1. Have we done this trip before? The camping chairman keeps a file with information on past trips. You may find contact info, fee info, etc.. Please use this resource.
2. Create a folder for the outing for keeping all related trip info, and for the Troop Scribe to place permissions slips as received. Fees should be turned in to the Treasurer upon receipt.

(This should be done by the Scribe using the deposit envelopes.) You may need to provide some supervision of the Scribe.

3. Make contact with the ranger or manager of the location to which we are travelling and make any reservations and arrange for deposits.

Sign Up

Maintain a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Begin a sign-up sheet to post on the bulletin board for Scouts to sign-up. This should become the master copy of the sign-up sheet. If you receive e-mail or phone commitments to participate, they should be noted on the sign-up sheet. Sign-up check list should include columns for checking off receipt of verbal commitment, permission slip, fees, etc.

Permission Slips

Work with the Troop Camping Chairman to publish a Trip Information form and a permission slip to be posted on the bulletin board, web site, and for hand-out, to be available on the Thursday meeting immediately following the previous month's Camping trip. (You may create additional promotional flyers, and make announcements at Troop meeting closing.) The trip info form provides info for the family to keep, about the trip, and an equipment checklist for the Scout. Permission slips are to be turned in and carried by the Campmaster while on the trip. They include permission to authorize medical treatment.

During the Trip

You are the acting Scoutmaster if the Scoutmaster is not on the trip. The Scoutmaster and/or designated Campmaster have final say in all matters concerning Troop camping policy while on a camping trip.

1. Provide guidance to the Senior Patrol Leader.
2. Have permission slips on each boy during trip.
3. Bring the Troop's medical information notebook, (or copies of each participant's health form.)

Trip Follow-up

1. Report camping trip attendance to the Troop Scribe and Advancement Chairman immediately following the trip so that scouts get advancement credit for the activity. Settle up all financial accounts with the Troop Treasurer within one month of the trip.

VISIT OUR TROOP WEB SITE AT:

www.KingswoodUMC.org/Troop477



ADVANCEMENT NEWS

By Advancement Chair Peter Bain

This month shows several of our large group of new scouts advancing by earning their scout badge which comes along with receiving a troop hat. The troop is excited to have so many new scouts and looks forward to watching them advance. How many will go all the way to eagle?



Congratulations to the following scouts for advancements received during the month of April of 2011:

Merit Badges
Nathan Richardson Camping

Rank Advancements
Nicholas Fraser Scout
James Kokol Scout
Reed Ratonyi Scout
Ben Todd Scout

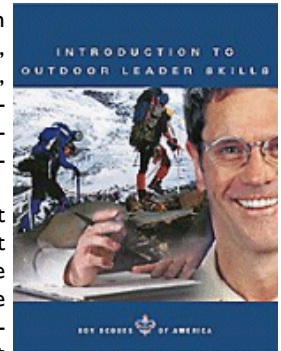
CONGRATS TO ALL

Boy Scout Leader Training

What makes a trained leader? Youth Protection Training, Fast Start Training, New Leader Essentials, Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training, and Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills.

The Hightower Trail District offers premium Boy Scout Leader Training. The Hightower Trail Course combines New Leader Essentials, Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training (SLT), and Introduction to Outdoor Leadership (ITOLS).

The district's next round of boy scout leader training will take place in Sept/Oct: SLT on the first four Thursday evenings at Briarcliff UMC, and ITOLS on the Oct 1/2 weekend at Bert Adams. Check the calendar for more details. To sign up or for more information contact the district training chair Otto Froehlich at hightowerslt@gmail.com.



Help Needed for Jason Liess' Eagle Scout Project

For my Eagle Scout Project I am clearing out a forest behind the Scout House on Kingswood United Methodist Church property for future use as a park or outdoor amphitheater. The first workday for my Eagle Scout project will be held on Saturday March 14th from 9 to 3 at Kingswood United Methodist Church, lunch will be provided. Please let me know if you are coming ahead of time so that I can coordinate lunch for everyone. If you plan on attending please wear a thick long sleeve t-shirt, long pants preferably jeans, a hat, and thick work gloves, pruners, and work boots if you have them. Please direct any questions to my email, jasonliess@me.com and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

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In the afternoon, our troop worked on a service project remembering Blake Kuller who was a Scout in Troop 477 who died recently. He was a great friend to many in our Troop. The service project was clearing some brush, spread some mulch, and started identifying some of the trees and plants in a certain area. This was related to a project Blake worked on when he was at Bert Adams before. It was special to be a part of this work.

Later Saturday afternoon, we played capture the flag on a big field behind our campsite. We organized this game for the cub scouts from Pack 477. The teams were our Boy Scouts versus the cub scouts. There happened to be a few Cub Scouts from a pack in Decatur, Georgia also playing on the field, so we invited them to join us as well. The final score was Cub Scouts 1, Boy Scouts 3.

That night, we hosted a campfire for Pack 477, the pack from Decatur that we had met while playing capture the flag, and another pack from Kennesaw, Georgia. We were able to use the Main Campfire site at Bert Adams which is right in front

of the lake. It has become a tradition for Troop 477 to host a campfire for our Cub Scout pack during their Spring campout. We led the different packs in singing songs, doing lots of crazy skits, and just having a great time. All together there were over 120 people at the campfire which made it much more exciting. It was really nice meeting Scouts from other Packs too. After the big campfire was over, the Boy Scouts stayed behind and we made banana boat deserts which were really good.

Sunday morning, after we packed up, we again got to do something special with Pack 477. We lead the Webelos from the pack in a flag retirement ceremony. We retired two flags. We were able to show them the correct way to cut each flag into four pieces and place each piece in the

fire. It was a good way to end our campout and remember our respect for our great country.

On this campout, we did many things. Our Scouts from Troop 477 learned new skills, were able to give back during our service project, and had several chances to be leaders to our younger Cub Scouts. We did all of these things while still having a ton of fun.



Campmaster Corps Looking for Scouters

If you're a veteran Scouter with outdoor training and skills, and not currently a unit leader, consider volunteering for the Council Campmaster Corps. Campmasters reside in the Campmaster cabins at Bert Adams and Woodruff on the weekends providing commissioner type service and program support to the new camping units. They also support and assist camp rangers.

Training for new Campmasters will be held soon at the Volunteer Service Center. If you're interested in joining this special group of Scouters, then contact Tim Aumann at 770-653-8199.

Climbing Instructor Training (May 20-22)

Climbing Instructor Training will be held Friday through Sunday, at the Woodruff Scout Reservation. Utilizing the cutting-edge climbing and rappelling facilities we will run from 7:00 p.m. Friday to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

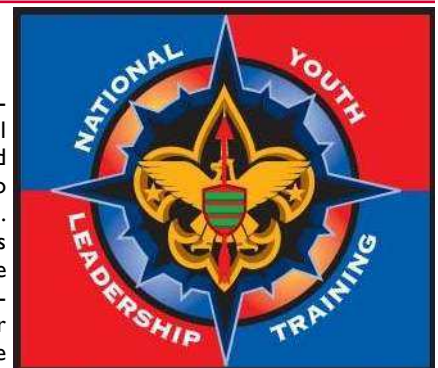
Boy Scouts NYLT

National Youth Leadership Training will bring new skills and greater enthusiasm to your youth leadership. Scouting recognizes that Unit Leaders have the primary responsibility for training their youth leaders. The purpose of NYLT is

not to assume that role, but rather to support it. This week-long course features instruction in skills that can be used at home, at school, on the job, and in particular, at the Scout unit level.

Three Course Dates:

- May 29 - 11am - June 3, 9:30pm at Camp Jamison, BASR
- June 5 - 11am - June 10, 9:30pm at Camp Jamison, BASR
- June 12 - 11am - June 17, 9:30pm at Camp Jamison, BASR



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TROOP 477 "KEY THREE"

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Joan Holladay
Chartered Organization Representative:
Alan Wilson

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.

Wrestling Camp

The 2011 Nava-Breffle Youth wrestling camp will be hosted at Dunwoody High School by National Wrestling Hall of Fame Member Coach Ed Winterstein & the Dunwoody Wrestling team. It will be held at DHS on May 23-27 from 9:00am-12:00 noon. The cost is \$125. This camp is open to ALL Atlanta-area middle school and elementary school wrestlers. Beginners are welcome. For questions, please contact Ed Winterstein at (770) 362-2151.

Roundtable 7:30 PM

May 12 2011 - 7:30pm to 9:00pm
Location: Briarcliff United Methodist Church
Monthly Roundtable meeting for Hightower Trail Scouters. Whether you are a brand new Den Leader or an experienced Scoutmaster, Roundtable is for you! Each month's program will feature a timely presentation and topic for lively discussion. Come recharge your batteries and share some war stories with your fellow Scouters. We hope to see you there!
commissioner@hightowertraildistrict1-mytroop.us
Brent Allen, District Commissioner



Robotics merit badge

Boy Scouts of America Introduces **Robotics Merit Badge**
When people think of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), they envision activities like camping, knot-tying, and canoeing, but soon, they'll need to add robot-building to that list. Scouts in 2011, through the introduction of the Robotics merit badge, now have the opportunity to design, build, and demonstrate a robot of their own creation.
The Robotics merit badge is part of the BSA's new curriculum emphasis on STEM: science, technology, engineering, and math. The BSA focus on STEM takes a fun, adventurous approach to helping Scouts develop critical skills that are relevant and needed in today's competitive world.
The new merit badge is one of 31 STEM-related merit badges that Scouts can earn.
"The Robotics merit badge is an example of how Scouting remains

true to its roots to help young people be prepared," said BSA Chief Scout Executive Bob Mazzuca. "While the guiding principles of Scouting—service to others, leadership, personal achievement, and respect for the outdoors—will never change, we continue to adapt programs to prepare young people for success in all areas of life."
This merit badge involved approximately 14 months of development and input from more than 150 youth members, leaders, and industry professionals from across the nation. Earning the Robotics merit badge requires a Scout to understand how robots move (actuators), how they sense the environment (sensors), and how they understand what to do (programming). Scouts will spend approximately 14 hours meeting the requirements of this merit badge, including that they design a robot and demonstrate how it works. Robots are used in almost every field—in medicine and manufacturing, law enforcement and search and rescue, and space and underwater exploration.



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Horizontal:

1. Merit Badge earned by Nathan R. in April.
4. Complete _____ required to attend Summer Camp
5. Eagle on Scout Badge represents _____
8. Adam Puckett received the National Medal of _____
9. Form required or no Summer Camp
10. Swim & Tennis Club where Annual Planning will be.
11. Name of our District is _____ Trail
12. Name of Summer Camp.
14. Camping Article written by _____ Wall.
16. New Merit Badge
20. Person thanked by Mrs. Holladay for grading work.

Vertical:

2. Do A Good Turn Daily is the Scout _____
3. Adult Leader position who plans camping trips.
6. _____ the Flag game played at April Trip
7. The L in NYLT stands for _____
13. The O in ITOLS stands for _____
15. _____ Instructor Training will be held in May.
17. Youth _____ Training required for adults.
18. Fifth point of the Scout Law
19. July Trip will be at _____ Aquatics Base