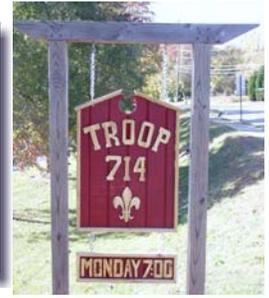




TROOP 714 NEWS



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Boy Scout Troop 714
Mountain View UMC
(Foothills District, Atlanta Area Council)

A SCOUT IS REVERENT

February Events

Prog: Blackhawks Svc: Gladiators

- 2nd **Merit Badge Clinic - MVUMC**
- 4th Troop Meeting/Parent Meeting
- Order of the Arrow Elect.**
- 7th Roundtable Meeting
- 8th **Scout Shabbat**
- 10th **Scout Sunday**
- 11th Troop Meeting
- 14th Roundtable Meeting
- 15th-17th **Cumberland IS Backpacking**
- 18th Troop Meeting
- Scouting for Food Kickoff**
- 19th Adult Leader & Committee Meeting
- 21st Eagle B-o-R
- 25th PLC

March Events

Prog: Buffaloes Svc: Blackhawks

- 2nd **Scouting for Food Bag Distribution Day**
- 4th Troop Meeting/Parent Meeting
- 7th Roundtable Meeting
- 8th-10th **Spring Backpacking Trip**
- 9th **Scouting for Food Bag Collection Day**
- 11th Troop Meeting
- 14th Roundtable Meeting
- 18th Troop Meeting
- Scouting for Food Final Turn-in**
- 19th Adult Leader & Committee Meeting
- 21st Eagle B-o-R
- 22nd-24th **Patrol Campouts**
- 25th PLC

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During the month of February Troop 714 will participate in Scout Sunday and Scout Sabbath. All Scouts should plan to attend both services. All Scout leaders and parents are encouraged to attend as well.



Scout Sabbath will be held on **Friday, February 8th**, at Temple Kol Emeth (corner of Old Canton & Sewell Mill). We will meet at the temple at 7:35PM and the service will be from 8 – 9:15PM. Come and show your respect for our Jewish Scouts.



Scout Sunday will be held on **Sunday, February 10th**, at Mountain View UMC. Assemble in the lobby at 10:40AM sharp. The service will be from 11AM to noon. Come and show your respect for our Christian Scouts and your appreciation for our charter organization.

Please remember, Class A uniforms are to be worn for these services.

Friends of Scouting - Last Call!!

Thank you to everyone who has turned in a pledge card for the Friends of Scouting campaign! We are really close to our goal! If you haven't turned in a pledge yet, it's not too late, but I need it ASAP!



Remember, the Friends of Scouting campaign helps keep our wonderful council camps maintained and improved. We are very fortunate to have some excellent camps and facilities available in our council. From Summer camp at Woodruff, to Winter camp at Bert Adams, and Flour Wars, New scout campout and Aquatics merit badges at Allatoona Aquatics base, we use our camps a lot. FOS also helps pay for training resources, and other needs for our council to continue to provide top quality programming. Please contact Cathy Ritchie if you have questions or need a pledge card- I need all pledges by FEBRUARY 11.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Our largest service project of the year is starting soon. During the month of March we will be collecting food for MUST Ministries as we participate with other Scouts in the Atlanta Area Council! Our Troop goals are 100% participation and 50 items per scout! We will be passing out bags, flyers and thank you notes to be used by scouts when collecting items. Patrols should try to collect items together, the first patrol with 100% participation and 100% of scouts collecting at least 50 items each will win a prize, and there will also be prizes for the top collectors!



April Events

Prog: Phoenix Svc: Buffaloes

1st	Troop Meeting/Parent Meeting
4th	Roundtable Meeting
8th	No Troop Meeting
15th	Troop Meeting
18th	Eagle B-o-R's
19th-21st	Large Boat Sailing
22nd	Troop Meeting
23rd	Adult Leader & Committee Meeting
26th-28th	New Scout Campout
29rd	PLC
30th	Pine Straw Sales Close

**** SPECIAL THANKS ****

Terri Anne Paguiban of
Keller Williams Realty for printing
our newsletter.

**** REMINDERS ****

- **No longer recycling Newspapers.**
- Merit Badge Counselors' List in back of Library Box or on Troop's Web site.
- Everyone, including adults, must go through the Quartermasters to check-out or check-in equipment.
- Uniform Closet - Outgrown part of your uniform or need new pieces, see Belinda Ayewoh.

~~~~~ Troop Info ~~~~~**New Troop Pictures:**

Many of you remember the board of photos that used to be on display with pictures of all of the scouts and active volunteer adults on it. Unfortunately, this board has become so out of date, it is no longer in use. Throughout the month of February, I plan to take new photos of all the scouts and adults. Please plan to attend at least one regular meeting in February (PLC does not count) so that you can get your photo taken for the board, preferably in your Class A uniform.

Patrol Leaders/Lead ASM - please also plan to set aside some time at one of these meetings for a picture of your patrol. You just let me know when you'd like to do that.

I will be using a regular snap shot camera. If anyone has a really great camera they would like to volunteer for use; that would be a killer!

Ginger Moss

Toner Fundraiser:

Anyone interested in helping out, but can't handle a big commitment? I could use someone to take on the project of selling our old toner cartridges. I have them in a big bin in my garage but have not had the time to take on this project. We need someone to figure out what we have, go online, find someone who buys them (there are several companies), ship them out, and collect the checks. Then turn them into the troop. A great project for someone who just can't actively volunteer, but wants to help out.

Just let me know if you can do it.

Ginger Moss

**Winter Backpacking:**

During winter backpacking we hiked the whole Pine Mountain trail, about 24 miles, some more than others. Two days worth of hiking, we had 6 scouts and 4 adults. It was very interesting on how the scenery looked, one minute your walking in the area damaged by tornadoes, next thing you know your walking through a forest, then your in mountains. The weather was very good, mostly clear skies and few clouds. The first night the scouts slept in the adirondack the second night the scouts slept by the fire. Looking forward to spring backpacking!!

Jaxon Fraser



SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

Ferrell Moultrie

Order of the Arrow Elections

Troop 714 will be holding elections for the Order of the Arrow (O/A) this Monday, February 4th. The mystique surrounding the O/A sometimes leaves parents with questions about the O/A, its purpose, and its ceremonies. The O/A is not a secret organization. If parents or leaders have any questions about the Order, its purpose, methods or ceremonies, please see the Scoutmaster or an adult member of the Order and we will be happy to answer any and all questions. Parents and leaders are welcome to attend the O/A encampments and ceremonies if that would be useful to you. We do intentionally try to keep the details slightly mysterious for non-members in order to enhance their anticipation of the process and their respect for the tradition and ceremony which is involved. For this reason, we ask that you not tell your Scouts more than they need to know about the details of the ceremonial process.

The Order of the Arrow (O/A) was founded by Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson in 1915 at the Treasure Island Camp of the Philadelphia Council, Boy Scouts of America. It became an official program experiment in 1922 and was approved as part of the Scouting program in 1934. In 1948, the OA was recognized as the BSA's national brotherhood of honor campers and became an official part of the national camping program of the Boy Scouts of America. Today, the OA is recognized as Scouting's National Honor Society.

The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is fourfold:

- * **To recognize those Scout campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives;**
- * **To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit;**
- * **To promote Scout camping;**
- * **To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.**

Membership in the O/A is a three-step process. First, a Scout must be elected by his peers as a candidate for the Order. Second, he must participate in a time of silent reflection and service referred to as the Ordeal. Finally, at least ten months after completing his Ordeal, he may complete his membership by participating in the Brotherhood experience. The adult membership process is similar except that we are limited to only two candidates and they are selected based on their ability to help the Order fulfill its purpose, not as recognition of other service.

To be eligible for election as a candidate for the O/A, a youth must be a registered member of a Boy Scout troop and hold First Class rank. The youth must have experienced 15 days and nights of camping during the two years before his election. The 15 days and nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of six consecutive days and five nights of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps. Scouts are elected to the Order by their fellow troop members, following approval by the Scoutmaster. Adult candidates must meet the same tests except for the rank requirement.

In the election process, every Scout, whether a member of the O/A or not, gets to vote for every candidate. Candidates are elected if they receive a "yes" vote on at least one-half of the ballots cast.

Candidates thus do not compete against each other. All can be elected, or none could be elected. This is not a popularity contest, and that point, as well as the qualifications for membership, are stressed during the election preparation.

The votes cast are counted by the election team and the results are certified to our Lodge (Egwa Tawa Dee, Lodge #129) but otherwise kept secret. Candidates who have been elected will be called-out during a special ceremony this spring. The call-out ceremony is not required for membership but it is a memorable event in the Scout's life and so candidates should be present if at all possible.

Candidates not available to be called-out that night will be informed of their election at the next meeting following the Camporee.

Candidates elected to the O/A must participate in an Ordeal experience in the year of their election or they cannot become a member of the Order. The two primary Ordeal experiences for our Lodge will be March 22-24 at Bert Adams and May 3-5 at Woodruff. There may be a make-up ordeal in the fall (date not available currently).

Congratulations to all the Scouts who have met the qualifications to stand for election to the Order of the Arrow this evening. Those few who are elected will be those who have distinguished themselves in service and commitment to Scouting. Those not elected should continue working to live the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives, be active in the Scouting program, and cheerful in service to others, so that they may be elected in a future year.