



# TROOP 714 NEWS



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Boy Scout Troop 714  
Mountain View UMC

## January Events

Prog: Dragons Svc: Nitehawk

- 4th Troop Meeting/Parent Meeting  
**Pine Straw Sales Kickoff**
- 8th-10th **SWC 2010**
- 11th Troop Meeting
- 14th OA Meeting/Roundtable
- 15th-18th Winter Backpacking Trip
- 18th Troop Meeting  
**Court of Honor**
- 19th Adult Leader & Committee Meeting
- 21st Eagle B-o-R's
- 23th Troop Camping Merit Badge Clinic
- 24th Den Chief Training
- 25th PLC
- 29th-30th **Escalade Lock-In**

## February Events

Prog: Thrashers Svc: Dragons

- 1st Troop Meeting/Parent Meeting  
**Order of the Arrow Elections**
- 5th-7th Battleship USS Alabama Trip
- 8th Troop Meeting
- 11th OA Meeting/Roundtable
- 14th **Scout Sunday**
- 15th Troop Meeting  
**Scouting For Food Kickoff**
- 16th Adult Leader & Committee Meeting
- 18th Eagle B-o-R's
- 14th **Scout Sabbath**
- 22nd PLC
- 26th-28th **Patrol Campouts**

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## Pine Straw Kickoff

### **Pine Straw Sales begin January 4th.**

All profits (50 cents per bale sold) go directly into the scouts own account. This is a great opportunity for the boys to "earn their way" for their trips and activities that they participate in. Flyer is posted on the website, so email it to everyone you know or print off copies and distribute. Just remember, do not put into any mailboxes! All orders will be returned to Sandy Boudreau and she will arrange for delivery. Post flyers in your church or subdivision newsletter. Get started now! We have already had customers from previous years asking when we are going to come around.



## NEW MEDICAL FORMS

**As of 1/1/2010, the old class-1/2/3 BSA medical forms are no longer valid.** All Scouts and leaders must the new form filled out and on-file. Part-A and Part-C must be filled out for everyone (Part-C signature must be notarized but we have several adults who are notaries and can help with that). Everyone participating in an activity lasting 72 hours or longer will need Part-B filled out also (by your physician). We expect that Foothills District will offer the annual Summer Camp Physicals on Saturday, May 8, 2010, but that has not yet been announced formally (low-cost option for BSA physical if your insurance doesn't cover well-care visits). When submitting your new BSA physical form to Mrs. Roberts, please include two copies of your insurance card.

## March Events

Prog: Timberwolves Svc: Thrashers

- 1st Troop Meeting/Parent Meeting
- 7th Wolf Creek Shotgun Shooting
- 8th Troop Meeting
- Scouting for Food - Goal Date**
- 11th OA Meeting/Roundtable
- 12th-14th Backpacking Trip
- 15th Troop outings (by patrol)
- 18th Eagle B-o-R's
- 22nd Troop Meeting
- Scouting for Food - FINAL TURN-IN**
- 23rd Adult Leader & Committee Meeting
- 26th-28th Klondike / Camporee / OA Tap-Out
- 29th PLC
- 31st **Pine Straw Orders Close**

### **\*\* SPECIAL THANKS \*\***

**Terri Anne Paguiban** for printing our newsletter.

### **\*\* REMINDERS \*\***

- Newspaper Recycling: Bring newspapers to recycling bin in back of MVUMC. Benefits our Troop.
- Ink Cartridges Recycling: Bring in used printer ink or copier toner cartridges to Mr. Morris for recycling. Benefits our Troop.
- 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 Mrs. Schramm.

This newsletter is published monthly for the members of Troop 714 and covers events planned over the current three month period. The editor apologizes for any omissions or errors. If you have any information for the newsletter, you can either give it to Marsha Egbert or send it to [newsletter@troop714.org](mailto:newsletter@troop714.org).

## NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

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. Through activities, events, games, and adventures, NYLT participants will work hard and play hard together as they put into action the best Scouting has to offer.

### **Course Dates:**

May 23, 11 AM - May 28, 9:30 PM 2010 at Camp Jamison, BASR

May 30, 11 AM - June 4, 9:30 PM, 2010 at Camp Jamison, BASR

June 7, 11 AM - June 12, 9:30 PM 2010 at Camp Jamison, BASR

Participants must attend all (Sunday/Monday/Saturday) sessions for the entire weeklong course.

For more information contact the AAC Program Center:

## COURT OF HONOR JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>

Telephone: (770) 989-8820. E-mail: [cd@aacnylt.org](mailto:cd@aacnylt.org). Web link is: <http://www.aacnylt.org>

This Court of Honor will be held at MVUMC at 7:00 pm.

This will be an awesome time to recognize scouts for their hard work. Awards, merit badges and advancement ranks will be awarded. Parents please come and recognize the Scouts for all their hard work.

Families whose last name starts with:

A-M; Please bring an appetizer.

N-Z; Please bring a dessert.

## HELP WANTED (PARENTS)

The Troop will supply all drinks, plates, napkins, utensils, etc.

Parents, please consider helping within our troop if you are not already.

### **We have various places that need help:**

Participate in Board of Reviews	Attend a monthly roundtable
Organize an upcoming trip or activity	Popcorn Chairman
Assist Summer Camp Coordinator	Attend summer camp
Driver for an upcoming trip	Parent Mentor
Merit Badge Counselor	and more...

Please let Barbara Jacquet know if you are interested in helping out.

### **The following trips are coming up soon and need an Adult in Charge:**

Escalade Lock In	Wolf Creek Shotgun Shooting
March Backpacking Trip	Spring Camporee

# SUMMER CAMP – JULY 11-17

## New Camp – New Programs – New Experiences

This year will be Troop 714's first summer camp at Camp Old Indian. Every Scout should sign up to experience a whole new camp! Located in Traveler's Rest, South Carolina, Camp Old Indian promises to be awesome!

- **Hot showers and flush toilets** in each camp site
- **Permanent housing** of either cabins or Adirondacks
- Atta Kulla Kulla Dance Pageant
- Friday camp-wide competitions
- **57 merit badges** include such unique badges as Muzzle Loading, Fly Fishing, Law, Chemistry and Engineering as well as the typical Eagle and non-Eagle badges we have come to expect at Summer Camp. Everyone should expect to get the merit badges they sign up for. Camp Old Indian will arrange their leadership to fit the merit badge requests.
- Star-ranked Scouts 14 years of age can participate in the **Adventure to Eagle program**. Adventure to Eagle is an extended program designed for Scouts who are in their third or fourth year of attendance at summer camp and need at least 3 or 4 Eagle-required merit badges. The program will encourage Scouts to attain Eagle, provide leadership training, offer Merit Badge instruction, and introduce Scouts to high adventure. The Adventure to Eagle Crew is limited to 15 persons. First come, first served.
- The **Rangers Program** is the off-site high adventure program. Participants will enjoy a week of exciting events such as rappelling on Glassy Mountain, canoeing on the Green River, and whitewater rafting on the French Broad or Nantahala Rivers. Ranger crew size is limited to twenty persons. First come first served.

Visit the Troop website for the link to the Summer Camp website and the on-line registration. Registration and the first payment of \$65 are due January 18<sup>th</sup>. Older Scouts in particular need to register early!

Questions? Contact Jacqui Hunt at [Jacqui.hunt@comcast.net](mailto:Jacqui.hunt@comcast.net).

# SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

Ferrell Moultrie

2010 - The State of Troop 714

Many New Year's traditions center on taking stock of where you are and looking forward to the challenges of the year ahead. The Scouting calendar and recharter activities bring us to a new Scouting year just as the new calendar year rolls around so this is a good time for such a reflection.

Troop 714 by the numbers:

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Position
77	76	72	77	70	Scouts
30	36	35	37	37	Scoutmaster Assistants
34	35	33	45	33	Members of Committee

With fewer crossovers this year and a much larger than usual crop of 18-year-old/Eagle graduates, we are a slightly smaller troop than last year. However, we achieved great retention across the age spectrum (93%) and unusually good retention across the middle-grades. Overall, we lost five high school and one middle school Scout due to "lack of interest". Certainly, this is still an area where we want to continue focus but these results are much better than average. Another positive factor, we recruited seven Webelos Scouts plus two new Scouts outside of the Webelos groups who traditionally cross-over into Boy Scouting. Many thanks to Jeff Bilkert and the Troop Guides for the great job in this area – the next recruiting cycle is already well under way!

Another good indication is that while the number of Scouts decreased slightly, the number of active ASMs is unchanged. The list of Members of Committee on the roster now appears smaller but it back to range of previous years with only listing those MoC who are currently active with the troop.

Sometimes people ask why we would need so many adult volunteers supporting the troop (70 active adult leaders for 70 Scouts)? Quite simply, it is because leading the troop is a shared responsibility -- there's no professional (paid) staff at the troop level in Scouting. We are all volunteers with busy lives outside of Scouting and the old adage of "Many hands make light work" is never truer. One of the greatest traditions of Troop 714 is a richly dedicated group of adults supporting the Scouts in their program.

If you are not a registered adult and wonder what you are missing, here are a few key points about being a registered leader:

Registered leaders are required for every troop outing or campout (and we have lots of those).

Registered leaders are required for Boards of Review for advancement (and we have lots of those also).

Registered leaders (and particularly those wearing the uniform) make a powerful statement to their own sons and to other Scouts that Scouting is important to them personally. When the Scouts know that Scouting is important to the adults for reasons other than baby-sitting, it's easier for Scouting to be important to the Scouts also.

Registered leaders are covered by BSA liability/health/accident insurance - parents attending just as parents are not covered.

Registered Merit Badge Counselors are required for every one of the 21 Merit Badges your son needs for Eagle advancement.

Overall, it's also an issue of basic fairness: All the volunteer leaders your son depends on for the Scouting program (70 for just this troop, even more at the District and Council level) have done this for his benefit - shouldn't you be willing to make the same commitment for the other Scouts in the troop? If you are not presently registered with the BSA to support your son's Scouting, shouldn't you be? Merit Badge Counselor? Committee Member for Boards of Review? Assistant Scoutmaster to help deliver the promise of Scouting through the program with the boys?

If you would like to volunteer to help in any of these or other roles, please see:

Ferrell Moultrie - all ASM positions (our most important current need)

Barbara Jacquet - all Committee positions

Wendy Peavy - all Merit Badge Counselors

Thank you for your support as we look forward to another great year of Scouting in Troop 714!