



TROOP 714 NEWS



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

February Events

Prog: Thrashers Svc: Buffaloes

4th	Snow Mtn @ Stone Mtn
6th	Troop Meeting/Parent Meeting
	Order of the Arrow Elections
9th	Roundtable Meeting
10th	Scout Sabbath
12th	Scout Sunday @ MVUMC
13th	Troop Meeting
16th	Eagle B-o-R's
18th-20th	Ft. McAlister Coastal Camping
20th	Troop Meeting
	Scouting for Food - Kickoff
21st	Adult Leader & Committee Meeting
27th	PLC

March Events

Prog: Gladiators Svc: Thrashers

5th	Troop Meeting/Parent Meeting
8th	Roundtable Meeting
9th-11th	Prov. Canyon/Infantry Museum
12th	Troop Meeting
	MB cleanup - 6pm
15th	Eagle B-o-R
19th	Troop Meeting
	Scout for Food - FINAL TURN-IN
20th	Adult Leader & Committee Meeting
23rd-25th	Spring Backpacking Trip
26th	PLC
31st	Pine Straw Orders Close

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A SCOUT IS REVERENT

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 10**, 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 12**, 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 bring peanut butter and boxes of cereal to donate to MUST ministries.

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



Friends of Scouting

It is time for our annual FOS campaign.

So far we have already received 70% of our monetary goal- Thank you! We still need to hear from many of you. Even if you can't contribute monetarily at this time, PLEASE return your pledge card.

Our unit's participation plays a vital role in ensuring that a premier Scouting program is available for the many thousands of youth and adult volunteers that are part of the Atlanta Area Council. You may not realize it, but Friends of Scouting helps secure the funds needed to support our unit programs such as training, insurance, program materials, advancement materials, camping facilities and programs, council and district activities, and much more. Thank you for your loyal and generous support of the Scouting program! If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at 770-565-5297. Cathy Ritchie

District Banquet Honors

Friday, February 3rd, at the Foothills District Banquet, Troop 714 received the coveted "**Chicken Pin**" as a Foothills District Quality Unit for 2011 !! This is above and beyond our Gold level attainment for the 2011 "Journey to Excellence" National Quality Unit Award. Also, congratulations to Mr. Stephen Poole and Ms. Cindy Thorne, recognized as Troop 714's "Good Eggs" for 2011. Thanks also to the crew of 10 adults who attended the Foothills District Banquet tonight representing Troop 714. Adults - if you missed tonight - please join us next year for the 2012 banquet!

April Events

Prog: Blackhawks Svc: Gladiators

2nd	No Troop Meeting
9th	Troop Meeting/Parent Meeting
12th	Roundtable Meeting
13th-15th	Patrol Campouts
16th	Troop Meeting
19th	Eagle B-o-R's
21st	Troop Leader Training
23rd	Troop Meeting
24th	Adult Leader & Committee Meeting
27th-29th	New Scout Campout
30th	PLC

**** SPECIAL THANKS ****

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our newsletter.

**** REMINDERS ****

- **No longer recycling Newspapers.**
- Ink Cartridges Recycling: Bring in used printer ink or copier toner cartridges to the shed 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 Belinda Ayewoh.

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.

***** Announcements *******Summer Camp:**

Attention All Scouts!!!

Troop 714 is going to Woodruff for summer camp July 8th - July 14th. The base cost per scout is \$280 which includes either whitewater rafting OR horseback riding.

The payment schedule is:

Second payment = \$75 due February 20th.

Third payment = \$75 due March 19th.

Remainder = due June 4th.

Checks are made payable to **Troop 714**.

Health forms are due to Mrs. Roberts by June 4th.

A Scout is Helpful:

On the Troop website is a long list of opportunities to help Mountain View UMC. These service projects are on a first come first served basis. You can contact Mrs. Thorne by email at serviceprojects@troop714.org to sign your patrol up for any one of these projects. Mountain View UMC really respects the efforts of all the patrols in Troop 714. Thank you in advance for helping our church be welcoming and pleasing place for people to come.

Training:

SM/ASM Training- Foothills District- Thursday, March 15, 22, 29, 6:15 - 9:30 at Roswell Street Baptist Church. Cherokee Pickens District has a 1 day event on march 10th, contact Todd Musgrave - 770-361-6966

ITOLS (outdoor leader training) Foothills and Cherokee Pickens are both April 13-15

Take the ultimate adult leader training. **Woodbadge** is Sept 28-30 and Oct 19-21, 2012 at the lovely Bert Adams Scout Reservation? Register online at www.atlantabsa.org

Check out the Training page (under Resources tab) on the Troop 714 website.

Order of the Arrow:

Enjoy Native American crafts, games, drum and dance at OA Spring Pow Wow , March 9-11.



Order of the Arrow Elections

Troop 714 will be holding elections for the Order of the Arrow (O/A) this Monday, February 6th. 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. Uner 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 May 4-6 at Woodruff and May 18-20 at Bert Adams. 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.