



# TROOP 714 NEWS



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

## FALL FAMILY CAMPOUT COURT OF HONOR

### October Events

Prog: Nitehawk Svc: Blackhawks

- 1st Troop Meeting/Parent Meeting
- 8th Troop Meeting
- Popcorn Money/Order DUE/ FINAL**
- 11th Roundtable Meeting
- 12th-14th **Family Campout/ RedTop Mountain**
- 13th **Court of Honor RedTop Mountain**
- 15th Troop Outings (by Patrol)
- 18th Eagle B-o-R's
- 22nd Troop Meeting
- 23rd Adult Leader & Committee Meeting
- 26th-28th **Backpacking Checkout**
- 29rd PLC

### November Events

Prog: Buffaloes Svc: Nitehawk

- 5th Troop Meeting/Parent Meeting
- Troop & Patrol Elections**
- 8th Roundtable Meeting
- 9th-11th **Easy Backpacking Pinhoti**
- 12th Troop Meeting
- Be'hem Walk Prop Work Service Project**
- 13th Adult Leader & Committee Meeting
- 15th Eagle B-o-R's
- 19th Troop Meeting
- Personal Safety Awareness Vid-Training**
- 23rd-24th **Be'hem Walk Build (Service Hours)**
- 26th PLC

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### Red Top Mountain on October 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>

Finally, a troop event for everyone in the family - the Family Fall Campout. The whole family can join us October 12 thru 14th at Lake Altoona - Red Top Mountain. There will be games for the whole family as well as time to relax, grab a fishing pole or a good book and enjoy the great outdoors. It's a great way to get the whole family out of doors and experiencing the Troop 714 campout.



Showers are located convenient to the campsites. The festivities are highlighted by our Fall Court of Honor at the Pavilion.

- Key times: Friday afternoon: Check in after 12 at Red Top Mountain.
- Saturday - games, relaxation and fun
- Saturday evening: Court of Honor begins at 6:30
- Sunday - departure before 11:00 AM

Each family is responsible for coordinating meals among their group. This is a great opportunity for younger scouts to take care of cooking and grubmaster requirements. Families should also consider pooling resources and efforts in planning meals.

**Court of Honor:** Family names ending in A-L please bring an appetizers and M-Z please bring a dessert.

Sign up soon no later than October 15 to participate.

As always, tents and equipment are available for check out from Troop 714. Plan early to make sure you have what you need.

## Winter Camp is Coming...



### December 27-31, 2012

The Atlanta Area Council has introduced the inaugural Winter Camp at the Bert Adams Scout Reservation.

- Merit Badges (over 30 traditional & unique)
- Games & Cracker Barrels
- Polar Bear Club
- Cold Weather Camping activities
- Unique Adventure Programming
- Campfires

The winter camp will introduce unique programs and merit badges that are not available at summer camp. The cost will be \$180.

The PLC has put the winter camp on the Troop Calendar, and the next step is for a Scout to step forward to be the Scout in Charge. We already have 3 adults on the sign-up sheet, as well as several Scouts.

**December Events**

Prog: Buffaloes Svc: Nitehawk

- 1st-2nd **Be'hem Walk Lock-in**
- 3rd **Holiday Party @ Rocky Mount**
- 10th Troop Meeting
- 11th Adult Leader & Committee Meeting
- 13th Roundtable Meeting
- 15th **Flour War @ CAAB**
- 17th PLC
- 20th Eagle B-o-R's
- 27th-31st **Winter Campout**

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**\*\* 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.

The PLC put it on the calendar, but we need to get an idea of how many Scouts will attend as soon as possible so that we can send in our \$100 deposit payment now to reserve a campsite. Please have your Scout sign-up if he is interested in this first time winter camp opportunity.

**POPCORN****Your Way to Help Troop 714 and the Atlanta Area Council**

Every year, a collective groan is heard from parents and scouts when the popcorn season approaches. Boys, parents, and leaders alike all dread the oncoming storm of order forms, boxes of popcorn, and desperate pleas from the popcorn kernel. Many have asked: can we sell something else? Can we just not do THIS fundraiser? I am afraid, we cannot change the sale, but I want you to know why and what Troop 714 has done to make it better.

Popcorn is the one fundraiser each year that benefits both the Troop and the Atlanta Area Council. Troop 714 uses the money raised in popcorn sales each year to cover all of its annual overhead costs and equipment costs. When we buy new tents, propane tanks, charcoal, dutch ovens, and other equipment, we use popcorn money. When we pay for visiting Webelos to eat on the camperall, we use popcorn money. When we need to do repairs or pay taxes on the trailers, we use popcorn money. All profits from other fundraisers throughout the year go directly to the scout. Popcorn sales are the only source of income for Troop 714.

In years past, many parents have complained about the Popcorn sale process. They have been frustrated by the significant time gap between taking orders and delivery. Troop 714 has helped by making the popcorn available for pickup throughout the sale. You are welcome, at any time, to contact Lisa DiStanza for popcorn. She can help you immediately fill your orders with popcorn she is storing in her garage. You can contact her at [Akeila.den1@yahoo.com](mailto:Akeila.den1@yahoo.com). You can also pick up popcorn at troop meetings.

All scouts will need to turn in final orders by the October 8th meeting. After that time, we will only be able to sell what we have in storage, and will not be able to order any additional popcorn from council. Sales will continue through the month of November, but after October, we will no longer be able to order additional popcorn. All money and forms must be turned in at the November 19th meeting. You will be responsible to pay for any popcorn you have in your home at that time.

Important Dates to Remember:

October 8 - turn in orders for popcorn (can continue to sell what is in stock).

November 19th - must have ALL sales completed and ALL money turned in.

Thanks for all your help.

**Volunteer HELP**

We have a full calendar of events through next September. Now we need scouts and adults to volunteer to help as SIC (Scout in Charge), AIC (Adult in Charge) or ASM in charge. A timeline of what to do and when will be given out to each SIC, AIC and ASM with specifics for each event.

While I'd like to get all spots filled this week, our critical needs right now are:

- Flour War - December 15th = SIC, AIC and ASM
- Winter Camp - December 27th-31st = SIC
- Yorktown - January 25th-27th = AIC
- Cumberland Island = SIC and AIC

See Wendy Peavy if you are interested.

## COMMITTEE CHAIR MESSAGE

Hi Troop 714! The last month has been a whirlwind of activity for me as I try to understand all the responsibilities of Committee Chair. Before I go any further, however, I want to take a moment to say a **HUGE THANK YOU** to **Barbara Jacquet** for all her time and energy in this position! Barbara has been a wonderful mainstay as our troop committee chair, and filling her shoes definitely is difficult to impossible! Thank You Barbara!

We have a vibrant, great, boy-led troop; but "boy-led" does not mean "boy only". We adults play critical roles within the troop to help the boys in their efforts. And we adults help make sure safety issues are addressed always. We are truly blessed to have many wonderful dedicated leaders who work with our boys weekly, and help them learn many life lessons. But we always have need for more help!

Our troop has around 60 scouts; just this past weekend we sent at least half of them to Camporall with 15 Webelos visitors. Our boys planned and led the campfire on Saturday night- taking an important leadership role in the overall Camporall experience. And as host to the Webelos we also are encouraging the younger boys to continue on the path of scouting as they move past cub scouts.

I encourage Every Adult to come to Parent meetings the first Monday of each month, and please don't hesitate to ask questions! And please also volunteer - every job is important (and not every job involves camping)! Thank you for your support and vote of confidence as I work to keep the Scouting Spirit going strong in Troop 714.

**Cathy Ritchie**

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### **USS Yorktown Aircraft Carrier trip:**

USS Yorktown Aircraft Carrier is on January 25-27, 2013 and we get to go to Fort Sumter also. The trip is a whole lot of fun. Sign up now as we need to have a final head count before Thanksgiving break.

### **The Great Lake Allatoona Clean-up:**

On Sat, 9/22/12 a group of 10 scouts & adults from Troop 714 joined the record 4000 plus volunteers combed the shorelines of Lake Allatoona, collecting trash & keeping the lake clean for the enjoyment of many especially during the summer time. The area that the crew was assigned to was a rocky area, "mountain to climb up & down". 2 large carpet remnants were picked up, lots of broken glasses, whole beer bottles, cans, wrappers, lots of fishing lines, fishing hooks, foam cups, ..... At noon, all volunteers were treated to a free picnic at the Riverside Park, pull pork barbecue sandwiches, hot dogs, drinks and chips were served. There was entertainment, music and games, free prizes and t-shirts for the lucky participants. Some of the odd items been picked up were, a coconut shell with an old cell phone stuck into it, skeleton of "something", ..... Troop 714 has camped at Lake Allatoona many times a year, so thank you to all who participated in the clean-up and making it look great year after year.

Scouts: Logan B., Grant B., Jordan D., Drew H., Bryce J., Sam Y.

Adults: Mr. Barney, Mr. Burrows, Mr. Dorsey, Mrs. Yuen

### **Camporall was a big success!**

#### **See what some of our scouts had to share about the weekend:**

- I think that it was pretty fun.
- Camporall was one of the better ones we've had. There were more Webelos present. Troop 714 worked together to make it fun. The food was good. The campfire was fun!
- It's a FUN campout with many games & competitions. The utensil less cooking competition was interesting, you had to hard boil an egg with just aluminum foil and a candle. It's rainy in the morning but the weather was clear & cool after that. The campfire was a blast, thumbs up! Every boy scout should go given the opportunity.
- It was really fun. I was not able to do much because I was the grub master but the stuff I did do was really fun. I liked the patch and the bracelet. I hope the Webelos had a good experience and that they had a lot of fun.



**Review from scouting parents that were in the audience at the Camporall camp fire:**

I'm proud to say that after months of preparation for the Camporall camp fire, the 3 MCs of Troop 714 had outdone themselves last night. There were many fun skits by the various boy scout troops & from the cub scouts, and the MCs of Troop 714 performed a few short skits, they even cracked a few jokes of their own.

The MCs were well prepared, relaxed & delivered a very entertaining camp fire program. The loud speaker was definitely a plus.

"Oh, do you know the muffin man, The muffin man, the muffin man, Oh do you know the muffin man, That lives on Drury Lane?"

"Oh, yes, I know the muffin man, The muffin man, the muffin man, Oh, yes, I know the muffin man, That lives on Drury Lane."

Wrapping the camp fire with the muffin man song brought sound and energy, the crowds were involved and in high spirits. What better way to end the camp fire program!! Way to go to the MCs & all those who worked on the Camporall committee, it's definitely a memorable one!

Master of Ceremony: Tyler A., Logan B., Ryan R.

Camporall Committee: Tyler A., Logan B., Dalton M., Tim R., Sam Y.

*Camporall*

What a great weekend! The Friday night rain moved on out and we had a near-perfect day on Saturday. Great job, Troop 714! We enjoyed the company of 15 Webelos from P-1417 and P-1714 as well as roughly 15 of their parents and leaders. Add to that 29 Scouts from T-714 and a dozen T-714 adults and it was a major event. Highlights included the excellent campfire on Saturday evening produce by the T-714 Scouts and a lengthy and success Backpacking Challenge participation by the Phoenix patrol!

!! Don't miss the next major event – Family Campout & Court of Honor – Oct. 12-14 (CoH on 10/13 at 6:30pm) at Red Top Mtn State Park !!

Pictures at: <http://share.shutterfly.com/action/welcome?sid=8GbN3LNqzbgM>

