



# TROOP 714 NEWS



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

## BACKPACKING

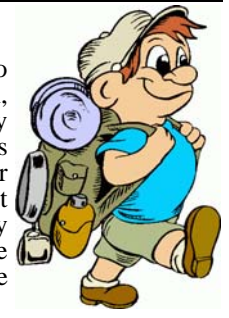
- November Events**  
Prog: Buffaloes Svc: Nitehawkx
- 5th Troop Meeting/Parent Meeting
  - Troop & Patrol Elections**
  - 8th Roundtable Meeting
  - 9th-11th **Easy Backpacking Pinhoti**
  - 12th Troop Meeting
  - Be'hem Walk Prop Work Service Project**
  - 13th Adult Leader & Committee Meeting
  -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

- December Events**  
Prog: Thrasher Svc: Buffaloes
- 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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### BACKPACKING ANYONE?

Fall is a great time to get outdoors and an even better time to go backpacking. Many boys from our newest and youngest patrol, Phoenix, just had their first opportunity to backpack as a T714 Boy Scout. During the weekend of October 26-28, we had 14 Boy Scouts and 8 adults hike the Pine Mountain Trail in the FDR State Park near Callaway Gardens. The trip was called the Backpack Checkout and it was designed to be an introductory trip for new backpackers. Many scout camps outs allow for extra gear or food for those just in case times. Backpacking calls for you to carry only what you have to have and to be as light as possible.



Friday night the group arrived after dark arrived and everyone stayed at the same campsite. When Saturday morning rolled around, the group broke into to smaller groups so the older, more experienced boys could be challenged by a longer trek and the younger boys could have a little bit shorter route. Although the routes taken by both groups were similar (just in opposite directions) the older boys had hiked 9.5 miles before their trip was over Sunday morning and the younger boys had completed 7.5 miles on their journey – each with a camp out on the trail Saturday night. Both routes had many creek crossings, some water falls, an area of beaver ponds, and a walk through an area devastated by a tornado a few years ago.

Many of the younger boys had their first opportunity to cook on small lightweight backpack stoves, learn how to hang a 'bear bag' (to keep their food away from bears and other critters) and realize that they truly could live only on what they could carry. Many of these same boys will have another opportunity to use what they have learned during an 'easy' backpack trip coming up the weekend of November 9-11 on the Pinhoti Trail in the Talladega National Forest in Alabama. A special thanks to Mr. Moultrie, Mrs. Einertson, Mr. Muzyka, Mr. Query, Dr. Razzano, and Dalton Muzyka for their leadership and patience on the backpack checkout trip. Check out the pictures of the trip posted on the T714 home page. When the next backpack trip is offered consider joining us – you will be glad you did.

We all had a great time at the backpacking checkout last weekend. The weather was good. It was not too far of a drive.

The trails we hiked were mostly easy and we saw waterfalls, streams and lots of different colors. We hiked about 5 miles. We had an awesome fire on Saturday.

The food was "spectacular" - not that good but it was fun to try. Looking forward to the next backpacking campout.

## Hiking

Looking for a great way to stay in shape over the winter months? Want to get out and make friends with other adults and scouts in our troop? Join us on our four scheduled day hikes! The distances are flexible, and they are a great way to get in shape for the backpacking trips! The Leita Thompson loop has multiple lengths available and Kennesaw Mountain has five or ten mile treks available depending upon interest! Contact Christine Einertson or Patrick Query with any questions.

Sign up and join the fun!

**January Events**

Prog: Gladiators Svc: Thrasher

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| 7th       | Troop Meeting/Parent Meeting<br><b>Pine Straw Sales Kickoff</b> |
| 10th      | Roundtable Meeting  |
| 11th-13th | <b>SWC</b>  |
| 14th      | Troop Meeting<br><b>Be'hem Walk Cleanup</b>                     |
| 17th      | Eagle B-o-R's   |
| 18th-20th | <b>Winter Backpacking Trip</b>                                  |
| 21st      | Troop Meeting/Parent Meeting<br><b>Court of Honor</b>           |
| 22nd      | Adult Leader & Committee Meeting                                |
| 25th-27th | <b>Yorktown/Fort Sumter Trip</b>                                |
| 28th      | PLC   |

**\*\* 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.

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).

November 17<sup>th</sup>:

8am meet at the parking lot of the Leita Thompson Memorial Trails on 92.

December 1<sup>st</sup>:**BRING YOUR MOM ON A WALK DAY!** 8am meet at the Home Depot parking lot on Shallowford Rd to depart for Kennesaw Mountain.February 9<sup>th</sup>:

8am departure from Home Depot parking lot to depart for Sope Creek Trails.

March 16<sup>th</sup>:

Coosa Trail at Unicoi State Park. Departure time to be decided.

\* \* **BRING YOUR MOM ON A WALK DAY!** \* \*

Give your mom the holiday gift she really would love...your undivided attention! Invite your mom to join us on our day hike on December 1<sup>st</sup> at Kennesaw Mountain. We have several different loops available to suit anyone's fitness level! Sign up for the hike and join us!

**SWC 2013**

Attention all Troop 714 adults. Sign up now to attend SWC (Scouter's Winter Campout) January 11-13 at Woodruff Scout Reservation. Come out and act like an 11 year old for the weekend. You'll be a member of a patrol, take part in lots of fun and have plenty of food to eat prepared by a wonderful cook team. If you have never experienced SWC, give it a try. Sign up now.

**MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS NEEDED**

Calling all Merit Badge Counselors!!! Troop 714 will be hosting a Merit Badge Clinic on Saturday, February 2nd. Sign up now to teach a badge. You can choose to only work with T714 scouts or work with both scouts from our troop as well as scouts from other troops.

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**Fall Back – Check Smoke Alarm**

Twice per year we are all reminded to adjust our clocks to account for Daylight Savings Time; but, we rarely get anyone to remind us to check our smoke alarms or detector. Why not use the reminder about adjusting our clocks to also remind us to test our smoke alarms? Studies show that fewer injuries and deaths occur in homes where a smoke alarm/detector is present and activates – but it cannot activate if the battery is dead. So, you have just set your clock back...now go check your smoke alarm or detector and replace the battery if necessary.

**Merit Badge University**

Do you know that back in 2009, a 17 years old Eagle Scout from Boy Scout Troop 1776 earned **ALL 121 Boy Scout merit badges and 20 Eagle Palms**, becoming one of only 3 Scouts to do so in the United States at the time?

David Cano became an Eagle Scout in 2004, and he was the co-instructor of the Chemistry merit badge for the KSU MB University.

His dad, Rodrigo Cano is one of the 2 who manages the [meritbadge.info](http://meritbadge.info) site, where scouts sign-up for merit badge classes. The next KSU MB University is tentatively scheduled for 10/19/2013.

For more information on David go to:

<http://www.troop1776.org/t1776/eaglenest/davidcanopress.htm>

## EAGLE Scouts

*Congratulations to our new EAGLE Scouts.*

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| 109. Dustin Dennis Breitkreuz     | May 17, 2012      |
| 108. Jacob Calvin Blevins         | March 15, 2012    |
| 107. Ethan Thomas Bilkert         | March 15, 2012    |
| 106. Taylor Herbert Alfaro        | December 15, 2011 |
| 105. Brandon Scott Jacquet        | December 15, 2011 |
| 104. James H. "Tripp" Hutson, III | November 17, 2011 |



Ferrell Moultrie

*Recharter with Troop 714 for the 2013 Scouting year*

During the month of November, we will be "rechartering". This involves surveying the troop membership (adults and Scouts) regarding whether they will continue in Scouting in 2013, verifying some basic records, training and skills information, and collecting our annual dues. We will distribute recharter paperwork by e-mail in early November.

You need to print out this form, make any changes/corrections as required, and RETURN THE PRINTED COPY to the recharter team at one of the first two meetings in November along with your check or payment information. Please be prompt in this since someone will have to take extra time away from the program in order to contact you if we don't hear back from you!

We must get the printed copy of the recharter form along with your payment instructions. Please do not reply to the recharter e-mail unless you are not rechartering. Replies do not get to the correct file and cause extra effort for our recharter team since they are not connected to the record of your payment (your check).