

TROOP 714



Frequently Asked Questions...

Q. When and Where does Troop 714 meet?

A. Troop 714 is chartered out of Mountain View United Methodist Church located at the corner of Jamerson and Trickum Road. The Troop meetings are from 7:00 to 8:30 every Monday except the last Monday of each month which is reserved for the Patrol Leaders Council.

Q. When was Troop 714 formed?

A. The Troop was first chartered on May 5, 1966. Troop 714 is a member of the Atlanta Area Council and the Foothills District of the Boy Scouts of America.

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Q. How large is Troop 714?

A. Troop 714 is one of the largest Troops in East Cobb. Scout membership averages 80 with about 40 registered adult leaders.

Q. What is a Boy Lead Troop?

A. It is the troop environment where the Scouts provide the leadership and adults play pure advisor, safety net and logistics roles in the background. Scouts learn leadership by leading. They are responsible for developing the program and figuring out how to achieve their goals.

Q. What kind of activities does Troop 714 participate in?

A. Troop 714 enjoys a wide variety of activities sponsored by the district, the council, the Troop and individual patrols. Outdoors activities include but are not limited to hiking, canoeing, caving, camping, backpacking and large boat sailing. We also participate in merit badge clinics, Scout Expos, and Youth Leadership Training weekends.

Troop 714 sends crews to BSA National High Adventure programs every couple of years. We canoe on Canada's Northern Tier Trek, hike New Mexico's Philmont trails, and sail in the Florida's Keys with Sea Base.

Q. Does Troop 714 perform Service Projects?

A. The third point of the Scout Law states that a Scout is helpful. Therefore, service projects

are an important aspect of Troop 714. We help with Atlanta Area Council service projects such as the Memorial Day Flag Placement, the Great Allatoona Cleanup, and Scouting for Food. Furthermore, each patrol is responsible for coordinating at least two service projects each year.

Q. How many patrols does Troop 714 have?

A. Currently Troop 714 has eight patrols made up from three types - five regular patrols, a New Scout patrol, and two venture patrols. Patrols are generally made of Scouts of the same age group and interests.

Q. How many Eagle Scouts have come from Troop 714?

A. Troop 714 is proud to boast 85 Eagle Scouts over its 43 year history. The troop's first Eagle Scout was recognized in 1975. Last year we added eight new Eagle Scouts, and the coming year looks just as promising.

Q. Do I have to wear a uniform?

A. Troop 714 uses the official full Class A Boy Scout uniform consisting of the BSA shirt with appropriate patches, pants or shorts, belt, socks and hat if worn.

Scouting is also about FUN. Scouting is fun with a purpose. Boys don't join or continue in the Scouting program just for the values -- they are here to have fun with their friends at meetings and in the great outdoors.

Q. Can I be involved in Scouting and still have time for other activities?

A. Definitely, a well-rounded person pursues multiple interests. Troop 714's members are involved in various sports, marching band, youth religious groups, and other interests. Scouts may not be present for Troop meetings when there is a conflict with schedules, but they participate in Troop activities when they can.

Q. Do I need to buy adventure gear such as a tent or backpack?

A. Not right away. The troops has equipment the scout can use. However, most scouts do, over time, acquire personal gear for the activities they participate in frequently.

Q. Should I plan to attend summer camp?

A. Summer camp provides great opportunities for Scouts for advancement, fun and personal growth. It is the most "must do" activity on the troop's calendar. Consider the fact that the Troop spends 51 weeks of the year not in summer camp and that in this one week, each Scout receives 144 hours of concentrated Scouting...while a Scout attending Troop meetings for one year accumulates about 75 hours of Scouting.

This year we will be going to Camp Old Indian in Travelers Rest, SC the week of July 11-17, 2010. The base cost of \$255 covers the summer camp program, all in-camp meals, transportation and a week's worth of Troop 714 t-shirts.

Q. What costs are involved in being a member of Troop 714?

A. Troop 714 collects once-a-year dues to support the running of the Troop. Additionally, individual activities' costs are divided equally by the event's participants.

Q. Do I have to come from a cub scout pack before joining Boy Scouts?

A. No. The troop has scouts who began their scouting experience as boy scouts.

Q. Do I need to be a member of Mountain View Methodist Church to join the troop?

A. No, Mountain View UMC is our sponsor, but scouts are welcome from all faiths. Currently, we have troop members who are Protestants, Catholics, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists and Hindus.

Typically, Webelos cross over into Boy Scouts in early March. We hope you find Troop 714 to be the troop for you.

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