

Troop Newsletter Copy – November

Backpacking Trip

We had a great backpacking trip to the Talladega National Forest. Fourteen Scouts and seven adults hiked 10 miles in full packs. We had our Religious experience for the weekend in an 1800 era Baptist Church along the trail. We cheered on the Braves (some did cheer for the Yanks) in Game 1 of the World Series around the campfire. Thanks to Ron Franke for organizing the trip for us.

OA Homecoming/Webelos Camping Trip

All Scouts of Troop 1776 – past, present and future – are welcome to join us on our annual Troop OA Homecoming Camping Trip. Again this year we will be going to Comer Scout Reservation over the weekend of November 19 – 21. Overall we are expecting close to 100 for the Saturday night Thanksgiving Feast.

For this years event we will not have the Rappelling Tower as we did the past two years. Instead we will have Patrol's providing a mini Webelos Woods type program for the visiting Webelos to participate in. Each Patrol will be organizing a Scouting Skill to present the skill and organize an activity around. We will also be adopting a Webelos Den as each Patrol will provide a Den Chief to work with their assigned Webelos Den.

All Patrols are expected to cook Saturday's breakfast and lunch over open fires (no charcoal or propane allowed). The Patrol will also be responsible for the Sunday breakfast but no cooking is required. All menus must be approved by your Senior Patrol Advisor **and** your Scoutmaster Advisor. Saturday night's dinner is include in the camping fee and will be Turkey Dinner with all of the fixings.

The cost for the weekend is \$10 plus your patrol food costs. A permission form is included with the newsletter. Scoutmaster Tom Morin is coordinating the trip. Any parent is welcome to attend this campout.

Senior Patrol Advisors

As part of our goal to better involve the Scouts of the Senior Patrol, We have made some assignments of the Senior Patrol Scouts to help to advise the Patrol Leaders and guide the Patrol. In no way does this do anything to take away from the duties or responsibilities of the Patrol Leader. Rather it give a Senior Scout that the Patrol leader can go to for advice and direction. We will also have Assistant Scoutmasters assigned to each Patrol as well. If you have any questions about these new assignments, please see Scoutmaster Tom Morin.

Congratulations Eagle Scout

Congratulations should go to Adam Popkowski, Troop 1776's newest Eagle Scout. He becomes the 34th Eagle Scout of Troop 1776. Adam has served the Troop as Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and currently serves as Troop Guide. He

is a Junior at Walton High School and is also very active in the Walton Marching Band. Congratulations Adam on receiving the highest Rank in Scouting.

Apple Annie Service Project

From December 2 – 4 the Troop will be performing one of our major annual Service Projects when we assist at St. Ann's Women's Guild at their annual Apple Annie Craft Fair. We will assist with set up, trash removal, and tear down. This is a great way to earn Service Hours for Rank Advancement or for Confirmation Hours. We will need a crew to pick up trash on Friday night from about 8PM until around 9:30 PM. But we especially need help on Saturday afternoon from 2PM until 6PM. Matt Stone is coordinating this activity.

Christmas Tree Service Project

Looking for a good way to work off your Thanksgiving feast? Come at 8:00 AM on November 26 to St. Ann's and help the Altar Servers unload about 1,000 Christmas Trees from a flat bed trailer. With our help the job will go fast and should not last 2 hours. Donuts are provided to those who help unload.

Troop Equipment and Locker Clean Out

Also on November 26, we will be cleaning out our garage and locker area. Each Patrol is expected to be represented, preferably with your Quartermaster. We will also be building a new equipment cage that day to store the Troop equipment. So we will also need some construction minded parents to come and assist with the construction of the cage. We hope to start by 10:30 and lunch will be provided by the Troop.

Pow Wow Help Needed

The Atlanta Area Pow Wow Committee is looking for a few good Scouts to assist with crowd control at the upcoming Pow Wow. Pow Wow is an advanced Cub Scout Leader Training event. It is being held at Southern Tech on November 13. We are looking for Scouts to help to give directions and move people in the right direction. Hours needed are 7:30 AM until 11:00 AM. If you are interested contact Tom Morin.