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### **September and October Roundtable**

Kudos goes to Troop 431 for leading a discussion on the Annual Program Planning meeting, Pack 734 on streamlined advancement, and pack 623 for their great breakout on putting the pizzazz back in pack activities.

For October:

Pack 40 will hold a breakout as will Pack 845. Troop 734 will lead the Boy Scout Breakout. **We will also be having Recharter basic training.**

We also look forward to seeing **Troop 463** provide its breakout session originally scheduled for April.

### **FROM THE KEY 3**

Safety is Rule #1. At all events, activities and outings we must insure the safety of all participants and sponsors. This was demonstrated in a very admirable fashion by Troop 87 at our district cavalcade. Despite all of the effort and financial expense they put up for this event,

they made the hard decision to stop the event because of the potentially dangerous weather. That was not an easy decision to make, but it was the right one.

Thanks go out to everyone who participated in this event from the months of planning, to the units who attended, and to those daring souls that showed up to participate. I am confident that units in the Chattahoochee District will continue to make every effort to plan these types of events and we are looking forward to the next district event, our 2009 Cub-o-ree in October.

Mike Melnick, Chattahoochee District Chairman

## **Leader Recognition**

None this month. Leaders remember that leader awards count towards Honor Unit

# **DISTRICT NEWS**

## **Youth Recognition**

### **EAGLES**

At the August District Board of Review, the Eagle Scout rank was awarded to:

Zach Padget - Tp 629

James O'Dwyer - Tp 87

Tyler Steindorf - Tp 989

Christopher Aldren - Tp 87

Brett Botto - Tp 7153

Kyle Mecca - Tp 431

Patrick Mathis - Tp 623



## **Friends of Scouting**

The Friends of Scouting Campaign for the Atlanta Area Council is drawing to a close. Currently, the Council needs only \$10,000 to make its \$2.2 million goal.

\$6,000 of the shortfall comes from the Chattahoochee District. We are only \$3,000 away from what is necessary to achieve Quality District. We are certain that we have enough families in the Chattahoochee District who would be willing to donate and allow us to make up this deficit. Here is a link for online giving

<https://www.kintera.org/site/apps/ka/sd/donor.asp?c=gkIYLiMSJpE&b=451969&en=cqLEKXPxHaLPKRPrEfJSL4NMIjLJIUMAJaKMJXMtGfLYLdI>.

## **District Honor Unit**

It's still not too late to insure your unit earns District Honor Unit! Be sure to review the requirements [www.CDBSA.org/forms/2009HonorUnit-Master.xls](http://www.CDBSA.org/forms/2009HonorUnit-Master.xls) and then work to finish up those few key items that allows your unit to demonstrate to everyone that you're providing a clearly superior level of program to your scouts.

## **Events Calendar**

<http://cdbsa.org/Library/calendar.htm>

Sat,Sun Sep 26,27	Scout Days at Uncle Schucks Corn Maze	<a href="#">More info</a>
Sat, Oct 3	District Cub-o-ree	<a href="#">More info</a>
Sun, Oct 4	Scout Day at the Braves	<a href="#">More info</a>
Sat, Oct 10	Roswell Youth Day	-
Sat, Oct 10	AAC "Take me to your Leader" Cub event at Bert Adams	<a href="#">More info</a>
Sat, Oct 17	Scout Day at the Aquarium	<a href="#">More info</a>
Sat, Oct 24	Scout Day at the Six Flags	<a href="#">More info</a>
Fri-Sun, Oct 23-25	Duty to God encampment (Bert Adams)	<a href="#">More info</a>
Fri, Oct 30	Deadline for Council Silver Beaver Nominations	-
Sun, Nov 8	Scout Day at the Thrashers	<a href="#">More info</a>
Sat, Nov 14	Scouters Academy	<a href="#">More Info</a>
Sat, Nov 14	Scout Day at Fernbank	<a href="#">More info</a>
Sun, Nov 29	Scout Day at the Falcons	<a href="#">More info</a>

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY NEWS**

### **\$30 Physicals**

If your Scout should need a medical evaluation to participate in an upcoming BSA event, Take Care Clinics are here to help.

Through September 30, 2009, Take Care Clinics located at select Walgreens are offering camp/sports physicals for only \$30. Board-certified family nurse practitioners and, in select markets, physician assistants are available seven days a week, and weeknights, too. Take Care Clinics also offer vaccinations like tetanus and diphtheria and MMR (measles, mumps, rubella). No appointments necessary and most insurance is accepted.

For a location near you, visit [TakeCareHealth.com](http://TakeCareHealth.com)  or call 1-866-Take-Care (1-866-825-3227). Download a flyer about Take Care Clinics. 

### **District H&S news**

Frequently Asked Questions Concerning the Annual Health and Medical Record  
<http://scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/Resources/MedicalFormFAQs.aspx>

## **SCOUT OPPORTUNITIES**

### **TELLUS Scout Opportunities**

If you are not already aware, I'd like to let you know that the first date for Tellus Northwest Georgia Science Museum Scout programs is fast approaching! On Saturday, October 3rd we'll have geology programs available for Webelos and for Junior Girls.

The last date to register for these programs is September 18, just a week away!

Check out information on these and all our scout programs at [www.tellusmuseum.org](http://www.tellusmuseum.org) - the link for scout programs is found in the right-hand margin.

To go directly to the pdf. file with all the program listings, go to this link:  
<http://tellusmuseum.org/education/scoutprograms0809.pdf> .

## **Popcorn Mid Sale Rally Sept 26**

Special scout opportunity! Mid sale Rally at the VSC, click here for more information

<http://www.atlantabsa.org/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?orgkey=1474&id=65059>

## **Roswell Youth Day Volunteers Needed**

THE ROSWELL RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS FOR THE YOUTH DAY FESTIVAL HELD AT ROSWELL AREA PARK FOOTBALL FIELD ON STAURDAY OCTOBER 10TH FROM 7:30AM – 2:00PM.

FREE FOOD AND DRINKS FOR VOLUNTEERS, AS WELL AS CREDIT TOWARD ANY VOLUNTEER PROJECTS NEEDED!!!

- SUPERVISING INFLATABLES
- SETTING UP TENTS
- CONTROLLING FOOD LINES
- ASSISTING PARENTS
- Icing drinks
- Setting up tents/tables
- Breakdown

PLEASE CONTACT O.J. CONNER AT 770-641-3997 IF INTERESTED

## **Cub Scouts 2010 Changes**

All Cub Leaders from Cubmasters to Committee Members, from Den Leaders to Trainers should visit <http://www.scouting.org/cubscouts2010.aspx> to get the news on the changes coming to the Cub Scouts program in 2010. The changes are designed to make it easier than ever to be a Den Leader and provide a quality program to boys in your area.

## **New Scout Handbook**

The New BSA handbook is out! The 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the handbook contains all new and updated information. Best of all, an electronic copy can be read anytime online at [www.bsahandbook.org](http://www.bsahandbook.org)

Also, note the following revisions to rank requirements effective Jan 1 2010, more information on how this will apply to current scouts will be coming out soon.

## 2010 Rank Requirement Changes

The centennial edition of the Boy Scout Handbook will soon be available, and with the new handbook come several rank requirement changes that will be in effect as of January 1, 2010.

### Tenderfoot

- A Scout must teach another person how to tie a square knot using the EDGE model (explain, demonstrate, guide, and enable). He must also be able to discuss four specific examples of how he lived the points of the Scout Law in his daily life.

### Second Class

- A Scout must discuss the principles of Leave No Trace and explain the factors to consider when choosing a patrol site and where to pitch a tent.
- He must explain what respect is due the flag of the United States.
- He must again discuss four examples of how he lived four different points of the Scout Law in his daily life.
- He must earn an amount of money agreed upon by the Scout and his parents and save at least 50 percent of it.

### First Class

- An additional requirement to the 10 separate troop/patrol activities states he must demonstrate the principles of Leave No Trace on these outings.
- He must discuss four more examples of how he lived the remaining four points of the Scout Law in his daily life.

### Life

- A Scout must use the EDGE model to teach a younger Scout a specified skill.

### Star, Life, and Eagle

- Troop Webmaster and Leave No Trace trainer are two new leadership positions.

## **2010 Centennial Encampment**

The Atlanta Area Council is proud to present the 2010 Centennial Encampment! Not only will we be celebrating 100 years of Scouting adventures, we will also be celebrating 50 years of activities at Bert Adams Scout Reservation. Two big parties in one event, can you believe it? We aren't talking about your grandpa's Camp-O-Ree either! All Boy Scout Troops and Varsity Teams should be making plans now to be a part of Scouting's Past, Present and Future at this once in a lifetime anniversary event.

The Centennial Encampment will take place May 14-16, 2010 at the Bert Adams Scout Reservation. Cost per participant will be \$10.00 which will include fees for all activities and a commemorative patch, fun, activities galore and an amazing arena show. It will not include meals which will be planned for by the Troop and prepared in site. Complete Registration information will be available on line in September of 2009 so keep your eyes on our website, [www.atlantabsa.org](http://www.atlantabsa.org).

Most Districts will also hold Spring Camp-O-Rees and that is great but this is an Extra-Special Event celebrating 100 Years of the BSA and 50 Years of the Bert Adams Scout Reservation, this will be THE ONE that you will tell your grandkids about!!! Don't miss it!

## **Eagle applications**

Effective August 1, 2009, the national office will no longer accept Eagle applications prior to the 2009 printing. The new Eagle Scout application (512-728) can be found on [scouting.org](http://scouting.org).  
[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-728\\_web.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-728_web.pdf).

## **Shooting Sports Days**

Announcing Shooting Sports Days at Bert Adams and Woodruff! (This is not a Cub Scout Event!)

Bert Adams

Woodruff

October 10

November 14

September 26

December 12

Boy Scouts and Venturers are welcome to come to either Bert Adams or Woodruff Scout Reservations to complete the shooting practical portion of the shooting sports merit badges! Experienced directors and instructors will be on hand to coach you in improving your skills! Event sizes are limited and there is a program fee associated. This is an individual not troop event! Lunch is not provided and camping is available with the appropriate Unit Short Term Camping Request submitted two weeks prior. For more information, go to [www.atlantabsa.org](http://www.atlantabsa.org) and click on the calendar for this event!

## **Merit Badge Universities**

The first is the Merit Badge University at Kennesaw State University which will be held Saturday, Oct 10 and the second is the Cherokee District Fall 2009 Advance A Rama which will be held Oct 24.

More information for both events is available at [www.meritbadge.info](http://www.meritbadge.info)

Registration for the Merit Badge University closes Sep 18.

General registration for the Cherokee District Fall 2009 Advance A Rama opens Oct 3. This event will be held at the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources on the campus of the University of Georgia

## **New Program Helps for Cub Leaders are Online**

Attention all Cub Scout Leaders! The 2009-2010 Cub Scout Program Helps are now available online! You will find these helps at this link: <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34409.pdf>

Please note the new format on this already helpful booklet! Print out as much or as little as you need to make your program a huge success!

## **Scotland Jamborette**

Haste ye back

Come explore castles and see where Braveheart came alive. Camp for ten days on the grounds of Blair Castle in a blended Scottish-American patrol in one of six international subcamps. Join

Troop 350 and the Scouts from the Atlanta Area Council for 19 days in Scotland from July 15-August 4, 2010.

For more info see the flyer at our troop website [www.troop350.us](http://www.troop350.us) and the Jamborette website <http://www.jamborette.org.uk/>

## **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Award for scouts and leaders**



Appears to be a brand new national award coming out....aimed at cubs, boy Scouts, and adult leaders. see second link

<http://ww2.scouting.org/100years/100years/AYearOfCelebration.aspx>

[http://ww2.scouting.org/100years/100years/sitefiles/1000/YourSource/PlanningTools/A\\_Year\\_of\\_Celebration/BSA\\_Year\\_Patch\\_Earning.pdf](http://ww2.scouting.org/100years/100years/sitefiles/1000/YourSource/PlanningTools/A_Year_of_Celebration/BSA_Year_Patch_Earning.pdf)

## **TRAINING**

## Training Updates

### Wilderness First Aid



**WE NEED YOU !!!**

**to... Save the Dates.....**

**November 3rd 2009** (6PM to 10PM) and/or

**November 5th 2009** (6PM to 10PM) and

**November 7th 2009** (8AM to 10PM)

**We are going to run an in-town WILDERNESS FIRST AID course that has two components:**

- First component - a four hour evening lecture (participants choose one of two lectures)
- Second component - a ten to twelve hour outdoor venue scenario and training class - using a host unit and host site..

Some of the benefits :

- the lecture component can be organized to include handouts, worksheets and assignments that will better prepare students for the scenarios (including reminders of materials to bring on the full day training)
- cook team requirements would be greatly reduced. We can ask participants to "Bring a Sack Lunch" and then we only need to plan Saturday dinner.
- participants would be given a choice of lecture dates that might make their scheduling work better.

If you are interested, please contact

Wayne Miller ([wayne@donate.net](mailto:wayne@donate.net)) or Sandy Weinberg ([sandy.weinberg@comcast.net](mailto:sandy.weinberg@comcast.net))

*The course is scheduled for November 3rd, 5th and 7th 2009 -- and we need **YOU!** to make it a success.*

## **Venturing Leader Specific Training**

Who: New crew Chartered Organization Personnel, Venturing Crew Advisors, Associate Advisors, Crew Committee Members, Commissioners, and other adults involved with Venturing.

What: The training is designed to introduce adult Venturing Crew leaders to the basic information needed to successfully operate a Crew.

Where & When: VSC; October 3, 2009, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm (Check-in at 8:30 am) 15.00 includes course materials, lunch, and patch

For more information, refer to the council website at [www.atlantabsa.org](http://www.atlantabsa.org)

## **Council BALOO**

Before your Cub Scout Pack may participate in outdoor activities you must have a BALOO-trained leader. Where does one get this BALOO training? The Atlanta Area Council will conduct BALOO, or Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation, on Saturday, October 17, 2009 Space is limited so sign up before it's too late!!!

To register, go to [www.atlantabsa.org](http://www.atlantabsa.org) click on the calendar then go to October 17th and follow the steps it provides.

Contact the Program Center for more details.

## **CPR Instructor Course**

Atlanta Area Council is once again presenting a CPR Instructor Course. This course will be held on three evenings and you must attend all three to be fully trained. The sessions begin on October 1st from 6pm until 10pm. Session two is October 3rd from 7:30am until 5pm and the final session is October 10th from 7:30am until 5pm. All sessions will be held at the Volunteer Service Center in the Staff Meeting Room located on the second floor. Participants need to know Child and Infant CPR/AED skills, be 17 years old by the final session and pass a written exam.

You may sign up online by following this link,

<http://atlantabsa.org/registration/calendardetail.asp?ActivityKey=644182> . The cost for this course is \$150. For more information contact Wayne Miller at [wayne@donate.net](mailto:wayne@donate.net)

## **SCOUTERS ACADEMY 100: PUTTING YOU IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT!**

Ladies and Gentlemen, start your engines! On Saturday November 14th at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church you can join Scouters from all over the Atlanta Area Council in the

race to get fired up, revved up and educated at the Scouters Academy 100! Admission is only \$20 and garners you access to all the training you can handle along with a souvenir patch and t-shirt. You will also receive a free “pit pass” to our new 2009 Midway, which includes hands-on booths, static displays, vendor alley and a Scoutmaster cook-off! Lunch will be an optional purchase this year for an additional \$8. All registration will be done online through the Atlanta Area Council website. Click this link for more info and to register.

<http://atlantabsa.org/registration/calendardetail.asp?ActivityKey=421423> .

Come experience a flyover like you have never seen before! There will be door prizes and a whole lot more! Learn new skills to enhance your program and race to the finish line, then take your success back to fire up your unit’s engines! For more information, contact Donna Carr at 770-633-6587 or Deborah Gibson at 678-386-4447.

## **Training Calendar**

Sat, Oct 3 9-4:30	Venturing Leader training (Council)	<a href="#">More info</a>
Fri-Sun, Oct 2-4	Wood Badge 92-63 Weekend 1	<a href="#">More info</a>
Sat, Oct 10	Registration Deadline for 10/17 AAC BALOO	<a href="#">More Info</a>
Wed, Oct 14,7-10pm	CSLS-Cub Scout Leader Specific training	<a href="#">More Info</a>
Wed, Oct 14,7-10pm	SALT - Scoutmaster/ASM Leadership Training 1 of 3	<a href="#">More Info</a>
Sat, Oct 17	BALOO - Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (Council)	<a href="#">More Info</a>
Sat, Oct 17 8:30	Council Annual Commissioner Conference	-
Wed, Oct 21,7-10pm	SALT - Scoutmaster/ASM Leadership Training 2 of 3	-
Fri-Sun, Oct 23-25	Wood Badge 92-63 Weekend 2	<a href="#">More info</a>
Wed, Oct 28,7-10pm	SALT - Scoutmaster/ASM Leadership Training 2 of 3	-
Sat, Nov 14	Scouters Academy	<a href="#">More Info</a>
Sun, Nov 15,1-4pm	CSLS-Cub Scout Leader Specific training	<a href="#">More Info</a>
Wed, Dec 2, 6:30	Council Quarterly Commissioner Meeting - AAC Service Center	-

## **COUNCIL & NATIONAL EVENTS**

## **Philmont Trail Meals**

Philmont Scout Ranch has some surplus trail meals for sale. These meals are great for training hikes or other local council activities. If you are interested in buying some of these surplus meals, you can email me at [barry.harper@scouting.org](mailto:barry.harper@scouting.org).

The current inventory contains a good quantity of all of the meals. Last year the breakfast and lunch meals sold out first. If your needs include either breakfast or lunch you should order early.

Once you have placed your order we will normally ship it within 48 hours. You will receive a confirming email when your order has shipped. We normally ship UPS Ground from Cimarron, New Mexico. The shipping charges are added to your food order. This provides 2 to 6 day delivery anywhere in the United States. If you need special shipping we will try to accommodate your needs.

There is special pricing available from September 1 to December 15, 2009. Councils that purchase \$2,500 or more will receive a 20% discount on the cost of meals. Individual troops that purchase \$500 or more will receive a 10% discount on the cost of the meals. All orders from \$5,000 up to \$20,000 will 30% discount on the cost of the meals that exceeds \$5,000. All orders that are over \$20,000 will receive free shipping. All orders that are less than \$20,000 will have shipping charges added based on the current UPS/Fed Ex shipping rate.

The meals offered for sale are 2009 surplus trail meals. These meals may contain some items that have past the manufacturer's recommend "use by" date. There can not be any returns, credits or adjustments due to out of date meal components.

## **Woodruff Scout Reservation Summer Camp Reservations open**

As announced at Roundtable, reservations for Woodruff were reserved for Atlanta Council units until September 15<sup>th</sup>. After the 15<sup>th</sup>, reservations were opened to units from out of council. IF your unit plans on attending Summer Camp at Woodruff, it is highly encouraged to make your reservations now.

## **Scout Memorabilia Show and Trade**

Scouting Memorabilia Show and Trade-O-Ree

Friday September 25 and 26 at the Volunteer Service Center, The Egwa Tawa Dee Lodge will be hosting this event. Friday hours are 5:00pm til 11:00pm and Saturday 9:00am till 4:00pm. There will be two Silent Auctions with all monies going to Campership Funds for the Scouts. Have your own memorabilia appraised, trade, swap and fellowship all in one great place!

For more information or to donate to the auction, contact Lodge Advisor, Randy Yates at 404-636-1251 or email [yates55@comcast.net](mailto:yates55@comcast.net).

## **Registration Fee Increase Effective January 1**

The Boy Scouts of America National Executive Board approved an increase in the traditional membership registration fee for all youth and adults from \$10 to \$15 effective January 1, 2010. Adult and youth applications with the new registration fee are being printed and will be available soon.

Q. If a unit that expires December 31, 2009, submits its registration renewal online through Internet Rechartering before January 1, 2010, should they pay the current \$10 registration fee or the increased \$15 registration fee?

A. They should pay the \$15 registration fee because the effective date of the renewal will be January 1, 2010.

[http://www.scouting.org/ProSpeak/Articles/rate\\_increase.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/ProSpeak/Articles/rate_increase.aspx)

## **Council Cub World Event!**

Fall Cub Event

'Take Me To Your Leader' is the cry for a fun filled day of adventure on Saturday October 10th at Bert Adams Scout Reservation. Plan to attend and receive a patch, fun, excitement, a little advancement and more fun! Enjoy Archery, BBs, Water Rockets, Games, a Moon Walk and more! The fees will be \$10 for the first Cub Scout in each family, \$5 each additional child in each family and \$2 per parent or adult. Lunch will be available for advance purchase when you register on line (\$3 per adult, \$2 per child) and will consist of hot dogs, chips and a drink. You can register now at [www.atlantabsa.org](http://www.atlantabsa.org), click on the calendar date and follow the directions. Units planning to camp must also submit a Unit Short Term Camping Request.

For more information, contact Ashley Baker [abaker@atlantabsa.org](mailto:abaker@atlantabsa.org) or James Waddey [jwaddey@atlantabsa.org](mailto:jwaddey@atlantabsa.org). Be there!

## **Council call for Volunteers for Cub World**

Hello Scouters! The Atlanta Area Council is currently looking for some help with this fall's Cub World "Take Me to Your Leader" event on Saturday, October 10th from 10am-3pm at Bert Adams. The theme is interplanetary/space with tons of Archery, BB's, Water Rockets, Games and a Moon Walk. This is going to be the first big Council event with lots of BB's and Archery

for the boys, and a great way to get some new boys involved with Scouting! If you have a passion for Cub Scouting and an open calendar on Saturday, October 10th, please give James Waddey, Button Gwinnett District Executive, a call at 404-512-7462 or email to [jwaddey@atlantabsa.org](mailto:jwaddey@atlantabsa.org). Thanks!

## **Centennial Trees**

### **Boy Scouts of America Centennial Trees**



From their first days in 1910, the [Boy Scouts of America](#) has built character and values-based leadership qualities in America's youth, and provided a platform for strengthening families. And, as a core tenet of Scouting, Boy Scouts have practiced responsible environmental living and conservation of natural resources throughout their existence.

Everyone can join in the Boy Scouts of America's 100th Anniversary celebration through the purchase of a Boy Scouts Centennial Tree. As part of the 100th Anniversary Generations Connection program, join Scouts all over the country as they plant "living legacies" of Scouting's commitment to supporting youth and their families. For just \$20, you can buy a striking 2 - 4'-tall Centennial tree to nurture for generations to come!

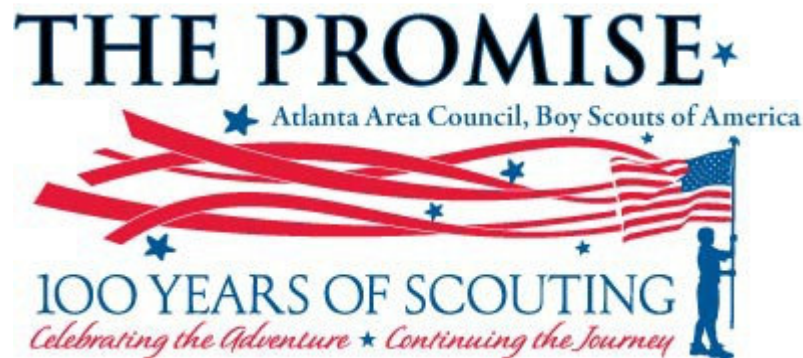
For each newly purchased tree, we will plant another tree in the Flathead National Forest where recent wildfires have destroyed native seed sources. As those trees grow, they will shelter

hundreds of wildlife species, prevent soil erosion and runoff, and generate oxygen for our environment.

As an incredible bonus, for every 100th Anniversary tree purchased, the Arbor Day Foundation will plant a corresponding tree in the newly created Boy Scouts of America Centennial Forest. The Centennial Forest will aid in re-planting the Flathead National Forest in Montana after recent fires.

[http://www.arborday.org/partnerships/bsa/index.cfm?TrackingID=917&utm\\_source=publication&utm\\_medium=links&utm\\_campaign=Boy%252BScouts](http://www.arborday.org/partnerships/bsa/index.cfm?TrackingID=917&utm_source=publication&utm_medium=links&utm_campaign=Boy%252BScouts)

## **The Promise now Digital Only**



*The Atlanta Area Council's Promise Newsletter will now be available only in digital format.* In an effort to provide a more timely and helpful resource, and to be more environmentally friendly, subscribers will now receive the Promise as an e-newsletter through e-mail. The new E-Promise will include the same information as before, but be much more user friendly.

*Sign up today by clicking the "Join Our Mailing List" box below!*

The Promise not only features news and events for the upcoming months, but it also highlights our Scouts and Volunteers through the Spotlights. Keep an eye out for the first online issue in September.

*Forward along this email to any volunteer, parent, donor, or Scout so they can also receive this great information.*



Join Our Mailing List!

## **Scout Fest is coming!**

ScoutFest will be here next year! What is ScoutFest? It's a super scout expo, in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the BSA. See <http://www.atlantabsa.org/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?id=53151> for details. This will be a lifetime memorable event for you, your scouts, and your unit. Click the link and start thinking about what you plan to do today!

## **Duty to God Encampment**

Group Leaders Needed October 24, 2009

You can do it – Why not sign up today?

This year we want to staff the “Duty to God Encampment” with adults who will lead youth in discussions of “faith” and “American cultures.” We will have a training session in September or early October.

Location: Bert Adams Scout Reservation.

Time: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, Saturday, October 24, 2009.

Meals for staff will be provided (breakfast, lunch and dinner) at no cost to the staff.

“But I don't know anything about it!”

Wrong. You know more than you think. Can you listen to the concerns of youth? Are you thoughtful? Can you encourage discussion and limit your temptation to lecture? Then you are one of the discussion leaders we need.

The discussions of “faith” are not about “religious doctrine,” but about the faith that ordinary people have. The discussions of “culture” will follow the requirements of the “American Cultures” merit badge.

You can do it!

Contact Richard Davies, 678-422-6770, drgreyfox@bellsouth.net

## Scout Days



**Uncle Shuck's Boy Scout Weekend Saturday, September 26th and Sunday, September 27th.**

Come out and enjoy the Maze and Hayride along Etowah River. You can also get a free 2009 Uncle Shuck's Patch! Click [here](#) for more details.



**Scout Day with the Atlanta Braves will be held**

**October 4 at 1:30 p.m.** Purchase tickets from the Volunteer Service Center. Don't miss out on the Scout Parade around Turner Field before the game! [Click here](#) for more details



**Scout Day at Six Flags will be held on Saturday, October 24 from 10 AM - 10 PM.**

Purchase tickets from the Volunteer Service Center. Enjoy an all new monster mansion, the heartpounding Goliath, Superman, and Batman! Only \$25.50 per person! [Click here](#) for a flyer to share with your friends.

**Save the Date! Ticket information will be posted shortly.**

October 17, 2009 Scout Day at the Georgia Aquarium

November 29, 2009 Scout Day with the Atlanta Falcons

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