

# ROUNDTABLE NEWS FOR MOUNTAIN LAKE DISTRICT



# DEER TALES



## FEBRUARY 2008



**FRIENDS OF SCOUTING**  
campaign has begun.

The Atlanta Area Council receives financial support from many different sources. Strong family support allows us to provide the best possible program in Scouting. Thousands of companies, organizations, and leaders not even registered in Scouting continuously make the Atlanta Area Council their

non-profit. In addition, through the annual Friends of Scouting Campaign we ask for gifts from active members and alumni who have seen first hand the benefit of the Scouting program for their children.

**Listed below is a breakdown of funding sources for the Atlanta Area Council:**

- 27% Friends of Scouting
- 26% Camping & Activities
- 16% United Way
- 10% Endowment Income
- 9% Popcorn Sales
- 6% Special Events
- 3% Scout Shop
- 3% Other Direct Support

**Listed below is a breakdown of where the money goes:**

- 85% Program & Field Service
- 11% Activities & Training
- 4% Scouting Administration

**Receive a limited edition commemorative Council Shoulder Strip, mailed to you from the Council Service Center, upon receipt of a pledge or payment of \$300 or more.**

*Info taken from  
[www.atlantabsa.org](http://www.atlantabsa.org)*



**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- *March Cub Scout Theme: Litter to Glitter*
- *BSA car tag deadline extended.*
- *Cub Scout Day Camp*
- *GA Aquarium Cub Scout Program*

THE MOST SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE ARE THOSE WHO ARE GOOD AT PLAN B.

- JAMES YORKE

## SWG 2008 —FROM A PACK POINT OF VIEW

Did you know that the patrol that won **Spirit Patrol** is from a Pack in our district? Congratulations **M.A.S.H. 002** Patrol from Pack 002—Legacy Park!!

Another patrol in our district, **Corp of Discovery**, from Pack 350—County Line UMC had an outstanding show at the games—placing 1st in the game that involved sending fire to stranded pioneers; 2nd in the wiffle ball/sling shot toss; and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the wooden object fishing game.

When asked about their experience at SWC, Corp of Discovery patrol members couldn't

quite contain their excitement. The one comment they all had in common was they never anticipated being among the top 3 in any of the competitions. When their patrol name was called (and it wasn't just once, but three times) they all just sat there stunned with disbelief (did they just call Corp of Discovery?)—it was that hard to believe! Pack 350's SWC patrol is relatively new—only 3 years old; and this year only 7 members were able to attend.

Start getting ready now! Join a patrol or start your own. January 9-11, 2009 will be the 41st Scouters Winter Campout! For further information, please visit [www.swcbsa.org](http://www.swcbsa.org).



## CONGRATULATIONS TRENT TREES!!!

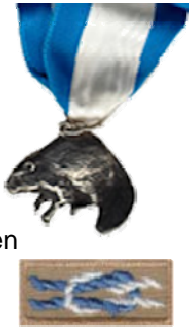
Trent Trees is the recipient of the **Silver Beaver Award!**

Trent is a father of two Eagle Scouts; and former Scoutmaster of Troop 422. He is currently an Assoc. Advisor for Crew 422, District Health and Safety Director, and staff member of numerous District, Cobb County and Council training events.

He will be formally recognized at the Council Banquet on March 12, 2008.

The Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service. It is given to those who do not actively seek it.

*Trent Trees, we are honored by your dedication to our youth! Thank you and Congratulations!*



## ROUNDTABLE ATTENDANCE AWARD

January's Roundtable was the kick-off for a monthly attendance award. This award is in the form of a spirit stick, which will be given to the Troop and Pack with the highest attendance each month.

The spirit stick has 12 slots equally notched. The winning Pack and Troop are to decorate one slot with their Pack/Troop number.

### The winners for January are:

Troop 220 and Pack 350

Who will it be in February? Or, maybe the better question is, how many times can you get your Pack/Troop number on the spirit stick?

*\*\*Please return the Spirit Stick to the Roundtable Commissioner at the beginning of each month's Roundtable.\*\**



## GREAT TIPS TO HELP REDUCE LITTER

**Stop the junk mail** - Each year, 100 million trees are cut down and turned into junk mail, with Americans receiving a total of 400 million tons of it every year. Check out this "do-it-yourself" guide at [www.obviously.com/junkmail/](http://www.obviously.com/junkmail/).

**Change the way you fax.** Try sending faxes directly from the computer or via e-mail. Another option is to not use a cover page or create a reusable cover by laminating the page and using an erasable marker. Also, turn off the automatic activity report function, which will save another page.

**Cancel your paper subscription and subscribe to online newspapers.** Each year, 10 million tons of newspapers are tossed into landfills and aren't recycled. If just half of these were recycled, it would save 75 million trees.

**Get your bank statement electronically and/or cancel the**

**canceled checks.** If you still get paper bank statements that include canceled checks, at least cancel the canceled checks. You can reconcile your account just fine without all those extra slips of paper.

**Cut back use of bottled water.** Buy a water filter for your kitchen faucet and put to good use yet another way to do away with those plastic water bottles. About 1.5 million tons of plastic are used on the bottling of 89 billion liters of drinking water each year. The bottles for water amount to 4 billion pounds of plastic and cost \$70 million to bury annually. Recycle or look for glass bottles -- one of the cleanest recycling materials.

**Take a waste-free lunch.** Eliminate plastic bags, plastic utensils, disposable containers, paper napkins and those brown bags. Instead use a lunchbox,

reusable drink container, cloth napkin and silverware. Find odd pieces of used silverware at a second-hand store so you don't lose parts of your good set. Sandwiches, fresh fruit, vegetables and treats packaged in reusable containers are healthy alternatives to cafeteria and prepackaged foods. They can also be bought in larger quantities, saving money and packaging.

**Use bars of soap (not antiperspirant varieties) versus liquid wash.** It's less expensive, and it saves packaging waste. Not to mention that body wash is primarily water, so the fuel costs for transporting are higher because it weighs more.

This information and more can be found at [http://www.bankrate.com/brm/news/energy-environment-2007/tips\\_environmental\\_main\\_a1.asp](http://www.bankrate.com/brm/news/energy-environment-2007/tips_environmental_main_a1.asp).

## SPECIAL BOY SCOUT LICENSE PLATE



**Boy Scouts of America - 'In God We Trust'**

**New Deadline!**

The DMV is offering a Boy Scout license plate for 2008 as new plates are made for all Georgia vehicles.

You may request this tag at your county tag office during the established application period (01-01-2007 thru **12-31-2008**) with the \$25 manufacturing fee per tag.

**Important:** If the required number of 'paid' requests (1,000) is not received by the deadline (12-31-2008), these tags will not be manufactured & the manufacturing fees will be refunded. **To date 140 applications have been received.**

Of the \$25 fees collected for the issuance & renewal of these tags, the fees shall be distributed as follows: \$1 to the County Tag Agent; \$2 to the Dept. of Revenue (design &

manufacturer costs), \$12 to the General Treasury & \$10.00 to the Boy Scouts of America for the development of scouting programs.

**Initial Cost:** \$70 plus ad valorem tax

**Initial Cost if manufacturing fee prepaid:** \$45 plus ad valorem tax & original receipt

**Renewal Cost:** \$45 plus ad valorem

## SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

The **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers** is looking for volunteers. They're trying to do some major rehab work on a lot of the trails around Allatoona Lake and creating others to add to the trail system. There are opportunities for every age...Cub Scout all the way to Eagle. Some of the work needed consist of raking the path area and picking up bigger stones and lining them along the side of the trails. There is also a need for trash pick-up due to items being dislodged from the undergrowth during maintenance. Putting chips

down at trailheads at various locations is another need. There are more opportunities than these mentioned and can be geared toward the age of your scouts. Please contact the volunteer coordinator by e-mail at [web.allatonna.usace.army.mil](mailto:web.allatonna.usace.army.mil) to get started!

**MUST Ministries** will begin scheduling this month and they have some great projects in mind!! So get with your group and get back with the Volunteer office to get your date saved! Visit their website to

get an idea of volunteer opportunities for groups at [www.mustministries.org/marietta/volunteer.aspx](http://www.mustministries.org/marietta/volunteer.aspx). Another way to volunteer is to collect donations. A list of needs can be found at [www.mustministries.org/marietta/donation.aspx](http://www.mustministries.org/marietta/donation.aspx).

More opportunities can be found at:

- **Chattahoochee Nature Center**
- **Dunwoody Nature Center**
- **Kennesaw Mountain.**

A POSITIVE  
ATTITUDE MAY NOT  
SOLVE YOUR  
PROBLEMS, BUT IT  
WILL ANNOY  
ENOUGH PEOPLE TO  
MAKE IT WORTH  
THE EFFORT

- HERM ALBRIGHT  
1876-1944

## GEORGIA AQUARIUM—CUB SCOUT PROGRAM

On the Mountain Lake District website there is a PDF file that contains information of achievements/electives that each rank can complete at the Georgia Aquarium. This is a 'do-it-yourself' program. It can be done as a den or individual. Just print out the page(s) for your rank and off you go! The Georgia Aquarium Cub Scout Program PDF file can be found at [www.mountainlakedistrict.com/GAAquarium.pdf](http://www.mountainlakedistrict.com/GAAquarium.pdf).

Once you have completed the requirements, you can purchase a patch in the gift shop. Each rank has its own design, which you'll notice a graphic of at the top of each rank's page.

The Georgia Aquarium has a group rate for 25+ participants. Visit [www.georgiaaquarium.org](http://www.georgiaaquarium.org) for further information.

## SCOUT DAY AND SCOUT NIGHT EVENTS

**IT'S FUN!  
IT'S EASY!**

**WEAR YOUR  
UNIFORM;  
BRING A SMILE;  
BE PREPARED  
TO LAUGH,  
CHEER, AND  
HAVE A GREAT  
TIME!**

There is a great lineup of upcoming Scout Day and Scout Night events available in the Atlanta Area Council. Many of these opportunities are new programs. These events are a great way for units and Scouting families to have fun together in a safe, local venue that appreciates Scouting.

It's fun...it's easy...and it supports Scouting!

One unit has this to say..."Cub Scout Pack 232 has attended the Night at the Gwinnett Gladiators for the last three years. It has become one of the most popular events on their schedule. It is a terrific outing for scouts, families and friends. It is non-stop action. They had a single point of contact who got a headcount and then purchased a block of

tickets. Each family paid for their tickets on game day. The Pack performed the opening ceremony in which the Cub Scouts presented the colors. The group sat mid rink, with the boys right on the glass. It was an exciting, noisy, fun-filled evening for all concerned."

Details for how Packs, Troops, Crews, Posts or Scouting families can participate in each of these events can be found on the Atlanta Area Council web site at [www.atlantabsa.org](http://www.atlantabsa.org).

Events scheduled to date are:

- **Kennesaw State University Basketball**  
Saturday, February 16,  
7:30 p.m. at KSU

- **Ringling Brothers Circus**—February 17, 21, 22
- **Harlem Globetrotters**—  
March 8, 1:00 p.m. Philips Arena and March 9, 2:00 p.m. Gwinnett Arena
- **Atlanta Motor Speedway**—March 8 & October 15
- **Scout Day at the Capitol**—March 12
- **Georgia Force** vs. Los Angeles Avengers—March 15, 7:00 p.m.
- **Atlanta Hawks**—March 30, 4:00 p.m.
- **Scout Days at the Renaissance Festival**—Saturdays and Sundays, plus Memorial Day, April 12—June 1.

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

**B.A.L.O.O.** (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) Training is scheduled for Saturday, April 19, 8:30 a.m., at the Allatoona Aquatics Base. Cost is \$10 per person and pre-registration is required. Contact the program center, 770/989-8821 x 2003, for further information.

**AAC Powder Horn**, a High Adventure Resource Management Training Course for Venturing Advisors and Boy Scout Leaders, will be held on August 15-17 and September 5-7, 2008 at Woodruff Scout Reservation. Cost is estimated at \$225 and final payment will be due by July 1, 2008. For further information visit [www.powderhorn-bsa.org](http://www.powderhorn-bsa.org).

**Venturing Leadership Skills Course** dates are February 23, 2008 or October 4, 2008. Cost is \$15.00 and includes course materials, lunch, and VLSC patch. Course will be held at the Volunteer Service Center from 9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

**Troop Committee Challenge** training is now available online! [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org)

**Solo Basic Wilderness First Aid** will be held on March 8 & 9 at the Camp Allatoona Aquatic Base. **American Red Cross Wilderness First Aid Basic Training** will be March 28-30 at Bert Adams Scout Reservation. Flyers and a comparison chart can be viewed at [www.mountainlakedistrict.com](http://www.mountainlakedistrict.com).

**Scout CPR Saturday** is March 8, 2008. Further information can be found at [www.goodturn.net](http://www.goodturn.net).

YOU CAN'T NO  
MORE TEACH  
WHAT YOU AIN'T  
LEARNED THAN  
YOU CAN GO  
BACK TO WHERE  
YOU AIN'T BEEN.

- AUTHOR  
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**WOOD  
BADGE**

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Who do we work for? We work for the youth that we serve. Youth at every level of scouting deserve a well trained leader. If our goal as leaders of the largest youth organization is to offer the best possible program, we must be properly trained to implement that program.

My name is Vivian Gullede [vivgullede@aol.com](mailto:vivgullede@aol.com) and I am a Mountain Lake Scouter. I am serving as the Asst. Scoutmaster for Troop Guides for the Spring 2008 Wood Badge Course. Wood Badge is the highest form of leadership training offered by the Boy Scouts of America. The Atlanta Area Council is offering 3 courses during the 2008 calendar year.

John Keeshen [jkeeshen@comcast.net](mailto:jkeeshen@comcast.net) another Mountain Lake Scouter you know from numerous Mountain Lake District Activities, Troop 700 and Crew 42 is the Asst. Scoutmaster for Program on the Spring course.

You may contact either of us about attending Wood Badge. We would be excited to hear from you and/or visit with you.

We would be thrilled to attend your Committee/Leader meeting to discuss the possible outcomes of sending some of your leaders to Wood Badge. If unit growth, enthusiasm and delivering the promise of the BSA program to the youth we serve are some of your goals then Wood Badge is the training program for you.

Even if you have completed the Legacy version of Wood Badge (prior to 92-41) the 21st Century Wood Badge is well worth the time and effort to attend.

Listed below are the names and contact information of the Course Directors for the 2008 Wood Badge Courses. Feel free to contact any (or all) of them.

**Spring 2008**

March 31 – April 5, 2008  
Week Long Course format  
Michelle Gillett, Course Director  
678-591-3044 [mggillet@gmail.com](mailto:mggillet@gmail.com)

**Summer 2008**

August 1–3, 2008 and August 22–24, 2008  
Two weekend Course format  
John Cherry, Course Director  
404-281-0938 [jcherry628@aol.com](mailto:jcherry628@aol.com)

**Fall 2008**

September 26–28, 2008 and September 17–19, 2008  
Two weekend Course format  
Tom Bulger, Course Director  
404-731-1132 [tbulger@bellsouth.net](mailto:tbulger@bellsouth.net)



MOUNTAIN LAKE DISTRICT'S  
CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

WILL BE HELD

JUNE 2-6, 2008

AT

KENNESAW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Please join us as we  
GO FOR THE GOLD!

Come ready for some friendly competition between  
dens as we compete in various activities.

***Attention Packs!*** A Day Camp Breakout will  
take place at the March Roundtable. All Pack  
Coordinators are expected.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

- ◆ Scout Night at **Kennesaw State University Basketball** Saturday, February 16, 7:30 p.m. at KSU-Convocation Center. Seats are \$12.00 and include a hotdog, soda, and special scout patch. Wear your uniform for a chance to participate in half-time games! Deadline to purchase tickets is February 14.
- ◆ **Engineering WAP** at Lockheed is scheduled for February 23, 2008, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Registration is open to the public on January 25, 2008. Cost is \$10.00 per scout and includes materials, snack, patch, and a pizza lunch. Preference is groups of 8 or less; ratio of 1 adult for every 4 scout.
- ◆ **Scout Days & Nights** (visit [www.atlantabsa.org](http://www.atlantabsa.org) for further information):  
Ringling Brothers Circus—February 17, 21, 22

### MARCH

- ◆ **Wolf Achievement Workshop**, #7 Your Living World, is March 1, 2008, 1:15 p.m.—4:30 p.m. Registration is open now for packs/dens. Workshop is offered by the Natural Resources Management Unit of Cobb Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department. View flyer at [www.mountainlakedistrict.com/wolfflyer.pdf](http://www.mountainlakedistrict.com/wolfflyer.pdf) for further info.
- ◆ **Kick-off meeting for Webelos Encampment and Wolf/Bear Encampment** is scheduled for March 5, 2008, 7:00 p.m. at the Volunteer Service Center. More info can be found at [www.atlantabsa.org](http://www.atlantabsa.org) under 'camping'.
- ◆ **Huntsville Space Center Spring Scout Day** will be March 8, 2008. Admission is \$15.00 per person and includes: Admission to the U.S. Space & Rocket Center Museum; One IMAX movie at the Spacedome Theater; hamburger box lunch; a Scout Day Patch for each Scout; a Scout Day Certificate for each Troop/Cub Pack; events and activities. For further information call 800/63-SPACE, ext. 200; or [www.spacecamp.com](http://www.spacecamp.com).
- ◆ **Scout Days & Nights** (visit [www.atlantabsa.org](http://www.atlantabsa.org) for further information):  
Harlem Globetrotters—March 8, 1:00 p.m. Philips Arena and March 9, 2:00 p.m. Gwinnett Arena  
Atlanta Motor Speedway—March 8  
Scout Day at the Capitol—March 12  
Georgia Force vs. Los Angeles Avengers—March 15, 7:00 p.m.  
Atlanta Hawks—March 30, 4:00 p.m.

### APRIL

- ◆ **Spring Cub-O-Ree** is scheduled for April 12 at Bert Adams Scout Reservation.
- ◆ **Scout Days & Nights** (visit [www.atlantabsa.org](http://www.atlantabsa.org) for further information):  
Scout Days at the Renaissance Festival—Saturdays and Sundays, plus Memorial Day, April 12—June 1, 10:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

### JUNE

- ◆ Go for the Gold, Mountain Lake District!! **Cub Scout Day Camp** will be held June 2—6, 2008! Boy Scout volunteers needed to help as Den Chiefs! Great way to get those service hours.
- ◆ **Twilight Camp** is scheduled for June 23—28, 2008.
- ◆ **Venturing Extreme** is a Woodruff sponsored, off site High Adventure program for Venturers ages 14 – 20 years. The camp will be held at the Whitewater Express – Ocoee base camp June 29 – July 4, 2008. More information can be found at [www.atlantabsa.org](http://www.atlantabsa.org) under 'camping'.

### OCTOBER

- ◆ **Huntsville Space Center Fall Boy Scout Day** will be October 4, 2008. Admission is \$18.00 per person and includes: Admission to the U.S. Space & Rocket Center Museum; One IMAX movie at the Spacedome Theater; hamburger box lunch; a Scout Day Patch for each Scout; a Scout Day Certificate for each Troop/Cub Pack; events and activities. For further information call 800/63-SPACE, ext. 200; or [www.spacecamp.com](http://www.spacecamp.com).
- ◆ **Scout Days & Nights** (visit [www.atlantabsa.org](http://www.atlantabsa.org) for further information):  
Atlanta Motor Speedway—October 15

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**VACANT (Help Wanted!)**

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**VACANT (Help Wanted!)**

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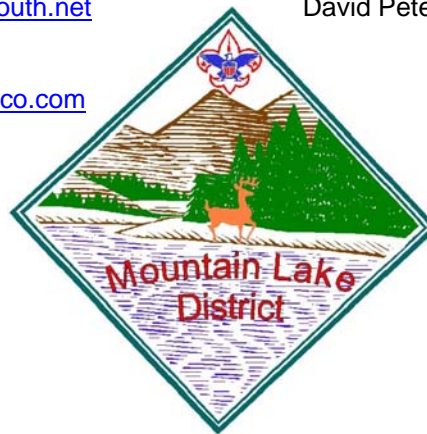
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**HELP WANTED!!**

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*Deadline for newsletter submissions is by midnight the Monday prior to Roundtable.*

*Please note, it is with the best of intentions to provide you with the most accurate and grammatically correct information; however, please keep in mind mistakes do happen. I will endeavor to DO MY BEST! Tracy Brock*