

2012 SCOUTERS' WINTER CAMPOUT

"I'm a Scouter Because..."

January 6-8, 2012 • Robert W. Woodruff Scout Reservation

Participants Packet

SWC will provide you with a chance to see the program through the eyes of a twelve-year-old Scout in a winter camping experience. Come to compete in some exciting Patrol based games. Join your fellow adult Scouters in some fellowship that has become a tradition in Colossal Cobb County.

SWC has always had a program that includes the following:

- Opportunities to learn new, or refine old winter camping skills,
- A program full of ideas to use for cold-weather camping programs back at your own Units,
- The chance to show "those that didn't attend" that you can be comfortable in the cold,
- Gatherings, both small & large, to exchange ideas and fellowship with your fellow Scouters, and
- A program loaded with FUN, FUN, and MORE FUN!

As mentioned, the main focus of SWC is to have FUN.

Be prepared to see some new things at this year's event.

This year's theme is "**I am a Scouter Because....**". The theme was chosen to allow each of you as an adult Scouter to tell your story of why you are a Scouter. There are many reasons what keeps you going as a Scouter. We each in many different ways have an impact on the youth in the Scouting program. This year you have an opportunity to share your story with other Scouters. Those in your unit may know the story but it is a chance to expand beyond those that you know to others in Cobb County. You have a chance to inspire others to pass the Values and Traditions of Scouting to the next generations.

There are a going to be many opportunities to share your Story this year. Please review the packet carefully for those opportunities. Some of those are:

- 1) We will be having a Food Drive at SWC so we can pass along share of our values with others. Some donations will be left at food pantries in the area of Woodruff some will come back to MUST Ministries in our Home County.
- 2) Friday evening is BYOB. Now that we have your attention see the packet.
- 3) Silver Claw Coffee on Saturday morning. They have stories to tell.
- 4) Campsite visitation is the Camp Wide game.
- 5) Camp Service project allows us to leave some improvements in Camp
- 6) Scout's Own Service in Dining hall Sunday Morning.

The staff has been working very hard to put together a excellent program. The success of this year's program is up to you.

The Scoutmaster has asked that we use traditional Scouting skills and methods throughout the weekend. We encourage all patrols to consider the theme as they are preparing for SWC. However, we also expect each Scouter to remember this is a Scouting event. We should conduct ourselves as we do in setting an example for

our young Scouts back home. This includes patrol names, patrol yells, totems, skits, and songs. Friendly means friends, males dress as males, females dress as females. If you have any questions about the appropriateness of your actions then it is inappropriate.

Proper preparation begins with registration. You must register at www.swcbsa.org. If you have not done so already, the early registration deadline is **December 1, 2011** (check or money order received). Fees increase after this date. Campsite selection is *based on the order of registration, and payment received*. Check the website for regular updates to get current information and to see the campsites that have been assigned.

Our Health and Safety Officer requires that each participant **must** have a completed BSA Health Form parts A and C for each Patrol member and submitted *upon check-in*. (Plan to have these completed before arrival to make check-in go quickly.) This does not require each patrol member to visit a doctor to have the form filled out, although BSA recommends an annual physical. Participating adults can complete and sign their own forms. The forms provide medical information 'in case of an emergency'. You can print copies of the health form posted at www.swcbsa.org. You may also obtain the form at the Council Service Center. This form is required to participate in the Scouters Winter Campout. A second requirement is for each patrol to submit your completed patrol roster (also available from the website) and any additional registration fees. Lastly, you will need to give two (2) patrol totems to the SWC staff upon check in. They will be displayed on the SWC 2012 Totem Pole, for all to see. We appreciate your cooperation with these items.

Totems are *traditional* Scouting devices that symbolize your patrol, prominently displayed by hanging them on your patrol flag. They should be unique and in the spirit of Scouting; however, it is not necessary that they be elaborate. Game totems will also be awarded by the games staff in recognition for Patrol participation in the games. Patrols should also use totems to recognize a visitation with another patrol or in appreciation for something that another patrol has done for them. Plan enough totems for at least 45 - 50 patrols, and as many others you may want to "award". Remember the 2 extra needed at check-in.

Your patrol should be prepared for **any** weather conditions that may be encountered in the north Georgia Mountains during January. While we are certain that the weather will allow for a "great weekend for Scouting", anything from balmy spring-like conditions to icy blizzards can occur. **BE PREPARED!!**

We ask that all participants do practice **Leave No Trace** principles as much as possible over the weekend. We want to leave no trace when we leave except the footprints we have left, the memories we can share, the good turns that we have done and the Scouts we have trained.

With all this in mind, gather your patrol, start your planning and we'll see you in January. If you have any questions, please contact one of the following staff members:

<i>Scoutmaster</i>	<i>Dennis Rowe</i>	727-408-1090 (C)	drowe@unicorn-labs.com
<i>Senior Patrol Leader</i>	<i>Dan Wright</i>	770-591-4445 (H)	danwright.ngtd3@yahoo.com

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Staff Leadership Roster

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Position	SWC Yrs	Name	Dist.	
Scoutmaster	20	Dennis Rowe	FH	T-714
Senior Patrol Leader	22	Dan Wright	FH	DC M/L
Staff Advisor	17	Warren Wright	FH	T-750
Program Patrol Leader	14	Paul Fitzner	FH	T-772
Troop Scribe	14	Dean Harris	FH	T-750
Games Coordinator	13	Trent Trees	ML	P-611
Game A Lead	25	Robert Smith	CB	M/L
Game B Lead	9	Rob Taylor	FH	T-479
Game C Leads	7	Sherri Wright	FH	T-750
Game D Lead	4	Paula Buckner	CB	P-757
Service Patrol Leader	10	Dave Schimmel	FH	T-795
Health & Safety Officer	6	Pamela Roberts	FH	T-714
Head Chef	4	Tracy Jones	CB	T-757
Quartermaster	14	Rick Aschenbeck	FH	T-772

SWC 2012 PROGRAM

Food Drive This year, we will be collecting food for Food Pantries. We will be delivering to two Pantries in the area of Woodruff and bringing some back to MUST Ministries in Marietta. Food will be collected in Dining hall on Friday Evening.

Registration As with last year, registration will be located at the Nunn Building. The Nunn Building is located behind the main parking lot, near the new dormitory building. Registration will open at 3pm on Friday afternoon and will move to the Dining Hall at 6pm. Registration closes at 10pm Friday night. Signs will be placed at the pavilion directing members to the Nunn Building.

Colossal Cobb Café. From 7 to 9pm Friday evening in the Woodruff Dining Hall. This is the most exclusive Dining Establishment in Georgia, only open one night a year, serving those who serve Scouting in Cobb County. Patrols should BYOB (Bring your own Bread). The staff will be serving Salad and Pasta to all participants.

So folks, expect some tasty delights and above all, some great Scouting fellowship. Bring your cup and enjoy seeing other Scouters while partaking of the fine food and drink that will be available. Come eat as a Patrol. This will also be a chance to visit and look at other units Presentation boards.

In addition, we will have memorabilia and other items on display from past SWC's that tell the story of Scouting in Cobb County. Please bring your old SWC Patrol Flags, totems, photographs and other mementos to share with your fellow participants.

Patrol Leader Meetings. Patrol leaders are required to attend two meetings: one in the Dining hall at 9:15 PM Friday and the second at 7:15 PM Saturday Evening in the Nunn Building.

Games. As in past years, Saturday morning activities will focus on inter-patrol activities. We have prepared games that will require teamwork, the use of traditional Scouting skills and problem solving. Each member of your patrol is encouraged to participate and enjoy the games. So remember, be enthusiastic, cheer on your fellow Scouters and, as every Scout knows, "Do Your Best." The games will be posted on the SWC Web Site after the weekend.

Silver Claw Coffee House. Open Saturday morning, the Silver Claws will be serving Coffee and Beverages in the Dining Hall. This will be a chance to visit with the Silver Claws, the past Scoutmasters of SWC. We will also be taking Patrol Pictures at this time.

Camp Wide Game This year's Camp Wide Game will simply be Camp site visitation. This will be a chance to visit with other Scouters. Be ready to show off your Unit.

Good Turn Project The Scout Slogan is "Do a Good Turn Daily." In keeping with SWC tradition, we will again offer camp-wide Good Turn Projects and challenge all patrols to participate. Only one person is needed from each Patrol. Please bring work gloves. Some carpentry skills appreciated.

Camp-Wide Dinner. The camp-wide dinner on Saturday night is one of the highlights of the weekend. Based on favorable comments from past SWC's, we will again have the SWC Staff & Silver Claws visit and eat dinner with the patrols. Plan to show off your culinary skills and prepare dinner for your patrol plus two guest staff member. Bring your meal to the Dining Hall, set your seating area and enjoy. Your meal should be complete with all necessary utensils and plates. The SWC Quartermaster staff will provide complete drink service: coffee, hot cocoa, fruit drink, ice water, and iced tea. (Bring your own cup or mug.) This will be a great time of fun and fellowship. Please be "Helpful" and assist with clean up of the dining hall after dinner is completed.

Campfire. One of the great traditions at SWC is the Campfire. The program is always a fun-filled evening of skits, songs, and cheers with lots of enthusiasm for Scouting on display. Each participant will receive an SWC "*Bear Claw*" marking another year – or the first year – of attendance in the "Roll Call" ceremony. To submit a skit, song, or story for consideration, deliver a written copy, complete with all lines scripted out, to the Staff Area by 2:00pm Saturday afternoon. Keep the time for your performance reasonably short. Make it Scout-appropriate; pretend the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts in your units will be in attendance. The Staff will contact you prior to the Campfire if you are being considered to perform. You may contact the Scoutmaster, Warren Wright, at 770-578-1981 or wwright376@aol.com if you have any questions.

Saturday Late Night Star Study. This event has become a favorite of SWC participants. After the campfire program, come enjoy the lack of city lights and take advantage of the observatory constructed at camp to see things that can't be seen in Cobb County. The program is suitable for individuals or patrols that especially enjoy the nighttime sky. (Weather permitting, of course, and thanks to the Atlanta Astronomy Club!) Participants will earn a Black Bead for their participation.

Sunday Morning. A Scout is reverent. We will have a simple interfaith worship service in the Dining Hall at 8:30am. Elements of the Christian faith have been included, and if anyone in your Patrol wishes to have elements of their faith included, they **must** contact the SWC SPL. Please plan to attend as all attendees will receive a Purple Bead.

FOR SALE. Woodruff has several canvas tents that have been retired. They are available for \$20 each. These tents have been retired because of age or small holes. They fit over the frames on Tent platforms.

AWARDS/JUDGING

Honor Patrol. This is the top award given to the patrol that has achieved the best overall score based upon the judged competitions. These competitions include Games, Spirit, Campsite Evaluation, Participation, and Patrol Flag Judging. For the uninitiated, this may be a distant goal. Nevertheless, for the serious SWC veteran, this can become a spirited competition. We encourage this "Scouting" competition only to bring out the BEST in each of us and to show others that we can be in competition and still have fun as Scouts. If obtaining Honor Patrol is one of your goals for this SWC, follow this document carefully. We encourage your patrol to participate in all the events to show your Scouting spirit.

Patrol Flag. Your flag should use *natural materials and original designs.* It must display the patrol name, "SWC 2012" (identifying the event), your Unit number, the District/Council and BSA affiliation. It should also recognize the individual members of the patrol and all patrol members should participate in the construction. Judging will also be based on theme adaptation, originality, craftsmanship, and practicality (for display, carrying with patrol, etc.). The use of natural, non-

commercial, traditional materials is highly recommended by the judges. Flags must be in the Dining Hall for judging no later than 4:00 on Saturday.

Wood Carving. This is an event for individuals and will be judged. While it does not count for Honor Patrol, it proves to be an interesting and entertaining competition. All participants will receive a special bead. This year we will again be providing traditional wood blocks that may be obtained at check in or the Friday night Patrol Leaders meeting. Judging will be based on originality, workmanship, BSA orientation and general appeal. **Participants MUST use the wood provided and the use of power tools will result in disqualification.**

Table Decorations. Table decorations are a big part of what makes the Saturday evening camp wide dinner so special. We encourage your patrol to provide table decorations and/or centerpieces, reflecting the theme of the weekend, your patrol identity and Scouting in mind. The decorations will be judged on their creativity, craftsmanship (handmade vs. store-bought), functionality, and practicality. The decorations must also fit on the table, be stable, and safe.

Spirit. The SWC Patrol Leaders will vote for the patrol with most “Spirit” at their Saturday evening meeting. This vote not only determines the Spirit Patrol winner, but is also used in the calculation for Honor Patrol. Show all of Cobb County Scouters your Scouting Spirit! Participation in the Campwide Activity and in the Memorabilia display may be considered away of demonstrating Scouting Spirit. There will be tables set up at the Cobb Café on Friday for Patrols and Scouters to display any Scout and/or SWC memorabilia. Please bring items to the Dining Hall by 8:00 P.M. Friday night, and **be sure to have a sign *identifying your Patrol.***

Participation Patrol participation is based upon a combination of items. To score well in this category you must have and display a table decoration at the camp wide dinner, have a minimum of one member earn their good turn bead and two members participate in the camp wide activity, as well as providing totems and correct paperwork to the Troop Scribe and Registration Staff upon check-in.

Campsite Evaluation of campsites will occur after lunch on Saturday. Members of the Health and Safety Staff, and other staff members will visit your site. It is not a requirement that someone be in your campsite during that time. No score will be lost or gained by interacting with the visiting staff. Even though they enjoy visiting with patrols, please try not to ‘keep’ them too long as they have several campsites to review. All patrols will be evaluated against a standard (not against each other) that is taken right from the Boy Scout Handbook and Scoutmaster’s Handbook. This year we will recognize the patrol that goes the extra effort in constructing a shelter, making extra camp gadgets, or a special gateway, however these items will not be factored into the campsite evaluation score. Remember, follow the Boy Scout Handbook and Scoutmaster’s Handbook and you will do fine on this inspection. Also, please understand that shared facilities (i.e., kitchen) will be scored as one patrol; if two are utilizing it, both will receive the same score. See further down for Campsite Evaluation Criteria.

Awards/recognition will be presented for the following:

- Each Game (1st, 2nd and 3rd)
 - Patrol Flag (1st, 2nd and 3rd)
 - Campsite (1st, 2nd and 3rd)
 - Table Decorations (1st, 2nd and 3rd)
 - Good Turn Project (each participant)
 - Worship Service (each attending participant)
 - Spirit Patrol (elected by Patrols)
 - Individual Wood Carving (1st, 2nd and 3rd)
- (Must use wood obtained at check-in on Friday.) (Each

Honor Patrol (1 st place only)	
Loading factors for Honor patrol consideration:	
• Games Results	25%
• Spirit Patrol Voting	25%
• Campsite Evaluation	15%
• Participation	25%
• Patrol Flag Judging	10%

PREPARATION

1. Form a patrol of **at least six and no more than ten** adult leaders from your Pack, Troop, Crew, Ship, Post or Team (must be registered adults, 18 years or older). Please indicate on your registration form if you are an individual in need of a patrol, or a patrol that needs additional members. Contact Warren Wright, he will help to match individuals with patrols (or help you to form a provisional patrol).
2. **Check-in will be on Friday from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.** Come prepared with a patrol roster (2 copies), a completed BSA Health Form (parts A & B) for each Patrol member/guest and two totems upon check-in. **Check-in will be at the Nunn Building this year until 6pm, where it will be in the Dining Hall.**
3. Bring all the gear and food your patrol will need for a fun-filled, cold weather campout. You will be able to drive to and unload equipment at your campsite, **but plan immediately to return your vehicle to one of the central parking areas when unpacking is completed.** **FOR YOUR SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF OTHERS, NO CARS WILL BE ALLOWED IN CAMPSITES WITHOUT A PERMIT.** Permits can be requested at registration during check-in and will be issued by the Camp Ranger or Medical Officer.
4. Patrols are ENCOURAGED to bring any camp gadgets that will make your weekend more enjoyable and demonstrate good Scouting skills. Please practice low impact camping techniques to prevent unnecessary wear on the camp. Remember that the boys in our units will follow your example. Your campsite will be evaluated using the same standards we use for our Scouts' campsites (the Scoutmaster Handbook is a great source for this information-list attached).
5. Patrols should prepare a three panel Presentation Board of an activity or activities of your Unit that you will share with others. Boards will be set-up on tables in Dining hall for all to see Friday evening and Saturday Morning. They can be picked up after games to take back for display in campsite Saturday afternoon. Presentation Boards will be judged on Saturday morning.
6. Patrols should also bring a Patrol Sign. Patrol sign. We will be taking pictures of each Patrol on Saturday morning at the Silver Claw Coffee House. Please have a sign that Identifies Event, Date, Patrol name, District, Unit number. Keep it simple so it is easy to read. This will also be used to identify your table decoration at the dinner Saturday evening.

7. Come prepared with a patrol cheer and yell to show your Scouting Spirit. Add a song and a call and you will surely be in the running for the patrol with the best Scouting Spirit.
8. Remember to dress warm, and bring your Boy Scout Handbook. Each member should bring notepad, pen/pencil, “The Scout Outdoor Essentials” (as found in the Boy Scout Handbook), along with the rest of your usual patrol camping equipment, and other items as may be mentioned in SWC information.
9. Begin planning your campfire skits, songs and cheers. The SWC Campfire is always a lot of fun and you will want to be sure your patrol is part of it. To submit a skit, song, or story for consideration, deliver a written copy, complete with all lines scripted out, to the Staff Area by 2:00 Saturday afternoon. Keep the time for your performance reasonably short. Make it Scout-appropriate; pretend the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts in your units will be in attendance. There is a time allotment that we must adhere, so the Staff will contact you prior to the Campfire if you are being considered to perform. You may contact the Scoutmaster, Dennis Rowe, at 727-408-1090 or drowe@unicorn-labs.com if you have any questions.
10. This year we are recommending that each Patrol bring the following additional items to fully enjoy and participate in the activities planned. (*Items and quantities listed are by patrol regardless of the number of Patrol members.*) a current edition of the Boy Scout Handbook and the “10 essentials.” If you are not familiar with the 10 essentials then check the Boy Scout Handbook, ask one of your Boy Scout resource buddies or simply Google it on the Internet to get the information you need. Along with these items please be sure to bring:
 - Safety glasses and work gloves for the good turn project
 - Patrol first aid kit
 - Paper and pen/pencil
 - A hatchet and blunt object for splitting wood using the impact method.
 - A compass (bring to games)
 - If there are any other items that we need you to bring, we will advise the Patrol Leaders via Email at least 2 weeks before SWC.
 - Camera (Optional)
 - Scouting Spirit
11. Remember to check out the SWC Web Site for information, who to contact, copies of forms, other interesting facts as well as any last minute information.

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SWC 2012 Campsite Evaluation Criteria

Some points to consider (Information taken from Scoutmaster's Handbook and Woodruff Health & Safety Report)

Tents

- Pitched properly using a ground-cloth under tent
- Natural drainage (no trenching or ditches)
- Neat and clean around tent
- Adequate distance from fire and kitchen (min 10ft)

Kitchen & Dining Area

- Duty roster posted and visible
- Cooking area cleared of non-in-use combustibles
- Permanent Fire pit free from debris
- Sump marked properly, at edge of camp, strainer in place
- Food properly stored in sealable containers, bear bag, etc.
- Dining fly or other shelter set up
- Eating area neat, trash properly stored

Latrine

- Toilet Paper available
 - Clear of trash and washstand clean
 - “Men” / “Women” sign used
- (This will count the same for all patrols in a campsite)*

Campsite Area

- Clear of trash – trash receptacles available
- Natural ground cover undisturbed
- Fire Control (buckets/extinguisher available)
- No unattended fires – completely out before leaving
- Trip hazards marked (i.e. colored cord, foil, tape)
- First Aid kit available, labeled and visible
- Unit Identification/Patrol Flag displayed
- American Flag displayed
- Fuel yard (not wood) marked with fuel properly stored
- Wood yard marked, neat, with equipment stored safely
- No unauthorized vehicles

Bonus Points

- Site entryway (gate)
- Pioneering methods

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Preliminary Schedule

Friday, January 6, 2012

3:00 p.m. Registration opens in the Nunn Building
6:00 p.m. Registration moves to the Dining Hall
7:00 p.m. Colossal Cobb Café opens @ Dining Hall
9:15 p.m. Patrol Leaders' Meeting in the Dining Hall
10:00 p.m. Registration & Cobb Cracker Barrel Closed
11:00 p.m. Taps

Saturday, January 7, 2012

8:45 a.m. Troop Assembly @ Assembly Area
9:45 a.m. Morning Games (25 minutes for each game, plus 10 minutes for travel)
1st 9:45 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.
2nd 10:20 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
3rd 10:55 a.m. - 11:20 a.m.
4th 11:30 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.
5th 12:05 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

12:45 p.m. Lunch
2:00 p.m. Good Turn Project / Campsite Evaluations
Skit, Songs & Cheers Requests Due at Staff Site
3:00 p.m. Campwide Activity
4:00 p.m. **Patrol Flags, Camp-Wide Activity & Wood Carvings Due @ Dining Hall**
Dining Hall opens for table decoration setup.
5:45 p.m. Patrols report to Dining Hall with meals
6:00 p.m. Grace and Campwide Dinner in Dining Hall
Patrols please assist with dining hall clean up
7:15 p.m. Patrol Leader Meeting @ Nunn Building
(Turn in Spirit Vote & Elect SWC 2013 SPL)
7:50 p.m. Troop Assembly for Campfire @ Assembly Area
Patrols pickup Patrol Flags from dining hall to take to Campfire
8:00 p.m. Campfire and Awards @ Campfire Ring
Patrols pickup Patrol Flags at end of Campfire
9:30 p.m. Star Study on Assembly Field (Atlanta Astronomy Club)
11:00 p.m. Taps

Sunday, January 8, 2012

8:30 a.m. Interfaith Church Service – Chapel
9:00 a.m. Closing Assembly, Troop Awards & Recognition @ Assembly Area
10:00 a.m. Break Camp & **Check Out @ Staff HQ – Must Check out by Noon**

2012 Scouters Winter Campout

Patrol Roster

Patrol Name _____

Unit & No. _____

Campsite _____

	NAME	HOME UNIT & NO.	HOME DISTRICT	SWC experience (before 2012)
	John Doe	Troop 7777	Mountain Lake	6 years
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Note: Patrols are limited to 10 members - if you have guests staying with you, please add their names to provide an accurate count of Scouters at this event. All participants and guests must submit a BSA Health Form parts A & C. Submit forms & this roster at check-in.

Patrol Leader Name _____ Phone# _____

Mailing Address _____

E-Mail Address _____