



# 2009 COLOSSAL COBB COUNTY SCOUTERS' WINTER CAMPOUT "Leave A Trace"

January 9-11, 2009 • Robert W. Woodruff Scout Reservation



## *Patrol Leader/Participant Packet*

Building Boys into Men with good character, morals and the ability to make ethical decisions is the primary goal of the Scouting program. As much as we would like to see every Scout reach Eagle, many statistics over the years show that the program has a lot to offer all who participate. As leaders in the Scouting program, we all work hard to make a difference in the lives of every youth we work with. SWC is a training event to help leaders continue to learn and build First Class skills to help the Scouts continue on their trail in life.

SWC will provide you with a chance to experience the program as experienced 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 41 year 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. (And we will do this even if our teeth are chattering!) Be prepared to see some new traditions at this year's event.

This year's theme is Leave A Trace. As we work with the Scouts, we do not know what effect we will have in their future. But we do know that we will have an effect and make an impression that will be lasting. Think back to your past, who has made a difference in your life? It is not a question of whether we will leave a mark, it is just a matter of what impression we will make. As Scout Leaders we are forming the next generation of leaders in our Nation and our communities. Leave your Trace on the future wisely by setting the right example and delivering the Scouting program with enthusiasm and zest.

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.

Proper preparation begins with registration. You must register at [www.swcbsa.org](http://www.swcbsa.org). If you have not done so already, the early registration deadline is **December 1, 2008** (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 Class 1 Health Form 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](http://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 2009 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!!**

While our theme is **Leave A Trace**, 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>Tom Morin</i>	770-633-9409(C )	<a href="mailto:tommorin@aol.com">tommorin@aol.com</a>
<i>Senior Patrol Leader</i>	<i>John Keeshen</i>	770-499-8170(H )	<a href="mailto:john.keeshen@gmail.com">john.keeshen@gmail.com</a>
<i>Program Patrol Leader</i>	<i>Warren Wright</i>	770-578-1981 (H)	<a href="mailto:wwright376@aol.com">wwright376@aol.com</a>

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# Leave A Trace

*Staff Leadership Roster*

*January 9-11, 2009*

<b>Position</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Dist.</b>	
<b>Scoutmaster</b>	13	Tom Morin	FH	T-1776
<b>Senior Patrol Leader</b>	11	John Keeshen	ML	ACC,SVC II
<b>Staff Advisor</b>	18	Dave Parks	FH	VC-281
<b>Program Patrol Leader</b>	14	Warren Wright	FH	T-750
<b>Troop Scribe</b>	10	Dean Harris	FH	T-750
<i>Registrar/Records Mgr</i>	10	Ed Seiz	ML	T-422
<b>Games Coordinator</b>	17	Dennis Rowe	FH	T-714
<b>Game A Lead</b>	10	Paul Fitzner	FH	T-772
<b>Game B Lead</b>	8	Brian Chapin	FH	VC-795
<b>Game C Lead</b>	8	Owen Morgan	ML	T-350
<b>Game D Lead</b>	3	Jimi Reece	CB	T-89
<b>Game E Lead</b>	18	Marilynn Parker	FH	OA
<b>Camp Wide Game</b>	11	Trent Trees	ML	VC-422
<b>Service Patrol Leader</b>	19	Dan Wright	FH	T-200
<b>Health &amp; Safety Officer</b>	2	Karen Silverthorn	FH	VC-795
<b>Head Chef</b>	4	Mike Horne	FH	T-1776
<b>Quartermaster</b>	13	Mike Gullede	ML	VC-422

## SWC 2009 PROGRAM

**Registration** This year, registration will be located all day at the Woodruff Dining Hall. Registration will open at 3pm on Friday afternoon and close at 10pm Friday night. Signs will be placed at the pavilion directing members to the dining hall.

**Colossal Cobb Cracker Barrel** The SWC staff will be hosting a traditional Scout Cracker Barrel. 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 for all in the Woodruff Dining Hall.

To add to the evening, 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.

**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.

**Camp Wide Game** This year's Camp Wide Game the Patrols do not have to build anything. This year's 2009 SWC Camp Wide Game is the "Leave A Trace" Game. The game will be on Saturday afternoon. You will not want to miss this game. All Patrol members will be able to play with no standing in lines. Bring this game back with you for your Scouts so you can leave a trace with them - a trace of **FUN!!!**

**Good Turn Projects** 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. We have not been advised at this point of what types of Projects that the Camp would like us to work on. When we find out more, we will Email the Patrols Leaders on what type of equipment or labor will be needed.

**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, Tom Morin, at 770-633-9409 or tommorin@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 immediately preceding the final assembly. 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 Chaplain,. Please plan to attend as all attendees will receive a Purple Bead.

### 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 2009" (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 5:00 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 two members earn their good turn bead and 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 those patrols that go to extra efforts 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 (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Patrol Flag (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Campsite (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Table Decorations (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Good Turn Project (each participant)
- Worship Service (each attending participant)
- Spirit Patrol (elected by Patrols)
- Individual Wood Carving (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>)  
(Must use wood obtained at check-in on Friday.)  
(Each Wood Carving Participants gets a bead)
- Special campsite improvements or gadgets

<b>Honor Patrol (1<sup>st</sup> place only)</b>	
Loading factors for Honor patrol consideration:	
• <b>Games Results</b>	<b>25%</b>
• <b>Spirit Patrol Voting</b>	<b>25%</b>
• <b>Campsite Evaluation</b>	<b>15%</b>
• <b>Participation</b>	<b>25%</b>
• <b>Patrol Flag Judging</b>	<b>10%</b>
	<b>100%</b>

## PREPARATION

1. Form a patrol of **at least six and no more than ten** adult leaders from your Pack, Troop, 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 Class 1 Health form for each Patrol member/guest and two totems upon check-in. **All Check-in will be at the Woodruff Dining Hall this year.**
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. 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.
6. 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.

7. 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, Tom Morin, at 770-633-9409 or tommorin@aol.com if you have any questions.
  
8. 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
  - 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
  
9. 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.  
[www.swcbsa.org](http://www.swcbsa.org)

## ***SWC 2009 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
- Natural drainage
- Pitched in line with prevailing wind
- Entrance on leeward side
- Adequate distance from fire and kitchen

### **Kitchen & Dining Area**

- Duty roster posted
- Cooking and Fire site cleared of combustibles
- Campfire adequate free from debris
- Wood supply away from fire & neatly stored
- Sump marked and properly used
- Food properly stored
- Dining fly or other shelter set up
- Eating area neat & presentable
- Utensils & dishes clean

### **Latrine**

- Toilet Paper available
- Clean
- Washstand with hand cleaner available and clean
- "Men" / "Women" sign

*(This will count the same for all patrols in a campsite)*

### **Campsite**

- No trash or equipment lying around
- Natural ground cover undisturbed
- Fire buckets available & filled (soil / water)
- Overhead guy-lines above head level, marked
- Trip hazards identified or removed
- Wood yard neat/equipment stored safely
- First Aid kit available and labeled
- Patrol Flag displayed
- Food properly stored
- No charcoal lighter available
- American flag displayed
- No unauthorized vehicles

### **Beds and Personal Gear**

- Proper head to foot positioning regarding grade
- Adequate insulation-foam pad/mattress
- Personal gear neat & stored properly
- Bedding airing or folded or rolled neatly

### **Scouters**

- Appropriately dressed for activity
- Reasonable personal cleanliness
- Health OK
- Hospitality toward inspector



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## Preliminary Schedule

### Friday, January 9, 2009

3:00 p.m.	Registration opens in the Dining Hall
7:00 p.m.	Patrol Leaders' Meeting @ Troop Service Building
8:00 p.m.	Campwide Cobb Cracker Barrel @ Dining Hall
10:00 p.m.	Registration & Cobb Cracker Barrel Closed
11:00 p.m.	Taps

### Saturday, January 10, 2009

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 <b>Skit, Songs &amp; Cheers Requests Due at Staff Site</b>
3:00 p.m.	Campwide Activity
4:00 p.m.	Dinner preparation/Free time
5:00 p.m.	One or more members of patrol report to dining hall to setup for dinner. <b>Patrol Flags, Camp-Wide Activity &amp; Wood Carvings Due @ Dining Hall</b>
5:45 p.m.	Patrols report to Dining Hall with meals
6:00 p.m.	Grace and Campwide Dinner in Dining Hall
7:15 p.m.	Patrol Leader Meeting @ TSB ( <b>Turn in Spirit Vote &amp; Elect SWC 2010 SPL</b> ) <i>Patrols please assist with dining hall clean up</i>
7:50 p.m.	Troop Assembly for Campfire @ Assembly Area <i>Patrols pickup Patrol Flags from dining hall to take to Campfire</i>
8:00 p.m.	Campfire and Awards @ Campfire Ring <i>Patrols pickup Patrol Flags at end of Campfire</i>
9:30 p.m.	Star Study on Assembly Field (Atlanta Astronomy Club)
11:00 p.m.	Taps

### Sunday, January 11, 2009

8:35 a.m.	Interfaith Church Service – Chapel
9:00 a.m.	Closing Assembly, Troop Awards & Recognition @ Assembly Area
10:00 a.m.	Break Camp & <b>Check Out @ Staff HQ – Must Check out by Noon</b>

# 2009 Scouters Winter Campout

## Patrol Roster

Patrol Name \_\_\_\_\_

Unit & No. \_\_\_\_\_

Campsite \_\_\_\_\_

	NAME	HOME UNIT & NO.	HOME DISTRICT	SWC experience (before 2009)
	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. **Both participants and guests must submit Class 1 Health Forms.** Submit forms & this roster at check-in.

Patrol Leader Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_