

TROOP 175

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Welcome to Troop 175! It's a very active, boy-led troop with weekly meetings, monthly outings, summer camp and many opportunities for leadership and advancement. We're one of the oldest Scout Troops in DeKalb County, in continuous operation since 1943. More than 35 Scouts from Troop 175 have earned Eagle rank since 2010, joining the 250+ Eagle Scouts produced by Troop 175 since 1949.

Our adult leaders, a.k.a "Scouters," have many decades of Scouting experience, including several leaders with "Wood Badge" advanced leadership training. Seventeen of our adult leaders are Eagle Scouts, and many of our Scouters have earned the "Silver Beaver," the highest award given by the Atlanta Area Council. These adults are there to guide the boys who lead the Troop.

Scouting has three goals:

1. Building character;
2. Fostering citizenship;
3. Developing mental, moral and physical fitness, with strong emphasis on duty to God & Country.

Troop 175 accomplishes these goals by designing weekly programs and monthly outings that are exciting and fun. The boys choose the programs and the outings, and the older Scouts lead and help prepare the younger ones. We focus on outdoor activities, particularly hiking and water sports, and we incorporate about twenty nights of camping each year—from backpacking to car camping.

We have some of the best facilities of any Atlanta-area Troop, including a Scout Hut and Quartermaster building behind Glennwood Elementary. We're fortunate to have our own camp on Lake Allatoona. Camp 175 sits on beautiful wooded lakefront property with a mess hall, open-front Adirondack cabins and a dock. This is where we complete each year with a fun-filled week of summer camp on the lake.

While we strive to make the boys responsible for most things, we also rely on parents for logistical support: chaperoning, committee work, etc. To ensure we have enough resources to plan and carry out our ambitious programs and outings, we require an adult from each family to contribute 10 volunteer hours per year and drive on two trips per year. Many hands make light work.

We look forward to getting to know you and your son in the coming months. Please look over the enclosed **Troop 175 Newbie Guide** and feel free to contact me (wyatt@ruark-wyatt.com) or Troop Committee Chair, Michael Leavey (mel@dorough.com), if you have questions.

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