

Troop Plans for March 2015

- Monday, March 2 - PLC and Committee Meeting, 7 PM
- Tuesday, March 3 - TROOP MEETING: Duty to God, Scout Pictures
- Tuesday, March 10 - TROOP MEETING: Tenderfoot Requirements, Meal Planning for Stephen Foster Campout, Scout Pictures
- Friday-Sunday, March 13-15 – TROOP CAMPOUT: [Stephen Foster State Park GA](#)
- Tuesday, March 17 - TROOP MEETING: Grub Box Cleaning, Scout Pictures
- Tuesday, March 24 - TROOP MEETING: Capture the Flag, Scout Pictures
- Tuesday, March 31 - TROOP MEETING: St. Augustine Road Clean Up
- Monday, April 6 - PLC and Committee Meeting, 7 PM

Scouts: Please suggest Troop meeting ideas to your Scout Leaders the last week of the month before the PLC meeting.

SCOUT SUNDAY & PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Thank you to all the scouts, leaders, parents and church members that helped make the pancake breakfast a success. We are grateful to SUMC for their support of Troop 35 and this annual event allows us to show our gratitude.

GOLD HEAD CAMPOUT

On January 16th everyone arrived at the church at around 5:00. We drove down to [Goldhead State park](#) and set up all of our tents in the main campsite. The next day all the guys going on the long trek packed up their gear and we began our 9 mile hike to our campsite. We stopped for a short lunch about three quarters of the way there and we also had to climb a short fence to get where we were going. When we got there we found ourselves looking out on a beautiful lake with a stream nearby from which we got our water. We stayed for the rest of the day enjoying the view and then went to bed. On the final day we packed up our gear, and hiked about 5 miles

to Goldhead's main entrance where we were picked up by some of the scout masters and then we drove home. Submitted by Josh Milon

WELCOME NEW SCOUTS AND FAMILIES

Welcome



Welcome to our newest additions to Troop 35! In February, Troop 35 received 12 New Scouts with their families! Hailing from Cub Scout Packs 35 and Pack 181, these New Scouts bridged over from the Cub

Scout Program as Webelos II Scouts into the Boy Scout Program with much excitement and anticipation as they begin their Journey of Scouting. The Troop has a planned a fantastic year of adventures. Our New Scouts are well underway progressing through their first badge, the Scout Badge. They've already set up 2 Patrols: The Panda Patrol and The Border Patrol. Elder Scouts Will M. and Cecil D. have stepped up in faith to assume their roles as Troop Guides. New Scouts will set out for their first Boy Scout campout with the troop on the April New Scout CampOut, a specifically engineered campout for New Scouts to learn Scoutcraft, especially the art of fire making and knife/ax handling skills. Don't forget! They'll become well acquainted with paddling skills as they go canoeing to their heart's content! We look forward to getting to know you and support your Journey in Scouting!

PADDLING ON DURBIN CREEK



Our scouts had a great day paddling on Durbin Creek last month. The new scouts gained some paddling experience and enjoyed lunch on the water. The scouts heading to [Northern Tier](#) this summer trained for their High Adventure canoeing expedition in Northern Minnesota, Northwestern Ontario and Northeastern Manitoba. Look for more canoeing outings and join us!

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE TO CANCEL AFTER YOU'VE SIGNED UP...

If you are not able to attend a troop outing or campout, please contact the SPL, an Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM) and/or Dr. Beaver, our camping coordinator, ASAP. This allows for adjustments to be made in transportation, if needed. All [adult leader contact information](#) can be found on our troop website.

PARENT VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Advancement Committee Chair is looking for assistance in organizing merit badges, advancement program and records. Opportunities will include coordinating with Troop 35 and North Florida Council to discover and educate Scouts and Scouters on rank and merit badge opportunities. Assistance will also be needed in preparation of awards, merit badges and rank patches and cards for Courts of Honor. Applicants should have some filing and spreadsheet experience, and a drive to reward and motivate our Scouts. Previous experience is not necessary. Contact [Jon Singleton](#) to assist as an awards coordinator.



SUMMER CAMP 2015: CAMP OTTARI

There are spots still available for Summer Camp 2015! We will be at camp July 19-25, 2015 at [Ottari](#) in Virginia. Sign up now in the scout room. The payment schedule is as follows:

- \$250 payment due with sign up
- \$150 final payment due April 14th

TREASURER'S REPORT



The troop



remains in good financial standing. It's that time of year to sell Camp Cards! The funds earned are deposited into your scout account and can be used for camping fees, summer camp, high adventure and annual dues.

TROOP WEBSITE

Have you checked out the new troop website? All the latest and greatest information you need is at your fingertips. Check it out at www.troop35jax.org

SCOUTMASTER REPORT

The troop is growing and our excitement is at an all-time high! Last Tuesday (03-02-15) we had 48 scouts in attendance. Thank you to all the parents and guardians who are faithful to bring your young men to our meetings! March and April will be busy months for the troop as we embark on two pivotal campouts: 1. Stephen Foster State Park, GA (03-13), and 2. New Scout Campout at Hopkins farm (04-17). Additionally Troop Leadership Training TLT will be offered to 1st class and higher ranks on Saturday 04-04 from 8:30 – 12:30. There is almost no time left to sign up for Summer Camp so hurry before it's too late!

-Chris Knowling (Scoutmaster)



THINGS ON THE HORIZON...

Fri-Sun, March 13-15 – Canoeing Trip: [Stephen Foster GA](#)

Fri-Sun, April 17-19 – New Scout Campout: Hopkins Farm

Saturday, May 2 – 1 Mile Orienteering Course