



# Boy Scout Troop 900 News & Views



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Issue 1

*Greetings from the Troop Committee! We wish you blessings, happiness, and success in this new year!*

## Journey to Excellence in 2014

Troop 900 was founded in 1986 and has provided an outstanding Scouting program for 28 years. In 2014, 10 boys attended Summer Camp at Woodruff in Blairsville, GA.



Row 1: Mark Fievet, Kevin LaConto, Zach Collins, Carter Armstrong & Timothy Fievet. Row 2: Mr. Armstrong, Joseph Albrightson, Jason Dean, Jeremiah Frazier, James Stanley, Mr. Collins & Luke Willis.

We also sent a crew to Philmont with 5 boys from Troop 900 and 2 boys from Troop 687.



Jake Coldiron, Mr. Hembree, Matthew Bartholomei (T687), Trevor Anikas, Ben Turner (behind), Justin Hendee, Luke Willis, Alex Griffin and Mr. Ryan.

**Mr. Hicks** announced at the December Court of Honor that Troop 900 earned the **BSA Journey to Excellence Gold Award for 2014**. We had one of the highest scores of all troops in the Indian Springs District!

Thank you again to the boys, parents, and leaders for their hard work. This was troop's **third consecutive year** receiving the Gold Award!

## Looking at the Troop's Future



### Retirement Announcements

**Mr. Willis** has announced that he will be retiring as Scoutmaster at the end of April when his son, **Luke**, turns 18 years old. Luke is close to earning the Eagle Scout rank. We appreciate the tremendous amount of service and leadership both Mr. Willis and Luke have provided to the troop over the past 6 years.

**Mr. Hembree** has provided many years of leadership as Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, and Committee Member (Outdoor Activities). All three (3) of his sons became Eagle Scouts at Troop 900, with the last one in 2010.

Later this year, Mr. Hembree will celebrate 20 years of employment as the Landscape Superintendent at the University of West Georgia. He is looking forward to retiring from UWG and Troop 900 to spend more time in other endeavors. He plans to co-lead the trek to Philmont in June 2016 but will have limited involvement in Troop activities through then.

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## NEWSLETTER

The Troop Committee decided at the past meeting that we need to start (or restart) a newsletter. Although e-mail has and will continue to be our primary method of communication, there is some news that is better suited for this format.

This issue "kicks off" the content that we thought was needed. Going forward, it can contain **anything from boys and adults** worthy of communication for Scouting and Troop 900.

Send suggestions, corrections, photos, and information to **Mrs. LaConto**, whose contact information is on page 5.

# Troop Committee

## Looking at the Troop's Future

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Mr. Hicks has served Troop 900 for many years as Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, and currently as Committee Chair. It's hard to believe that he'll be turning 65 years old later this year because Scouting keeps him youthful. He is looking for a candidate to be Chairman while he takes on a different role.

### Adults for Outdoor Activities

One of the purposes of the newsletter is to show boys and adult leaders who have signed-up and overnight outdoor activity. It can get cancelled if there are:

- 1) Less than 2 adults attending, OR
- 2) Adults attending do not have BSA training completed:
  - Youth Protection (on-line)
  - Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (ITOLS)
  - Hazardous Weather (on-line)
  - Wilderness First Aid (if applicable)

It has been the Troop's policy to have three (3) trained adults going on an overnight outdoor activity. That way if something should prevent 1 of the adults from attending (illness, family emergency, etc.) the "show goes on" and boys are happy.

### Training

Excluding Mr. Willis, Mr. Hembree, Mr. Hicks and the chartered organization, Troop 900 has 13 registered adults with Youth Protection training. (See page 7). Of those 13, only 4 have ITOLS, 4 have Hazardous Weather, and 1 has Wilderness First Aid. As for the Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster positions, they need the above training and Position-Specific Training. Let's go together to get trained at:

#### Intro. To Outdoor Skills

Silver Comet & Foothills Districts, Acworth 3/20-3/22; or Indian Springs District, Clinton Park Reserve 4/24- 4/26

#### Scoutmaster/AS Position Training –

Council's University of Scouting in our district 1/24; or Indian Springs District 2/21

**Wilderness First Aid** – Council 4/16 or 4/21 and 4/25

## Adult Recruitment

1. Scoutmaster
2. Assistant Scoutmaster (2 people)
3. Adults to complete Outdoor Training
4. Committee Members (current or new) for open positions
  - a. Fundraising (camp cards, birdhouses, etc.)
  - b. Outdoor Activities (permits, reservations)
  - c. P.R. (Service projects, Scouting for Food)
  - d. Youth Membership Recruitment
  - e. Librarian, Historian, Webmaster, Scribe (with Scouts)
  - f. Chairman
  - g. Positions that may become open if filled by existing committee members

Although not "urgent" it is important that we have:

5. Merit Badge Counselors
6. Life-to-Eagle Coaches

... to help the boys advance. This training is available at University of Scouting. See training page.



### The Right Stuff

To know if you have the right motivation to be a Scoutmaster or Assistant, BSA suggests you ask yourself these questions:

1. *Do you care about the physical and emotion well-being of young people?*
2. *Are you willing to teach boys how to be leaders and then allow them the opportunity to lead?*
3. *Will you serve as a role model to boys showing the Scout Oath and Scout Law in your actions and words?*

If you answered yes, then your heart is in the right place. Don't fear that you are alone in making the troop a success because many adult volunteers and BSA professionals will provide you support and training.

### Process

The Troop Committee will consider all candidates interested in being SM and make its recommendation to New Covenant for its approval. Assistant Scoutmasters are appointed by the SM and approved the Committee Chair.

If curious, talk to the people holding the positions right now. Attend the training courses. Talk to Mr. LaConto for more course information.

**The Future of the Troop is Up to You!**

# Scoutmaster



**December 15, 2014**

After enjoying a delicious dinner by **Mr. Griffin** and multiple assistants, he led the ceremonies. He presented awards a little different this time. First, if a boy had earned the rank, he was asked to stand. Next, the boy who earned the rank since last quarter was called to the stage with his parent(s) to receive his badge and parent pin. The process repeated through the next ranks.

Congratulations to the following boys who advanced in rank:

**Tenderfoot**

**Timothy Fievet & Kevin LaConto**

**Second Class**

**Mark Fievet & Kevin LaConto**

**First Class**

**Jeremiah Frazier**

**Star**

**Alex Griffin**

**Life**

**Jason Dean**

Mr. Griffin then distributed several merit badges earned since August. Listed below is not a complete list.

- o **Kevin LaConto, Timothy Fievet** and **Mark Fievet** earned Rifle Shooting.
- o **Joseph Albrightson** earned Hiking.

## Special Award

**Jake Coldiron**, on behalf of the boys, presented Mr. Griffin the "I CAN'T COOK LIKE MR. GRIFFIN" Award with a cooking utensil mounted to a wooden plaque. Mr. Griffin commented, "That was the most meaningful award I ever received in Scouting because it came from the boys."

## Activities

**Mr. Willis** reviewed the activities since the last Court of Honor.

### October

Mr. Willis explained to the parents how the troop won 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the Best Meal. The troop also won 1<sup>st</sup> place for Best Dessert, "Banana Pudding" at the October Camporee. The boys also won other awards and enjoyed have several Webelos from Pack 39 participate in the activities.

### November

The troop's November camping trip to Charlie Elliot Wilderness Management Area was a lot of fun and the boys enjoyed working on the Rifle Shooting badge with Mr. Collins and Mr. Tucker. Thank you to Mr. Collins for the instruction before and after the trip.

### December

The boys met at the Agriculture Center to make wreaths on December 7<sup>th</sup> that counted for service hours.

We invited several Webelos from Pack 39 to our meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Each boy scout introduced himself to the group and commented about his personal experience with the troop. The boys and parents were impressed.

The wreaths made earlier were then placed on the graves of soldiers at the Andersonville National Cemetery in the "Wreaths Across America" campaign on December 13. The boys camped in Andersonville on Friday and Saturday. The boys also hiked at Providence Canyon before returning home.

## Troop Meetings - Merit Badges



At the Troop Committee Meeting, **Joseph Albrightson**, SPL, talked about completing the Rifle Shooting Merit Badge. **Mr. LaConto**, an NRA certified instructor, offered to meet with anyone at Stoddard's Range on Dec. 21 to help them with this requirement. Stoddard's meets 2<sup>nd</sup> range officer requirement.

Congratulations to both **Jason Dean & Joseph Albrightson** for getting 5 shots in the size of a quarter. They now have the merit badge. **Andy Nauman** showed good improvement. **Mark & Timothy Fievet** earned received the merit badge at the Court of Honor but had fun practicing. If you want to finish the badge contact **Mr. LaConto** or **Mr. Collins**.



The Cooking merit badge was taught by **Mr. Griffin** on 12/1 and 12/8. He said all requirements have been met, except the actual cooking.

## Eagle Scout History

Did you know Indian Springs District's website ([www.indianspringsbsa.com](http://www.indianspringsbsa.com)) has a page listing the names of Eagle Scouts by troop? Excluding LDS units; new units with 1 eagle (626 & 1828); and units no longer chartered, here is the number of by troop:

	<b>26 years</b>	<b>13 years</b>	<b>5 years</b>
<b>Troop</b>	<b>1987-'13</b>	<b>2000-'13</b>	<b>2008-'13</b>
3	18	6	8
39	8	5	3
62	33	15	5
138	53	34	19
228	50	45	27
900	28	16	7





















Although 138 (Carrollton Pres.) and 228 are 2-3 times larger than the others, 900 has a higher percentage of boys in the troop reaching Eagle than other units. Also, it has done it consistently since 1987.

With our 6 Life Scouts (soon to be 7), we will have more Eagles added to the "nest" in 2015 and 2016!



## Boy Scouts

The tables below list Troop 900's youth membership, patrols, rank, and respective leadership positions as of January 2015. Patrol Leaders' Council meets on the last Monday of the month. It is composed of the SPL, ASPL, PL, APL, and Troop Guide.

SENIOR PATROL LEADER (SPL)			ASSISTANT SENIOR PATROL LEADER (ASPL)			TROOP GUIDE				
<b>Joseph Albrightson %</b>			<b>Ben Turner</b>				<b>Jake Coldiron %</b>			

INDIANS PATROL Venture Scouts (High School)			SILVER SHARKS PATROL Experienced Scouts (currently all in 8 <sup>th</sup> grade)			GOLDEN EAGLES PATROL New Scouts (currently all in 6 <sup>th</sup> grade)		
Scout	Rank	Position	Scout	Rank	Position	Scout	Rank	Position
<b>Zach Collins</b>			<b>Carter Armstrong</b>			<b>Timothy Fievet</b>		
<b>Alex Griffin</b>			<b>Jason Dean %</b>			<b>Kevin LaConto</b>		
<b>Justin Hendee</b>			<b>Jeremiah Frazier</b>			<b>Aiden Lanno</b>		
<b>James Stanley %</b>			<b>Mark Fievet</b>			<b>Bryce McLendon</b>		
<b>Luke Willis</b>						<b>Andy Nauman</b>		

% = National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) graduate. \*\*\* See Training Page for future NYLT sessions\*\*\*\*

Leaders of the Boy-Led Troop		Quartermaster Report												
<p>The SPL is elected by the troop. SPL appoints an ASPL who serves as his assistant and fulfills his responsibilities in his absence. The ASPL provides training and direction for positions appointed by the SPL:</p> <table style="width: 100%; margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"><i>Currently Vacant</i></td> <td style="width: 50%;">Webmaster</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Quartermaster</td> <td>Historian</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scribe</td> <td>Den Chief</td> </tr> <tr> <td>OA Troop Rep.</td> <td>Instructor</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chaplain Aide</td> <td>Bugler</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Librarian</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Some troop committee members may assist boys in the above positions.</p> <p>The <b>Patrol Leader</b> is elected by the members of his patrol to plan activities and represent the patrol as a member of the Patrol Leaders Conference. The Patrol Leader appoints an <b>Assistant Patrol Leader</b> to serve with him.</p>	<i>Currently Vacant</i>	Webmaster	Quartermaster	Historian	Scribe	Den Chief	OA Troop Rep.	Instructor	Chaplain Aide	Bugler	Librarian		<p>Currently, the 5 positions listed in the second column that report to the ASPL are unfilled. Here is a description of 2 of them:</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  </div> <p>The Historian gathers pictures and facts about troop activities and keeps them in a historical file, or scrapbook, or digital format. He takes care of the troop's trophies, ribbons, and souvenirs. He keeps information about former members of the troop.</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  </div> <p>The Den Chief is an older scout (usually 1<sup>st</sup> class rank or higher). He is selected by the SPL and Scoutmaster, approved by the Cubmaster and Pack Committee, and reports to the Den Leader (DL) or Webelos Leader (WL) and ASPL. He commits to regularly assisting in den and pack activities for up to a year. He must attend Den Chief Training.</p>	<p><b>Jason</b> has been making improvements in organizing the troop equipment. The Troop Committee is considering his request for installing battery-operated lights in the trailer. The troop recently purchased several new tents to replace the existing ones. If you think we need something, tell Jason.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Special Mention from Mr. Dean</b></p> <p><b>Joseph</b> attended every Troop 900 camping event in 2014. He also completed NYLT over the Thanksgiving break. Awesome Scout Spirit!</p> <p>If you have ideas for some fun awards for boys to hand out at Court of Honor, have your Patrol Leader bring them to PLC.</p>
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Quartermaster	Historian													
Scribe	Den Chief													
OA Troop Rep.	Instructor													
Chaplain Aide	Bugler													
Librarian														

## Adult Roster & Training Record

**Mr. LaConto** downloaded a report from the BSA's website ([www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org)) which is where training is recorded. The table below shows the adults who have completed Youth Protection training and are registered, as of December 22, 2014. Their position is noted along with training courses completed. Shaded cells in the table represent training that is not required for the specific position. If you have taken a course that is not showing "Yes" or want more information about the courses, please contact **Mr. LaConto**. Descriptions and dates are posted on the Atlanta Area Council and Indian Springs District websites.

Registered Adults	Phone & E-mail Address	Position <i>(See note)</i>	Training Course Completed					
			Position Specific Course <i>(See note)</i>	SM & Asst. Leader (SALT)	Intro. to Outdoor Leader Skills (ITOLS)	Wild. First Aid (WFA)	Hazardous Weather	Wood Badge
Albrightson, Helen	678-910-3314 HALbrightson@gmail.com	MC Secretary	Yes					
Albrightson, Mark	770-663-1860 MarkandHelen26@gmail.com	MC	Yes					
Armstrong, J. Patrick		MC	Yes					
Coldiron, Jeff	770-876-5966 JColdiron@comcast.net	MC	Yes					
Collins, W. Timothy	770-510-8276 TimCollins121962@gmail.com	MC	No					
Dean, Mark	404-310-2627 Mark.Dean@att.com	MC Treasurer	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Dunbar, Michael Rev.	770-324-1250 MDunbar@bellsouth.net	Chartered Org. Exec.	No					
Fievet, Joseph	404-797-6544 FievetJ@aol.com	MC	No					
Fitz, Steven	770-403-5510 FitzSteven@yahoo.com	MC	Yes		Yes			Yes
Frazier, Jonathan	404-431-2638 Fraz2129@gmail.com	MC Chaplain	No					
Griffin, David	678-521-6813 Troop900 Douglasville@gmail.com	MC Advance.	Yes				Yes	
Hicks, L. Wayne	404-406-4988 LWHicks50@hotmail.com	Chairman	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hembree, James	770-843-6215 JHembree8425@gmail.com	AS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
LaConto, Joanna	678-327-1257 Joanna.LaConto@firstfcc.com	MC Newsletter	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
LaConto, Mike	770-653-7560 MLaConto@eppsaviation.com	MC Trainer	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Richardson, P. Clayton	678-662-7505 PerilCRichardson@gmail.com	COR	No					
Turner, Richard	770-639-7504 TurnersFeed@bellsouth.net	MC Equipment	Yes					
Willis, John	770-862-0754 JohnTom58@hotmail.com	SM	Yes	Yes	Yes			

*Note: MC = BSA code for Committee Member. Registration system allows for only 1 registered position per unit even though some people serve in multiple roles. Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters, and Chartered Organization attend committee meetings.*

Position	Position-Specific Training Course(s)
Committee Member (MC)	Troop Committee Challenge (online or live)
Scoutmaster (SM) Assist. SM (AS)	SALT and ITOLS (live courses only)
Chartered Org. Rep.	Chartered Org. Rep. Training (online or live)

Activity or Objective	Training Requirement
Overnight Outdoor Activity	At least 1 adult with ITOLS and Hazardous Weather
High Adventure Camp (back-packing or remote area camping)	At least 1 adult with Wilderness First Aid certification
Journey to Excellence – Trained Leadership Objective #11	2/3 MC completed Troop Committee Challenge and at least 1 person has attended Wood Badge

## Outdoor Activity Plans



The following are announcements about our upcoming camping trips.  
See the next page for a summary of fees, payment dates, registered youth and adults, and notes.

### January – UWG & Birdhouses (Service Hours) + OA Winter Gathering

Following the U.W.G. tour on Saturday, 1/17 by Mr. Hembree, we will go to Hobbs Farm and install several birdhouses that Carrollton purchased at our sale in May. This will be **service hours**. We will be participating in the Order of the Arrow's First Winter Gathering which will take place at Clinton Nature Preserve from 1/23 to 1/25. It will be a weekend of fun field games, including fire building, archery, knife throwing, tomahawk throwing, and many other activities. Total cost for the weekend will be \$40, which will include a patch, a t-shirt, and meals. Contact **Mr. Griffin** for more information.

### February – Cumberland Island

**Mr. Hembree** provided a detailed memo about the Cumberland Island Trip scheduled during the school's Winter Break. He described several planned activities, archeological digging, wildlife encounters, state symbols, liter pickup, and sea shell collecting. There are plenty of opportunities to work on the following Merit Badges: Archeology, Backpacking, Camping, Bird Study, Hiking, Nature, and Backpacking. A planning and logistics meeting will be in January. See next page for fee, payment dates, and registration. Final payment due on January 26.

### March – Pinewood Derby + TBD Camping

Pack 39 has invited all boy scouts and dad's to dust off their pinewood race car and come to the Derby on Saturday, March 21 for a fun race. RSVP to **Mr./Mrs. LaConto** if interested. Submit your ideas for camping to your Patrol Leader.

### April – District Camporee

### May, Aug & Sep. – TBD Camping

Give your ideas to your Patrol Leader.

### June – Woodruff + SeaBase

There is still time to register for our week at Camp Woodruff. The next payment is due on January 26. The Leader Guide listing merit badges and activities to be offered is now posted on [www.atlantabsa.org](http://www.atlantabsa.org).

### October – Camporee

### November - Webelos Woods

### June 2016 - Philmont

The troop had a wonderful experience at Philmont and several boys are talking about going again. Our troop is reserved for June 2016 (yeah, *no lottery!*) To be eligible to register, boys must be "14 years of age OR 13 years of age and completed the 8th grade by date of participation." For group expeditions, Philmont requires "a crew of 7 (minimum) to 12 (maximum) including all youth and adult participants." See payment schedule on Trip Registration Page. The scout and parent will agree to a memo of financial, physical conditioning, skill development, and preparation commitment.





### **B.S.A. ANNUAL MEDICAL & HEALTH FORM**

In order to attend the February trip to Cumberland Island, all youth and adults must submit a completed (Parts A, B & C) and current (less than 1 year old) form to **Mrs. Albrightson**, Troop Secretary. Mr. Griffin will give the ones he has on file but she will review to make sure that all emergency contact and medication information is updated.

### **VEHICLE & DRIVER INFORMATION**

If you are going to drive boys to an Outdoor activity, BSA requires vehicle and driver information in our Tour Plan. If you haven't provided **Mr. Hembree** a copy of your current vehicle insurance and driver's license, please do this.

## Trip Registration

	Order of the Arrow Winter Gathering				
	Clinton Park Villa Rica, GA	Cumberland Island, GA	Woodruff Scout Reservation, GA	Florida High Adventure Sea Base	Philmont Scout Reservation, NM
<b>Departure Date</b>	Fri. 01-23-15	Wed. 02-11-15	Sun. 05-31-15	Fri. 06-19-15	06-09-16
<b>Return Date</b>	Sun. 0-25-15	Mon. 02-16-15	Sat. 06-06-15	Thu. 07-01-15	06-19-16
<b>Fee</b>	\$40 (includes meals, shirt)	\$160, plus 4 meals while traveling	\$320	\$815, plus travel	\$1,250
<b>Payment Schedule</b>	N/A	\$50 at registration <b>\$110 due 1-26-15</b>	\$20 due 11-30-14 <b>\$100 due 1-26-15</b> \$100 due 4-17-15 \$100 due 5-11-15	\$100 due 3-01-14 \$375 due 9-29-14 <b>\$340 due 3-09-15</b> Final due 5-15-15	<b>\$100 due 1-26-15</b> \$400 due 9-30-15 \$400 due 2-01-16 \$350 due 5-18-16
<b>Youth:</b>					
Joseph Albrightson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Carter Armstrong	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Jake Coldiron	✓		✓	✓	✓
Zach Collins	✓			✓	
Jason Dean	✓	✓		✓	✓
Mark Fievet	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Timothy Fievet	✓	✓	✓	[a]	[a]
Jeremiah Frazier	✓	✓	✓	✓	
John Frazier (sibling)	✓	✓	✓	[a]	[a]
Alex Griffin	✓		✓		
Justin Hendee	✓				
Kevin LaConto	✓	✓	✓	[a]	[a]
Aiden Lanno	✓			[a]	[a]
Bryce McLendon	✓	✓	✓	[a]	[a]
Andrew Nauman		✓	✓	[a]	[a]
James Stanley					
Ben Turner	✓	✓	✓		✓
Luke Willis	✓		Age out	Age out	Age out
<b>Adults:</b>					
	Steven Fitz ^	Joseph Fievet	David Griffin*	Patrick Armstrong	James Hembree ^ +*
	David Griffin	Jonathan Frazier	TBD	Timothy Collins	TBD
	Mike LaConto^	James Hembree ^ +*		Jonathan Frazier	
	Ken McLendon	Mike LaConto ^ +*		Joseph Fievet	
	John Willis^	Joanna LaConto ^*			
	Hembree / Hicks	Matthew Nauman		<i>See note [c]</i>	
<b>Numbers:</b>					
Reservations	TBD	19	unknown	11	Min. 7; Max 12
Youth Attending	16	12 [b]	12	7	TBD
Adults Attending	7	6	TBD	4	TBD
Total Attending	23	18	TBD	11	TBD

**Notes:**

[a] Not eligible – must have completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade (if 13 yr. old) or be 14 yr. old

[b] Includes Mason LaConto, sibling.

[c] At least 2 adults need to complete Wilderness First Aid training

**Adult Training Notes:**

+ Wilderness First Aid

^ ITOLS

\*Hazardous Weather

(See Training page for requirements)

Did you know **Troop 900 has more people from any unit** in the Indian Springs District serving on its Committee and 5 of the 6 are Wood Badge graduates? **Wow!** That's 1 reason we need more trained adults going on trips due to their scouting commitments.

**Helen Albrightson** – Finance Committee – Eagle Breakfast

**Steve Fitz** - Membership Chairman


**James Hembree** – Committee Vice Chairman

**Wayne Hicks** – Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner

**Joanna LaConto** – Finance Chairman & Webelos Woods Dir.

**Mike LaConto** – Program Chairman & Twilight Camp Dir.

# Training

	<h2 style="margin: 0;">CHARACTER UNDER CONSTRUCTION</h2>	<b>UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING</b>  <b>January 24, 2015</b> <b>8:00 am-3:30 pm</b> Mason Creek Middle School 7777 Mason Creek Road, Winston	<b>Cost:</b> <b style="color: red;">Registration: \$10 before 1/10</b> <b style="color: red;">\$15 after 1/11 &amp; before 1/17</b>  Optional lunch : \$10 Optional t-shirt: \$10 \$5 discount for entire package  <b style="color: red;">Registration Closes Jan. 17</b>
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Who: All Scouts, Parents, and Leaders  
 What: Over 50 exciting classes for every level of experience  
 Why: Take Troop 900 to the next level and for enrichment  
 How: Go to [www.atlantabsa.org/training/university-of-scouting](http://www.atlantabsa.org/training/university-of-scouting) for Course Packet and to Register  
 Time: This is during a portion of the Winter Gathering – just 1.5 miles away from Clinton Park.

<p><b>Training for Boy Scouts</b></p> <p><b>Den Chief Training</b> (4 hour course)</p> <p><b>Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST)</b> – Pre-requisite course for participating in National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) and National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) Courses (5 hour course)</p> <p><i>This is just a sample of the courses being offered.</i></p>	<p><b>Boy Scouting Classes</b></p> <p>24-hour Survival                  Advanced Backpack Cooking                  Backpacking and Equipment –  <i>Practical Camping on a Budget</i>                  Board of Review and the Scoutmaster Conference                  Boys and Blades                  Boy Scout Advancement Challenge                  Cold Weather Camping                  Dutch Oven Cooking – the Only Tool You'll Ever Need                  High Adventure                  How the OA Recruits and What They Can Do for Your Unit                  Knots... Beyond the Basics</p> <p><b>Life to Eagle</b></p> <p>Merit Badge Counselor Training                  Motivating Boy Scouts                  National Youth Training Continuum                  The REAL Patrol Method – It is a Boy Led Troop                  Webelos-to-Scout Transition                  We Eat to Camp</p> <p><b>Merit Badge Counselor Training</b></p>	<p><b>General Scouting Classes</b></p> <p>Religious Emblems &amp; Faith                  Science                  Outdoor Ethics                  Order of the Arrow                  Safety                  Life after [Wood Badge] Beads                  Discipline                  Membership                  Unit Money Manager                  Recruiting Adult Volunteers                  Survivor Bracelets</p> <p><b>Scoutmaster Position Specific Training (SALT)</b> – Completion of this new, 4-hour course using the new syllabus released December 2014 provides Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters with information to lead successful Boy Scout Troops.</p> <p><b>Chartered Org. Rep. Training</b></p>
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## National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

<b>WHAT IS IT?</b>	<b>2015 COURSE DATES</b>	<b>PRE-REQUISITES</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Teamwork Skills Games Camping Fun Activities Adventure Learning Challenges	#1 May 24 – May 29 #2 May 31 – June 06 #3 June 07 – June 12 #4 Nov. 21 – Nov. 25 #5 Dec. 26 – Dec. 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attained First Class rank</li> <li>13 years of age</li> <li>Completed 7<sup>th</sup> Grade</li> <li>Completed 2 BSA week-long camps</li> <li>Holds a leadership position, or future leadership potential</li> <li>Unit Leader's recommendation</li> </ul>	Bert Adams Scout Camp
			<b>COST</b> \$225 per participant  <b>MORE INFORMATION</b> <a href="http://www.AtlantaBSA.org/NYLT">www.AtlantaBSA.org/NYLT</a>

**COURSE GOAL:** Primary goal is to develop Scouts as leaders by teaching the skills necessary to manage group dynamics and performance. These leadership skills include:

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|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Finding Your Vision | Preparing Plans          | Solving Problems   | Effective Teaching      |
| Setting Goals       | Developing A Team        | Servant Leadership | Effective Leadership    |
| Resolving Conflict  | Making Ethical Decisions | Valuing People     | Effective Communication |

Troop 900 requires a Scout to have Star rank in order to be "sponsored" which means after completing NYLT training and being an active member for a year, the Troop will reimburse the scout in his account 50% of the tuition fee.



# Troop 900 Calendar

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## JANUARY

5 No School / No Mtg.  
 17 UWG Tour & Install Birdhouses  
 19 MLK Day - No Mtg.  
 22 Roundtable  
**23-25 Winter Camp-o-ree**  
 24 **University of Scouting @**  
     Mason Creek Middle School, Winston  
 26 Patrol Leaders Conference  
 27 Troop Committee Meeting  
 29 OA Chapter Meeting

Green = training

## FEBRUARY

4 Camp Card Sale Kick-off  
 4 Golden Eagle B-fast, Douglas Co.  
 10 Golden Eagle B-fast, Carroll Co.  
**11-16 Cumberland Is. Camping**  
 16 President's Day - No Mtg.  
 19 Roundtable  
 21 District Awards Banquet  
 21 **District SALT Training**  
 23 Patrol Leaders Conference  
 24 Troop Committee Meeting  
 26 OA Chapter Meeting  
 27-1 **Wood Badge Course #1**

## MARCH

13-15 OA Spring Pow Wow  
 19 Roundtable  
 20-22 **ITOLS Training in Acworth**  
 21 Pinewood Derby  
 26 OA Chapter Meeting  
 28 UWG Merit Badge Clinic (tentative)  
 30 Patrol Leaders Conference  
 31 Troop Committee Meeting

**TBD Scouting for Food**  
**TBD Camping Trip**  
**TBD Court of Honor /Friends of Scouting**

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## APRIL

3-10 Spring Break / Passover  
 5 Easter  
 16 Roundtable  
 16 or 21 **Wilderness 1st Aid Orientation**  
**17-19 Spring Camp-o-ree**  
 17-19 **Wood Badge Course #2**  
 23 OA Chapter Meeting  
 24-26 OA Section Conclave  
 24-26 **ITOLS at Clinton Reserve**  
 25 **Wilderness 1st Aid Practical**  
 27 Patrol Leaders Conference  
 28 Troop Committee Meeting

**TBD Elections**

## MAY

1-3 OA Ordeal - Weekend #1  
 1-3 **Wood Badge Course #2**  
 9 Carroll Co Plant Sale - Birdhouses  
 10 Mother's Day  
 15-17 OA Ordeal - Weekend #2  
 21 Roundtable  
 22 Early Dismissal/Last Day of School  
 24-29 **N.Y.L.T. Session #1**  
 25 Memorial Day - No Meeting  
 26 Troop Committee Meeting  
 28 OA Chapter Meeting  
 31 **Woodruff /NYLT Session# 2**

**TBD Camping Trip**  
**TBD Patrol Leaders Conference**

## JUNE

**1-6 Woodruff Camp**  
 1-6 **N.Y.L.T. Session #2**  
 7-12 **N.Y.L.T. Session #3**  
 21 Father's Day  
**19-30 Florida Sea Base**  
 30 Troop Committee Meeting

**TBD Patrol Leaders Conference**  
**TBD Calendar Planning**