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BOY SCOUT TROOP 204

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CALENDAR NOW

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1 1900 --Pack n Load for the Georgia Coast trip--

April 1



Pack n load for the Georgia Coast



1900—no uniform

ALL ADULTS AND TROOP LEADERS –FINAL BRIEFING

ALL BRING PERSONAL GEAR --- - --

ALL TENTAGE **must** BE HERE TONIGHT (1 April)

2-3-4-5-6 LET'S GO CAMPING



(note: no troop meeting on Tuesday, 5 April)

Must haves: \$\$\$ for Saturday lunch, water bottle, bug spray, sunscreen, class B troop t shirts, water shoes (or similar) for kayaking and beach

current medical - within the last 12 months and good thru 4/7/2022, hat if you wish or if your blister easily, \$\$ (your spending money-whatever you can afford to spend).



Georgia Coast



FALL IN AT 0745

all ready to go

Q/M OPENS AT 0730



>>SURVIVAL KIT **MUST** BE ON YOUR PERSON >> CANTEEN IS A MUST---full please > >
// class A uniforms // extra Class A shirt if you have one & hanger // \$\$ for lunch on the road Saturday
// **HANDBOOKS** are a **MUST** on all activities // TROOP T-SHIRT // Plan on staying Dry // rain gear
// cool weather gear // survival kit // cup//knife, fork, spoon, plate// Fishing gear (optional) --
license if you need one // Bring all your usual camping gear //sunscreen and bug spray// Check MB
requirements (before you leave) // **REVIEW ALL HANDOUTS// swimming gear good to have// current BSA
medical (within the last 12 months)**

TROOP ELECTIONS on Day 4 (Tuesday)

Home Wednesday NIGHT ---1900-2000 (or maybe earlier)--- be ready for tired scouts

.....Parents, be sure that Donna has accurate phone numbers

(cell, work, home).....

...so that you can be reached with any change of plans or pick up times

Sell cards to help pay for your campouts and summer camp (see below for details)

12 TROOP MEETING 1930-2100

- PRE OPENING::: stove prep—JASM's
- OPENING::: BEARS
- IN THE HOLE :::: **Merit Badge Sign up for camp**
- SCOUTCRAFT::: Pancake Relay
- GAME::: Bucket Ball—ASM's
- SERVICE PATROL::: BEARS



17 Easter

19 TROOP MEETING 1930-2100

- PRE OPENING::: Community Safety—JASM's
- OPENING::: Firesticks
- IN THE HOLE :::: finish campout plans
- SCOUTCRAFT::: Safety merit badge—JASM's
- GAME::: Dodgeball in a circle—ASM's
- SERVICE PATROL::: Firesticks

Campout \$\$\$ and menus due by 2000

CAMP Cards, or \$\$\$ due ::
\$\$ should be a single check from your parents for all sold or damaged cards (\$10.00 per card issued)
Returned cards must be intact, with all tabs attached

26 TROOP MEETING 1930-2100

- PRE-OPENING::: Pack n
- IN THE HOLE::: Load
- OPENING::: Green Bar
- SCOUTCRAFT::: Economy—What's that? Salesmanship—JASM's
- GAME::: Bomb the Bridges --ASMs
- SERVICE PATROL::: Green Bar



29-30 April – 1 May

LET'S GO

CAMPING

Rocky Mountain



Listen at troop meetings for details!

FALL IN AT 1700 (Q/M OPENS AT 1630)

>>SURVIVAL KIT MUST BE ON YOUR PERSON >> CANTEEN IS A MUST---full please > > // class A uniforms // TROOP T-SHIRT // HANDBOOKS are a MUST on all activities// Plan on staying Dry and warm // Be Prepared for the Day Hike

Home Sunday about 1400 ---parents be ready for tired and dirty Scouts



8—Natarsha M



12—Michael



May 8—Mother's Day
 July 11-17—Summer Camp at Woodruff Scout Camp

What are Camp Cards?

Camp Cards are discount cards to businesses around Atlanta that your Scouts can use as a fundraiser for Scouting activities. For every \$10.00 card sold, your Scout earns \$4.75 for themselves or their Troop. These funds can be used for any Scouting activity including Day Camp and Summer Camp. The Camp Card Sale officially begins...

Tips For Success

1. Sell your first camp card to your parent/guardian(s). Have Parents SELL Camp Cards to their colleagues at work. Call Grandma and Grandpa! They would love to support your sale. Participate in a store-front sell (Waffle House, grocery store, gas stations, restaurants, etc.)*
2. Take cards to school and ask your teachers.
3. Ask Parents to post on social media a picture of you in uniform requesting friends to buy cards.
4. Visit the police station/fire department.
5. Ask Pack or Troop alumni for their support.
6. Ask those that you support to support you! (Girl Scouts, booster clubs, clubs).
7. Invest 1-hour visiting neighbors asking them to support your Scouting program

- 8. Visit local businesses to sell in their offices.
- 9. Ask your Church if you can sell after meetings

How to Sell Camp Cards:::

DOOR TO DOOR: Take your SALES KIT and Cards for a trip around the neighborhood. Highlight the great coupons!

SHOW & SELL: Setup a sales booth and sell CAMPCARDS on the spot. This can be an effective Approach in the right location at the right time, but don't hang your hat on this approach alone. Focus on multiple locations at the same time. **This MUST be coordinated with Mr. Layman BEFORE you even think about doing this!!!!!!--no Exceptions!!**

SELL AT WORK: A great way for Mom and Dad to help their scout. Have Mom & Dad take the SALES KIT to work.

SELL TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS THAT LIVE HERE AND SOMEWHERE ELSE:

Check out the 2022 bonus coupons that are good across the country



Safety and Courtesy:

- Never enter anyone's home.
- Never sell after dark, unless with an adult.
- Don't carry large amounts of cash.
- Always walk on the sidewalk and driveway.
- Be careful of dogs while selling.
- Say thank you whether or not the prospect buys a Camp Card.
- Don't talk to strangers alone, without a parent or leader within sight

Sales Techniques for Scouts:

A great opportunity to work on your public speaking, sales and service, and work on some MB's Help each other by role playing and practice during a troop meeting to get down these basics:

- Wear your uniform.
- Smile and tell them who you are - *first name only!*
- Tell them you are from Troop 204 sponsored by Maple Avenue Methodist Church
- Tell them what you are doing(earning money toward Scout Camping
- Tell them what they can do to help (save money with the Camp Card).
- Close the sale, and thank them.

Remind families that Camp Cards can help you offset the price of Scouting.

We're selling Scouting not just Discount Cards.... we are selling character, we are selling a better community, and we are selling the benefits of our program.

Thank you for your support of Scouting