

Welcome to another year in scouting with Troop 467!

Thank you for taking the time to read this short communication about expectations for the upcoming year. As we enter 2009-2010 I ask all scouts and parents to get involved in the troop and lend a hand any way they can. Active participation from as many scouts as possible with enthusiastic support from their parents makes for the richest experience.

An exciting new program we have in place for the year is our **Troop Roundup**, which is taking place November 6, 7 and 8. We expect to have the participation of every scout in the troop, so please put this on your family calendar. The program is being held on private land owned by a 467 Eagle Scout and is located less than 50 minutes from PRUMC. We will start our program Friday evening and will end late morning on Sunday. The nature of the activities will allow those boys who play sports on Friday evening or Saturday morning to arrive as their schedule permits. The Roundup is a mini Camporee for Troop 467 only. We will offer instructional skills programs and will include team building, leadership and entertainment opportunities as well. We have never held a weekend like this before, and we've never held an event of this size. This is going to be a fun and special weekend, so again, please make this **a Red Letter Event** on your scout's calendar.

We are also holding Pancake Breakfasts, Courts of Honor, Eagle Ceremonies, Service Projects, campouts and other events throughout the year. Each of these require the participation of many scouts and several adults. Please be aware of these activities and take part as you are able. Campouts offer the best opportunities for boys to practice scout skills while spending valuable time in the great outdoors. **Campouts are where memories are made!**

Scout Sunday is coming up in February and will be an important day for the Troop. I am asking that all scouts take part in this event as it is an important recognition of all that Peachtree Road United Methodist Church does for our troop. We have what is probably the most envied facility in the district with a great scout hut and lots of land. Though a large majority of the scouts in 467 are not members of the PRUMC congregation we are welcomed with open arms and we are given much benefit. The date for Scout Sunday will be communicated to the troop in the near future.

Please let me know your thoughts and ideas about ways to make the scouting experience as valuable as it can be. Remember that we encourage our scouts to lead this troop. It is an imperfect experience, but when the boys make decisions and are allowed to run our programs they are forced to grow in important and valuable ways.

Thank you for all that you do and for supporting your boy on his scouting journey.