

TROOP 764

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Bullfighters

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Brad
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Charlie
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Aaron
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Psyco-Chihuahas

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Joey
Joseph
Wesley
Ted
Austin
Brian
Mr. Scranton, ASM

Fiery Phoenixes

Robert
Mike
Blake
Michael
Ian
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Mark
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REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11

I, as many an American, was apprehensive about the anniversary of September 11. Remembering is painful. War, terrorism, bombs. These were not things I thought much about before 9/11. I watched on television as person after person spoke of their loss and pain and what trials the past year had brought them.

Our scouts were asked to participate in the Spruill Gallery opening of a 9/11 commemorative exhibit. I went along to take photos and get some details of the event for this newsletter. After taking a few photos of our boys setting up, I went in to take a look at the exhibit.

The art in the exhibit is sobering. Striking and emotional, the images evoke powerful feelings – anger, fear, sadness. The gallery has small rooms so the art seems to overwhelm the walls which adds to the power of the images.

What a contrast it was when I went back outside where our boys were cooking hotdogs and preparing the reception for the gallery guests.

It was a bright sunny afternoon. Seeing Boy Scouts in uniform is such a familiar American sight to us all. I'd read on the internet that the first uniform donned by many veterans, from World War I to the Persian Gulf, was not in the military, but rather in the BSA.



In the smiling faces of these boys, I saw a glimpse of the future of America. In scouting our boys begin to learn the teamwork, preparedness, patriotism and sense of responsibility

that will serve them and their country in the future. They will get a sense about what freedom means and the importance of protecting it. And that was a reassuring thought for me to end this day with.

Like Lions Raging: A Commemorative Exhibition will be on display at the Spruill Gallery through November 9.

– D. Smith

Hello and welcome to the new *Troop 764 Scouting Times* newsletter. It seems that our troop has not published a newsletter for several years but all that is about to change! I'm going to start out small with a newsletter that, most weeks, will find its way into the boys' folders or can be handed out at the Monday meetings. We'll also work on getting it posted on the website.

The newsletter can be anything our troop wants. For example, it can highlight the boys' activities. And eventually I'd like the boys to get involved in submitting stories, photographs, artwork, etc. (There must be some merit badge requirements that can be met by doing so?) Please, please, ALL feedback, suggestions and ideas are greatly welcomed! You can email me at debbie@designseven.com

– Debbie Smith
Troop 764 Scout Parent



THE GREAT LAKE ALLATOONA CLEAN UP

It was a drizzly Saturday morning but that didn't stop Mr. Slaton, Mr. Barton and some of our scouts from spending three hours working with the Army Corps of Engineers to clean up areas at Lake Allatoona. After the hard work, the scouts were treated to a BBQ lunch. Each scout who participated will receive a commemorative patch.



"I wonder if we can use any of this stuff at the Scout Hut?"

