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ATLANTA AREA COUNCIL - BSA

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Scouts needed to participate in a public safety training exercise

Cobb County and the City of Smyrna are conducting a joint school shooter response training exercise on May 27th at Campbell High School, and we are looking for volunteer actors to play students, parents, and teachers during the exercise. Cobb County Police and Smyrna Police will be responding to a simulated shooting incident at the school, and we still need approximately 100 volunteers. There will be a short educational session that morning on school shooting incidents and how law enforcement responds, and then groups will be assigned to different classrooms and areas of the school. All volunteers will receive a certificate of appreciation, and, according to one of our planning team members who is a scout leader, this should be applicable toward a certain merit badge (although the name of the specific merit badge eludes me right now). This will be a very informative event, and will include some Hollywood grade special effects. Please pass this information on to BSA Troops in your district.

We decided to limit who we asked to be our volunteers to a few select organizations, including JROTC, Police Explorers, and Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts, as these represent the highest caliber of youth in our community. Scouts must be at least 13 years old to participate in this event, and must have a Volunteer Release form signed by a parent and notarized. Parents are also welcome to participate in this event, however no children under the age of 13 will be allowed on school grounds during this exercise. The attached letter explains more about the exercise, and volunteer requirements; and also list some locations where the Volunteer Release form can be notarized for free. We do need the release forms returned to us prior to the exercise, and although the attached letter states the due date as May 8th, as long as I have an accurate list of names for each troop by May 8th, I can still accept the waiver forms the following week. We also are asking that each troop designate an adult point of contact for their volunteers, and that the point of contact collect all forms for the troop and send/bring them in to us. Thank you for your assistance with this matter, and please feel free to call me with any questions. Sincerely,

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(The referenced documents are included in this e-mail.)

Flag Retirement Ceremony

Sponsoring organization: East Cobb Golden Kiwanis Club

Date: Thursday June 12 10:00 AM

Location: East Cobb Senior Center
3332 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta

All Scouts, Cub Scouts, Parents and Scouters are invited to attend.

We are looking for a Scout Unit who would be willing to host this event at the East Cob Senior Center. The Center will provide the flag for the Ceremony. This will be the Program for the day at the Center. Contact **Dan Wright** for more information. **404-845-6319** or Daniel.Wright@verizonwireless.com. We will provide a program for the Flag Retirement Ceremony.

Scuba - Featured Presentation This Week at the May Venture Roundtable!

So you'd like more info about Scuba, but you're not in (or into) Venturing. Still come and visit!!!! We'll be glad to give you the Scoop on what's required for Scuba. And we won't try to recruit you into Venturing either!!! We'll just invite you to participate in these activities that are open to Boy Scouts and Venturing alike!!! Oh, and unlike the Boy Scout Roundtable, Venturing youth are invited to participate!!!! So, come on by - the water's fine!!!!

We meet at the same location as all the other Roundtables and we'll break away from the Boy Scout Roundtable within 5 minutes of the start of their Roundtable. (But we'll help them eat their snacks both before and after our session!!!)

June Roundtable

From recent e-mails that have been circulating regarding Tour Permits, Permission Slips and other assorted topics, this session on Liability Issues can't come around soon enough!!! Be sure to come to this important Roundtable in June - and be sure to drop off any questions/concerns in the suggestion box at the May Roundtable, so that your question can be properly researched and answered during the June Roundtable.

As of right now, this will probably be a joint Boy Scout and Venturing Roundtable, but more details will be forthcoming in the June newsletter - stay tuned!

This will also be a Joint Roundtable with our friends from the Covered Bridge and Mountain Lake Districts.

Friends of Scouting - Community Side

The good news is that we met our goal for Friends of Scouting for the Family Side. The problem is we are still several thousand dollars short on the Community side. If you know of a business or a non-Scouter who would be interested in contributing to Scouting, please let **Eric Flamm** know - eric@flammga.us (770) 552-8206.