



OPENING GATE

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## About Our Troop

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**Eagle Scouts:** Troop 465 currently has 89 scouts who have earned the rank of Eagle Scout since 1967. In 2006, five scouts earned this rank and also reached a new troop 465 milestone. **Troop Sponsors:** The troop has been sponsored by three different organizations. The troop was originally founded in June 1963, and sponsored by the Hickory Flat Elementary School PTA, located at the northwest corner of East Cherokee Drive and Hickory Road. Roy W. Johnson was the Principal of the school that year. The PTA sponsored the troop until 1985, when the Hickory Flat United Methodist Church Men's Club became the troop sponsor. The church was located across from Hickory Flat Elementary school, where the Hickory Flat Library is currently located, but moved two miles north on East Cherokee Drive in 1992. From 1997 to present day, the troop has been sponsored by 465 Alumni, Inc., a non-profit organization established to perpetuate the philosophies of George Lingefelt. **Meeting Locations:** The troop has had five meeting places over the course of years. The first meeting place was at the Hickory Flat Elementary

school, mostly meeting in the cafeteria. The troop used this school from 1963 until 1985, except for 1969 when a scout hut was used on Vaughn road. In 1985 the troop moved to what was formerly the Hickory Flat Courthouse located at the northeast corner of East Cherokee Drive and State Highway 140, where the BP gas station sits today. In June of 1990 the troop moved to the Union Hill Community Center, formerly the Union Hill School (1925 to 1958), located behind the Union Hill United Methodist Church at the intersection of Union Hill Road and A. J. Land Road. In September of 1997, 465 Alumni, Inc. acquired property formally known as the old Avery School site. This three plus acre site would soon receive the donation of the Big Springs Methodist Church Sunday school building. A basement was dug for this building by Jack Mitchell, an Eagle Scout from Troop 465. The footings, basement floor, basement walls, and all of the decks and walkways for the Scout Hut were donated by Dave Butler (committee member), materials and all. The troop began meeting at this new location on upon completion of the remodeling. Because 465

Alumni, Inc. owns the three plus acres that the current scout hut sits on, it is very unlikely that Troop 465 will ever have to move again.



### Upcoming Events

Fall Camporee Hosted By Troop 31

10/06/17 – 10/08/17

### Webloree Hosted By Troop 465

10/27/17 – 10/28/17



### Past Events

Nicholas Wagner's Eagle Project

9/09/17

Cohutta Backpacking Trip

9/31/17 – 10/01/17



#### Uniform Inspection Results:

Eagle: 84

Cougar: 86

Bobcat: 83

Wolf: 84

Scorpion: 79

Instructor: 77

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#### Past Events:

**Nicholas Wagner's Eagle Project:** The boys and adults who attended built two picnic tables and two planter boxes at Windsor Assisted Living Home off of East Cherokee

**Cohutta Backpacking Trip:** The boys and adults hiked about 12 miles up in the Cohutta wilderness near Cisco, Georgia. The group had a lot of fun interacting with the different age levels and having a fun time over all

#### Future Events:

**District Fall Camporee:** This weekend October 6-8 the Scottish games are coming to Canton. Located at Boling Park, 1200 Marietta Hwy, Canton, GA 30114, USA this event will be packed full of fun with events such as tomahawk throwing and archery shooting

**Webloree:** Webelos-Ree is an overnight event where Boy Scout Troops and Webelos come together for learning and fellowship. There will be multiple opportunities for Webelos to spend time and interact with Boy Scout Troops. Troop 465 is hosting this event so we'll need everyone's help to make this a success. Troop 465 will teach the Engineer, Webelos-AOL Elective Adventure. We need Scouts to help the Webelos with this Adventure.

Note: This is a trial newsletter there will be more in the next issue