



Welcome to Central Baptist Church BSA Troop 47

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

- **Scout Oath**

On my honor I will do my best
to do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;
to help other people at all times;
to keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.

- **Scout Law**

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful,
friendly, courteous, kind, obedient,
cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

- Central Baptist Church Troop 47 membership is open all year long for boys who are 11 through 17 years of age, or have earned the Cub Scouting Arrow of Light award and are at least 10 years old, or have completed the fifth grade and are at least 10 years old.

This packet contains the following information:

- Welcome from Mr. Curran Bowen, Scoutmaster
- BSA Troop 47 Key Contacts
- 2015/2015 BSA Troop 47 Dues/Payment Information
- 2015/2016 BSA Troop 47 Calendar
- BSA Troop 47 Merit Badge Process







Central Baptist Church
Boy Scouts of America Troop 47
Please welcome Mr. Curran Bowen, Scoutmaster

Our new Scoutmaster, Curran Bowen, is the father of Kirby Bowen, who is currently a First Class Scout with our Troop 47. The Bowen family also includes Scout Mother Caroline, and younger sister, Mary Martin.

The Bowens are active members of Central Baptist Church where Curran also serves as a Deacon. Curran is a Real Estate Attorney with a local firm in Newnan. Caroline is a Sales Representative for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals. Both Kirby and Mary Martin attend The Heritage School. The Bowens have been active with Scouting since Kirby became a Tiger in 2010.

Curran plans to lead Troop 47 according to the BSA charter, which states, "the purpose of Boy Scouting is to develop in a young man the ability to do things for himself and for others; to train him in outdoor skills; and to teach him patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred virtues." As a former Scout, a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, and having served as an Officer in the United States Army, Curran has the ability and know-how to lead our Scouts. Of course, he will not be able to do this alone. He needs experienced assistant Scoutmasters, older Scouts as well as parents to help our younger Scouts ascend the ranks. In a Scout-led troop, such as ours, the Scoutmaster does not assert his authority, but guides and counsels every Scout so that the troop can function well and serve the purpose of Boy Scouting. We look forward to Curran leading our Scouts along the path to achieving the ultimate goal: **Eagle Scout!**

BSA Troop 47 Key Contacts

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 BSA Troop 47 Scoutmaster : **Curran Bowen , 770-280-7984, vmilex@yahoo.com**
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 BSA Troop 47 Assistant Scoutmasters : **Robert Johnston, Dale Wilkins, Woody Tripp, Mitch Headley, Ben Paschal**
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 Central Baptist Church Charter Organization Representative ~ **Steve Mapel, 770-301-0590, Mapeltown@aol.com**
- BSA TROOP 47 Secretary/Treasurer ~ **Jennifer Underwood, 770-328-3663, jennifer.underwood2@gmail.com**
- BSA Troop 47 Outdoor/Activities Coordinator ~ **Robert Johnston, 404-379-8899, Robert.eljohnston@att.net**
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 BSA Troop 47 Troop Committee Chairman ~ **Al Robertson, 404-644-6619 , ar3asi@aol.com**
- BSA Troop 47 Advancement Coordinator ~ **Ben Paschal, 678-472-0523, Ben.Paschal@southwire.com**
- BSA Troop 47 Membership Coordinator ~ **Gary Lawrence, 404-768-1936, gary.lawrence@lawrenceink.com**
- BSA Troop 47 Training Coordinators ~ **Gary Lawrence/Robert Johnston**
- BSA Troop 47 Equipment Coordinator~ **Robert Johnston**
- BSA Troop 47 Health/Safety Coordinators~ **Al Robertson/Jennifer Underwood**



District Chair	George Alexander
District Commissioner	Mike Bates
District Executive	Mickey Goodwin



Central Baptist Church BSA Troop 47 Yearly Dues: \$125*

THIS FEE COVERS BSA TROOP 47 SCOUT BENEFITS:

BSA National registration dues, all BSA Badges/Awards, August/May Celebrations of Court of Honor Banquets, Crossover/Eagle Awards, BSA Troop Trailer (Tag/Registration/Equipment costs), 2015 NEW Class B Troop 47 T-Shirt
NEW THIS YEAR ~ Some of the Troop 47 Camp FEES are included in the DUES!!!
Air Show/Dauset Trails/Winter Hike/Spring Camp-O-Ree/Rabun Bald Hike

- **BSA Troop 47 dues begin August 23rd**
- Troop Dues are not refundable and shall be paid in full at August Meeting upon initial registration into Troop 47 for all Scouts. Scouts **must be paid** no later than October 11th ****SEE NOTE**** Any Scout who has not paid their Troop Dues by this date will be considered inactive by the Troop and will not be rechartered with the Troop and will result in the Scout having no access to do a Scoutmaster Conference, the Scout having no access to schedule a Board of Review for advancement, and the Scout having no access to BSA Troop 47 activities/events with BSA Troop 47. ****Final Payment due by October 11th; however those who would like to pay on or before September 27th WILL RECEIVE a \$25.00 discount***

**Please make your checks payable to ~
BSA Troop 47**

Please direct any questions/concerns to:

➤ Sec/Treasurer~ Jennifer Underwood theunderwoods_2@charter.net
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