



# The Creek Critters Chronicle

## CSB Battalion 2733

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### February Action Time: Paracord Survival Bracelets

With all of the buzz about Paracord Survival Bracelets, what actually is a survival bracelet? In it's simplest form it's a single piece of 550 Type III paracord woven into a bracelet. The best quality generally being regarded as US military specification paracord. With the structure of the paracord bracelet defined, if you find yourself in a situation that requires some cordage simply unbraid the bracelet and you have one continuous piece of cord ranging from 10 feet to 18 feet in length.



So what are the many uses of paracord? The answer is pretty much anything and everything mainly limited by a persons imagination to use the product. Broken shoe laces up a mountain? The outer sheath makes excellent boot laces and will most likely outlast the originals that came with the boots. Need some quick thread? The inner cores are great for impromptu



fishing line or first aid. Need some lashing for a tarp shelter? Again take out the the inner strands and you have

all the cord that you need! Need to fix the Space Shuttle on it's second mission (No not a joke, paracord was actually used to repair the Space Shuttle in 1997). It sounds a bit ridiculous but paracord is so useful for replacing everything that it is even now used in space. Back on earth a broken gear strap on your kayak, making a field repair to your backpack or making an impromptu rope for a bear bag... the list goes on.

Paracord is listed within nearly all survival kits today. Largely due to it being one of the most versatile pieces of equipment you can take to the field. It's light, super strong and super compact. The sheath is braided from 32 strands and the inner strands are made up of 7 two-ply yarns. Paracord survival bracelets are in use by both military / police units and civilians worldwide.

Although the paracord bracelets share a common weave it is possible to create many different designs. Two colour, three and even four colours can be woven into a paracord bracelet with the choices of a buckle or knot(s) to secure around the wrist.



It's difficult to imagine creating a survival kit or planning an outdoor hike / trip without including paracord. The Paracord Survival Bracelet is one of the most versatile and useful ways to always be prepared! Colonel Coit thought our young men how to make the King Cobra weave. This particular weave allows for considerably more paracord to be woven into your bracelet.

Help support the Battalion! You can order a survival bracelet in the color or colors of your choice. Expertly crafted by one of our brigadiers. Your donation of \$10 for a Cobra Weave or \$15 for a Super Cobra Weave bracelet will help subsidize our Battalion trips.

(Don Perkins - Captain of Blue Company)

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## Monthly Trips

Monthly trips are an important element of our Battalion program. They give our young

men a chance to experience new things and be stretched in ways that challenge them to grow. It is also an important time that helps to build strong bonds with their leaders and fellow brigadiers. So what are some of the details one should know about our trips?

**Cost:** For years we have been charging \$10 for our basic trips. This helps to cover the cost of sites, food, and transportation. We strive to keep our costs down - desiring this charge to cover most of the expenses of the trip. The extra funds needed come from our donors (TorchBearers), who help to subsidize our trips with their generous contributions. Even so, we have seen fuel and other prices increase significantly this past decade. So, starting in January 2012 we began charging \$15 per trip for the first person in a family and \$10 for each additional person from the same immediate family. We are hoping this will help to make each trip more self supporting.

**Permission Slips:** Each Brigadier is required to have his parents fill out and sign a permission slip at the beginning of each fiscal year. This permission slip is valid for all trips that year. Permission slips may be downloaded from our WEB site.

**Departure Point:** Our departure point for each trip is from Trinity Bible Church on Cherry Rd, NOT from our University Drive property. Please arrive 30 minutes before departure to allow enough time to load our vehicles with gear.

**Friday Supper:** Typically each Brigadier is responsible to bring his own bag supper for Friday night. In the hopes of keeping our vehicles clean we now have the policy of eating our bag suppers when we arrive at our trip destination.

**Return Meal:** Typically we will stop at a restaurant for our return meal. This is not included in the cost of the trip and each person is responsible to bring his own money. \$10 should be more than enough to cover this cost, tip included.

**Return Point:** Our return location is usually the same as our departure point. We will call parents about 1 hour from our return to give them sufficient time to plan the pick up. This helps to reduce waiting time for both parents and Battalion leaders.

**Trip information:** Information can be found on our WEB site. This information may change from time to time so check again on the day of the trip for any changes. This will include all the information you will need to participate in the trip. Link is in the menu on the left.

**Fathers and Alumni:** Fathers and Battalion Alumni are always welcome to join us on each trip - we just ask for at least one week advance notice so we can plan accordingly. Mothers and siblings are welcome to join us once a year on our Battalion Invitational Trip.

(Coit Morrison - Battalion Colonel)

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## New Heights



One word describes the climbing wall at James Island County Park – awesome! Our January trip took us on an adventure of new heights and stretched muscles as the guys did their best to scale the 50', multi-faceted wall as many times as they could. They all succeeded to varying degrees of completion and varying degrees of difficulty. The guys started out on the “easy” side of the wall. Once they figured they could master that face pretty quickly, they moved on to a side that was a little more difficult. Later, after talking to one of the park staff, we found it wasn't just a little more difficult, but actually one of the most difficult faces on the entire wall. They thought they were doing really well, until they started watching one of the regular climbers – a young

lady about the same age as our brigadiers who not only climbed up the wall, but climbed down the wall using the same path she ascended. Pretty impressive for a girl!

It was a great day for climbing and it's too bad this facility is so far away because I have no doubt that if we had a wall like this in Rock Hill, Trinity Battalion would get plenty of use out of it.

Special thanks go out to David Taylor, Jr. who was our dedicated belayer for the day. In rock climbing, a belayer is a person who controls the safety rope for the climber. If we had to depend on the park staff for belaying, our guys would not have been able to climb as much as they did because the park was very busy and the staff was overwhelmed with climbers. In fact, the park staff was so appreciative of David helping out they didn't even charge him for the day. Of course, I couldn't imagine them charging him anyway because he was so busy belaying he didn't get to climb the wall himself!

The adventure didn't end with the wall. The bus ran out of gas on the way home...but that's another story.

(Dave Taylor Sr - Captain of Red Company)

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## Upcoming Events

- **Leadership Team Meeting** - Sunday, Feb 5, 2012 at 12:30 pm - Subway - 119 S Herlong Ave (continued at 1:30 in the Cave)
  - **Video Game Night** - Friday, Feb 10, 2012 at 7:00 pm - For more information check out our [Trip Information](#) page
  - **Leadership Team Trip** - Thursday, Feb 17, 2012 - For more information check out our [Trip Information](#) page
  - **Senior Leaders Meeting** - Saturday, Mar 3, 2012 at 7:00 am - Little Cafe - 1919 Cherry Rd
  - **Leadership Team Meeting** - Sunday, Mar 4, 2012 at 12:30 pm - El Cancun - 1244 Cherry Rd (continued at 1:30 in the Cave)
  - **Geocaching at Huntington Beach** - Friday, Mar 16, 2012 at 4:30 pm - For more information check out our [Trip Information](#) page
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