

BOYSCOUT TROOP 629 NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2006

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New Scouts cross over and join 629! WELCOME!

Austin Bedford
Benjamin Bierbaum, jr
Daniel Kaminski
Dylan Lu
Nicholas Sheridan
Michael Przybylinski
Alec Mazzuckelli
Kevin P Crone
Bryant Roberts
Jake Brasher
John Foley
Aaron Durrence
Robbie Warren

New scouts will be joining our Troop over the next few months and a big Welcome to them all. Some realignment of patrols will be ongoing and integration activities as well to help them fold into the Troop and set off on their trail to Eagle. Elections will be held in May so patrols may shift again at that time.

Semi-annual Flower Sale PICKUP!

Those who have flower sales need to have them turned in on Monday night. Due to spring break, if they are leaving town please call Suzie Adams at 770-663-4055 or Leslie Cotney at 770-410-1730 to arrange picking up their orders.

This is a great opportunity to increase your High Adventure account. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR TRUCK UNLOADING (ADULTS) ON THE 14TH FROM NOON-4PM AND ORDERING FILLING (SCOUTS) FROM 4-8PM. There will be sign up sheets at the next meeting or contact Mrs. Adams if you can help that day.** If you have any questions or are in need of additional order forms please contact Mrs. Adams at 678.468.9976 or suzie@hidc.com

CAR WASH and Garage Sale!

Car Wash 4/29 9:00 am to 4:00 p.m.
Garage Sale 4/29 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Relay For Life - American Cancer Society Friday, May 5th @ 6:30 pm Alpharetta High School Details to come soon. Contacts: Nan Brown and Mike Furick

Den Chief Training on Sunday after Easter---at St Davids Episcopal 1:00-5:30 Scouts should be 1st Class- Please bring \$3.00 for snacks Plan a game with props to play.. Same as in past trainings, Please contact Mr. McGoff with questions.

Scoutmaster Minute: The advancement process is one of the "tools" used successfully over the years to teach the true meaning of scouting program for boys. It is a dynamic set of standards that keeps up with the youth trends and needs for proper development towards being good citizens of the times. While it is a fluid set of rules, the requirements usually are very specific and need to be accomplished as stated. If it says brief your patrol for a requirement, then that's what is needed, and you brief the patrol. If it says coordinate and get approval first, then that's what a scout has to do so that his efforts will be in the right direction and meet the mark. Keeping track of activities and events for participation requirements, knowing the process for approvals, bringing their scout book on all activities and aggressively getting endorsements is all part of the learning experience. Last minute pushes especially by parents to squeeze in a merit badge completion or SM conference for a board of review scheduled that very night is not the way to do business, teaches poor planning techniques and may lead to an avoidable disappointment. Yes, scouts do need a little bit of encouragement and sometimes for a few on a regular basis. But "pushing" when a scout is truly not ready is not helping anyone. There is plenty of time for every scout to meet the challenges and requirements with slow methodical process at their own speed. Every scout is different and so the quality of execution is a variable based on the individual and there is no set timeline for everyone to follow. Learning by doing is a basic core for all that we do in the program. Help us help the each individual scout to learn all the right lessons!

Philmont 2007: The Troop has been approved for a crew to go to Philmont, NM in the summer of 2007. Hold your spot now with a \$100 reservation fee. Must be 14 by Jan 1, 2007 and FC to participate. Only a few slots left.

Sea Base 2007: Two of our Sea Base crews are off for a glorious trip this April spring break for the Florida Keys. Next spring break in April 2007 will also offer an opportunity to sail in the Bahamas. Those who will be FC and 14 by Aug 2007 are eligible so sign up now with a reservation fee of \$100 to hold your space for this great adventure.

Summer Camp 2006 at Woodruff sign ups are now ongoing and class reservations will start soon. Do not be left out for this June 11-17 experience in the Georgia outdoors for all registered scouts. Flyers are available at the meetings and on our web site.

Next Outing: PLC says they want to go to the Georgia Renaissance festival so April 22 is set for this outdoor activity leaving the church at 9 AM and returning by 7 PM. Entrance cost is \$13.00 and due with permission slip by April 17th meeting. Food for the day is extra (bring a lunch and snacks or buy on site). Flyers are available and of course details are on our web site.

Green Bar National Youth Leadership training is to occur again this year and we have 9 of our scouts who will be serving on this Council level staff. Applications are available for those new participants who will be FC and 13 years or older by May 29. See the SM or go to our web site for applications.

Eagle to Life Workshop – Superstar, Mr. Walker leads the way this coming Wednesday, April 19 from 7:30P to 8:30P, Mt. Pisgah in Room C107. The workshop agenda will include a Eagle Value Proposition, to review the requirements and to understand the timeframes. How to understand the process and find ideas for Eagle Service Projects. Come and receive tools to guide and assist you in this great journey! Contact Mr. Walker for more information bob@walker-ga.org

**AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS.. BE SOMEBODY!
ADVANCEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:**

SCOUT

Jake Brasher
John Foley
Dylan Lu
Brandon Seals

STAR

Daniel Bodamer

LIFE

Grayson Cotney
Hayes Wilkinson

New Troop Advancement Chair - Mrs. Narayanan

As of March 1, Mrs. Narayanan will be taking over as Troop Advancement Chair. You may contact her via email at Kathleen@avalonintl.com.

Next Troop Board of Review – April 17

After a scout completes his Scoutmaster conference, he must notify **Mrs. Narayanan**, Troop Advancement Chair, that he is ready for the next BOR. Reminder: Full Class “A” uniform and Scout handbook are required for participation in a Board of Review.

Merit Badge Counselors Needed

Being a Merit Badge Counselor is an easy and fun way to be involved in the Troop. All Merit Badge Counselors must complete a Merit Badge Counselor application and Adult Leader Registration form (both can be found on our Troop website Forms page). To learn more about your role as a merit badge counselor visit www.meritbadge.com/info/. Please give completed forms to Mrs. Narayanan.

We are seeking counselors for all BSA merit badges; however, we currently have no one registered for the following merit badges:

Archaeology	Disability Awareness	Plant Science	Veterinary
Bugling	Fly Fishing	Railroading	Waterskiing
Cinematography	Graphic Arts	Reptile/Amphibian	Whitewater
Climbing	Medicine	Sculpture	
Collections	Model Design	Skating	
Dentistry	Music	Textile	
		Theater	

Adult Leaders - Tell Us You've Been Trained

We need trained leaders! Upon completion of any BSA training program, please send a copy of your course “completion” card to Mrs. Narayanan, at Kathleen@avalonintl.com, or bring a copy to her at the Troop meeting.

Eagle Court of Honor The Eagle Court of Honor for David Munoz will be held on **Monday, May 8th** in conjunction with our scheduled Troop Court of Honor. Please make plans to attend and congratulate David on his achievement!

Parents Needed for Troop Boards of Review

A troop Board of Review (BOR) provides a great opportunity for parents to better understand rank advancement and to get to know the Scouts. Each Board consists of three troop parent volunteers. Boards of review are typically held each month for those Scouts who have completed all requirements and Scout Master conference for rank advancement. If you are interested in participating as a Troop BOR member please contact Kathleen

Narayanan at 770-998-6752 or smithta@mindspring.com. No experience required. (Unfortunately, unit leaders and assistant unit leaders may not serve as a BOR member.)

Order of the Arrow

Every month on the second Thursday there is a district OA gathering OA members can attend. See your OA rep for details.: <http://www.cdbsa.org/Pages/OA.htm>

Scout Merit Badge Opportunities

SERVICE PROJECTS and Special Events:

The Troop frequently has last minute service project opportunities and their scouting activities for scouts to participate in. Keep an eye out for them weekly, look on the bulletin board and pick up the flyers that are usually at the meeting.

Adult volunteers

A lot of behind the scene necessary support in running an active Troop comes from many adults giving special efforts in their own way. If you are one of the adults that just isn't able to lock in a routine support directly with the program other support needs are there waiting. Contact our committee chair for a list of those opportunities to help the evolving dynamic program. On all trips we request adults clearly state their intentions if providing transportation support with the number of passengers that you can handle in the vehicle being used.

There are currently several KEY positions which are in need of new volunteers!!! If you are interested in helping out, please contact Wendy Kraemer at wlkraemer@bellsouth.net to volunteer.

ADULTS – PARENTS TROOP 629 NEEDS YOU!

All adults are required by this troop to be properly trained for the event they are participating in. From being properly prepared just for a weekend outing to getting all the specialized training for high adventure now is the time to get yourself into those classes so you can help be ready on time.

Our adults are encouraged to participate in one of the many training opportunities available for scouting. A great way to get started is by completing the online Boy Scout Fast Start or Youth Protection Training located at the Chattahoochee web site via a link from our troop's web site: www.troop629.org. To participate as an adult leader in the troop on overnight camping, you must complete Youth Protection Training, Fast Start and review the Troop 629 Adult Guide.

Assistant Scoutmasters and Committee Members must complete the above training and New Leaders Essentials, SALT, ITOLS and/or Committee Training. Information on these training opportunities are available on the Chattahoochee District web site. To participate in High Adventure, leaders must complete all the above along with special classes such as CPR, FA, safety afloat, and safe swim.

* NOTE: For Youth Protection and Fast Start, print from web site your completion form page and pass to the unit's training chairperson. When you have completed any of the BSA training, please contact Wendy Kraemer at wlkraemer@bellsouth.net to volunteer

Monthly reminders

Patrol Leaders Council

Once a month our SPL leads his PLC to formulate the plans for meetings and activities. Changes and or improvements are discussed at that time and all scouts should be making sure their representative is up to date on issues, concerns and program request. **Next PLC is set for April 20, 2006.** Reason to check the Troop bulletin board or web site to keep the ever dynamic and fluid scouting calendar up to date.

LET'S GO KROGERING –

TURN YOUR GROCERY SHOPPING INTO CASH FOR TROOP 629!

TROOP 629 FUNDRAISER : Join the families of Troop 629 in this easy and painless monthly fundraiser. Our troop receives 5% of our total order each month; participation has resulted in the following funds going directly to our Troop 629 during the first quarter of 2006:

January - \$255.00

February - \$256.25

March - \$238.75

The Gift Cards can be used at any Kroger store [when the amount of the card is depleted, it is kept by the cashier – new cards are issued each month and mailed to you]. There is no service charge – (if you order a \$50 Kroger Gift Card, you will receive a \$50 Kroger Gift Card)!

To get started, call Susan Cook (678-297-7766) for details.

Lending Closet

The Troop maintains a scout uniform exchange or drop off point for all to use. With growth spurts for young scouts it's hard at times to keep them outfitted for activities. Bring in your used or any pieces you come across and add to closet and feel free to pick up an item at any meeting. Ask for other items that may be store at another of our locations.

Patrol food items

Non Perishable (left over) from camping trips that can be reused need to be turned in with the patrol gear at the end of each trip and are stored by the troop in special patrol containers. This will help cut back on some cost for future trips and eliminate some waste now ongoing. A scout buying food will get a menu to use with a budget to follow. It's important to follow the list and items/quantities specified as the menu has been planned for patrol guest and other program considerations. Purchase slips are turned into the Troop Treasurer for reimbursement after each trip by the patrol scout grubmaster for that trip.

Uniforms

At all troop activities a designated uniform is specified. Also during Troop meetings the proper wear of the uniform shirt during the school year is expected and all great scouts are not without their handbook to make a complete uniform. Proper uniform includes your shirt tucked in and closed toe shoes! Please dress for the weather as some activities are outside.

REMINDER: It is the BSA insurance policy that no open toe shoes to be worn on any activity. This includes meetings, camping and water activities. The only exception is flip flops for showers but sandals are a no go for any activity we do including weekly meetings. Scouts will not be allowed to participate if they show up with open toe shoes. Once school is out we will conduct meetings with our Troop Red Field T-shirt as the primary uniform throughout the summer.

CALENDAR AND WEB SITE INFORMATION

The Troop has its annual calendar published and it's available for all on the web site www.troop629.org Our Chattahoochee District (www.cdbsa.org) and Atlanta Area Council (www.atlantabsa.org) have web sites as well where additional information is also available concerning upcoming events.

Please note that Troop meeting start time at 7:15 and closing at 8:45 PM on Mondays. Please show up on time so we can start the program on time.

Keep an eye out for new opportunities that crop up for special events and classes being offered. Details can be found on the bulletin board for emergency disaster exercises looking for scouts to participate in, special merit badge sessions for railroad MB and nature events. Those kind of events are open to all scouts but generally are not organized for attendance as a Troop activity. Normally an individual parent takes on the lead to help arrange rides and details. Keep us updated on changes to phone numbers, address and e-mail accounts. Communication channels works best when everyone is getting and giving timely information. "View the bulletin board and troop web site for latest details." Questions concerning this publication? Joe and Neal Ruggles

[Calendars Net](#)

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<u>26</u> Mar	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>1</u> Apr
District Camporee Mount Pisgah's 175th Birthday Celebration	7:15p -8:45p Troop Meeting					Spring Break April Fool's Day
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
Spring Break Start Daylight Saving Time 6:00p -7:30p Troop Committee Meeting	Sea Base (2 Crews) Spring Break 7:15p -8:45p Troop Meeting Flower Orders Due In	Sea Base (2 Crews) Spring Break	Sea Base (2 Crews) Spring Break	Sea Base (2 Crews) Spring Break	Sea Base (2 Crews) Spring Break GB Staff	Sea Base (2 Crews) Spring Break GB Staff
<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>
Sea Base (2 Crews) Spring Break GB Staff Palm Sunday	7:15p -8:45p Troop Meeting	6:00p -7:00p Merit Badge Help Night		Maundy Thursday Passover (Pesach) 7:30p -9:00p RT & OA Meeting	Good Friday Passover (Pesach) 5:30p -7:30p Spring Flower Sale pick	Passover (Pesach)
<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>
Easter Sunday Passover (Pesach)	Passover (Pesach) 7:15p -8:45p Troop Meeting Board of Review	Passover (Pesach)	Passover (Pesach) Troop Life to Eagle for scout & parent	Passover (Pesach) 7:00p -8:00p PLC		Earth Day Renaissance Festival
<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>
Den Chief Training	7:15p -8:45p Troop Meeting New Parent Meeting	Holocaust Memorial		Life to Eagle Clinic/BOR	Garage Sale/Car Wash GB Staff	Garage Sale/Car Wash GB Staff
<u>30</u>	<u>1</u> May	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
GB Staff	7:15p -8:45p Troop Meeting				Caving OA Ordeal Woodruff Cancer Walk?	Caving OA Ordeal Woodruff

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