



BOYSCOUT TROOP 629 NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2006

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SUMMER CAMP 2006- LAST MINUTE CHECK LIST!

Drop Off: Parents drive their scouts to Woodruff and arrive on Sunday, June 11 by 1:00 PM.

Pick Up: Parents pick up their scouts at Woodruff on Saturday, June 17 by 9:00 AM.

All scouts please remember:

1. Pack your swim suit at the top of your bag, we will be doing the swim test on Sunday
2. **Come dressed in your Class A uniform when you arrive at camp on Sunday**

Scouts attending the Mountain Man Program, please remember you will need a long sleeve shirt and pants for the swimming merit badge. Last - have fun at Camp!

Scout Master Minute by Fran Gillis

Another active summer has already started for many of our scouts and we have quite a few attending numerous camps and outings. Staffing at Green Bar Youth leader training for 10, participants at the same course for another 10, summer camp with 43 attending, another 3 going to New Mexico for advanced leadership development through the NAYLE course and even two of our older eagle scouts working at Philmont New Mexico scout camp and again two working on Staff for Bert Adams Scout Camp.

We have so many that have done so well on advancement that they are close to finishing off their requirements and could be soon eagles as well if they just apply themselves this summer. I hope all our scouts pick up their various scout books weekly to work on a few items to keep the flow moving on their own personal trail to eagle!

The Patrol Leaders Council completed their annual planning meeting and the draft calendar for the 06-07 scout year is already on our web site. Another year of adventures planned for all and I hope that they will participate more frequently in.

On a special note the PLC has reflected on that participation is rather slim by some scouts and has felt that the "active participation" requirement for each rank should be quantified so they have voted to adopt a 5 event participation for each scout rank by each scout as well at least three over night stays.

Summer for the Troop consists of informal meetings on Mondays (except June 12th) and wearing of only the red t-shirt is expected. Wide game or advancement time is the program.

Next outing after summer camp (June 11-17 at Woodruff) is tentatively scheduled for a Broad River canoe/kayak day July 29th and then a white water trip August 2nd. Look for details on the web site in July.

TROOP 629 Thanks the Cancer Relay Participants!

On May 5th, twenty-one Troop 629 scouts and several adults participated in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life at Alpharetta High School. Scouts walked, danced, sold food, drink, and trinkets, set up luminaries, and generally supported the effort to raise funds for cancer research from 5:30pm until almost midnight. Thanks to all who supported this event!

Reminders:

June 11th – June 17th: Summer CAMP

June 19th - Board of Review

July 11th - Merit Badge Help Night - 6:00 pm

July 29th - Broad River - Kayak & Canoe Trip

Kramer's Corner -

Court of Honor

Thank you to all the parents and Scouts who attended the Court of Honor in May. This program takes a lot of work behind the scenes to be a success and I want to thank all of those involved. This is a wonderful way to recognize the Scouts of their recent achievements and training as well as the adults who participated in the planning. Following our program was the Eagle Court of Honor where David Munoz was recognized for earning his Eagle. Please mark your calendar for the next Court of Honor, which is scheduled for August 28th.

New/Transition Committee Positions

Treasurer

Julie Deaton will be working with Cesar Martinez for a smooth transition in the fall.

Court of Honor Refreshments

Mike Foley will be handling the refreshments for the Court of Honor programs throughout the year.

Eagle Ceremony

Mike Foley will be working with Luann Dipietro on the upcoming Eagle ceremonies. Due to the high volume of Eagle candidates in our troop, we need an additional person for planning, etc.

Open Committee Positions

Newsletter/Communication

Do you like to know what is going on? Do you like to meet new people? Can you volunteer a couple of hours a month? We need a volunteer to takeover the newsletter. Please go to our website and review the most recent newsletter. We need you! Please contact Wendy Kraemer for more information, wkraemer@bellsouth.net

Secretary

Can you spare a couple of hours a month to attend a meeting, for an hour, the first Sunday of the month This is for our Adult Leader Troop Committee Meeting where all planning is discussed, If so, we need you to take notes and publish the minutes. This is a great way to stay current with events! Please contact Wendy Kraemer for more information, wkraemer@bellsouth.net

Clothing Closet

Do you need regulation Boy Scout shorts or a shirt? With summer camp coming up, this would be a good time to try on your current Scout clothes and see if they fit. Bring in the old clothes that do not fit and replace with the proper size. If you are a new Scout, please stop by our storage closet on a Monday evening. The clothing is available to all Scouts.

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 kathleen@avalonintl.com. No experience required. (Unfortunately, unit leaders and assistant unit leaders may not serve as a BOR member.)

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: Next spring break in April 2007 will 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.

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ADVANCEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:

1 st CLASS	STAR
Brandon Padgett	Greg Gehrhardt
	Derrick Grunwald

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 – JUNE 19

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
Fly Fishing	Railroading	Waterskiing
Bugling	Graphic Arts	Reptile/Amphibian
Cinematography	Medicine	Sculpture
Climbing	Model Design	Skating
Collections	Music	Textile
Dentistry	Veterinary	Theater

Whitewater

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.

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>

Patrol Leaders Council **Next PLC is set for July 20, 2006**

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.

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. 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.

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.

WEB SITE INFORMATION

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.

Questions concerning this publication? Joe and Neal Ruggles

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