



BOYSCOUT TROOP 629 NEWSLETTER

July 2006

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Scout Master Minute by Fran Gillis

Summer has already been very rewarding scouting experiences for a lot of our scouts. We have had over 460 scouting bed nights by our scouts at National Youth Leadership training opportunities and summer camp with many fond memories of fun activities by all. There is still time for everyone to carve out a few minutes during these remaining summer weeks to actually read and follow up on the advancement requirements and then complete them by getting with the required individual at the troop meetings to sign off the completions. Do not let this drag on for years as it does not get better with age but requires more time to refresh your memory to complete properly. Summer Troop meetings are just the place to finish these up.

Looking ahead we have a ***kayaking/canoeing day planned for Broad River on July 29th*** and a ***White Water Park outing planned for Aug 2nd***. Details are on our web site along with the next overnight outing at ***Lake Allatoona set for Aug 18-20th***.

Talking about participation will get around to the need for each scout to have signed off for each of their ranks their active participation in the Troop. The Patrol Leaders Council has set this as a quantifiable need that each scout demonstrates their involvement by being involved in 5 of the Troop activities during that rank time frame as well as 3 of those being overnight participations. So with the new calendar out each scout needs to be looking ahead and planning to be active as needed and making sure their records are being kept up to date.

Congratulate our newest graduates (Blake Cotney, James Deaton, Gabe Unger, Derrick Grunwald, William Haynes, Kevin Dekle, Jonathan Atz, Alex Kreamer, Daniel Bodamer, and Chris Brown) from Green Bar National Youth Leadership training course when you next see them as well as Adam Daniel, Grayson Cotney and Collin Cook who have returned from New Mexico where they attended the National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience.

An extra special thanks goes out to our young leaders (Dan Tinsley, David White, Adam Daniel, Jamry Jones, Dustin Hunter, Grayson Cook, Jacob McGoff, Neal Ruggles, Steven McHugh and Collin Cook) who were selected and volunteered to work on the staff of Green Bar National Youth Leader Training to help train the scouts in the Atlanta Area Council.

Reminders:

July 29th - Broad River - Kayak & Canoe Trip

July 31st: Steven Conter Eagle Court of Honor

Reminders for August

August 2nd – White Water Park

August 13th – Kevin Smith Eagle Court of Honor

August 18th – 20th: Overnight at Lake Allatoona

August 28th – Joe Dembowski Court of Honor

Next Outing! : Next outing is tentatively scheduled for a Broad River canoe/kayak day July 29th and then a white water trip August 2nd.

Court of Honor

We have three eagle courts of Honor planned at this time and hope that many will be able to attend. Steven Conter will be awarded his medal at a ceremony at the Troop meeting on July 31st and Kevin Smith will be having his medal presented at Autry Mill on Sunday August 13th while the medal award for Joe Dembowski will be in conjunction with our normal Aug 28th court of honor.

Summer Troop Meetings

Summer Troop meetings are still being held at the same place and time. Scouts are only required to wear a scout T-shirt and the agenda is to participate in the chosen game for the evening or advancement. No formal meeting is held.

FALL 2006 Schedule is posted

The Troop annual calendar has been formulated by the Patrol leaders Council and now available for all on the Troop web site. So the next years events and activities are posted for your planning purposes.

Clothing Closet

The Troop has a lending closet set up to help any scout who needs gear for any outing and even some uniform items that can be had just for the asking? Do not do without when it is there for your use as needed. If your scout has outgrown one of his items and it is still usable please drop it off at a meeting so it can be included in our stores for another. The clothing is available to all Scouts.

Love to Travel but short on CASH?

A scout with Troop 629 should never feel he can not attend an activity with us due to a temporary set back for adequate available funds. A scout in need can work out a service opportunity with the Scoutmaster to earn the needed amount - so just ask?

High Adventure by Troop Leader Fran Gillis:

We have 2007 High adventures for scouts over 14 still in the planning stages? Are you one of the select few that will get the opportunity to attend Bahamas Sea Base over Spring vacation or Philmont backpacking in New Mexico in the summer? Make sure you have signed up with the Scoutmaster and have submitted your \$100 deposit with reservation slip to lock in your spot. Space is limited. Details are on our Troop web site.

ADVANCEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE:

LIFE :_Will Chesson

SCOUT: Benjamin Bierbaum

SCOUT: Palmer Brasher

July Advancement - Mrs. Smith will be filling in for Mrs. Narayanan until the July 31st meeting.

Next Troop Board of Review – JULY 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**.

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.

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, wlkraemer@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, wlkraemer@bellsouth.net

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.)

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.

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	

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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.

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

Receive this by email, just send your email address to joe@RealtyExecutivesUSA.com

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<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>
	7:15p -8:45p Troop Meeting	6:00p -7:00p Merit Badge Help Night		7:30p -9:00p RT & OA Meeting		
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	7:15p -8:45p Troop Meeting Board of Review			7:00p -8:00p PLC		
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	7:15p -8:45p Troop Meeting			Life to Eagle Clinic/BOR		Broad River Kayak & Canoe
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	7:15p -8:45p Troop Meeting Eagle Court of Honor Steven Conter		White Water/Six Flags			

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