



BOY SCOUT TROOP 629 NEWSLETTER

December 2006

This newsletter is intended for scouts and their families. Please assist us in sharing this information with other parents and scouts.

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Scoutmaster Minute by Fran Gillis

As I go through all the activities and events that we accomplish to develop each of our scouts sometimes it is very difficult to actually see if we are really getting through with the quality traits of great character, citizenship and traditional moral and ethical values we so want all to get and carry with them for the rest of their lives. While earning "the coveted eagle badge" helps as an indicator it really is not the same as seeing true actions being accomplished. Many of our scouts accomplish their goals and walk away with the "me, myself and I" recognition and we just hope that it will blossom into more of the right principles and traits towards caring for others and giving back without prompting. Then out of the blue comes an event that just hits the nail on the head and shows us a clear "he's got it" and stands out as an inspiration for all to see and a hope to be emulated some day by all. The Troop conducted its annual popcorn fundraiser and offered an iPod to the top salesperson over \$1000. Well this year we had two scouts make it over \$1000 and Martin J. the top seller, as he was last year, had earned himself an iPod last year. Upon the presentation of this year's award he promptly turned to the runner up scout and gave it to him asking nothing in return. What more can I say except the next time you see Martin give him the thumbs up sign and say "you got it!"

*******ORGANIZE YOUR FAMILY CALENDAR*******

December Reminders:

- Dec 2nd - 3rd: Patrol Outings/Service
- Dec 3rd: Troop Committee Meeting *** and *** GreenBar Staff interviews
- Dec 9th: Thrasher Scout Day
- Dec 9th - 10th: Patrol Outings/Service
- Dec 10th: Eagle Court of Honor for David White & Dan Tinsley (RSVP info in newsletter)
- Dec 12th: Merit Badge Help Night
- Dec 15th: Hanukkah begins
- Dec 16th - 17th: Patrol Outings/Service
- Dec 18th: Board of Review
- Dec 21st: Patrol Leaders Council Meeting
- Dec 25th: Christmas Day (no Troop Meeting)
- Dec 31st: Christmas Tree pickup

January Reminders:

- Jan 1st: New Year's Day (No Troop Meeting)
- Jan 4th - 7th: WV Ski Trip
- Jan 7th: Troop Committee Meeting
- Jan 9th: Merit Badge Help Night
- Jan 12th - 15th: NH Ski Trip
- Jan 15th: Martin Luther King Day (yes, there is a Troop Meeting)

Jan 18th: Patrol Leaders Council Meeting
Jan 20th: Ga. Aquarium *tentative* *** and *** GreenBar Staff Orientation
Jan 21st: Eagle Court of Honor for Alex Sevy & Tim Reidy
Jan 22nd: Board of Review
Jan 26th - 27th: Lock-in
Jan 27th: Centenary Tree Planting
Jan 28th: Green Bar Staff Training
Jan 29th: Court of Honor

*****DEADLINES AND DATES*****

Please frequently visit our web site www.troop629.org. It is a dynamic, changing document that will keep you abreast of all our activities and catch up on any of the latest changes. Click on Calendar for the most current information for the very busy months in the fall for scouts and adults. You'll also find more meeting dates and service project opportunities. The troop annual calendar has been formulated by the Patrol Leaders Council, who recently planned next year's events and activities. Also look for flyers at meetings or postings on the bulletin board.

Preparation for Next Troop Outings ... a.k.a ... *Cures for Boredom and Laziness* ...

Lock-in date was previously for December, but **has been moved to January 26th**. Look for flyers and sign-up at troop meetings - check the calendar frequently. ***** During December we like to have the patrols accomplish a service project and patrol type outing. During the weekends prior to Christmas we hope each scout is asked to participate in some special event with their patrol. ***** Get ready for a great cool weekend of **skiing at Winterplace in West Virginia, January 4th – 7th** (Thurs. – Sun.) Road Trip (!!) Day- and night-skiing (and other snow sports), friends, food and fun! You do not want to miss out on this fun yearly event! Check out the troop flyer link and the resort link below. **Money is due December 18th**, so the time to plan is now! Also more details on this trip in this section below. ***** After a few more details have been ironed out, the troop is *hoping* to arrange a special “behind the scene” bonus to the **Georgia Aquarium** trip on **January 20th**. The date and details are tentative. Look for more details and flyers on this special trip in early January.

Next Troop Board of Review – December 18th

Please read carefully: 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**.

Flyers

Christmas Tree Pickup <http://www.troop629.org/xmastrees/index.htm>

New Hampshire Ski Trip <http://www.troop629.org/forms/New%20England%20Skiing.pdf>

West Virginia Ski Trip <http://www.troop629.org/events/ski07.htm>

Sea Base Bahamas Tall Ship

<http://www.troop629.org/forms/Sea%20Base%20Parents%20meeting%20Aug%202006.pdf>

Philmont, NM <http://www.troop629.org/forms/Philmont%202007%20parents%20items.pdf>

Pictures - (AT Hike, Callaway Biking, Sandy Springs Festival, Georgia Tech Ushering)

<http://www.troop629.org/pictures/pictures.htm>

Troop Committee Meeting

Our December committee meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, December 3rd at 6:00** at the Mount Pisgah Dining Room on South Campus.

Annual Ski Trip to West Virginia



You will not want to miss this trip on **January 4th – 7th (Thurs – Sun.)**. We will leave Thursday night and after a wonderful night sleep in beautiful Charlotte, we are off again and will arrive at Winterplace Ski Resort on Friday morning. We will ski all day and into the night on Friday (yes, they have night-skiing). We will be staying at a luxurious hotel in Princeton, WV, just minutes from the slopes. On Saturday we hit the slopes again and spend all day skiing, later retiring to our

comfortable hotel to reflect on the wonderful time. If you have not been before, this is the best time to go. Everyone else in West Virginia and the northeast is in school on Friday and we will have the slopes to ourselves. It will only take minutes to check in and away you go to fun city!! (Winterplace website (to get excited about the trip – BUT DO NOT BOOK ANYTHING through the website - your trip will be arranged through hard work done by your free tour guide a.k.a. THE TROOP.)

<http://www.winterplace.com/> **Money is due December 18th**. Please contact **Gregg Brasher** if you have any questions g.brasher@comcast.net

*****SCOUT HANDSHAKE*****

Democracy has spoken!

We've just completed our semi-annual leadership elections and want to say a "job well done" and THANKS to Adam D. for handling the last six months as our SPL and congratulate Collin C. on his election as our next SPL and looking forward to wonderful things from him. The patrols have re-organized as well and our next batch of Patrol Leaders are Grayson C., Jacob Mc., Blake C., James D., Zack B., Alex K., with Will C. and Ryan D. as our next Venture Crew Chiefs.

EAGLE COURTS OF HONOR

Two special Eagle Courts of Honor have been planned to celebrate and present these awards to some of our newest Eagles. The location will be at the North Campus side chapel (Room S305) at 4:00 pm. Dan Tinsley and David White are being recognized on **December 10th**. An **RSVP is requested** to provide adequately for all guest zekebreeze@gmail.com. Alex Sevy and Tim Reidy are being recognized on **January 21st**. A third ECOH is in the planning process for Pete Knoetgen. Congratulations all new Eagle scouts! These are very special recognition evenings and we hope that all scouts will attend with their families.

ADVANCEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:

EAGLE: (none this month)

LIFE: (none this month)

STAR: Collin C.

FIRST CLASS: Austin D.

SECOND CLASS: Chap F.

TENDERFOOT: (none this month)

SCOUT: (none this month)

*****EARNING POWER*****

Did you earn a prize from selling popcorn?

See Mr. Rocchio at the Monday night meeting. He has your prize!

HO! HO! HO!

Christmas Tree Recycling Elves needed! Christmas will be here soon! Troop 629's annual Christmas tree recycling fundraiser is in need of both adult and Boy Scout elves to help with the recycling for our community. Boy Scouts need to sign up for **flyer distribution that starts the first week of December** and **tree pickup on Sunday December 31, 2006.**



All monies earned go directly into the boys' personal high adventure accounts. No experience necessary for adult elves - a variety of opportunities from which to choose - drivers, shotgun riders, cleanup, and more. If you are a parent new to Troop 629 and are looking for a brief but fun way to participate in supporting your son's scouting, Santa would like to talk to you! See **Chris Cotney** at Monday night scout meetings or call **770-410-1730**. You can sign up on the troop website if you want your tree picked up <http://www.troop629.org/xmastrees/index.htm>



Troop 629 Scout Activity Scholarships

Through a community service work effort, opportunities are available to all our scouts who may be in need. No scout should be denied participation in a troop outing or trip purely for temporary financial situations. We can help each scout earn his own way easily enough. Just ask the Scoutmaster to work out your plan, then sign up for that outing you want to go on.

Missed the opportunity to earn H.A. \$\$\$? Don't despair ...

Most of the popcorn has been eaten and (hopefully) the fall flowers have been planted. These fundraisers have provided many of our scouts with additional funds to use for skiing, summer camp and any high adventure outing. Look for the next opportunities through **Christmas tree pick-up (Dec. 31st)**. Flyers and sign-up sheets are now available at meetings and on the website. More details in this newsletter. Next year's fundraising opportunity will start with Spring flower sales.

Fundraisers for Your High Adventure Accounts and Troop Expenses

These programs help each scout earn his own way on those High Adventure trips that he wants to go on. It's never too early for a scout to start his own individual High Adventure account which the troop maintains. Many boys have been able to fund their entire big-ticket trips from accumulating earnings over the years. Look for details at the end of meetings near the bulletin board or from special handouts.

Fabulous Troop Fundraising Activity: KROGER GIFT CARDS - \$\$ Turn your grocery shopping into funds for our Scouts in Troop 629 at no cost to you! Why not participate?

Join Troop 629 families in this fabulous, painless and easy monthly fundraiser. By just participating in this generous Kroger program at no cost to you and in conjunction with your normal routine of buying groceries for the family, our **troop receives 5%** of our total gift card orders each month. These funds go directly to keep the costs down on each of our monthly activities and to help pay for various troop operational costs and scholarships. The gift cards can be used at any Kroger store or Kroger fuel center [during each use your purchase is deducted and 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 or e-mail **Susan Cook (678-297-7766; ssbcook@bellsouth.net)** with this information:

- Name; Address; Phone #; E-mail address; Amount for Monthly Kroger gift card (i.e. \$25; \$40; \$50; \$75; \$100, \$200...etc.)

Orders are placed at the end of the month for the following month. At the beginning of the month, Susan will mail your Kroger gift card to you (with enclosed reminder of amount owed and her address to send payment). Return payment in the mail to Susan (requested to be received by the 22nd of the month) or you can bring payment on to Monday night troop meeting and give to Susan.

*****SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES*****

Service project opportunities are available almost every weekend. Ask yourself when you say you're bored: Am I really *bored* or am I just being *lazy* and not really looking to get involved? Active participation for each rank is simple but many are making it difficult to meet this requirement. Active quite literally means showing up and the participation part is just as simple ... you've got to get out and do something at least.

Many **service opportunities** exist and are open to all. Why not sign up for a few exciting service opportunities with one of your scout friends today? Flyers and handouts with details are available at the meetings, check out the troop calendar below or express your interest with the SPL and SM as to how you can get involved - it's easy - just ask! Or you can email Noreen Mitchell at nakmitchell@yahoo.com for some ideas.

Celebrate the Upcoming Holidays in a Very Special Way

Lots of service projects are just plain fun while helping others, such as ushering at football games, helping other scouts with Eagle projects or fundraising for your High Adventure accounts. Consider over the next few weeks choosing a service project that you can participate in with your family as a very special way to celebrate together during the holiday season. Many local charities are especially in need of the community's support during this very busy time of year. These organizations and the families that they help are very appreciative of your support through your time and donations. If you don't already have a local charity that you are familiar with, please email Noreen Mitchell at nakmitchell@yahoo.com for some suggestions. What a great way to earn those service hours while knowing you are making a difference in another person's life right here in the community!

*****CANDY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS*****

Which troop outing was your favorite this year? Why?

Who answered November's question and earned candy?

Kevin D. My favorite troop outing this year was the U.S.S. Alabama. I liked it because we were able to see the huge battleship and spend time there. It was also fun because we didn't have to fix any of the food.

Ryan D. My favorite troop outing this year was Sea Base. It was fun because we were on a ship sailing around the Florida Keys. Our captain was amazing and the trip was a lot of fun!

Austin D. The backpacking trip to Blood Mtn. because it was the only "big" trip I have been able to attend this year. It was also my first time backpacking. It was hard work but fun.

Adam D. My favorite trip was summer camp because it was a week of fun hanging out, rafting, and having fun in classes. It was also fun because I was in charge.

Next month's question: What sports do you play? Which one is the best?

Scouts, email your responses to pluspcubed@mindspring.com (must include your name) or bring to a troop meeting. Thanks to those who sent in a response.

*******MAKING HISTORY*******

(A section dedicated to articles submitted by Troop Historians)

Troop Historian Daniel B.:

Appalachian Trail Hike: 2006

This year for our popular hike through the Appalachians, our leaders decided to divide the troop so that the newer scouts wouldn't be staggering to catch up. On the way to our campsite, the older scouts, who were going to Philmont, hiked a longer route of about nine miles, while the younger scouts hiked six. Lucky for them, the scouts who hiked the six-mile route arrived about an hour earlier than the older scouts, and the rain. As the second group ran in, so did the rain. The tents were soaked! And it was a cold, wet evening.

The next morning was better, with rekindled spirits we packed up, ate breakfast, and left our campsite for the five-mile hike to the pickup point, which took us through sleet and ice coming off the pine trees, and a few steep hills and slopes, but we were all so excited to be almost home the hike only took about 2 ½ hours.

Once we were at the pickup point, we had church, and then the cars came to take us home. Unfortunately, at the rest stop, we lost two cars, which showed up about fifteen minutes later. Overall, I enjoyed this hike. (Except for the part where I got rain in my tent, I will never enjoy that.)

Troop Historian, Will H.:

Achievements to Remember - Troop 629 newest Eagle Scouts:

Our two newest Eagle scouts are Tim Reidy and Alex Sevy. Both passed their District Boards of Review Sept. 28, 2006. They joined the rolls of over 40 prior Troop 629 scouts who have attained BSA's highest youth advancement award. Way to go, guys!

Saturday, October 14, 2006 - The Roswell Youth Day Parade & Scout Expo:

All of the Troop 629 scouts were invited to attend and to assist at the local 56th Annual Youth Day Parade and Festival in the heart of beautiful, historical Roswell, Georgia. The theme for Saturday's parade was "Families ARE #1 in Roswell." These festivities were part of "Youth Week" which was sponsored by the City of Roswell to honor and support our youth. It was a bright, sunny fall day, and after the morning parade Outback Steakhouse's Festival was held at the Roswell Area Park. Our troop had fun showing the Scout Spirit in our community while also earning Service Hours. The troop and adult volunteers assisted with Outback's festival set-up. Your Troop 629 Historian, Will, was in attendance, but was required to march with his high school JROTC team. So he interviewed fellow Scout Blake C. for the scoop on troop activities.



Blake said, "We set up tables and games, we supervised the rides, we gave out food to we got free food!" Thanks go to Scout James D. and his dad, the Chattahoochee District's 2006 Scout Expo Events for all their help in making this an all around great day for

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the tables down the people, and Mr. Mike D., coordinator everyone!

2006 Annual Popcorn Sale:

Troop 629's annual popcorn sale began September 1 and ended October 30, 2006. All over \$1,000 worth of popcorn wins an iPod! Martin J. was the first to sell over \$1,000 worth of popcorn. Colin C. came in with a grand total of over \$1,000 worth of popcorn. Since Martin already has an iPod at home, he showed the true spirit of the prize to Colin. That's a lot of corn, Martin and Colin! Runner-up was \$569 in sales. Special recognition goes to one of our first year scouts, Ben M., who did an unbelievable job with \$485 in sales. Awesome!



Scouts were given a the first scout to sell over \$1,000 and popcorn as well. scouting by offering Philip L.-S. with

Many scouts sold door-to-door, to friends and family, and every Saturday in September we manned a popcorn table in front of our local Jo-Ann Fabrics. This is the third year Dale's pop, Mr. Frank R., has headed up the project. Thank you, Kernel R.! Keep on popping!

2006 Ushering at Georgia Institute of Technology:



For over fifty years Scouts from the Atlanta Area Council have ushered at the Georgia Tech football games. The opportunity to usher at the Bobby Dodd Stadium at Grant Field is made available to all troops, crews, posts, and teams. Scouts and leaders render a worthwhile and fun community service and enjoy the excitement of Georgia Tech Football.

Scouter Aron N., who was one of the ushers, agreed to share his memory of the afternoon with us. "Tech played Notre

Dame. We arrived early before the game and sat in the bleachers. Then we were given instructions on how to usher. Each boy got a patch and we sat in our designated section, which was very near the field, before the game and watched the players and the cheerleaders do pre-game practice. The crowd began to arrive and we ushered through the 1st and 2nd quarters and then got to watch the game. By then, there was a full crowd so there was not even room left for us to sit on the bleachers. We got free meal tickets, which was good, because the food was really expensive. We had a meal of hotdogs and colas. The coolest part was watching a live game. All of the Tech students sat in three sections at the End Zone. They were really wild. Looking down on their section all you could see was gold: they wore gold face paint, and shirts, and even gold wigs."



Georgia Tech vs. Notre Dame
Notre Dame 14- Georgia Tech 10

*****BE PREPARED*****

New to the Troop and Have Some Questions?

We recently held a meeting for the parents of the new scouts and you may have not been able to attend. Gregg Brasher would be happy to field your questions or schedule another meeting, depending on the interest. In order for your son to benefit from the program, it is very important that you are involved in the process. We want to be sure that you are knowledgeable about how the troop works, how your son advances, the trips, etc...If you have an interest in meeting or speaking with Gregg about the program, please email him at g.brasher@comcast.net

Patrol Leaders Council - Next PLC is set for December 21st, 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.

December patrol outings

Our patrol leader's council has normally set aside patrol activities for the month of December. Look for details by each patrol to conduct small group service and fun activities which we hope every scout will take time to participate in with his group.

Scoutmaster's Notes on High Adventures for 2007

For those scouts 14 and older adventures include a New England ski trip over Martin Luther King weekend January 12th-15th, Bahamas tall ship sailing in April, Rocky Mountain backpacking in Philmont, NM in June and if interest is given, a backwoods Canadian canoe trip in July with Northern Tier. If you haven't made your interest known and signed up for your High Adventure – what are you waiting for? See the Scoutmaster at the weekly meeting or the web site <http://www.troop629.org/Adventure/adventure.htm> for more info. Parental information fliers have been given out the forms and initial payments are now due.

Next Court of Honor – January 29, 2007

All scouts and their families are invited to recognize those accomplishments over the past few months. It is a great place to re-confirm next year's activities and how they all fit together for each scout. Hope to see you all there.

Life to Eagle Candidates

Is your project stalled? Do you need fresh ideas or perspective? Does your project plan address the expectations of the Chattahoochee District? Contact Mr. Walker at bob@walker-ga.org.

Trip Paperwork – It is important

Prior to each trip we ask for a permission slip for a scout's participation to ensure we have the parents' concurrence and have the latest info on that scout. This permission slip is important for each activity and should be carefully completed including if you can help with the driving to and from any activity. Please fill them out completely and have them in by their deadlines so we can gather the proper resources to carry out each and every activity. Please make your intentions known early so we can properly make reservations for everyone and have the food and travel arrangements ironed out. Adults wishing to participate are *always welcome and appreciated*. However, we do require each to be registered, complete the minimum training and have an updated physical. Details and troop website links can be found in the *****ADULT INVOLVEMENT***** section in this newsletter.

Troop meetings start at 7:15 PM and end by 8:45 PM each Monday. Full uniform is expected unless otherwise noted. Merit badge work time is limited to the designated “game time” only at each meeting. If it is a patrol competition night then there is no merit badge time at those meetings. Scouts are expected to be active members of their patrols and cannot be constantly away working on their own advancement. Scouting is not just about the individual scout – Scouting is Outing, using the patrol method and working with the group. *Please dress appropriately for the weather as some activities are outside at night. (Be Prepared)*

Religious Award Opportunity

Every so often there is an opportunity for a scout to attend a workshop to work on his own on a religious award of various faiths. Our district has one of those workshops coming up in December for Jewish Emblems. This workshop is aimed at ages up to 9th grade, however, if you are older and interested in receiving a Jewish Emblem, you can use this contact number for helpful information. It will be held on December 10th, 3:30-5:30, \$5. Contact Sandi Rudoph at sandi@sandi13r.com or call her at 770-521-1770 for more specific details.

“YOU’VE GOT TO READ THE BOOK”

Scouts in our Troop earn merit badges **only** after they have read the entire merit badge book and have met with a designated approved adult who will verify the completeness of all the requirements. Clinics and camp earned badges are to be verified with this process as well to ensure quality control over the process being used to help a scout actually learn the expected materials. When a scout is ready to get checked out by a counselor, he needs to ask Mr. Gillis to direct him to an approved counselor for that particular merit badge. Troop meetings **are not** the normal place to accomplish merit badge verifications, but rather with adult counselors at separate settings. Advancements to achieve Scout through First Class are conducted during Troop meetings and that is where new scouts need to be concentrating their time. Merit badge help nights are on the **second Tuesday of each month from 6-7PM. The next MB Help Night is December 12th, 2006.**

GreenBar staff applicants

Interviews of applicants by the council will be **December 3rd**. The approximate staff course dates for the GreenBar Leadership Training this summer are: **Week 1: May 25 – June 2; Week 2: June 1 – 9; and Week 3: June 8 – 16.**

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>

*****A SCOUT IS THRIFTY*****

Lending Closet

A lending (and donating) closet of items from gear to uniforms is available to Troop 629 scouts. Our closet has recycled items that any scout can seek to use or have just for the asking. Those who have items to pass along are also encouraged to do so for the next thrifty scout.

Patrol food items

Non-perishable (left over) food from camping trips that can be reused needs to be turned in with the patrol gear at the end of each trip and is 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.

*******ADULT INVOLVEMENT*******

Behind the scenes of any great Troop are many helpful adults doing their part to keep the activities and events running smoothly. If you have some time and can help out, please see our committee chair, Wendy Kraemer, to find out which areas are open for your assistance.

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 Scoutmaster 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 Training: All adults wanting to participate in any of our activities have a number of pre-training requirements we like to and need to have accomplished depending on the activity. It's best to get your qualifications completed early so when that trip comes up that you want to go on, you aren't scrambling to get in. Many of the courses are held on limited basis. Check our web site under Training for the minimum needs and look for notices of when the classes are coming up.

So now you are ready to get started? Want more insight on what scouting is all about?

Your first step is to click on this link <http://www.troop629.org/forms/adult%20ldr%20app%2028-501.pdf> then print and complete the **Adult Application** and give to Kathleen Narayanan at the next troop meeting. Your next step begins your training- go to <http://www.troop629.org/training/training.htm> and click on **Youth Protection Training** and follow it through to the end. After you've completed this simple on-line course, you are on your way to being trained.

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

Archaeology	Dentistry	Plant Science	Skating
Bugling	Medicine	Railroading	Textile
Climbing	Model Design	Reptile/Amphibian	Waterskiing
			Whitewater

BSA and Sponsor Websites

We are Chattahoochee District (www.cdbsa.org) and Atlanta Area Council (www.atlantabsa.org). These websites have additional information regarding upcoming events.

Troop 629 is sponsored by **Mount Pisgah United Methodist Church** www.mountpisgah.org

Our sponsor, Mount Pisgah Church is presenting a Christmas program called **The North Atlanta Christmas Festival** this year. It is a free family event which includes contemporary and classic Christmas musical selections. There will be two performances, **December 16th and 17th, both at 7:00pm.** *All are invited and welcome.*

Please send all email address changes, deletions and additions to this address: spluspcubed@mindspring.com Do you know of a troop adult or scout who is not receiving their newsletter by email and would like to be included? Forward this copy to them and have them send me their name and email address.

Why not print out the troop calendar and post it near your family calendar? Remember to verify dates often on the website and bulletin board.

December 2006

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<u>26</u> <u>Nov</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>1</u> <u>Dec</u>	<u>2</u>
	7:15p -8:45p Troop Meeting Webelos Visit GB staff appl. due					Patrol Outings/Service
<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
Patrol Outings/Service 6:00p -7:30p Committee Meeting GB staff interviews	7:15p -8:45p Troop Meeting					Patrol Outings/Service Thrasher Scout Day
<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>
Patrol Outings/Service 4:00p Eagle Court of Honor: David White & Dan Tinsley	7:15p -8:45p Troop Meeting	MB help Night room A019		7:30p RT & OA Meeting	Hanukkah	Patrol Outings/Service Hanukkah
<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>
Patrol Outings/Service Hanukkah	Hanukkah 7:15p -8:45p Troop Meeting Board of Review	Hanukkah	Hanukkah	Hanukkah 7:00p -8:00p Patrol Leader's Council	Winter Vacation Hanukkah	Winter Vacation Hanukkah
<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>
Winter Vacation	Winter Vacation	Winter Vacation	Winter Vacation	Winter Vacation	Winter Vacation	Winter Vacation
Christmas Eve	Christmas Day Christmas (Fed)					
<u>31</u>	<u>1</u> <u>Jan</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
Winter Vacation	Winter Vacation	Winter Vacation	Winter Vacation	Winter Vacation	Winter Vacation	Winter Vacation
New Year's Eve Christmas Tree Pickup	New Year's Day (Fed) No Troop Meeting			Winterplace WV Ski Trip	Winterplace WV Ski Trip	Winterplace WV Ski Trip