



BOY SCOUT TROOP 629 NEWSLETTER



January 2007

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

A new year already and scouting for T629 is off and running – we re-scheduled our annual ski trip to WV for Feb. 16th – 19th as the event looked more and more like *water skiing* rather than snow skiing. With only 6 of the 28 runs open, warm weather and rain scheduled for the time we would be there, it was not shaping up to be an exciting time to be on the ski slopes. Look for the revised paperwork soon on our website or at one of the upcoming meetings. Many activities are already slated for January and as some of the details have changed, please keep up with those changes by looking at the website on a regular basis. As we get any updates we will let you know. Our special “behind the scenes” GA aquarium trip is slipping from Jan. 20th to Feb. 3rd. Special thanks goes out to Chris Cotney for handling the Christmas Tree pick-up program and to all who helped make it a success this year.

Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failure, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company ... a church ... a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice everyday regarding the Attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past ... we cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on one string we have, and that is our Attitude. They say that life is 10% what happens to us and 90% how we react to it. And so it is probably with you ... we are in charge of our Attitudes.

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

January Reminders:

- Jan 1st: New Year's Day (No Troop Meeting)
- Jan 4th - 7th: (WV Ski Trip moved to Feb. 16th – 19th)
- Jan 7th: Troop Committee Meeting
- Jan 9th: Merit Badge Help Night
- Jan 11th – District Roundtable
- Jan 12th - 15th: NH Ski Trip
- Jan 15th: Martin Luther King Day (yes, there is a Troop Meeting)
- Jan 16th: Philmont Leader Training
- Jan 18th: Patrol Leaders Council Meeting
- Jan 20th: GreenBar Staff Orientation ~ (GA Aquarium Trip moved to Feb. 3rd)
- Jan 21st: Eagle Court of Honor for Alex Sevy, Tim Reidy, Pete Knoetgen
- Jan 22nd: Board of Review
- Jan 26th - 27th: Lock-in
- Jan 27th: Centenary Tree Planting
- Jan 29th: Court of Honor

February Reminders:

- Feb 3rd: GA Aquarium trip (moved from Jan. date) and Gladiator Scout Day
- Feb 4th: Scout Sunday at Mount Pisgah Church and Troop Committee Meeting
- Feb 8th: District Roundtable
- Feb 10th – 11th: Pine Mountain Backpacking
- Feb 13th: Merit Badge Help Night
- Feb 15th: Patrol Leader Committee Meeting
- Feb 16th – 19th: WV Ski Trip (moved from Jan. date)
- Feb. 19th: Board of Review and Presidents' Day
- Feb 24th: Green Bar Staff Training

*****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 troop activities and catch up on any of the latest changes. Click on Calendar for the most current information. You'll also find more meeting dates and service project opportunities. The troop annual calendar has been formulated by the Patrol Leaders Council, who has a special meeting once a year to plan 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 Jan. 26th – 27th**. Flyers and sign-up are available at troop meetings ~ Money and permission slips **due by Jan. 22nd**. ***** After a few more details have been ironed out, the troop is planning a special “behind the scene” bonus to the **Georgia Aquarium** trip which has now been **moved to Feb. 3rd**. The date and details are looking firm. Look for more details in the flyers at meetings and website. ***** **Sea Base** scouts need to submit their physicals, update payments and copy of their passport to the SM. Those are **due now** as we need to finalize travel plans. ***** **Philmont** scouts need to get their slips, money and physicals into SM so we can start checking off the “what is required” list. The next practice hike for all is **Feb. 10th - 11th** backpacking trip at **Pine Mountain**. Plan to be there and get your 50-mile practice overnight hike requirements a little closer to that completion. The backpacking trip is open to all registered troop members. Permission slips and money **due by Feb. 5th**. ***** Get ready for a great cool weekend of **skiing at Winterplace in West Virginia, February 16th – 19th (Fri. – Mon.)**. Did you notice that the date is in **RED** and has changed since the last newsletter? 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. The time to plan is now! **More details on this trip in this section below regarding new date and another opportunity to sign up for the trip.** ***** **Okefenokee Swamp Trip** is the next fun event on the fun Troop radar. Mark your calendar for **March 10th – 12th**. Money and permission slips **due by March 5th**. Flyers are out at meetings and on website.

Next Troop Board of Review – January 22nd

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

Lock-In <http://www.troop629.org/forms/Overnight%20lockin%20jan%202007.pdf>

Ga. Aquarium Trip <http://www.troop629.org/forms/aquarium%2001%2007.pdf>

Pine Mountain Backpacking

<http://www.troop629.org/forms/pine%20mt%20backpack%2002%2007.pdf>

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

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

Okefenokee Swamp Trip

<http://www.troop629.org/forms/Okefenokee%20Swamp%20Trip%2007.pdf>

Eagle Camp 2007 <http://www.miltonbsa.org:80/index.php?section=pages&id=109>

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 January committee meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, January 7th at 6:00** at the Mount Pisgah Dining Room on South Campus.

Annual Ski Trip to West Virginia



***** Due to mild climate and poor ski conditions, we are **rescheduling** the ski trip. ***** You will not want to miss this trip on **February 16th – 19th (Fri. – Mon.)**. We will now leave **Friday night at 5:30 pm** and return to Mount Pisgah on **Monday at 5:00 pm**. After a wonderful night sleep in beautiful Charlotte, we are off again and will arrive at Winterplace Ski Resort on Saturday morning. We will ski all day and into the night on Saturday (yes, they have night-skiing). We will be

staying at a luxurious hotel in Princeton, WV, just minutes from the slopes. On Sunday 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. 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/>

We will send another email letting you know the cost of the trip. We have space for 21 scouts and five adults. Giving preference to the scouts that originally signed up, we have openings for three more scouts. This will be on a first come, first serve basis. At this point, we are not certain that all 19 signed up for the original trip can go on the rescheduled trip, therefore please email Gregg if you would like to go. Depending on the number that actually goes, we may need another adult driver. If you have an interest in going or questions, please contact **Gregg Brasher** at g.brasher@comcast.net

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

EAGLE COURTS OF HONOR

A special Eagle Court of Honor has been planned to celebrate and present these awards to three of our newest Eagles. Tim Reidy, Alex Sevy and Pete Knoetgen are being recognized on **January 21st**. The location will be at the North Campus of Mount Pisgah Church, Room S305 (upstairs) at 4:00 pm. A reception will immediately follow ceremony. *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 DECEMBER:

EAGLE: (none this month)

LIFE: Daniel B.

STAR: (none this month)

FIRST CLASS: Jake B.

SECOND CLASS: Aaron D.

TENDERFOOT: Aaron D. and Palmer B.

SCOUT: (none this month)

Troop Leader Training Completion:

Collin C.; Blake C.; Grayson C.; Adam D.; James D.; Joe D.; Alex K.; Jacob M.; Stevie M.; Robby M.; and Aroon N.

Annual Re-charter/Membership

A big "thank you" to Mount Pisgah United Methodist Church for their continued support of the Scouting program. In early December we finalized membership for the upcoming year. Currently we have 66 Scouts with 49 active adults which include several Eagle Scouts who are now adult members. We usually have about twenty new scouts on an annual basis that crossover from the local packs to our troop in the spring. Thank you Erica Fica for handling the Annual Re-charter for Troop 629 which included the update of scout membership records along with fees for each scout.

Another Success!

Have you ever volunteered to help out for an event that was so well-organized that it ran like clockwork! 'No', you say ... Well, you should have volunteered for the Troop Christmas Tree Pick-Up where the event was run like a well-oiled machine. BE PREPARED. Thank you, Chris Cotney, for another successful troop fundraiser.

A Word of Thanks From the Head Tree-Gathering Elf, Himself

Thanks to all the adult volunteers and water-resistant scouts who worked diligently to make this year's Christmas tree recycling fundraiser a slick operation. The outdoor challenge was fun as well as providing a recharge to our spirits and our high adventure accounts. Thanks again for your support of Troop 629 and all the best in 2007 to our intrepid scouts!

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

Missed the opportunity to earn High Adventure \$\$\$? Don't despair ...

Fundraising programs provide our scouts an opportunity to earn their own way on those High Adventure trips as well as skiing and summer camp. 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 your next opportunity through the troop's Spring Flower Sale. Informational flyers will be available at meetings near the bulletin board and on the website as soon as the ground thaws! Look for details in this newsletter.

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.

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.

Scout Sunday at Mount Pisgah Church

February 4th is the annual **Scout Sunday** where the Scouting program is recognized by our sponsor, Mount Pisgah Church. All are welcome. Please plan to attend one of the two services (9:30am and 11:00am) and wear your uniforms proudly. Your participation is also needed by serving as cheerful greeters. Please email Gregg Brasher g.brasher@comcast.net or Wendy Kraemer wkraemer@bellsouth.net or look for them or your SM at the next troop meeting to volunteer your services.

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

What sports do you play? Which one is the best?

Who answered December's question and earned candy?

Greg G. I play flag football and lacrosse. I think the best sport is lacrosse because it is fun. You get to hit other kids with the lacrosse stick to knock the ball out of their net and you get a lot of exercise.

Grayson C. I wrestle. Wrestling's a good sport.

Next month's question: How do YOU motivate yourself to finish a tough or strenuous activity like hiking, canoeing, biking, backpacking, caving...

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

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

New to the Troop and Have Some Questions?

Last year, we 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 January 18th, 2007.

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.

CPR Saturday is coming in 2007

March 3, 2007 will be **CPR Saturday** conducted by the American Red Cross and Kaiser Permanente at several locations and times during that day. This event only comes once every year and is **free** (\$45 value) for you to get CPR trained, valid for one year. It is open to anyone 12 years old and over and will take about 4 hours or less. Although Red Cross isn't ready to start taking reservations yet, it isn't too early to mark this important day on your calendar. The available times and locations fill up quickly with advance reservation. As soon as they release registration details, we'll let you know. Meanwhile, it should appear on this page on their website soon:

http://www.atlantaredcross.org/site/c.csJLKZPLJvH/b.992139/k.9F0E/Special_Events.htm The information line set up for registration and questions is 404-575-3094 (currently has last year's information on the recording).

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.

Eagle Camp 2007

April 1 – 7 at FFA Camp Covington, Georgia. Eagle Camp is an intensive one-week merit badge advancement camp that will guarantee the necessary safeguards and facilities, while developing a Scout's responsibility, resourcefulness, self-reliance and a sense of loyalty to the principals as set forth in the Scout Oath and Laws. Eagle Camp is a rigorous program for goal-oriented achievers, for Scouts who are sincerely interested in earning Eagle. Undecideds, fence-sitters, couch potatoes, etc. need not apply! This is a full-blown, aggressive merit badge program. Eagle Camp will offer a full sports, nature, outdoor package. This is an upscale program with tremendous challenges and rewards. Application due before April 1st. Check out this website for more details and application <http://www.miltonbsa.org:80/index.php?section=pages&id=109>

Next Court of Honor – January 29, 2007

All scouts and their families are invited and encouraged to attend this special ceremony to recognize scouts' 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.

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 visit the web site <http://www.troop629.org/Adventure/adventure.htm> for more info.

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. Include details 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. Time spent on Merit badge work 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)*

"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 January 9th, 2007.**

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>

Council-Sponsored Events

Check our website for more opportunities for activities and training through the council. Individuals from our troop are welcome to participate in any of these special events. You will see some on our

troop calendar, i.e. Gladiator Scout Day, GT Football Ushering, Braves Scout Day, Centenary Tree Planting ... <http://www.atlantabsa.org/>

*****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 (leftover) 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.

Why Pay Full Price When You Can Get It At A Discount?

We have some outdoor equipment stores in the area that want your scout's business and will offer a discount on some or all of their products *just because he is a scout*. Here are a few that our adult leaders have found (email me with your own discoveries of stores that support scouts by giving a scout discount). Most stores want to see your scout membership card and it is always a good idea to verify with an employee prior to purchase that the discount is still offered:

~Call of the Wild; 10% off of all CAMPING items; 425 Market Place, Roswell; 770-992-5400

~REI; 10% off at Customer Service; 3 local locations; 770-901-9200, 404-633-6508, 770-831-0670

~Dick's; 10% coupons off of specific items (troop bulletin board); Northpoint Pkwy.; 770-521-1195

*****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, wkraemer@bellsouth.net to find which areas 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 **770-740-8496** or kathleen@avalonintl.com. No experience required. (Unfortunately, unit leaders and assistant unit leaders may not serve as a BOR member.)

Looking for One Good Friend

We are desperately seeking a volunteer for Friends of Scouting. This is a once-a-year project which involves sending letters to each scout family in our troop requesting donations for the Scouting program. This will require a couple of meetings with the district. If you can spare a couple of hours, we need you. Please email **Wendy Kraemer, wkraemer@bellsouth.net**, to let her know you'd like to fill this position.

Popcorn Should Be a Food Group!

This is an open position (wide open!) for our annual troop fundraiser. If you currently do not have a position with our troop, *please volunteer*. We need you and will help you learn the ropes. The most recent organizers of this fundraiser to whom the troop is grateful are Frank Rocchio, Alvaro Munoz and Frank Rivest. If you are motivated by troop appreciation for your good deeds, then this position is for you. Add your name to this list of leaders who have lead this important troop fundraiser over the years.

Golden Eagle Breakfast ~~~ from Steve Dorvee, Golden Eagle Breakfast Chairman/Roswell ~~~

On Feb. 27th, Chattahoochee and Milton Districts will be conducting a Golden Eagle Breakfast at the new Holiday Inn, Roswell. The breakfast is designed to raise money from the community, particularly businesses, for scouting. This effort is separate and apart from the Friends of Scouting campaign directed at scouting families. *Of an immediate need* are the names and addresses of potential table hosts, as well as suggestions of business and civil leaders who may be interested in attending the breakfast. We are looking for \$1,000 commitments, but quite frankly, we are more interested in getting local businesses to participate than in getting them to donate large sums. If you have any leads for businessmen and women in the area that you think would be good table hosts (whose job is to invite 5 to 10 prospects and to secure pledges from those who cannot attend the event), please pass those names and addresses along to me as soon as possible. If you have the names of prospects that we should invite to the breakfast, please forward the information to John Roland, our District Executive, jroland@atlantabsa.org. I am trying to develop a more comprehensive address list so that we can increase attendance and giving to exceed last year's amounts. When you forward the addresses along, I would appreciate it if you would let me know if I can or cannot use your name when I contact the prospective table hosts and other prospects. Feel free to email me. Thank you for your help.

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 website 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
Bugling
Climbing

Dentistry
Medicine
Model Design

Plant Science
Railroading
Reptile/Amphibian

Skating
Textile
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

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.

January 2007

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<u>31</u> Dec	<u>1</u> Jan	<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 Meeting					
<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>
Winter Vacation	7:15p -8:45p Troop Meeting	MB Help Night		7:30p RT & OA Meeting	Venture NH Ski Trip	Venture NH Ski Trip
6:00p -7:30p Committee Meeting						
<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>
Venture NH Ski Trip	Venture NH Ski Trip ML King Day (Fed) 7:15p -8:45p Troop Meeting	Philmont Leader Training-VSC		7:00p -8:00p Patrol Leader's Council		GB Staff Orientation
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