

BOY SCOUT TROOP 629 NEWSLETTER

March 2007

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

DOWNLOAD THIS NEWSLETTER AT www.Troop629.org

Scoutmaster Minute by Fran Gillis

Place a young boy, bright and shining with God's Grace, into a free and hopeful nation. Add a large helping of Mother's love, and a touch of Father's, too, a full measure of Scoutmasters' patience and generosity, kindness and care from Assistant Scoutmasters, camaraderie and friendship from a number of boys, and support and help from their parents; plenty of assistance and encouragement from family, friends, and community.

A kind word in a moment of doubt, a gentle reprimand in a moment of weakness, a helping hand, a guiding thought, understanding and forbearance, in full measure.

Immerse for years in a Scouting atmosphere, warming thoroughly with good examples on every side.

When done, decorate with badges, and serve to the world.

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

March Reminders:

- Mar 3rd:** Centenary CPR Training ~ Green Bar Staff Training 2B ~ Scout Day Universoul Circus
- Mar 4th:** Quartermaster Cleanup~Troop Committee Mtg~District Crossover~Scout Night at Thrashers
- Mar 8th:** District Roundtable ~ Order of the Arrow Meeting
- Mar 10th:** Scout Day with Harlem Globetrotters
- Mar 10th – 12th:** Okefenokee Swamp Trip
- Mar 12th:** No Troop Meeting
- Mar 13th:** Merit Badge Help Night
- Mar 15th:** Scout Day at the Capitol ~ Patrol Leader's Council Meeting
- Mar 17th:** St. Patrick's Day ~ Scout Day at the Races
- Mar 23rd – 25th:** Chattahoochee District Camporee
- Mar 24th:** Centenary National Park Cleanup
- Mar 24th – 25th:** Green Bar Staff Training 3
- Mar 25th:** Eagle Recognition
- Mar 26th:** Summer Camp signup due
- Mar 30th – Apr 8th:** Sea Base Bahamas
- Mar 31st – Apr 3rd:** AT Backpacking
- Mar 31st – Apr 8th:** Spring Break

April Reminders:

- Apr 1st:** AT Backpacking (begins Mar 31st, returns April 3rd) ~ Troop Committee Meeting
- Apr 1st – 8th:** Spring Break (begins Mar 31st) ~ Sea Base Bahamas (begins Mar 30th)
- Apr 8th:** Easter

Apr 9th: ITOLS-O
Apr 10th: Merit Badge Help Night
Apr 12th: RT & OA Meeting
Apr 13th – 15th: ITOLS
Apr 14th: Centenary Adopt-A-Mile
Apr 15th: Eagle Ceremony for Adam Norris
Apr 16th: Board of Review
Apr 19th: Patrol Leader's Council
Apr 20th – 22nd: Green Bar Staff
Apr 21st: Garage Sale and Car Wash
Apr 21st – 22nd: WFA-BASR

*****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 ...

Okefenokee Swamp Trip is the next fun event on the Troop's "Fun Radar". Mark your calendar for **March 10th – 12th**. Money and permission slips **due by March 5th**. Flyers are out at meetings and on website. ****** AT Backpacking** is set for **March 31st – April 3rd**. This will be a shakeout for Philmont Trek so all food and gear is being setup as a crew, just like you will do at Philmont. Permission slip and money is due **March 26th**. Pack-check and food-sorting will be **March 28th**. ****** Philmont** scouts need to get their slips, money and physicals into SM so we can start checking off the "what is required" list. ******** Scouts attending **Sea Base** trip over Spring Break 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. ****** Woodruff Summer Camp** flyers and information is out. **Dates are from June 10th to June 16th**. **First deposit was due on February 5th**, but don't despair, there is still time for you to get on the list. Find your Scoutmaster and talk to him. Information is handed out at troop meetings and more information can pull up the information.

Next Troop Board of Review – April 16th

*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

Spring Flower Sale <http://www.troop629.org/flowers/index.htm>

Scout Day with Atlanta Thrashers

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?orgkey=1456&id=19383>

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>

AT Hike <http://www.troop629.org/events/events.htm>

Chattahoochee District Camporee

<http://www.troop629.org/forms/District%20camporee%2003%2007.pdf>

Scout Day with Harlem Globetrotters

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?orgkey=1437&id=19968>

Boy Scout Day at Georgia State Capitol

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?orgkey=1456&id=19972>

2007 Summer Camp Staff

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?orgkey=1457&id=15846>

Sea Base Bahamas Tall Ship

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

Summer Camp info <http://www.troop629.org/camping/summercamp2007.htm>

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

Pictures - (AT Hike, Callaway Biking, Sandy Springs Festival, USS Alabama, Georgia Tech Ushering, and more...) <http://www.troop629.org/pictures/pictures.htm>

Good Turn For America Centenary Opportunities <http://www.atlantabsa.org/>

All Scout Day Events <http://www.atlantabsa.org/>

Friends of Scouting <http://www.cdbsa.org/Events/FOS/FOS.htm>

Troop Committee Meeting

Our March committee meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, March 4th from 6:00pm – 7:30pm** at the Mount Pisgah Dining Room on South Campus.

Quartermaster Cleanup

The PLC has planned a day, **March 4th from 2pm to 5pm**, to clean the patrol boxes. The job is a whole lot easier with lots of helping hands from scouts and adults. If you've been on a camping trip or high adventure trip, you know how much action those boxes, camping and backpacking gear get. If you've never participated in a QM Cleanup, someone will give you a task with instructions. Cleanup is essential to make those trips go smoothly. Please show up in the Mount Pisgah parking lot where the trailer is parked to help clean and organize.

Troop 629's Spring Flower Sale Fundraiser Has Sprung!



Packets were distributed at Monday's meeting on Feb. 26th (*but you can still get yours if you missed it*). The scouts have 4 weekends to sell. **Orders are due** to be turned in on Monday night **March 26th**. Upon your return from spring break the flower orders will be delivered for **pickup after noon on Friday April 13th** at the back lot of the Mount Pisgah South Chapel. Orders can also be handily placed on the troop's website <http://www.troop629.org/flowers/index.htm>. This fundraiser is designed especially to boost the individual scouts' High Adventure accounts. It has one of the highest profit margins of the troop's various fundraising events, and there are scouts who earn hundreds of dollars every year from it.

Parents, please encourage your scout to sell Troop 629's spring flowers to fund their high adventure account. They make \$5 for every hanging basket they sell; \$4.00 for every patio planter; \$3.50 for the 4.5" flats; and \$4.20 for the 3.5" flats. *The money adds up fast.* Kids need help with planning which weekends they will be in town to sell, they also need someone to walk them around (or they can go with another scout) and they need help learning HOW TO sell to adults. Selling flowers is a great way for scouts to practice speaking with adults. Our scouts role-played with my husband and me. We demonstrated what to say, how to say it (timing, looking person in the eye,...) and then had our sons practice. When we role-played, they even came to the door and rang the bell! It can be fun, rather than being a chore.

For information about the flower sales contact **Chris or Leslie Cotney** at the Monday troop meetings.



Chattahoochee District Camporee








“Scout Olympics” will be held **March 23rd – 25th** at Camp Jamison section of Bert Adams Scout Reservation. Transportation will be provided from Mount Pisgah and back again. Fee for camping/food (it’s a bargain!) and permission slip are due **March 19th**. See **Flyer** section above for the web link to informational flyer. Your Patrol Leader (PL) and Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) can answer your questions regarding the Camporee.

Green Bar National Youth Leadership Training

Those scouts who are 13 and First Class by the end of May, **registration is now** on-line for you to begin the sign up process. This is a week-long course, offered three different times during May and June. Go to the Atlanta Area council web site www.atlantabsa.org/ (click on Program/Services... Training ... Greenbar NYLT) or use the Troop 629 web site training tab.

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

ADVANCEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY:

-  **EAGLE:** (none this month)
-  **LIFE:** (none this month)
-  **STAR:** Blake C.
-  **FIRST CLASS:** Benjamin M.
-  **SECOND CLASS:** (none this month)
-  **TENDERFOOT:** Robbie W.
-  **SCOUT:** (none this month)

Behind the Scenes

A special note of congratulations and extra thanks for contributing extra special time go to both **Frank Cook** and **Julie Deaton** have been putting in Behind the Scenes in Chattahoochee District as key staff members. Going above and beyond, Frank is this year’s District Commissioner and Julie has been the District Finance Coordinator. Thanks again for this special support to our scouting youth to the local area.

Generous Donation

Again this year we have been extremely fortunate to be able to continue our special leadership scholarship fund for all of our developing youth leaders through the generous donation of **David Lu**, MEHA Engineering, Inc. This fund goes directly into our scouts High Adventure account to reimburse them for any expenses associated with improving their leadership skills and training which comes back to our unit in better trained youth. The annual Green Bar National Youth Leadership Training and trips out to Philmont for National Advanced reimbursed by the Troop scholarship is directly supported by this generous donation for our scouts. Pass along your thanks to David when you see him next time.

*****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. **Your next opportunity is**

currently under way with the Troop's Spring Flower Sale. Informational flyers are out at meetings on the website! 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. Sign up for Centenary projects at <http://www.atlantabsa.org/> - there are several this month from which to choose.

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.

Save the Date!

The American Cancer Society **Relay For Life** of Alpharetta will be held **May 11th and 12th**. Scouts will participate in luminaria sales as well as the walk, luminaria lighting, and fundraisers at the event. Watch for updates on the Troop website as well as next month's newsletter for further information. Meanwhile, more information can be found on Relay For Life website www.alpharettarelayforlife.org.

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

Friends of Scouting

Scouting families can look for a letter to arrive in the mail from **Friends of Scouting** (a council fundraising program). The money collected pays for crucial services that support our excellent scouting programs in the Atlanta Area Council. See **Flyers** section for the FOS link for more information. Please consider answering the plea with your generous support. Thank you very much for whatever you choose to contribute.

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 March 15th, 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. Meet in Room A008.

A special Eagle Court of Honor is being planned to celebrate the troop's newest Eagle Scout, Adam Norris. *Congratulations Adam!* The ceremony will be held on **Sunday, April 15th** to honor Adam's achievement. Please look for more details in the April newsletter. These are very special recognition evenings and we hope that all scouts will attend with their families.

B.S.A. Religious Emblems Program

"A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties..." "On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God..." What's a great way for a Scout to demonstrate his "duty to God"? The B.S.A. Religious Emblems Program. A religious award is available to Scouts of all major religions. You can earn the award for your faith by meeting certain requirements of religious study and service. Work on these awards is done with a religious leader of your faith and your parents. Please contact Mr. Mike Deaton (mdeaton@mindspring.com) for more information on how to get started in the program.

2007 Summer Camp at Woodruff

Summer Camp 2007 flyers are out and registration has begun. Make sure you get your copy and have you merit badge selections in by **March 26th** so you have the best possible chance at getting your first choice options. All information is also on our web site under the camping tab or see the link in the **Flyers** section above. See your SM with questions.

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>

Careful Planning Insures Successful Projects

Our annual **Carwash and Garage Sale** is on the troop calendar for **April 21st**. Please consider holding onto any unwanted items for the troop as you clean out a closet or clear out a space. Ask your neighbors to do the same thing. The troop benefits greatly from these sales. Thanks!

Next Court of Honor – May 7th, 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 Bahamas tall ship sailing in April and 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 March 13th, 2007.**

Order of the Arrow meeting on March 8th



Every month on the second Thursday there is a district O.A. gathering open to O.A. members. See your O.A. Representative, Philip K., for details: <http://www.cdbsa.org/Pages/OA.htm>

Council-Sponsored Events

Check the council's website for more opportunities for activities and training. 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, Centenary Tree Planting, CPR Saturday, and National Park Cleanup... <http://www.atlantabsa.org/> (click on the Good Turn For America emblem)

Scouting Engagement Study Results are Posted

Council releases local study where Boy Scouts and their parents were surveyed on the effectiveness of the Boy Scout program.

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?orgkey=1437&id=19591>

*****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 holds 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 re-used 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 on-going. 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 led this important troop fundraiser over the years. Please email **Wendy Kraemer**, wkraemer@bellsouth.net to tell her you are the troop's next Popcorn Kernel!

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	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

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.

March 2007

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>1</u> Mar	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
	7:15p -8:45p Troop Meeting Board of Review					Centenary CPR GB Staff Trng 2B Scout Day Universoul Circus
<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
Purim 2:00p -5:00p Quartermaster Cleanup 6:00p -7:30p Committee Meeting Scout Night at Thrashers District Crossover	7:15p -8:45p Troop Meeting			7:30p RT & OA Meeting		Okefenokee Scout Day with Harlem Globetrotters
<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>
Okefenokee Start Daylight Saving Time	Okefenokee NO Meeting	MB help Night		7:00p -8:00p Patrol Leader's Council Scout Day at Capital		St. Patrick's Day Scout Day at the Races
<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>
	7:15p -8:45p Troop Meeting				District Camporee ??	Green Bar Staff District Camporee ?? Centenary National Park Cleanup
<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>
Green Bar Staff District Camporee ?? Eagle recognition	7:15p -8:45p Troop Meeting				Sea Base Bahamas	Sea Base Bahamas AT Backpacking Spring Break