



# BOY SCOUT TROOP 629 NEWSLETTER

*April 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

When you join an organization such as scouting you are making a commitment to follow up on its goals and objectives. At times you are confronted by decisions to either participate with the Troop events or other activities in your life. Supporting the balance and opportunities for other events is certainly what we promote and never have asked for 100% participation to remain active in our program, not like other inconsiderate organizations. However, there are times when you have committed to more than just being one of our members, but a leader in our scout unit and with that responsibility comes the commitment that scouting should be the priority and obligation for your endeavors. We hope that we are always not the last option on what to do each week. There is also the expectation that even if something that seems more important to you this week comes along that you follow up with your previous commitment to our unit and its programs.

Confronting these decisions honestly each week eventually marks you for the type of individual that you will be known for and marks you as either someone who is dependable or not as a true contributing member of our team.

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

### April Reminders:

**Apr 1<sup>st</sup>:** Troop Committee Meeting

**Apr 1<sup>st</sup> - Apr 3<sup>rd</sup>:** AT Backpacking (begins Mar 31<sup>st</sup>)

**Apr 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>:** Spring Break (begins Mar 31<sup>st</sup>) ~ Sea Base Bahamas (begins Mar 30<sup>th</sup>)

**Apr 8<sup>th</sup>:** Easter

**Apr 9<sup>th</sup>:** ITOLS-O

**Apr 10<sup>th</sup>:** Merit Badge Help Night

**Apr 12<sup>th</sup>:** RT & OA Meeting

**Apr 13<sup>th</sup>:** Spring Flower Distribution

**Apr 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>:** ITOLS

**Apr 14<sup>th</sup>:** Centenary Adopt-A-Mile

**Apr 15<sup>th</sup>:** Eagle Ceremony for Adam Norris

**Apr 16<sup>th</sup>:** Board of Review

**Apr 19<sup>th</sup>:** Patrol Leaders Council

**Apr 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Green Bar Staff

**Apr 21<sup>st</sup>:** Garage Sale and Car Wash

**Apr 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>:** WFA-BASR

**Apr 23<sup>rd</sup>:** New Parent Info Meeting (info below)

**Apr 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>:** Troop Outing (location to be confirmed)

**Apr 28<sup>th</sup>:** Troop 1134 Merit Badge Clinic

## May Reminders:

May 5<sup>th</sup>: Renaissance Festival tentative

May 6<sup>th</sup>: Troop Committee Meeting

May 7<sup>th</sup>: Court of Honor

May 8<sup>th</sup>: Merit Badge Help Night

May 10<sup>th</sup>: RT & OA Meeting

May 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>: OA Ordeal @ WSR

May 12<sup>th</sup>: Helen Tubing tentative

May 17<sup>th</sup>: Patrol Leaders Council

May 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>: OA Ordeal @ BASR

May 19<sup>th</sup>: Setup Day for Green Bar ~ Armed Forces Day ~ NESA Merit Badge Day

May 21<sup>st</sup>: Board of Review

May 25<sup>th</sup>: Last Day of School (Fulton County)

May 27<sup>th</sup> - June 2<sup>nd</sup>: Green Bar Week 1

May 28<sup>th</sup>: Memorial Day

## Welcome New Scouts and Families

*It is Crossover "season" and Troop 629 would like to welcome our new group of incoming scout members and their families. Our newsletter will help you keep up with what you don't get to hear about from the meetings ☺ and help in transitioning from Cub Scouting to Boy Scouting. Adults, please don't overlook the \*\*\*\*\*Adult Involvement\*\*\*\*\* section of the newsletter that has good information on how you can be involved in the troop by getting trained and volunteering for a variety of positions. Your involvement will affect the benefits your son and his friends receive from the program. (Thank you). We're glad you're here.*

## \*\*\*\*\*DEADLINES AND DATES\*\*\*\*\*

*Please frequently visit our web site [www.troop629.org](http://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 ...

**AT Backpacking** is set for **March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 3<sup>rd</sup>**. 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. **\*\*\*\*\* 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 High Adventure** over Spring Break should have submitted their physicals, fees and copies of their passport to the SM. Travel plans are being finalized. **\*\*\*\*\* April 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>** will be a troop outing. The actual location has not been confirmed at this point. Flyers will be out after spring break and posted to our website. Details will also be out in the Mid-April Update **\*\*\*\*\* Woodruff Summer Camp** information has been distributed. **Dates are from June 10<sup>th</sup> to June 16<sup>th</sup>**. The first and second deposits have already been collected. The **final deposit is due May 7<sup>th</sup>**.

## Next Troop Board of Review – April 16<sup>th</sup>

*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 **B.O.R.** Reminder: **Full Class “A” uniform** and **Scout handbook** are **required** for participation in a **Board of Review**.

## Flyers

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

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

2007 Summer Camp Staff

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

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

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

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

T-1134 Merit Badge Clinic <http://www.meritbadgenet.net/mbn/EventDetails.aspx?ID=146>

Pictures - (AT Hike, Callaway Biking, Sandy Springs Festival, USS Alabama, Georgia Tech Ushering, 2006 Summer Camp and more...) <http://www.troop629.org/pictures/pictures.htm>

## Friends of Scouting

Scouting families should have received a letter and pledge card 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 above for the FOS link for more information. Please consider answering the plea with your generous support. (You'll receive this year's new council patch.) **Thank you** very much for whatever you choose to contribute by returning your pledge card at the next troop meeting.

## Troop 629's Spring Flower Sale Fundraiser Has Sprung!



**The ordering phase has been completed.** Upon your return from spring break the flower orders will be delivered for **pickup after 2:00pm on Friday April 13<sup>th</sup>** at the back lot of the Mount Pisgah South Chapel. For information about the flower sales contact **Chris or Leslie Cotney** at the Monday troop meetings.

## Annual Fundraiser Garage Sale and Car Wash

These two troop fundraising events will be held together on Saturday **April 21<sup>st</sup>**, 8 am to 3 pm, Mount Pisgah Church, South Campus. Have your car washed while browsing the bargains at the garage sale. All funds raised are used by our Troop to purchase camping equipment and supplies used for outings. Volunteers for both areas are appreciated. This is another excellent opportunity to earn money for your High Adventure account. Please contact Dorothea Norris [doronorris@yahoo.com](mailto:doronorris@yahoo.com) or Jerry Sevy [jsevy@prattindustries.com](http://jsevy@prattindustries.com). Look for the sign-up sheet at the Troop Meetings.

*SPRING CLEANING???* Save your unwanted items and tell your neighbors to save theirs too. Donations of Garage Sale items are gladly accepted **Fri., April 20<sup>th</sup>** from 6 pm to 9 pm in the parking lot by the Counseling Center. Desired items are: Baby items, toys, clothes, small appliances, tools, hardware, sporting goods, bikes, household items, furniture, collectibles, working computers, books and other items.

## New Parent Info Meeting

For all of you new parents who feel like you have more questions than answers about Boy Scouts, we will have a separate meeting for you during the regular Monday night troop meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will meet at 7:15 pm at South Hall with the boys, and then break off to discuss an overview of the troop, advancement, importance of summer camp, and anything else you want to talk about. We will have a second meeting in May to talk specifically about what to bring to summer camp, etc.... Gregg Brasher and Albert Bodamer will be fielding your questions.

## 2007 Summer Camp at Woodruff

Summer Camp 2007 flyers are out and registration has begun. Information is on our web site <http://www.troop629.org/camping/summercamp2007.htm>. Merit badge selections were turned in **March 26<sup>th</sup>**. Find your Scoutmaster (SM) and talk to him if you want to go, but need help getting your paperwork and fees in order.

## Green Bar National Youth Leadership Training

Those scouts, who are 13 and First Class by the end of May, may register on-line to attend Green Bar. This is a week-long course, offered three different times: **Week 1 is May 27<sup>th</sup> - June 1<sup>st</sup>**; **Week 2 is June 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>**; and **Week 3 is June 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>**. Go to the Atlanta Area council web site [www.atlantabsa.org/](http://www.atlantabsa.org/) (click on Program/Services... Training ... Greenbar NYLT) or use the Troop 629 web site <http://www.troop629.org/training/greenbar.htm>.

\*\*\*\*\*SCOUT HANDSHAKE\*\*\*\*\*

 EAGLE~ LIFE~ STAR~ FIRST CLASS~ SECOND CLASS~ TENDERFOOT~ SCOUT

## ADVANCEMENT DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH

Congratulations to all scouts who advanced in rank. We will list you along with all of the new advancements in the May Newsletter. Great job on your hard work!

## Thank you Good Friend

Thank you, **Nat Padget**, for answering the troop's plea for leadership of the annual program, **Friends of Scouting**. Your willingness to help is what makes our troop so great for the boys.

## 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. **Opportunities are currently under way with the Troop's Garage Sale/Car Wash. Informational flyers are out at meetings and 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 family grocery shopping, 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](mailto: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. Susan will mail your Kroger gift card to you at the beginning of each month (with enclosed reminder of amount owed and her address to send payment). Return payment in the mail to Susan (she should receive this by the 22<sup>nd</sup> of the month) or you can bring payment on a Monday night troop meeting and give to her.

## \*\*\*\*\*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](mailto:nakmitchell@yahoo.com) for some ideas.

## Registration now open for Relay For Life

Troop 629 will continue its tradition of supporting The American Cancer Society **Relay For Life on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 5pm to 11pm at Northview High School**. Scouts will assist with luminaria lighting as well as other Relay activities, so be sure to sign up today! Contact **Nan Brown at 770-642-6859** for further information. ~~~~~ Scouts and parents may register to participate on-line at [www.alpharettarelayforlife.org/](http://www.alpharettarelayforlife.org/). In the **Get Involved** section, select "**sign up**"; at the bottom of the **waiver/agreement**, click "**I agree**"; select "**Join a Team**"; enter "**Boy Scout Troop 629**" then select "**Join Team**". Complete registration information. You will need to either have your parents sign up with a credit card or contact **Nan Brown ([nantbrown@hotmail.com](mailto:nantbrown@hotmail.com))** for directions to complete the registration. From this website, you may also send emails to family and friends requesting donations in support of your walk.

\*\*\*\*\***BE PREPARED**\*\*\*\*\*

**Patrol Leaders Council - Next PLC is set for April 19<sup>th</sup>, 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** has been planned to celebrate the troop's newest Eagle Scout, **Adam Norris**. *Congratulations Adam!* The ceremony will take place on **Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm** to honor Adam's achievement and will be held in Room S305, which is located upstairs in the new Sanctuary building on the North Campus (not the South campus where the troop usually meets). This is a very special recognition evening and we hope that all scouts will attend with their families.

**Update Your Contact & Medical Information**

It is important that we have your son's most current emergency information on a Class 1 form at all times. **Class 1 is necessary to attend weekly meetings and is valid for one year from date of signature.** A parent/guardian can update it by reviewing the Class 1 on file, noting any changes and initialing it with a new date. Please ask Sue Knoetgen ([spluspcubed@mindspring.com](mailto:spluspcubed@mindspring.com)) or Fran Gillis to pull your scout's medical file to make changes as they occur. Or you can click on the Troop Forms link <http://www.troop629.org/forms/Districtforms/Medical%20Form%20Class%201%20and%202.pdf>, print a new Class 1&2 and fill out the Class 1 portion (sign and date it) and have your scout hand it to Mr. Gillis or Mrs. Knoetgen. **Class 2 form is signed by a doctor (valid for 3 years from exam date) and is needed for outings that extend past 72 hours (this would be summer camp!).** **Class 3** is only necessary when signing up for a High Adventure trip.

**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](mailto:mdeaton@mindspring.com)) for more information on how to get started in the program.

**Next Court of Honor – May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

All scouts and their families are **invited and encouraged to attend** this special ceremony to recognize scouts' accomplishments over the past few months. This includes our new scouts who will be presented their first badge ~ Scout ~ *after completing the instructions in Chapter 1 of the Handbook as well as participation in a Scoutmaster Conference.* It is a great place to re-confirm the year's activities and how they all fit together for each scout. It is held in lieu of a regular troop meeting, same time, same place. Hope to see you all there.

**NESA Advancement Day**

This is a great opportunity to start on some merit badges you've been missing. It will be held on **May 19th at Georgia Perimeter College, Clarkston Campus** [http://www.gpc.edu/Campus\\_Maps/index.html](http://www.gpc.edu/Campus_Maps/index.html). The classes will include all three Citizenships (Community, Nation and World); Communications; Emergency Preparedness; Fire Safety; First Aid; Personal Fitness; and Personal Management. More details (including fees) will follow during April meetings and the Mid-April Update.

## 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, 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 April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007.**

### Order of the Arrow meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup>



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](mailto:wkraemer@bellsouth.net) to find which areas open for your assistance.*

### Troop Committee Meeting

Our April committee meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00pm – 7:30pm** at the Mount Pisgah Dining Room on South Campus.

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



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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/](http://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](http://www.cdbsa.org)) and Atlanta Area Council ([www.atlantabsa.org](http://www.atlantabsa.org)). These websites have additional information regarding upcoming events.

Troop 629 is sponsored by **Mount Pisgah United Methodist Church** [www.mountpisgah.org](http://www.mountpisgah.org)

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[spluspcubed@mindspring.com](mailto: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.

# April 2007

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
Sea Base Bahamas	Sea Base Bahamas	Sea Base Bahamas	Sea Base Bahamas	Sea Base Bahamas	Sea Base Bahamas	Sea Base Bahamas
AT Backpacking	AT Backpacking	AT Backpacking	Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break
Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break	Passover (Pesach)	Maundy Thursday Passover (Pesach)	Good Friday Passover (Pesach)	Passover (Pesach)
Palm Sunday April Fool's Day 6:00p -7:30p Committee Meeting	Erev Passover (Pesach) 7:15p -8:45p Troop Meeting	Passover (Pesach)				
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
Sea Base Bahamas	Passover (Pesach)	Passover (Pesach)		7:30p RT & OA Meeting	ITOLS Spring Flower Distribution	ITOLS Centenary Adopt a Mile
Spring Break	7:15p -8:45p Troop Meeting	MB Help Night				
Easter Sunday Passover (Pesach) Easter Sunday	ITOLS-O					
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
ITOLS 6:00 Eagle Ceremony Adam Norris	Taxes Due 7:15p -8:45p Troop Meeting Board of Review			7:00p -8:00p Patrol Leader's Council	Green Bar Staff	Green Bar Staff
						Garage Sale & Car Wash WFA-BASR
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
Green Bar Staff WFA-BASR	7:15p -8:45p Troop Meeting New Parent Info Meeting				Troop Outing To Be Announced	Troop Outing TBA T-1134 MB Clinic
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Troop Outing TBA	7:15p -8:45p Troop Meeting					Renaissance Festival ??