



BOY SCOUT TROOP 629 NEWSLETTER

August 2007

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Scoutmaster Minute by Fran Gillis

Congratulations to our two newest Eagle Scouts, Kevin Dalton and Jamry Jones, who passed through their Eagle Board of Review at the end of June. As they are both off to college soon they have planned for their presentation at the end of our August 6th meeting. Pass along your congratulations when you see them.

Our Troop over the years has been very flexible with meeting all the needs of our scouts to participate in a variety of activities as they grow into manhood. We could be more demanding in absolute participation in our activities as do many of the coaches and band directors but we understand the need for a broad background in each individual program development. However, we have some scouts that have started abusing that liberal policy to point of not even trying to participate in any activities or events over a significant portion of their available time. They still think they can just walk back in and get their Eagle Scout completed at the last minute before they are 18. Some have the audacity to believe that the adult volunteers are just sitting around waiting for them to show up, drop what they are doing and then pass them along without pushing to demonstrate their best. They also believe that participation is just being a "paper registered member" and all is well. Scouting is about leadership (which means you have to participate with the group), about team work utilizing the patrol method as well as participating in activities and functions while you are going through the whole experience. Each part of your development requires some commitment and scouting expects it as well. If you haven't been on an outing or participated in an event outside of normal troop meetings in over a year you are not an "active member" of the scouting program. In fact your patrol leader's council implemented a policy awhile back which many are not even coming close to. That policy is to participate at least five unit events for "each rank" and that three overnights be part of those activities. When was the last time you checked if you are meeting that criteria? Scouting cannot be the last thing on your list if you are still pushing towards Eagle. You have to make the time for scouting as you do for sports, other activities and your other programs need to be the second choice after scouting for some of those times.

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

August Reminders:

Aug 1st: 100-Year Celebration for BSA

Aug 5th: **No Committee Meeting (cancelled)**

Aug 6th: Jones/Dalton ECOH after Troop Meeting (8:00 pm)

Aug 9th: White Water Park (**New Date!**) ~ RT & OA Meeting

Aug 13th: School Begins in Fulton County ~ Return to wearing Class A shirt

Aug 14th: Merit Badge Help Night

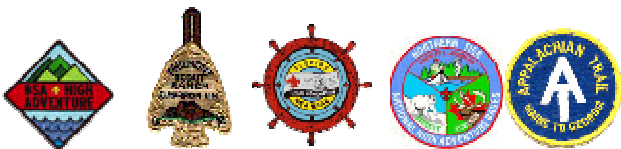
Aug 16th: Patrol Leader's Council Meeting
Aug 17th-19th: Lake Allatoona: Back to Basics
Aug 20th: Board of Review
Aug 25th: 2nd Home Depot Merit Badge College
Aug 27th: Court of Honor

September Reminders:

Sept 2nd: **Committee Meeting moved to Sept 9th**
Sept 3rd: Labor Day (Yes, there is a Troop Meeting)
Sept 9th: Committee Meeting (Annual Kick-off) **(new date)**
Sept 10th: Popcorn & Flower Sales begin!
Sept 11th: Merit Badge Help night
Sept 13th: RT & OA Meeting
Sept 14th – 16th: COPE/Survival Outing ~ OA Fall Fellowship
Sept 17th: Board of Review
Sept 19th: Half-Day of School (Fulton County School)
Sept 20th: Patrol Leader's Council
Sept 23rd: Scout Day with Braves

*****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 ...

~~~~~ **August 9<sup>th</sup>** (\*\*This is a date change\*\*) brings another planned troop event with a trip to **White Water Park**. Permission slips were due **August 6<sup>th</sup>** and this will help determine if we have enough participants to receive a group rate. ~~~~~ There will be a **Back to Basics** program at **Lake Allatoona** on **August 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>**. Permission slip and money due by **Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>**. Detailed flyers and signup sheets are displayed at troop meetings. ~~~~~ **2<sup>nd</sup> Home Depot Merit Badge College** (clinic) will be held on **Aug 25<sup>th</sup>** at Roswell High School. The last day to register will be **Aug 17<sup>th</sup>**. Details about available badges, cost, time and web link can be found in this newsletter in a separate paragraph. ~~~~~ Looking into October, the scouting outing will be announced shortly. ~~~~~ High Adventure for 2008 includes ski trips to NH and maybe Colorado, Sea Base to the Bahamas over spring break and Northern Tier canoe base for July. Sign up to go – space is limited – ask if you don't see a sign-up sheet - reserve your space with your deposit.

### Flyers

White Water Park <http://tinyurl.com/2doads>  
Lake Allatoona: Back to Basics <http://tinyurl.com/2b6pex>  
2<sup>nd</sup> Home Depot Merit Badge College <http://tinyurl.com/2rwxpg>  
Braves Scout Day <http://www.atlantabsa.org/>

Tons of Troop Pictures - Summer Camp 2007, Cloudland & Caving ... <http://tinyurl.com/2yetln>  
Scout CPR Saturday <http://www.goodturn.net/>  
Sea Base 2008 <http://tinyurl.com/2jbzh3>

### White Water Park



Another troop day-trip is planned for **August 9<sup>th</sup>** for an outing to **White Water Park**. Permission slips will be **due by August 6<sup>th</sup>**. **These are different dates than what have been previously posted.** If you have a season pass or your own ticket, you may use it. We will be able to obtain a group ticket rate with at least 15 scouts in order to get a savings of \$13 per ticket from the gate price. We will need parents to help drive to and from so please look at your calendar and volunteer to help if you are available. <http://tinyurl.com/2doads>

### Lake Adventure and Fishing Trip Outing

Another fun outing to look forward to in August will be on **Lake Allatoona**. **August 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>** will be a weekend of camping, fishing and boating. Permission slip and \$27 will be **due by August 13<sup>th</sup>** to save your spot on the adventure. Flyers and sign-up sheets are available <http://tinyurl.com/2b6pex>

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Home Depot Merit Badge College

This is a *great opportunity* to attend a merit badge clinic close to home on **August 25<sup>th</sup>** and it is only ½ day! It will be held at Roswell High School (11595 King Road, Roswell) between 8:00 am and 12:30 pm. **Last day to register is August 17<sup>th</sup>**. A variety of 40 merit badges will be offered. See this link for all the details – read carefully about prerequisites <http://tinyurl.com/2rwxpg>. Register on-line at <http://www.meritbadge.info/index.html>. For addition questions, please email **Rodrigo Cano** at [rcano@bellsouth.net](mailto:rcano@bellsouth.net) with Troop 1776 who is hosting this clinic.

### Next Troop Board of Review – August 20<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**.

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

### Eagle Court of Honor

**A special Eagle Court of Honor** is planned to celebrate two of the troop’s newest Eagle Scouts, **Kevin Dalton and Jamry Jones**. *Congratulations Jamry and Kevin!* The ceremony will take place immediately after the Monday Troop meeting in South Hall on **August 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm** to honor their achievements. Please plan to stay (don’t run off). Refreshments will be served following the ceremony. This is a very special recognition evening and we hope that all scouts will attend them with their families.

🏅 EAGLE~🏅 LIFE~🌟 STAR~👤 FIRST CLASS~👤 SECOND CLASS~👤 TENDERFOOT~👤 SCOUT

### Advancement Congratulations for the month of July go to:

- 🏅 **EAGLE:** Kevin Dalton and Jamry Jones
- 🏅 **LIFE:** (none this month)
- 🌟 **STAR:** (none this month)
- 👤 **FIRST CLASS:** Dylan L.
- 👤 **SECOND CLASS:** (none this month)
- 👤 **TENDERFOOT:** Michael P. and Nicholas S.
- 👤 **SCOUT:** Kevin A. and Bo S.



### **We have new Popcorn Co-Kernels!**

**Lisa Dekle, Darlene Lemcoe** and **Susan Durrance** are the troop's new Co-Kernels of the Popcorn Kingdom! Our popcorn fundraiser kicks off in September so look for information coming out soon about how we can help support our troop and scouts in earning High Adventure money.

### **Troop 629's Newest Elf!**

Many thanks go to **Ted Jaeger** as one of the troop's newest parent volunteers. Ted has agreed to assist the grand ole' elf himself, **Chris Cotney**, with the annual Christmas tree pickup. As this is a major High Adventure money-maker for the scouts, it takes a lot of volunteer hours. Later in the year when they send out their plea for help, please thank them and support them with a few hours from your busy schedules.

### **A Towel-Snapping Salute!**

A few months ago **Cliff Brown** agreed to be the troop's new King of the Car Wash, but as with every successful fundraiser, it takes many hands to make it profitable (and fun). Luckily for the troop, **Pete Johns** knows the true spirit of volunteerism and has agreed to grab a drying towel and a water hose and help Cliff organize this popular annual event. Thank you both for giving your time and dedication to our scouts. We look forward in 2008 to another day of squeaky-clean cars, and wet and happy participating scouts who earned more money for their High Adventure accounts.

### **"Why Re-Invent the Wheel?" Organizer**

'Thank you' is in order for troop parent **Judi Dammann** [jdamma@bellsouth.net](mailto:jdamma@bellsouth.net) who has stepped up to fill a need that existed. In order to help **Bob Walker** streamline our LifeTo Eagle program and make it more effective for our scouts who are seeking that perfect Eagle Scout project, Judi will be organizing various successful Eagle projects completed by our numerous troop Eagle Scouts in the past.

## **\*\*\*\*\*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. Keep an eye on the newsletter, website and troop bulletin board for future opportunities (**popcorn and flowers sales begin September 10<sup>th</sup>**) to *sign up* and earn. These both are excellent opportunities to earn 'big money' for your High Adventure account as well as help the troop.

### **Troop 629 Scout Activity Scholarships**

Through a community service work effort, opportunities are available to all our scouts who may have a temporary cash flow problem. Troop 629 believes that no scout should be denied participation in a troop outing or event because of this very solvable problem. We can help each scout earn his own way easily enough by working off his payments with approved service hours. Just ask Scoutmaster Gillis to work out your scholarship 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.

### **Volunteers needed for CPR Saturday**

Over 60 slots for are open for both adults and scouts to participate in CPR Saturday being organized by the Atlanta Area Council. You can sign up on line at [www.goodturn.net](http://www.goodturn.net). Ten classes for CPR and AED training will be staggered on **December 8<sup>th</sup>**, beginning at 8:30am and ending with the completion of the 2:20pm class. Sign up now so AAC can plan their program knowing they have volunteer support from our members.

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

### **Troop Meeting and Uniform Change**

As Fulton County schools are back in session on **August 13<sup>th</sup>**, our troop goes back to our **normal schedule** during Monday troop meetings. That means scouts return to **wearing their Class A shirts with appropriate shorts/pants/socks to meetings** and can expect to return to our more structured meeting schedules.

### **Patrol Leaders Council – August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

Our **annual Troop planning meeting** took place during the **Patrol Leaders Council** meeting in May with our newly elected and appointed troop leadership. Our new calendar of events for the upcoming year has been posted on the troop website calendar.

### **Save Room for Spring Flowers**

Team **Cotney** has agreed to again head up our Spring Flower sale for the troop. "Open Season" will be **September 10<sup>th</sup>** (same day as Popcorn Sale kickoff). By the end of this month, *Scouts*, please carefully look at all of those signup sheets and informational flyers at troop meetings as there will be

many opportunities to help your troop and also earn a lot of money that will go into your High Adventure accounts. Adult leaders will also be needed on various levels participation.

### **A Scout's Responsibility**

A scout's advancement record is only as accurate as the information he has provided to the record-keeper. It is the individual scout's responsibility when working with his youth leaders and assigned adults on his advancement to make sure all updates are given to our **Advancement Chairperson, Mrs. Narayanan.**

### **Den Chief Positions**

There are available den chief positions for scouts who have achieved First Class and above. Please see your Scoutmaster for approval and to sign up for den chief training.

### **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 [rkwalker54@yahoo.com](mailto:rkwalker54@yahoo.com).

### **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)) or look for him at a troop meeting for more information on how to get started in the program.

### **Next Court of Honor – August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

All scouts and their families are **invited, encouraged (and expected) to attend** this special ceremony to recognize scouts' accomplishments over the past few months. We will catch up on all the awards and recognitions for our scouts and scouter's since May. 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.* Also on this night, **ASM Mike Deaton** will be honored for his completion of Scouting's premiere training course – **Wood Badge.** Wood Badge is designed to give Adult Scouters the leadership and training skills needed to provide a high quality Scouting program for the youth of America. Court of Honor 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.

### **Scoutmaster's Notes on High Adventures for 2008**

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. Check out the **Flyer** section at the top of this newsletter referencing a new **Sea Base 2008** trip. 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://tinyurl.com/25p4mw> 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 schedule resumes August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007.**

### **Sign up for Scout CPR Saturday (December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007)**

Yes, I know you are saying “Why are we worrying about activities in December?” The Atlanta Area Council is offering an opportunity to train 1000 scouters (Adult leaders, youth and parents) in Adult CPR and AED skills. Adults and some scouts are required to be CPR-qualified for High Adventure trips. Frequently, there is a mad scramble to find a facility to get this done at the last minute. Since a scout believes in ‘being prepared’, take advantage of this excellent opportunity by going on line at [www.goodturn.net](http://www.goodturn.net) to sign up.

### **\*\*\*\*\*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.

#### **Grubby Details**

During some troop outings, patrol food is purchased by scouts working on advancement requirements (Grubmasters). Families are asked to purchase designated food from a list provided and then they are reimbursed by the Troop Treasurer. Families can ask for an advance and handle reconciliation after the trip.

#### **Leftover Patrol Food**

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 costs for future trips and eliminate 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 of 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.

### **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:

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

~Dick's: 10% off by showing your BSA card or with 10%-off-coupons on specific items (posted on troop bulletin board); Northpoint Pkwy; 770-521-1195

~Brigade Quartermaster, Marietta: 10% off by showing your BSA card; 770-428-6870

### **\*\*\*\*\*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.*

### **Needed ~ Hot Cocoa Coordinator and Caramel Apple Coordinator**

Help is needed to plan for the annual October Troop meeting held at Newtown Park. This is *wildly-popular* with the scouts as it is a fun outdoor meeting with the tastes and scents of fall in the air. We need two volunteers - one to coordinate the hot cocoa and one to coordinate the caramel apples for the troop. Please contact **Wendy Kraemer**, [wkraemer@bellsouth.net](mailto:wkraemer@bellsouth.net) to let her know you are available. If all you have is a brief spurt of time to give in volunteer hours, this is your chance to help out the troop.

### **Troop Committee Meeting Updates for August and September (Annual Kick-Off Meeting info)**

*Our August committee meeting has been cancelled.* The next committee meeting scheduled is our Annual Adult Kick-Off meeting and will be on **Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm** in the Mount Pisgah Dining Room on South Campus. This annual meeting welcomes all troop adults to attend, share a dinner provided (for a small price) and find out what is on the agenda for the upcoming year and how they can participate. More information in greater detail will be announced as this date gets closer.

### **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.)

### **BSA License Plates**

The GA Motor Vehicle Division is now offering Boy Scouts of America "In God We Trust" specialized license plates. These plates will not be manufactured until 1000 are ordered. You may request this tag at your county tag office during the established application period (01-01-2007 thru 12-31-2008) with the \$25 manufacturing fee per tag. Important: If the required number of 'paid' requests (1,000) is not received by the deadline (12-31-2008), these tags will not be manufactured & the manufacturing fees will be refunded. Click here to find out how you can help make this happen

<http://tinyurl.com/yswbrn>.



**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://tinyurl.com/2za3z7> 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://tinyurl.com/2cm36d> 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.

# August 2007

| Sun                          | Mon                                                                          | Tues                                | Wed                                    | Thurs                                           | Fri                          | Sat                          |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <u>29</u>                    | <u>Jul</u>                                                                   | <u>30</u>                           | <u>31</u>                              | <u>1</u>                                        | <u>Aug</u>                   | <u>2</u>                     |
| Greg Y Eagle<br>COH          | 7:15p -8:45p<br>Troop Meeting                                                |                                     | 8:00a 100 yr<br>celebration for<br>BSA |                                                 |                              |                              |
| <u>5</u>                     | <u>6</u>                                                                     | <u>7</u>                            | <u>8</u>                               | <u>9</u>                                        | <u>10</u>                    | <u>11</u>                    |
|                              | 7:15p -8:45p<br>Troop Meeting<br>8:00p Kevin<br>Dalton & Jamry<br>Jones ECOH |                                     |                                        | 7:30p RT & OA<br>Meeting<br>White Water<br>Park |                              |                              |
| <u>12</u>                    | <u>13</u>                                                                    | <u>14</u>                           | <u>15</u>                              | <u>16</u>                                       | <u>17</u>                    | <u>18</u>                    |
|                              | 7:15p -8:45p<br>Troop Meeting<br>School Begins                               | 6:00p -7:00p<br>Merit Badge<br>Help |                                        | 7:00p -8:00p<br>Patrol Leader's<br>Council      | Allatoona: Back<br>to Basics | Allatoona: Back<br>to Basics |
| <u>19</u>                    | <u>20</u>                                                                    | <u>21</u>                           | <u>22</u>                              | <u>23</u>                                       | <u>24</u>                    | <u>25</u>                    |
| Allatoona: Back<br>to Basics | 7:15p -8:45p<br>Troop Meeting<br>Board of<br>Review                          |                                     |                                        |                                                 |                              |                              |
| <u>26</u>                    | <u>27</u>                                                                    | <u>28</u>                           | <u>29</u>                              | <u>30</u>                                       | <u>31</u>                    | <u>1</u> <u>Sep</u>          |
|                              | 7:15p -8:45p<br>Troop Meeting<br>Court of Honor                              |                                     |                                        |                                                 |                              |                              |