



# BOY SCOUT TROOP 629 NEWSLETTER

**September 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

The close of the summer 2007 brings another special congratulation. Martin Jones became the latest who passed his District Board of Review, joining the roll of 50 other Troop 629 Eagle Scouts on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. When you next see Martin, pass along your "atta boy" and of course we will be having a special recognition later in the year for a formal Court of Honor for him.

We have a very active program this fall and it is important that you review the Troop website to keep on top of all the events and the changes that come with a dynamic program. Adjustments are made constantly to remain flexible to the scouts other activities. Our September outing is still being coordinated so look for a flyer in the next week or two locking in that activity. October is changing a little bit as well due to other conflicts. We have other events that are posted weekly on our bulletin board as they become known as well.

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

#### September Reminders:

- Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>: **No Committee Meeting moved to Sept 9th**
- Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>: Labor Day (Yes, there is a Troop 'Game' Meeting)
- Sept 8<sup>th</sup>: GA Tech Ushering ~ Certification Saturday (see *Adult Involvement* section)
- Sept 9<sup>th</sup>: Committee Meeting (Annual Kick-off, RSVP) (**new date**) ~ Walking With Dinosaurs~ NLE
- Sept 10<sup>th</sup>: Popcorn & Flower Sales begin!
- Sept 11<sup>th</sup>: Merit Badge Help night
- Sept 13<sup>th</sup>: RT & OA Meeting
- Sept 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>: COPE/Survival Outing (**COPE may move to Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> wknd**) ~ OA Fall Fellowship
- Sept 15<sup>th</sup>: Lake Allatoona Cleanup ~ GT Ushering
- Sept 16<sup>th</sup>: Popcorn Show 'n Sell @ JoAnns ~ Den Chief Training
- Sept 17<sup>th</sup>: Board of Review
- Sept 19<sup>th</sup>: Half-Day of School (Fulton County School) ~ SALT I of III
- Sept 20<sup>th</sup>: Patrol Leader's Council
- Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>: Popcorn Show 'n Sell @ JoAnns
- Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>: Scout Day with Braves
- Sept 26<sup>th</sup>: SALT II of III
- Sept 29<sup>th</sup>: GT Ushering ~ Rotary FunFest Service Project
- Sept 30<sup>th</sup>: Zack Brasher ECOH

## October Reminders:

Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>: SALT III of III  
Oct 6<sup>th</sup>: Fright Fest (Six Flags)  
Oct 7<sup>th</sup>: Committee Meeting ~ Cavalcade Show/Booth  
Oct 8<sup>th</sup>: Columbus Day ~ Flower Sales Due  
Oct 9<sup>th</sup>: Merit Badge Help Night  
Oct 11<sup>th</sup>: RT & OA Mtng.  
Oct 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>: Troop Outing (Loggerhead turtle watch at Hunting Beach, SC)  
Oct 13<sup>th</sup>: 2007 Woodbadge Reunion  
Oct 14<sup>th</sup>: NLE  
Oct 15<sup>th</sup>: Board of Review  
Oct 18<sup>th</sup>: Patrol Leader's Council  
Oct 19<sup>th</sup>: Fall Flower Pickup  
Oct 20<sup>th</sup>: GT Ushering  
Oct 24<sup>th</sup>: Half Day of school  
Oct 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>: Scout Nights at Disney's High School Musical: The Ice Tour  
Oct 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>: Duty to God Encampment  
Oct 27<sup>th</sup>: Scout Day at NASCAR  
Oct 29<sup>th</sup>: Newtown Park Troop Mtng. ~ Popcorn Sale Ends  
Oct 31<sup>st</sup>: Halloween

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

~~~~~ Fright Fest (Six Flags) will be Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>. Look for flyers and signup sheets around mid-September. ~~~~~ The October scout outing will be **October 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>** and will be a trip to **Hunting Beach, SC** for loggerhead turtle watch service project and beach fun. Watch for information flyers and signup sheets during September meetings. ~~~~~ We need those scouts who are interested in our High Adventure/2008 programs to identify themselves now. Our H.A. winter ski trip will be to NH (or maybe Colorado), Sea Base to the Bahamas over April spring break and Northern Tier canoe base for July. These facilities have started to lock in details and *we need some head-counts* for proper planning. Sign up to go – space is limited – reserve your space with your deposit. Talk to the SM now to let him know your interest if you have not already done so.

## Flyers

Walking with Dinosaurs <http://tinyurl.com/2yex6v>

SALT (Adult Training) <http://tinyurl.com/2ts487>

Den Chief Training <http://tinyurl.com/yrceck>

NLE (Adult Training) <http://tinyurl.com/3yj959>

Braves Scout Day <http://www.atlantabsa.org/>  
Scout Ushering at Georgia Tech <http://tinyurl.com/2fxkgy>  
Tons of Troop Pictures - Summer Camp 2007, Cloudland & Caving ... <http://tinyurl.com/2yetln>  
Cavalcade <http://tinyurl.com/2owto7>  
Duty to God Encampment <http://tinyurl.com/2ktgc7>  
2007 Woodbadge Reunion <http://tinyurl.com/2boqjs>  
Scout Nights at Disney's High School Musical: The Ice Tour <http://tinyurl.com/2agsca>  
Scout Day at the Races <http://tinyurl.com/2mpgg5>  
Scout CPR Saturday <http://www.goodturn.net/>  
Sea Base 2008 <http://tinyurl.com/2jbzh3>  
Northern Tier <http://tinyurl.com/2zm7fm>

### **Troop Committee Meeting (Annual Kick-Off Meeting for Troop Adults) ~ RSVP needed**

Our Annual Adult Kick-Off meeting for the upcoming year will be on **Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** ~ dinner is from 5:00-6:00pm, meeting from 6:00-7:00 in the Mount Pisgah Dining Room on South Campus. This annual meeting welcomes all troop adults to attend, share a dinner provided (\$2 payable at the door) and find out what is on the agenda for the upcoming year and how they can participate. This year we will be serving a BBQ dinner. Please **RSVP to Wendy at [wlkraemer@bellsouth.net](mailto:wlkraemer@bellsouth.net)** with the number of family members that will be attending (this is an adult-only meeting – no children and/or scouts). Please note if you prefer chicken or pork BBQ or if you would prefer a salad.

### **Next Troop Board of Review – September 17<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**.

### **Sign up for Popcorn Show 'n Sell**

Two dates are now on the September calendar to get started with your troop popcorn sales. (The next two sections of this newsletter supplies more popcorn information.) **JoAnns** in the Northpoint area has been supportive of the scouts in the past and will again permit us to set up a table outside its doors to sell popcorn. The sales dates will be **September 16<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11:00 – 4:00** on both days. Sign up at meetings for shifts – this is an important step so ten scouts don't all show up at the same time, leaving no one later in the day. Direct questions during meetings to Mr. and Mrs. Dekle, Mrs. Durrance or Mrs. Kraemer.








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

### **Eagle Court of Honor**

A special **Eagle Court of Honor** is being planned to celebrate the troop's newest Eagle Scout, **Martin Jones**. *Congratulations Martin!* The ceremony to honor his achievements is being planned and details will follow soon.

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

### **Advancement Congratulations for the month of August go to:**

-  **EAGLE:** Martin Jones
-  **LIFE:** Collin C.
-  **STAR:** James D.
-  **FIRST CLASS:** (none this month)
-  **SECOND CLASS:** (none this month)
-  **TENDERFOOT:** Chris B., Billy J., Conner P., Stuart W., Logan W.
-  **SCOUT:** Nicholas A.

## Cheer on our Scouts who have reached Life and are working toward their Eagle rank!

Daniel B. ~ James C. ~ Grayson C. ~ Will C. ~ Ryan D. ~ Adam D. ~ Joe D. ~ Cory F. ~ Derrick G. ~ Stevie M. ~ James P. ~ Will P. ~ Zack P. ~ Neal R. ~ Hayes W.



### We have new Popcorn Co-Kernels!

**Lisa and Don Dekle** and **Susan Durrance** are the troop's new Co-Kernels of the Popcorn Kingdom! Our **popcorn fundraiser kicks off September 10th** so look for information in this newsletter about how we can help support our troop and scouts in earning High Adventure money.

### New Troop 2008 Garage Sale Organizers

Many thanks go to **Donna Coldren** and **Margaret Elliott** for volunteering to co-organize this very successful troop event. Please thank them by answering their requests come February for help to gather items for the April Garage Sale. Thank you again goes to Dorothea Norris for manning the tables and label machine with expert skill for many years.

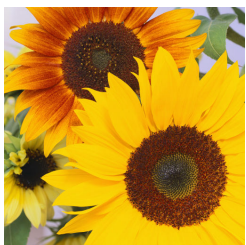
## \*\*\*\*\*EARNING POWER\*\*\*\*\*

### 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.

### It's Popcorn Time!

Packets were handed out at the August 27<sup>th</sup> meeting to each scout. The popcorn sale is our annual fundraiser which not only helps the troop fund activities but the scout who sells popcorn has a great opportunity to earn his own way on way on a High Adventure trip such as Sea Base, Philmont or Northern Tier. Many scouts have earned enough money through the various sales and paid for their entire trip! It's not too early for a scout to start his High Adventure account which the troop maintains for each individual! Everyone loves Scout popcorn and we have a new flavor this year... Look for details at the end of meetings near the bulletin board or from special handouts. Popcorn **sales end October 29<sup>th</sup>** – that gives you a lot of time to make lots of sales. Don't procrastinate! Start early!



### 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 of participation.

### 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.

**Lake Allatoona Cleanup and Rotary FunFest Service Project**

Want to know more about these service projects happening on **Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>** and **Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>**, respectively? See Mr. Gillis for details and if interested, he'll get you signed up.

**Georgia Tech Football Game Ushers**

Tech carries on a 50-year tradition of allowing AAC Scouts to act as ushers during seven home football games and this year our SPL will be looking to see if there is any interest to participate. **See the SPL or James D. for details** and to sign up if you are interested. Check out the link in *FLYER* section above to see dates/times/teams.

**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\*\*\*\*\***

**Patrol Leaders Council – September 20<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.

**Duty to God Encampment**

This encampment is coming up over the weekend of **October 26<sup>th</sup>** for scouts looking to earn a Religious emblem. This is a campout at Bert Adams Reservation where dedicated scouts focus on their faith. Check out the *FLYER* section above to link to council flyer. Interested scouts can see **Frank Rocchio** for additional details or email him at [frocchio@bellsouth.net](mailto:frocchio@bellsouth.net).

**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**.

**Attention Trained Den Chiefs**

There are as many as **four den chief positions available** for you within Cub Scout Pack 449. Please see **ASM Nat Padget** at meetings for details. Remember ... Mr. Gillis must approve you for a spot after you have received 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. Gillis** at [gillisfx@aol.com](mailto:gillisfx@aol.com). **Judi Dammann**, [jdamma@bellsouth.net](mailto:jdamma@bellsouth.net) will be organizing various successful Eagle projects completed by our numerous troop Eagle Scouts in the past.

**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 – January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

All scouts and their families are **invited, encouraged (and expected) to attend** this special ceremony to recognize scouts' accomplishments over the past few months. 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 is scheduled Sept. 11<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.

### **\*\*\*\*\* MAKING HISTORY \*\*\*\*\***

Two articles submitted by BSA Troop 629 Historian Will H.

### **BSA TROOP 629 BROAD RIVER CANOEING AND KAYAKING OUTING**

Troop 629's canoeing and kayaking outing was held on Saturday July, 21 2007. In all, ten scouts and three adults attended. As soon as everyone sleepily arrived at Mt. Pisgah around 7:45 a.m. we loaded our swim gear into the cars and headed north.

We were bound for the beautiful Broad River. The Broad River is located in Northeast Georgia, about 23 miles from Athens, home of the Georgia Bulldogs. The river has about 70 miles of passable water in all. We did not see any bulldogs on the river that day, but we did see turtles, birds, and at least one dead fish.

We reached the Out Post early and had to wait just a few minutes for it to open. As soon as it opened we all decided we would rent kayaks, not canoes. We got our kayaks and lifejackets and we were ready to hit the water.

We kayaked until around 12:30 and then we stopped for a much needed lunch. We stopped on a big rock where we sat and ate our somewhat soggy bagged meals. After lunch we got back in our kayaks and set off again.

A little further along Stuart W. and I tumbled out of our kayaks and climbed some rocks to get to a waterfall. Stuart said, "When I climbed the rocks I saw a giant fish skeleton. It looked pretty cool." Personally, I was glad we had already had lunch by then. Jonathan A. said, "The most fun was sliding down the water fall without my kayak."

I hope more of the Scouts turn-out next time we take this trip. It was a great day and personally I cannot wait to do it again!

### **BSA Sunrise 100 Year Celebration on August 1, 2007**

The scouting sunrise celebration was held by the Atlanta Area Council on August 1, 2007 to celebrate 100 Years of World Scouting. The celebration started at 8:00 a.m. in each respective time zone around the world. According to the Atlanta Area Council, "The day was a unique opportunity to show the social force and enormity of Scouting in the world. Scouts joined together in a spirit of friendship and peace, proud of their heritage, showcasing modern Scouting, looking forward to a second century of Scouting and, most importantly renewing their commitment to Scouting and their communities." The theme for the celebration was "One World, One Promise."

After the opening ceremony, Troop 629 joined the rest of the Atlanta troops in presenting the flags of the world in a Flag Procession. Our troop was proud to present the flag of Costa Rica on stage. Mr. Deaton was in charge of the group and the scouts attending the celebration were Robby M., Dale R., Jordan P., and Will H. To remember the day, we were each given a neckerchief and a patch.

After the ceremony we went into the scout shop and hung out for awhile. Will pretended to be a Boy Scout mannequin and froze into a line-up with the other "dummies" in the shop. He must have been good at being a "dummy" because he actually scared several shoppers when he re-animated. Overall it was a great opportunity to meet with other scouts from the Atlanta area and it was great fun.

**\*\*\*\*\*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. Check frequently as scouts are always outgrowing their clothes or going to college after earning Eagle.

#### **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-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 could find some time to help out, please see our Committee Chair, **Wendy Kraemer**, [wkraemer@bellsouth.net](mailto:wkraemer@bellsouth.net) to find out about the open positions available.*

### **~~Just a few hours needed – Please tell them ASAP**

The new Popcorn Fundraiser Organizers need some folks to help with Show 'n Sell which will be set up in front of JoAnns craft store. This would be on two separate afternoons, **September 16<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11:00 to 4:00**. If you only have a few hours in your schedule to give to the troop, please call **Lisa or Don Dekle**, [ldekle@bellsouth.net](mailto:ldekle@bellsouth.net) or **Darlene Lemcoe**, [darlemcoe@bellsouth.net](mailto:darlemcoe@bellsouth.net)..

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

Help is needed to plan for the annual **October 29<sup>th</sup> 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. *We need someone to please volunteer ASAP so organizing can begin.*

### **~~Flower Fundraiser Organizer Needed**

Currently Chris and Leslie Cotney are heading up our Flower Sale Fundraiser which occurs in both the fall and the spring. This is a great way for scouts to raise money for their high adventure trips. Both Chris and Leslie have been long-time volunteers with our troop and they are also organizing the Christmas Tree Fundraiser during the winter holidays. The flower sales are scheduled to start **September 10<sup>th</sup>** and it would be great if we can find a couple of folks to work with Leslie and Chris so you can take this over in the future. If you would like more details, please let Wendy Kraemer know you are interested [wkraemer@bellsouth.net](mailto:wkraemer@bellsouth.net).

### **~~Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony Coordinator Needed**

Lu Ann DiPietro has been organizing the position of coordinating all of the details for celebration ceremonies for new Eagle Scouts for the last three years. Once a scout has achieved the rank of Eagle, she requests letters of congratulations from government officials and companies around the United States. She also coordinates the Eagle Court of Honor ceremony with the families and attends the Court of Honor to serve refreshments. We really need a couple of parents to do what Lu Ann has been doing for the troop. Please let Wendy Kraemer, [wkraemer@bellsouth.net](mailto:wkraemer@bellsouth.net) know that you would like to help the troop by taking over this position.

### **~~Uniform Organizer Needed**

This position is OPEN. Mitch Yakrus' son recently received Eagle Scout and is now at college (good luck Greg!). This position entails ordering red scout t-shirts for the Webelos in Cub Scouts who crossover in the spring and any newcomer that joins after that time. This volunteer is also responsible for ordering the leather nametags for the new scouts as well as whistles. This is really an annual event which occurs in **April-May** of each year. See Wendy Kraemer at the next troop meeting or email her at [wkraemer@bellsouth.net](mailto:wkraemer@bellsouth.net) to ask her to hold this position for you.

### **~~Troop Secretary Needed**

We need a volunteer to take notes during Adult Leader Committee Meetings, which usually fall on the first Sunday of the month at 6pm at Mount Pisgah UMC in the dining room. You will take notes, have them edited by a few committee members via email, and then email the final notes to all committee members.

### **~~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.)

### **Certification Saturday**

**September 8<sup>th</sup>** at Bert Adams Scout Reservation (**BASR**) from **9am to 4pm**, if you are 21 years old or older you can get trained to operate Council and/or District archery or BB ranges. Choose between **Archery (fee \$10)** and **Air Rifles (fee \$10)** or **CPR (fee \$15, hours from 9am - 2pm)**. **Registration deadline by Sept 1** (no exceptions or walk-ins). Bring a sack lunch and lawn chair. Questions should be directed to **Sue Nunn** at **770-893-3518**, [knots351@tds.net](mailto:knots351@tds.net).

### **2007 Woodbadge Reunion**

On **October 13<sup>th</sup>** from **2pm – 7:30pm** those who have been properly 'beaded' are invited to participate in "A Gathering of Friends Celebrating 100 Years of Scouting – Where Tradition Meets Tomorrow". The reunion will be held at **BASR**. Complete information and a pre-order form should be available no later than Sept 4<sup>th</sup> at <http://tinyurl.com/2boqjs>.

### **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.

### **Could you please pass the SALT???**

Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Training (**SALT**) is offered to Adult Leaders who have completed New Leader Essential (**NLE**) training. SALT is a **3-session course offered in September and October**. Need to get started with NLE first? No problem ... you can find information on both of these courses in the *CALENDAR* and *FLYER* sections of this newsletter.

### **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, training, contacts and library.

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

Please send all email address changes, deletions and additions to this address:

[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.

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| Sun                                                                                                | Mon                                                        | Tues                          | Wed                                   | Thurs                                  | Fri                                                         | Sat                                                                         |
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| <u>26</u> Aug                                                                                      | <u>27</u>                                                  | <u>28</u>                     | <u>29</u>                             | <u>30</u>                              | <u>31</u>                                                   | <u>1</u> Sep                                                                |
| 1:00p Den Chief Trng                                                                               | 7:15p -8:45p Troop Meeting<br>Court of Honor               |                               |                                       |                                        |                                                             |                                                                             |
| <u>2</u>                                                                                           | <u>3</u>                                                   | <u>4</u>                      | <u>5</u>                              | <u>6</u>                               | <u>7</u>                                                    | <u>8</u>                                                                    |
|                                                                                                    | Labor Day (Fed)<br>7:15p -8:45p Troop Meeting              |                               |                                       |                                        |                                                             | GT usher<br>Certification Saturday                                          |
| <u>9</u>                                                                                           | <u>10</u>                                                  | <u>11</u>                     | <u>12</u>                             | <u>13</u>                              | <u>14</u>                                                   | <u>15</u>                                                                   |
| 6:00p -7:30p Committee Meeting~Annual Kickoff w/ BBQ RSVP<br>Walking with Dinosaurs<br>NLE         | 7:15p -8:45p Troop Meeting<br>Popcorn & Flower sales start | 6:00p -7:00p Merit Badge Help | Erev Rosh Hashanah                    | Rosh Hashanah<br>7:30p RT & OA Meeting | COPE/Survival Outing<br>OA Fall Fellowship<br>Rosh Hashanah | COPE/Survival Outing<br>OA Fall Fellowship<br>Allatoona Cleanup<br>GT usher |
| <u>16</u>                                                                                          | <u>17</u>                                                  | <u>18</u>                     | <u>19</u>                             | <u>20</u>                              | <u>21</u>                                                   | <u>22</u>                                                                   |
| Popcorn Show 'n Sell at JoAnns<br>COPE/Survival Outing<br>OA Fall Fellowship<br>Den Chief Training | 7:15p -8:45p Troop Meeting<br>Board of Review              |                               | Half Day of School<br>SALT - I of III | 7:00p -8:00p Patrol Leader's Council   | Erev Yom Kippur                                             | Popcorn Show 'n Sell at JoAnns<br>Yom Kippur                                |
| <u>23</u>                                                                                          | <u>24</u>                                                  | <u>25</u>                     | <u>26</u>                             | <u>27</u>                              | <u>28</u>                                                   | <u>29</u>                                                                   |
| Scout Day with Braves                                                                              | 7:15p -8:45p Troop Meeting                                 |                               | Succoth<br>SALT - II of III           | Succoth                                | Succoth                                                     | Succoth<br>Rotary Fun Fest Service Project<br>GT usher                      |
| <u>30</u>                                                                                          | <u>1</u> Oct                                               | <u>2</u>                      | <u>3</u>                              | <u>4</u>                               | <u>5</u>                                                    | <u>6</u>                                                                    |
| Succoth                                                                                            | Succoth<br>7:15p -8:45p Troop Meeting                      | Succoth                       | Succoth<br>SALT - III of III          | Simchat Torah                          | Simchat Torah                                               | Fright Fest/Six Flags                                                       |