



BOY SCOUT TROOP 629 NEWSLETTER

November 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

Another month and another congratulations for our newest Eagle Scout - Will Chesson. At the October District Board, Will completed his review successfully and adds his name to the list of 8 Eagle Scouts this year. When you see him again, pass along your "atta boy"!

November also brings our bi-annual SPL and PL elections. These positions are held by a select few who have committed to making a difference in our troop in the upcoming year and dedicate their participation to a higher level than just showing up. Our troop understands the need for balance in a scout's life for their formative years and normally does not ask for a 100% commitment to each and every activity we undertake but hope, in that balance, that we do at least get a fair share of each scout's time. From our youth leaders though we do expect more than 50% participation as they have stood up and sought the position and indicated their desire to lead which does take a higher commitment to be successful and not to 'just get by'. So as elections approach, I hope that those who stand up to take the challenge do so with a commitment that will bring a great program for us all to be a part of.

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

November Reminders:

- Nov 2nd-4th: OA Allatoona
- Nov 3rd: Scouters Academy
- Nov 4th: End Daylight Saving Time ~ Committee Mtng ~ Troop Leader Training (3-6pm, Rm A006)
- Nov 8th: RT & OA Meeting
- Nov 11th: ECOH for Martin Jones
- Nov 12: Veterans Day Observed – Yes, there is a Troop Meeting! (Popcorn Distribution)
- Nov 13th: Merit Badge Help Night
- Nov 15th: Patrol Leader's Council
- Nov 17th-18th: AT Backpacking Trip
- Nov 18th: NLE
- Nov 19th: Board of Review ~ SPL/PL Elections
- Nov 22nd: Thanksgiving Day
- Nov 26th: Webelos Visitation Night
- Nov 28th: Half Day of School in Fulton County

December Reminders:

- Dec 1st: OA Banquet ~ Green Bar Interviews (Tentative)
- Dec 1st – 2nd: Patrol Outings/Service Projects
- Dec 2nd: Committee Meeting
- Dec 4th: Hanukkah begins

Dec 8th: Re-Charter Day ~ CPR Training
Dec 8th – 9th: Patrol Outings/Service Projects
Dec 11th: Merit Badge Help Night
Dec 15th – 16th: Patrol Outings/Service Projects
Dec 17th: Board of Review
Dec 19th: Fulton Co. Schools Winter Break begins
Dec 20th: Patrol Leaders Council
Dec 24th: Christmas Eve ~ No Troop Meeting
Dec 25th: Christmas Day

*****DEADLINES AND DATES*****

Please frequently visit our [website](#). 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* ...

~~~~~ Looking into next month, an **Appalachian Trail Backpacking Trip** is planned for **November 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>**. Flyer is out at meetings and on website (see *FLYER* section below) and signup sheet is at meetings ~~~~~ Two ski trips are planned and details are being worked on: **Winterplace** in WV for any scout interested will be **Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>**; and **New England Ski Trip** will be **Jan 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>** is only for scouts **over 14 years old**. Flyer links below and are available at meetings.

### Flyers

[Tons of Troop Pictures - fantastic new format!](#)

[AT Backpacking Hike](#)

[Scout CPR Saturday](#)

[January Ski Trip to Winterplace](#)

[January New England Ski Trip](#)

[Sea Base 2008 \(Tall Ship Sailing\)](#)

[Northern Tier](#)

### Next Troop Board of Review – November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007

*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**.

### Semi annual SPL/PL elections

Elections for Senior Patrol Leader and Patrol Leader are held twice a year – May and November. The next round of elections is slated for **November 19<sup>th</sup>** to give those who are eligible a chance to step forward and offer their services and to finish off some of their leadership requirements for advancement. Let the SM know if you intend to run so your name can be put on the ballot for that night.

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

### Eagle Congratulations

WOW! The good news just keeps on coming. Congratulations Will Chesson on being Troop 629's newest Eagle Scout! A special ceremony is being planned to celebrate and receive his award so please watch for announcements of time, date and location at troop meetings, on the bulletin board, website and/or email. Eagle Courts of Honor are very special recognition evenings and we hope that all scouts will attend with their families.

### 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 planned for **Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm**. It will be held in Room S305 (upstairs in the main sanctuary building) at Mount Pisgah Church.

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

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

- 🏅 **EAGLE:** Will Chesson
- 🏅 **LIFE:** (none this month)
- 🌟 **STAR:** (none this month)
- 🏅 **FIRST CLASS:** (none this month)
- 🏅 **SECOND CLASS:** Ben B., Andrew J., Billy J., and Logan W.
- 🏅 **TENDERFOOT:** Ryan B. and Andrew J.
- 🏅 **SCOUT:** Zach D. and Reid G.

### Troop 629 is Bursting with Pride!

Please read with pride the letter sent to Troop 629 by Vivian Wayne, the Turtle Director of Hunting Island State Park:

*How proud you must be!!*

*It was a delight to spend time with Troop 629. Send the message to all their parents, that they truly have reason to be proud. We see close to a million and half visitors each year. And sorry to say, sometimes groups that come from what might be considered a privileged area, are not always the shining examples that they should be.*

*I speak also for Jerry Wayne and Al Woods, when I say, we applaud your efforts. Your troop was very refreshing and your good work is a reflection of that.*

*Thanks for visiting with us at Hunting Island State Park and we welcome the chance to have you visit with us again!*

## \*\*\*\*\*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 to *sign up* and earn.

### Popcorn Results

The popcorn fundraiser has ended and the top seller for the troop is Billy J. with Vijay N. coming in 2<sup>nd</sup>! The Flaming Wolves patrol, led by Patrol Leader James D., was the patrol with the most scouts participating in the fundraiser. The sales tally for the troop is currently at \$6,251.00. We had 31 scouts participate, earning money for their High Adventure accounts. Popcorn orders will be **distributed** at the **November 12<sup>th</sup>** meeting. Thanks to all the adults who helped with the fundraiser!

### 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](mailto:Susan.Cook@troop629.org) (678-297-7766) 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.

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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.

### **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 [AAC](#). 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.

### **National Logo Contest**

In honor of BSA's 100th Anniversary, BSA wants to create a memorable logo that captures the true spirit of Scouting... and, we are calling on Scouts all across the country to help us in the effort! We have launched a national contest to inspire creative thinking and engage Scouts at every level. Every registered Scout is eligible. Entries are **due by Nov. 30, 2007**. Winners will be chosen in several categories. The overall winner will work with nationally-recognized graphic artist and Eagle Scout, Kit Hinrichs, to format the design for broad use throughout our celebration. *Every participant will receive a patch and certificate from BSA.* Winners, chosen from several categories, will be recognized at a May 2008 BSA National Annual Meeting. The overall winner will receive an all-expense paid trip to San Francisco, CA to work hand-in-hand with Kit Hinrichs to finalize the 100th Anniversary Celebration logo design. More information: [Logo Contest](#)

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

### **Troop Leader Training (TLT)**

TLT will be held **Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>** at Room A006 at Mount Pisgah from 3-6pm. To be eligible for TLT you have to be Second Class and at least twelve years old. If you're interested in holding a leadership position or going to Green Bar you must attend. All PLC and special positions must attend TLT. Call or e-mail [Grayson](#) at 770-410-1730 if you are coming to TLT.

### **Leaders Council – November 15<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.

### **Cub Scout Webelos Come to Visit**

Once a year we set aside one night for Cub Scouts to visit our troop to determine if we are the best fit for them in their crossover to Boy Scouts. The **November 26<sup>th</sup>** meeting is this year's event so look for a special outdoor patrol challenge for them to participate in while their parents learn from Troop 629 leaders about our troop and its program.

### **Annual Boy Scout Re-Charter (Past) Dues**

If you were unable to make it to the last October meeting with your check for annual dues, please submit it to **Erica Fica** by **November 5<sup>th</sup>** meeting or mail it to her at the following address: 135 Columbia Bay, Alpharetta, GA 30005. Dues are **\$60** (\$5 less than last year!) and are collected from each scout annually in October. Your check should be made out to **BSA Troop 629**. Thank you.

### **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**.

### **Get trained as a Den Chief – openings available**

We have Cub Scout Dens looking for Den Chiefs. If you are trained and need the leadership position for rank advancement, see **Scoutmaster Gillis** and **ASM Nat Padget**. He still has slots available and waiting for you. 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](#). [Judi Dammann](#) 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](#) or look for him at a troop meeting for more information on how to get started in the program.

### **A Free Community Event**

Our Troop Sponsor, [Mount Pisgah Church](#), will have a free community event **on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>** with Christmas music and more, **North Atlanta Christmas Festival**. Doors open at 6:15pm for the 7pm performance. All are welcome to attend.

### **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. 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 check out the [Sea Base 2008 flyer](#) 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 Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007.**

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

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 [AAC](#) to sign up.

### **Scouter's Academy**

**Saturday, November 3** is Scouter's Academy and is a day full of supplemental training that has been designed for all program areas and levels of experience from the newest Cub Scout parent or leader to the highly experienced leader at any level of the Scout program. This year's theme of "Recipes for Success" promises to be a lot of fun. Scouter's Academy is an excellent opportunity to network with other scouting leaders. Attending Scouter's Academy qualifies as the training requirement for many Scout Leader Award knots and earns points toward the Chattahoochee District Honor Unit award.

To learn more or register for the 2007 event, visit the Scouter's Academy web page at [Scouter's Academy](#). Email questions to: [AdmSA2007@GeorgiaBSA.com](mailto:AdmSA2007@GeorgiaBSA.com).

### **AAC has Philmont 2008 slots available**

Troops are not allowed to apply for a Philmont trip for two consecutive years, so Troop 629 will not be organizing a Philmont 2008 crew because we sent a crew this past summer. The Atlanta Area Council Philmont 2008 expedition is accepting applications for Provisional Crew 1. This crew will be filled with scouts from council troops who have no crews going to Philmont and who otherwise would not have an opportunity to experience Philmont. Nine openings for scouts and one opening for an adult leader are available. Scouts and adult leaders who are interested in going to Philmont in 2008 should complete an application form, which can be obtained from Mr. Paul Gordy at the Council Program office. **Philmont 2008 is June 17 - June 29, 2008.** Questions may be directed to Mr. John Pelick, 770-934-5807 or Mr. Paul Gordy 770-989-8821, x2004. Application forms are available upon request in the Program Center or via e-mail.

**\*\*\*\*\*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](#), to find out about the open positions available.*

**~~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. If you would like more details, please let [Wendy Kraemer](#).

**~~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](#) 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 afterwards. 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 or email [Wendy Kraemer](#) at the next troop meeting 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 email [Kathleen Narayanan](#) or call her at **770-740-8496**. 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.

**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 [here](#) then print and complete the **Adult Application** and give to **Kathleen Narayanan** at the next troop meeting. Your next step begins your training - go [here](#) 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 email a copy of your course "completion" card to [Kathleen Narayanan](#) 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 [the merit badge website](#). 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](#) and [Atlanta Area Council](#). These websites have additional information regarding upcoming events, training, contacts and library.

Troop 629 is sponsored by [Mount Pisgah United Methodist Church](#).

Please send all email address changes, deletions and additions to the [Troop Newsletter](#). 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.

# November 2007

| Sun                                                                                                                | Mon                                                                     | Tues                          | Wed                | Thurs                                | Fri       | Sat                                                                      |                                  |          |
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| <u>28</u>                                                                                                          | <u>Oct</u>                                                              | <u>29</u>                     | <u>30</u>          | <u>31</u>                            | <u>1</u>  | <u>Nov</u>                                                               | <u>2</u>                         | <u>3</u> |
|                                                                                                                    |                                                                         |                               |                    |                                      |           | OA Allatoona                                                             | OA Allatoona<br>Scouters Academy |          |
| <u>4</u>                                                                                                           | <u>5</u>                                                                | <u>6</u>                      | <u>7</u>           | <u>8</u>                             | <u>9</u>  | <u>10</u>                                                                |                                  |          |
| OA Allatoona<br>End Daylight Saving Time<br>3:00p -6:00p Troop Leader Training (TLT)<br>6:00p -7:30p Committee Mng | 7:15p -8:45p Troop Meeting                                              | Election Day                  |                    | 7:30p RT & OA Meeting                |           |                                                                          |                                  |          |
| <u>11</u>                                                                                                          | <u>12</u>                                                               | <u>13</u>                     | <u>14</u>          | <u>15</u>                            | <u>16</u> | <u>17</u>                                                                |                                  |          |
| Veterans Day<br>Martin Jones<br>Eagle COH                                                                          | Veterans Day (Fed)<br>7:15p -8:45p Troop Meeting (Popcorn Distribution) | 6:00p -7:00p Merit Badge Help |                    | 7:00p -8:00p Patrol Leader's Council |           | Backpacking Trip                                                         |                                  |          |
| <u>18</u>                                                                                                          | <u>19</u>                                                               | <u>20</u>                     | <u>21</u>          | <u>22</u>                            | <u>23</u> | <u>24</u>                                                                |                                  |          |
| Backpacking Trip<br>NLE                                                                                            | 7:15p -8:45p Troop Meeting<br>Board of Review<br>SPL/PL Elections       |                               |                    | Thanksgiving (Fed)                   |           |                                                                          |                                  |          |
| <u>25</u>                                                                                                          | <u>26</u>                                                               | <u>27</u>                     | <u>28</u>          | <u>29</u>                            | <u>30</u> | <u>1</u>                                                                 | <u>Dec</u>                       |          |
|                                                                                                                    | 7:15p -8:45p Troop Meeting<br>Webelos Visitation Night                  |                               | Half Day of School |                                      |           | Patrol Outings/Service Projects<br>OA Banquet<br>Green Bar Interviews??? |                                  |          |