



BOY SCOUT TROOP 629 NEWSLETTER

May 2008

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

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Scoutmaster Minute by Fran Gillis

Summer activities are gearing up. Around the corner we have over 55 scouts signed up and ready for a busy week at camp with many merit badges classes to attend. Let's keep in mind the badge is not earned until after camp when you get home and have read the book and met with one of our adult counselors to complete the work thoroughly. Next year is not the time to complete and get credit – carve out a little time each week to finish them up so the fall starts off with everything completed.



Along with camp we have had 6 of our scouts acting as great servant leaders, volunteering and serving their time as staff on the Council level week-long National Youth Leader Training Course and another 4 going through as participants. Then in July a group of 8 is off to Northern Tier for some smoozing with Mother Nature, paddling through some of the Canadian outback waterways.

Congratulations to our new leadership corps headed up by our newly elected Senior Patrol Leader Alex K. and elected Patrol Leader's James D., Blake C., Daniel B., Aroon N., Derrick G., Jake B., Chap F., along with Venture Crew Chiefs Brandon P., and Jacob M. Looking forward to an exciting new annual calendar they have put together which is already posted on our website.

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

June Reminders:

June 1st-June 7th: Green Bar Week 2

June 1st: Committee Meeting (rescheduled to June 29th)

June 2nd: Troop Meeting ~ **Board of Review moved to tonight!**

June 8th-14th: Green Bar Week 3

June 9th: Troop Meeting

June 10th: Merit Badge Help

June 12th: RT & OA Meeting

June 14th: Flag Day

June 15th: *Fathers Day*

June 15th-21st: Summer Camp @ Woodruff

June 16th: Troop Meeting ~ **Board of Review date moved up to June 2nd**

June 19th: Patrol Leaders Council

June 23rd: Troop Meeting ~ James P. ECOH

June 29th: Committee Meeting (**Combined June & July meetings**) ~ Stevie McH. ECOH ~Troop
Patriotic Sunday at Mount Pisgah Church (T629 sponsor)

June 30th: Troop Meeting

July Reminders:

July 1st- 13th: Northern Tier

July 4th: Independence Day (fly the flag!)

July 6th: **Committee Meeting is cancelled ~ Rescheduled for June 29th**

July 7th: Troop Meeting

July 8th: Merit Badge Help

July 10th: RT & OA Meeting

July 14th: Troop Meeting

July 17th: Patrol Leaders Council meeting

July 21st: Troop meeting ~ Board of Review

July 26th- 27th: Broad River Kayaking

July 28th: Troop Meeting

July 30th: Six Flags outing

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

Please frequently visit our 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 ...

~~~~ Summer Camp 2008 at Woodruff (June 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>). Web link is included in the Flyers section below. ~~~~~ July 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> will be a Kayaking/Canoeing outing on the Broad River. Look for flyers with details to come out later in the month at a troop meeting and on the website. ~~~~~ Troop outing for July will be a trip to **Six Flags on July 30<sup>th</sup>**. Watch for details and signup sheets at meetings. ~~~~~ Looking ahead to the August outing, you can look forward to a **Back to Basics** program at **Lake Burton on August 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>**. Detailed flyers and signup sheets will be displayed at troop meetings as this August event nears. ~~~~~

## Parents of Woodruff Summer Campers

With Summer Camp quickly approaching we have a few reminders and an invitation for parents. ~~~  
**Drop-Off:** Parents drive their scouts (in full uniform) to Woodruff and arrive on **Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> by 1:00 PM**. If you are leaving medication for your son, make sure it is clearly marked with name and instructions. Look for **ASM Ben Bierbaum** who will be organizing medications. Swim test will be first activity so swim trunks should be packed on top. ~~~

**Pick-Up:** Parents pick up their scouts at Woodruff on **Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> by 9:00 AM**. ~~~  
If you have any last minute questions, please ask your SM or ASM. Lots of information can be found on the troop website: <http://www.troop629.org/forms/2008/wdf%20camp%202008.pdf>.  
~~~ Any parents wishing to send care packages, forgotten items, etc. up to their summer campers at Woodruff are invited to drop them off at the house of (Assistant Scoutmaster) **ASM Dave Pendery by Tuesday night (June 17<sup>th</sup>)**. Delivery will be Wednesday morning. Please email or call Dave for directions at [penderyclan@comcast.net](mailto:penderyclan@comcast.net), 770-552-4220. ~~~ Have fun at camp!

Flyers

Tons of Troop Pictures - fantastic new format! <http://tinyurl.com/2yetln>

Summer Camp 2008 <http://www.troop629.org:80/camping/summercamp2008.htm>

Greenbar <http://www.troop629.org/training/greenbar.htm>

Wood Badge 2008 <http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?orgkey=1456&id=29147>

Next Troop Board of Review – June 2nd (New date)

Please read carefully: After a scout completes his **Scoutmaster Conference**, he must notify **Mrs. Narayanan** kathleen@narayanan.us, 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**.

Broad River Troop Outing

Mark your calendar for **July 26th-27th** to join your friends for an overnight trip of kayaking or canoeing for 5-10 miles on the **Broad River** (north of Athens, Georgia). Details are still being firmed up.

White Water/Six Flags

A troop day-trip is planned for **July 30th** for an outing to **White Water/Six Flags**. Watch for more details to come out at a troop meeting soon.

Lake Adventure and Fishing Trip Outing

Another fun outing to look forward to in August will be on **Lake Burton**. **August 15th - 17th** will be weekend of camping, fishing and boating. Flyers and sign-up sheets will be available at a troop meeting as the day gets closer.

Court of Honor – August 25th, 2008

All scouts and their families are **invited, encouraged (and expected) to attend** this special ceremony to recognize scouts' and scouters' accomplishments since the May COH. Among these awards and recognitions will be first badges presented to new scouts ~ *Scout rank: Completion of the instructions in Chapter 1 of the Handbook as well as participation in a Scoutmaster Conference. Please ask your Senior Patrol Leader or Scoutmaster Gillis if you have any questions about this process.* ~ It is a great place to re-confirm the year's activities and how they all fit together for each scout. It is held in lieu of a regular troop meeting, same time, same place. Hope to see you all there.

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

Two Special Eagle Courts of Honor

James P. will hold his ECOH on **Monday, June 23rd at 8pm**, immediately following the regular Troop meeting. **Stevie Mch.** will hold his ECOH on **Sunday, June 29th at 3pm**, at the North Campus Sanctuary, Room S305. These are very special recognition evenings and we hope that all scouts will attend with their families.

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

Advancement Congratulations for the month of May go to:

 **EAGLE:** (none this month)

 **LIFE:** (none this month)

 **STAR:** (none this month)

 **FIRST CLASS:** Walker B. and Andrew J.

 **SECOND CLASS:** (none this month)

 **TENDERFOOT:** (none this month)

 **SCOUT:** Michael M., Miles M. and Nolan R.

Democracy has spoken!

We've just completed our semi-annual leadership elections and want to say a "job well done" and THANKS to Philip K. for handling the last six months as our SPL; and congratulate Alex K. on his election as our next SPL and looking forward to wonderful things from him. The patrols have re-organized as well and our next group of Patrol Leaders are Chap F., Jake B., Derrick G., Blake C., Aroon N., Daniel B., and James D. with Jacob M. and Brandon P. as our next Venture Crew Chiefs.

*****EARNING POWER*****

Missed the opportunity to earn H.A. \$\$\$? Don't despair ...

Fundraisers have provided many of our scouts with additional funds to use for skiing, summer camp and any High Adventure outing. 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. Spring flower sales have just concluded. Keep an eye on the newsletter, website and troop bulletin board for future to *sign up* and earn.

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 gift card)! To get started, contact **Susan Cook, ssbcook@bellsouth.net (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. **Your Kroger gift card will be distributed at the Monday night troop meeting at the beginning of each month** (with enclosed reminder of amount owed and address to send payment). Return payment in the mail to Susan by the 22nd of the month or you can bring payment on a Monday night troop meeting and give to her.

Popcorn is still available!

Are you craving some Unbelievable butter or Butter light microwave popcorn? What about Caramel corn or the yummy Chocolate caramel crunch? Good news! The troop still has a small supply of popcorn which you can purchase at the next few troop meetings and take home with you. If you do not see what you are looking for at the meeting, you may also order popcorn online throughout the year go to www.orderpopcorn.com. Then put our **Troop's code** in the blank which is **TE3HMC** and

the unit will receive credit for the sale. The council will then send the profit to our unit each month and this money will be applied to each scout's High Adventure account.

*****SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES*****

Service project opportunities are available almost every weekend and are open to all. 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. 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 and on the troop calendar on the website. Express your interest to the SPL and SM as to how you can get involved - it's easy - just ask.

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

ATTENTION ALL SCOUTS

The first scout who can correctly answer this question to **Mrs. Deaton**, the Troop Treasurer, earns a prize: **"Who is Veronica Henley?"** The answer can be emailed to mdeaton@mindspring.com or given in person at a meeting ~ whoever is first wins. Be sure to identify yourself.

Patrol Leaders Council – June 19th, 2008

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.

Troop Meeting and Uniform Change

May 26th began our troop's relaxed **summer schedule** during troop meetings. That means scouts only need to **wear a "scout" T-shirt to meetings** and can expect to have a game night or to work on individual advancement. No formal program is offered.

Green Bar National Youth Leadership Training (GBNYLT)

This is a Council week-long National Youth Leadership Training course held at **Bert Adams Scout Reservation (BASR)**. The two remaining sessions for scouts who registered this year are **June 1st-7th and June 8th-14th**. Looking ahead to Summer 2009, if you are First Class, 13 years old or older and are looking for a proven opportunity to hone your lifelong leadership skills this is the course to attend. We have a large number of graduates of this course and many who have gone back to volunteer their service to serve on the staff. It's the path to leadership opportunities in our troop as well.

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**.

Scouts – Available openings for Den Chief Training

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 **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 effectively address the expectations of the Chattahoochee District? Contact **Mr. Gillis** gillisfx@aol.com. **Judi Dammann** jdamma@bellsouth.net is organizing the troops past Eagle project packages to create a useful binder for future reference material for our Life to Eagle candidates.

Order of the Arrow meeting on June 12th



Every month on the second Thursday there is a district O.A. gathering open to O.A. members. See your O.A. Representative for details: <http://www.cdbsa.org/Programs/OrderoftheArrow/tabid/76/Default.aspx>.

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 for June 10th, 2008.**

Council-Sponsored Events

Check the council website for more opportunities for activities and training through the Council. Individuals from our troop are welcome to participate in any special events <http://www.atlantabsa.org/>. This is an individual signup, unless our troop otherwise specifies. Some are listed below from the website with a promise of more to come:

SCOUT DAYS AT THE RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL



Saturdays and Sundays plus Memorial Day 10:30 AM - 6 PM, April 12 - June 1. Adult tickets are \$15.95 and children are \$6. Enjoy Bird Study and Metalwork Merit Badge Classes offered daily. [Click here](#) for more information. [Click here](#) to purchase tickets online.

SCOUT NIGHT WITH ATLANTA DREAM



Come welcome Atlanta's WNBA team, the *Atlanta Dream*, in their inaugural season as they take on the *Detroit Shock* in Philips Arena on **Sunday, June 22 at 3:00 p.m.** Tickets include an official Atlanta Dream Scout Night Patch and begin at \$10. Orders must be submitted by **June 13, 2008**. [Click here](#) for more information and to print out an order form.

***** 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). 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. Families are asked to purchase designated food from the list and then they are reimbursed by the Troop Treasurer. Families can ask for an advance and handle reconciliation after the trip. 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.

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 Sue spluspcubed@mindspring.com 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](mailto:wlkraemer@bellsouth.net), (wlkraemer@bellsouth.net) to learn about the available open positions.

~~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** wlkraemer@bellsouth.net know that you would like to help the troop by taking over this position.

~~Christmas Tree Pickup Elf – please apply!

Chris Cotney has successfully organized the Christmas Tree Fundraiser during several past winter holidays and would like to pass on his bag of secrets to a new 'Grand Ole Elf'. Please contact **Wendy Kraemer** wkraemer@bellsouth.net to let her know you would like to step into these well-documented pointed shoes. ONE SIZE FITS ALL!

~~No Green Thumb Experience Necessary

Again Chris and Leslie Cotney have lead the way for many flower sales (spring and fall) and through these sales many scouts have funded their High Adventure trips. This is a perfect way to get involved in your son's troop and the Cotneys will be happy to show you the ropes. Please let **Wendy Kraemer** wkraemer@bellsouth.net know that you'll take over this position.

~~Want to be the first to know what is happening before reading the newsletter?

Simple solution – *Write the newsletter!* The Newsletter/Communication Chair position is open. It is a great way to get to know other troop adults and scouts. It is fun and you'll get lots of support from Sue Knoetgen and other troop adults as we transition you into the job. Duties are: newsletter emailed at the end of every month, a mid-month update, keep current email groups, news 'blasts' or announcements as necessary (Eagle ceremonies, last minute opportunities or detail changes to events...). Please let **Wendy Kraemer** wkraemer@bellsouth.net or **Sue Knoetgen** spluspcubed@mindspring.com know if this is the position for you.

~~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, Kathleen@narayanan.us](mailto:Kathleen@narayanan.us) or call her at **770-740-8496** so she can add your information to her list to draw from when we have an upcoming BOR. No experience required. (Unfortunately, unit leaders and assistant unit leaders may not serve as a BOR member.)

~~ Troop 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 \(www.meritbadge.com\)](http://www.meritbadge.com). 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:

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|-------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------|------------|
| Archaeology | Dentistry | Plant Science | Skating | Whitewater |
| Bugling | Medicine | Railroading | Textile | |
| Climbing | Model Design | Reptile/Amphibian | Waterskiing | |

Troop Committee Meeting

The troop committee meetings previously set for **June 1st and July 6th have been cancelled** in order to combine them into one **new meeting date, Sunday, June 29th @ 4:00pm**. It will be held at **North Campus Sanctuary, 2850 Old Alabama Road, Room S305 (Upper Level)** immediately following the ECOH ceremony for Eagle Scout Stevie McHugh (being held in the same room at 3:00pm) to which you are all invited.

Troop Committee List 2008

Fran Gillis ~~~ Scoutmaster
Wendy Kraemer ~~~ Committee Chair
Kathleen Narayanan ~~~ Advancement Chair
Julie Deaton ~~~ Treasurer
Albert Bodamer ~~~ Website Guru
Gregg Brasher ~~~ Adult Training/Recognition
Chris Cotney ~~~ Spring & Pansy (Fall) Flower Sales and Christmas Tree Pickup (open position)
Leslie Cotney ~~~ Spring & Pansy (Fall) Flower Sales & Eagle Neckerchiefs
Chad Colopy ~~~ Asst. with Spring & Pansy (Fall) Flower Sales
Lu Ann DiPietro ~~~ Eagle C.O.H. Ceremony Coordinator (open position)
Sue Knoetgen ~~~ Newsletter/Communications and Medical Records (open position)
Nat Padget ~~~ Friends of Scouting / Den Chief Training
Mike & Cappy Foley ~~~ Court of Honor Refreshments
John Herring ~~~ Popcorn Kernel (1 of 3)
John Rausch ~~~ Popcorn Kernel (2 of 3)
John Dammann ~~~ Popcorn Kernel (3 of 3)
Dave Pendery ~~~ Webelos Liason
Eric Quinn ~~~ Troop Secretary
Susan Cook ~~~ Kroger Gift Cards
Erica Fica ~~~ Membership & Re-Charter
Frank Rocchio ~~~ BSA Religious Emblems Program Coordinator
Cliff Brown ~~~ Car Wash (1 of 2)
Peter Johns ~~~ Car Wash (2 of 2)
Judi Dammann ~~~ Eagle Project Coordinator
Nan Brown ~~~ Relay for Life
John Harper ~~~ Uniform Organizer
Sue Levin ~~~ Activity Permits

Attention All Adults (Reasons to Be Prepared)

Are you planning on getting involved with scouts? Want to go on an overnight scout trip? Troop 629 always needs, welcomes and *loves* its volunteers. If you want to participate in any of our activities we have a couple of pre-training requirements we need to have accomplished. 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:

~1~ Complete **Adult Registration Form** (check with Wendy K. if you can't remember if you've already done this). (Found under *Forms* on Troop website, www.troop629.org, *Registration Form-Adult*)

~2~ Complete **Youth Protection Training** (found under *Training* on Troop website)

~3~ Complete **Fast Start** (found under *Training* on Troop website)

Upon completion of any BSA training program, please email a copy of your course "completion" certificate to **Kathleen Narayanan** at kathleen@narayanan.us or bring a copy to her at the Troop meeting.

2008 Wood Badge Training

Are you an ASM who has attended ITOLS and would like to receive further scout leader training? Wood Badge Training is the next step. The remaining two offerings are a two-weekend course **Aug. 1st - 3rd & Aug. 22nd - 24th**; and a two-weekend course **Sept. 26th - 28th & Oct. 17th - 19th**. To learn more, please check out the flyer in the *Flyer* section above and contact **Janet Horton, District Senior Patrol Leader for Summer 2008 Wood Badge Course** janet@vanepps.com.

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 for adults and scouts to the [Troop Newsletter, \(spluspcubed@mindspring.com\)](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.

June 2008

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|------------------|--|---|------------------------------|
| 1 Jun | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Green Bar Week 2
Committee Meeting
Cancelled ~~
See June 29 th | Green Bar Week 2
7:15p -8:45p
Troop Meeting | Green Bar Week 2 | Green Bar Week 2 | Green Bar Week 2 | Green Bar Week 2 | Green Bar Week 2 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| Green Bar Week 3 | Green Bar Week 3
Shavuot
7:15p -8:45p
Troop Meeting | Green Bar Week 3
Shavuot
6:00p -7:00p
Merit Badge Help | Green Bar Week 3 | Green Bar Week 3
7:30p RT &
OA Meeting | Green Bar Week 3 | Green Bar Week 3
Flag Day |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| Summer Camp
Fathers Day | Summer Camp
7:15p -8:45p
Troop Meeting
Board of Review | Summer Camp | Summer Camp | Summer Camp
7:00p -8:00p
Patrol Leader's Council | Summer Camp | Summer Camp |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| | 7:15p -8:45p
Troop Meeting
E-COH James P. | | | | | |
| 29 | 30 | 1 Jul | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Patriotic Sunday @
Mount Pisgah Church
Services
4:00p -5:30p
Committee Meeting
(June/July)
ECOH Stevie McH. | 7:15p -8:45p
Troop Meeting | Northern Tier | Northern Tier | Northern Tier | Northern Tier
Independence Day (Fed) | Northern Tier |