



BOY SCOUT TROOP 629 NEWSLETTER

August 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

The 'excuse gene' is winning over the one used for methodical planning!

At times the excuse gene runs rampant among all our scouts when you ask how they have been spending their time over the summer or trying to finalize their steps to Eagle.

So has your excuse gene kicked into high gear as well? When you look back over each day this summer have you really had no time to allocate each week to work on your desired skill level or goal? Did you really need more than eight hours of sleep each night? To play all those video games over and over again? Whine about being bored or having nothing to do? No time to work on those long car-drives or while on a flight to a vacation?

So knowing you have the 'excuse gene' out of control, isn't it time to reign it back in and start some quality time management and using good planning techniques to get back on track. Getting a daily schedule clearly posted in your room which you keep up-to-date helps jog your memory each morning on those promises you made to yourself, keep track of important dates and times in the future and just helps you feel more in control of your daily life.



So which gene still controlling your life today?

Our advancement process is simple and geared to the individual's needs and requirements. A scout progresses on his own initiative, coordinating with his PL for getting items signed off after he is ready and has read the appropriate chapters.

For Scout through First Class requirements it is pretty straight forward. Talking with your PL on a separate day can also accomplish what you may feel is a lack of time during meetings. Time is allocated at most meetings during the prescribed "game" time to accomplish this. However, competition time is not advancement time because developing the patrol and team building is also essential in the well-rounded growth of each scout.

Pursuing Star through Eagle involves outside work and finally a meeting with an assigned adult to complete the merit badges after having read the entire book for that badge. There is no specific date for each rank and each scout can accomplish at their pace but the ultimate goal of Eagle has to be completed by their 18th birthday.

So seven years is more than enough time for any scout to cover the stipulated requirements which could be aggressively accomplished in 2 years (but generally lacking the team-building and experiences to be learned along the trail while in high school). Fold in your needs with all that is going on and you'll truly make it.

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

August Reminders:

August 3rd: Committee Meeting

August 4th: Troop Meeting

August 11th: Troop Meeting (*Back to formal, full-uniform!*) ~ Lake Burton permission slip and fee are due ~ 1st Day back @ Fulton Co. Schools

August 12th: Merit Badge Help Night

August 14th: RT & OA Meeting

August 15th-17th: Lake Burton Outing

August 17th: Den Chief Training

August 18th: Troop Meeting ~ Board of Review

August 21st: Patrol Leaders Council

August 25th: Troop Meeting ~ (Tentative) Court of Honor

August 28th: Ga. Tech. Usher

September Reminders:

Sept 1st: Troop Meeting ~ Labor Day

Sept 5th-7th: Green Bar Course 4A

Sept 7th: Annual Parent Committee Meeting

Sept 8th: Troop Meeting ~ Popcorn & Flower Sales Begin

Sept 9th: Merit Badge Help Night

Sept 11th: RT & OA Meeting

Sept 12th-14th: Green Bar Course 4B ~ OA Fall Fellowship @ Woodruff

Sept 13th: Lake Allatoona Cleanup

Sept 15th: Troop Meeting ~ Board of Review

Sept 18th: Patrol Leaders Council

Sept 20th: GT Usher ~ CPR Saturday ~ Advance-A-Rama

Sept 21st: Scout Day at Atlanta Braves

Sept 22nd: Troop Meeting

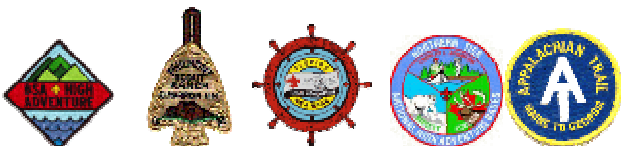
Sept 26th-28th: Ft. Benning Museum

Sept 29th: Troop Meeting

Sept 29th-Oct 1st: Rosh Hashanah

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

Please frequently visit our website at 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. We try to make sure all updates are posted as soon as they are known. Click on Calendar for the most current information with details and events. You'll also find more meeting dates and service project opportunities. The troop annual calendar is formulated by the Patrol Leaders Council once a year at a special meeting where they plan next year's events and activities. Next year's schedule is now posted on the website. Pictures of our scouts in action are also available for all to view. 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* ...

~~~~~ The August troop outing will be a **Back to Basics** program at **Lake Burton on August 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>**. Detailed flyers (**Flyers** section below) and signup sheets will be available at troop meetings. **Permission slip and fee is due at the August 11<sup>th</sup>** troop meeting. ~~~~~ Keep your sight on the September troop outing to **Ft. Benning Museum on Sept 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>**. **Permission slips and fees due at the Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>** troop meeting. More details will appear soon on the website, at meetings and in the mid-August and September newsletters. ~~~~~

### Flyers

Tons of Troop Pictures – summer activities have been posted! <http://tinyurl.com/2yetln>  
Lake Burton <http://www.troop629.org/forms/2008/Lake%20Burton%2008.pdf>  
Advance-A-Rama <http://www.meritbadge.info/mbn/eventdetails.aspx?id=306>

### Troop Meeting and Uniform Change

As Fulton County schools are back in session on **August 11<sup>th</sup>**, our troop goes back to our **normal schedule** (7:15 to 8:45) during Monday troop meetings. That means scouts return to **wearing their Class A shirts with appropriate shorts/pants/socks to meetings** and can expect to return to our more structured meeting schedules.

### Next Troop Board of Review – August 18<sup>th</sup>

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

### Lake Adventure and Fishing Trip Outing

The August troop outing will be on **Lake Burton**. **August 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>** will be weekend of camping, fishing and boating. Check out the flyer link above (**Flyers** section) for info and look for sign-up sheets at a troop meeting. **Permission slip and fee are due at the August 11<sup>th</sup>** meeting.







### Court of Honor – Tentative Date of August 25<sup>th</sup>, 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\*\*\*\*\*

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

Advancement congratulations for the month of July go to:

-  **EAGLE:** (none this month)
-  **LIFE:** (none this month)
-  **STAR:** (none this month)
-  **FIRST CLASS:** Chris B.
-  **SECOND CLASS:** Stephen A.
-  **TENDERFOOT:** Blair B. and Paden H.
-  **SCOUT:** (none this month)

\*\*\*\*\*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. Fall flower sales and popcorn fundraisers are about to begin. 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](mailto: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 mailed to you 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 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 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**\*\*\*\*\*

### Patrol Leaders Council – August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008

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 at **7pm in Room A008**. Our new calendar of events for the upcoming year has been posted on the troop website calendar.

### Corns-A-Poppin'

Our popcorn fundraiser kicks off **September 8<sup>th</sup>**. The troop's new Popcorn Co-Kernels, **John Rausch and John Herring**, are fast at work to make this a successful fundraiser for our scouts. Look for information coming out soon about how we can help support our troop and scouts in earning High Adventure money.

### Save Room for Fall Flowers

"Open Season" will be **September 8<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. **Chad Colopy** will have details soon as to the types of fall flowers being provided by Hanson Nurseries. Please see "Adult Involvement" section detailing the urgent, immediate need for a volunteer to keep record of the scout orders.

### A Scout's Responsibility

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

### Den Chief Training is here!

Troop 629 will have a special training session at **1:00 pm until 4:00 pm** at the **South Campus on August 17<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact **Mr. Padget** at [nat.padget@earthlink.net](mailto:nat.padget@earthlink.net) to sign up. We will open this training to other Scouts in our district, so sign up early. Remember that you must be at least a First Class Scout and *seek approval from Mr. Gillis before training*.

### Cherokee District Fall 2008 Advance-A-Rama

Held at UGA Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources, Athens, GA. **Registration is between August 22<sup>nd</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup>**.

<http://www.meritbadge.info/mbn/eventdetails.aspx?id=306>

### 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](mailto:gillisfx@aol.com). **Judi Dammann** [jdamma@bellsouth.net](mailto: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 August 14<sup>th</sup>



Every month on the second Thursday there is a district O.A. gathering open to O.A. members. See your O.A. Representative 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 August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008.**

### **\*\*\*\*\*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](mailto: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:wkraemer@bellsouth.net), ([wkraemer@bellsouth.net](mailto:wkraemer@bellsouth.net)) to learn about the available open positions.*

#### ~~HIGH PRIORITY: Flower Sales Record-Keeper Needed NOW!

**Chad Colopy** will be coordinating the troop fall flower sales (thank you) beginning **Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>** with our flower grower, Hanson Nurseries, but we **desperately need a volunteer** who is good at record-keeping to track the scouts' orders. Templates can be provided as well as past record-keeping so you do not have to re-invent the wheel. Team Cotney *must have a replacement now* and Chad needs someone to work with him. Please send an email to **Wendy Kraemer** [wkraemer@bellsouth.net](mailto:wkraemer@bellsouth.net) or **Kathleen Narayanan** [Kathleen@narayanan.us](mailto:Kathleen@narayanan.us) now if you can find time to contribute to your troop.

#### ~~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.

#### ~~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](mailto:wkraemer@bellsouth.net) to let her know you would like to step into these well-documented pointed shoes. ONE SIZE FITS ALL!

#### ~~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](mailto:wkraemer@bellsouth.net) or **Sue Knoetgen** [spluspcubed@mindspring.com](mailto:spluspcubed@mindspring.com) know if this is the position for you.

#### ~~ Needed: Hot Cocoa, Hot Apple Cider and Caramel Apple Coordinators

Help is needed to plan for the annual October Troop meeting held at Newtown Park. This is *wildly-popular* with the scouts as it is a fun outdoor meeting with the tastes and scents of fall in the air. We need two (or three) volunteers – coordinators for the hot cocoa, caramel apples and hot apple cider for the scouts. Please contact **Wendy Kraemer**,

[wlkraemer@bellsouth.net](mailto:wlkraemer@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. The scouts are always appreciative of the adults who organize this fun event.

### ~~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@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:

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

### A Helping Hand

On occasion the troop is able to provide a helping hand in preparing meals for a Troop 629 family going through a stressful situation. If you are able to provide a meal over the next few weeks of August, please contact **Wendy Kraemer** at [wlkraemer@bellsouth.net](mailto:wlkraemer@bellsouth.net).

### Council-Sponsored Events

Check our website for more opportunities for activities and training through the Council. Individuals from our troop are welcome to participate in any of these special events <http://www.atlantabsa.org/>:

Tickets are now on sale for **Scout Day at the Atlanta Braves!** Get ready for the Braves to take on the New York Mets at Turner Field on **September 21st at 1:30 p.m.** Tickets start at \$6.00 and are available in the Program Center.

**Fall CPR Saturday** has been scheduled for **September 20th!** You never know when you might be in a situation where you could save a life. Learn the skills now and Be Prepared. Anyone can attend to learn CPR/AED skills (\$25) or both Adult and Child skills (includes manuals, skill cards and supplies) (\$35). Register at [www.goodturn.net](http://www.goodturn.net). Questions: contact Wayne Miller at 404-874-7421, ext. 202 or [wayne@donate.net](mailto:wayne@donate.net).

**Scout Ushering at Georgia Tech** has been an event for over fifty years Scouts from the Atlanta Area Council have ushered at the Georgia Tech home football games. Scouts and leaders render a worthwhile community service and enjoy the excitement of Georgia Tech Football! It is our sincere hope that your unit will include the ushering program in its annual plan. Go to the Council's website for the 2007 flyer and for more information on how to register for a game. To participate, all Scouts and their Leaders must wear a complete uniform. Failure to appear an official uniform will result in refusal of admission to the game. Two adults must accompany the youth. There will be a short mandatory meeting two hours before the opening kick-off. This is a very important meeting and cannot be missed. Patches will be issued to each participant.

Scout Shop News! Mark your calendar for **Friday August 15th!** That is the day that you will be able to purchase for the first time the brand **new Centennial Scout Uniform**. You will definitely want to add this one to your Scouting wardrobe. If you can't wait till then to see it, go online to [www.scoutstuff.org](http://www.scoutstuff.org) and take a peek. For more information on this uniform contact the Scout Shop at 770-988-9912.



**Certification Saturday** ~ Adults Come to Bert Adams on **September 6th** and receive the training required to operate Council and/or District archery or BB ranges (be aware that “archery and BB gun shooting are not to be done at the pack level” – Shooting Sports for Cub Scouting). Choose between Archery and Air Rifles or CPR. Registration must be made by August 31st with no exceptions or walk-ins. Cost is \$10 per person for Archery/BBs or \$15 per person for CPR. For a flyer and more information, visit the council website, [www.atlantabsa.org](http://www.atlantabsa.org).

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

The next committee meeting scheduled **August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00 – 7:30pm** at the **Mount Pisgah Dining Room on South Campus**. Please mark your calendar for our Annual Adult Kick-Off meeting on **Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm** in the **Mount Pisgah Dining Room on South Campus**. This annual meeting welcomes all troop adults to attend, share a dinner provided, find out what is on the agenda for the upcoming year and how they can participate. More information in greater detail will be announced as this date gets closer.

### **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](http://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](mailto: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. A two-weekend course will be offered on **Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup> & Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto: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.

# August 2008

| Sun                                                            | Mon                                                                                                                                    | Tues                                | Wed       | Thurs                                      | Fri                    | Sat                    |
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| <u>27</u>                                                      | <u>28</u>                                                                                                                              | <u>29</u>                           | <u>30</u> | <u>31</u>                                  | <b>1</b>               | <u>2</u>               |
|                                                                | 7:15p -8:45p<br>Troop Meeting                                                                                                          |                                     |           | Six Flags -<br>white water                 |                        |                        |
| <u>3</u>                                                       | <u>4</u>                                                                                                                               | <u>5</u>                            | <u>6</u>  | <u>7</u>                                   | <u>8</u>               | <u>9</u>               |
| 6:00p -7:30p<br>Committee<br>Meeting                           | 7:15p -8:45p<br>Troop Meeting                                                                                                          |                                     |           |                                            |                        |                        |
| <u>10</u>                                                      | <u>11</u>                                                                                                                              | <u>12</u>                           | <u>13</u> | <u>14</u>                                  | <u>15</u>              | <u>16</u>              |
| Tisha B'Av                                                     | 7:15p -8:45p<br>Troop Meeting<br>~ Return to<br>Normal, Full-<br>Uniform~ Lake<br>Burton<br>Perm./Fee due<br>First Day of<br>School :) | 6:00p -7:00p<br>Merit Badge<br>Help |           | 7:30p RT & OA<br>Meeting                   | Lake Burton<br>Outing  | Lake Burton<br>Outing  |
| <u>17</u>                                                      | <u>18</u>                                                                                                                              | <u>19</u>                           | <u>20</u> | <u>21</u>                                  | <u>22</u>              | <u>23</u>              |
| Lake Burton<br>Outing<br>1:00p -5:00p<br>Den Chief<br>Training | 7:15p -8:45p<br>Troop Meeting<br>Board of<br>Review                                                                                    |                                     |           | 7:00p -8:00p<br>Patrol Leader's<br>Council |                        |                        |
| <u>24</u>                                                      | <u>25</u>                                                                                                                              | <u>26</u>                           | <u>27</u> | <u>28</u>                                  | <u>29</u>              | <u>30</u>              |
|                                                                | 7:15p -8:45p<br>Troop Meeting<br>Tentative date<br>Court of Honor                                                                      |                                     |           | GT Usher                                   |                        |                        |
| <u>31</u>                                                      | <b>1</b>                                                                                                                               | <u>2</u>                            | <u>3</u>  | <u>4</u>                                   | <u>5</u>               | <u>6</u>               |
|                                                                | 7:15p -8:45p<br>Troop Meeting<br>Labor Day<br>(Fed)                                                                                    |                                     |           |                                            | Green Bar<br>Course 4A | Green Bar<br>Course 4A |