



# BOY SCOUT TROOP 629 NEWSLETTER

**September 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

An S.M. can tell it's the fall even without all the school buses on the road. Like magic, a flurry of activity starts with Merit Badges wanting to be completed, urgent request for Eagle project reviews, Eagle projects being organized and request for Boards of Review. It's just amazing how that long summer of thinking about what needed to be done all of a sudden becomes urgent needs for our adult leader's time.



Help us help you by truly planning ahead for those scholarship and college applications that have to be submitted and your desire to be the best and have the record reflect that Eagle is finished and not still a 'wannabe'. Set the goal of completing Eagle requirements by the end of your junior year, not in the midst of your senior year hectic schedule. Finish up those MB's as soon as you have completed the classes with one of our assigned troop adults. It's so much harder when school activities start competing for that schedule as well.

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

### September Reminders:

**Sept 1<sup>st</sup>:** Troop Meeting ~ Labor Day

**Sept 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>:** Green Bar Course 4A

**Sept 7<sup>th</sup>:** **Committee Meeting ~ cancelled in lieu of Sept 15<sup>th</sup> Family Night**

**Sept 8<sup>th</sup>:** Troop Meeting ~ Popcorn Sales Begin

**Sept 9<sup>th</sup>:** Merit Badge Help Night

**Sept 11<sup>th</sup>:** RT & OA Meeting

**Sept 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>:** Green Bar Course 4B ~ OA Fall Fellowship @ Woodruff

**Sept 13<sup>th</sup>:** Lake Allatoona Cleanup

**Sept 15<sup>th</sup>:** Special Family Night Troop Meeting

**Sept 18<sup>th</sup>:** Patrol Leaders Council

**Sept 20<sup>th</sup>:** GT Usher ~ CPR Saturday ~ Advance-A-Rama

**Sept 21<sup>st</sup>:** Scout Day at Atlanta Braves

**Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Troop Meeting ~ Board of Review

**Sept 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>:** Troop Outing (tentatively an overnight/backpacking trip) ~ Wood Badge Training (1<sup>st</sup> of 2 weekends)

**Sept 29<sup>th</sup>:** Troop Meeting

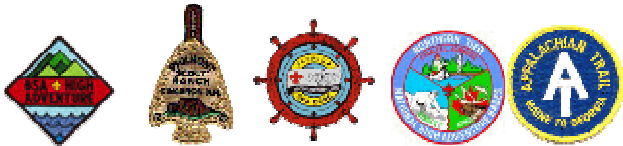
**Sept 29<sup>th</sup>-Oct 1<sup>st</sup>:** Rosh Hashanah

## October Reminders:

Oct 1<sup>st</sup>: Rosh Hashanah  
Oct 4<sup>th</sup>: GT Usher  
Oct 5<sup>th</sup>: Committee Meeting  
Oct 6<sup>th</sup>: Troop Meeting  
Oct 9<sup>th</sup>: RT & OA Meeting  
Oct 10<sup>th</sup>: No School for Fulton County Schools  
Oct 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>: Lost Sea Caving/TN Aquarium  
Oct 13<sup>th</sup>: Troop Meeting  
Oct 14<sup>th</sup>: Merit Badge Help Night  
Oct 16<sup>th</sup>: Patrol Leaders Council  
Oct 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>: Wood Badge Training (2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 weekends)  
Oct 18<sup>th</sup>: JOTA/JOTI  
Oct 20<sup>th</sup>: Troop Meeting ~ Board of Review  
Oct 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>: Duty to God Encampment  
Oct 25<sup>th</sup>: GT Usher ~ 5<sup>th</sup> Annual M.B. Univ. @ KSU  
Oct 26<sup>th</sup>: Cavalcade (sponsored by T629) ~ Scout Day at the Races  
Oct 27<sup>th</sup>: Troop Meeting @ Newtown Park ~ Popcorn Sales End  
Oct 31<sup>st</sup>: Halloween

## \*\*\*\*\*DEADLINES AND DATES\*\*\*\*\*

*Please frequently visit our website at [www.troop629.org](http://www.troop629.org). It is a dynamic, changing document that will keep you abreast of all troop activities and catch up on any of the latest changes. 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 ...

~~~~~ Keep your sight on the next troop outing for **Sept 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>**. Details are still being worked out. This may end up as an overnight backpacking trip. Watch for details during the next week or two. ~~~~~

## Flyers & Links

Tons of Troop Pictures – summer activities have been posted! <http://tinyurl.com/2yetln>  
Advance-A-Rama <http://www.meritbadge.info/mbn/eventdetails.aspx?id=306>  
Duty to God Encampment <http://www.aacrc.com/Duty%20to%20God%20Encampment.htm>  
BSA Online Learning Center <http://olc.scouting.org:80/>  
Scouting Magazine (Adult Leaders) <http://www.scoutingmagazine.org/>  
Boys Life Magazine (Scouts) <http://www.boyslife.org/>

### Special family night meeting

Our regular troop meeting on **Sept 15<sup>th</sup>** this year is a **special family night**. Families are invited to come have supper at the meeting, cooked by the scouts. This night is in lieu of the annual troop committee dinner meeting. So come on by to share some moments and food with your scout and the rest of the Troop 629 family.

### Next Troop Board of Review – September 22<sup>nd</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**.








### Court of Honor – Tentative Date of January 26, 2009

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 August go to:**

-  **EAGLE:** (none this month)
-  **LIFE:** (none this month)
-  **STAR:** Ben B. and Dale R.
-  **FIRST CLASS:** (none this month)
-  **SECOND CLASS:** Kevin A. and Evan T.
-  **TENDERFOOT:** (none this month)
-  **SCOUT:** (none this month)

### Hot off the Press!

The troop has a new *Newsletter/Communication Chair*. Many thanks go to **Shelley Avant** for volunteering to take over the troop newsletter to keep us all informed of troop activities. We look forward to reading her first edition soon. Thank you, Shelley.

### Volunteerism abounds ...

The troop is fortunate to have parents who want to be involved in troop activities. *Scouting for Food* has a new Chair ... **Ann Herring**. Thank you, Ann for donating your time to help make our troop so great.

### \*\*\*\*\*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. Popcorn fundraiser will begin this month. Check out this newsletter for details, as well as the website and troop bulletin board for future to *sign up* and earn.

## Troop 629 Scout Activity Scholarships

No scout should be missing any of our scout activities due to any family financial shortfalls. We have a scholarship program where the scout can earn his fee as a trade for some service hours. *Just ask* Scoutmaster Gillis to work out your scholarship plan, then sign up for that outing you want to go on.

## Popcorn Sales = Salesmanship Merit Badge Opportunities!

Scout Parents - now is the time to help your Scout help himself. With popcorn sales, our Scouts can jump-start their accounts and pay their own way through their Scouting careers. These young men can do it on their own, but the Scouting experience brings benefits to us all. The most benefits come when we all work together.



Parents, you can help by opening the doors to your workplace, so that these young men can practice honing their presentation skills and sell a few cases of popcorn in the process. If your workplace can afford an opportunity for your Scout to present Trails End popcorn, please coordinate this for your Scout. Contact your Popcorn Kernels listed below with any suggestions you might have. If you have any ideas or opportunities for Show and Sell, bring 'em on.

### Important Popcorn Dates:

**Kickoff: September 8 at the Troop 629 Meeting**

**Deadline for Sales: Monday, October 27**

John Herring [johnannpaden@earthlink.net](mailto:johnannpaden@earthlink.net)

John Rausch [jumping\\_ir@yahoo.com](mailto:jumping_ir@yahoo.com)

For Salesmanship Merit Badge information, check out this website:

<http://www.scouting.org/boyscouts/advancementandawards/meritbadges/mb-SALE.aspx>

## Fall Flowers off the troop calendar



Unfortunately our fall flower fundraiser has experienced a major setback. It looks as though this will not happen this year. Right now the troop is shifting its concentration to making a huge success out of selling popcorn and getting its members to participate in our Kroger gift card program (details for both are immediately above and below). If anyone has some good ideas on a new fundraiser program that might be a good fit for our troop, please contact Wendy

Kraemer at [wlkraemer@bellsouth.net](mailto:wlkraemer@bellsouth.net). We are open to new ideas.

## 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](mailto:ssbcook@bellsouth.net), [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. Georgia Tech Ushering is now being offered 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 – September 18<sup>th</sup>**

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.

### **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**.

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

Held on **September 20<sup>th</sup>** at UGA Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources, Athens, GA. **Registration is open until September 15<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact Mrs. Narayanan if you want to register [Kathleen@narayanan.us](mailto:Kathleen@narayanan.us). <http://www.meritbadge.info/mbn/eventdetails.aspx?id=306>.

### **5th Annual Merit Badge University @ KSU**

Merit Badge clinics are a great way to get a badge or two started. This one has over 60 classes on **October 25<sup>th</sup> at Kennesaw State University** (1000 Chastain Rd., Kennesaw 30144). Online **registration is currently accepted through Sept 25<sup>th</sup>** at [www.meritbadge.info](http://www.meritbadge.info). Check out the website to see which classes are still available (both Eagle required and non-Eagle required). Buglers can find details on the website on how register for a much anticipated Bugling Contest.

### **Duty to God Encampment**

This encampment is coming up over the weekend of **October 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>** for scouts looking to earn a Religious emblem. This is a campout at Bert Adams Reservation where dedicated scouts focus on their faith. Check out the *FLYER* section above to link to council flyer. Interested scouts can see or email **Frank Rocchio** for additional details.

### **High adventure for 2009!**

(Just a note from our S.M. to our adult leaders) No trip is scheduled by the troop at this time – we still waiting for a few adult leaders to coordinate their schedules and let us know what trip to be trying to set up. Lots of time and preparation goes into these trips. If you are willing and able, please contact Fran Gillis so we can get on some High Adventure waiting lists to start the ball rolling.



## 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 September 11th



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 September 9<sup>th</sup>.**

## 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. **Ask your SPL.**

**Scout Shop News!** The brand **new Centennial Scout Uniform** was unveiled in August. You will definitely want to add this one to your Scouting wardrobe. 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. You are not required to buy this new uniform. But the Scout Shop will have them ready and waiting when it is time to replace your old one (i.e. wear/tear/growth spurts).

**Certification Saturday** ~ Registration is now closed with no walk-ins and no exceptions. Adults who registered will go 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. 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).

## \*\*\*\*\*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. If you are missing an item after an outing, it might be waiting for you in the Lending Closet to come claim it.

Lending Closet includes some old camping equipment. There should be no need to go out and buy anything new for a scout until they are really ready to commit to an outdoor type experience on a regular basis.

### 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, \(wkraemer@bellsouth.net\)](mailto:wkraemer@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** [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!

**~~ Needed: Caramel Apple Engineers!**

The annual October Troop meeting held at Newtown Park is well in its planning stage. 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 now have volunteers for the hot cocoa and hot apple cider for the scouts. We are still in need of two helpers to manage the caramel apples. Please contact **Wendy Kraemer**, [wkraemer@bellsouth.net](mailto:wkraemer@bellsouth.net) to let her know you are available. If all you have is a brief spurt of time to give in volunteer hours, this is your chance to help out the troop. 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.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 [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  
Bugling Medicine  
Climbing

Dentistry  
Railroading  
Model Design

Plant Science  
Textile  
Reptile/Amphibian

Skating  
Whitewater  
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 month, please contact **Wendy Kraemer** at [wkraemer@bellsouth.net](mailto:wkraemer@bellsouth.net).

## 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 Kraemer 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.

# September 2008

| Sun                                                      | Mon                                                  | Tues                             | Wed           | Thurs                                   | Fri                                                     | Sat                                                                          |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>31</u> Aug                                            | <u>1</u> Sep                                         | <u>2</u>                         | <u>3</u>      | <u>4</u>                                | <u>5</u>                                                | <u>6</u>                                                                     |
|                                                          | Labor Day (Fed)<br>7:15p -8:45p<br>Troop Meeting     |                                  |               |                                         | Green Bar Course 4A                                     | Green Bar Course 4A                                                          |
| <u>7</u>                                                 | <u>8</u>                                             | <u>9</u>                         | <u>10</u>     | <u>11</u>                               | <u>12</u>                                               | <u>13</u>                                                                    |
| Green Bar Course 4A<br>6:00p -7:30p<br>Committee Meeting | 7:15p -8:45p<br>Troop Meeting<br>Popcorn Sales Start | 6:00p -7:00p<br>Merit Badge Help |               | 7:30p RT & OA Meeting                   | Green Bar Course 4B<br>OA Fall Fellowship--<br>Woodruff | Green Bar Course 4B<br>OA Fall Fellowship--<br>Woodruff<br>Allatoona Cleanup |
| <u>14</u>                                                | <u>15</u>                                            | <u>16</u>                        | <u>17</u>     | <u>18</u>                               | <u>19</u>                                               | <u>20</u>                                                                    |
| Green Bar Course 4B<br>OA Fall Fellowship--<br>Woodruff  | 7:15p -8:45p<br>Troop Meeting<br>Family Dinner       |                                  |               | 7:00p -8:00p<br>Patrol Leader's Council |                                                         | GT Usher<br>CPR Saturday<br>Advance-o-rama                                   |
| <u>21</u>                                                | <u>22</u>                                            | <u>23</u>                        | <u>24</u>     | <u>25</u>                               | <u>26</u>                                               | <u>27</u>                                                                    |
| Scouts Day at Atlanta Braves                             | 7:15p -8:45p<br>Troop Meeting<br>Board of Review     |                                  |               |                                         |                                                         | Sept. outing ~<br>Overnight<br>Backpacing(TBD)                               |
| <u>28</u>                                                | <u>29</u>                                            | <u>30</u>                        | <u>1</u> Oct  | <u>2</u>                                | <u>3</u>                                                | <u>4</u>                                                                     |
| Sept. outing ~<br>Overnight<br>Backpacking<br>(TBD)      | Erev Rosh Hashanah<br>7:15p -8:45p<br>Troop Meeting  | Rosh Hashanah                    | Rosh Hashanah |                                         |                                                         | GT Usher                                                                     |