



BOY SCOUT TROOP 629 NEWSLETTER

August 2010

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

ALL NEWSLETTERS ARE AT www.troop629.org



Scoutmaster Minute by Fran Gillis

It's a busy scouting summer for many 629 scouts; summer camp, kayaking, a group off to Minnesota canoeing and even one just back from leadership camp at Philmont, NM. And there is more to come with the Back to Basics outing this month. Throughout the summer, scouting is about taking on a piece of those goals you have one at a time. The vision of being the best you can be starts with those goals and just working on them; finishing up a Merit Badge by reading the book and talking to the assigned counselor, or checking out those pages in the handbook and then demonstrating your knowledge and just following the oath and law. It's not difficult nor is it hard. It just takes perseverance and a step by step process. So when you have that I am bored feeling, take out one of those books and finish up something you have started or just attack a new one. Eventually they all come together in one package.

As a side note Wendy Kraemer our fabulous committee chair for these past few years is turning over her gavel to Mary Beth Beirbaum. During the last Court of Honor we recognized her most excellent accomplishments and just wanted to again to say a great big THANKS - Wendy you have been a beacon for us all. Mary Beth welcome on board in this new role and hang on for the ride!

ORGANIZE YOUR FAMILY CALENDAR

August Reminders

- August 1st: Committee Meeting 6:00-7:30 (**New Location~ Room A17 @ Mount Pisgah**)
- August 2nd: Troop Meeting 7:15-8:45
- August 7th: Council Eagle Recognition
- August 8th: Eagle Court of Honor- McGoff
- August 9th: Troop Meeting 7:15-8:45
- August 12th: District Roundtable
- August 13th-15th: OA Ordeal BASR
- August 16th: Troop Meeting ~ Board of Review
- August 19th: Patrol Leaders Council
- August 20th- 22nd: Back to Basics – Allatoona
- August 23rd: Troop Meeting 7:15-8:45 (**Class A uniform attire**)
- August 28th: Troop Leadership Training (for boys) 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- August 29th: Eagle Court of Honor- Bodamer
- August 30th: Troop Court of Honor- Parents invited

September Reminders

- September 4th: Helen Tubing
- September 5th: Troop Committee Meeting
- September 6th: Troop Meeting 7:15-8:45
- September 9th: District Roundtable
- September 13th: Troop Meeting 7:15-8:45
- September 14th: Merit Badge Help 6 p.m.

September 16th: Patrol Leader Council
September 18-19: Rappelling
September 20th: Troop Meeting ~ Board of Review
September 25th: District Cavalcade
September 27th: Troop Meeting 7:15.- 8:45

- ❖ **Please note that with the start of Fulton County schools, the Troop Meetings will return to their normal schedule on August 23rd with a start time of 7:15 and end time of 8:45 and Class A uniform requirements. Please arrive on time so the program can start on time.**
- ❖ **Check out your Troop 629 web site to get the latest on all our upcoming events and view the latest pictures of our scouts in action.**

Calendar and Web Site Information

The Troop has its annual calendar published and it's available for all on the web site www.troop629.org. Keep in mind the Troop web site is a dynamic place always having items added and the latest updates being posted as soon as they are known. **Scouting is outing! Make it a habit to look at the website each week to ensure you are submitting your participation permission slips for designated trips and events.**

Our Chattahoochee District (www.cdbsa.org) and Atlanta Area Council (www.atlantabsa.org) have great web sites where additional information is also available concerning upcoming events. **A complete list of additional links and websites is listed on the final page of this newsletter under "Flyers and Links".**

Keep us updated on changes to phone numbers, address and e-mail accounts. Communication channels works best when everyone is getting and giving timely information. "View the bulletin board and troop web site for latest details." Not getting the newsletter? **Contact Heather Pendery at penderyclan@comcast.net .**

DEADLINES AND DATES

NEW Upcoming Troop Board of Review: August 16, 2010

After a scout completes his Scoutmaster conference, he must notify Mrs. Narayanan, Troop Advancement Chairperson, that he is ready for the next BOR. **Reminder: Full Class "A" uniform and Scout handbook are required for participation in a Board of Review.**

NEW Upcoming Events

- ❖ **August 20th-22nd**- Back to Basics- Lake Allatoona
- ❖ **September 4th**- Helen Tubing
- ❖ **September 18th-19th**- Rappelling

NEW Congratulations Eagle Scouts! Court of Honor Dates:

- ❖ **August 8th:** J. McGoff
- ❖ **August 29th:** D. Bodamer

Look for flyers and handouts at meetings and on web site. **Remember the on line calendar is dynamic so always refer to it to get the latest changes and updates.**

NEW BSA National Jamboree Webcast July 31st

Grab a friend and some popcorn and tune in to “**The Shining Light Across America**” celebrating the 100th Year Anniversary of Scouting. The webcast link is <http://www.atlantabsa.org/shininglight>
Or visit Atlantabsa.org for more details. Pre show starts at 5:30 p.m. and Centennial Celebration starts at 8 p.m.

Thank you & Welcome Home!

James Cook has safely returned to the United States from deployment with the U.S. Marine Corps in Afghanistan. A special thank-you goes to our Troop 629 for the prayers, emails, letters, packages, phone calls, and general support given during this stressful time.

Sincerely yours,
The family of Eagle Scout James Cook
Frank, Linda, Andrew, James, and Laura



SCOUT HANDSHAKE

🏹 EAGLE~👤 LIFE~👤 STAR~👤 FIRST CLASS~👤 SECOND CLASS~👤 TENDERFOOT~👤 SCOUT

Advancement congratulations for the month of July go to:

- 🏹 **EAGLE:** Daniel B., Jacob M
- 👤 **LIFE:** Logan W.
- 👤 **STAR:** none
- 👤 **FIRST CLASS:** Blair B.
- 👤 **SECOND CLASS:** none
- 👤 **TENDERFOOT:** Ross H., Clay V.
- 👤 **SCOUT:** Ashwin R.

CONGRATULATIONS TO EACH OF YOU!!

NEW Check Your Medical Forms! ✓

Please see Mrs. Bierbaum or Mr. Street at an August troop meeting to check on the status of your troop medical form. Many of you have medical forms that have just expired or are coming up for renewal. (Remember that your medical form is valid for only twelve (12) months from the date your physician signed your form and therefore must be renewed annually.) We don't want anyone to miss out on a trip because they do not have a current medical form on file with the troop. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Bierbaum by email – marybeth@bierbaum.com.

Leaders- Check Your Youth Protection Training ✓

Leaders please check the timing of your Youth Protection Training with Kathleen Narayanan at Kathleen@narayanan.us or at an August troop meeting. Youth Protection Training is required every two years and it is imperative that it be kept up to date.

NEW Merit Badge Universities



The following Merit Badge Universities are being offered through other Troops in the District or Atlanta Area Council. Consider joining one of these Merit Badge Clinics to jump start your advancement. Remember these are not Troop 629 sponsored activities, so you must register yourself and provide your own transportation. Questions? Click on the links below or contact the sponsoring organization.

Nature Merit Badge at the Chattahoochee Nature Center

Sunday, August 29, 2010 from 12:00 – 5:00pm

Cost: \$20 per scout

Scouts will discover food webs, discuss the differences between vertebrates and invertebrates in Georgia, and learn how and why plants and animals are important to each other. Participants will spend time outside identifying a variety of Georgia plants and animals, and will make a plaster animal track to take home!

The normal cost for this workshop is \$25, but the Will Alexander Scout Scholarship is available making the cost only \$20 for every Boy Scout!

Pre-registration is required and payment is due at the time of registration. Registration begins August 2nd. To register, please call (770)992-2055 ext. 237 or email scheduling@chattnaturecenter.org

Troop 1776 Catholic Church of St. Ann will host a Merit Badge day on August 21st for the below listed merit badges.

American Heritage	Family Life*
Carpentry	Family Life*
Citizenship in the Community*	Law
Citizenship in the Nation*	Personal Fitness*
Communications*	Personal Management*
Electronics	Personal Management*
Emergency Preparedness*	Photography
Energy	Radio
Environmental Science*	Stamp Collecting

Please see <http://meritbadge.info/mbn/EventDetails.aspx?ID=58B136D7-35BA-410A-A015-ECEBA415E868> for full details.

7th Annual Merit Badge University at Kennesaw State University 10/16/2010

ALT Adult Leader Training	Dog Care	Graphic Arts
American Business	Drafting	Law
Architecture	Electronics	Medicine
Bugling	Emergency Preparedness*	Nuclear Science
Chemistry	Energy	Personal Fitness*
Citizenship in the	Entrepreneurship	Personal Management*
Community*	Environmental Science*	Photography
Citizenship in the Nation*	Family Life*	Plumbing
Citizenship in the World*	Fingerprinting	Radio
Communications*	First Aid*	Salesmanship
Computers	Golf	Stamp Collecting
Textile		
Veterinary Medicine		
Weather		

Please see <http://meritbadge.info/mbn/EventDetails.aspx?ID=91E44A30-0D2D-434A-B9C9-F936F3F44445> for full details.

NEW High Adventure

On July 27th Nate B, Chris B, Blair B., Walker B., Aaron D., Connor P. and adult leaders, Dave P. and Mike B. left for a week long adventure of canoeing the Boundary Waters of Minnesota. Be sure to ask them about their Northern Tier High Adventure when they return.

Remember there are two High Adventure trips being planned for next year. Please let Mr. Gillis know if you would like to sail in the Bahamas over Fulton County Spring Break or backpack the Rocky Mountains of New Mexico in June. Slots are limited!



Scribe Note

Hope everyone is having an epic summer. Good luck to the 8 man crew heading up to the boundary waters at Northern Tier.

Keep those oars up.

Chris Bertrand- Troop 629 Scribe

NEW Committee Meeting Location Change

Committee Meetings will now be held in Room A17 at Mount Pisgah's South Campus (same campus as the Troop Meetings etc.) This room will better accommodate our needs. Thank you to Mount Pisgah for all their support!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Special Opportunities

There are many special scouting opportunities for sport venues and community activities that are not normally organized on a troop level for individuals to participate in. Keep an eye out for those notices on our bulletin board or go straight to the Atlanta Area Council program web section (http://www.atlantabsa.org/openrosters/view_homepage.asp?orgkey=1474) for flyers and details.

Service Projects

The Troop frequently has last minute service project opportunities for scouts to participate in. Keep an eye out for them weekly, look on the bulletin board and pick up the flyers that are usually at the meeting.

A SCOUT IS THRIFTY

Lending Closet

The Troop maintains a scout uniform exchange or drop off point for all to use. With growth spurts for young scouts it's hard at times to keep them outfitted for activities. Bring in your used or any pieces you come across and add to closet and feel free to pick up an item at any meeting. Ask for other items that may be store at another of our locations.

Grubby Details (Patrol Food Items)

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. Keep your receipts and turn your receipts into **Julie Deaton, Treasurer**, to be reimbursed for any authorized cost.

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.

ADULT INVOLVEMENT

Want to be more involved?

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, **Mary Beth Bierbaum** at marybeth@bierbaum.com to learn about the available open positions

TRAINED LEADERS- The Backbone of 629 (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.

All adults must complete the Youth Protection on line course before registration.

1. Complete **Adult Registration Form** (Found under *Forms* on Troop website, www.troop629.org, *Registration Form-Adult*)
2. Complete **Youth Protection & 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.

To participate as an adult leader in the troop on overnight camping, you must complete on line Youth Protection Training, Fast Start Training and review the Troop 629 Adult Guide. Assistant Scoutmasters and Committee Members must complete the above training and New Leaders Essentials, SALT, ITOLS and/or Committee Training. Information on these training opportunities is available on the Chattahoochee District Website at www.cdbsa.org

To participate in High Adventure, leaders must complete all the above along with special classes such as CPR, FA, safety afloat, and safe swim.

❖ **When you have completed any of the BSA training, please notify Kathleen Narayanan.**

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 update/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. Please give completed forms to **Kathleen Narayanan**. We are seeking counselors for all BSA merit badges

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. We would like to thank Donna Martinez for taking over this position. If you know of a troop family going through a difficult time and they need assistance or if you are able to provide a meal when needed, please contact Donna Martinez at mom3drm@aol.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 Heather Pendery at penderyclan@comcast.net.** 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.



Flyers & Links

Tons of Troop Pictures <http://tinyurl.com/2yetln>

Troop Events <http://www.troop629.org/events/events.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/>

Gear Guide for Scouts & Scouters http://www.troop629.org/Adventure/philmont_gear.htm

BSA on the Radio www.radiosandysprings.com

Council-Sponsored Events <http://www.atlantabsa.org>

Scout Shop News www.scoutstuff.org

Merit Badge www.meritbadge.com

New Leader Essentials for Boy Scout Leaders <http://training.cdbsa.org/ClassSignup.aspx?classtype=NLE>

SALT - Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leadership Training

<http://training.cdbsa.org/ClassSignup.aspx?classtype=SALT>

ITOLS - Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills

<http://training.cdbsa.org/ClassSignup.aspx?classtype=ITOLS>

Jamboree on the Air and on the Internet (JOTA/JOTI)

http://www.scout.org/en/information_events/events/jota/the_52nd_jota_2009# and <http://www.joti.org/>.

CPR Saturday www.goodturn.net

ScoutFest www.scoutfestatl.org