



BOY SCOUT TROOP 629 NEWSLETTER

December 2011

*This newsletter is intended for Troop 629 scouts and their families.
All Newsletters and up to date information are at www.troop629.org*



Scoutmaster Minute by Fran Gillis

Another year is fast approaching toward conclusion. There are many scouting activities behind us and a few more to close out the year. Holiday time is a special time for our patrol members to participate in a service orientated outing. Also our Troop helps recycle trees at the end of December and don't forget the well attended lock-in. So take some time to participate in our numerous special events yet to come. The ski trip jumpstarts our 2012 New Year program. Winterplace is ideal for the new skiers as well as those just getting back to the slopes after a long spell. Let's look forward to another great year with our summer adventures for older scouts at Sea Base and Philmont and a full array of activities for all scouts regardless of age. Check our web site for all details and look through some of pics capturing "scouting is outing" this past year. For those who missed out on our great Camporee, there are many pictures on the website to enjoy.

Troop 629 News.....Hot off the Press!

- ❖ Sign ups for the West Virginia ski trip are due Monday, December 5th. Visit the website under EVENTS to print off your permission slip and learn all the details. If you're interested in going, please sign up now as we need to meet a minimum number of participants to go on the trip.
- ❖ **It's time to start staffing the Christmas Tree Pick-up Fundraising event scheduled for Saturday, December 31, 2011!** Please watch for volunteer sign-up sheets at our troop meetings. We need scouts and registered adults to volunteer to help pick-up trees from designated homes to take to a recycling location. Also needed are scouts to volunteer to distribute flyers for this event in mailboxes of surrounding neighborhoods. The boys will earn service hours for their work. More detailed information will be available at the troop meetings. Lunch will be provided for all who volunteer!
- ❖ The next Troop Committee Meeting will be this Sunday, December 4, at 6pm in the Dining Hall.
- ❖ **Please make sure your medical forms are up to date.** You must have a valid form to attend an outing with the Troop. Medical forms can be downloaded off the website. All Scouts are required to have parts A,B and C current and on file to participate in Troop outings. Adult leaders that are attending an event also need to have a current Medical Form for the trip. Questions regarding your form status? Contact Ian Street at ian.street@daltile.com



Highlights, Deadlines and Dates

Upcoming Troop Board of Review: December 19th

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

Upcoming Events

December 16-17th: Lock in Night

December 31st: Christmas Tree Pick up

January 1st-4th: W. Virginia Ski trip

January 13th-15th: Venture Ski trip ~ New Hampshire

January 27th-29th: Falls Creek SP & Cumberland Caves

ORGANIZE YOUR FAMILY CALENDAR

December

December 3rd: Patrol Service Outing

December 4th: Troop Committee Meeting

December 5th: Troop Meeting 7:15-8:45

December 8th: District Roundtable

December 10th: Patrol Service Outing/CPR Training @ AAC

December 12th: Troop Meeting 7:15-8:45

December 13th: Merit Badge Help Night 6 p.m.

December 15th: Patrol Leaders Council

December 16-17th: Lock in

December 18th: NYLT Staff Interviews & Jake Brasher Eagle COH

December 19th: Troop Meeting~Board of Review 7:15-8:45

December 26th: No Meeting

December 31st: Christmas tree pick up

January

January 1st- 4th: W. Virginia ski trip

January 1st: Troop Committee Meeting 6 p.m.

January 2nd: Troop Meeting 7:15-8:45 p.m.

January 9th: Troop Meeting 7:15-8:45 p.m.

January 10th: Merit Badge Help Night 6 p.m.

January 12th: District Roundtable

January 13th- 16th: Venture Ski Trip

January 16th: No Meeting

January 18th: Summer Camp Kick Off Meeting

January 19th: Patrol Leaders Council

January 21st: NYLT Staff

January 23rd: Troop Meeting~Board of Review 7:15-8:45

January 27th-29th: Falls Creek SP & Cumberland Caves

January 30th: Troop Court of Honor

Calendar and Web Site Information~ Check out www.troop629.org

Each monthly outing for the entire year has been added into the Troop Calendar! Take a moment to log these into your family calendar so you can plan to attend. Scouting is outing and advanced planning helps make it happen.

Check out your Troop 629 web site to get the latest on all our upcoming events. Pictures from the most recent trips are always being added to the website. Check 'em out!

- ❖ Keep us updated on changes to phone numbers, address and e-mail accounts. Not getting the newsletter? Contact Heather Pendery at penderyclan@comcast.net

SCOUT HANDSHAKE

🦅 EAGLE~👤 LIFE~🌟 STAR~👤 FIRST CLASS~👤 SECOND CLASS~👤 TENDERFOOT~👤 SCOUT

Advancement congratulations for this month go to:

- 🦅 **EAGLE:** none
- 👤 **LIFE:** none
- 🌟 **STAR:** Ryan S.
- 👤 **FIRST CLASS:** none
- 👤 **SECOND CLASS:** Peter T.
- 👤 **TENDERFOOT:** Briggs C. and Connor S.
- 👤 **SCOUT:** Briggs C. and Conner C.

CONGRATULATIONS TO EACH OF YOU!!

ADULT INVOLVEMENT

“Many Hands make light work”



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 to get 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. (Unit leaders and assistant unit leaders may not serve as a BOR member.)

Additional 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).



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>

CPR Saturday www.goodturn.net