



BOY SCOUT TROOP 629 NEWSLETTER

January 2012

*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

Wow another great Christmas tree service project and extra special thanks to Mr. Cliff Brown and his team, who orchestrated such a smooth and easy execution. Thanks to all who contributed. Please continue to view our web site for up to date changes. All accurate info is posted there and it is a dynamic calendar which captures all our changes, so verify activities on-line before assuming all is the same. There are a few advancement changes being incorporated this year which highlights how we will now track active participation for attending troop meetings and monthly unit activities. Generally during the month's tracking progress for each rank, troop meeting participation needs to be recorded at 75% and for unit outings at 50%. For example a Star scout must have active participation for four months so during the months selected by the scout he must show 75% attendance at meetings and 50% of the outings attended. Additionally all life scouts must use the new Eagle Workbook which is posted on our web site.

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

- ❖ The next Troop Committee Meeting will be this **Sunday, January 8th, at 6pm** in the dining room.
- ❖ **Medical Forms.** Please check with Ian Street for the status of your medical forms. For convenience you can email Ian at ian.street@daltile.com requesting your expiration date. Medical forms expire 12 months from the date of your Scout's last Scout physical. This also applies to adults. Please avoid disappointment for an upcoming trip. Check your forms ASAP. Ian Street will be at the Monday Troop meetings to verify your forms. Forms are available on the home page of the Troop Website.
- ❖ **Summer Camp** Parents it's time to sign up for summer camp. The registration form can be found on the table at the troop meeting and on the "troop629.org" website. Sign up early because class size is limited and may be closed for late request. Cost is \$295 for scouts and \$150 for adults (\$30/day) plus additional fees as selected for certain events. Deposit of \$100 due Jan 30th, 2nd Payment of \$100 by Mar 26th & final \$95 by May 7th. A permission slip and physical are required for all scouts and scouters; need to be turned in by May 7th. For any question regarding Summer Camp please contact Eric Hoang at the following email address erichhoang@yahho.com

Highlights, Deadlines and Dates

Upcoming Troop Board of Review: **January 23rd**

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

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

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

February 5th: Scout Sunday/Scouting for Food

February 11th-12th: Pine Mountain backpack/bike trip

February 17th-19th: **Rescheduled West Virginia Ski Trip**

ORGANIZE YOUR FAMILY CALENDAR

January

January 2nd: No Troop Meeting

January 8th: Troop Committee Meeting

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~ New Hampshire

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 28th-29th: Falls Creek SP & Cumberland Caves

January 30th: Troop Court of Honor & ECOH Robbie Mitchell

February

February 5th: Scout Sunday/Scouting for food~ Troop Committee Meeting

February 6th: Troop Meeting 7:15-8:45 p.m.

February 8th: Legislature Day

February 9th: District Banquet/District Roundtable

February 11th-12th: Pine Mountain backpacking/biking trip

February 13th: Troop Meeting 7:15-8:45 p.m.

February 14th: Merit Badge Help Night 6 p.m.

February 16th: Patrol Leaders Council

February 17th-19th: Rescheduled West Virginia Ski trip

February 20th: Troop Meeting 7:15-8:45 p.m.

February 27th: Troop Meeting~ Board of Review 7:15-8:45 p.m.

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:** Stuart W.
🌟 **STAR:** none
👦 **FIRST CLASS:** none
👦 **SECOND CLASS:** Brandon S.
👦 **TENDERFOOT:** Connor C.
👦 **SCOUT:** none

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) and **Atlanta Area Council** (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).



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