



# BOY SCOUT TROOP 629 NEWSLETTER

## March 2012

*This newsletter is intended for Troop 629 scouts and their families.  
All Newsletters and up to date information are at [www.troop629.org](http://www.troop629.org)*



### Scoutmaster Minute by Fran Gillis

A balanced approach to time spent in scouting is the best way to keep on track with your scouting goals and for the trail to eagle. We highly encourage other activities BUT scouting should never be just the last choice on a scout's activity calendar. Yes, we do not expect 100% attendance at all meetings and activities. However, those other activities and events should not be a 100% goal as well before some scouting support. We ask that at times you select scouting over those events to be a well balanced individual. It takes a special commitment to be recognized as an Eagle and society understands that. When you fill out those job, college or scholarship application requests which do you think people will understand and provide a more positive outlook on your character and worthiness? Being a long term achievement culminating in Eagle Scout or playing a few months on one of the many seasonal teams or just a band member?

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

- ❖ Our next Troop Committee meeting is this **Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.** in the Dining Hall.



- ❖ Special thanks to Gregg Brasher and Ann Herring for their time and coordination earlier this month with Scout Sunday and Scouting for Food through Mt. Pisgah! Many thanks to all of the other adults and scouts who helped with this community program.
- ❖ Also, thanks to Don Harden and Jerry Sevy for organizing and helping with the Community Tree Planting project last weekend with several of our scouts. We couldn't do it without you!
- ❖ Kick off for the Atlanta Area Council unit fundraiser – **Camp Cards** – is the end of March. More information will come at our troop meetings. **This is a great way for your son to earn money for his High Adventure account.**
- ❖ **Be Prepared**: All scouts and registered adults need to contact Ian Street immediately to find out the status of their medical forms - [Ian.Street@Daltille.com](mailto:Ian.Street@Daltille.com)

## Summer Camp

Parents please help your son be prepared for summer camp!



- ❖ We have **MANY summer camp applications with no activities selected. Please turn in the activity section asap, as Mr. Hoang will be registering our Troop on-line on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Remember class selection is first come first served, so late registrations cannot be guaranteed their 1<sup>st</sup> choice of classes.
- ❖ The registration form can be found on the table at the troop meetings and on the "troop629.org" website.

- Cost is \$295 for scouts and \$150 for adults (\$30/day) plus additional fees as selected for certain events.
- 2nd Payment of \$100 by Mar 26<sup>th</sup> Troop Meeting (1<sup>st</sup> payment is past due)
- Final payment of \$95 by May 7<sup>th</sup> Troop Meeting

❖ A permission slip and physical are required for all scouts and scouters to attend summer camp. It needs to be turned in by May 7th. For any questions regarding Summer Camp please contact Eric Hoang at the following email address [erichhoang@yahoo.com](mailto:erichhoang@yahoo.com)



## Troop Fundraiser (Garage Sale, Car Wash, Auction)

April 21<sup>st</sup> **Save the Date!**

- ❖ **Garage Sale/Car Wash:** We need families to provide items to donate for our garage sale. Clean out your closets and clear out your garage.....All for a good cause! If anyone is interested in helping with this event, please contact Mary Beth Bierbaum – [marybeth@bierbaum.com](mailto:marybeth@bierbaum.com). We have sign-up sheets for Volunteers at every troop meeting.
- ❖ **Parent Meetings:** Parents please consider helping with the Troop 629 Fundraiser. It takes A LOT of effort to pull off this weekend which benefits our Troop and our Scouts! Two dates have been set for parent meetings: **March 12<sup>th</sup> and April 9<sup>th</sup>**. Bring your son to his regular Monday night Troop Meeting and you can spend the time learning more about the Troop Fundraiser and getting involved 😊
- ❖ **Current Silent Auction Donations:** We currently have several parents requesting local business donations. If you are interested in getting involved in the silent auction or would like to donate tickets, a gift basket or another item, please come to one of our meetings and/or contact Wendy Kraemer at [wkraemer@bellsouth.net](mailto:wkraemer@bellsouth.net).
  - Sample of current items: tickets to Yellow River Game Ranch, Brunzwick zone, Renaissance Festival, Sky Zone and many, many more.
- ❖ **Silent Auction:** The Patrols are currently working to produce theme baskets which will be auctioned during the silent auction. If you can help by providing a few items, please let your patrol leader know.

<u>Patrol</u>	<u>Gift Basket Theme</u>
Elephants	Chocolate Overload or Cooking/baking
Laser Cats	Camping/Outdoors
Malls cops	Sports Fan
Ninjas	Sweats and Treats
Trolls	Game Night
Venture	Movie Night

## High Adventure Money Matters

### Upcoming Philmont 2012 payment:

For those going on Philmont this June - the next payment is due March 1st. Please ensure you have the \$320 to cover this in your High Adventure account!

### Upcoming Sea Base 2012 payment:

For those going to Sea Base in July - the next payment is due in early April. Please ensure you have the \$320 to cover this in your High Adventure account by the March 26th Troop meeting. Questions regarding finances? Contact Mr. Calvert at [stouf29@yahoo.com](mailto:stouf29@yahoo.com)

## Adult Training from Chattahoochee District (Adult Leaders read this!)



This spring, the Chattahoochee District Training team will be presenting the position specific classes for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters.

These classes are perfect for those adults who are, or are planning on being active in the program side of Troop activities. And for previously trained leaders who want to brush up on their Troop Leadership skills. Also note that there will soon be a requirement to be fully trained in order to be registered. For Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters, the required training is Youth Protection Training, Scoutmaster and ASM Leadership Training (SALT) and Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (ITOLS).

**Scoutmaster and ASM Leadership Training (SALT)** – March 7, 14, & 21 (must attend all 3 sessions), \$10 – see <http://training.cdbsa.org/ClassSignup.aspx?classtype=SALT> for registration and flyer

This training occurs over three evenings. It covers the topics of: The Role Of The Scoutmaster, Troop Organization, Troop Meetings, Working with Boys, The Outdoor Program, Advancement, and Program Planning. Juha Harkonen is the course director.

**Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (ITOLS)** – Afternoon of Sun April 15 and weekend of April 27-29, \$25+food costs – see <http://training.cdbsa.org/ClassSignup.aspx?classtype=ITOLS> for registration and flyer

This class covers the outdoor skills expected of a First Class Scout and will increase your comfort level and give you confidence as a trained, skilled leader. This program will also give you the opportunity to work with other Scout leaders, meet new friends, and reinforce skill techniques with fellow unit leaders. The instructors will help you learn, *and teach*, how to set up camp, cook, work with woods tools, knots and lashing, ropes, first aid, planning campfire programs, map and compass skills, hiking and packing techniques, nature identification, and Leave No Trace. Each outdoor session will bring to life the pages of the Boy Scout Handbook to help you deliver the promise of Scouting for yourself and the youth you serve. Eric Steindorf is the course director.

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

## Merit Badge Classes



### ❖ Home Depot Painting Merit Badge:

Home Depot Store #1755 (1580 Holcomb Bridge Road) is holding a painting merit badge class on **March 10th. There are 12 available openings. From 3-6 PM.** Please call 770-518-3071 to reserve your spot. Ask for the Customer Service Desk and tell them you are registering for the Boy Scout Merit Badge Class on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Any questions? Ask Lori Jackson at Home Depot.

### ❖ Environmental Merit Badge offered at Chattahoochee Nature Center:

Saturday, March 10, 2012

10:00am-3:00pm

\$25 per Scout; Preregistration Required

Registration ends on March 5 at 4pm

- Nature Merit Badge– Sunday, April 29, 2012 from 12:00-5:00pm
- Canoeing Merit Badge- Saturday, May 5, 2012 from 10:00am-3:00pm

All details are posted on the CNC website [www.chattnaturecenter.org/boy-scouts](http://www.chattnaturecenter.org/boy-scouts) To register or for more information, please email Scheduling at CNC or call (770)992-2055 ext. 237.

## Highlights, Deadlines and Dates

### **Upcoming Troop Board of Review: March 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](mailto:Kathleen@narayanan.us) **Reminder: Full Class "A" uniform and Scout handbook are required for participation in a Board of Review.**

### Upcoming Events

**March 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>:** Okefenokee/Shotgun outing

**March 31<sup>st</sup>- April 3rd:** 25 mile backpack trip

**April 14-15<sup>th</sup>:** Bike outing

**April 21<sup>st</sup>:** Troop Fundraiser-Car Wash, Garage Sale and Silent Auction

## ORGANIZE YOUR FAMILY CALENDAR

### **March**

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Invasive Plant removal service project

**March 4<sup>th</sup>:** QuarterMaster clean up

**March 4<sup>th</sup>:** Troop Committee Meeting

**March 5<sup>th</sup>:** Troop Meeting/ OA Elections  
**March 8<sup>th</sup>:** District Roundtable  
**March 9 – 11<sup>th</sup>:** Okefenokee/Shotgun Outing  
**March 9 – 11<sup>th</sup>:** OA Pow-Wow  
**March 12<sup>th</sup>:** Troop Meeting 7:15-7:45  
**March 13<sup>th</sup>:** Merit Badge Help Night 6 p.m.  
**March 15:** Patrol Leaders Council  
**March 17<sup>th</sup>:** Harlem Globetrotters  
**March 19<sup>th</sup>:** Troop Meeting~ Board of Review 7:15-8:45  
**March 21<sup>st</sup>:** Legislature Day  
**March 26<sup>th</sup>:** Troop Meeting 7:15-8:45  
**March 31 – April 3<sup>rd</sup>:** 25 Mile Back Pack

**April**

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>:** No meeting-Fulton County Spring Break  
**April 9<sup>th</sup>:** Troop Meeting 7:15-8:45  
**April 10<sup>th</sup>:** Merit Badge Help Night 6 p.m.  
**April 12<sup>th</sup>:** District roundtable  
**April 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>:** Bike Outing  
**April 16<sup>th</sup>:** Troop Meeting  
**April 19<sup>th</sup>:** Patrol Leaders Council  
**April 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>:** NYLT Staff  
**April 21<sup>st</sup>:** Troop Fundraiser-Garage Sale, Car Wash, Silent Auction  
**April 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Troop Meeting~ Board of Review  
**April 30<sup>th</sup>:** Troop Court of Honor- All Parents invited

**Calendar and Web Site Information~**  **Check out [www.troop629.org](http://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. 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](mailto: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:** Vijay N.
- 👤 FIRST CLASS:** William B., Joseph C., Brandon S., Clay V.
- 👤 SECOND CLASS:** Joseph C., Damani P., Conner S.
- 👤 TENDERFOOT:** Joshua A.
- 👤 SCOUT:** Alex D., Jordan M., and Will S.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO EACH OF YOU!!**

## 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

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](http://www.troop629.org/Adventure/philmont_gear.htm)

BSA on the Radio [www.radiosandysprings.com](http://www.radiosandysprings.com)

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

Scout Shop News [www.scoutstuff.org](http://www.scoutstuff.org)

Merit Badge [www.meritbadge.com](http://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](http://www.goodturn.net)