



BOY SCOUT TROOP 629 NEWSLETTER

April 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

Gotta have a plan! Once you set your sites on the Eagle Scout vision you need those separate goals of rank advancement to be planned out in your life's calendar. Once you start out on those Star and Life goals your weekly routine should include a specific time, same day same time, set aside to work on those requirements. A little bit each week consistently makes it happen. Write those date goals down on a calendar that you routinely look at. On the back of your bedroom door so you see it each day you go out to take on the daily challenges or on you cell phone calendar with reminders; what needs to be done by when. With the new active participation rules for both meetings and activities, it's important to have a plan. With the leadership requirements you need to have a back-up plan if the position you want is taken. There are ways to make it all come together but it does require communication with your unit leader's support and with yourself in the form of a plan.

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

- ❖ **There is no meeting on Monday, April 2nd** due to Fulton County School's spring break. Enjoy your break!
- ❖ **April Troop Committee Meeting has been changed to Wednesday, April 11 at 7pm** in Room A008 on South Campus


The **Camp Card fundraiser program** is in full swing and it's a great deal for adding money to your own personal high adventure account. Sign up for cards now, so you can get out in the next 30 days to earn your own way to High Adventure trips. **Troop 629 has pre-ordered cards, so tell Mr. Gillis how many cards you intend to sell.** Boys can sell the cards to friends and neighbors and earn money for each card sold! For a cost of \$5 the Cards include:



- One-time discounts**
Publix - \$5 off \$50 purchase (one-time use)
- Multiple use discounts**
Waffle House – free beverage with meal purchase
The Sports Authority - \$10 off purchase of \$50 or \$25 off purchase of \$100
Meineke – 10% off automotive services and 5% off tires and batteries
White Water Express – Buy one get one free or \$10 off any activity
Church's Chicken – Free Southern Style Sandwich with purchase of medium fries and drink **Arby's** – free Classic Roast Beef Sandwich with purchase of small fries and drink

Yes your neighbor can give you \$5 for the card and then go to Publix with a \$5 discount. How easy is that? It's a great deal for YOU and for your friends! Questions? Contact Mr. Gillis.

- ❖ **Summer camp** class registration has begun. **Each scout that has registered will receive a copy of his schedule for review.** Once you receive your schedule, please contact Mr. Hoang with requested changes. We will try to make adjustments (subject to availability), so you may have your desired camp experience.

- ❖ **National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)** week offered by the Atlanta Area Council is accepting reservations from those who will be 13 and First Class by the session attending. This program is highly valued by our troop and especially if you want to be a Patrol Leader or Senior Patrol Leader some day, as that is a requirement for election consideration. The classes help not only your scouting experience but your other endeavors as well.
- ❖ **Exciting April outing that includes cycling, birds of prey and butterfly exhibits along with a safari stop is coming up fast.** Permission slips and checks due at next meeting April 9th (no meeting Apr 2). In May we have the annual Aquarium , Coca Cola and GT swim event- please see flyer on the website. All upcoming events are listed on our web site. 
- ❖ **Sea Base Bahamas for 2013**, yes that is the spring break for 2013, is now accepting reservations for the limited slots. If you are going to be 14 by Aug 2013 you are eligible to attend.
- ❖ Every 4 years the National Council of Boy scouts of America holds a **National Jamboree**. The next Jamboree is scheduled for the summer of 2013. Reservations are now being accepted and details are available at the Council web site or on our unit bulletin board.
- ❖ **New Parent Meeting/Summer Camp Informational Meeting will be held on Monday, April 23 at 7:30pm.** Please meet in the lobby area outside Studio A (where the troop meeting is held). This will be a time to hear important information about summer camp as well as have an opportunity to ask questions you may have about troop procedures/expectations now that your son has crossed over into Boy Scouts.



It's All Happening on April 21st

We need **YOU** to make the Troop Garage Sale, Silent Auction and Car Wash fundraiser a success!

Garage Sale donations and Volunteers:

The troop is in need of the following from our parents:

- Donations to sell at the Garage Sale – drop off Friday night, April 20
- Adults to help sort and price the donated items for the sale on Friday night, April 20
- Adults to be at the sale to help during the event – Saturday, April 21

Parents - If you can help with the Garage Sale, please email Mary Beth Bierbaum (marybeth@bierbaum.com) and let her know or come by a troop meeting in April to sign up to help. Thanks!

- ❖ Starting with our April 9th troop meeting, **we'll have sign-up sheets available for our scouts to volunteer for shifts during our Saturday, April 21st Garage Sale, Car Wash, Silent Auction event.** **Please make sure your son looks for the sign-up sheets so he can volunteer to help out!**

Yes, there is an awesome silent Auction on April 21st too!

Silent Auction

It's not too late to help with the Silent Auction! **There is another parent meeting on April 9th** to continuing planning the final details of the Silent Auction. This is a great opportunity to help the Troop with minimal time commitment☺ Bring your son to his regular Monday night meeting and you can spend 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.



Donation Deadline for Auction Items is April 11th.

- ❖ **The silent auction team has worked hard to acquire a fantastic list of available items.** Sample of current items: tickets to Yellow River Game Ranch, Brunswick zone, Renaissance Festival, Sky Zone and many, many more. **The complete list is attached to the April Newsletter e-mail. Check it out.** And remember to check the website as Mr. Bodamer is working to update donated items as details become available:

Please check the troop website for updates on our April 21st fundraiser weekend for additional silent auction items.

SUMMER CAMP IS AROUND THE CORNER
Are you prepared?



Medical records must be current for the entire length of Summer Camp. Part A, B and C must be completed and signed by a physician. In addition to the medical forms we must have a copy of your insurance card (front and back) on file. If you do not have medical insurance please make a note on the form saying no insurance or self insured. All medical forms are only valid for 12 months and require annual renewal on or before the date the current ones were signed by a physician. Woodruff is very strict and will only accept the official Scout forms A,B and C.

All forms must be updated by Monday May 7th. If your Scouts forms expire during summer camp they must be updated and on file by May 7th. All forms are sent to Woodruff 2 weeks prior to our arrival on June 17th. If you are new to Troop 629 or crossed over from Cub Scouts this year, please check to make sure your Scout's information is on the correct medical forms. All forms are available on the Troop website.

Please check your Scout's medical forms status at any Monday night Troop meeting or email Mr. Street at ian.street@daltile.com for information.



- ❖ **Many thanks** to Judy Semones and Mike Healy for helping the scouts from our troop attend Legislature Day at the Georgia State Capitol. We appreciate your time and support!
- ❖ Thank you to Karen Korshak, our Troop Membership Chair, and to Dave Pendery, our Webelos Liaison, for their time and hard work during crossover.

We are excited to welcome sixteen (16) new/transfer scouts to our Troop 629 family!

- ❖ Our next **Troop 629 Court of Honor is Monday, April 30** – during our regular troop meeting time. All troop families are encouraged to attend - even if your son is not individually being recognized for a rank advancement or earned merit badge. **Please come and support our scouts for their hard work advancing in the Boy Scouting program!**

Adult Training from Chattahoochee District



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).

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 offered at the Chattahoochee Nature Center

Remember to follow Troop 629's Merit Badge system: You must still read the entire Merit Badge Book, Still meet with a 629 Merit Badge Counselor and still meet ALL the requirements for the merit badge in order to get signed off. Questions? Talk to Mr. Gillis.



Environmental Science Merit Badge

Sunday, June 24, 2012 from 12:00-5:00pm

\$25 per scout; pre-registration required

Registration begins May 1. We will not register you until then.

Pre-requisites for this Merit Badge include #1, #2, #3f, #5 and #6. We will briefly discuss these during the program, but scouts should have previous knowledge of these requirements to fully participate in the activities. Requirements covered include #3a3, #3b3, #3c2, #3d1, 3e1 and 4a.

Each Merit Badge Clinic is limited to 20 scouts and is hands-on. Payment is due at the time of registration. Pre-registration is required for Merit Badge workshops. To register, contact the Scheduling Office at 770-992-2055 x237 or e-mail scheduling@chattnaturecenter.org All details are posted on the CNC website www.chattnaturecenter.org/boy-scouts

Highlights, Deadlines and Dates

Upcoming Troop Board of Review: **April 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

March 31st- April 3rd: 25 mile backpack trip

April 14-15th: Bike outing

April 21st: Troop Fundraiser-Car Wash, Garage Sale and Silent Auction

ORGANIZE YOUR FAMILY CALENDAR

April

March 31 – April 3rd : 25 Mile Back Pack

April 2nd: **No meeting-Fulton County Spring Break**

April 9th: Troop Meeting 7:15-8:45

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

April 11th: Troop Committee Meeting

April 12th: District roundtable/ OA Tap Out

April 14th-15th: Bike Outing

April 16th: Troop Meeting

April 19th: Patrol Leaders Council

April 20th-22nd: NYLT Staff

April 21st: Troop Fundraiser-Garage Sale, Car Wash, Silent Auction

April 22nd: NYLT Staff

April 23rd: Troop Meeting~ Board of Review

April 30th: Troop Court of Honor- All Parents invited

May

May 4th-6th: OA Ordeal Woodruff

May 4th: Cancer Walk

May 5th: Aquarium/Coke/GT swim

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

May 8th: Merit Badge Help Night 6 p.m.

May 10th: District Roundtable

May 14th: Troop Meeting 7:15-8:45 p.m.

May 17th: Patrol Leaders Council

May 18th-20th: OA Ordeal Bert Adams

May 19th: NYLT Staff Set Up

May 21st: Troop Meeting~Board of Review

May 27th-June 1st: NYLT week one

May 28th: No Meeting

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

Each monthly outing for the entire year is ON 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

SCOUT HANDSHAKE

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

Advancement congratulations for this month go to:

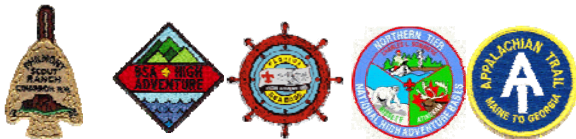
- 🦅 **EAGLE:** none
- 👤 **LIFE:** Chris W.
- 🌟 **STAR:** Shane Sevy
- 👤 **FIRST CLASS:** none
- 👤 **SECOND CLASS:** Connor C.
- 👤 **TENDERFOOT:** John H., Aidan M., and Colin O
- 👤 **SCOUT:** Joshua H. and Nolan S.

CONGRATULATIONS TO EACH OF YOU!!

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

- 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>