



BOY SCOUT TROOP 629 NEWSLETTER

May 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

Any great organization has many hands supporting the team to make events successful with no disconnects. We **never** want to say to a scout, "We can't take you on this trip because we do not have the transportation assets." Our activities need drivers and sometimes overnight support; which requires two adults to be present on site at all times. For each event we have to have enough seat belts to properly transport scouts to and from the events. Just driving does not require anyone to stay for the whole event nor does it require for the driver to be a registered adult member with scouting. However, when an adult also desires to stay overnight with the Troop, they are required to meet the minimum requirements which includes: completing a youth protection training video on-line & a copy of that certificate turned in, a properly filled out and turned in adult registration form, a scout physical and an understanding of unit policies and procedures especially with respect to adult interface with the scouts on the trip which is found on our unit web site. To be even more involved; especially if you would want to join your son on a high adventure trip in the future; requires additional training up through what is known as ITOLS and with items such as safe swim or safety afloat training. It's also important that we have adults indicate their availability to help by the same reservation deadline as scouts on the permission slips. This helps us organize the grub-master food and transportation plan for the event. Scouts who sign up to accomplish the grub-master advancement requirement are given the food list which **must be followed exactly** and the purchase receipt should be turned in during the next meeting for reimbursement.

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

- ❖ The May Troop Committee Meeting has been changed to Wednesday, May 9, at 7pm. Location TBD.



MANY thanks to ALL who helped with the Troop Fundraiser the weekend of April 20th – Garage Sale, Car Wash, Recycling, and Silent Auction!! The weather couldn't have been better and **we couldn't have done it without everyone who came out Friday night to help set-up and to those that helped during the event on Saturday!** Thanks to everyone who supported this event through their time and donations!!

A special thanks to Pam and Jason Sutton for all they did to coordinate the Garage Sale event. The Garage Sale wouldn't have taken place without their organization and expertise. We are most grateful to them for ALL they did to make the Garage Sale a great success for the troop! **Another special thanks goes to Wendy Kraemer and Tena Hargrove for their tireless efforts in organizing the Silent Auction.** Many thanks to everyone on their Silent Auction Committee who helped solicit local merchants for donations toward the auction. We know that Wendy and Tena did a lot of campaigning to other companies and merchants which resulted in a fantastic menu of auction items. **A HUGE thank you to Jerry Sevy for his tireless leadership on the Car Wash.** We appreciate the other adult leaders and parents who came to help with this event. We've heard many compliments from their customers about how nice their cars were cleaned...**thanks boys** for a job well done!

We would like to extend our appreciation to a Troop 629 Eagle Scout Alumni, Mr. Bruce Chesson of Two Rivers Recycling, for volunteering his time in providing the electronics recycling drop-off station during our fundraiser.

❖ **Thanks to Teresa Way** for her leadership with our troop's participation in the Relay for Life event which was held on Friday, April 27 at Roswell High School.

❖ **Friends of Scouting:** If you are interested in supporting or learning more about the **Atlanta Area Council's Friends of Scouting campaign**, please contact **John Herring**, our Troop 629 FOS Chair at johnannpaden@gmail.com



❖ **Our next outing is on May 5th:** Aquarium, Coca Cola and GT swim day. Details are on the website under EVENTS and paperwork is past due!

❖ **Summer Scouting:** The Summer schedule for T629 starts early this year with our first "summer" meeting on May 21st. **During the summer, the boys wear their red scout shirt and closed toed shoes to the Monday Troop Meetings.** Every Monday is "game night" and advancement is allowed ☺ We do not meet on holidays such as Memorial Day and will not meet during summer camp as the majority of the boys are at Woodruff. Time is the same 7:15-8:45 p.m. /location is the same too. **If you are scheduled for the May 21st Board of Review you must still wear your class A during the BOR and you must have your handbook too!**

❖ **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.

❖ **Sea Base Bahamas 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. Contact Mr. Gillis if you are interested in reserving a spot for this High Adventure Trip.

❖ 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.

SUMMER CAMP IS AROUND THE CORNER

Are you prepared?

Get your forms in now to avoid problems later.



In addition to medical forms and insurance card photocopy, you need to fill out your permission slip and registration form for camp, AND your rafting trip form. It's time to prepare! All summer camp forms are posted on the website under the "summer camp info" tab on the right hand side of the Troop Home page under "what's new".

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.

Silent Auction: The following items did not sell during the silent auction. If you are interested in purchasing any of the items below, please contact Wendy Kraemer at wlkraemer@bellsouth.net

<u>Donated Items</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Retail</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
<u>Ocoee Zipz - Ocoee, TN</u>	<u>Zipline and Canopy Tour adventure for 2, valid 2011-2012 season, not valid on Saturdays. For more information visit www.ocoeezipz.com.</u>	<u>160.00</u>	<u>80.00</u>
<u>Club Scientific</u>	<u>1 Week Summer Camp, includes before and after care, and Camp T-shirt. Not valid for Robot Camp. For more information visit www.clubscientific.com.</u>	<u>300.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>
<u>Georgia Sports Hall of Fame - Macon, GA</u>	<u>4 Admission Passes. Open Tuesday-Saturday, closed on Sunday, Monday and Holidays; expires 6/30/12. For more information visit www.gshf.org.</u>	<u>32.00</u>	<u>16.00</u>
<u>Wheel of Fortune - Culver City, GA</u>	<u>(4) VIP Passes for a wheel of fortune taping at the Sony Studios in Culver City, CA. Must call for dates and times. Wheel of Fortune bag, cap and key chain. Autographed photo of Pat Sajak and Vanna white.</u>	<u>50.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>

Troop 629 Boy Scouts in action during the April 21st Fundraiser!



To view more pictures of our scouts during events go to <http://www.troop629.org/pictures/index.htm>



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. Boys can sell the cards to friends and neighbors and earn \$2.50 for each card sold! It's an easy way to help earn your OWN way to High Adventure or summer camp. Deadline for selling the cards is the May 21st meeting. Questions or need some camp cards? Contact Mr. Gillis.

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

Each Merit Badge Clinic is limited to 20 scouts and is hands-on. 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

Service Hours Opportunity

Chris Bertrand's Eagle Scout Project

We will be teaming up with Must Ministries to make 200 sack lunches for the many children in our area who might otherwise go without lunch during the summer. We will need to collect the items needed to make the lunches. Please take the name of an item (or two!) at the May 7th meeting and return them to the collection boxes at the next two meetings.

Service Hour Opportunities will include:

- Making donation cards-**soon!**
 - Inventory donations-**Friday, May 25**
 - Shopping for items not donated-**Tuesday, May 29**
 - Making and delivering the lunches
- Wednesday, May 30 and Thursday, May 31 at Mt. Pisgah**

To Sign up for Service Hours contact

Chris Bertrand- 770-753-4591

or **email:** thefivebertrands@gmail.com

Highlights, Deadlines and Dates

Upcoming Troop Board of Review: **May 21st**

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

May 5th: Aquarium/GT swim/ World of Coke outing

June 17th-June 23rd: Woodruff Summer Camp for Troop 629

ORGANIZE YOUR FAMILY CALENDAR

May

May 4th-6th: OA Ordeal Woodruff

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 9th: Troop Committee Meeting

May 10th: District Roundtable

May 14th: Troop Meeting 7:15-8:45 p.m.~SPL/PL elections

May 17th: Patrol Leaders Council~ Annual Planning

May 18th-20th: OA Ordeal Bert Adams

May 19th: NYLT Staff Set Up

May 21st: Troop Meeting~Board of Review- Summer meetings begin.

May 23rd: PLC Training

May 27th-June 1st: NYLT week one

May 28th: **No Meeting**

June

June 3rd: Troop Committee Meeting

June 3rd – June 8th: NYLT week two

June 4th: Troop Meeting 7:15-8:45 p.m.

June 10th-June 15th: NYLT week three

June 11th: Troop Meeting 7:15-8:45 p.m.

June 14th: District Roundtable

June 15th-28th: Philmont T629 High Adventure Trip

June 17th- June 23rd: Woodruff Summer Camp T629

June 18th: **No meeting**

June 25th: 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 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. 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:** Tyler W.
- 🏹 **FIRST CLASS:** Drew H.
- 🏹 **SECOND CLASS:** Briggs C., Duncan H., and Colin O
- 🏹 **TENDERFOOT:** none
- 🏹 **SCOUT:** Alex J., Camren L., Luke S., Matthew W., and Matthew L

CONGRATULATIONS TO EACH OF YOU!!

Be Prepared and Friendly Reminders

Troop 629 Scout Activity Scholarships

In these turbulent times please understand fully that our policy has always been and is still the same – **no scout should miss participating in any activity due to a temporary shortfall in their families ability to afford the activity.** We have been blessed to have sufficient funds to offer every scout the ability to quickly earn their way through a service project of their choosing. Coordinate with the SM or Committee Chair to bring this about but do not hold back asking if the need exists. In addition, the high adventure bases and camps also normally run scholarship applications for various events, just ask us for the forms if help is needed for a particular event

Lending Closet

The Troop maintains a scout closet “uniform exchange” for all to use. With growth spurts for young scouts it can be hard to keep them outfitted for activities. **Everyone please go through your closets and please consider donating items that no longer fit.** Bring in your used Scout pieces and add to the closet and feel free to pick up an item during the regular Monday night Troop Meetings. Summer camp is coming up and all items are welcome.

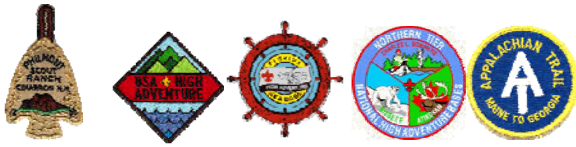
Life to Eagle Candidates

Is your project stalled? Do you need fresh ideas or perspective? Does your project plan effectively address the expectations of the Chattahoochee District? Contact Mr. Gillis gillisfx@aol.com If you would like to review past Eagle project packages, please contact Ms. Narayanan who will bring the binder to a troop meeting for your review.

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>

Relay for Life Night with Troop 629

