



BOY SCOUT TROOP 629 NEWSLETTER

June 2012

*This newsletter is intended for Troop 629 scouts and their families.
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Scoutmaster Minute by Fran Gillis

Congratulations to our new Senior Patrol Leader, Paden H. Semi-annual elections have been completed and thanks to our outgoing SPL, Kevin H; we have had a successful past six months and are ready for the next. The re-organized patrol leaders council has already knocked out the annual calendar for the Troop and you can see that listed on our web site.

We sure hope more of our scouts plan to participate in the outing side of scouting. We have some great activities planned and so there is no excuse not to fold those into school calendars once the summer is over. When balancing activities, scouting cannot be the last option to select from, but should oftentimes be the first! The value of scouting over the 5 to 6 years in scouting is much more than a season of sports. We not only have our summer camp at Woodruff fast approaching but a crew off to the Rocky Mountains for backpacking at Philmont scout ranch, a large crew off to the Florida Keys sailing from Sea Base to Key West and seven scouts attending weeklong National Youth Leadership Training with five of our own serving on that Council Staff. That's over 700 individual overnight experiences by members of our Troop!

Summer meetings will start being held at the South Campus Family Life Center June 11 until Aug 6 and only require the red activity troop scout shirt for the uniform. Summertime means game-time for the program and advancement for any scout needing help.

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

- ❖ The May Troop Committee Meeting has been changed to Sunday, June 10th @ 6 p.m. in the Dining Hall.
- ❖ **Summer Scouting: 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 a summer Board of Review you must still wear your class A during the BOR and you must have your handbook too! **Location change starting June 11th to the Family Life Center on South Campus!**
- ❖ **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?

All forms are due this Monday, June 4th!



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.

If you do not know the status of your son's medical form- email Mr. Street at ian.street@daltile.com immediately.

Packing for Summer Camp: For what to bring please refer to the equipment list posted on the right hand side of the Troop 629 website. <http://www.troop629.org/camping/summercamp2012.htm>

Please remember the New Woodruff Croc rule:

" Footwear: Shoes must be worn at all times at camp. **Shoes must not be open at the toe or sides.** Sandals are allowed only in the showers. We do not allow Croc's outside the waterfront and camp shower areas"

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



To register, contact the Scheduling Office at 770-992-2055 x237 All details are posted on the CNC website www.chattnaturecenter.org/boy-scouts

Highlights, Deadlines and Dates

Upcoming Troop Board of Review: June 25th

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

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

July 25th: Lake Lanier Waterpark Day

ORGANIZE YOUR FAMILY CALENDAR

June

June 3rd – June 8th: NYLT week two

June 4th: Troop Meeting (North Campus Studio A) 7:15-8:45 p.m.

June 10th: Troop Committee Meeting @ 6 p.m. Dining Hall

June 10th-June 15th: NYLT week three

June 11th: Troop Meeting (South Hall-Family Life Center) 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 (South Hall-FLC) 7:15-8:45 p.m.

July

July 1: Troop Committee Meeting

July 2nd: **No Meeting**

July 4th – 11th: T629 High Adventure SeaBase Trip

July 9th: Troop Meeting (South Hall-Family Life Center) 7:15-8:45 p.m.

July 12th: District Roundtable

July 16th: Troop Meeting~Board of Review (South Hall-Family Life Center) 7:15-8:45 p.m.

July 19th: Patrol Leaders Council

July 23rd: Troop Meeting (South Hall-Family Life Center) 7:15-8:45 p.m.

July 25th: Lake Lanier Waterpark Day

July 30th: Troop Meeting (South Hall-Family Life Center) 7:15-8:45 p.m.

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

Each monthly outing for the entire 2012-2013 school 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: Miles M.

 FIRST CLASS: Colin C., Colin O., Damini P., and Andrew G.

 SECOND CLASS: Alex D., Jermain L., and Sam W.

 TENDERFOOT: Alex D.

 SCOUT: Nathan J., and Curran M.

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.

NYLT Week 2 participants



Silent Auction items that are left

1. Ocoee Zips - Ocoee, TN

Zipline and Canopy Tour adventure for (2), valid 2011-2012 season, not valid on Saturdays. More more information visit www.ocoeezipz.com. \$80

2. Georgia Sports Hall of Fame - Macon,GA

Admission passes for (4). Open Tuesday - Saturday, closed on Sunday, Monday and Holidays; expires 6/30/12. For more information visit www.gshf.org - \$16 or best offer; expires at the end of the month.

3. Wheel of Fortune - California

Tickets to taping for (4) along with photo of Vanna and Pat; keychain, and Wheel of Fortune Bag. *Best offer*

Training

ITOLS - Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

Scheduled for September 23rd and October 5th - 7th

Registration - go to 'training' on website: <http://www.cdbsa.org>

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>