

BOY SCOUT TROOP 629

NEWSLETTER

January 2013

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

Congratulations to two more of our newest Eagle Scouts! Billy Johns and Robbie Warren completed their District Board of Review and added their names to our growing flock of Eagles. Separate recognition ceremonies will be set up to celebrate their accomplishment and all will be welcome. Our program really does take into account expressed desires and wants of the scouts. Lately we have had activities that have been scheduled but our attendance is much less than needed to call them an outing. We cancelled the ski trip to West Virginia and have rescheduled for President's weekend in Feb to try again. You can always anticipate what is coming up by looking at the posted calendar. It's important that sometimes you make the decision to participate with us one out of the four weekends each month. A 100% commitment to other events before scouting is not really balancing all that can be gleaned and added to one's life skills. Looking forward, we have a number and variety of activities which should interest everyone. Flyers with details are being added to the website so look for the updates routinely. Coming up we have: NH skiing for older scouts, caving at Raccoon Mountain TN, backpacking at Pine Mountain GA, another try at WV skiing and a special outing to Ossabaw Island off the coast of GA. You too can always put the outing in scouting.

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


- ❖ We have many **Troop 629 boys who have achieved the highest rank of Eagle Scout**. Please check the Troop Calendar for dates of their **Special Eagle Court of Honor ceremonies**. Several are planned for January and February.



Many thanks to everyone who sent in treats for our annual Holiday meeting on December 17th. The goodies were delicious and much appreciated and enjoyed by ALL! Thank you!

Many thanks to all who sent in snacks/waters to help keep our Christmas Tree pick-up helpers energized during their tree pick-up runs on December 30. Thank you!

- ❖ **Next Troop Committee meeting** will be held on **Sunday, January 6** at 6pm in the Dining Hall.
- ❖ **Next Troop Court of Honor will be held on Monday, January 28 at 7:15pm in Studio A** – regular meeting time and place. **ALL parents PLEASE attend as we will be recognizing all of our boys who have advanced in the program since our last Court of Honor this past August. If your son is one of them, you will be asked to join your son when he is recognized during the ceremony.**
- ❖ **Caving outing to Raccoon Mountain is set for Jan. 26-27th**. Details will be posted soon on the website and will be available at the Troop Meetings.
- ❖ **Winterplace Ski Trip** has been rescheduled for Feb. 15- 18th. Flyer and details will be posted on the website under EVENTS. Make your plans now to attend.
- ❖ **Backpacking at Pine Mountain, GA** is scheduled for Feb 9-10. Flyer with details will be out soon.

- ❖ **Summer Camp Sign Up to begin soon!** Troop 629 Summer Camp Week is June 16th – 22nd. Start marking your calendar now. Packets will come out in January for Troop Registration with details.
- ❖ **New Hampshire Ski Trip:** Venture Scouts (age 14 and older) that are interested in skiing New Hampshire should talk to Mr. Gillis. **Details for this January 18th thru 21st trip are posted** on the website under Events.
- ❖ If you have questions regarding the status of your Medical Form, please contact Mrs. Bierbaum at MaryBeth@bierbaum.com
- ❖ **Scouters Academy will be held on January 26 and is a great training opportunity.** This year the Atlanta Area Council is providing a “Super Bowl” of training opportunities. Please see the attached flyer for details 
www.atlantabsa.org/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=41710.
If you are interested (parents or Patrol Leaders) please contact Mr. Hoang (erichhoang@yahoo.com) for registration and car pool.

Highlights, Deadlines and Dates

Upcoming Troop Board of Review: January 14th

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 18th-21st: Venture Scouts Ski Trip to New Hampshire
January 26-27th: Caving Trip to Raccoon Mountain
February 9th – 10th: Pine Mountain Backpacking Trip
February 15th- 18th: Winterplace West Virginia Ski Trip

ORGANIZE YOUR FAMILY CALENDAR

January

January 6th: Troop Committee Meeting
January 7th: Troop Meeting 7:15-8:45
January 8th: Merit Badge Help Night 6 p.m.
January 10th: District Roundtable
January 13th: Eagle Court of Honor- Connor Penderly 2 p.m.
January 14th: Troop Meeting~Board of Review 7:15-8:45
January 17th: Patrol Leader Council
January 18th-21st: Venture Ski in New Hampshire
January 21st: **No Meeting**
January 26th-27th: Caving Trip
January 26th: NYLT Staff Orientation
January 27th: Eagle Court of Honor-Benny Bierbaum 5 p.m.
January 28th: Troop Court of Honor (**Parents and Families all attend**) 7:15-8:45

February

February 3rd: Eagle Court of Honor- Bill Rettig
February 3rd: Scouting for Food/Scout Sunday/Troop Committee Meeting
February 4th: Troop Meeting 7:15-8:45 p.m.

February 9th: Pine Mountain Backpacking Trip
February 11th: Troop Meeting~ OA Elections 7:15-8:45 p.m.
February 12th: Merit Badge Help Night
February 14th: District Roundtable
February 15th-18th: West Virginia Ski Trip
February 18th- **No Meeting**
February 20th: Patrol Leader Council
February 21st: District Banquet
February 23rd: NYLT Staff Day
February 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 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 Penderly at penderyclan@comcast.net

SCOUT HANDSHAKE

🦅 EAGLE~ 🌱 LIFE~ ⭐ STAR~ 🏆 FIRST CLASS~ 🥈 SECOND CLASS~ 🦶 TENDERFOOT~ 🦸 SCOUT
 Advancement congratulations for this month go to:

🦅 **EAGLE**: Billy J and Robbie W.
 🌱 **LIFE**: none
 ⭐ **STAR**: Ross H.
 🏆 **FIRST CLASS**: Connor C.
 🥈 **SECOND CLASS**: none
 🦶 **TENDERFOOT**: Matthew L.
 🦸 **SCOUT**: none

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>