



BOY SCOUT TROOP 629

mini-NEWSLETTER

July 2013

This newsletter is intended for Troop 629 scouts and their families.

All Newsletters, pictures and up to date information are at www.troop629.org



Scoutmaster Minute by Fran Gillis

Great team effort from both the adults and scouts handling the summer camp "adventure". The extra sickness event while not part of this year's program certainly gave us all many fine lessons and for those affected "a memory". A scout is prepared and also learns from his experiences. This was a lesson that more frequent hand washing on all our events needs to be observed by all. July events are fast approaching and we really do need an early response from all to properly arrange for reservations and transportation. Please ensure we are aware of your willingness to help on any of these activities. We have a number of scouts leaving for New Mexico NAYLE and Minnesota Northern Tier. Please remember that we try to keep the troop calendar up to date so use that as your first resource to verify event details.

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

- ❖ **Thanks to ASM Jason Sutton for leading summer camp and to Pam Sutton** for her dedication in caring for sick boys during Summer Camp. **Thanks also to all the other adults who attended camp**, received training, provided encouragement and made Summer Camp possible for all the T629 attendees. We couldn't do it without you!!!
- ❖ We want to say a **fond farewell to the Hargrove family** who left straight from summer camp at Woodruff to drive to their new home in Texas. We appreciate all they have contributed to Troop 629 and look forward to hearing about the many adventures they will have with their new Texas Troop! We will miss you!
- ❖ **The July Troop Committee meeting has been cancelled.**
- ❖ **Thanks to Rick Taylor** for volunteering to help John Herring with the Popcorn fundraiser in the Fall for Troop 629! **Many thanks to John Rausch** for his many years of past popcorn kernel service!
- ❖ **Thanks to Denise Healy** for stepping up to help with our Troop Lending Closet.
- ❖ **We still need volunteers to help** with our Troop Court of Honor refreshments (3x per year), Eagle Court of Honor Reception lead host/hostess, Relay for Life Co-Coordinator for May 2014. If you'd like to get involved, please contact Troop Committee Chair, Mary Beth Bierbaum (marybeth@bierbaum.com/770-442-5306).



- ❖ Our **Sea Base sailing crew for St Thomas is now filled** and **if we have more interest we can seek out another crew as well**. Just need two adults who will complete all the training and six more scouts to make it happen. Let us know as soon as possible if you are interested.



- ❖ Scout policy requires that we have **no open toe shoes** being worn by scouts at any time except in the showers. This means closed toe shoes at all times for meetings, activities and even going to the showers. Crocs have been added to the no open toe shoe list as well.
- ❖ **Merit Badge Clinic:** August 7th sponsored by Crew 43. Over 34 different Merit Badges will be offered. Crew 43 is located in the BSA Milton District in Johns Creek. To register or learn more go to: <http://meritbadge.info/mbn/EventDetails.aspx?ID=F944B086-3F88-481B-BA63-961B2F764B37>

Highlights, Deadlines and Dates

Upcoming Troop Board of Review: July 15th

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

July 17th: Six Flags White Water outing

July 20th: Broad River Kayaking trip

August 16th-18th: Dauset Trails outing

August 25th: Nate Bramel Eagle Court of Honor

ORGANIZE YOUR FAMILY CALENDAR

July

July 1st: Troop Meeting 7:15-8:45 p.m.

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

July 11th: District Roundtable

July 15^{th-24th}: National Jamboree West Virginia

July 15th: Troop Meeting 7:15-8:45 p.m. ~Board of Review

July 17th: Six Flags White Water Day

July 18th: Patrol Leaders Council

July 20th: Broad Creek Kayak trip

July 22nd: Troop Meeting 7:15-8:45 p.m.

July 29th: Troop Meeting 7:15-8:45 p.m.

July 31st-August 7th: Northern Tier High Adventure

August

August 4th: Troop Committee Meeting 6 p.m.

August 5th: Troop Meeting 7:15-8:45 p.m....Last summer meeting in Family Life Center/red t-shirt

August 8th: District Roundtable

August 12th: Troop Meeting 7:15-8:45 p.m. Studio A North Campus, Class A uniform attire

August 13th: Merit Badge Help Night 6 p.m.

August 15th: Patrol Leaders Council

August 16th – 18th: Dauset Trail Outing

August 19th: Troop Meeting 7:15-8:45 ~ Board of Review

August 25th: Nate Bramel Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony








August 26th: Troop Court of Honor: **All Parents please plan to attend**

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

Each monthly outing for the next 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:** D. Philip
 **FIRST CLASS:** none
 **SECOND CLASS:** none
 **TENDERFOOT:** none
 **SCOUT:** none

CONGRATULATIONS!

Volunteer News

Thank you's and additional help needed

Lending Closet - Thank you Denise Healy for offering to help with the lending closet. **We are still looking for one more person to join Denise in this area.**

Court of Honor - Refreshments - Thank you Michelle Davis for volunteering in this area. This includes the purchase, setup and cleanup of refreshments for our three Court of Honors that we have during the year. **We are still looking for another adult to join Michelle in this area.** Our Court of Honors are usually held in August, January and May. The COH's are special events where your Scout is recognized for his achievements.

Popcorn

Thank you John Rausch for your many years as co-Popcorn Kernel. We have a new parent, Rick Taylor, who will be working with John Herring for the upcoming Popcorn Fundraiser. **We are still in need of another volunteer in this area.**

Relay for Life

We are looking for one more person to join Virginia Deavers for the Relay for Life for the upcoming year. This is an annual event which occurs in May. This involves a couple of meetings and an evening at the Relay for Life event where the troop has a booth, games and prizes.

Eagle Scout Neckerchief Seamstress

We are in need of someone who likes to sew to assist in the making of our Eagle Scout Neckerchiefs. These are made of silk-like material and are absolutely beautiful with an embroidered Eagle. If you sew and would like to help, we would like for you to work with Ann Herring for the next couple of months to learn the ropes in this area. Our troop usually has 6-8 Eagle Scouts a year.

Eagle Scout Court of Honor - Ceremony - Hostess Needed

We have an opening on our Eagle Scout COH Committee. This committee assists the Eagle Scout Family with the setup, cleanup and serving for the ECOH. This occurs about 6-8 times a year. If we have several folks on this committee, folks can fill in when others have commitments.

If you are interested in any of the areas above, please see Wendy Kraemer at the next meeting or email wkraemer@bellsouth.net or reach out to our Committee Chair Mary Beth Bierbaum at marybeth@bierbaum.com.

Scouts in Action



Check out all the new Summer Camp pictures on the Troop Website!