

# BOY SCOUT TROOP 629

## mini-NEWSLETTER

July 2014

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

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T629 Sea Base Crew US Virgin Islands



### Scoutmaster Minute by Fran Gillis

Summer has started off with a bang for the outing in scouting. Our Sea Base crew is back from smooth sailing around St Thomas in the Virgin Islands; we had a number of our scouts successfully attend National Youth Leadership Training both as participants and staff; a large and exciting excursion to summer camp for many of our members; a crew in the midst of sweating it out in the Rocky Mountains backing at Philmont and finally 2 Scouts out to serve on staff at Philmont National Advanced Youth leadership experience. It is a busy and fun time for many. July brings a white water park outing and a kayaking trip down the Broad river. All these great activities because a few adults have stepped up and participated as trip leaders and a really special thanks to them! Now is the time for the next set of adults to step forward to make 2015 an even better year for our scouts. The calendar is up to date through next summer so all our outings are scheduled and looking for properly trained adults to assist in making it happen. Let us know NOW! Locking in reservations takes this advance notice.

### Upcoming events- Something for everyone:

(Flyers are available for each outing on the Events tab on the web site.)

- Whitewater Park July 16<sup>th</sup>
- Kayak Trip on the Broad River July 19<sup>th</sup>
- Dauset Trail Outing August 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>
- Helen Tubing August 30<sup>th</sup>
- National Whitewater Trip Charlotte, N.C. Sept. 12-14



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

- ❖ **Please note: The remaining Troop Meetings until school starts back up will be in the Family Life Center (FLC), upstairs in building A on south campus.** Only the red troop t-shirt and closed toe shoes are needed for summer meetings.
- ❖ Special thanks to all of our registered adults who helped with summer camp this year!
- ❖ **Parents, please remember to put Monday night, August 25, on your family calendars.** This is our next Court of Honor where we will honor all of our scouts who have advanced in rank and who have earned merit badges since our April Court of Honor. Please plan to attend and support your son and others in the troop for their great achievement. If your son has advanced since April, he will be individually recognized during the ceremony as will you, his parents.

- ❖ The technical knowledge orientation program called STEM/NOVA is available for all scouts. Details on-line at ( <http://www.bsaseabase.org/Scouting/stem.aspx>). See the SM once you have reviewed the materials and need a counselor or mentor to start working on those special awards.
- ❖ There will not be a Troop Committee meeting for the month of July.
- ❖ Any **adult interested in helping with a troop position**, please contact Mary Beth Bierbaum ([marybeth@bierbaum.com/770.442.5306](mailto:marybeth@bierbaum.com/770.442.5306)). We have several positions we are trying to fill. Our plan is to have all new people shadow current committee heads so training time will be included in the position transfer.

## Reminders

- ❖ **Lending Closet:** The troop has a **camping gear lending closet and uniform exchange**. Let us know if you need to look at the items and where we can help. We have a new addition to our troop website which shows you not only the clothing and equipment that is available to borrow and/or to donate to the troop but also instructions on the process. Please view at: <http://www.troop629.org/about/lending.htm>.
- ❖ **Don't forget to refer to our web site regularly.** As always, all of our events are listed with separate info sheets and we are making corrections and clarifications weekly. Look for updates on what constitutes participation requirements and leadership completion forms. The calendar is updated as soon as we know a change. Thanks Mr. Bodamer for keeping our website up to the minute!
- ❖ **Scout Master Reminder-** For weekend outings we normally meet in the parking lot of south campus. This helps us avoid church activities and traffic when we return from our trips.

### Merit Badge Reminders from Scout Master Gillis



- ❖ Please remember our policy: Troop Meetings are for group and team development and NOT generally for Merit Badge time. **There is to be NO merit badge work during patrol meeting time, instructional time and competition.** The only exception on Mondays is that a Scout can opt to work on Merit Badges during game time.
- ❖ Scouts occasionally come forward to work on a merit badge without reading the whole MB book from cover to cover. This is not negotiable and it doesn't matter where the MB was started or with who. To complete the summer camp merit badges or any other please follow these simple rules.
  1. **Read the book from cover to cover.**
  2. Bring any completed paperwork to a meeting or merit badge help night and coordinate an approved counselor from the scoutmaster.
  3. Sit down with the counselor and explain, show or complete the requirements as detailed.
- 4. It's not about a memory test – it is about comprehension and covering the material as stated.

## Highlights, Deadlines and Dates

### Upcoming Troop Board of Review: July 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](mailto:Kathleen@narayanan.us) **Reminder: Full Class "A" uniform and Scout handbook are required for participation in a Board of Review.**

# ORGANIZE YOUR FAMILY CALENDAR

## July

- July 7<sup>th</sup>:** Troop Meeting 7:15-8:45 Family Life Center (south campus)  
**July 10<sup>th</sup>:** Patrol Leaders Council  
**July 14<sup>th</sup>:** Troop Meeting 7:15-8:45 Family Life Center (south campus)  
**July 16<sup>th</sup>:** Whitewater Park  
**July 17<sup>th</sup>:** District Roundtable  
**July 19<sup>th</sup>:** Broad River Kayak day trip  
**July 21<sup>st</sup>:** Troop Meeting~Board of Review 7:15-8:45 Family Life Center (south campus)  
**July 27<sup>th</sup>-Aug 5<sup>th</sup>:** Northern Tier High Adventure Trip  
**July 28<sup>th</sup>:** Troop Meeting 7:15-8:45 Family Life Center (south campus)

## August

- August 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Troop Committee Meeting 6 p.m.  
**August 4<sup>th</sup>:** Troop Meeting 7:15-8:45 Family Life Center (south campus)  
**August 11<sup>th</sup>:** Fulton County back to school. Troop Meeting-North Campus studio A  
**August 12<sup>th</sup>:** Merit Badge Help Night 6 p.m.  
**August 14<sup>th</sup>:** Patrol Leaders Council  
**August 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>:** Duaset Trail outing  
**August 18<sup>th</sup>:** Troop Meeting~Board of Review 7:15-8:45  
**August 25<sup>th</sup>:** Troop Court of Honor 7:15 p.m. Parents and families please attend!  
**August 30<sup>th</sup>:** Helen Tubing outing  
**Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>:** No meeting due to Labor Day

Calendar and Web Site Information~



Check out [www.troop629.org](http://www.troop629.org)

**Each monthly outing for the upcoming 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](mailto: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:** Louis D.  
👤 **FIRST CLASS:** none  
👤 **SECOND CLASS:** none  
👤 **TENDERFOOT:** Jackson C.  
👤 **SCOUT:** Coggan B., Jackson C., Davis H., Blake M., and Alec R.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO EACH OF YOU!**