
TROOP 629 NEWS “lite” *August 2016*

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

In the interest of keeping reading light for the summer, we have included only new announcements. Please remember that the Troop Newsletter is archived on the Troop website, so anything you need to know is there for you!

****All newsletters, pictures and up-to-date information are at www.troop629.org
**IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING THE TROOP NEWSLETTER OR OTHER TROOP COMMUNICATIONS,
PLEASE EMAIL: Kathryn Cline, Troop 629 Communications at k.cline@earthlink.net**

Back to School means back to routine...

This will be the final “lite” edition of the news for the summer. School is back in session and we will get back on track with our normal routine of sending out the news at the beginning of the month, so be on the lookout for the first full edition for the school year after Labor Day! In the meantime...

DUES: Annual Troop dues will continue to be \$75 per registered Scout and \$25 per registered adult. We will begin collecting Monday 8/29 at our Troop Court of Honor. Please see Mrs. Bierbaum or Mr. Gillis if you have any questions or concerns.

ADVANCEMENT: Don't forget that there is a new Scout Handbook. The new rules go into effect 2017, even if you have already started a Merit Badge. Please see Mrs. Narayanan if you have any questions about how this affects you.

RSVP FOR ACTIVITIES: Even though it may appear seamless, it actually requires a great deal of planning and effort to ensure that each Troop activity or outing goes off without a hitch. We have menus to plan, drivers to procure, and reservations to confirm. We ask that you please submit your RSVP form for Troop activities 2 Mondays prior to the event... that gives us about 10 days to finalize the details with a solid number of participants. We would like to be able to give everyone as much notice as possible, and having a final count in advance will help tremendously!

HIGH ADVENTURE: Did you know that we start planning these over a year in advance? That's what it takes to secure a spot for our Troop to participate in Sea Base, Northern Tier, Philmont, Summit, or the new Cavalcade. Parents, please come on in to the Troop meetings and take a look at the info flyers on the table. All the flyers and related info are also posted on the Troop web site. Adults are needed for High Adventure too, and special training is required and well worth the fun!

LIFE TO EAGLE CANDIDATES: Check the Troop web site to see where you are in the process. Mrs. Narayanan has updated everyone's records. Please be sure to follow the directions for the Eagle advancement process, it will help you be sure to get everything done on time.

DEN CHIEFS: Looking for a leadership position? A great way to serve and have some fun in the process is to be a Den Chief for a local Cub Scout Den. See or email Mr. Calvert if you're interested. Stouf29@yahoo.com

POPCORN FUNDRAISER: Popcorn sales packets were handed out at the 8/8 Troop meeting. The more you sell, the more you earn. The Troop earns a bonus for an increase over last year. This is a great way to earn money for your High Adventure trip, and a great treat for your customers since the popcorn arrives before Thanksgiving! If you have any questions or did not receive your sales packet, see our Popcorn Kernel Mr. Myers.

MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS: Please remember to update your YPT training, we want to be sure we observe all Youth Protection rules at all times with all of our Adult Leaders and Scouts. See Mr. Gibson or Mr. Gillis with questions.

SCOUT HANDSHAKE

 EAGLE~ LIFE~ STAR~ FIRST CLASS~ SECOND CLASS~ TENDERFOOT~ SCOUT
Advancement congratulations for this month go to:

 EAGLE: none

 LIFE: none

 STAR: none

 FIRST CLASS: none

 SECOND CLASS: none

 TENDERFOOT: Venkat Arun, Harrison Kemp, Jaron Pearson, Andrew Tostenson

 SCOUT: Will Balun, Dean Slocum

CONGRATULATIONS TO EACH OF YOU!

Mark you calendars for September Scouting fun:

Monday, August 29 Troop Court Of Honor with patrols dutch oven desserts! North Campus
Thursday, September 1 Stadium MB sign up
Saturday, September 3 Helen Tubing
Monday, September 5 NO MEETING, 7:30pm Trip Slip North Campus
Thursday, September 8 PLC NC S215 (7-8)
Friday, September 9-11 Aquarium and overnight.
Sunday, September 11 Troop Committee
Monday, September 12 Troop Meeting North Campus
Tuesday, September 13 6PM Merit Badge Help Night Front Steps, South Campus
Thursday, September 15 District RoundTable
Saturday, September 17 Scout Day w/GT
Sunday, September 18 Scout Day w/Braves
Monday, September 19 Board of Review, Troop Meeting North Campus
Friday, September 23-25 Duty to God Encampment
Monday, September 26 Troop Meeting North Campus

...and check the Troop web site to look ahead for the entire year!