

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



*Looks like a pretty interesting trip to Fort Benning! Our Scouts had a firsthand look at the technology required to operate the base, the obligatory scouting campfire, and if I'm not mistaken, a thermal image of Mr. Sutton!*

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***Can you feel it?  
Fall is in the air!***



## **Scoutmaster Minute, by Mr. Gillis**

WOW! Three more scouts join the Troop's Eagle flock. Andrew Grigsby, Colin Olander and Damani Philip have completed their District Eagle Board of Review and have earned Scouting's highest youth rank. Congratulate them the next time you see them and they will all have separate Courts of Honor in the future.

Scouting is certainly about the outing events as well as the other activities we coordinate! Yes our youth leaders organize an annual plan with monthly activities. The adults put these events together with a lot of effort and some assumptions. Reservations are committed, information is gathered and flyers put together. Transportation has to be arranged and proper adult supervision coordinated. Scouts have to commit in reasonable time and finally, meals and equipment organized. Scouts and their parents really have to participate in the timely communication process so a multitude of required decisions can be made for a successful trip. Without the team effort and commitments, our events fail to meet our goals.

Our September outing was changed because of last minute lack of registered adults, a lack of transportation support and failure of the scouts to organize meals. Parents and scouts really do have to participate to have these events succeed. Please involve yourselves in all the decision points to let us make the right decisions to have the best program for all throughout the year.



## Dues:

Annual Troop dues will continue to be \$75 per registered Scout and \$25 per registered adult this fall. We have been collecting since Monday 8/29 and need to wrap up asap for our Annual Recharter. Please see Mrs. Bierbaum or Mr. Gillis if you have any questions or concerns about finances.

## ADVANCEMENT <http://www.troop629.org/advancement/index.htm>

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 <http://www.troop629.org/events/index.htm>

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 in arranging for needed adult volunteers, drivers, food, etc.!

## High adventure <http://www.troop629.org/Adventure/index.htm>

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 <http://www.troop629.org/advancement/lifetoeagle.htm>

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](mailto:Stouf29@yahoo.com)



## Popcorn fundraiser:

Popcorn sales due at the 10/3 Troop meeting to give the Troop time to consolidate the sales. If you have not yet turned in your packets, please bring it to Monday's meeting to turn in to 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:** Andrew Grigsby, 9/22; Colin Olander, 9/22; Damani Philip, 9/22

🏹 **LIFE:** Clay Voytek, Wesley Sutton

🏹 **STAR:** Vumsee Poliseti, Connor Schoenl

🏹 **FIRST CLASS:** none

🏹 **SECOND CLASS:** none

🏹 **TENDERFOOT:** Justice Dawson

🏹 **SCOUT:** none

## CONGRATULATIONS TO EACH OF YOU!

\* Please forgive us if we have missed anyone-and let us know so we can correct it!

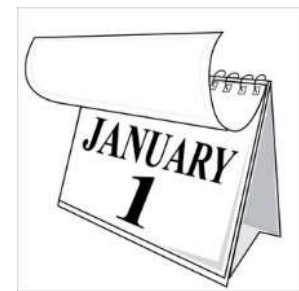


## Mark your calendars for Fall Scouting Adventure, service, and fun!

**Sunday, October 16** Troop Committee Meeting, 6pm  
**Monday, October 17** Board of Review, Troop Meeting North Campus  
**Thursday, October 20** District Roundtable  
**Monday, October 24** Newtown Meeting  
**Monday, October 31** No Meeting  
**Thursday, November 3** Pack check, 7pm  
**Friday, November 4-6** OA Ordeal BASR  
**Saturday, November 5-5** Jacks River Backpacking  
**Sunday, November 6** Troop Committee Meeting, 6pm  
**Monday, November 7** Board of Review, SPL/PL ELECTIONS, Troop Meeting North Campus  
**Tuesday, November 8** 6PM Merit Badge Help Night Front Steps, South Campus  
**Thursday, November 10** ILST/PLC SC A21(5-9)  
**Saturday, November 12** Scout Day Autry Mill  
**Monday, November 14** Troop Meeting North Campus  
**Thursday, November 17** District Roundtable  
**Saturday, November 19-23** NYLT Course 7 & 8, 7am  
**Monday, November 21** NYLT Course 7 & 8, Troop Meeting North Campus, Thanksgiving Break begins  
**Monday, November 28** Troop Meeting North Campus, Webelos Visit

**Saturday, December 3** Patrol Outing/Service  
**Sunday, December 4** Patrol Outing/Service, NYLT Staff Interviews, Scout Day with the Falcons, Troop Committee Meeting, 6pm  
**Monday, December 5** Troop Meeting North Campus  
**Thursday, December 8** PLC North Campus S215 (7-8)  
**Friday, December 9-10** Lock-in, Patrol Outing/Service  
**Monday, December 12** Board of Review, Troop Meeting North Campus  
**Tuesday, December 13** 6PM Merit Badge Help Night Front Steps, South Campus  
**Thursday, December 15** District Roundtable  
**Saturday, December 17** Patrol Outing/Service  
**Sunday, December 18** Patrol Outing/Service  
**Monday, December 19** Troop Holiday Party, Troop Meeting North Campus  
**Friday, December 23** School Break begins  
**Monday, December 26** NYLT course 9 begins, Troop Meeting North Campus  
**Saturday, December 31** TREE PICK UP

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



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**Thank you to Mr. Sutton for always having your camera ready!**