
TROOP 629 NEWS **November 2016**

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

We are heading in to the very busy holiday season, with Thanksgiving right around the corner, followed by exams and more! Please be sure to look ahead through the calendar and plan to make some time for Scouting fun!

Up and Coming:

- ❖ ***NYLT Fall Course begins 11/19***
- ❖ ***Troop meeting next Monday 11/21***
- ❖ ***Webelos Visit Monday 11/28***
- ❖ ***RSVP now for Winter Ski Trips!***
- ❖ ***Patrol Service Projects begin 12/2***

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Scoutmaster Minute, by Mr. Gillis

Another one makes it to the top! Congratulations to Reed Carlson who recently completed his District Board of Review and joins Troop 629's Eagle Scout list. Pass along your atta-boy the next time you meet Reed for obtaining Scouting's highest youth award.

A Scout has many opportunities and activities to choose from throughout his Scouting time. Every time an event occurs the Scout does have a choice of which activity to participate in. To be successful though means you have to participate and frankly Scouting is boring if you're not involved on a regular basis. Scouting is about outing to gain the full affect. To keep that enthusiasm you do have to choose to participate in Scouting events over other activities sometimes. Making Scouts the last of your choices each time is not going to bring success at being a strong leader and reaching your vision of being an Eagle Scout.

- ❖ We need some input as soon as possible to complete our travel plans for future trips. Please lets us know if you are planning on joining us for the Jan 3-6 West Virginia ski trip or for Ventures New Hampshire ski trip Feb 17-20, 2017.
- ❖ Christmas Tree pick up service project is scheduled for Dec 31st. Share in the work effort and share in the proceeds to fatten your High Adventure account.
- ❖ Our High Adventure trips are all coming together. The Sea Base trip to Florida Keys is full, while a few slots are available for the horseback Cavalcade trip to the Rocky Mountains in July at Philmont in New Mexico.
- ❖ Keep an eye out for any changes to any activity on our web site as we update the calendar and event sheets as we always have the latest information there.
- ❖ All Scouts will have to be using the new advancement requirements regardless of where they stand on their current rank starting Jan 1, 2017. December 2016 Board of Review will be the last time to gain a new rank using just the old requirements.

DID YOU KNOW?

All of our Scouts are eligible to request scholarship support for Scouting activities. Scholarship money is only earned through outside service work AFTER approval by the ScoutMaster and for a specific activity. It is not added for routine Troop-approved service activities and is not just added to a High Adventure account to build up the total funds the Troop maintains for each Scout. Routine Troop-sponsored service work is utilized for advancement requirements and is an important part of our Scouting commitments.

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



Popcorn Fundraiser:

Popcorn sales are complete and pick-ups were completed Saturday. Time for delivery! Thanks to our Popcorn Kernel Mr. Myers (and Mrs. Myers!) for ensuring a successful fundraiser!



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:** Reed Carlson, 10-27-2016

👤 **LIFE:** Connor Norris

🌟 **STAR:** none

👤 **FIRST CLASS:** Harrison Frank, Ben Hayes

👤 **SECOND CLASS:** none

👤 **TENDERFOOT:** Ian Calvert, Tillman Won

👤 **SCOUT:** Rajeev Iyer

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!

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

Friday, December 2 Patrol Outing/Service

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

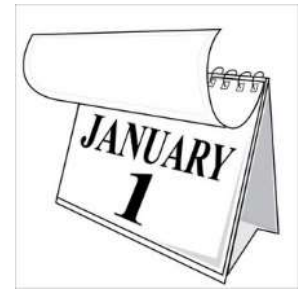
Monday, December 19 Troop Holiday Party, Troop Meeting North Campus

Friday, December 23 School Break begins

Monday, December 26 NYLT course 9 begins, NO Troop Meeting

Saturday, December 31 TREE PICK UP

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



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*Congratulations to the new Scout
leaders elected last week*

Patrol Leader's Council Resources

Leadership Positions and Responsibilities

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
Bugler
Chaplain Aide
Den Chief
Historian
Instructor
Librarian
OA Representative
Outdoor Ethics Guide
Patrol Leader
Quartermaster
Scribe
Senior Patrol Leader
Troop Guide
Webmaster

Helpful Forms for your Binders

Patrol Roster/Buddies & Tent Mates
Duty Roster
Patrol Box Checklist
Campfire Program Outline
Menus for Meals
Meal Guest Rotation
Prayers for Grace
Camp Inspection Form
PLC Meeting Notes

****If you're interested in serving in a leadership role, the above resource list can be found on the Troop web site... just click the double green bars on the home page!**