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# TROOP 629 NEWS **May 2017**

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

## Up and Coming:

- ❖ **Troop Elections, 5/22**
- ❖ **Eagle Scout Court of Honor, Caly Voytek, 5/24**
- ❖ **ILST/PLC Annual Planning Meeting, 5/25**

All newsletters, pictures and up-to-date information are at [www.troop629.org](http://www.troop629.org)  
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Renaissance Festival Greetings

FDR Horseback



Callaway Gardens



## **Scoutmaster Minute** by Fran Gillis

Pass along your congrats to two more Troop 629 Eagle Scouts. Ryan Spence and Clay Voytek have joined our newest Eagle flock.

Summer brings a move to the South Campus Family Life Center (FLC) until they go back to school in August.

Eligible Scouts who want to be a Patrol Leader or Senior Patrol Leader have to get their names in by May 22nd.

New and old Patrol Leaders Council have their ILST class on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

# Scout Handshake

SCOUT – TENDERFOOT – SECOND CLASS – FIRST CLASS – STAR – LIFE – EAGLE



Scout – Nathan Edwards, Aryan Malholta, Om Patel, Sasanka Poliseti

Tenderfoot – Ethan Verch

First Class – Mehul Dhoot

Second Class – Venkat Arun

Eagle – Ryan Spence, Clay Voytek

***Congratulations to each of you  
On achieving your next rank!***

## **GOING TO SUMMER CAMP?**

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# Summer Camp!



Our troop will attend Summer Camp at Woodruff Scout Reservation June 18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>! \$100 deposit was due February 20<sup>th</sup>, next payment was March 20<sup>th</sup>. Please see Mr. Gutierrez with questions (see below).

**\*\*REGISTRATION FORMS WERE DUE MONDAY 3/20!!!\*\***

All information regarding summer camp can be found on the website under the "Camping" tab at the top. Once on the Summer Camp 2017 page, check out the links on right hand side of the page. The "Informational Packet & Registration Forms" link contains all of the detail and logistics. Make sure we know that you want to attend and your desired classes so we can make that happen. **Sign up early to help ensure you get the classes you want as classes do fill up!** Registration forms must be turned in by Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>! Annual Health & Medicals and additional Summer Camp forms are due Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.

For any questions regarding Summer Camp please contact Luis Gutierrez at 770 - 309 - 4451, at the following email address: [twogutz@gmail.com](mailto:twogutz@gmail.com), or stop by any Troop Meeting to discuss with him.



## Important Information about Health Forms!



Please see Mrs. Sutton with questions (see below).

As we are gearing up for Summer Camp, we will be collecting and updating health forms for both our scouts and registered adults. Forms for all of those attending Summer Camp (scouts and adults) are due May 8<sup>th</sup>. A few important pieces of information to keep in mind when you update your forms:

1. It is against BSA policy to accept or store health information via electronic means. You must bring in a hard COPY of your health form for us to file.
2. There are times when part C of the health form is needed outside of Troop activities, BE SURE to keep a copy of the form with the Doctor signature, DO NOT hand in your only copy. We store the forms in a secure locked area, and cannot always get them quickly with only a few days' notice and make a copy. PLEASE help us to make this big job MUCH easier by keeping a copy of your forms at home, both for outside events or in case we need to replace a misfiled copy.
3. Before sending in forms please look them over and make sure all parts of the form have the appropriate signatures and are dated where indicated. Every year we have to track down dozens of parents for unsigned or undated forms.
4. If your personal physician is not an option to complete the part C of the health form, check around for nearby places such as Walgreens, Well Street, or other family practices doing specials for inexpensive "sports physicals".

The health form and information can be found via this link <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/healthandsafety/ahmr.aspx>. Please choose the "Are You Going to Camp?" download link that includes part A, B, and C. If you have any questions about Health Forms you can email Pam Sutton at [pam@grubbyboys.com](mailto:pam@grubbyboys.com).

## **Did you know?** <http://www.troop629.org/calendar/index.htm>

The calendar has been posted for the rest of the year. Take a look ahead to see which adventures you don't want to miss! There's something out there for everyone! Have an idea? Let your PLC know!

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

By now, everyone should be working from the updated handbook. Please see Mrs. Narayana if you do not have one or if you have any questions about how this affects you and your rank.

## **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 give everyone as much notice as possible when planning and arranging for adult volunteers, drivers, and paying deposits.

## **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 back 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. Narayana 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 Mr. Calvert, or email him at [stouf29@yahoo.com](mailto:stouf29@yahoo.com)



## **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. Gillis with any questions.

## **Volunteers**

Troop 629 could not provide the opportunities it does without all of our wonderful parents and volunteers. We thank each and every one of you for your time. If you would like to get involved, a lot or a just a little, we will find just the right place for you! Please contact Mary Beth Bierbaum at [MaryBeth@bierbaum.com](mailto:MaryBeth@bierbaum.com).

# Looking ahead...



\*\*FULL Calendar on the troop web site [www.troop629.org](http://www.troop629.org)

## MAY

Monday, May 22 SPL/PL elections, Troop Meeting (North Campus)

Wednesday, May 24 EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR, Clay Voytek, Autrey Mill @6:30pm

Thursday, May 25 ILST/PLC Annual Planning Meeting

Friday, May 26 School out for summer!

Sunday-Friday, May 28-June 2 NYLT Session #1

Monday, May 29 NO MEETING, Memorial Day

## JUNE

Sunday-Friday, June 4-June 9 NYLT Session #2

Sunday, June 4 Troop Committee Meeting

Monday, June 5 Troop Meeting \*\*South Campus for the Summer

Thursday, June 8 PLC Meeting North Campus S215 (7-8pm)

Sunday-Friday, June 11-16 NYLT Session #3

Monday, June 12 Troop Meeting \*\*South Campus

Thursday, June 15 District RoundTable

Sunday-Saturday, June 18-24 Woodruff Summer Camp

Monday, June 19 NO Troop Meeting

Sunday, June 25 ECOH Ryan Spence

Monday, June 26 Board of Review, Troop Meeting \*\*South Campus

## JULY

Sunday, July 2 Flag ceremony for MP

Monday, July 3 NO Troop Meeting

Monday, July 10 Troop Meeting \*\*South Campus

Thursday-Saturday, July 13-22 Philmont Cavalcade

Monday, July 17 Board of Review, Troop Meeting \*\*South Campus

Wednesday-Friday, July 19-28 National Jamboree

Saturday, July 22 Rafting or Kayak ???

Monday, July 24 Troop Meeting South Campus

Thursday, July 27 kayak or white water ??

Saturday, July 29 Pop Corn Kick Off

Monday, July 31 Troop Meeting SC

Are you ready for your next **ADVENTURE?**