
TROOP 629 NEWS **August 2017**

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

Up and Coming:

- ❖ **Back to North Campus and “Class A” 8/7**
- ❖ **Merit Badge Help 8/8**
- ❖ **PLC Meeting 8/10**
- ❖ **Dauset Trail Back to Basics Outing 8/11-8/13
(forms due at meeting Monday 8/7)**

All newsletters, pictures and up-to-date information are at www.troop629.org
IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING THE NEWLETTER OR OTHER TROOP COMMUNICATIONS,
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What did Troop 629 do this summer ?



**“Hang around” at
Woodruff Scout Reservation
For Summer Camp...**

**Ride through the
mountains of New Mexico
At Philmont Cavalcade...**



What's your next adventure ?



Scoutmaster Minute by Fran Gillis

Wow! Another Eagle Scout. Briggs Cline has completed his District Board of Review and joins the Troops list of 120 Eagles. Give your atta' boy to Briggs when you next cross paths with him.

The Troop starts the 2017-18 program year on Monday, August 7th. The "outing" in scouting is a key principle for each and every Scout. Teamwork and servant leadership rounds out each individual Scout's character and the principles our program brings to molding a great citizen for our country's future. Every scout has the opportunity to achieve the Eagle rank but the commitment and passion to succeed comes within their own goals.

Please note we start our regular meetings on August 7th back at North Campus with Scouts showing up in full uniform. Same time (7:15-8:45pm) and room (Studio A). Our first, and very popular outing to Dauset Trails *permission slip is due* that night as well. Driving support is always appreciated to ensure all Scouts desiring to attend get to go.

Details of our trips are available on the back table at weekly meetings, but most especially on our web site (www.troop629.org) under the "Events" tab. Use our web site calendar at home to add other activities from school and personal events so Scouting is always foremost a Scout's choice to complete their active participation requirements needed for steady advancement.

Scout Handshake

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



Scout – Garrett Bannevans, Mason Myhand

Tenderfoot – Michael Elkhoury

First Class – Jacob Grigsby, Andrew Tostenson

Second Class – none

Star – Alex Jaeger, Harrison Boyd

Life – Matthew Gutierrez, Patrick Rice

Eagle – Briggs Cline, 07/27/2017

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



News you can use...

- ** Dauset Trail “Back to Basics” weekend outing is coming up! Signed permission slips are due at the meeting this Monday, August 7th. We generally ask for forms 2 weeks in advance, so please plan ahead for your Scouting fun!
- ** We will be collecting our Annual Dues through the month of August and they are due no later than the September 11th Troop Meeting (details next week).
- ** Mark your calendar! The next Troop Court of Honor is August 28th, complete with Boy Scout Dutch-oven Cobbler! All parents and Scout are expected to attend. This is a great time to see and meet other Troop parents and celebrate the accomplishments the Scouts have achieved. This is also a time when we recognize our wonderful adult volunteers.

Special Feature: It's Popcorn Time!



Popcorn sales packets will be handed out at the August 7th Troop Meeting. This year's sale will run through October 16th, so you have over 2 months to sell.

All Scouts should consider setting up an on-line account (with your parent's permission) at Trailsend.com, to make on-line sales to out of town family and friends. You will find information on how to do this in your popcorn sales packet.

The more you sell, the more you earn for your High Adventure Trip!

The Troop earns a bonus for any sales increase over last year's total sales.

Popcorn will arrive for distribution before Thanksgiving and the winter holidays!

If you have any questions or did not receive your sales packet, see our *Popcorn Kernel* Mrs. Hundt, or contact her at khundt@gatech.edu, or 770.605.0022.

Volunteers <http://www.troop629.org/about/committee.htm>

We have several volunteers “aging out” with their Scouts or transitioning roles and need help with the following positions: Newsletter/Communications, Medical Records, Friends of Scouting, Scouting for Food, Health/Safety, Scout Sunday, District News If you would like to get involved, we will find just the right place for you! Descriptions are online. Please contact Mary Beth Bierbaum at MaryBeth@bierbaum.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. 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



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.

Looking ahead...

**FULL Calendar on the troop web site www.troop629.org



AUGUST

Sunday, August 6 Troop Committee Meeting
Monday, August 7 First Day of School, Troop Meeting **North Campus
Tuesday, August 8 6PM Merit Badge Help Night, South Campus Front Steps
Thursday, August 10 PLC Meeting, 7pm, S205
Friday-Sunday, August 11-13 Back to basics outing – Dauset Trail
Monday, August 14 Troop Meeting North Campus
Thursday, August 17 District RoundTable
Sunday, August 20 Mount Pisgah Activities Fair
Monday, August 21 Board of Review, Troop Meeting North Campus
Monday, August 28 Troop Court of Honor with Dutch-oven Desserts!

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 2 Helen Tubing Outing
Monday, September 4 NO TROOP MEETING
Friday-Sunday, September 8-10 White Water Rafting, North Carolina
Sunday, September 10 Troop Committee Meeting (?)
Monday, September 11 Troop Meeting North Campus
Tuesday, September 12 6PM Merit Badge Help Night, South Campus Front Steps
Thursday, September 14 PLC North Campus S215 (7-8pm)
Friday-Sunday, September 15-17 Order of the Arrow Fall Fellowship
Monday, September 18 Board of Review, Troop Meeting North Campus
Thursday, September 21 District RoundTable
Friday-Sunday, September 22-24 Duty to God Encampment
Saturday, September 23 Scout Expo
Monday, September 25 Troop Meeting North Campus, "Time to Tell" safety DVD

OCTOBER

Monday, October 2 Troop Meeting North Campus
Friday-Monday, October 6-9 Outing-Ossabaw Island
Sunday, October 8 Troop Committee Meeting
Monday, October 9 NO TROOP MEETING
Tuesday, October 10 6PM Merit Badge Help Night, South Campus Front Steps
Thursday, October 12 PLC North Campus S215 (7-8pm)
Saturday, October 14 Merit Badge University
Monday, October 16 Board of Review, Troop Meeting North Campus
Thursday, October 19 District RoundTable
Friday-Sunday, October 20-22 JOTA/JOTI
Monday, October 23 Troop Meeting North Campus
Monday, October 30 Newtown Park Troop Meeting

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