
TROOP 629 NEWS **October 2017**

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

Up and Coming:

- ❖ MB Help Night Tuesday, 10/10 South Campus front steps
- ❖ PLC Meeting Thursday, 10/12 North Campus S201
- ❖ MB University Saturday, 10/14
- ❖ Board of Review Monday 10/16

All newsletters, pictures and up-to-date information are at www.troop629.org
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READY...



SET...



GO!!!

Looks like fun all around at the White Water Training Facility in North Carolina!
Be sure to visit the Troop web site for more pics of this terrific trip!



Scoutmaster Minute by **Fran Gillis**

So many of our scouts miss the fantastic programs that are available to them because they are not routinely reviewing the items and events listed for them at our meetings or on the calendar. It does take the initiative to do your research including just asking how you find out more about the details. Scouting in the Troop is about YOUR choices to participate and grow in areas that you would normally not do in just being another youth in Georgia. Do not just sit back waiting for life changing moments to be given to you on a platter. Ask your adult leaders how you can do it and how we can help make it happen. If you make the time, we will show you how to attend, participate and succeed even more.

More from the Scoutmaster:

- ❖ October trip to Ossabaw Island Oct 7-9 is a very special trip to a barrier island with limited access. If you need financial help, a scholarship deal can be worked out with the SM. As with all are activities a scout can make.
- ❖ Many other scouting activities are individually initiated through the Atlanta Area Council web site. Keep a once a week habit to review the Troop and Council sites. The Troop web site has links to all of your scouting needs.
- ❖ Upcoming events include November backpacking in the Georgia Mountains, December lock-in, January ski trip to West Virginia. Look for you sign up slips soon.

Scout Handshake

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



Scout – none

Tenderfoot – Mason Myhand

First Class – none

Second Class – Ethan Campbell

Star – Connor Siddall

Life – none

Eagle – none

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



News you can use...

****** On Saturday November 11th Autrey Mill Nature Preserve will be the site of an organized scouting event for younger Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Troop 629 scouts and adults are being asked to help during the day with the various activities. Volunteers are needed from 9:30 – 2:30. Drop off is at the Nature Preserve and there will be lunch for the helpers. See Mr. Sutton or Wesley Sutton for details.

****** The Troop 629 Scholarship Program applies to dues, activities and High Adventure trips. No boy should miss an opportunity to participate in Scouting due to finances. Please see Mr. Gillis or Mrs. Bierbaum for confidential discussion.

****** We generally ask for activity sign-up forms 2 weeks in advance, so please plan ahead for your Scouting fun! We must be sure we have the resources we need.

****** The next Board of Review is next Monday 10/16. Be prepared! Scouts must wear their Class A uniform and have their Scout handbook ready for review.

Special Feature:

The Popcorn Fundraiser Wraps up on Monday, October 16th!



- Popcorn Take Order sales sheets with payment will be collected by Mrs. Hundt at the October 16th meeting. Please contact Mrs. Hundt if you need to make other arrangements to turn in your popcorn sales.
- You can still 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. On-line sales for prizes continue through November.
- The more you sell, the more you earn for your high adventure trip. 30% of your sales will be added to your high adventure account.
- And if you either sell \$650 of popcorn, or fill up a Take Order Sheet (in your sales packet), you will receive a Nylon Hammock from the Atlanta Area Council.
- Popcorn will arrive for distribution on Saturday, November 11th. Please make plans to stop by the Hundt house at 9760 Rod Road, to pick up your popcorn on this date.
- If you have any questions, 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

OCTOBER

Monday, October 2 Troop Meeting NC
Saturday-Monday, October 7-9 Outing-Ossabaw
Monday, October 9 NO TROOP MEETING (Columbus Day, schools closed)
Tuesday, October 10 6PM Merit Badge Help Night, South Campus Front Steps
Thursday, October 12 PLC North Campus S201 (7-8pm)
Saturday, October 14 Merit Badge University
Monday, October 16 Board of Review, Troop Meeting North Campus, Popcorn Sales Packets Due
Thursday, October 19 District RoundTable
Friday-Sunday, October 20-22 JOTA/JOTI
Sunday, October 22 Scout Day at Atlanta United
Monday, October 23 Troop Meeting North Campus
Sunday, October 29 Eagle Court of Honor for Briggs Cline, 2pm, Autrey Mill
Monday, October 30 Newtown Park Troop Meeting-Dress for the weather!

NOVEMBER

Friday-Sunday, November 3-5 OA Ordeal BASR
Saturday-Sunday, November 4-5 Backpacking
Monday, November 6 SPL/PL elections, Troop Meeting North Campus
Thursday, November 9 ILST/PLC, 5pm-9pm
Saturday, November 11 Autrey Mill Service Day, NYLT Setup, Scout Day at Georgia Tech
Sunday, November 12 Troop Committee Meeting
Monday, November 13 Troop Meeting North Campus
Tuesday, November 14 6PM MB Help Night South Front Steps
Thursday, November 16 District RT
Saturday-Wednesday, November 18-22 NYLT Course 7/8
Sunday, November 19 Pop Corn order pick up
Monday, November 20 NYLT Course 7/8, Board of Review, Troop Meeting North Campus
Monday, November 27 Troop Meeting, Webelos Visit

DECEMBER

Friday & Saturday, December 1-2 MP Service Day, OA Banquet
Sunday, December 3 NYLT Staff Interviews
Monday, December 4 Troop Meeting NC
Friday-Saturday, December 8-9 Lock-in
Saturday, December 9 CPR Class
Sunday, December 10 Troop Committee Meeting
Monday, December 11 Board of Review, Troop Meeting NC
Tuesday, December 12 6PM MB Help Night South Front Steps
Thursday, December 14 PLC NC S201 (7-8)
Sunday, December 17 Session 5 setup (NYLT)
Monday, December 18 Troop Holiday Meeting/Celebration
Thursday, December 21 District RT
Friday, December 22 SCHOOL OUT
Friday December 22-January 8, 2018 NYLT course 9, Winter Camp MB