
TROOP 629 NEWS **November 2017**

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

Up and Coming:

- ❖ Troop Elections (SPL/PL) TONIGHT! 11/6
- ❖ ILST Meeting Thursday, 11/9, 5pm-9pm
- ❖ Autrey Mill Service Project Saturday, 11/11, 9:30am

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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Beautiful water



Gear and Scouts



Obligatory Campfire

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Great time at Ossabaw Island !!!

For more amazing pics including a BEAUTIFUL sunset, visit the Troop website and click "Pictures"

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Scoutmaster Minute by Fran Gillis

SM Minute: Great Social skills is just another resulting character trait that can come from an active scouting involvement. Working through the Patrol Method during meetings, monthly outings and even the High Adventure trips leads to a better understanding of what works and what doesn't in cooperating and interacting with others. These special skills, if applied correctly, will bring success in many future endeavors - understanding that no one succeeds on their own. Forgetting what really goes into success soon catches up to you and ultimately becomes a negative trait, isolating others you care about from your undertakings. True success is not about money (it helps) but feeling good about your choices and sharing your results with ones who have been there with you along the way. Remember all those special considerate impacts along the way and it will bring greater happiness and self-worth, contributing to the overall betterment of our community.

More from the Scoutmaster:

- ❖ SPL/PL elections are being held Monday Nov 6th meeting. Our SPLs are required to be a staff member of an extremely valuable National Youth Leadership program as well as our PL's being participants of that same program. It's a principle we at T629 hold with firm confidence is different than many other units and has proven to be a bedrock of our youth-led program. The program is open to all Scouts who achieve First Class and are at least 13 years of age. Being a selected staff member starts with an interview process, with sign-ups ongoing online for our Scouts. Our first step for trained youth begins with the inhouse Introducing Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST) coming up on Nov 9th open up to new and future Troop leaders. Click the link to learn more and register for NYLT. <http://aacnylt.org/Main/index.php>
- ❖ PLEASE help us in bringing the Scouts the program they asked for by signing up early for scheduled trips. We need to know who wants to participate so we lock in the best prices and get the logistics arranged. Ski trips (just around the corner!) need extra time to arrange so those are coming up and NOW is the time to sign up to avoid cancellations. <http://www.troop629.org/events/index.htm>
- ❖ Keep a close eye on our online calendar on the Troop web site (www.troop629.org) which is constantly kept up to date to help make your plans and especially to help make those early decisions to participate. <http://www.troop629.org/calendar/index.htm>

Scout Handshake

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



Scout – none

Tenderfoot – Greyson Hundt

First Class – Jaron Pearson, Thomas Rice

Second Class – none

Star – Ben Hayes

Life – none

Eagle – none

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



News you can use...

****** THIS 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.

****** **THANK YOU! THANK YOU!** to all those who donated items for our Newtown Meeting – it was much appreciated by all! The few leftovers were shared with our local Fire Station.

****** 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. Some trips (i.e. skiing, High Adventure) require more advanced planning, so please look ahead and see what you would like to do.

Special Feature:

The Popcorn Fundraiser is Wrapping Up!

- For those Scouts that submitted Popcorn Take Orders, Popcorn will be available on Saturday, November 11th. Please make plans to stop by the Hundt house at 9760 Rod Road in Chartwell, to pick up your popcorn on Saturday, November 11th, between 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Contact Mrs. Hundt to make other arrangements if you have a conflict with this date and time period.
- On-line sales continue through November to add to your High Adventure Account, and for Prize Selection.
- Popcorn Prizes will be handed out at a Troop Meeting in December.
- If you have any questions, contact our Popcorn Kernel, Mrs. Hundt, at khundt@gatech.edu or 770-605-0022.
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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



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-January 8, 2018 School Out, NYLT course 9, Winter Camp MB

JANUARY 2018

Monday, January 1, 2018 NO Meeting, Tree Recycle Project

Tuesday-Friday, January 2-5, 2018 SKI West Virginia

Saturday-Sunday, January 6-7, 2018 TN Aquarium & Caving

Sunday, January 7, 2018 ECOH Xander Davis@Autrey Mill, Troop Committee Meeting

Monday, January 8, 2018 Troop Meeting NC

Tuesday, January 9, 2018 6PM MB Help Night South Campus Front Steps

Thursday, January 11, 2018 PLC S201 (7-8)

Friday-Monday, January 12-15, 2018 Venture SKI

Monday, January 15, 2018 Board of Review, NO Meeting

Thursday, January 18, 2018 District RoundTable

Monday, January 22, 2018 Troop Meeting NC

Saturday, January 27, 2018 District Banquet

Saturday-Sunday, January 27-28, 2018 Pine Mountain Backpack

Monday, January 29, 2018 Troop Court of Honor, Troop Meeting

Wednesday, January 31, 2018 Camp Card Kick-off