
TROOP 629 NEWS **January 2018**

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

Up and Coming:

- ❖ Merit Badge Help Night tomorrow, 1/9
- ❖ No Meeting, MLK Holiday, 1/15
- ❖ Board of Review, 1/22
- ❖ Pine Mountain Backpacking, 1/27-1/28
- ❖ Troop Court of Honor, 1/29

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THERE WERE QUITE A FEW SCOUTING ACTIVITIES OVER THE BREAK-STAY TUNED FOR PICS IN THE NEXT NEWS. IN THE MEANTIME, CHECK THE TROOP WEBSITE TO SEE WHAT TROOP 629 HAS BEEN UP TO! www.troop629.org



Scoutmaster Minute by Fran Gillis

A new year and time for resolutions. For your Scouting goal, how about a 30 minute per weekday commitment to Scout advancement. Making a set time and day each week to devote to Scouting requirements will certainly avoid the last-minute crush when a Senior. This will be easier to do than you think if you really commit. Try it and make that goal a lot less stressful.

Our High Adventure program requires at least two fully trained adults and that commitment is always planned a year and half in advance to gain a slot for our Scouts. Yes, a year and half out, we need adults to commit --- so that means **NOW** for **2019** events. We have not yet submitted requests for those lotteries to Sea Base and Northern Tier. Now, now, now we need to submit dates and locations desired. So those parents wanting to support their Scout's possible adventure, we need the \$100 registration deposit to even compete for a slot for our Troop.

Summer Camp 2018 information packets will be out in Jan 2018. Look for them soon.

Council Scouting events are advertised on the Atlanta Area Council web site for more adventures. For instance, a *special* Automotive MB being sponsored by **PORSCHE** is open for registration but closes fast due to high demand.

Most accurate info and notices can be found on the events and calendar sections of our web site.

Many thanks to all who helped with our annual tree recycling service event. Special congrats goes forward to the team of Jerry Sevy, Cliff Brown and Albert Bodamer who have been the dynamic trio bringing this activity to annual success for many years.

More from the Scoutmaster:

- ❖ 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. Some trips 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 – Aryan Malhotra, Sasanka Poliseti, Zack Sawtell, Grayson Ward

First Class – none

Second Class – none

Star – none

Life – none

Eagle – none

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



News you can use...

** 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.

Fundraising Report:

The Annual Christmas Tree Recycling Service Project was a grand success! Final numbers are still being tabulated. Thank you Scouts and adult volunteers!



Thanks also to ALL who sent in goodies for the holiday party as well as those who sent drinks and snacks for the service project. We couldn't do it without the support of our Troop parents!

Prizes for Popcorn Sales will be distributed at the first meeting of the new year. The Troop sold a total of \$5935 in popcorn with \$1030 of that from online sales. Many thanks to our Popcorn Kernel, Mrs. Hundt. Way to go Troop 629!

Help Wanted:

Troop 629 would not have enjoyed the success it has without the much appreciated help from our wonderful parent volunteers! The Scouts are responsible for their advancement, but we count on our parents to be involved to help keep things running! Whether you can help a little or a lot, every bit that you can do allows the leadership to help the Scouts stay focused on their growth and development. There are many great opportunities to help your Scout's Troop.



Please see Troop Committee Chair Mary Beth Bierbaum at our weekly meeting or contact her via email at MaryBeth@bierbaum.com to see where you might be able to pitch in!

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



JANUARY 2018

Monday, January 1, 2018 **NO Meeting**, Tree Recycle Project-8am South Campus
Tuesday-Friday, January 2-5, 2018 **SKI West Virginia-canceled**
Saturday-Sunday, January 6-7, 2018 **Tennessee Aquarium & Caving trip**
Sunday, January 7, 2018 **ECOH Xander Davis@Autrey Mill**, Troop Committee Meeting
Monday, January 8, 2018 **Troop Meeting North Campus**
Tuesday, January 9, 2018 **6PM Merit Badge Help Night, NORTH CAMPUS**
Thursday, January 11, 2018 **PLC, South Campus S201 (7-8)**
Friday-Monday, January 12-15, 2018 **Venture SKI trip to New Hampshire-canceled**
Monday, January 15, 2018 **NO Meeting, MLK Holiday**
Thursday, January 18, 2018 **District RoundTable**
Saturday, January 20, 2018 **Scout Day at the Atlanta Hawks**
Monday, January 22, 2018 **Troop Meeting, Board of Review, North Campus**
Saturday, January 27, 2018 **District Banquet**
Saturday-Sunday, January 27-28, 2018 **Pine Mountain Backpacking trip**
Monday, January 29, 2018 **Troop Court of Honor, Troop Meeting North Campus**
Wednesday, January 31, 2018 **Camp Card Kick-off**

FEBRUARY 2018

Saturday, February 3, 2018 **Camp Card Kick-off, NYLT Orientation, JTE Break**
Sunday, February 4, 2018 **Scout Sunday, Scouting for Food**
Monday, February 5, 2018 **Troop Meeting NC**
Thursday, February 8, 2018 **PLC NC S201 (7-8pm)**
Saturday, February 10, 2018 **Scout Sabbath**
Sunday, February 11, 2018 **Troop Committee Meeting**
Monday, February 12, 2018 **Board of Review, Troop Meeting NC**
Tuesday, February 13, 2018 **6PM MB Help Night NORTH CAMPUS**
Thursday, February 15, 2018 **District RT**
Friday-Monday, February 16-19, 2018 **FL Beach Camp & USS AL (dates may shift with school make-up days)**
Saturday, February 24, 2018 **NYLT Staff Dev 1**
Monday, February 26, 2018 **Troop Meeting NC, OA Elections (?)**

MARCH 2018

Monday, March 5 **Troop Meeting NC**
Wednesday, March 7 **GA Legislature Day**
Thursday, March 8 **PLC NC S201 (7-8)**
Friday, March 9 **Outing, NF TWD**
Friday-Sunday, March 9-11 **Outing**
Sunday, March 11 **Troop Committee Meeting**
Monday-Friday, March 12-16 **MPCS Spring Break**
Monday, March 12 **Troop Meeting NC**
Tuesday, March 13 **6PM MB Help Night NORTH basement**
Thursday, March 15 **District RT**
Friday-Sunday, March 16-18 **Northern Ridge District Camporee (?) at Woodruff**
Monday, March 19 **Board of Review, Troop Meeting NC**
Friday-Sunday, March 23-25 **NYLT staff Dev 2**
Monday, March 26 **Troop Meeting NC**