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# TROOP 629 NEWS February 2018

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

## Up and Coming:

- ❖ Board of Review, 2/12
- ❖ Merit Badge Help Night, 2/13
- ❖ Florida Beach Camp & USS Alabama trip, 2/17-2/19
- ❖ No Meeting, 2/19

All newsletters, pictures and up-to-date information are at [www.troop629.org](http://www.troop629.org)  
IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING THE NEWLETTER OR OTHER TROOP COMMUNICATIONS,  
PLEASE EMAIL: Kathryn Cline, Troop 629 Communications Chair at [k.cline@earthlink.net](mailto:k.cline@earthlink.net)



In case you're wondering where we get all the great newsletter pics... it's not me! We count on our adults to take and send them in - as you can see, Mr. Sutton makes sure we get some from every trip he's on!

\*\*\*Please contact Mr. Bodamer at [albert@bodamer.com](mailto:albert@bodamer.com) if you have pics to share with the Troop and he will let you know how!



Above, Benton McKay Trail backpacking trip at the end of 2017.  
(photos courtesy of Mr. Jung, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Tostenson, Mr. Gillis)  
Below, Caving and Tennessee Aquarium in January 2018.



CHECK THE TROOP WEBSITE TO SEE MORE OF WHAT TROOP 629 HAS BEEN UP TO! [www.troop629.org](http://www.troop629.org)



# **Scoutmaster Minute** by Fran Gillis

Yes, it's already Summer Camp decision time. Sign up early to get the Merit Badge classes you want. Class size is not unlimited so getting those MB's you want takes early sign ups. See our website to discover all the details you need to have a great summer camp experience. If you are going to be at least 14 in 2019, then a Sea Case sailing or Philmont backpacking experience awaits you, so talk it up with your buddies and parents to sign up now to hold those limited slots for you.

All quality Troops have a great team of *trained adults* helping out with the many activities of our scouting program. A little "here and there" by all makes it happen. Training opportunities are available, and we hope that some of our adults get on board and let us know they found the opportunity and attended one of those sessions, giving us the depth we need to properly cover all our activities as required. Taking some courses at the University of Scouting on Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> will get you closer to fully trained for your positions.

The Atlanta Area Council web site ([atlantabsa.org](http://atlantabsa.org)) has other opportunities that Scouts can sign up for on line. It includes other trips as well as being on camp staff positions once they are over 15yrs, and even overseas events.

Attendance by each Scout in the National Youth Leadership Training course is a vision we have for all our Scouts. This year's courses are open for registration for Scouts who are at least 13yrs, old and First Class. Going on line ([aacnylt.org](http://aacnylt.org)) gets a Scout started.

## **Scout Handshake**

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



Scout – Krishiv Patel

Tenderfoot – none

First Class – none

Second Class – none

Star – none

Life – none

Eagle – none

***Congratulations 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.



## Scouting for Food:

Scouting for Food collected over 1500 items on Scout Sunday! Our sponsor, Mount Pisgah appreciates the efforts of Troop 629 and still has food rolling in! Food items were donated to North Fulton Charities who is also very grateful!

# Way to go!

## Fundraising Report:

### 2018 Camp Card Sale!!

The 2018 Camp Card Sale kicked off at the Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> Troop Meeting. Selling Camp Cards is an easy way to fund your High Adventure Account. Each card sells for \$5.00, with the scout receiving \$2.50 for each card sold in their individual High Adventure account.



Camp Cards can be signed out at each Troop meeting between Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> and March 26<sup>th</sup>. Cards and/or Money are due at the April 16<sup>th</sup> Troop Meeting. Scouts can sign out 20 cards at a time. Once you sell 20 cards and turn in the \$100, you may sign out another 20 cards.

Make sure to check out the great deals in this year's Camp Card. Family and Friends are sure to want to purchase one!

Please contact Mrs. Hundt at [khundt@gatech.edu](mailto:khundt@gatech.edu) with any questions.



## Help Wanted:

Troop 629 Scouts are responsible for their advancement, but we count on our parents to be involved too! Whether you can help a little or a lot, every bit that you do allows the leadership to help the Scouts stay focused on their growth and development.

Please see Troop Committee Chair Mary Beth Bierbaum at our weekly meeting or contact her via email at [MaryBeth@bierbaum.com](mailto:MaryBeth@bierbaum.com) to see where you might help out!

## 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: 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](mailto: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](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.

# Looking ahead...

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



## 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 North Campus, OA Elections  
Thursday, February 8, 2018 PLC North Campus 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 North Campus  
Tuesday, February 13, 2018 6PM MB Help Night **NORTH CAMPUS**  
Thursday, February 15, 2018 District RT  
Friday-Monday, February 17-19, 2018 FL Beach Camp & USS AL (\*\*dates shifted for school make-up days)  
Monday, February 19, 2018 **NO MEETING** (President's Day)  
Saturday, February 24, 2018 NYLT Staff Dev 1  
Monday, February 26, 2018 Troop Meeting North Campus  
Wednesday, February 28, 2018 Scout Day at the Capitol

## MARCH 2018

Saturday, March 3 Scout Day at Supercross  
Monday, March 5 Troop Meeting North Campus  
Wednesday, March 7 District Adv. Meeting  
Thursday, March 8 PLC North Campus S201 (7-8)  
Friday-Sunday, March 9-11 Huntsville Space Center, NF TWD  
Sunday, March 11 Troop Committee Meeting  
Monday-Friday, March 12-16 MPCS Spring Break  
Monday, March 12 Troop Meeting North Campus  
Tuesday, March 13 6PM MB Help Night NORTH basement  
Thursday, March 15 District RT  
Sunday, March 18 ECOH Louis Deavers, 3pm  
Monday, March 19 Board of Review, Troop Meeting North Campus  
Friday-Sunday, March 23-25 NYLT staff Dev 2  
Monday, March 26 Troop Meeting North Campus

## APRIL 2018

Saturday, March 31-Sunday, April 8 Fulton County Spring Break  
Sunday-Saturday, April 1-7, Sea Base High Adventure  
Sunday, April 8 Troop Committee s-147 North Campus  
Monday, April 9 Troop Meeting North Campus  
Tuesday, April 10 6PM MB Help Night NORTH basement  
Thursday, April 12 PLC North Campus S214 (7-8)  
Friday-Sunday, April 13-15 High Tree Canopy at Callaway  
Saturday, April 14 Council Program Plan  
Monday, April 16 Board of Review, Troop Meeting North Campus, New Scout Parent Orientation  
Thursday, April 19 District RT  
Friday-Sunday, April 20-22 NYLT Staff Dev 3  
Saturday, April 21 Scout Day at the Braves  
Monday, April 23 Troop Meeting North Campus  
Monday, April 30 Troop COH, Troop Meeting North Campus