
TROOP 629 NEWS **May 2018**

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

Up and Coming:

- ❖ ILST and PLC Annual Planning, 5/24
- ❖ Eagle Scout Court of Honor - Conner Spence (invite to follow), 5/27
- ❖ No Meeting, 5/28

All newsletters, pictures and up-to-date information are at 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

CHECK OUT THE TROOP WEBSITE TO SEE WHAT TROOP 629 HAS BEEN UP TO! www.troop629.org



Scoutmaster Minute by **Fran Gillis**

Summer program starting in June means meeting in red t-shirt only (Class B) at South Campus Family Life Center, around back next to sports fields. Games and advancement time and no formal programs. Pay attention to Calendar to verify meeting.

Parents are reminded to show up at Woodruff Summer Camp and use only written directions. Some GPS are wrong and you will end up in the woods!

PLC & ILST for all old and new LEADERSHIP POSITIONS IS this Thursday, May 24th from 5-9. Sign up so we know you are attending. We will be arranging Annual Plan as well.

More from the Scoutmaster:

- ❖ If your son is attending an outing, please consider your ability to help drive to and from some of those activities so we do not have to leave some Scouts behind who want to attend. Helping drive for a trip is a great way to be involved as a parent. <http://www.troop629.org/events/index.htm>
- ❖ Please remember that any changes we make will *always* first be made to our calendar on our web site. Always validate the web site first before expecting the facts have not changed. <http://www.troop629.org/calendar/index.htm>
- ❖ The 2019 High Adventure plans are well underway and we do need Scouts (and adults!) to make their desires known as soon as possible so we again can make the proper trip arrangements. We are still in the planning phase for Sea Base Sailing 2019 and already have a Philmont 2019 Backpacking Adventure laid in. These High Adventure trips become some of the most fondly remembered activities of our Scouts' time.

Next Big Adventure... Summer Camp!!!



Our Troop will attend Summer Camp at Woodruff Scout Reservation June 17th -23rd! Please contact Mr. Gutierrez with questions by phone at 770-309-4451, or at the following email address: twogutz@gmail.com .

Scout Handshake

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



Scout – Michael Mata

Tenderfoot – Andrew Jackson

First Class – Ethan Campbell

Second Class – Om Patel

Star – none

Life – Justin Jung, Nick Rice

Eagle – Conner Spence, 04-26-2018

Congratulations on achieving your next rank!

****** A word to the wise:

Summer is a GREAT time to work on advancement! Don't forget to ask for a blue card BEFORE starting on any Merit Badge. And when you come home from camp, go ahead and FINISH what you started! The next Troop Court of Honor will be in August... which will be here before you know it!

News you can use...



** Our summer meetings are held on Mount Pisgah's South Campus in the Family Life Center (upstairs gym) near the soccer field and playground. There is a traffic light to assist entry and exit from both Nesbit Ferry and Old Alabama Road

** Welcome to all of our New Scouts and Crossovers! We are glad you have chosen to join Troop 629. Please let us know how we can help you navigate your way. If you're not new and you see a new Scout or their family, please introduce yourself and welcome them to Troop 629!



** Summer Troop meetings provide the opportunity for Scouts to be very active and enjoy having fun together. Remember that the adventure doesn't stop for summer, but we do observe national holidays, so be sure to check the Troop calendar so you are in the know!



More news you can use...

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 UPDATED Calendar on the troop web site www.troop629.org



MAY 2018

Monday, May 21 Board of Review, SPL/PL Survey, Troop Meeting North Campus
Thursday, May 24 ILST/Annual Planning, Last Day of school
Saturday, May 26 NYLT Course 1&2
Sunday, May 27 Eagle Scout Court of Honor, Conner Spence, 2pm at Horseshoe Bend Club, Trophy Room
Sunday-Friday, May 27-June 1 NYLT Course 1&2
Monday, May 28 No Meeting

JUNE 2018

Saturday-Friday, June 2-8 NYLT Course 4&5
Monday, June 4 Troop Meeting ** SOUTH CAMPUS FOR THE SUMMER**
Saturday, June 9 Atlanta Area Council Eagle Recognition Ceremony
Saturday-Friday, June 9-15 NYLT Course 6
Sunday, June 10 Troop Committee Meeting S-147, North Campus
Monday, June 11 Troop Meeting South Campus
Sunday-Saturday, June 17-23 SUMMER Camp at Woodruff Scout Reservation
Monday, June 18 NO TROOP MEETING (Summer Camp)
Thursday, June 21 District RoundTable
Monday, June 25 Troop Meeting South Campus

JULY 2018

Sunday, July 1 Mount Pisgah Color Guard
Monday, July 2 No Meeting
Sunday, July 8 Troop Committee S-147 North Campus
Monday, July 9 Troop Meeting North Campus
Tuesday, July 10 6PM MB Help Night NORTH basement
Thursday, July 12 PLC North Campus S214 (7-8)
Monday, July 16 Board of Review, Troop Meeting North Campus
Sunday, July 22-Saturday, July 28 Northern Tier High Adventure Trip
Monday, July 23 Troop Meeting North Campus
Thursday, July 26 car plant (?)
Monday, July 30 Troop Meeting North Campus

AUGUST 2018

Wednesday, August 1 Pop Corn kick off
Monday, August 6 First Day of school, Troop Meeting North Campus
Thursday, August 9 PLC North Campus S214 (7-8)
Sunday, August 12 Troop Committee S-147 North Campus
Monday, August 13 Troop Meeting North Campus
Tuesday, August 14 6PM MB Help Night NORTH basement
Wednesday, August 15 ASM Mtg
Thursday, August 16 District RT
Friday-Sunday, August 17-19 Dauset (?)
Monday, August 20, Board of Review, Troop Meeting North Campus
Monday, August 27 Troop COH, Troop Meeting North Campus