
TROOP 629 NEWS **August 2018**

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

Up and Coming:

- ❖ Merit Badge Help, 8/14
- ❖ Board of Review, 8/20
- ❖ Troop Court of Honor 8/27
- ❖ Helen Tubing Outing, 9/1 (please have forms in by 8/27)

All newsletters, pictures and up-to-date information are at www.troop629.org
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PLEASE EMAIL: Kathryn Cline, Troop 629 Communications Chair at k.cline@earthlink.net



Canoeing through the boundary waters... and into Canada on the Northern Tier High Adventure trip last month!



Scoutmaster Minute by Jason Sutton

Another summer has wrapped up with activities such as Summer Camp, NYLT, and canoeing in the Canadian Wilderness at Northern Tier! The Troop moved back to meeting on the North Campus starting 8/6 in full class-A uniform. The next 3 outings are planned with flyers on the back table during weekly meetings and on our Troop website (www.troop629.org). The popular Helen Tubing will be on Saturday 9/1 followed by some basic outdoor camping skills, swimming, mountain biking, and creek hiking at Victoria Bryant State Park 9/7 – 9/9. In October a new and exciting trip is coming, camping in the Tennessee Smoky Mountains with a full day at Dollywood Theme Park!

As you start new grades, new schools, and new activities, be sure and fold scouting into your schedule so that you too can be successful on your trail to Eagle. Use our website calendar to help plan personal, school, and scout activities to ensure careful sharing of your time. The Troop provides the resources for you to meet your scouting goals, but it's ultimately up to each individual Scout's personal dedication to achieve their goal.

Scout Handshake

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



Scout – Colin Benton

Tenderfoot – none

First Class – none

Second Class – Greyson Hundt

Star – none

Life – Matt Willbanks

Eagle – none

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

***** Next Board of Review August 20th***

***** Next Troop Court of Honor is August 27th***

All parents and Scouts should plan to attend!



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. Sutton or Mrs. Bierbaum for confidential discussion.



****** We are transitioning our Communications Chair and communications platform, so please let us know if we miss you in the process! Remember that all monthly Troop Newsletters are posted on the Troop web site as soon as they are distributed.



It's Popcorn Time!

Popcorn sales packets were handed out at the August 6th Troop meeting. Scouts who missed the meeting can pick up a packet on the back table. This year's sale will run through October 15th, so you have over 2 months to sell.

All Scouts should consider setting up an on-line account (with their parent's permission) at www.trails-end.com, to make on-line sales to out of town family and friends. Scouts will earn 40% of on-line sales and 30% of their Take Order sales to their High Adventure Account.

The Troop earns a bonus for any sales increase over last year's total sales.

Popcorn for Take Orders will be ready to pick up on Saturday, Nov. 10th!

If you have any questions or did not receive your sales packet, see our Popcorn Kernel Mrs. Hundt, or contact her at kellyhundt@gmail.com or 770-605-0022.

FOR ALL ADULT VOLUNTEERS:

The BSA has changed their Youth Protection Training (YPT) for all registered adults. If you are a registered adult volunteer with our Troop and took your YPT prior to February 1, 2018 – even if your current YPT has not yet expired – you are REQUIRED to take the new YPT BEFORE September 30th.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Beth Bierbaum, Troop 629 Committee Chair, via email: marybeth@bierbaum.com.

Interested in helping?

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



AUGUST 2018

Wednesday, August 1 Pop Corn kick off
Monday, August 6 First Day of school, Troop Meeting **NORTH CAMPUS**
Sunday, August 12 Troop Committee Meeting, S-147 North Campus
Monday, August 13 Troop Meeting North Campus
Tuesday, August 14 6PM MB Help Night NORTH basement
Wednesday, August 15 ASM Meeting
Thursday, August 16 District RT
Monday, August 20, Board of Review, Troop Meeting North Campus
Friday-Sunday, August 24-26 NYLT Staff Development
Monday, August 27 Troop COH, Troop Meeting North Campus
Thursday, August 30 Scout Day at the Falcons

SEPTEMBER 2018

Saturday, September 1 Tubing in Helen
Monday, September 3 NO Meeting
Friday-Sunday, September 7-9 Victoria Bryant Back to Basics
Saturday, September 8 Aquatic Merit Badges at Allatoona
Sunday, September 9 Troop Committee s-147 NC
Monday, September 10 Troop Meeting NC
Tuesday, September 11 6PM MB Help Night NORTH basement
Friday-Sunday, September 14-16 OA Fall fellowship
Saturday, September 15 Aquatic MB's Allatoona, Scout Day at the Braves
Monday, September 17 Board of Review, Troop Meeting NC
Thursday, September 20 District RT
Friday-Sunday, September 21-23 Duty to God outing, NYLT Staff Dev
Saturday, September 22 Aquatic MB's Allatoona
Monday, September 24 Troop Meeting NC
Saturday, September 29 Aquatic MB's Allatoona

**Want to know what's on the calendar
for **OCTOBER** ? ? ?**

**The FULL updated calendar through next
summer is available on the Troop web site.**

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