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# TROOP 629 NEWS **September 2018**

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

## Up and Coming:

- ❖ Merit Badge Help, 9/11
- ❖ Patrol Leaders Council, 9/13
- ❖ Board of Review, 9/17
- ❖ Dollywood & Great Smoky Mountains Outing, 10/5-8 (forms due 9/24)

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)



Scouting - adventure and relaxation all rolled into one! Fun tubing in Helen last weekend!



## **Scoutmaster Minute by Jason Sutton**

Fall is now in full swing and many activities are competing for your time, including sports, band, Troop and Council Scout activities, and more. Obtaining a balance between other activities and Scouts can be easily accomplished by sitting down and creating your own personal calendar. Be sure and use our website's Calendar and Event sections to see what future events and activities you want to participate and pencil those in your personal calendar. Our website also has an extensive Pictures section with an archive of photographs throughout several past years that you may reference for an idea of what an outing may entail.

Remember it's important to let us know 2 weeks ahead of an outing so we can finalize all the necessary arrangements. Parents, please note that if you can help in anyway - especially for transportation to and from these events - then please let us know. We do not want to turn down a scout's adventure just because we do not have enough seats! For many trips it is not necessary to stay with us the whole time.

The annual popcorn sales program is underway and can help Scouts increase their High Adventure accounts and make sure they are an active participant in making their future expedition even more memorable.

# Scout Handshake

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



Scout – Matthew Alston, Landon Helms, Harrison Lee

Tenderfoot – Krishiv Patel, Davis Rowe

First Class – none

Second Class – none

Star – Cole Spence, Andrew Tostenson

Life – Ben Hayes, Vumsee Polisetti, Connor Siddall

Eagle – none

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

***\*\* Next Board of Review September 17<sup>th</sup>***

***\*\* Merit Badge Help Night this Tuesday!***



## 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.

**\*\*** NYLT Staff Applications opened 9/1. For more info, go to <http://aacnylt.org/Main/index.php>

**\*\*** 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.



## The Popcorn Fundraiser is in Full Swing!

Popcorn sales packets were handed out at the August 6th Troop meeting. This year's fundraiser will run through October 15<sup>th</sup>. Please pick up a Popcorn sales packet on the back table if you have not received one.

All Scouts should consider setting up an on-line account (with your parent's permission) at [www.trails-end.com](http://www.trails-end.com), to make on-line sales to out of town family and friends. You will find information on how to do this in your popcorn sales packet. Scouts will earn 40% of their on-line sales for their High Adventure Account.

The more you sell, the more you earn for your high adventure trip. 30% of your Take Order Sales will be added to your high adventure account.

And if you either sell \$700 of popcorn, or fill up a Take Order Sheet (in your sales packet), you will receive a Nylon Hanging Chair from the Atlanta Area Council.

Popcorn will arrive for distribution before Thanksgiving and the winter holidays!

If you have any questions, see our Popcorn Kernel Mrs. Hundt, or contact her at [kellyhundt@gmail.com](mailto: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 30<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Beth Bierbaum, Troop 629 Committee Chair, via email: [marybeth@bierbaum.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](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 UPDATED Calendar on the troop web site [www.troop629.org](http://www.troop629.org)



## 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 North Campus  
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 North Campus  
Thursday, September 20 District RT  
Friday-Sunday, September 21-23 Duty to God Outing, NYLT Staff Development  
Saturday, September 22 Aquatic Merit Badges at Allatoona  
Monday, September 24 Troop Meeting North Campus  
Saturday, September 29 Aquatic Merit Badges at Allatoona

## Please Note:

### ***NEW* color-coding for the calendar!**

Monday, October 1 Troop Meeting @ NC, 7:15pm - 8:45pm  
Friday, October 5 Outing! Dollywood & Great Smoky Mtns; No School - Teacher Workday  
Friday-Monday, October 5-8 Outing! Dollywood & Great Smoky Mtns  
Saturday, October 6 Aquatic MBs @ Allatoona  
Monday, October 8 Columbus Day (regional holiday), No School - Columbus Day; No Troop Meeting  
Tuesday, October 9 MB Help Night @ NC, 6pm - 7pm  
Thursday, October 11 PLC @ NC S214, 7pm - 8pm  
Saturday, October 13 Gillis Memorial Service, 10am; MB University  
Saturday-Sunday, October 13-14 WFA (Wilderness First Aid)  
Sunday, October 14 Troop Committee Mtg @ NC S147, 6pm - 7pm  
Monday, October 15 Board of Review, Troop Meeting @ NC, 7:15pm - 8:45pm  
Thursday, October 18 NR District Round Table  
Saturday, October 20 JOTA/JOTI  
Monday, October 22 Troop Meeting @ NC, 7:15pm - 8:45pm  
Wednesday, October 24 TBD - Council Coord Mtg  
Thursday, October 25 Eagle Board of Review (BOR), Life to Eagle Seminar, 7:30pm - 9pm, Alpharetta Presbyterian Church  
Friday-Sunday, October 26-28 NYLT Staff Development 3  
Monday, October 29 Troop Meeting @ Newtown Park, 7:15pm - 8:45pm  
Wednesday, October 31 Halloween

*Plan ahead for the entire year . . . the FULL updated calendar through next summer is available on the Troop web site. [www.troop629.org](http://www.troop629.org)*