



# TROOP 629

*Adventures in Scouting*

## Monthly Newsletter

### Upcoming Events

- OA Banquet 12/1
- NYLT 2019 Staff Interviews 12/1
- CPR Training 12/8
- NYLT 2019 Training 12/8

[Link to Additional Events](#)



All newsletters, pictures and up-to-date information are at [www.troop629.org](http://www.troop629.org).  
IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER OR OTHER TROOP COMMUNICATIONS,  
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Visit our Website

### Scoutmaster Minute

by Jason Sutton

[Happy Holidays! All of us at Troop 629 wish everyone a healthy and happy holiday season spent with family and friends!](#)

In addition to relaxing from school and sports, hopefully you will have some time to try and finish out those Summer Camp merit badges! Use that down time riding in a car or plane, or just lying around the house, to finish reading the merit badge book, taking notes, and getting ready to meet with a counselor to sign it off. Your new year will start off with a bang by doing that and it will also help you stay motivated and keep you rolling along at a steady pace.



Our final meeting this year on December 17<sup>th</sup> will be the Holiday Party and "White Elephant" gift exchange. Scouts participate when they bring a wrapped new or gently used item costing less than \$20 to re-gift/exchange with other Scouts.

Our annual Troop Tree Recycle Service Project is set for January 5<sup>th</sup> and all Scouts are welcome to participate. We meet in the SOUTH CAMPUS parking lot at 8AM and dress in RED Troop t-shirt and other items based on weather... gloves are always helpful. This is a great way to add some funds to your High Adventure account!

Our January outing is a sleep-in overnight at the Georgia Aquarium with some behind-the-scenes encounters. It is set for January 11<sup>th</sup>. With advanced reservations required, the due-date to register for this outing is our December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting – so please turn in your registration as soon as possible so we don't have to cancel our reservations.

Remember that flyers for the above, and for all of our events, are posted on the Troop web site under

## Scout Handshake

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



**Star - Ian Calvert  
Star - TJ Miller  
First Class – Rowan Holcombe  
Second Class - Grayson Ward  
Tenderfoot – Samuel Randall**

Congratulations on achieving your next rank!

**\*\* Next Board of Review is December 17!\*\***

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## News And Needs

- If you would like to donate a snack item (cookies, brownies, or any other treats) to our last Troop meeting of the year on Monday, December 17, please email Mary Beth ([marybeth@bierbaum.com](mailto:marybeth@bierbaum.com)) and let her know what you'd like to send in. This is a fun meeting for scouts.
- Also, if you would like to donate snacks to our hardworking scouts on Saturday, January 5 during our Troop Service Project of collecting Christmas trees, please email Mary Beth ([marybeth@bierbaum.com](mailto:marybeth@bierbaum.com)) and let her know what you'd like to send in. You can drop your donation off to Mary Beth that morning at the crew meeting point.
- 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. You can also sign up for the newsletter yourself on the website.





*Merry Christmas*

**Boy Scout Troop 629  
Christmas Tree Pickup**

Dear Susan,

Christmas will be here soon! After the joys of the Christmas season come to an end, the industrious Boy Scouts of Mount Pisgah Troop 629 would like to help you with your Christmas tree recycling with our annual Christmas Tree Pickup!

Our Christmas Tree Pickup couldn't be easier. Just register for our boys to pick up your tree.

As a previous year's supporter of our community Christmas tree recycling fundraiser, the Troop hopes you can participate in our 2018 drive. Our pickup this year will be on **Saturday, January 5, 2019**.

Avoid the hassle and the mess of having to dispose of your tree - just click [THIS LINK](#) to fill out the order form. We now accept credit card payments. All details are on this web page.

Thank you for your continued support of the Boy Scouts of Troop 629.

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## Thank You

Many thanks to Erin Hayes, our Troop Membership Chair, for rechartering our Troop with the BSA for 2019. Thanks Erin for your dedication, time, and help!



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## For All Adult Volunteers

### 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) see where you might be able to pitch in!

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### **Volunteers**

We have several volunteers "aging out" with their Scouts or transitioning roles and need help with various positions. 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).

### **Advancement**

By now, everyone should be working from the updated handbook. Please see Mrs. Narayanan if you do not have one or if you have any questions about how this affects you and your rank.

### **RSVP for Activities**

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**

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

Check the Troop web site to see where you are in the process. Mrs. Narayanan 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.

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## 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. Sutton with any questions.

### The Merit Badge Process



Please remember our policy: Troop meetings are for group and team development and NOT generally for Merit Badge time. There is to be NO merit badge work during patrol meeting time, instructional time and competition. The only exception on Mondays is that a Scout can opt to work on Merit Badges during game time.

Scouts occasionally come forward to work on a merit badge without reading the whole MB book from cover to cover. This is not negotiable and it doesn't matter where the MB was started or with whom. To complete the summer camp merit badges or any other please follow these simple rules:

- 1: Read the book from cover to cover.
- 2: Bring any completed paperwork to a meeting or merit badge help night and coordinate an approved counselor from the scoutmaster.
- 3: Sit down with the counselor and explain, show or complete the requirements as detailed.
- 4: It's not a memory test - it is about comprehension and covering the material as stated.

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## Merit Badge Help Tuesday, December 11!

### Keep Up to Date!

The Troop calendar has all events 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!

[Click here or on the calendar image to see!](#)

Today		December 2018		Print	Week	Month	Agenda
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Dec 1
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	Dec 1
	Troop Meeting @ Webelos Visitation			Eagle Board of Review Life to Eagle Service	Outing! Lock-In	OA Banquet Patrol Service Project	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
NYLT 2019 Staff Patrol Service Project	Troop Meeting @		ASM Meeting @ 1			CPR Training NYLT 2019 Training Patrol Service Project	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
Patrol Service Project Troop Committee	Troop Meeting @	MB Help Night @		PLC @ NC S214,		Patrol Service Project	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
Patrol Service Project	Board of Review Troop Meeting @ White Elephant Gift			NR District Round Last Day of School	No School - Winter Break	Patrol Service Project	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
No School - Winter Break							
Patrol Service Project	Christmas Eve No Troop Meeting	Christmas Day	NYLT Session 5 (Winter)	Winter Camp @ Bert Adams <a href="#">+2 more</a>			
30	31	Jan 1	2	3	4	5	
No School - Winter Break							
NYLT Session 5 (Winter) Winter Camp @ Bert Adams <a href="#">+2 more</a>		New Year's Day	Outing! WV Ski Trip ASM Meeting @ 1			NYLT Staff Tear	

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