



TROOP 629

Adventures in Scouting

Monthly Newsletter

Upcoming Events

- Scout Sunday AND Scouting for Food 2/3
- Arrow of Light Visitation, 2/4
- Merit Badge Help Night, 2/12
- Pine Mountain Backpacking, 2/16-2/17

[Link to Additional Events](#)



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Visit our Website

Scoutmaster Minute

by Jason Sutton

Summer Camp 2019! Yes, it's that time again! You can find the Informational Flyer with registration forms on our website and at the back table during the meetings. If you need some help deciding on which merit badges to take, reach out to your Patrol Leader or any of the older scouts that have been a few times – they will be more than happy to help you. The earlier you can turn in your registration the better; the deadline is March 18th. And adults – yes we need you there too!



2019 Sea Base (full) and Philmont (spots available) are both in progress, but we need to start planning for 2020 already! We have a Philmont trek in 2020, but we need to know if there is interest in a Sea Base and/or Northern Tier crew as well: The sooner we know, the better chance we have of getting a slot as both are in "open registration" right now. Please let your Scoutmaster know of your interest (scouts and adults).

Many thanks to all who helped with our annual tree recycling service event in early January, it was a huge success. A special congrats to the team of Cliff Brown, Jerry Sevy and Albert Bodamer who have been the dynamic trio bringing this activity to annual success for many years.

Congratulations go out to Thomas Tostenson and Wesley Sutton, Troop 629's newest Eagle Scouts! They both passed their District Board of Review on January 31st. Their recognition ceremonies will come in the near future. Until then, pass along

your congrats the next time you see Thomas and Wesley!



Scout Handshake

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



Eagle - Wesley Sutton
Eagle - Thomas Tostenson
First Class – Blake Campbell
Second Class - Drew Jackson
Landon Helms - Tenderfoot
Scout - James Acker
Scout - Davis Cantrell

Congratulations on achieving your next rank!

**** Next Board of Review is February 11!****

News You Can Use

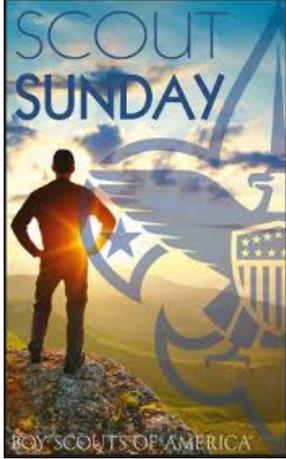
- There will be no Troop meeting on Monday, February 18.
- It's time to make appointments for annual physicals if you have not already done so. The health forms required for summer camp are due in early May. See newsletter item for more details and a link to the form.
- Don't forget to sign up for Merit Badge help night so we can make sure we have enough adults to help everybody. Sign up [here](#).
- Sign up for the Pine Mountain Backpacking trip. See the flyer [here](#).



Scout Sunday, February 3, 2019

If you can, please plan on helping at Mount Pisgah Church Feb 3, 2019. Boys and leaders should wear their uniforms. It is important that Troop 629 have a good showing to demonstrate our appreciation for Mount Pisgah being our charter organization. Please know you are not required to be there, nor is this a suggestion that you need to convert to being Methodist or in any way suggestive of anything other than continuing your current faith life. It would simply be as a show of support to our chartering organization.

We need greeters, scouts to stand with the honor/rank board and scouts that will attend both or the 9:00 am service or the 10:30 am service. Please plan on arriving 15 minutes early for the given service. The Church service is conducted in the main sanctuary on



the Old Alabama Road. It is okay if you wanted to be a greeter and not attend the worship service. Everyone is invited to attend the worship service.

Scouting For Food, Sunday, February 3, 2019

We will be collecting for Scouting for Food during Scout Sunday on February 3rd. We will need scouts to collect the items as folks enter Mount Pisgah. After the last service, all items will be organized and placed in bins which will be picked up by North Fulton Charities. Sign-up sheets will be at the next meeting.



Our wonderful Advancement Chair, Mrs. Kathleen Narayanan, has announced her retirement after 15 years serving in this position with Troop 629. Mrs. Narayanan has served many roles within the troop over the last 15 years: Advancement Chair, Assistant Scoutmaster, High Adventure Adult, Life to Eagle Coach, Troop 629 Godsend Award Recipient, Eagle Board of Review Coordinator, Troop Board of Review Coordinator, Advisor, Mentor, Volunteer, not to mention being a scout Mom to her own sons - having two sons Eagle (Aroon and Vijay) - as well as earning the Triple Crown Award by going on all three High Adventure trips (Philmont, Sea Base, and Northern Tier). Mrs. Narayanan will not be leaving scouting but due to her professional work responsibilities increasing and her role serving with NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training) she is stepping down in her Advancement Chair role with our Troop. ***Please join me in thanking her for her selfless dedication and devotion not only to the scouting program but to all of our sons. We appreciate ALL you have done for ALL of us and we will miss you!*** We're happy to welcome Mr. Alan Jackson as the incoming Advancement Chair for Troop 629. Mr. Jackson will be working with Mrs. Narayanan over the next few months as he transitions into the Advancement Chair position with Troop 629.

Camp Physicals

With the New Year upon us, please remember that we will need an updated BSA medical form prior to your son attending Summer Camp. Please have him bring in a printed-copy of an updated BSA medical form and a copy of your insurance card by the May 6th Troop Meeting. (We cannot accept emailed forms, please send in a hard copy.) If you have concerns about your insurance coverage for your annual physical, please check with your insurance company as many have eliminated the "it must be one year since the last one" to a simple "one per calendar year" rule. Another option is neighborhood clinics like CVS & Walgreens that are offering camp physicals for \$39 currently.

You can download the form [here](#).





MANY thanks to all of the adults and scouts that helped with our annual Christmas Tree Service Project. We had a great day of collecting trees around our community and delivering them to Home Depot for recycling. The scouts really enjoyed the snacks provided by many of our scout families. Thank you to all who donated snack bars, chips, cookies, and hot cocoa to help fuel our hard working scouters during the day.

Troop Godsend Award

Assistant Scoutmaster Luis Gutierrez has been named our Troop's "Godsend" for 2018. He was recognized at the annual Northern Ridge District Banquet that was held on January 26th. The Troop extends our heartfelt congratulations and thank you to Mr. Gutierrez!



Friends of Scouting

Every family should have by now received information at the last Court of Honor or by mail regarding the Atlanta Area Council Friends of Scouting Campaign. This annual campaign raises funds to run our local council to support our camps, help develop training materials and pay the professional staff.

You can find additional information [here](#). I'd be happy to answer any questions you have regarding the campaign, feel free to contact me at cliff.brown@tetrac.com. If you'd like to donate, please mail the self-addressed envelope back to me, or bring it to the next troop meeting and give to me or Mary Beth Bierbaum.

Thanks,

Cliff Brown, Troop 629 FOS Coordinator

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 see where you might be able to pitch in!

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.

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

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. 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.

Merit Badge Help Night February 12

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!](#)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 Scouting for Food Troop Committee	28 Troop COH (Coun Troop Meeting @	29	30	31 Eagle Board of R Life to Eagle Sen	Feb 1	2 Camp Card Kick NYLT Staff Orien
3 Scout Sunday /	4 Arrow of Light V Troop Meeting @	5	6 ASM Meeting @	7	8	9 Scout Sabbath
10 Troop Committee	11 Board of Review Troop Meeting @	12 MB Help Night @	13	14 Valentine's Day PLC @ NC S214,	15 No School - Stud	16 Outing! Pine Mt.)
17 Outing! Pine Mt	18 Presidents' Day No School - Pres No Troop Meeting	19	20	21 NR District Roun	22	23 NYLT Staff Devel Porsche MB
24	25 OA Elections Troop Meeting @	26	27	28 Eagle Board of R Life to Eagle Sen	Mar 1	2 WFA (Wilderne

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10 Daylight Saving Troop Committee	11 No School - Prof No Troop Meeting	12 MB Help Night @	13	14 PLC @ NC S214,	15 NYLT Staff Development 2	16
17 NYLT Staff Dev	18 No School - Mt Pisgah Spring Break			19	20	21 NR Distnct Roun
24 Outing! Council	25 Troop Meeting @	26	27	28 Eagle Board of R Life to Eagle Sen	29	30 Outing! Council Camporee - Scou
31	Apr 1 No School - Fulton County Spring Break			2	3	4 ASM Meeting @

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