



TROOP 629

Adventures in Scouting

January 2021 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

- January 16: Outing! [Escape Room!](#) Sign up by January 11th
- January 18: MLK Day No Troop Meeting
- January 25: [Court of Honor](#)
- January 31: [Scouting for Food Bag Handout](#)
- February 7: [Scout Sunday / Scouting for Food](#)
- February 20 - 21: [Outing! Camping at Pine Mountain](#)

[More Events on Troop 629 Calendar](#)



Scoutmaster Minute

by Jason Sutton

Congratulations to Troop 629's newest Eagle Scout – Cole Spence! Cole passed his District Board of Review on December 30th, a great way to finish out the year. He will have a recognition ceremony in the near future, but until then be sure and congratulate Cole the next time you see him!

We are off and running in 2021! We had a very successful tree recycling service event this past weekend - thanks to everyone that helped and an extra THANK YOU goes to the team of Jerry Sevy, Cliff Brown and Albert Bodamer for helping make this activity a huge success for many years now. We have our January (Escape Room) and February (Backpacking) outings planned with the March activity in the works – check the website and back table at the meetings for the flyers. The Summer Camp flyer should be out by the Court of Honor later this month.

So what are your 2021 plans for advancement? Now is a great time to sit down, get out your Scout handbook and calendar, and review where you are and what you have left to make the next rank. Make a plan and try your best to stick with it!

Events and Outings

Outing! January 16, 2021 Escape Room!

Can you escape? Join your fellow scouts for one of four escape room experiences.

Meet at Mount Pisgah South campus parking lot at 2:30 PM Saturday January 16th where we will depart to the Escape Room followed by a pizza dinner. Expect to return to Mount Pisgah at 6:30 PM. Cost for Escape Room and Pizza Dinner is \$40 per person. **Masks are required at the Escape Room.**



Outing! February 20 - 21 Backpack Camping

Join the troop for overnight camping at Pine Mountain, GA. Scouts will bring their own food. See full details and registration information on the [Troop Events Page](#).

Scouting for Food and Scout Sunday

January 31: We will be collecting for Scouting for Food during Scout Sunday on February 7th. To assist with that, we will have Scouts distribute donation bags as folks leave each service on January 31st.



Scouts are needed for the end of both the 9:30am and 11:00am services. Please plan on coming from 10:00am - 12:15pm.

February 7: Please plan on helping at Mount Pisgah Church for Scout Sunday! Boys and leaders should wear their Class-A (khaki) 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 the 9:30 am service or the 11:00 am service. Please plan on arriving 30 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.

In addition, we will be collecting for Scouting for Food during Scout Sunday on February 7th. 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 are available on the back tables during Troop Meetings.

Note: Pizza will be provided for lunch for those helping with the organizing/placing in bins of food after the 11:00am service.

Announcements



Fundraiser: Camp Cards

Our next fundraiser will be Camp Cards. Be thinking of ways to advertise the cards in person and virtually and look for more details in upcoming weeks.

Woodruff Summer Camp June 20 - 26, 2021

From blasting through white water to the ability to earn your choice of over 60 different Merit Badges, it's easy to see why Woodruff has become the premier camp for Scouts BSA across the nation. Look for more details in future newsletters.



High Adventure

Sea Base to Bahamas July 15 - 23, 2021

Waiting list only.



Small Group Meetings

Troop Committee Chairs

Our next Troop 629 Committee Meeting will be Sunday, February 7, 2021 at 5pm on Zoom.

Patrol Leader's Council

The next PLC meeting is on Thursday, January 14th.

Assistant Scoutmaster Meeting

ASM Meeting Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Adult Volunteers

Interested in Helping?

Please see Troop Committee Chair Kelley Hundt at our weekly meeting or contact her via email at kellyhundt@gmail.com to see where you might be able to support our Scouts.

Volunteers

Our troop is seeking a replacement leader for Popcorn Sales. If you are interested in leading this vital fundraiser, please contact [Kelley Hundt](#)

RSVP for Activities

Please submit your RSVP form for Troop activities 2 Mondays prior to the event.

Life to Eagle

Check the Troop web site to see where you are in the process. Randall Jackson 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.

Newsletters

All previous newsletters, pictures, calendars and events are on the website. If you have any newsletter questions, please contact [Edie Gibson](#), the Communications Chair.

Merit Badges

The Merit Badge Process



There are more than 135 merit badges a Scout can earn!

1. Choose a Merit Badge that interests you: [BSA Merit Badge page](#).
2. Obtain a Blue Card from Mr. Sutton at a meeting for permission to start working on the badge.
3. Ask Mr. Sutton for a counselor to help plan any work on the badge.
4. Complete the [Merit Badge Requirements](#). Please remember: Troop meetings are for group development and NOT for Merit Badge time. The only exception on Mondays is that a Scout may opt to work on Merit Badges during game time.
5. Read the Merit Badge Book cover to cover. Books may be obtained from the Scout Store, other scouts, our Lending Closet or the library. Scouts occasionally come forward without reading the whole MB book. This is not negotiable, and it doesn't matter where the MB was started or with whom.
6. Meet with your pre-approved Counselor, or ask m Mr. Sutton for a counselor, to review your work. Bring any paperwork and be prepared to explain, show or complete the requirements as detailed. It's not a memory test - it is about comprehension and covering the material as stated.

The 13 specific MB required for Eagle Scout can be found [Here](#).

Merit Badge Help Night Tuesday, January 12

Keep Up to Date!

The Troop calendar has all events. Take a look ahead to see which adventures you don't want to miss!

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

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