



# TROOP 629

*Adventures in Scouting*

## February 2021 Newsletter

### Upcoming Events

- February 22: Deposit for [Woodruff Summer Camp](#) due
- March 6: ECOH for Gavin Carr
- March 8: Registration deadline for Camporee
- March 9: Merit Badge Help Night
- March 15: Registration deadline for Woodruff Summer Camp.
- March 19 - 21" Outing! [NR District Camporee](#) [NR District Camporee](#)



[More Events on Troop 629 Calendar](#)



### Scoutmaster Minute

by Jason Sutton

Summer Camp 2021 is upon us, and all signs are pointing to us being able to attend this year. Registration has begun, the flyer is out on our website and on the back table during meetings. Sign up early to get the Merit Badge classes you want, reach out to older scouts who've been a few times if you need help deciding. Registration is due March 15th. Adults – we do need you to attend as well!

Our March outing, the District Camporee, has been set and the flyer is out for that is well. April and May outings will be set within the next month, so be on the lookout.

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT), a key experience for all of our youth leaders, is now open and available for registration at [aacnylt.org](http://aacnylt.org). You must be at least First Class and 13 years old by the course. This is required for some leadership positions in our Troop... see your Patrol Leader, SPL or Scoutmaster for questions.

## Events and Outings

Register at least 2 weeks in advance

### Outing! North Ridge Camporee

March 19 - 21

Join us for 2 nights of camping at Woodruff during the Northern Ridge District Spring 2021 Camporee.

Come join other scouts in our District for a spread-out Camporee at Woodruff Scout Camp. There will be multiple activities & competitions like an Obstacle Course, River Crossing, Knot Tying, First Aid, Fire Building, Cooking, etc. Each group of scouts will navigate from activity-to-activity via Geo Cache coordinates. Depart: Friday March 19th at 6:00pm Departing Mt. Pisgah South Campus parking lot; Eat



dinner before arriving! Please arrive in Class-A "tan uniform" shirt with Class-B t-shirt underneath! Return: Sunday March 21st around noon Cost: \$40 to cover meals, camporee fees, & transportation.

Click here for [Packing List](#).

For more details contact PL, then SPL, then SM Mr. Sutton at 404-502-7537 or [jason@grubbyboys.com](mailto:jason@grubbyboys.com)

## Woodruff Summer Camp June 20 - 26, 2021



You can't take the "outing" out of Scouting. The outdoor program is a feature about Scouting that appeals to boys. No young man has ever forgotten the experiences from summer camp. **Drop Off:** Parents drive their scouts to Woodruff and arrive on Sunday, June 20 by NOON.

**Pick Up:** Parents pick up their scouts at Woodruff on Saturday, June 26 between 8:00 - 9:00 AM.

**Cost:** for food, trip, etc. is \$365.00 for scouts and \$185 for adults plus additional fees as selected for certain events. \$100 deposit is due February 22nd; second payment of \$100 is due March 15th; final \$165 payment is due by the May 3rd meeting. For more information available on our [troop website](#).

## High Adventure



### Florida Sea Base to Saint Thomas 2021 July 20th - 26th

Sea base has been changed to St. Thomas Sailing Crew. You can read more about it at the [Sea Base Website](#). Packing list and other details are available on the [St. Thomas Guide](#). To make a payment, contact [John Benton](#).

# Announcements

## Fundraiser Time: Camp Cards



The 2021 Camp Card Sale Kicks Off on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Fund your High Adventure account by selling Camp Cards. For each \$5 Camp Card a Scout sells, \$2.50 will be added to their HA account. Scouts may check out 20 Camp Cards at a time. Once the 20 Camp Cards are sold, turn in the \$100 collected and check out another 20 Camp Cards. Scouts must turn in payment for sold Camp Cards, and return unsold Camp Cards at the end of the sale on Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Check out all of the great deals on the 2020 Camp Card!

## Friends of Scouting Campaign 2021

The Atlanta Area Council's Friends of Scouting Campaign has kicked off for 2021. You can learn more about the Council's annual fundraiser at their website [here](#). Pledges can either be delivered to Mrs. Hundt, or made directly from the FOS webpage. Please be sure to note our District - "Northern Ridge", and Unit - "Troop 629" for any pledges made directly on the AAC webpage.



## 2021 Scouting for Food Results

Troop 629's Scouting for Food Service Project collected over 1,600 items to benefit North Fulton Community Charities and A



Beacon of Hope. We had 15 scouts and 8 adults volunteer over two Sundays this year. A very special Thank You to Mrs. Carr for her effort in coordinating another successful service project on Troop 629's behalf!

## Small Group Meetings

### Troop Committee Chairs

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

### Patrol Leader's Council

The next PLC meeting is on Thursday, March 11

### Assistant Scoutmaster Meeting

ASM Meeting Wednesday, March 3rd

## 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](mailto: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](#)

## 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 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, March 9, 2021

### 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!](#)

### **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.

### **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.

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