



TROOP 629

Adventures in Scouting

March 2021 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

April 5: No Troop Meeting
April 3 - 11: 2021 FL Keys Seabase Trip
April 13: Merit Badge Help Night
April 17-18: Pine Mtn Wild Animal Adventure
Outing Flyer is [HERE](#) and on our website
April 19: New Parent Meeting
April 26: Troop Court of Honor
June 20 - 26: Woodruff Summer Camp



Troop 1 of Pawhuska, Okla., posed for a photo in 1909. The troop was formed eight months before the founding of the Boy Scouts of America.
(Photo from the January-February 1991 issue of Scouting magazine.)

[More Events on Troop 629 Calendar](#)



Scoutmaster Minute

by Jason Sutton

First, a big WELCOME to all of the new AOL Scouts crossing over from Cub Scouts! We're glad you have selected Troop 629 in the next phase of your scouting journey. You will quickly learn that this is YOUR journey to Eagle so it's now YOUR responsibility to see YOUR advancement continue. You have a lot of resources, scouts and adults, that are willing to assist in any way we can – so use your resources wisely!

Just a few other quick notes:

- Summer Camp is heating up, hopefully you have turned in your class selection by now as we'll be registering soon. If you have not signed up yet, please do ASAP. New scouts - don't worry about classes selection as we have a standard set of classes selected for you. For everyone, please be mindful of the dates for the rest of the forms and payments.
- April and May trips will be posted soon. Our apologies for the delay, but we're having to make alternate arrangements due to some closers related to COVID. Be on the lookout on the website and back table during the meetings for flyers.
- For scouts that will be First Class and 13 years old by this summer, please consider attending National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) – one of the greatest youth leadership development courses there are. There's a flyer on the table, but also please see your SPL, the Scoutmaster, or any older scouts who have attended and/or staffed NYLT for more information.

Woodruff Summer Camp

June 20 - 26, 2021

Registration Open and First Deposit (\$100), Second Payment (\$100) and Merit Badge Class Selections Due Now!



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. More information is 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. 22nd, 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 26th. 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.



Small Group Meetings

Troop Committee Chairs

Our next Troop 629 Committee Meeting will be Sunday, May 2 at 5pm on Zoom.

Patrol Leader's Council

The next PLC meeting is on Thursday, April 15

Assistant Scoutmaster Meeting

ASM Meeting To Be Announced

Adult Volunteers

Interested in Helping? Please see Troop Committee Chair Kelley Hundt at our weekly meeting or contact her via email at kelleyhundt@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 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, April 13, 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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