



TROOP 629

Adventures in Scouting

August 2021 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

August 9: Troop meeting - Class A Uniform
August 13 - 15: Outing! Back to Basics at Victoria State Park
September 1: Outing! Helen Tubing
September 6: Labor Day - No troop meeting



[More Events on Troop 629 Calendar](#)



Scoutmaster Minute

by Jason Sutton

Congratulations to Troop 629's newest Eagle Scouts – Justin Jung & TJ Miller! Both scouts passed their District Board of Review on June 24th. They will each have a recognition ceremony in the near future, but until then be sure and congratulate both Justin and TJ the next time you see them!

Another summer is wrapping up, and some things returned to normal with Summer Camp at Woodruff, Sea Base St. Thomas, and a quick outing to the White-Water park. Now we move back to our regular structured meetings starting 8/9 including wearing our class-A uniform and non-athletic/gym shorts or pants/jeans. Back-to-Basics is up in early August, and in September we have Helen Tubing and a Fishing Merit Badge campout and the PLC has planned for some great Troop meetings! Please remember, registration for all outings is two weeks in advance to help the adult in charge prepare/plan for the trip with drivers, reservations, grubmaster menus, and more.

As your school and Fall activities begin, be sure and use our troop website calendar to help plan a balanced mix of personal, school, sports, church, and scout activities. With a balanced plan you too can reach your goal of Eagle!

Events and Outings

Register at least 2 weeks in Advance

August 13 - 15 Outing! Back to Basics at Victoria State Park

Depart: Friday August 13th 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 August 15th around noon Cost:

[Registration deadline has passed.](#)

For more details contact PL, then SPL, then SM Mr. Sutton at 404-502-7537 or jason@grubbyboys.com



September 1 Outing! Helen Tubing

A Leisure Day of Tubing in Helen, GA

Open to all registered scouts of Troop 629

Depart: Meet at Mount Pisgah south campus parking lot at 8 AM Saturday September 4th and we will go up to Helen, GA. Scouts will put in for one trip down the river. Lunch will be on your own in downtown Helen with wandering the town in the afternoon.

Return: Expect to return to Mount Pisgah at 5 PM Saturday Sept 4th.



Cost for tubing and transportation is \$20 per person
+ Bring your own cash for lunch / spending money for the afternoon.

Scouts need to wear their bathing suits and red T-shirt (no class-A) with sneakers or water shoes (must wear on river - no open toe shoes). Bring a towel and change of dry clothes & shoes.

Tubing agreement due by Aug 23rd Troop Meeting.

For more info contact your PL, then SPL, then SM Mr. Sutton at 404-502-7537 or jason@grubbyboys.com.

Upcoming Events & Outings

- September 24 - 25: Outing! Fishing MB and campout
- October 9 - 11: Outing! Huntsville Space & Rocket Center
- November 6 - 7: Outing! AT Backpacking
- November 13: Service Day for Autrey Mill Scout Day
- December 3 - 4: Outing! Overnight Lock In
- December 13: Holiday Party & White Elephant Gift Exchange



High Adventure

Philmont 2022

Planning is underway for a High Adventure trip to Philmont summer of 2022.

Look for more information at [here](#) or at troop meetings.

Philmont Scout Ranch provides an unforgettable adventure along its hundreds of miles of rugged, rocky trails. Program features combine the best of the old West—horseback riding, burro packing, gold panning, chuck wagon dinners, and interpretive history—with exciting challenges for today—rock climbing, burro racing, mountain biking, and rifle shooting—in an unbeatable recipe for fast-moving, outdoor fun.

Announcements

Changes in Uniform Policy

The Troop will return to Class A uniforms (tan shirt) on August 9th. With the return to Class A, we are implementing a new uniform policy. **Athletic shorts can no longer be worn with the Class A shirt.** Scout shorts/pants, jeans, or any khaki/olive shorts/pants must be worn with the Class A shirt.



Please see Mr. Sutton or Mrs. Hundt with any questions on this new uniform policy.

Annual Forms

Each Scout must have an annual Authorization and Medical forms on file.

For trips less than 72 hours, Form B2 must be signed by a medical provider.

For the latest forms, click [here](#).

Completed forms can be turned into Mrs. Benton at the weekly meetings.

**Important
Health
Forms
due**

Small Group Meetings

Troop Committee Chairs

Our next Troop 629 Committee Meeting will be Sunday, September 12 at Mount Pisgah

Patrol Leader's Council

The next PLC meeting will be ILST and Annual Planning on Thursday, August 12.

Assistant Scoutmaster Meeting

ASM is scheduled for September 1.

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.

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 Aug 10 & Sept 14

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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