



# TROOP 629

*Adventures in Scouting*

## September 2021 Newsletter

### Upcoming Events

Now: [Popcorn Sales](#) Order Taking: Online or [App](#)

September 25: [Outing! Fishing MB & Campout](#)

September 27: Annual Dues Deadline

October 9 - 11: [Outing! Huntsville Space & Rocket Center](#)

October 11: Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples' Day - No Troop Meeting

October 25: Newtown Park Meeting - [Food Sign Up Open Now](#)



### [More Events on Troop 629 Calendar](#)



### Scoutmaster Minute

by Jason Sutton

**Congratulations to Troop 629's newest Eagle Scouts – Jacob Grigsby & Ben Hayes!** Both scouts passed their District Board of Review on August 19<sup>th</sup>. They will each have a recognition ceremony in the near future, but until then be sure and congratulate both Jacob and Ben the next time you see them! Speaking of Eagle Scout Court of Honors... be sure and check out the Troop Calendar as we already have four planned in October and November – so come help these scouts celebrate!

We've kicked off Fall with our "Back to Basics" outing at Victoria Bryant and our annual tubing trip in Helen over Labor Day weekend, but we're just getting started! Later this month we are having a first-ever Fishing Merit Badge campout (earn the merit badge!) and in October we explore the Huntsville Space & Rocket Center. And flyers are coming out soon for our November Backpacking, November Scout Day Volunteering at Autrey Mill, and the December lock-in which is back! Watch out for the flyers and register early: please remember that registration for all outings is due two weeks in advance to help the adult in charge prepare/plan for the trip with drivers, reservations, grubmaster menus, and more.

Looking for High Adventure? We currently have ONE spot left for [Philmont backpacking](#) in 2022. Also, we're in discussions to add a Sea Base trip in the summer of 2022. Please express any interest that you may have (scouts and we need 1 more adult) for Sea Base with Mr. Sutton as we finalize and potentially book that trip. And don't forget, you can help pay for that high

## Upcoming Events and Outings

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September 24 - 25: [Outing! Fishing MB and Campout](#)

October 9 - 11: [Outing! Huntsville Space & Rocket Center](#)  
Sign up Deadline: September 20th

October 25: [Annual Newtown Park Meeting](#) at Newtown Park  
Playground Pavilion 7:15 - 8:45  
Class A Uniforms with Class B underneath  
[Sign up now to bring food](#)

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

### Food Donations Needed for October 25 Newtown Park Meeting

The last Troop Meeting in October will be held at Newtown Park at the pavilion next to the restrooms by the playground. Following outdoor games, Scouts are treated to hot cocoa, caramel apples, hot apple cider and cookies/snacks. Please click [here](#) to sign up to send in an item for the Scouts to enjoy. All snacks need to be individually wrapped. Thank you!



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#### IMPORTANT DATES

Event	Date
Online Direct/Take Order Sales	Happening NOW!!
Take Order Forms/ Payment Due	Monday, October 25, 2021
Take Order Distribution	Monday, November 15, 2021

Additional questions/concerns contact Menetha H. Alston [mhalston@bellsouth.net](mailto:mhalston@bellsouth.net), 2021 Popcorn Kernel



## Annual Dues

Dues for 2021/22 will remain \$110 for youth, and \$50 for adults. We will be collecting dues at every meeting through the end of September. Cash or Check (made out to Troop 629) are accepted. Mrs. Benton will be collecting dues. If you are in need of financial assistance for dues or any scouting activity, please speak confidentially with Mr. Sutton or Mrs. Hundt.

## Small Group Meetings

### Troop Committee Chairs

Our next Troop 629 Committee Meeting will be Sunday, October 3.

### Patrol Leader's Council

The next PLC meeting will be ILST and Annual Planning on October 14.

### Assistant Scoutmaster Meeting

ASM is scheduled for October 6

## Adult Volunteers

**Interested in Helping?** Please see Troop Committee Chair Kelley Hundt at our weekly meeting or contact her via email at [kellyhundert@gmail.com](mailto:kellyhundert@gmail.com) to see where you might be able to support our Scouts.

Thank you to new Popcorn Kernel! Thank you Menetha Halston for volunteering to serve as Popcorn Kernel! We appreciate you stepping up to bring opportunities to the troop.



## 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](#).

## Sign Up for Merit Badge Help Night

### 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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