



TROOP 629

Adventures in Scouting

October 2021 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

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

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

November 6 -7 Outing! [Appalachian Trail Hike](#)

November 13 [Autrey Mill Scout Service Day](#)

[More Events on Troop 629 Calendar](#)



Scoutmaster Minute

by Jason Sutton

Congratulations to Troop 629's newest Eagle Scout – Connor Siddall! Connor passed his District Board of Review on September 30th. He will have a recognition ceremony in the near future; but until then be sure and congratulate him the next time you see him!

We had a great first-ever Fishing Merit Badge campout last month, but the outing in scouting continues with the Huntsville Space & Rocket Center in October and then AT Backpacking in

November. And don't forget we have Scout Day Volunteering at Autrey Mill in early November followed by the lock-in in December. The flyers are out, on the back table during meetings and on the website... how much outing will you be doing in scouting? Make your plans now!

Speaking of outings, properly trained adults are key to supporting each of our outings. Please, if you can help, get on board early to be properly certified to participate. Many items can be completed online, but others require the commitment to attend specialized training. To drive, anyone can help. To stay overnight, at a minimum, adults must be Youth Protection Trained, registered with BSA, and have a current medical AB and C physical on file with the Troop. Please see myself or Mrs. Hundt with any questions about how you can get involved in the Troop, from helping with outings or other areas!

Upcoming Events and Outings
Register at least 2 weeks in Advance

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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 June 25 - September 8, 2022

Come join Troop 629 on our next High Adventure Trip: [Philmont!](#) Experience the beauty of Philmont in Cimarron, NM on a 12-day Backpacking Trek. We are limited to 12 slots on this trip including a maximum of 5 adults - so sign up soon! You must be 14 by the trip.

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 Mervin H. Aston mhaston@bsafla.org, 2021 Popcorn Kernel

Small Group Meetings

Troop Committee Chairs

Our next Troop 629 Committee Meeting will be Sunday, November 7.

Patrol Leader's Council

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

Assistant Scoutmaster Meeting

ASM is scheduled for November 3.

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 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](#).

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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