



# TROOP 629

*Adventures in Scouting*

## November 2021 Newsletter

### Upcoming Events

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

November 18: [Introduction to Introduction to Leadership Skills](#) and November PLC

December 3 - 4: [Outing! Overnight Lock In](#)

December 13: Holiday Party & White Elephant Gift Exchange. [Sign-up](#) for snack donations.

January 29: Outing! [Georgia Aquarium](#) Sleep-In Night

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### Scoutmaster Minute

by Jason Sutton

We recently had SPL and PL elections, congratulations to Ian who was elected SPL and to all the (new and renewed) Patrol Leaders! Congratulations as well to the scouts who have stepped up to fill other leadership positions within the PLC. As we discussed that night, it is a commitment and thank you in advance for your 6-month commitment to making this Troop top notch! With a new PLC comes training – first up is ILST and our monthly PLC Meeting on Thursday November 18<sup>th</sup> - see the website or back table for a flyer and permission slip.

Our SPL and our PLs have attended NYLT, and some of have already staffed NYLT. As we've also discussed, you are highly encouraged to staff NYLT in 2022 as you will develop more leadership skills through staffing – skills you will carry the rest of your life. The 2022 NYLT staff interviews are coming up in December, so please consider staffing and go online to [aacnylt.org](http://aacnylt.org) to apply for an interview.

One last quick note, our Arrow of Light (AOL) visitation is coming up on December 6<sup>th</sup> during our normal Troop Meeting. We will host 15+ scouts from numerous Cub Scout Packs. This is the time to show off some of your Boy Scout skills and talk to the younger scouts about what it's like to be a member of Troop 629. Please attend the meeting if you can and welcome our visitors.

## Announcements

### Adult Volunteers Needed

Troop 629 has been fortunate over the years to have a dedicated team of adult volunteers supporting programs and troop operations. We are now seeing turnover in several key adult positions. Please reach out to Mrs. Hundt at [kelleyhundt@gmail.com](mailto:kelleyhundt@gmail.com) with any questions, or to volunteer.

Troop Treasurer – We have an immediate need for a Troop Treasurer. The adult in this role must be a registered adult with the troop. The role involves handling all troop finances including deposits and disbursements, bank reconciliation, maintain HA account balances and report to the troop committee

monthly.

Tree Recycling Fundraiser – Thank you to the parents who stepped forward for this role.

Eagle Scout Letters / Scrapbook Coordination - Thank you Doug Siddall for stepping forward to fill this role.

## Upcoming Events and Outings

### Register at least 2 weeks in Advance

#### **November 13:** Service Day for Autrey Mill Scout Day

Time: 9:30am – 2:30pm (Note: the event runs from 10am – 2pm)

Meet: Autrey Mill Nature Preserve 9770 Autrey Mill Road, Johns Creek GA 30022

Cost: None; lunch will be provided for our volunteers

Wear: Class-A uniform

Notes: Please bring a water bottle!

#### **November 18:** Introduction to Introduction to Leadership Skills and November PLC

Time: 5 - 9 PM

Meet: North Campus Room S215A (usual PLC room).

Cost: \$5.00 for supper, snacks and drinks.

Wear: Class-A uniform.

Notes: Troop permission slip due at or before ILST/PLC Meeting on 11/18.

#### **December 3 - 4:** Outing! Overnight Lock In

Times: Drop-off: Friday December 3rd at 7:00pm / Pickup: Saturday December 4th at 8:00am

Cost: \$5 includes snacks/pizza for night and breakfast

Bring: sleeping bag, pad, and pillow.

Wear: Scout activity (red T-shirt).

#### **December 13:** Holiday Party & White Elephant Gift Exchange

The last troop meeting of 2021 is on Monday, December 13th. The Scouts have planned a White Elephant gift exchange and will have refreshments to celebrate. If you would like to send in some food items for them to enjoy during the last meeting of the calendar year, please see the listing [HERE](#) to sign-up. **Thank you!**

Note: A “voluntary (not required)” white elephant gift exchange is planned. To participate bring a used (re-gifted, in good condition) or new item that is less than \$20, wrapped.

#### **January 2:** Tree Pick Up

Join your fellow scouts to pick up and recycle trees! Earn money for your HA account!

Time: 8am until approximately 4pm.

More details to come.

#### **January 29:** Outing! Georgia Aquarium Sleep -In Night

Stay overnight & visit the Aquarium including some behind the scenes.

Times: Meet at 5:15 PM (eat supper before arrival at South Campus parking) / Return Sunday Jan 30 by noon.

Pack: Sleeping bag and pad, Sleeping clothes and 2nd red shirt, toiletry articles, flashlight.

Cost: \$99 for tickets, night snack, breakfast and fuel cost

Notes: Registration is limited. Sign up ASAP to reserve your spot.

## 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.

## Small Group Meetings

### Troop Committee Chairs

Our next Troop 629 Committee Meeting will be 5 PM Sunday, December 5, followed by January 9th.

### Patrol Leader's Council

The next PLC meeting will be combined with ILST on November 18th.

### Assistant Scoutmaster Meeting

ASM is scheduled for December 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](mailto: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](#).

## [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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