



# TROOP 629

*Adventures in Scouting*

## December 2021 Newsletter

### Upcoming Events

- Jan 2: [Tree Recycling](#)  
Jan 3: Next Troop Meeting  
January 29: Outing! [Georgia Aquarium](#) Sleep-In Night  
February 8: National Boy Scout Day  
February 21: No Troop Meeting - President's Day weekend  
February 26 - 27: Outing! Pine Mountain Backpacking



[More Events on Troop 629 Calendar](#)



### Scoutmaster Minute

by Jason Sutton

Congratulations to Troop 629's newest Eagle Scout – Andy Zhang! Andy passed his District Board of Review on November 29<sup>th</sup> and will have a recognition ceremony in the near future. Until then, be sure and congratulate Andy the next time you see him!

As the year comes to a close, it's good to reflect on another great and busy year for Troop 629. Many scouts participated in our monthly outings/activities, a weeklong summer camp at Woodruff, two Sea Base trips to the Florida Keys and St. Thomas, two Troop service projects at Autrey Mill, numerous Eagle Scout projects, and more. We had 8 scouts obtain Eagle rank and nearly all scouts advanced at least 1 rank. We also welcomed new scouts to the Troop throughout the year. Many new youth leaders stepped up in May and November for positions on the PLC, and several adults also stepped up to fill the needs of some key Troop positions (we're always looking for help, and still in need of a Treasurer!). **Thank you to all the scouts, leaders, and parents for making this year a successful one!**

Take some time and relax here at the end of the year, as 2022 is right around the corner and we have lots of scouting activities planned (Tree Recycling right at the start on Sunday January 2<sup>nd</sup>). Remember our website has activities and outings through June posted on the calendar, and fliers for several activities are already on the website and the back table during Troop meetings. Scouts - start planning now for how you'll advance and participate next year. Leaders and Parents – start planning now for how you can help the Troop into great things in 2022.

Lastly, all of us at Troop 629 wish everyone a healthy and happy holiday season spent with family and friends!

## 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 [kellyhundt@gmail.com](mailto:kellyhundt@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.

## Upcoming Events and Outings

### Register at least 2 weeks in Advance

#### January 2: Tree Recycle

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

Meet at Mount Pisgah SOUTH campus parking lot (usual departure spot).

Lunch provided.

Dress for weather with Red T-shirt and work gloves.

More details found [here](#).

[Sign up](#) to have your tree picked up.

#### 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. Flyer found [here](#).

## 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.

## Small Group Meetings

### Troop Committee Chairs

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

### Patrol Leader's Council

The next PLC meeting will be on January 13, 2022.

### Assistant Scoutmaster Meeting

ASM is scheduled for January 5, 2022.

## 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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