



TROOP 629

Adventures in Scouting

January 2022 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

January 17: No Troop Meeting

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

January 30: Scouting for Food Bag Handout

February 1: Camp Card Sales Start

February 6: Scout Sunday

February 21: No Troop Meeting

February 26: Outing! [Appalachian Trail](#)

March 18 - 29: Outing! Scout Challenge Council Camporee



[More Events on Troop 629 Calendar](#)



Scoutmaster Minute

by Jason Sutton

Happy New Year! We hope that you had a nice time off the end of the year and are now re-energized – for school and scouts! Take a look at your calendar and plan your next outing, your next Rank advancement, NYLT, and your first or next High Adventure trip! Speaking of High Adventure, Philmont is coming up this summer and we have a few open spots. If you have an interest, make it known now as we'll be starting to look for airfare in February. For 2023, we are looking at both Northern Tier and Sea Base. Information about those will be out when dates are booked.

Summer Camp 2022 packets will be out at the Court of Honor on January 31st, so be on the lookout for them. The earlier you can turn them in the better to ensure you get your selected classes, the registration deadline is March 28th.

One last big THANK YOU to Mr. Sevy and Mr. Brown for another (and their last) successful tree recycling event! We collected around 275 trees. Thank you in advance to Mr. Silverberg and Mr. Du Toit for stepping up to run next year's event! If you're an adult and are interested in helping out the Troop, never fear – we have several positions available where you can help pitch in! Please see Mrs. Hundt for our current needs.

Here's to a great 2022!

Announcements

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.

Medical Record Reminder - If an annual physical is in your plans, remember to renew your Annual Health and Medical Records.

Upcoming Events and Outings

Register at least 2 weeks in Advance

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.

Scouting for Food Bag Handout and Scout Sunday

We will be collecting for Scouting for Food during Scout Sunday on February 6th. To assist with that, we will have scouts distribute donation bags with flyers, noting the items that North Fulton Charities is in need of, as folks leave each service on January 31st.

January 30: Scouts are needed for the end of both the 9:30am and 11:00am services to hand out bags and flyers. Please plan on attending from 10:00am - 12:30pm. Wear Class-A (khaki) uniform.

February 6 - Scout Sunday

We need greeters, scouts to stand with the honor/rank board and scouts that will attend both the 9:30 am service or the 11:00 am service. Please plan on arriving 30 minutes early for the given service. The church service is conducted in the main sanctuary on the Old Alabama Road. Attending the worship service is optional.

In addition, we will be collecting food items as folks enter Mount Pisgah. After the last service, all items will be organized and placed in bins which will be picked up by North Fulton Charities. Sign-up sheets are available on the back tables during Troop Meetings.

Pizza will be provided for lunch for those helping with the organizing/placing in bins of food after the 11:00am service. Scouts will receive service hours for their time.

February 26: Outing! [Appalachian Trail](#)

Join us for a short-hike (4-5 miles) or a long-hike (8-10 miles) on the scenic trails in North Georgia. 2022 Philmont crew is required to attend the long-hike.

Depart: Mt Pisgah Sat., Feb. 26, at 8am (Eat breakfast before arriving) Return: Sun., Feb. 27 at 12:00pm

Cost: \$5

Packing list, including food, and other vital details [on the event flyer](#).

Note: Mandatory backpack check on 2/14

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, February 6.

Patrol Leader's Council

The next PLC meeting will be on January 13.

Assistant Scoutmaster Meeting

The Troop 629 Assistant Scoutmasters (ASM) meeting is held on the first Wednesday of the 3rd Month of each quarter. The next meeting is March 2.

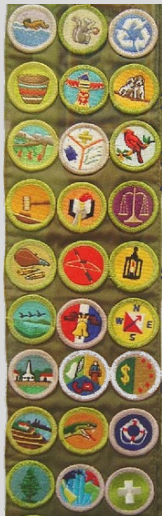
Adult Volunteers

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 14 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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