



TROOP 629

Adventures in Scouting

February 2022 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

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

February 28: Summer Camp
deposit due

March 6: Trailer Clean Up

March 7: Registration / Permissions deadline for [Scout Challenge Camporee](#).

March 14: No Scout Meeting (school holiday)

March 18 - 29: Outing! Scout Challenge Council Camporee

March 28: New Scout Parent Orientation



[More Events on Troop 629 Calendar](#)



Scoutmaster Minute

by Jason Sutton

Congratulations to Rowan Holcombe, Troop 629's newest Eagle Scout! Rowan passed his District Board of Review on January 27th. His recognition ceremony will come in the near future. Until then, pass along your congrats the next time you see Rowan!

Scouting in 2022 is moving fast! We had a great Georgia Aquarium overnight in January, and there are a lot of upcoming outings: February Backpacking, March Scout Challenge Camporee, June Summer Camp, and June Philmont: the flyers & registration for all of these are out – have you signed up yet? Sign up early, especially for Summer Camp to get your class selections. And be on the lookout for a Sea Base 2023 flyer soon, we're booked – and with a limit of 8 for this High Adventure trip it will fill up fast!

And let's not forget about National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) - a key experience for all of our youth leaders. Registration for NYLT is open and can be found at aacnylt.org. You must be at least First Class and 13 years old by the course this summer. This is required for some leadership positions in our Troop. See your Patrol Leader, SPL or Scoutmaster for questions.

Announcements

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

March 18 - 20 Scout Challenge Camporee

Join over 2,500 of your fellow Scouts for the biggest camping weekend in Metro-Atlanta. Troops and Crews from across the Atlanta Area Council will camp jamboree style at Bert Adams for three days and two nights March 18-20, 2022.

Depart: Friday March 18th at 6:00pm Departing Mt. Pisgah South Campus parking lot; Eat dinner before arriving! Please arrive in Class-A "tan uniform" shirt with Class-B t-shirt underneath!

Return: Sunday March 20th around noon Cost: \$50 to cover meals, camporee fees, & transportation

Packing list found on [troop website](#).

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, March 6.

Patrol Leader's Council

The next PLC meeting will be on March 10.

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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