



TROOP 629

Adventures in Scouting

March 2022 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

March 28: New Scout Parent Orientation & Summer Camp Registration 2nd Payment Due

April 23: Outing! Broad River Kayaking

May 14 - 15: Outing! Renaissance Fair and Camping

May 16: New Parent Summer Camp Orientation & Final Payment



[More Events on Troop 629 Calendar](#)



Scoutmaster Minute

by Jason Sutton

Summer Camp is just around the corner, and registration to ensure your class selection is due March 28th. If you have not signed up yet, please do so ASAP. New scouts - don't worry about classes selection as we have a standard set of classes selected for you. For everyone, please be mindful of the dates for the rest of the forms (including Health Form Parts A, B and C) and payments.

In March we'll be attending the Council Camporee at Bert Adams with 2000+ other scouts! Flyers for the April (kayaking) and May (Renaissance Festival) outings should be out soon. The Sea Base 2023 flyer has been out only for a few weeks, and that High Adventure trip now has two crews and is nearly full – so reserve your spot now if you plan on going.

Lastly, let's talk about Adult Volunteers. The Troop is always in need for help behind-the-scenes, and a lot have recently stepped up to that challenge – thank you! But we also need additional registered volunteers to go on outings. Any of the next few outings would be great easy trips to get into the swing of how the Troop works. And please consider joining us for the week of Summer Camp – we need at least 6-7 adults to go and make things run smoothly. Summer Camp is also a great time to get to know the scouts and other adults within the Troop. Please see me or Mrs. Hundt for additional information.

Announcements

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

Scouting for Food - Scouts worked with members of Mt. Pisgah UMC to collect over 1000 items. Thanks Scouts who participated, executing one way that a Scout can demonstrate the Scout Oath to "help other people at all times."

Friends of Scouting - Troop 629 is participating in the 2022 Friends of Scouting campaign, which

has 10 weeks left.

The Northern Ridge District has reached 81% of their goal.

We are impacting the lives of youth in Northern Ridge and could not do it without your continued support.

Checks can be dropped off at Troop Meetings. Make checks payable to Troop 629, with Friends of Scouting in the subject line. Direct any questions to Doug Siddall, Friends of Scouting Volunteer, at dougrwsiddall@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events and Outings

Register at least 2 weeks in Advance

April 23 Broad River Kayaking

Slide down a hill in your kayak to enter the fun of Broad River Kayaking. See flyer on back table for registration and full details.

High Adventure Opportunities

Philmont June 25 - July 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 - so sign up soon! You must be 14 by the trip.

Sea Base 2023 Coral Reef Sailing May 27 - June 2, 2023

One boat is booked already with a second one forming. Sea Base is open to scouts 13 and older who will experience a week of sailing and snorkeling in the Florida Keys, a trip to the Everglades Alligator Park and an air boat ride in Everglades National Park. Contact Mr. Sutton if you have questions.

Northern Tier - Gauging Interest Summer 2023

Our troop is exploring the opportunity of a summer 2023 trip to the Northern Tier High Adventure Base near Ely, Minnesota. This 7-day-truck would involve canoeing and portaging through Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Specific costs will be determined as the trip shapes up, but is expected to be in the \$1500 range. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Hundt at gkhundt@mindspring.com.



Small Group Meetings

Troop Committee Chairs

Our next Troop 629 Committee Meeting will be 5 PM Sunday, April 10.

Patrol Leader's Council

The next PLC meeting will be on April 14.

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 June 7.

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 with Advancement Chair Mr. Jackson to see where you are with merit badges, attendance, leadership position, and other rank requirements. Check with Scoutmaster Mr. Sutton in regards to Eagle Projects.

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