



TROOP 629

Adventures in Scouting

Monthly Newsletter

Upcoming Events

- Tree Recycling, 1/5
- Georgia Aquarium Overnight Outing, 1/11 - 1/12
- Board of Review, 1/18
- Court of Honor, 1/28 (All parents are encouraged to attend)

[Link to Additional Events](#)



All newsletters, pictures and up-to-date information are at www.troop629.org.
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Visit our Website

Scoutmaster Minute

by Jason Sutton

Happy New Year! A new year, how about a new, or re-newed, resolution on your scouting goal? Take a look at that goal you put in your handbook for your next rank. Take a look at the outstanding Merit Badges that you've started and haven't finished. Take a look at your calendar and the Troop calendar on upcoming trips. Find an hour in this first week or two of the new year and review these and set your own scouting goals for 2019 to help you advance in rank, be an active participant in the "outing" of scouting, and ultimately set you on that path to gain that prestigious rank of Eagle!



Summer Camp 2019 packets will be out very soon, be on the lookout for them. The earlier you can turn them in the better, the registration deadline is March 18th.

Scouts thinking about Sea Base, Philmont or Northern Tier in 2020 (yes next year 2020!), need to let the Scoutmaster know of their interest to attend. Two adults per crew who meet all the training requirements are needed to lead these activities so please let us know your intentions as well. We already have a Philmont 2020 slot and the lottery for Sea Base 2020 is coming up soon. These are life remembering experiences, so please let us know your intentions as soon as possible.

Scout Handshake



Star – Brad Spence
Scout - Neal Arya

Congratulations on achieving your next rank!

**** Next Board of Review is January 18!****

News You Can Use

- Christmas tree pick up this Saturday, January 5 8 AM. Meet at mount Pisgah south campus parking lot... Dress for the weather.
- Reminder that our next Troop Court of Honor is on Monday, January 28. All parents are encouraged to attend to support all of our scouts who have advanced since our August Court of Honor. There will be refreshments following the ceremony.
- We are transitioning our Communications Chair and communications platform, so please let us know if we miss you in the process! Remember that all monthly Troop Newsletters are posted on the Troop web site as soon as they are distributed.



SCOUT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019



If you can, please plan on helping at Mount Pisgah Church Feb 3, 2019. Boys and leaders should wear their uniforms. It is important that Troop 629 have a good showing to demonstrate our appreciation for Mount Pisgah being our charter organization. Please know you are not required to be there, nor is this a suggestion that you need to convert to being Methodist or in any way suggestive of anything other than continuing your current faith life. It would simply be as a show of support to our chartering organization.

We need greeters, scouts to stand with the honor/rank board and scouts that will attend both or the 9:00 am service or the 10:30 am service. Please plan on arriving 15 minutes early for the given service. The Church service is conducted in the main sanctuary on the Old Alabama Road. It is okay if you wanted to be a greeter and not attend the worship service. Everyone is invited to attend the worship service.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD, Sunday, February 3, 2019

We will be collecting for Scouting for Food during Scout Sunday on February 3rd. We will have scouts distribute donation bags with flyers, noting the items that North Fulton Charities is in need of, as folks leave the service on January 27th. On Sunday, February 3rd, we will need scouts to collect the 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 will be at the next meeting.



Thank You

Thank you to all who sent in treats for our last December Troop meeting. The boys had a great time and loved all the goodies!



For All Adult Volunteers

Interested in Helping?

Please see Troop Committee Chair Mary Beth Bierbaum at our weekly meeting or contact her via email at MaryBeth@bierbaum.com see where you might be able to pitch in!

Volunteers

We have several volunteers "aging out" with their Scouts or transitioning roles and need help with various positions. If you would like to get involved, we will find just the right place for you! Descriptions are online. Please contact Mary Beth Bierbaum at MaryBeth@bierbaum.com.

Advancement

By now, everyone should be working from the updated handbook. Please see Mrs. Narayanan if you do not have one or if you have any questions about how this affects you and your rank.

RSVP for Activities

We ask that you please submit your RSVP form for Troop activities 2 Mondays prior to the event. That gives us about 10 days to finalize the details with a solid number of participants. We would like to give everyone as much notice as possible when planning and arranging for adult volunteers, drivers, and paying deposits.

High Adventure

Did you know that we start planning these over a year in advance? That's what it takes to secure a spot for our Troop to participate in Sea Base, Northern Tier, Philmont, Summit or the new Cavalcade. Adults are needed for High Adventure too, and special training is required and well worth the fun!

Life to Eagle

Check the Troop web site to see where you are in the process. Mrs. Narayanan 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.

Den Chiefs



Looking for a leadership position? A great way to serve and have some fun in the process is to be a Den Chief for a local Cub Scout Den. See Mr. Calvert, or email him at stouf29@yahoo.com.

Merit Badge Counselors



Please remember to update your YPT training. We want to be sure we observe all Youth Protection rules at all times with all of our Adult Leaders and Scouts. See Mr. Sutton with any questions.

The Merit Badge Process



Please remember our policy: Troop meetings are for group and team development and NOT generally for Merit Badge time. There is to be NO merit badge work during patrol meeting time, instructional time and competition. The only exception on Mondays is that a Scout can opt to work on Merit Badges during game time.

Scouts occasionally come forward to work on a merit badge without reading the whole MB book from cover to cover. This is not negotiable and it doesn't matter where the MB was started or with whom. To complete the summer camp merit badges or any other please follow these simple rules:

- 1: Read the book from cover to cover.
- 2: Bring any completed paperwork to a meeting or merit badge help night and coordinate an approved counselor from the scoutmaster.
- 3: Sit down with the counselor and explain, show or complete the requirements as detailed.
- 4: It's not a memory test - it is about comprehension and covering the material as stated.

Merit Badge Help Night January 8

Keep Up to Date!

The Troop calendar has all events posted for the rest of the year. Take a look ahead to see which adventures you don't want to miss! There's something out there for everyone!

[Click here or on the calendar image to see!](#)

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Today ◀ ▶ **January 2019** Print Week Month Agenda

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	Jan 1	2	3	4	5
No School - Winter Break						
	NYLT Session 5 (Winter)	New Year's Day				NYLT Staff Tear
	Winter Camp @ Bert Adams +2 more					Tree Recycle
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
No School - W	Back to School! Troop Meeting @	MB Help Night @	ASM Meeting @	PLC @ NC S214,	Outing! GA Aquarium overnight	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Troop Committe	Board of Review Troop Meeting @			NR District Roun		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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	Arrow of Light V Troop Meeting @		ASM Meeting @ f			Scout Sabbath
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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Outing! Pine Mt	Presidents' Day No School - Pres No Troop Meetin			NR District Roun		NYLT Staff Devel Porsche MB
24	25	26	27	28	Mar 1	2
	OA Elections Troop Meeting @			Eagle Board of R Life to Eagle Ser		WFA (Wilderne

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