



TROOP 629

Adventures in Scouting

Monthly Newsletter

Upcoming Events

- Merit Badge Help Night, 8/13
- Camping at Dauset Trails, 8/18-18
- Board of Review, 8/19
- Day trip - Tubing in Helen, 8/31



[Link to Additional Events](#)



All newsletters, pictures, calendar, events and up-to-date information are at www.troop629.org.

IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER OR OTHER TROOP COMMUNICATIONS, please sign up on the main page of the troop website. Green button, right hand side. If you have any issues with this, please contact Susan Campbell, the Communications Chair, at susans25@aol.com.

Visit our Website

Scoutmaster Minute

by Jason Sutton

Another summer is wrapping up, but it's been a great summer with a lot of exciting scouting activities: Summer Camp, NYLT, Sea Base Bahamas, Philmont, 2 scouts attending NAYLE at Philmont, and 1 scout attending the World Jamboree at the Summit! Some pictures are on the website now with more coming soon – so keep checking back.



We will move back to our regular structured meetings starting 8/12 (same time, same room), including wearing our class-A uniform. Your PLC has already planned some merit badge and patrol competition activities for the upcoming meetings. The Dauset Trails outing on August 16th will include some basic outdoor camping skills, swimming, mountain biking and visiting the animal exhibits all in one - registration is due by the 8/12 meeting. Helen Tubing is also planned for late August, both have flyers on the back table during weekly meetings and on our troop website (www.troop629.org). Flyers for trips beyond those two are coming very soon.

As school and Fall activities begin, be sure and use our troop website calendar to help plan a balanced mix of personal, school, sports, church, and scout activities. With a balanced plan you too can reach your goal of Eagle!

Scout Handshake

SCOUT – TENDERFOOT – SECOND CLASS – FIRST CLASS – STAR – LIFE – EAGLE



Julian Remson - Scout
John Song - Scout
Austin Song - Scout

Congratulations on your rank advancement!

**** Next Board of Review is 8/19****



News You Can Use!!!

- Beginning August 12, we go back to wearing Class A uniforms to troop meetings.
- It's popcorn time! This is an opportunity for scouts to earn money for their high adventure accounts so they can offset the cost of amazing trips or summer camp. See the announcement below for more details.

Tubing in Helen

Don't miss the troop's annual day trip to go tubing on the Chattahoochee in Helen.

Scouts will put in for one trip down the river. Lunch will be on your own in downtown Helen with wandering the town in the afternoon.

See [this flyer](#) more details.



Dauset Trail Camping Trip

Back to Basics at for all registered Troop 629 members Join us for two nights of camping at Dauset Trails Nature Center! On Saturday morning we will rotate through four "back to basic" stations involving the ax/saw yard, knots & lashings, patrol boxes & dutch ovens, and tent/campsite setup. After lunch you will have plenty of free time to hike or ride bicycles on the dirt trails, visit the nature center that has numerous animals, go swimming in the lake, go fishing, or just hang around the campsite! After dinner we'll have a full campfire program including cracker-barrel.

Aug. 16-18. Please see [flyer](#).

It's Troop 629 Popcorn Time!

Popcorn sales packets will be handed out at the August 12th Troop meeting. Scouts that miss the meeting can pick up a packet on the back table anytime during the popcorn sale. This year's sale will run through October 21st, so you have over 2 months to sell.



All Scouts should consider setting up an on-line account (with their parent's permission) at www.trails-end.com, to make on-line sales to out of town family and friends. Scouts will earn 40% of on-line sales and 30% of their Take Order sales to their High Adventure Account.

The Troop earns a bonus for any sales increase over last year's total sales.

Popcorn for Take Orders will be ready to pick up on Saturday, Nov. 9th!

If you have any questions, see our Committee Chair Mrs. Hundt, or contact her at kellyhundt@gmail.com or 770-605-0022.

Help Wanted - Parent Volunteer Needed for the 2019 Troop 629 Popcorn Kernel

With Mrs. Hundt's transition to be the Troop 629 Committee Chair, we are in need of a parent volunteer to replace her as our Popcorn Kernel. All that is needed is a desire to help our Scouts fund their High Adventure accounts, and some organization skills. Mrs. Hundt will pass on all of the tools you'll need to run a successful Popcorn Fundraiser. Please reach out to Mrs. Hundt at kellyhundt@gmail.com with any questions, or to volunteer for this position.



Troop Committee Chairs

Our next Troop 629 Committee Meeting will be this coming Sunday, August 4th, 6:00pm - 7:00pm. We will meet in room S305 on the 3rd floor at Mt. Pisgah.

Future Events:

8/16-18 Camping Trip to Dauset Trails Nature Center
8/31 Tubing on the Chattahoochee in Helen
September kayaking trip, details TBA
10/11-13 Space Science Center & Ft Benning Army Infantry Museum
11/2-3 Backpacking Trip, details TBA



For All 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 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 Kelley Hundt at kellyhundt@gmail.com.

Advancement

By now, everyone should be working from the updated handbook. Please see Randall Jackson 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. 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.

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 8/13

Merit Badges Awarded

Landon Helms - Swimming
 Colin Benton - Fire Safety
 Ian Calvert - Athletics
 Rowan Holcombe - First Aid
 TJ Miller - Basketry and Weather
 Gavin Carr - Family Life
 JustinJung -Family Life
 Drew Jackson - Pioneering
 Connor Siddall - Cooking and Citizenship in the World
 Cole Spence - Camping, EmergencyPrep, and Cooking
 Brad Spence - Personal Fitness, Communications, Cooking, Camping, and Emergency Prep
 Greyson Hundt - Citizenship of the Nation
 Ben Hayes - Citizenship of the Nation and Citizenship in the World
 John Song - Shotgun
 Austin Song - First Aid and Rifle Shooting

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Today ◀ ▶ August 2019 Print Week Month Agenda

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	Aug 1	2	3
	Troop Meeting @					
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Troop Committee	Troop Meeting @		ASM Meeting @	PLC @ NC S214,		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	First Day of Scho Troop Meeting @	MB Help Night @		NR District Round	Outing! Dauset Trails Nature Centa	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Troop Court of H Troop Meeting @			Eagle Board of R Life to Eagle Sen		Outing! Helen Tu

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Today September 2019 Print Week Month Agenda

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sep 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Labor Day No School - Labo NO Troop Meetin		ASM Meeting @ f			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Troop Committee	Troop Meeting @	MB Help Night @		PLC @ NC S214,	Outing! Kayaking (tentative)	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Events shown in time zone: Eastern Time - New York + GoogleCalendar

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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