



# TROOP 629

*Adventures in Scouting*

## February/March 2020 Newsletter

### Upcoming Events

- Merit Badge Help Night, 3/10
- March PLC 3/12
- USS Alabama Trip, 3/13 - 15
- March Board of Review 3/16
- Scout Day @ Capital, 3/17



[link to Additional Events](#)

All previous newsletters, pictures, calendars and events are on the website. If you have any newsletter questions, please contact Edie Gibson, the Communications Chair, at [EdieGibson@Gmail.com](mailto:EdieGibson@Gmail.com).

Visit our Website

### Scoutmaster Minute

by Jason Sutton



Congratulations to Nick Rice, Troop 629's newest Eagle Scout! Nick passed his District Board of Review on January 30<sup>th</sup>. His recognition ceremony will come in the near future. Until then, pass along your congrats the next time you see Nick!

Summer Camp 2020 is just around the corner. The Informational Flyer with registration forms is now out and on our website and at the back table during the meetings. If you need some help deciding on which merit badges to take, reach out to your Patrol Leader or any of the older scouts that have been a few times – they will be more than happy to help you. The earlier you can turn in your registration the better, the deadline is March 16<sup>th</sup> in order to have the best chance to get the classes you want. We DO need adults to attend as well, so please consider volunteering your time in this wonderful experience!

2020 Sea Base (full) and Philmont (spots available) are both in progress, and sign-up for our 2021 Sea Base Bahamas trip has begun! Please let your Scoutmaster know of your interest (scouts and adults), a \$100 non-refundable (but transferable) deposit is required to hold your spot. The 2021 Sea Base Bahamas crew of 12 is waiting list only now. (flyer is on the Troop website).

Our annual tree recycling service event was held on January 4<sup>th</sup> and was a great success. A huge THANK YOU to Cliff Brown, Jerry Sevy and Albert Bodamer for their continued dedication of planning and running this event that lets many of our scouts (and adults!) participate and earn

dollars for their High Adventure account.

## Advancement

### Scout Handshake

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



Drew T - Life  
TJ M - Life  
Kirshiv P - First Class  
Davis C - Second Class  
Chas F - Second Class  
Willie G - Scout  
Sourish K - Scout

**Congratulations on your rank advancement!**

Next Board of Review is March 16

## Current Events

### USS Alabama Battleship Trip

Friday - Sunday, March 13 - 15

Join us for lagoon and beach camping, ferry ride, aircraft museum, USS Drum Submarine, tanks, and more.

[please see the flyer here.](#)



### Scout Day at the Capitol

Tuesday, March 17

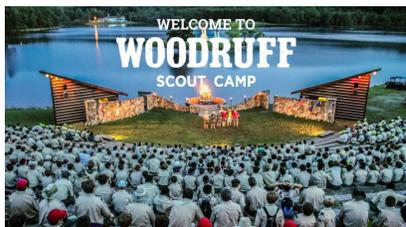
Join your fellow Scouts at the Annual Scout Day at the Capitol! Scouting prepares young people to be good citizens. Spend the day witnessing first-hand the political process in Georgia. Take on the Capitol Scavenger Hunt. Watch your legislators recognize your Scouts from the House and Senate Gallery. And have a chance to ask actual representatives your most pressing questions! It's an

excused day off from school!

### 2020 Camp Card Sale Kicks Off on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>

Fund your High Adventure account by selling Camp Cards. For each \$5 Camp Card a Scout sells, \$2.50 will be added to their High Adventure account. Scouts may check out 20 Camp Cards at a time. Once the 20 Camp Cards are sold, turn in the \$100 collected and check out another 20 Camp Cards. Scouts must turn in payment for sold Camp Cards, and return unsold Camp Cards at the end of the sale on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.





## Summer Camp Is Coming!

June 14-20

Registration is due by March 16

Packets are on the back table. Your requested merit badge classes are needed by March 16 to meet registration deadlines.

[Click here for summer camp info](#)

All scouts attending summer camp must have a current health form with a checkup less than a year before summer camp. Parts A, B, and C are required. [Download NEW 2020 BSA Health Form](#)

## Coming Up Soon

### Future Events:

- 3/13-15 USS Alabama and Perdido Key
- 3/17 Scout Day at the Capital
- 4/4-10 High Adventure trip to Sea Base Florida Keys (Full)
- 4/17-19 Cloudland Canyon camping
- 5/2-3 Stone Mountain State Park camping
- 6/14- 20 Summer Camp @ Woodruff



### High Adventure Spotlight - Philmont

Philmont Scout Ranch is the Boy Scouts of America's largest National High Adventure Base. It covers 140,177 acres of rugged mountain wilderness in the Sangre de Cristo range of the Rocky Mountains in northeastern New Mexico. Philmont has a unique history of ancient Native Americans who chipped petroglyphs into canyon walls, Spanish conquistadors, who explored the Southwest long before the first colonists arrived on

the Atlantic coast, the rugged breed of mountain man such as Kit Carson, who blazed trails across this land, the great land barons like Lucien Maxwell who built ranches along the Santa Fe Trail and miners, loggers and cowboys.

In addition to providing an unforgettable adventure in backpacking across miles of rugged, rocky trails, Philmont Scout Ranch offers programs that feature the best of the Old West—horseback riding, burrow packing, gold panning, chuckwagon dinners, and interpretive history—with exciting challenges for today such as rock climbing, mountain biking, and sport shooting. It's an unbeatable recipe for fast-paced fun in the outdoors.

There are numerous opportunities to earn money to help pay for this with the scout's high adventure account. They include, but are not limited to selling camp cards, working at the Christmas tree pick up, selling popcorn, etc. Planning ahead is very beneficial.

See [this flyer](#) for more details on the upcoming trip to Philmont on July 17-30, and visit their website [here](#).

### Sea Base to Bahamas in 2021 (Waiting List Only)

Interested in spending July 15-23, 2021 at Sea Base in the Bahamas? The sign up and a transferable \$100 deposit will

secure your spot on this boat. We expect this trip to fill up quickly so sign up now if you are interested.



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## Small Group Meetings

### Troop Committee Chairs

Our next Troop 629 Committee Meeting will be Sunday, March 1 @ 6pm NC Room S305

### Patrol Leader's Council

The next PLC meeting is on Thursday, March 12 @ NC S215A, 7pm - 8pm.

### Assistant Scoutmaster Meeting

ASM Meeting @ NC S303 West Foyer, Wednesday March 4 @7-8pm

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## 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](mailto:kellyhundt@gmail.com) to see where you might be able to pitch in!

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### 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](mailto:kellyhundt@gmail.com).

### RSVP for Activities

Please submit your RSVP form for Troop activities 2 Mondays prior to the event.

### 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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## Merit Badges

### 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 3/10

### 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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