



TROOP 629

Adventures in Scouting

May/June 2020 Newsletter

Dates to Remember

Monday May 25: No Troop Meeting (Memorial Day)

Woodruff Summer Camp: Cancelled

Monday June 1: Troop Meeting, Watch for Updates



[Visit Troop 629 Calendar](#)

Scoutmaster Minute

by Jason Sutton



The last couple of months has certainly been challenging to everyone with the COVID-19 pandemic. Everyone has had to adjust to a new “way of life”, including virtual scouting. A big shout out to your PLC that has adapted well to this challenge and has delivered engaging virtual Troop Meetings and now two virtual campouts.

We now know that Summer Camp will not happen June 14th as planned and leaders are working to determine our best path forward, particularly with new scouts that get a lot out of the Mountaineer program. We still do not know yet when we will be back to physical meetings, but we’re hoping sometime in June or July at the latest.

Continue to watch for emails, website updates, and Facebook posts as to how our Troop will continue to navigate these challenging times. I encourage each of you to stay the course toward Eagle, you can do it. We have had many successful rank advancements and merit badge completions in the last 2 months. Remember our guidelines of how we are navigating this are our on Troop website.

Current Events

Summer Camp Update

Update from Woodruff, posted on Friday, May 15th

The Atlanta Area Council has been carefully reviewing Governor Kemp’s executive orders and guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Georgia State Department of Health, and our health

committee led by Dr. Jeremy Ackerman to determine the safest course of action for our summer camps. All along our first priority has been the health and safety of our Scouts, families, volunteers and staff. We have made the very difficult decision to delay opening our Summer Camp season at Woodruff Scout Camp until June 21st.

Troop 629 Summer Camp Update

As the Atlanta Area Council has cancelled camp for the week our troop had planned to attend, our leaders are working on ways to keep on Scouting. Watch for updates.



2020 Camp Card Sale

Still have cards or money to deposit?
Please contact [Kelley Hundt](#)



Covid-19 Updates

Monitor the [Troop 629 Calendar](#) for the latest details

- Troop Meetings will be virtual at least through May
- April Court of Honor has been postponed until the Fall
- Summer Camp at Woodruff has been cancelled



Special Notices

Home? Bored?

As we head into summer, some ideas for keeping your Scout busy

- [Boy's Life](#) has opened a full year of magazines for free download
- Scouts can earn merit badges. See [Troop 629 Covid Updates](#) for suggestions on badges that can be earned while social distancing and information on communications. Remember: any emails sent by a youth member must have a parent copied on the email per YPT guidelines.

Special Thanks

Our Patrol Leaders and Adult Leaders constantly are giving their time and energy to the troop. This Spring, they have been tasked with new logistical difficulties of Troop Meetings, Outings and organizational meetings all held virtually. Thank you for finding innovates ways to Scout together, even when we are social distancing.



Sea Base to Bahamas in 2021 (Waiting List Only)

July 15-23, 2021 at Sea Base in the Bahamas is still on! Join the Wait List if you are intersted in this 2021 adventure. Contact Mr. Sutton at jason@grubbyboys.com.



Adult Volunteers

Interested in Helping? Contact Troop Committee Chair Kelley Hundt at our weekly meeting or via email at KelleyHundt@gmail.com. Every adult leader has something valuable to offer.

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.

Merit Badges

The Merit Badge Process



See [Troop 629 Covid Updates](#) for suggestions on badges and information on communications. Remember: any emails sent by a youth member must have a parent copied on the email per YPT guidelines.

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.

Ongoing Resources

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! [Click here for calendar](#)

All previous newsletters, pictures, calendars and events are on the [website](#).

If you have any newsletter questions or suggestions, please contact Edie Gibson, the Communications Chair, at EdieGibson@Gmail.com.

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