



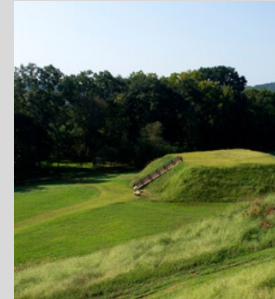
# TROOP 629

*Adventures in Scouting*

## September 2020 Newsletter

### Upcoming Events

- September 21: Troop Meeting/ Board of Review at Autrey Mill (Remember your Autrey Mill donation item and dues)
- September 28: Troop meeting at Autrey Mill
- **October 5: Troop meetings at Mt. Pisgah Resume**
- October 10 - 11: Outing! Camping at Kolomoki Mounds State Park
- October 12: No Troop Meeting / Columbus Day
- October 19: Troop Meeting/ Board of Review at Mt. Pisgah
- October 26: Annual Halloween Meeting at Newtown Park
- November 2: Troop Meeting at Mt. Pisgah



[Visit Website Calendar](#)

### Troop Weekly Meetings

**September:** Weekly Monday in-person troop meetings will continue 7:15 pm - 8:45 pm at Autrey Mill Nature Preserve.

**October 5:** Weekly Monday in-person troop meeting will resume at Mt. Pisgah 7:15 - 8:45.

### Scoutmaster Minute

by Jason Sutton

**Congratulations to Troop 629's TWO newest Eagle Scouts: Patrick Rice and Sam Beagle!** Both Patrick and Sam passed their District Board of Review on September 17<sup>th</sup>. They will each have a recognition ceremony in the near future; but until then be sure and congratulate Patrick and Sam the next time you see them!

While Fall is different this year with COVID, some of our normal Fall activities have continued such as a very well attended "Back to Basics" at Autrey Mill a few weeks back and Advancement and Merit Badge completions are continuing at a strong pace – so keep it up! Even though we didn't get enough attendance to take our annual Helen Tubing trip and the weather this weekend contributed to making our Jacks River backpacking a no-go, we are looking forward to the Kolomoki Mounds State Park trip in October.

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Be sure to continue to watch for emails, website updates, and Facebook posts on updates to meetings, outings, and any policy changes. We will continue meeting at Autrey Mill through September but will move back to Mt. Pisgah in October. Updates have been made to the [Troop calendar](#) on the website.

## Current Events

### Outing! Kolomoki Mounds

October 10 - 11

Join your fellow Scouts for an overnight camping

adventure at the oldest and largest Woodland Indian site in the southeastern United States. Scouts will depart Saturday morning for Blakely, GA and experience the mounds, hiking, group meals and camping, returning Sunday at noon. For full details, see the [Troop Event Page](#).

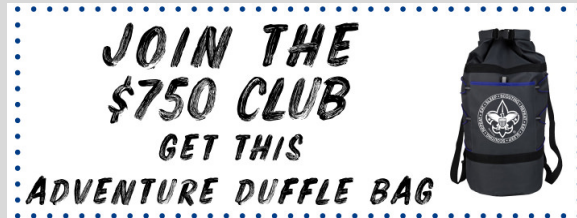


## Youth Protection Training Renewals for Troop 629 Adult Members

**All BSA Adult members are required to retake/renew their Youth Protection Training every two years.** The renewal time is approaching for most of the troop's adult members. Because this training is so important to the safety of our youth members, the Atlanta Area Council will purge the BSA membership for those adult members that have expired Youth Protection Training. Adults whose memberships are purged may be asked to complete a new Adult Application to have their membership reinstated. Please contact [Mrs. Hundt](#) or Mr. Jackson if you have any questions regarding the expiration date of your Youth Protection Training.

## Popcorn Sales

The Atlanta Area Council has kicked off the 2020 Popcorn Sale. Troop 629 does not have a popcorn Kernel this year. Scouts will only be able to sell popcorn (and earn High Adventure funds) using the Online Sales option. There is no Take Order sale this year.



To set-up Online Sales, Scouts (with their parent's permission) can go to [Trails-End.com](#) and register a personal Online Selling Page. You can also login and update your information if you have sold Popcorn Online before.

Unsure if you have an online sales account? Reach out to Mrs. Hundt at [kellyhundert@gmail.com](mailto:kellyhundert@gmail.com) and she will check the popcorn system for an account.

Free shipping on all popcorn through September! See [Trails-End.com](#) for details.

Troop 629 continues to need an adult volunteer to be the troop's Popcorn Kernel next year. Please reach out to [Mrs. Hundt](#).

## Announcements

### 2020 / 2010 Dues

**Troop 629 Dues will be collected at all meetings through September.** We are asking all returning Scouts to have their dues paid by the end of September so that we have enough time to prepare the Troop's Recharter documents. You can contact Mrs. Hundt if you do not plan to continue with the troop this year.



**Dues for 2021 are \$110/youth**, and \$50/adult. Payment can be made in cash or check made out to "Troop 629". Please contact Mrs. Hundt at [kellyhundert@gmail.com](mailto:kellyhundert@gmail.com) if you are unable to bring your dues to a weekly meeting in September so that other arrangements can be made.

Please reach out to Mrs. Hundt, Committee Chair, or Mr. Sutton, Scoutmaster, with any questions you have about our dues increase, or if you would like to discuss using the Troop's Financial Assistance. Please know that all financial assistance conversations are kept in strict confidence.

### Lending Closet

The [Lending Closet](#) has Class-A shirts, pants and shorts as well as camping equipment. The Closet will be open at the October meetings, or contact [Kelley Hundt](#) to make arrangements to get in earlier. Donations are accepted at any meeting.



## Autrey Mill

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### Donations of Appreciation

If you are able, please bring a box of quart or gallon Ziplock bags to the weekly meeting. As a thank you to Autrey Mill Nature Preserve for

letting us use their outdoor space for the time-being with NO charge, we are encouraging families to donate to Autrey Mill.

Donations can be monetary, you can send something for the animals from their [Autrey Mill Amazon Animal Wish List](#), or physical items (such as ziplock bags, paper towels, hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, bird seed) can brought to our meetings and dropped off.

### High Adventure

#### Sea Base to Bahamas in 2021

Waiting list only.

#### Sea Base 2020

Postponed: Currently evaluating options with participants.



## Small Group Meetings

### Troop Committee Chairs

Our next Troop 629 Committee Meeting will be Sunday, October 4th via Zoom at 5:00

### Patrol Leader's Council

The next PLC meeting is on Thursday, October 8th via Zoom, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

### Assistant Scoutmaster Meeting

ASM Meeting Wednesday, October 7th via Zoom 7:00pm - 8:00pm

## Adult Volunteers

### Interested in Helping?

Please see Troop Committee Chair Kelley Hundt at our weekly meeting or contact her via email at [kelleghundt@gmail.com](mailto:kelleghundt@gmail.com) to see where you might be able to support our Scouts.

### Volunteers

Our troop is seeking a replacement leader for Popcorn Sales. If you are interested in leading this vital fundraiser, please contact [Kelley Hundt](#)

### 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.

## 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.

# 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 13 specific MB required for Eagle Scout can be found [Here](#).

## Merit Badge Help Night Tuesday, November 10

### 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!](#)

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