



TROOP 629

Adventures in Scouting

December 2020 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

December 14: Holiday Party & White Elephant Gift Exchange
December 21 and 28: No troop meetings - Winter Break
January 2, 2021: Tree Recycling
January 4, 2021: Troop Meeting
January 16: Outing! [Escape Room!](#)



[More Events on Troop 629 Calendar](#)

Scoutmaster Minute

by Jason Sutton

The year is coming to a close, and what a year it has been. COVID-19 really upended everything this year, Scouting included. I want to thank all of the Scouts in the Troop for hanging on and especially those that stepped up in difficult times to help with virtual meetings and outings, changes to in-person meetings and outings, and more. I also want to thank all of the adults, the leaders for stepping up and the parents for entrusting us with your scouts and all the new guidelines we've been following. Despite all of the trying circumstances, the Troop has advanced quite well with 6 Eagles (and a potential 7th at the end of the month), a lot of rank advancement, and a lot of merit badges this year. Congratulations to all!



Looking ahead to 2021, we are having to make some adjustments to our outings and thus not all planned outings are on the calendar yet. As the PLC continues to adjust plans, please watch the calendar for updates. Look further in this newsletter to see upcoming events, including the EOY Holiday Party, our annual Tree Recycle (earn HA dollars!), and our January outing.

Lastly, all of us at Troop 629 wish everyone a healthy and happy holiday season!

Events and Outings

December 14th, Holiday Party & White Elephant Gift Exchange

The last troop meeting of 2020 is on Monday, December 14th. The Scouts have planned a White Elephant gift exchange and will have refreshments to celebrate. If you would like to send in some food items for them to enjoy during the last meeting of the calendar year, please see the listing [HERE](#) to sign-up. Thank you!

January 2, 2021 Tree Recycling

Join your fellow scouts to pick up and recycle

trees! 8 A.M. until approximately 4 P.M. Earn money for your High Adventure account

Can you think of ways to promote the program in your neighborhood? Please post a message in your neighborhood newsletter or app. Links and messaging can be found on our [Troop Website](#).



Announcements



The 2020 Popcorn Sale Continues – Earn Funds for Your High Adventure (HA) Account!

Troop 629 Scouts are only able to sell popcorn using the Online Sales option 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 login to update your information if you have sold popcorn online before.

If you are unsure if you have an online sales account? Reach out to Mrs. Hundt at kellyhundt@gmail.com and she will check the popcorn system for an account.

The Atlanta Area Council is offering Free Shipping on all Online Orders placed through December 31st. New Holiday Themed Items are now available too!



Lending Closet

The [Lending Closet](#) has Class-A shirts, Class-B shirts, pants and shorts as well as camping equipment. Donations are accepted at any meeting.

Woodruff Summer Camp June 20 - 26, 2021

From blasting through white water to the ability to earn your choice of over 60 different Merit Badges, it's easy to see why Woodruff has become the premier camp for Scouts BSA across the nation. Look for more details in future newsletters.



High Adventure

Sea Base to Bahamas July 15 - 23, 2021

Waiting list only.



Small Group Meetings

Troop Committee Chairs

Our next Troop 629 Committee Meeting will be Sunday, January 3rd.

Patrol Leader's Council

The next PLC meeting is on Thursday, January 14th.

Assistant Scoutmaster Meeting

ASM Meeting Wednesday, January 6th

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 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, January 12

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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