



TROOP 629

Adventures in Scouting

May 2022 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

May 16: New Parent Summer Camp Orientation & Final Payment, Board of Review

May 30: No Troop Meeting - Memorial Day

June 6: "Summer Mode" Monday Meetings: Class B T-shirt and games

June 19: Summer Camp at Woodfruff

June 20: No Monday Meeting

[More Events on Troop 629 Calendar](#)



Scoutmaster Minute

by Jason Sutton

The school year is winding down and summer is quickly approaching... but Scouting continues! We will be attending Summer Camp at Woodruff in June, NYLT in late-May/June, and Philmont in late-June/July. July and beyond monthly outings will be planned with our new PLC Leadership Team at the upcoming ILST and PLC/Annual Planning on May 19th and will be quickly posted on our website. My question for each of you: How will you participate in scouting this summer?

Lastly, a quick reminder that with our June 6th meeting we'll be in "summer mode" with our red Class-B t-shirt only (no Class-A Khaki required) and games and advancement (no structured program). Closed-toed shoes **STILL** required!

Announcements

New Troop Website! Event flyers, calendar and recent news can be found at <https://troop629.org>.

Medical Record Reminder - If an annual physical is in your plans, remember to renew your [Annual Health and Medical Records](#).

Atlanta Area council will host Aquatic Merit Badge days at Altoona Aquatics Base from June 4 - August 13 teaching skills in: canoeing, fishing, fly fishing, kayaking, lifesaving, motorboating, rowing, small boat sailing, and swimming. There's even a SUP award. Registration opens 6 weeks prior to each MB day. Grab your spot now for classes early in the summer - they fill up quickly. More information can be found on the [Aquatics Merit Badge Days website](#).

Upcoming Events and Outings

Register at least 2 weeks in Advance

High Adventure Opportunities

Philmont June 25 - July 8, 2022

Come join Troop 629 on our next High Adventure Trip: [Philmont!](#) Experience the beauty of Philmont in Cimarron, NM on a 12-day Backpacking Trek. It's not too late to sign up. You must be 14 by the trip. See the Troop Calendar on the website for training hikes. [Event flyer](#)

Sea Base 2023 Coral Reef Sailing May 27 - June 2, 2023

Two boats of scouts are signed up! See Mr. Sutton if you want to discuss going to see if there is a spot for you. [Event Flyer](#)

Northern Tier - Gauging Interest Summer 2023

Our troop is exploring the opportunity of a summer 2023 trip to the Northern Tier High Adventure Base near Ely, Minnesota. This 7-day-trek would involve canoeing and portaging through Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Specific costs will be determined as the trip shapes up, but is expected to be in the \$1500 range. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Hundt at gkhundt@mindspring.com. [Flyer](#)



Small Group Meetings

Troop Committee Chairs

Our next Troop 629 Committee Meeting will be 5 PM Sunday, June 5. Virtual link will be emailed.

Patrol Leader's Council

The next PLC meetings will be on May 19 and June 9.

Assistant Scoutmaster Meeting

The Troop 629 Assistant Scoutmasters (ASM) meeting is held on the first Wednesday of the 3rd Month of each quarter. The next meeting is June 7.

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.



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

Sign Up for Merit Badge Help Night

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!](#)

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.

Life to Eagle

Check with Advancement Chair Mr. Jackson to see where you are with merit badges, attendance, leadership position, and other rank requirements. Check with Scoutmaster Mr. Sutton in regards to Eagle Projects.

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